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Spend a buck, dunk a dean

Some of the top leadership at the IUSM and IUPUI are on tap for a solid soaking later this month.

The second “Dunk the Deans” fundraising event is on for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, on the lawn in front of Fesler Hall, north of Michigan Street on the IUPUI campus. Proceeds from this year’s event will be used for the

IU-Moi University program in Kenya. The initial event in 2002 raised about \$10,000 for the IU-Moi University program in Kenya.

IU School of Medicine Dean D. Craig Brater, MD, and IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz will be among those who take their place in the dunking booth and no doubt they will hurl encouragement and insults at throwers. Prices begin at \$1; less accurate participants can make a larger donation and throw a basketball from a short distance.

Other activities planned include a silent auction of various craft items, such as jewelry, afghans, sweaters and pottery made by Kenya AIDS patients; miscellaneous gift items from local businesses and restaurants; and an Ambassadair Travel Club membership.

“Dunk the Deans” T-shirts are for sale for \$12; contact Linda Vinson at lvinson@iupui.edu, or call 278-0057. Polo shirts will soon be available for \$18 as well.

For more information about “Dunk the Deans” and a list of the “dunkees” and their times in the booth, go to www.medicine.iu.edu/events/dunkTheDeans.

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NIH loan repayment programs for researchers available

The National Institutes of Health announced Sept. 1 that it has begun accepting applications for its five loan repayment programs.

National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) can repay up to \$35,000 per year of qualified educational debt for health professionals pursuing careers in clinical, pediatric, contraception and infertility, or health disparities research. The programs also provide coverage for Federal and

state tax liabilities.

Applicants must have a doctoral-level degree, devote 50 percent or more of their time (20 hours per week based on a 40-hour work week) to nonprofit- or government-funded research, and have educational debt equaling at least 20% of their institutional base salary. U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or U.S. nationals may apply.

The NIH Loan Repayment Programs are a vital component of the nation's efforts to attract health professionals to research careers in areas of national need. The programs are the Clinical Research LRP, Pediatric Research LRP, Contraception and Infertility Research LRP, Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds LRP, and Health Disparities Research LRP.

All applications for 2005 awards must be submitted by **Dec. 15, 2004**.

For more information, go to www.lrp.nih.gov for further information and to apply online.

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Workshop hones research evaluation skills

The workshop, How to Locate and Interpret Science and Social Science Journal Impact Factors: An Introduction to ISI's Journal Citation Reports on the Web, will be 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday Sept. 14 at IUPUI's University Library, room 1130.

Faculty, graduate students, librarians, and information specialists are encouraged to attend this special session, which will be guided by Randi Stocker.

ISI's Journal Citation Reports on the Web (JCR) is a unique multidisciplinary research tool used for journal evaluation. It provides access to quantifiable statistical data that supplies a systematic, objective way to determine the relative importance of journals within their subject categories. By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Discover high-impact journals in your research area
- Determine which journals are cited most quickly (the "hottest" journals)
- Obtain a ranked list of journals for your research area--based on ISI impact-factors
- Print, save or export the data into spreadsheets for convenient and timesaving reporting

Participants will also have a better understanding of:

- What is not included in JCR
- When you should be cautious about using impact factors and journal rankings
- Why the Arts and Humanities are not directly covered in JCR

To register online use: <http://opd.iupui.edu/events.asp?unit=ir>, or call 278-6221. Be sure to select the workshop on Sept. 16. For more information, contact Randi Stocker at rstocker@iupui.edu or 274-0494.

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John Shaw Billings lecture to strike a nerve

The John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society, Inc. is announcing a special lecture by Sidney Ochs, Ph.D., professor emeritus of cellular and integrative physiology at Indiana University School of Medicine, in recognition of the publication of his book, *A History of Nerve Functions*.

The lecture will be Monday, Sept. 20, with refreshments served at 3:30 p.m. and the lecture beginning at 4 p.m., in rooms 301 and 302 at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

For more information contact Nancy Eckerman at neckerm@iupui.edu or at 274-2076.

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AOA annual meeting set for Oct. 11

The annual fall meeting of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society at IUSM is set for 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11 in the Ruth Lilly Learning Center in the basement of the Riley Outpatient Center.

The main item of business is to elect new members for induction into AOA and to choose a new president-elect and councilor/secretary treasurer.

Nominations for membership of IU house staff, faculty and alumni are being sought. Nominees must be individuals who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, teaching, leadership, research and volunteerism. Only active AOA members can make nominations.

Criteria for nomination and election:

- Graduate trainees. Must have completed at least one year of training; show promise of becoming leaders in their profession; have a strong academic record; demonstrate fairness, compassion, integrity and service to school and the community (up to three may be elected)
- Alumni Must have 10 or more years post graduation and have distinguished themselves in their professional career (up to two may be elected)

- Faculty Must hold MD or PhD or equivalent degree and have distinguished themselves in their professional careers (up to two faculty members may be elected)

Nominations, which should include brief background information and CVs, should be sent to Aslam Siddiqui, MD, Riley Hospital for Children, Radiology 1053, 702 Barnhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46202-5200. If you have questions or suggestions, please call Dr. Siddiqui at 274-0261.

Nominations must be received no later than **Friday, Oct. 1.**

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Northwest-Gary Center offers Fall Mini Medical School

Community members who are interested in learning about some of the medical issues confronting society today are invited to attend a free four-session Mini Medical School sponsored by IUSM's Northwest Center for Medical Education. In its ninth year, the Fall Mini Medical School offers four consecutive Wednesday evening sessions in September and October. Each session is from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and features an in-depth, informative look at some of today's most important health topics.

Colon Cancer – GI Tract and Its Health.

Session 1 (Sept. 22): Lecturers: Dr. Peter Mavrelis and Dr. Patrick Bankston

Heart Disease – New Treatments For Our Biggest Killer.

Session 2 (Sept. 29): Lecturers: Dr. David Jayakar and Dr. Stephen Echtenkamp

- Session 3 (Oct. 6):** The Aging Eye – Keeping Our Vision for a Lifetime.
Lecturers: Dr. Scott Buck and Dr. Carl Marfurt
- Session 4 (Oct. 13):** Breast Cancer – Is There a Father Connection?
Lecturers: Dr. Janice Zunich and Dr. Dipika Gupta

The Mini Medical School sessions are located at the Savannah Center on the Indiana University Northwest campus at 3400 Broadway in Gary. The sessions and parking is free to the public. There will be ample time for questions from the audience and refreshments will be provided.

Registration for one or all of the lectures is easy and free: simply call 219-980-6550 to hold a position in the class, or for more information.

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Firearm violence and suicide prevention conference

In an effort to reduce suicides and firearm related deaths, the IUSM-based Indiana Partnership to Prevent Firearm Violence, in conjunction with Clarian Health and National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Indianapolis will hold a conference on Oct. 5 at North United Methodist Church at 3808 N. Meridian Street.

The 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. conference is called “Understanding, Preventing and Responding to Firearm Violence and Suicide: How the Faith Community Can Make a Difference.” Participants will discuss who is at risk for suicide or gun injuries, present ideas for helping someone who is threatening suicide or at risk for gun injuries, and describe why gun violence and suicide are community-wide problems affecting all neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Ruby Grosdidier at 575-9128.

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Library workshops build computing skills

Faculty, staff and students have access to computer workshops through IT Training & Education program. These instructor-led, hands-on workshops conducted at IUSM libraries are from one-to-three hours in length and are free to students on this campus.

Faculty, staff, and the general public may attend for a small fee. With more than 80 offerings from Word, Excel, Access, Adobe and Macromedia to CGI, SPSS and much more, it's likely there is a workshop suited to enhance any user's computer skills.

To see a complete list of IT Training & Education's offerings or to register for a workshop, go to our web site at:

<http://ittraining.iu.edu/iupui/workshops>, or call 274-7383 and to receive a catalog and schedule.

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Biostatistics course offered

The Department of Medicine's Division of Biostatistics will offer a short course in October, "Biostatistics for Physicians: A Short Course" on Oct. 5-7.

This course will be held at Riley Outpatient Center, Ruth Lilly Learning Center (lower level) from noon to 4 p.m., noon to 4 p.m. each day. The course brochure will be mailed to IU faculty in next two weeks.

For additional information and to register on-line please visit

<http://cme.medicine.iu.edu>. This course is approved for 10.75 CME credits.

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Work/Life 10,000 steps program

Work/Life is initiating a program designed to pave the way toward better physical fitness by encouraging us to take 10,000 steps a day. According to the Cooper Institute of Aerobic Research, 10,000 steps a day at moderate pace can effectively lower body fat, improve blood pressure, and increase aerobic fitness.

To receive a SportLine 330 pedometer, contact Maggie Stimming at mstimmin@iupui.edu for an order form. The cost is \$10.25 for the device (checks only - payable to Indiana University). The deadline for ordering is **Sept. 17**.

Also, from Sept. 29 to Nov. 17, the Department of Physical Education will offer “Moving for Life” for older adults. This program includes a personal trainer and a supervised walking program. Contact Eileen Udry at 278-3312 for more information.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 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. The co-hosts this week are Ora Pescovitz, MD, and Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Rebecca Wappner, MD, IUSM professor of medical and molecular genetics

and professor of pediatrics, will discuss newborn screening in Indiana. Kinga Szucs, MD, assistant professor of clinical pediatrics, will talk about the importance of breastfeeding and the national breastfeeding educational campaign created by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Ad Council.

Also on the program will be Zonya Foco, registered dietitian and certified health and fitness instructor, to discuss healthy eating and easy lifestyle changes for a healthier America.

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 three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- 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.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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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