March Newsletter:

In like a Lion,

Out like a T Rex

at least for the GPSO

Come Visit, The Grad Pad!!

Located in the IMU, Room M088.
On the Mezzanine Level near the computer lab and Bowling Alley; next door to Outdoor Adventures.

Upcoming March Events:

Wednesday, March 21st, GPSO Salon: Global Warming, Noon
Friday, March 23rd, Speed Dating, 7pm
Saturday, March 31st, Grad Bash, 7pm

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*All humor within was created in a sleep deprived state, reading this document in a non-sleep deprived state could lead to it not being funny. Read at your own risk.

Is finishing your thesis causing you unmanageable stress?

Dr. Paul Toth (ptoth@indiana.edu) facilitates a support group to help graduate students deal with the stress and anxiety of working on a dissertation. Group meets Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Contact Dr. Paul Toth (ptoth) or Chris Meno (cmeno) for information.
GPSO Goes Social!

To all you Facebookers out there, GPSO IU Bloomington is on the lookout for more friends to add. When befriending our organization, there are a few things on which you can surely count:

- GPSO will never engage you in an unauthorized poking battle
- GPSO will never inform you that we are broken up by unilaterally changing our relationship status
- GPSO will never misconstrue honesty as sarcasm or sarcasm as honesty when reading your notes
- GPSO will always keep you informed of GPSO events and functions
- GPSO as your friend adds dozens of students to your network; how popular will you look to others, you sly dog?

So if you’re already ignoring dissertation research to read the mini-feed, search out GPSO IU Bloomington and keep informed without having to read a flyer!

GPSO Events in March:
- Wednesday March 21, GradPad
  GPSO Salon: Global Warming, noon-1pm
- Friday March 23, GradPad
  Speed Dating, 7-9pm
- Sunday March 25, Hoosier Heights
  Indoor Rock Climbing, 2:30-5pm
- Tuesday March 27, GradPad
  Research Symposium, 5-6:30pm
- Thursday March 29, GradPad
  MOVIE NIGHT: A Fish Called Wanda, 7pm
- Saturday March 31, Deer Park Manor
  Grad Bash, 7pm-midnight

Fingerlicious Food

- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp grated parmesan
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 6 boneless chicken breasts

In plastic bag mix crumbs and parmesan. In small bowl combine garlic and oil. Flatten chicken and cut into 1 inch wide strips. Dip chicken in oil and coat with crumbs. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake 350 degrees for 20 minutes, until golden brown.

Honey mustard Sauce

- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup water (divided into 1 Tbsp and remainder)
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup mustard

Dissolve cornstarch in 1 Tbsp water in a saucepan. Add honey mustard and rest of water. Bring to boil and boil for 1 minute.

I Gonna be Pres-O-Dent!

The Trustees of Indiana University on March 1st, unanimously approved the appointment of Michael A. McRobbie as the 18th president of the 187-year-old institution with eight campuses and more than 97,000 students. With an education grounded both in philosophy and science, he came to IU, from Australia, in January 1997 as vice president for information technology and chief information officer. Six years later, he was given the additional responsibilities of vice president for research.

Since being appointed interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at IUB, McRobbie has pursued campus priorities for the arts and humanities, life sciences and international activities, as well as the recruitment and retention of students and faculty.

During his comments to Trustees, McRobbie stated, “Indiana University is at a vital crossroads in its history. Our enduring missions will not change. We will continue to provide an excellent education and conduct first-rate research. And we have a third mission, engagement through economic development and community service, but it relies on our successful execution of the first two.”

He further went on to say, “And this is also a university where discovery, engagement and curiosity drive students and faculty alike toward the book, the concert stage, the unpainted canvas. And this broad canvas draws our campuses together whether it's the Herron School of Art and Design here in Indianapolis, the Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington or the Whitewater Gallery at IU East. Indiana University has created a lasting legacy in the arts that is a gift to our many communities.”
Better Know a Dean

Bennett I. Bertenthal, a cognitive neuroscientist at the University of Chicago, has been chosen as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the Bloomington campus.

Bertenthal earned a B.A. in psychology from Brandeis University, and then a M.A. and Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of Denver. He began his academic career as a professor of psychology at the University of Virginia, where he also directed the Developmental Psychology Training Program. From 1996 through 1999 he was assistant director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), with responsibility for social, behavioral and economic sciences, science statistics, and international programs.

Bertenthal was most recently at the University of Chicago for almost six years, where he was professor of psychology and computational neuroscience. As part of his responsibilities, Bertenthal worked with Congress and the Office of Management and Budget to appropriate funding for social and behavioral sciences research projects throughout the nation. He also was responsible for promoting NSF initiatives in globalization of science and international programs. His research focuses on perceptual, motor, and cognitive development of the brain.

Bertenthal was quoted as saying “I passionately believe that the liberal arts education we offer is the core of what it means to be educated. Our students develop the skills of communication, reasoning, and analysis necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing technological and global environment.”

New Health Facility

As presidential news swept over the University community, President Adam Herbert announced the establishment of a new medical clinic for faculty, staff, graduate, and professional students and their families. The center would not only help address the availability of health services, but also the cost.

Mentioning his concern for health and dental care for graduate and professional students, we owe President Herbert tremendous thanks for continuing to commit his energies to Indiana University and our new Dean of the University Graduate School, James Wimbush, for hearing student concerns and pursuing a solution.

Unwind with Indiana University Campus Recreational Sports

Indiana University Campus Recreational Sports (IUCRS) has many opportunities for graduate students and their families. Relax and unwind with a Cyclefit or Yoga class. IUCRS offers over 80 group exercise and over 20 Mind Body sessions per week for members. Students with families can benefit from a reduced household membership cost of $42.58 per person per semester, as well as specialized programming like IUCRS Free Family Nights.

There’s nothing like the thrill of friendly competition to help release stress. Many intramural sports feature divisions strictly for graduate student play, and everyone is eligible to participate in their choice of over 40 club sports sponsored by IUCRS. Other IUCRS benefits like free membership, free equipment checkout and access to both the Student Recreational Sports Center and HPER Wildermuth, apply to all students. For more information on Indiana University Campus Recreational Sports programs and facilities visit: recsports.indiana.edu

TOGA! TOGA! TOGA!

It may not be a toga party, but GRAD BASH is still going to be the biggest, most outrageous party happening. Celebrate the beginning of Spring and kick off the start of Grad Appreciation Week in rare fashion. Live music, cash bar, food, palm readers, hypnotists, raffle prizes and a whole lot of fun. FREE admission. Our goal is to have 1,000 grad students in attendance!!! Get the word out and find your party clothes. This will be the biggest grad party ever!!!!

Saturday March 31, 2007
7 pm to midnight

Deer Park Manor
1501 E. Hillside Dr.

Maps at: http://www.google.com/maps?q=1501+E+Hillside+Dr,+Bloomington,+IN+47401&sa=X&oi=map&ct=title

Deer Park Manor Website: http://www.deerparkmanagement.com/faq.shtml

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You can Help Cure Cancer!

Relay For Life® is a fun and inspiring 24-hour event that brings together people whose lives have been touched by cancer. This event is a wonderful way to celebrate those who have survived cancer while raising money to support the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people take turns walking (or running) laps at Hayes Track (across from Assembly Hall). Each team tries to keep one or more team member(s) on the track for the full 24 hours.

As well as great exercise and camaraderie building, the Relay experience includes touching ceremonies, such as the Survivors Lap and the Luminaria Ceremony, that inspire us to support those who are working to save lives and help us to remember those lives that have been lost.

We need you! GPSO is forming a Relay team of graduate and professional students and their friends and families. Come walk for a long time or a short time, by yourself or with a huge group. It’s about caring, support, and making a difference. Other graduate and professional student organizations interested in participating for only part of the 24 hours are welcome to join us. All affiliate groups will be recognized at our site. For more info or to join the GPSO team: please contact Lily Ibarra at libarra@indiana.edu or visit http://www.acsevents.org/relay/in/iu/gpso.

Be Nice to Your Wallet and Your Body

For students who are new to Bloomington and looking for places to shop for food, or for those who have simply been wanting to find a way to eat well on a modest budget, have hope: there is a way! Here are two places where you can find some great food for less this Spring:

*Bloomingfoods is a member-owned grocery which sells organic food, beauty, and health products. You DON’T have to be a co-op member to shop at Bloomingfoods, but you might want to consider membership! It costs as little as $7.50 a month and provides many benefits, including 5% discounts one day a week and a wild card for an additional 5% on groceries once a month. Some of the best-priced products at Bloomingfoods are in their extensive bulk section, where you can find such things as organic rice, sugar, flour, oatmeal, beans, granola, herbs, tea, coffee, trail mix, and more, for a better price (for a larger amount) than you would find at a regular grocery store.

*Winter Farmer’s Market: For the next two months you’ll find local growers on Saturday mornings, from 8 am to noon, at the Harmony School. The Farmer’s Market provides not only fresh foods at an economic price, but also a welcoming and entertaining ambiance, with live music and booths that offer ready-made foods for breakfast! Some of the products offered this season are: gorgeous salad mixes, winter greens, root vegetables, mushrooms, eggs, flowers, wreaths, plants, sauces, honey, herbs, bread, chocolates, apples, apple cider, goat cheeses, onions, fair-trade coffee beans, and squash. Complimenting your regular grocery shopping with Farmer’s Market’s fresher, cheaper produce also helps to benefit local Bloomington growers!! (The Spring/Summer outdoor Farmer’s Market begins in April at the Showers Common, located across from City Hall on 8th Street).

For more information on what Bloomingfoods has to offer visit the website: http://www.bloomingfoods.org. For an article on the Winter Farmer’s Market visit: http://www.bloomingfoods.org/newsletters/feb07/winterFarmersMarket.shtml

Do you have opinions about global issues?

A new lunch time discussion series is starting: the GPSO Salon hour. Bring your lunch and share your opinions. The goal is to initiate and further dialogue on a broad range of current issues.

Wednesday - March 21: noon to 1:00 at the Grad Pad Topic: Global Warming, what can students really do?

Wednesday - March 28: noon to 1:00 at the Grad Pad Topic: A Nuclear Iran, what should the world do?
Ready, Set, DATE!!!

Tired of the bar scene or only meeting people in your own department? Try Speed Dating, where people talk to each other for 2 minutes and then rotate around until they've met all potential dates, then pick the numbers of those they'd like to know better and for all those who match up, GPSO provides the emails, so they can see each other again. Over 85 grads participated last time. Sections for straight, gay and lesbian.

Friday - March 23  SPEED DATING RETURNS
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, GradPad
Wine and cheese for participants.

Green Things are Yummy Too

Artichoke pasta
- 6 ½ ounce marinated artichoke hearts
- ½ lb mushrooms, sliced
- 15 oz tomato sauce
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 2 ¼ oz sliced black olives
- 2 tsp basil
- 2 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp instant minced onion
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp sugar
- ½ tsp fennel seed
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 lb spaghetti, cooked and drained
- Grated parmesan

Drain and chop artichokes, reserve liquid. Pour reserved liquid into large frying pan. In liquid sauté sliced mushrooms. When mushrooms are cooked add artichokes and all other ingredients accept spaghetti and parmesan. Simmer combined ingredients 20 minutes. Serve over spaghetti. Sprinkle with parmesan to taste. If desired, add cooked chicken breast.

Moderator-In-Chief

IU President-Designate Michael McRobbie has reached out to students since the announcement, voicing his need to look at the learning and living needs for students in the 21st century. His effort appears to center on improvements to dormitory life and living conditions of mainly the undergraduate community. There is, however, optimism that conditions for graduate and professional students will improve with his other stated mission to improve the academic and international mission of Indiana University.

Tempered news comes from the parking commission. Though a new parking garage is due to open in August at Atwater and Fess, whose roof will be C spots, a proposal currently pending would raise the rate of an A pass by one hundred dollars and make E passes free in an effort to push student parking to the stadium. There is also a discussion of providing discounted rates for graduate and professional students as occurs at other major universities.

As always the GPSO continues to work to minimize fee and tuition increases and secure the funding to keep the Grad Pad and the level and quality of programming which we now provide.

Paul Rohwer
Moderator GPSO

Graduate Students Making the difference

Last April, Deborah Strickland and Courtney Wennerstrom, PhD candidates in English, co-founded RAW (Revitalizing Animal Well-being) to give what they call "the politics of compassion" a sexy new makeover. By uniting IU undergrads, graduate students, faculty, and the Bloomington community in collective projects, RAW wishes to dispel the myth that academia is separate from the "real world," AND hopes to make animal activism viable and appealing again.

Moreover, RAW aspires to infuse advocacy with pleasure and positivity. While rage and shock are great motivators for social change, they cannot sustain a long-term vision of progress. Instead, RAW aims to charm animal lovers into action and proposes that sympathy is not something to put to the side until after our work and teaching and papers are done. Rather, we can "do" compassion as we study, eat, hike, lecture, go to parties, read, and create intellectual communities.

For more info go to: http://www.indiana.edu/~iuraw

Looking for a new place to live or advertising a vacancy try: http://www.indiana.edu/~gpso/resources/housing/housing.php