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Director's Notes

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This spring we are losing two important members of the SPEA team—David May and Tom Bartholomy. This, added to the loss of Jim Owen at the end of the fall semester presents us with a challenge that rests on the shoulders of the new faculty we will hire and on the shoulders of Jim Anderson, Tom's replacement as chair of the Community Advisory Board (CAB).

David May, assistant professor of public and environmental affairs, received a Ph.D. in sociology with an emphasis in

criminology from Mississippi State University in December 1997. He has published a number of academic journal articles and has presented his research at regional and national conferences. His areas of research include fear of crime, firearms and crime, and juvenile delinquency. His efforts in behalf of students are particularly noteworthy and they will be missed. He leaves us to take a position as a research fellow in the Center for School Safety and associate professor in the Department of Corrections and Juvenile Justice at Eastern Kentucky University. We wish him well as he takes his wife, Natalie, and his boys, James and Will, to a new phase in their personal and professional lives.

Tom Bartholomy is a founding member of the SPEA-IPFW Community Advisory Board and its first chair. He leaves his present position as president/CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Northeast Indiana to take a similar position with the Better Business Bureau serving the South Piedmont which encompasses 21 counties in North and South Carolina. During his tenure here, the Fort Wayne BBB has become nationally recognized for excellence, winning six national awards. Bartholomy received a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Master of Public Affairs at IPFW, where he joined Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public administration, with a nearly perfect GPA. He is also an associate faculty member in SPEA where he has taught several undergraduate courses. He earned the division's Teaching Excellence Award for associate faculty in 1993 and 1997 and the IPFW Faculty Teaching Award in 1997. His loss to us and to the community is substantial, but we have high hopes for Jim Anderson, who has taken over as chair of the Community Advisory Board.

Jim Anderson won the Outstanding Graduate Student award in 1992 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996. In addition to serving as director of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, he maintains his scientific interest in ruffed lemurs and monotremes. I am sure that the CAB is in good hands as Jim takes up the chair's gavel. You can see Jim and other members of the CAB at this year's alumni and graduation reception at the Pine Valley Country Club on Friday, April 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Complete information can be found elsewhere in *SPEAking of...*

Faculty Feature



Jane A. Grant, associate professor of public and environmental affairs, says she feels like the hedgehog that Archilocus spoke of:

"The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing." The issue of community and democracy in America has been one that has concerned her since her graduate school days. She is currently at work on a book on this subject, tentatively titled, *The Democratic Ethos: Community in America*. It is an examination of the meaning and structure of community in America, and the role that discourse, deliberation, and participation play in its formation. Part of the book is based on historical and theoretical perspectives on the subject, while another part of the book will examine the actual operation

of community and democracy in contemporary America. Grant also recently created a course on this subject, which was designated an honors course (it also fulfills the Area VI requirements under IPFW's General Education program.) The course, *Democracy, Deliberation, and Policy*, will next be offered in spring 2002, and is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Grant is also guiding a new major in environmental studies through the IPFW and SPEA approval processes. This major will provide students with an understanding of the social, economic, political, cultural, biological, chemical, and geological factors that are shaping environmental problems in the 21st century, while exploring the range of political and policy responses that are available to deal with them. The major is expected to be approved by the fall 2001 semester.

SPEAking of Alumni



After Karen Goldner graduated with a B.A. in political science from the University of Nebraska in 1984 and moved to Fort

Wayne, she started an M.P.A. program at SPEA “because it seemed like the logical next step.” Working at the time for the Indiana Employment Security Division in an entry-level position, Goldner believed that earning an M.P.A. would make her more marketable for public sector jobs.

“What I did not expect,” Goldner said, “were the truly interesting people and ideas I was exposed to. Every class was full of public service professionals, so I not only learned from the instructors, but I learned from the other students.”

While at IPFW, Goldner began working as a neighborhood planner for the City of Fort Wayne. From there she moved into the division of community and

economic development administering federal community development and housing funds. In 1996 she became director of the city’s small business loan program and in September 2000 was appointed the city’s director of economic development.

“The theoretical background that I received in SPEA has been very valuable,” Goldner said. “The courses I took in the environment, economic development, and personnel, for example, provided me a solid academic basis in those subjects. In addition, the fact that the classes were made up of other people working in the public and non-profit sectors helped in two ways. At the time, class discussions were made more interesting and educational because of the ‘real world’ input. In the years since I graduated, many of those contacts have been helpful to me in my career.”

Goldner believes that she is notable as one of the few students who actually

enjoyed Professor Bill Ludwin’s quantitative analysis course and the textbook used by Professor Jane Grant’s environmental policy course.

Goldner’s primary mission as director of economic development is to oversee implementation of the city’s economic development action plan. “Our primary goal is to increase the wages paid to northeast Indiana workers, by increasing the number of skilled jobs in the area. This is exactly what we were talking about in the economic development class in the late 1980s.”

Goldner has continued to be involved in SPEA by occasionally teaching an undergraduate class and by membership on the community advisory board.

“My SPEA M.P.A. was very important to my career development,” she said. “I am quite certain that I would not be where I am today without it.”

Criminal Justice Honors

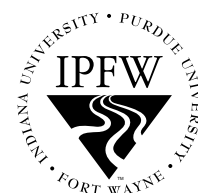
Below is a list of our criminal justice majors who qualify for membership in the criminal justice honor society, Alpha Phi Sigma. Undergraduates must have a completed a minimum of three full-time semesters or equivalent with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and a 3.2 in their criminal justice courses. The student must also have completed a minimum of four courses in the criminal justice field. Graduate criminal justice students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of graduate work, or equivalent, and have a minimum 3.4 GPA. The Alpha Phi Sigma nominees for 2000–01 are

Rita Minyard Augustin
Tina Marie Blackburn
Darren P. Coburn
Renee Marie Crabill
Shelly Marie Cupp

Angela L. Houtz Dial
Brian James Doubet
Anthony Wayne Gasaway
Michael John Griffith
Angela D. Hall
Trisha Ann Hanes
Holly Ann Hartley
Michael James Henderson
James Robert Hyden
A. Brooks Kelley
Cheryl Kelly-Brown
April J. Lucas
Jamie Lynn Michell
Jeremy Thomas Musser
Peggy A. Osenbaugh
Trina Ann Riecke
Anthony Martin Rose
Holly Nicole Rothenbush
Stevan Ryan Schulien
John Manning Shackelford
Laura Anne Skiver
Yvonne Mae Spillers
Amy B. Stouder
Keri Leah Virgo

Public Administration Honors

SPEA-IPFW faculty nominated the following students for Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honorary society for school of public affairs and administration. An undergraduate nominee must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0, and a SPEA GPA of 3.5; graduate nominees must maintain a GPA of 3.7. The 2001 nominees are undergraduate students Michelle Lara Bibbo, Christopher Lee LaPan, and Lori Ann Tiemann; and graduate students Robert K. Doolin, Kenneth Henry Steeg, and Sarah Kathleen Sweitzer.



2001 Graduation/Alumni Reception

The following awards will be presented at the reception:

Pi Alpha Alpha
Alpha Phi Sigma
Teaching Excellence Awards
Outstanding Student Awards
Distinguished Alumni Award
Graduate Recognition
Scholarship Awards
Community Achievement Award

Friday, April 20, 2001 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Pine Valley Country Club, 10900 Pine Mills Road

(Take I-69 north to Dupont Road. Go west two miles and turn right on to Pine Mills Road across from McDonald's. Clubhouse is half-mile on right side of road.)

Hors d'oeuvres menu:

Swedish meatballs
Pork and Shrimp Eggrolls with Plum Sauce
Assorted Fresh Fruit
Domestic and Imported Cheeses and Crackers
Assorted Vegetables with Dip
Assorted Soft Drinks
One Complimentary Wine or Domestic Beer for Each Guest
Cash Bar

\$14 per current SPEA student; \$16 all other guests

Reservations are required. Please send your check payable to the I-P Foundation for reservations no later than April 16, 2001, to: IPFW Public and Environmental Affairs, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1499. Please include the name of each person attending.

SPEA Alumni Council Needs You!

Last year, IPFW Alumni Association, working with the university's seven schools and two divisions, created alumni councils in each of its schools to increase alumni involvement with the university and the community. Jennifer Bosk, IPFW's director of Alumni Relations, believes the council will help increase the number of graduates who participate in the alumni association and university events.

The first volunteers for the new SPEA alumni council are: Linda and Ron Buskirk, Stacy Hartman, Ann Fumarolo, Kim Spielman, and alumni board member Nancy Louraine. The council is exploring ideas for engaging alumni in university and community activities including hosting of legislative forums, shadowing, mentoring, and internship opportunities for SPEA students.

The SPEA alumni council is asking you to get involved by becoming a member of the IPFW Alumni Association, volunteering to help with the SPEA alumni council, or making a donation to SPEA-IPFW. You can begin your involvement by attending the 23rd annual graduation/alumni reception on April 20, 2001. Call Nancy Louraine at 483-2100 for more information on the SPEA Council.

Your involvement will make a difference!

And they asked what...?

With a name of "Public and Environmental Affairs," there can be an interesting array of questions asked of Tammy Davich, secretary, when she answers the phone. And though she is eager to answer student, faculty, and community questions, some questions fall out of the realm of typical criminal justice, public administration, and environmental academic matters.

- I have baby guppies in my pond. What other kind of fish could I put in the pond?
- Who can answer my questions about the current toxic level of the Adams Center Landfill?
- They told me you had law professors in your department and I need to talk to someone.
- What can I do about the ants in my yard?
- How do I get rid of the Japanese beetles in my trees?
- I found a spider in my apartment and I think it's a recluse.

Questions regarding fish, bugs, and yard problems are referred to the Allen County Extension office; callers seeking legal advice are referred to the Allen County Bar Association.

Mail Us Your Business Card!

Current students are interested in what SPEA majors do after they graduate. Send us your business card and let us know where YOUR degree took you!

We have recently heard from:

Bobbi Burkhart, B.S.C.J. '00
Boys & Girls Club
Kosciusko County Inc.

Karen (Brown) Mealy, B.S.P.A. '00
Prosecutor's Investigator
Blackford County, Ind.

Anthony O'Neil, B.S.P.A. '95
Marketing Analyst, Electrical
Products
Superior Essex - Essex Group Inc.

Joyce Stevens, M.P.A. '79
Executive Director
First Steps of Allen County

Kelly Tipton, B.S.C.J. '00
Counselor
Addictive Behavior
Counseling Center Inc.

Congratulations to Jane Loomis (M.P.A. '98), coordinator of advising and student services for SPEA/IPFW, who was presented the 2001 IPFW Outstanding Advisor Award at the Feb. 16 IPFW Advising Conference. This award is presented yearly to an individual who has demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students.



Make a Difference!

Yes, I want to make a difference in the quality of education at IPFW.

- SPEA Scholarship Fund—Please make your check payable to IPFW.
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