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Trustees seek input during presidential search

The Trustees of Indiana University have announced plans to begin a search for the next president of Indiana University as soon as possible with the expectation of naming a new president by next summer.

Because of the importance of the position and the complexity of the

university as it has evolved during President Myles Brand's tenure, the trustees are seeking comment and advice from faculty, staff and administrators at IUPUI.

The opportunity for IUSM faculty and staff to provide input on the matter will be at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in room 132 of the University Conference Center.

The trustees who will be meeting with the IUPUI community are Fred Eichhorn, board president; Steve Ferguson and Sue Talbot, both members of the search committee.

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A Moment for Patient Safety and Quality Health Care

Third in a Series

By Herbert E. Cushing, MD

Regular screening can prevent most cervical cancer deaths

Because more than 90 percent of significant cervical lesions can be detected by regular screening, the *Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set* (HEDIS) counts cervical cancer screening among its 13 indicators of effectiveness of care. All of the indicators are deemed to have high clinical, financial and strategic value.

Approximately eight women in 100,000 will develop cervical cancer, with slightly higher rates among certain ethnic backgrounds. About 4,100 women will die from the disease in 2002. Since the cure rate is nearly 100 percent when the disease is detected at an early stage, it is recommended that women who are sexually active or have reached the age of 18 be screened using the Papanicolau (Pap) Test every one to two years. Currently, only 54 percent of

white women and 49 percent of African-American women who develop the cancer are diagnosed early.

The incidence of cervical cancer increases with age; therefore, screening should continue, although screening is not recommended for women over 65 who have a history of negative results.

The cost of the Pap test is \$25 to \$60, making it a highly cost-effective lifesaver.

For more information, see www.ncqa.org and click on "State of Health Care Quality."

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Student poster session planned for Jan. 16

A poster session for participants in the Research Program in Academic Medicine, organized by the Student Research Committee, will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. The poster session will be in the atrium of the Van Nuys Medical Science Building.

All second-year students who did research this past summer will present their work in the form of posters. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the poster session.

An \$8,000 scholarship will be awarded for the best poster/presentation.

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Peds research loan deadline extended

The National Institute of Health has extended the application deadline for its extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program and Pediatric Research Loan Repayment Program. The new deadline is **Jan. 31**.

The extramural loan repayment programs provide for the repayment of educational loan debt of qualified health professionals who agree to conduct research for at least two years, including repayment of up to \$35,000 of the principal and interest of their educational loans. The 2003 programs differ from the 2002 programs in that the awards are no longer restricted to NIH grantees.

Applicants must conduct qualifying research supported by a non-profit institution, non-profit foundation, non-profit professional association, or United States government entity (federal, state, or local) and meet other eligibility requirements. The application deadline for a similar extramural program in contraception and infertility research has also been extended.

These programs were created by Congress in order to encourage physicians and other health professionals in pursuing related research careers.

Information is available from NIH's Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, www.lrp.nih.gov, tel. 866-849-4047, fax 866-849-4046, or e-mail lrp@nih.gov.

Also the FAQs on the extramural LRPs at can be found at www.lrp.nih.gov/about/extramural/extramural_faq.htm.

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Scholarships focus of wine-tasting party

The Indianapolis Medical Society Alliance and the IUSM Faculty Women's Club are hosting a wine tasting party from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday,

Jan. 24. Proceeds from the event, featuring products from several fine wine distributors, will benefit the IMA Allied Health Scholarships Fund and the IUSM Faculty Women's Club Medical Student Scholarships Fund.

The cost per person is \$50. Many of the wine and silent auction items are being donated so a large portion of the ticket price will go to support the scholarship funds. The event will be held at Dr. and Mrs. Craig Brater's home.

The deadline for reservations is **Monday, Dec. 16.**

Reservations and payment should be sent to Ellen Crabb, 4344 N. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, IN, 46205

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Online book shopping

For convenient, online shopping before the holidays or anytime, use [The RLML Online Bookstore](#) to order books in medicine, science, and technology. One of the benefits is customers can determine if a book is in stock before ordering. The service also offers a secure screen for credit card transactions.

By using [the RLML Online Bookstore](#), customers receive a 7 percent discount on most medical titles and support the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

For more information, contact Carole Gall, 317 274-1411, cfgall@iupui.edu.

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Scope will take a holiday break

The final issue of *Scope* in 2002 will be distributed Dec. 16. The deadline for submission of articles for that issue will be **9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13**. Publication will resume Jan. 6.

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IUSM Special Events Calendar online

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at www.medicine.iu.edu. The calendar also can be accessed directly at wwwdb.ucs.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar.

To place on item on the calendar, submit it via the form available as a link on the calendar Web site.

The calendar is designed as an informational tool for upcoming events and to help people avoid scheduling events simultaneously that might attract the same audiences.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty/index.html>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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