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State of the Union

IDS March 31, 2009

I did not know another student when I came to IU.

Within a week on campus, I joined Union Board, an organization entirely student-driven. Within a month, I got to speak with the former Prime Minister of Israel, Ehud Barak, when he gave a talk on campus in 2006. My story is not unique in the Union Board office.

I may soon forget when I ran to turn in my class assignment, but I will never forget receiving a call from NBC Studios in New York inquiring about a lecturer on campus.

I will also never forget the friendships created during my experience. These stories will define my IU experience, along with the experiences of many Union Board members.

This year Union Boards is celebrating 100 years on campus. Union Board was founded in 1909 by undergraduate John Whittenberger, hoping to unify a fragmented campus through providing opportunities for shared experiences through common space and events. As IU expands and options for involvement multiply, this unifying vision is even more important today.

Union Board is the epitome of student involvement and advocacy on campus. We are the largest programming body at IU and the governing body for the Indiana Memorial Union.

Whether students want an internationally known speaker to address campus, a Starbucks to be added in the Union, a popular band to play in the IU Auditorium or more computer lab access, Union Board serves as another avenue for students’ voices on campus. Union Board is committed to ensuring students always have a place on campus to gather, in addition to our programming.

Our events electrify campus year after year. Maya Angelou, Wilco, Flight of the Conchords, local music with Live From Bloomington, Brazilian Experience, IU College Comedy Festival, Hooiser Sweetheart, Cultural Excursion Atlanta road trip, the student arts magazine Canvas and the Union Board films series are just a sampling of our diverse events.

We constantly work to ensure the Union remains student-focused and campus administrators understand the need for a supported student Union. This is evidenced by our commitment to expand opportunities for student space in the Union, as the campus undergoes its master planning process.

Union Board is also excited to work with Residential Programs and Services this year in an effort to incorporate a meal points plan in the Union.

A century later, Whittenberger's dream lives on. It is imperative students remain informed and interested in the issues which affect their daily lives. Anything is possible through involvement with Union Board, but we need you, the student body, in here letting us know what you want.

If you are interested in joining Union Board, have an event idea or you would like to see changes in the Union, contact me.

Going to college is more than arriving to class on time. It is creating experiences, learning invaluable lessons and making friendships that will last a lifetime.

Union Board has been central to student life on campus. The 2009 Union Board of Directors is excited to continue this legacy.

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Advertising

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Projects

- Current
  - Union Board Twitter Account
  - Expanded Facebook Presence
  - ABS Notebooks
  - Union Board Promotional Materials

- Future
  - IMU/Union Board Website Expansion
  - Continued Advertising Production

Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI

Major: Journalism, Business

"Effectively reach students and bolster Union Board's image through creative and strategic advertising and promotions."
Canvas
JUSTINE CARLOTTA

Events

- Current
  - Spring 2009 Issue
  - Canvas Website
  - Canvas Premiere Party

- Future
  - Trash Couture
  - Fall 2009 Issue

Hometown: Portage, IN

Major: English, Journalism

"Provide an expressive outlet for students by fostering and supporting the arts community. Through readership expansion and content diversification, Canvas aims to unite the student body of all Indiana University campuses and celebrate unique perspectives."
Concerts
CAITLYN KUHS

Events

- Current
  - Wilco
  - Flight of the Conchords
  - Ben Kweller

- Future
  - Welcome Week Concert
  - Homecoming Concert

Hometown: Wimberly, TX

"Produce a diverse line-up of popular concerts that unite the IU community in the enjoyment of various musical acts."

Flight of the Conchords
with Eugene Mirman
Saturday, April 25, 2009
IU Auditorium

ben kweller
and the watson twins
huskerduff comedy club
2.20.09
2:00 pm

WILCO
with a hawk and a hacksaw
april 16, 8:00pm
325 students & 325 non-students
IU AUDITORIUM

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Flight of the Conchords to play during Little 500 week

The Union Board announced Friday that the comedic musical duo Flight of Conchords will perform during Little 500 on April 25 at the IU Auditorium.

The duo, Jermaine Clement and Bret McKenzie, are famous for their acoustic folk music and HBO series.

Tickets for the show will go on sale for students only at 10 a.m. Feb. 6 at the IU Auditorium Box Office. Beginning at 9 a.m., the Box Office will be implementing a lottery system for the line. Tickets are $33.50.

Tickets for the general public go on sale 10 a.m. Feb. 7 and will be available by visiting IUauditorium.com, calling Ticketmaster or by visiting a Ticketmaster outlet.

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Destinations

BRANDON JOHNSON

Events

• Current
  o Alternative Spring Break – Atlanta
  o Six Flags Summer Trip

• Future
  o Washington, D.C. Cultural Experience
  o Paoli Peaks Trip
  o IU Football Away Game

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

Major: Exercise Science

“Create diverse travel experiences through exploration of different cultures and environments across the nation, while enhancing personal development and promoting an inclusive campus community.”
Films
AUDREE NOTORAS

Events

- Current
  - Campus Movie Fest
  - Weekly Film Series – Slumdog Millionaire, Milk
  - Sneak Previews – Observe and Report, Adventureland
  - Spring Semester Attendance: 14,948

- Future
  - International Film Festival
  - Film Series

Hometown: Powell, OH
Major: Journalism, Communication and Culture

"Provide entertaining, educational, and diverse cinematic programming for and in collaboration with the students and community of Indiana University."
Largest student festival, MovieFest, starts Thursday; films shown April 9

By Mickey Woods | IDS | March 24, 2009

The world’s largest student festival, MovieFest, is coming to IU thanks to a student collaboration with a host of campus organizations and local sponsors.

The festival provides students with cameras and laptops for free so they can create their own 5-minute films within a week, said senior Jack Shannon.

"Just eight years ago, Campus MovieFest was a student organization at Emory University that was established to promote school spirit," said Brandon Chong, director of educational programs for Campus MovieFest since 2007. "Now we tour the nation’s top universities from USC in LA to Emerson College in Boston."

Chong said this was the group’s first time touring through the Midwest, with IU being one of its first stops. He added that interest in IU was boosted through the efforts of Shannon and the Union Board.

Shannon, a business student with an interest in film, said he contacted Campus MovieFest after he heard about it this summer from a friend.

The prizes for the winning student team range from more than $2,000 in door prizes to iPods to Final Cut Studio software, according to a press release for the event.

Shannon said his organization, Blooming Artists Agency, is a student-run production and management company that grants students of all backgrounds the opportunity to create high-quality productions. The organization contacted Campus MovieFest to get the wheels turning for its visit to IU.

He said Blooming Artists Agency was able to conduct a successful fundraising campaign in January to raise money to host Campus MovieFest at IU once he confirmed it would be making the stop.

“We had to rent out the Buskirk-Chumley Theater,” Shannon said. “Once the winners are selected for this contest, then it will become a red-carpet affair with paparazzi and everything else, like a real star-studded event at the theater. Friends can see their peers’ work on a big screen.”

The final event will be free and open to the public at 7 p.m. April 9 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, according to a press release.

Senior Audree Notoras, films director of Union Board, said she is excited for the turnout of the final event. She said so far 50 two-person student teams have signed up to submit work to the contest.

“The finale event should be awesome. In addition to all the giveaways, we’re working on having live music,” Notoras said. “This will be a great learning experience for students who are involved. Students can do something creative that they’ve never done before.”

Shannon said he believes IU students have a lot to offer to this project.

“There is such a great artists’ hub here in Bloomington,” he said. “There are a lot of talented students here looking for creative outlets. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved and express themselves.”

Event sponsors included are the Blooming Artists Agency, Union Board, Residence Hall Association, Office of the Provost, IU Hollywood Hoosiers, Hoosier Eye Doctor, Best Buy and
International and Cultural Events
JASMINE STARKS

Events

- Current
  - Brazilian Experience
  - Fighting Words: The Culture of Poetry

- Future
  - IU World’s Fare: International Food Festival

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN
Major: AADS, Pre-Med

"Educate & increase awareness about all aspects of many different cultures. Promote acceptance, create opportunities for students to become ‘cultural educators’ and create a unified community vision for cultural acceptance."

IU World’s Fare
Free for Students
Food & Cultural Performances
Thursday, Nov 6
Alumni Hall
5-9 p.m.

FIGHTING WORDS
The Culture of Poetry
4.25.09
7-9 p.m.
Neil Marshall Black Cultural Center,
Grand Hall
Students, Banned from Goodfinger, BC

TRUE LIFE
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, INC.
exposes...
The lives of four, diverse girls in a special documentary, based on the hit MTV show.

Whittenberger Auditorium
Wednesday, 04.01.09
7 p.m.
Lectures
Caitlin Van Kooten

Events
- Current
  - Dr. Cornel West
  - Maya Angelou
  - Jessica Vaenti

- Future
  - Richard Dawkins
  - Pervez Musharraf, Former Pakistani President

Hometown: Bloomington, IN
Major: History, Liberal Arts Management Program

"Enrich the IU experience with engaging speaker events that offer diverse perspectives and new insights."
Civil rights leader Cornel West urges progress in battle for equality

By MaryJane Slaby | IDS | February 24, 2009

Civil rights activist Cornel West entered the IU Auditorium to filled seats and left to a standing ovation after discussing how even the election of America’s first black president wasn’t an indication of a post-racial world.

The lecture took place Monday in the IU Auditorium. It was presented by the Union Board in celebration of Black History Month.

West said the present was history and warned that there is still progress to be made for racial equality.

A black president is not post-racial, West said. It just means the black man was the best candidate.

However, West said this era is less racist, and choosing the best candidate should be expected.

West added it was the social movement of abolitionists who put pressure on Abraham Lincoln to change his mind and ratified the idea that black and white couldn’t live together.

He also said the black community was not the only community in need, and the hypocrisy concerning the poor is overwhelming.

"We should never allow black suffering to stand in way of other people's suffering," West said. "Indifference is the one trait that makes the angels weep."

West said human beings should come to terms with wounds and scars, but shouldn't let them have the last word.

"Anybody who has never cried has never loved, and anyone who has never loved has never lived."

He said this is because racial identity is linked to humanity and love.

"Martin Luther King wanted people to be love-struck, not color-blind. How are you going to love somebody if you can't see their bodies?" West said.

Love is a gift to suppressed people, he said, and for Martin Luther King Jr., justice was love for all people.

Obama’s election was progress, West said, but so was the amount of black students he saw in the crowd.

He added that education is learning how to "die." He explained that "there is no maturity, no development without something dying."

By graduation, he said, students should allow their focus on superficial issues to diminish and start to focus on issues of life and death.

He encouraged the audience to think of the legacy they will leave behind and muster the courage to think for themselves.

"The most crucial question at the center of black history is 'What does it mean to be human?'" West said, adding that in the end everyone becomes nothing more than "worm food."

West told the audience that many people just want to make it and not make it right.
Angelou liberated by mix of art and politics

By Nicole Brooks 331-4232 | nbrooks@heraldt.com
March 6, 2009

Maya Angelou took the Indiana University Auditorium stage Thursday night to a standing ovation.

Before the pool, professor, former dancer and Renaissance woman spoke, she sang: "Steal away to Jesus ... I ain't got long to stay here," in a deep, strong voice.

That African-American spiritual, born of slavery, she said, "shows us the perfect coincident of art and politics."

Angelou, 80, walked to the podium with a cane and a man as aids. Her free lecture had been rescheduled due to illness.

Her right knee has long been the bad knee, she said. "Last year, the left knee became sympathetic."

Her return visit to Bloomington was meant to be part of ArtsWeek, which had as its theme the merging of art and politics. Angelou riffed on that theme with stories from her childhood. Many of the stories can be found in her autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," published in 1970.

Angelou’s mother’s boyfriend raped her when she was 8 years old. Not long after, the man was found dead, apparently killed to death, she told the audience.

“I thought my voice had killed the man.” She had told her older brother about the attack, and the man, Mr. Freeman, had been put on trial, found guilty of the crime and had gone to jail for one day.

The young Angelou would not speak for the next six years. Mute, she devoured books.

"Edgar Allan Poe's poetry liberated me," she said. "I thought all whites were mean, because they were so mean to me."

But, she said, there was Poe, there was Charles Dickens and there was William Shakespeare.

The result of mixing art and politics, she said, is liberation. "Because of his art, I have been liberated from racist politics," she
Live From Bloomington
NICOLE O'NEAL

Events

- Current
  - Weekly NOISE Series
  - Live From Bloomington Club Night
  - Live From Bloomington CD
  - Spring Donations to Hoosier Hills: $2,343 and 9,676 pounds of food

- Future
  - WIUX Culture Shock
  - NOISE Series, Club Night

Hometown: Ft. Wayne, IN
Major: Individualized Major Program – Music Business

"Connect the IU and Bloomington music community by providing programming for all-ages performances, collaborating with community events, and giving students the opportunity to gain experience in music industry operations and planning. LFB aims to build pride and support for Bloomington's unique music scene."

You're A Liar
Cast Spells
Redbird
Native
Thursday
April 30th
8:00PM
NOISE Free Local Music Every Thursday at The Union

LFB
Live From Bloomington
Thursday, April 30th (all ages)

$5 or $5 with NOISE CD for sale: $5

LFB Facebook: www.facebook.com/LIVEFROMBOOMINGTON

No cover info: check www.ourpace.com/krh-liveblooming. All proceeds donated to Hoosier Hills Food Bank.
Outreach

FAZ MAHMUD

Events

- Current
  - Miss Gay IU
  - Declaring Oil Independence
  - Let's Talk About: Women's Issues

- Future
  - Mr. IU Competition
  - Summer Orientation Bowling Events

Hometown: New York, NY

Major: Political Science, International Studies

"Seek out student organizations and campus departments that are interested in collaborating with Union Board to program events that complement our goals and benefit the campus community."
‘Superstar’ crowned winner of 19th annual Miss Gay IU

By MaryJane Slaby | IDS | April 19, 2009

Five contestants clasped hands as they waited for the winner’s name to be announced.

As Chanel Cartier heard her name called, she clung to the other contestants with excitement and thought, “I hope my heel doesn’t break,” she said.

Cartier was crowned Miss Gay IU 2009 at the 19th annual pageant organized by OUT GLBT Student Union on Friday at the IU Auditorium.

“We are all equal. We are all one,” Cartier said, adding she wants to spread her message of equality throughout the community. She also said equality and love must start within the GLBT community before it can spread.

Cartier, who also competed in 2008, said she entered the pageant with a new attitude and picked a talent she called “completely in my element.” She performed songs from the movie “Superstar,” dressed as its main character, Catholic schoolgirl Mary Katherine Gallagher, and was joined onstage by backup dancers dressed as nuns, fellow students and Gallagher’s enemy, Evian the cheerleader.

Cartier received a standing ovation from the audience after her performance.

The talent competition was the largest portion of the pageant and was worth the most points. Cartier also won the pageant’s talent award.

Cody Daniels, a sophomore from Avon High School in Avon, Ind., said he came to the pageant last year and again this year because it helps him to be proud of who he is.

“It’s an inspiration because they have such bravery to get on stage,” he said. “It’s really impressive.”

The pageant’s theme was “Angel Fashion Show,” chosen by Britney Taylor, the 2008 Miss Gay IU. It began with a song by Taylor followed by a catwalk of contestants and former winners, including some wearing angel wings.

Before and between the competition categories, past winners sang in elaborate costumes covered in glitter, rhinestones and sequins. The songs included “Work It” by Missy Elliott and “Poker Face” by Lady Gaga. During the performances, the audience lined the IU Auditorium’s aisles, waiting to tip the performers.

“It’s a fun, wild night,” sophomore Julia Napolitano said.

She added the audience was large and diverse because drag has the potential to cater to all kinds of people.

Actor and IU alumnus Doug Spearman, who was a judge, said he credits the full auditorium to the increased exposure of GLBT issues. He added that the auditorium wouldn’t have filled when he was a student, and he was excited to see a lack of negativity surrounding the pageant.

The contestants began with interviews during the day Friday where they expressed their goals to the judges.

Cartier said she wants to give back by going into the community dressed in drag to share her goals.

Emcee Vicki St. James, who has been involved with the pageant since its second year, said she remembered Cartier from last year’s pageant and was impressed with her growth and improvement as a contestant.
Performance and Comedy

JULIE SINGER

Events

- Current
  - Little 500 Step Down
  - IU College Comedy Festival 4
  - Student Troupe Co-Sponsorships

- Future
  - Monthly Open Mic Night
  - IU College Comedy Festival 5

Hometown: Nyack, NY

Major: Sociology, Religious Studies

"Strive to facilitate and encourage a wide variety of performances on campus including plays, musicals, spoken word, poetry, dance, sketch comedy, improvisation, stand up, and events relating to the field of performing arts including lectures and discussion regarding the importance and impact of performance on personal development, social and political issues, and improving cultural literacy on campus and in the community."
IU College Comedy Festival draws about 400 people

IDS | February 08, 2009

“Cactus” And go.

For the Awkward Silence Comedy group, this was the only prompt from the audience in what turned into a series of improvisational skits and sketches this weekend at the annual IU College Comedy Festival.

The comedians took the audience-given word and integrated it into several skits, many of which laced together with repeated characters and themes.

The festival, which showed performances Friday and Saturday night at the John Waldron Arts Center, was a success, Union Board organizers said.

Julie Singer, the 2009 performance/comedy director for Union Board, said about 400 people attended.

After the first performance, the festival continued with several skit and improv groups and stand-up comedians.

Each act, except for the closing troupe, was given 10 to 20 minutes to perform. All drew laughs from the audience, even some groups, such as Awkward Silence Comedy and HoosOnFirst, both of which perform at the Indiana Memorial Union every week, received the most applause. Many performers considered the festival a success.

“It was fantastic,” said Sam Hammersley of Full Frontal Comedy, a troupe that performed.

The night ended with an act from The Groundlings, a professional group from Los Angeles. The five members of the troupe took three themes from the audience and put them into skits.

They then switched back and forth between scenes from each sketch during their entire performance, adding to them and going back and forth in time.

Ashley Bullington, one of the stand-up comedians, was pleased with the turnout.

“It was a lot of fun, and a different and younger crowd than I’m used to,” she said. “It was nice to see students coming out and supporting us.”

Even though the night was festival-style, with people coming and going as they pleased throughout the night and few people staying for the whole show, the Board had to add more chairs to the auditorium after the second act.

“It was fun, a good time,” said Neil Meyer, who was an audience participant in an improv sketch by the Crazy Monkeys, a Purdue University group. “It was a fun idea and atmosphere.”

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Public Relations

HANNAH KINKEAD

Projects

- Current
  - Press Releases
  - Publicizing Union Board at events

- Future
  - IDS Beat Reporter
  - Continued Union Board Promotion

Hometown: Bloomington, IN
Major: International Studies

"Represent the Indiana Memorial Union Board in all avenues both on and off campus, and to guard and promote Union Board's image as a diverse student organization that reaches out to and encompasses all students."
Spirit of IU
TYLER COWARD

Events

• Current
  o Miss Indiana University
  o Finals Week Breakfast
  o IU Field Day

• Future
  o Homecoming Float
  o Away Basketball Game Trip
  o Cornhole Tournament and Bonfire

Hometown: Greenwood, IN
Major: History, Political Science

“Unify the campus by providing programs intended to harness the spirit of the Indiana University community.”
A big crown to fill
15 women to compete for Miss IUB title Sunday
By Aile Townsend, Aile Townsend | February 09, 2007

The race for the crown has begun. The 15 contestants of this year’s Miss Indiana University Pageant have been involved in a whirlwind of preparations in hopes of becoming the next Miss IUB.

The pageant, to be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Alumni Hall of the Indiana Memorial Union, will be the second Miss IUB competition since it made a comeback in 2006 after a 37-year absence.

This year’s contestant group ranges in experience from state-level pageants to no previous experience at all, said the pageant’s executive director, Lindsay Shipp Etienne.

"I feel so strong about this year's pool of contestants," she said. "It's so refreshing to see people who have never dealt with pageants coming together with those who have and seeing the work come together."

Aside from competing for $6,000 in scholarships from the IU Foundation, the winner will go on to compete against 26 other local-level winners in the Miss Indiana Pageant in June.

The contestants for Miss IUB will be judged on formal interviews and their talent, evening gowns, swimsuits and on stage interviews.

The 2006 winner, graduate student Betsy Uschkrat, went on to win Miss Indiana as well and competed against 51 other contestants Jan. 29 at the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas.

On Sunday, Uschkrat will hand over her IUB crown to the 2007 winner, and she hopes Bloomington will receive her successor as warmly as the city embraced her.

"Bloomington opened its arms to me," she said. "I couldn't have asked for more support from the community or the campus. It has been wonderful."

Stepping down from her Miss IUB duties, Uschkrat plans to continue her involvement with the pageant, through advice from her personal experiences, as she steps in as a mock judge for this year’s competition.

Among the official group of judges for this year’s pageant are Indiana state Rep. Peggy Welch, former Miss New Jersey Heather Narducci, local 96.7 WBWB DJ Aaron Shane and IU Foundation representative Jonathan Purvis.

The newly crowned Miss IUB will spend 2007 representing her school at different functions, benefits and community events, including her first official appearance giving a speech to the Kiwanis Club of Bloomington.

And with a group of 15 that Etienne calls "fantastic," she said has no doubt the new winner will make an impact on the IU community.

"I feel confident that this year's winner can carry on the success of Betsy Uschkrat," she said, "though she will certainly have some big shoes to fill."

Admission for this year’s pageant is free for all IU students by showing their student IDs. Admission is $10 for nonstudents.

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Union Live
ROBBY RACETTE

Events

- Current
  - Breakin' Away
  - Poker Series
  - Lunch Breaks in the IMU

- Future
  - Fall Weekly Poker Series
  - Taste of the Union

Hometown: West Lafayette, IN

Major: German, Mathematics

"Making students’ visions come alive in the Union and around campus."

Lunch Break with DJ Top Speed

breakin' AWAY

FREE!

Wednesday, February 26th
12:00-2:00 pm
The Market, INY

Dunn Meadow | 4/25, 12:00 pm

Register by emailing breakinaway@gmail.com

Dunn Meadow is on the corner of 18th and Indiana
in Bloomington, IN 47409

Union Board
Poker Series is back!

Wednesday
Tournament starts at 2pm
KIVA, IMU by Burger King

Unlimited chips and cash prizes

Free! A@90 gift certificate on entry