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Match Day this Thursday

Hints of spring abound and among them is a certain anticipation among fourth-year students. On Thursday, March 18 - Match Day - IUSM students will find out where they will be spending their residencies.

The annual Match Day activities get under way with lunch at 11 a.m. in the atrium of the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building. At noon, sealed envelopes bearing students' names will be randomly drawn.

The National Resident Match Day is a program that coordinates thousands of medical students' and U.S. hospital programs' preferences. During their senior year, students apply and interview for their preferred residency positions throughout the nation; their selection is administered through the National Resident Matching Program of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

An estimated 260 IUSM students are expected to match to a range of residencies.

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Calling all neurology chair candidates

A search committee has been formed to identify candidates for chair, Department of Neurology. The search will be limited to faculty of the School of Medicine.

Applicants must hold an M.D. or equivalent degree, be board certified in neurology, be appointed at the professor or associate professor level and have a demonstrated ability to manage a multi-faceted clinical, research and educational program.

Forward nominations (self-nominations are acceptable) to Debbie Cowley, director of Academic Administration, Fesler Hall 318.

Indiana University is an AAEOE, M/F/D.

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Kiss A Pig: And the winner was....

Henry Rodriguez, MD, director of the IU Pediatric Diabetes Clinical Program, received 1,038 votes (\$1 a vote) toward reaching his goal of kissing a pig in at the March 9 Indiana Pacers game. That, however, was not enough to allow him to pucker up. All of this was in good fun and to raise money for the American Diabetes Association – the real winner.

In all, \$91,464 was raised in the annual Kiss A Pig Campaign.

Raising the most money was Dr. Alan Breier, vice president, chief medical officer at Eli Lilly & Co. He received 63,704 votes.

The pig is in the spotlight during the event because of its role in the treatment of diabetes. In 1921, researchers found that by using insulin from the pancreas of a pig, diabetes patients could be treated. Today, most insulin is manufactured, but to this day the ADA allows the common barnyard animal to hog the show.

If you missed the Pacers halftime show, you can see Dr. Rodriguez with his porcine pal at www.medicine.iu.edu.

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Latin American student conference

The 14th annual conference of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students Midwest Region will be March 26 and 27.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together Latino pre-medical students, medical students, residents and physicians from the Midwest who

are interested in the health care of their communities. A series of workshops on the health care needs of the Latino community, student leadership and education opportunities will be Saturday, March 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Riley Hospital Outpatient Conference Center auditorium.

The conference will begin on Friday night with a dinner and conclude Saturday evening with a banquet and dance at the Indianapolis Arts Garden.

The cost for the conference is \$10 for pre-med students and \$15 for medical students and physicians. The banquet is an additional \$30 for pre-med students. Registration forms can be obtained from Trina Helderma at thelderm@iupui.edu, or from Lilly Santeliz at lsanteli@iupui.edu.

Conference registration can be done at the door the day of the conference.

The registration deadline for the banquet is **Friday, March 19**.

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Evening of the Arts is March 27

The 13th annual Evening of the Arts is changing its schedule from Friday night to Saturday this year. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27, at the University Place Conference Center auditorium. The program puts medical students in the spotlight, displaying their vocal, instrumental and dance talents.

Artwork and photography produced by the medical students will be on display and sold that evening at a silent auction.

Proceeds from Evening of the Arts will help people served by Wheeler Mission, Horizon House Day Center, Salvation Army, Genessaret Free Clinic, St. Thomas Clinic and Indianapolis homeless programs.

“We have a lot of fun putting Evening of the Arts together and entertaining the public, but the event also reminds us that as aspiring physicians we must be committed to serve our communities and people,” says Micah M. Bhatti, who co-chairs the event with fellow medical student James Smith.

Tickets went on sale March 8 and are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students. They can be reserved via email at iusmeota@iupui.edu, or by calling 274-7173. Reserved tickets can be picked up and paid for in VanNuys Medical Sciences Building, room 162.

Tickets also will be sold at the door.

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Speaker for March 24 Combined Seminar Series

The speaker for the March 24 IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series will be Edward Leof, PhD. He is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and associate director of basic sciences at Mayo Clinic Cancer Center. Dr. Leof's topic will be “TGFβ Signaling: Yeast to the Clinic.”

The series is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

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Medical Ethics and Humanities Program – April 8

“Old Milk, New Breasts: Uruguay's Infant Mortality Stagnation, 1900-1940” is the topic of the Thursday, April 8 Seminars in Medical Ethics and Humanities. Anne-Emmanuel Birn, PhD, from the University of Toronto social sciences and public health sciences departments is the speaker.

The lecture will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Cavanaugh Hall, room 438. A light lunch will be provided.

Reservations are recommend since space is limited. Call Judi Campbell at 274-4740, or email her at jizukac@iupui.edu by **noon, Tuesday, April 6**, to reserve a seat.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Medical Humanities Program at IUPUI in conjunction with the IU Center for Bioethics.

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Educational Research and Development Grants available

The IU School of Medicine is making available \$50,000 to support innovative projects designed to improve medical education. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded for the funding period, July 1 to June 30, 2005.

The deadline for applying is **Monday, April 26**. For additional information, see <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/Grants.htm>.

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AAMC grants and awards

At its annual meeting the Association of American Medical Colleges presents its major awards honoring individuals and programs making significant contributions in the fields of medical education, research and community service.

Specific information about each award and their respective nomination

requirements is available at www.aamc.org/about/awards/start.htm. The awards and their 2004 deadlines for nominations are:

Abraham Flexner Award – May 7

Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award – May 31

Award for Distinguished Research – May 7

David E. Rogers Award – May 7

Herbert W. Nickens, M.D., Award – April 2

Herbert W. Nickens, M.D., Faculty Fellowship – April 2

Herbert W. Nickens, M.D., Medical Student Scholarships – April 2

Humanism in Medicine Award – April 9

Outstanding Community Service Award – April 16

Caring for Community: A National Medical Student Service Project – March 29

Secretary's Award – To be determined by HHS

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, March 20, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. This week's co-host is

Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

The controversy of prescribing antidepressants to children and teens will be explored by David Fassler, MD, a child psychiatrist at the University of Vermont School of Medicine and a trustee with the American Psychiatric Association. He testified on the topic before the FDA last month.

William Branch, MD, from Emory School of Medicine and the Koppaka Scholar in Humane Medicine at IUSM, and Aaron Kalinowski, a fourth-year student at IUSM, will discuss the role of humanistic values in medicine and how they are taught in medical schools.

Daniel Neely, MD, assistant professor of ophthalmology at IUSM, will discuss advances in diagnosing and treating amblyopia in children and a new statewide screening program funded by the Indiana Lions Foundation.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu.

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Online IUSM calendars

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.

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 webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm.

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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 278-8722
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty>

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

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