Letter from the president:

Scholarship goals met; upcoming reunion 2008

Hello everyone! I hope you are enjoying your summer and it is filled with fun and excitement. IUOAAA had some excitement of its own this year!

Our goal to raise $10,000 for our scholarship fund finally has come. We were able to make the goal a year earlier than anticipated. We are all very excited to grant the scholarship next year. Our Scholarship Committee and IUF have been very helpful in this matter. We appreciate all the support we have gotten and hope to see more faces each year.

In our last board meeting, we discussed our next reunion. I am really excited about this get-together as I think there will be something for everyone. We will be at the Waterfall Shelter in the Lower Cascades. Their will be a playground for kids, slack line for college goers (or the dare devil alums), and other fun games. We will also have a silent auction to continue to raise money towards our scholarship. Items for auction will include children’s books, school supplies, outdoor gear, and other great gifts and services. We hope to see Scholarship goals met; upcoming reunion 2008 you and your family. More information on the reunion will be posted in this letter.

In my term as president, it has been amazing to me how quickly time goes by. We are already losing three board members as they have fulfilled their terms. Rob Holman, Cathy Taylor, and Tom Mathews exit the board this fall. They have all been wonderful contributors to this association and the founding force behind getting the IUOAAA established. Their efforts, passion, and sense of humor will be missed.

I am also sad to say that David Calvin has resigned as the Program Coordinator of IOUA. He was the reason for many to stick with IUOA and pursue their outdoor dreams. He has always been supportive and a terrific friend. However, is not gone forever. We will still see him at every reunion. Read more about him and from him on page 2 of this newsletter.

This year has been the most promising for me. In our fall meeting we met with current Coordinators and talked about the old times and their perceptions of OA changing and in what direction it was moving towards. They are all very bright individuals and I believe they will do a wonderful job to keep the spirit alive with what OA meant to us all. It was relieving to them to know that we were not a bunch of “old farts”. We hope to see some of those faces run for Board.

With the introduction of the current OAers, the upcoming reunion, and the scholarship coming together, I want to extend many thanks to our Board Members who made all of this happen. They are dedicated workers and pushed through the hard times with smiles on their faces. I think they have done a terrific job and I am excited and proud of their efforts. Thank you!

I hope to see you on Sept. 13, 2008 at our next reunion. Register now with the form on page 3. We will also soon vote in new members on the board. If you are interested, please contact me. Or if you know of someone who would do a great job on the Board, bring him or her with you to this outstanding event. See you in a couple of months! — Karen Hesselman, BS’01

New adventure

New parent shares outdoor passion

As a former IUOA Coordinator, primarily leading rock-climbing trips, outdoor adventure has always been a huge part of my life. After graduating IU, I spent four years in the Colorado Rockies enjoying many of my favorite outdoor activities: climbing, hiking, mountaineering, and snowboarding. Now, my wife and I have moved back to Indiana to start a new adventure: parenting! With a 1-year-old, we are now discovering a more exciting adventure than ever before, and that is sharing our passion for the outdoors with our son. From seeing him touch bark on trees for the first time, to listening to babbling brooks, it is so exciting to see him taking in the outdoors.

We can’t wait for the alumni reunion in September to speak with other alumni who share in this new adventure! — Ryan McDaniel, BS’00

You’re invited!

Make plans now to attend the 2008 IUOAA reunion, Sept. 13. Look for details on page 3.
2007 boat party was a blast

On a sunny Saturday in September 2007, current instructors and alumni gathered for a day of swimming and relaxing on Lake Monroe. The group enjoyed sharing memories of their Indiana University Outdoor Adventurers experiences. This was a way for past “coordinators” to connect with current “instructors.” Alumni shared both simple memories and complex reminiscences.

Families and individuals showed off their cannon ball and diving skills from the top of the pontoon boat. A change in weather and the mad dash to the shore before the rain became too fierce provided a great end to the outing with more laughs and new memories.

“The group was very welcoming to the whole family, including my two young boys,” said Paige (Peters) Wagner, BS’98, and her husband Josh Wagner, BS’99, who attended the reunion event with their two young sons. Both were coordinators during the early 90s.

From Cal’s tent

‘So long’, not goodbye for retiring ‘fungi’

I have been asked to write a goodbye note, yet, in my humble opinion, goodbye is for a long period of time, maybe forever. So I am not going to type “goodbye,” rather “so long!” It’s been a great 15 years with IU Outdoor Adventures, and I look forward to staying involved in much smaller capacity, leading a trip or course now and then. No need for a goodbye.

More than 200 trip leaders have served during my tenure at IUOA, over 170 of these individuals are graduates of IU. In some form or fashion, each IUOA alumnus has provided a positive impact on the program and the thousands of participants and rental users we served. I thank each of you for your efforts, hard work, and dedication. Since 1993, the program has added the R-1 courses for academic credit, custom experiences, the Hellbender adventure race, Banff film festival, freshman orientation, and a small retail space. These are just a few changes the IUOA alumni family has helped to bring about. Growth has been remarkable over the years. Once again, thank you for all you have done.

There are many more wonderful thoughts that I can’t recall. Part of it is my age and the associated forgetfulness, but, mostly, it would be impossible to remember all of the positive experiences and stories I have heard from leaders and participants over the years. There were some less-than-enjoyable experiences, but we learned from them and made the program better as a result. A few are good for a laugh more than anything, but that is a health benefit.

I truly look forward to a much smaller role with IUOA and one free of the pressures and stress involved with being an administrator. I started 15 years ago with a full head of light brown hair. Needless to say, some things changed over the years; the color and amount of my hair included. I plan on continuing to help with IUOA and teach courses from the academic department for years to come.

Until we meet again: take care and all the best.

The Outdoor Fungi — Cal

Report from the board:

Spring 2008 meeting moves scholarship forward, addresses important issues

IUOAAA held its board meeting and root beer float social on Friday, April 18 at the outdoor adventures office. Current board members and a handful of current coordinators — from graduate students all the way to the current freshmen class — attended.

Conversation focused on the IUOAAA scholarship fund, which has grown to the $10,000 mark. We can now begin the search for the first recipient.

Additional topics of concern from the current staff include the general direction that the program is taking. Attendees expressed that the coordinator position now feels more like a job. Board members told stories of the fun and camaraderie that was an unspoken requirement to be part of this unique group of individuals. We need to keep the philosophy alive within the outfitters group. We discussed ways to increase interaction among coordinators. Meetings were previously mandatory, and individuals would be assigned to a community clean up if a meeting was missed.

After the meeting, all of the “old fuggies” went to Nick’s with some of the current coordinators and enjoyed pizza and the local beverages. — Rick Matteys, BS’96, IUOAAA vice president
Burgers, a slack line, farewell to Cal, and IUA fun!

The smell of grilled vegetables and burgers welcomed everyone to the Indiana University Outdoor Adventurers 2007-08 end-of-year cookout. The trip leaders, adventure specialist, office staff, and Cal celebrated another great year of trips, classes, and outdoor good times. They enjoyed great weather, passed the Frisbee, dined on delicious food, and balanced on a slack line.

A focal point of the night was when Dave “Cal” Calvin was honored for his many years of service. Cal will be missed by the alumni and current trip leaders and office staff alike. Dave Frost, IUA custom experience coordinator, shared his memories.

“Change is among us, and some memories will be all we have to remember the foundation IUA stands on. There is no doubt who created that foundation, nor is there any doubt of how lucky we all are to have had the pleasure to work with such an individual,” he said. “Cal has made an impact on all of our lives whether we accept it or not. He has as well created an impact on our community and the lives of individuals who have participated within our vast options of experience through the university. We should all feel a sense of gratitude and pride just to know that, in some way, we each helped Calvin make his vision come true. For all of those that have helped and invested time, please know how much this organization is a reflection of your work and contributions. IUA would not have been anything, had it not been everything that it was! Thank YOU!”

The IUA Alumni Association is looking forward to the new graduates joining our distinguished ranks. Our newest graduates include, Ryan Anderson, Zach Arregui, Kevin Chapin, Brittany Collins, Luke Johnson, Matt Lattis, Shannon McCarthy, Sarah Jane Pepper, Brooks Proctor, Ryan Ridge, Michael Valliant, Frank Vernor, Jackson Wilson and Aiko Yoshino. The IUA Alumni Association is very excited to welcome them into alumni status. We know they will do amazing things in the future. —Whitney York and Dave Frost

The Cal Report: our positive growth

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Mark your calendars!

Reunion 2008 is Sept. 13, noon–3 p.m. at Bloomington’s Cascades Park.

Bring your family, and enjoy a playground for children, games, a silent auction, and great cookout food. A silent auction will be held from noon to 2 p.m. with a variety of gift items such as backpacks, children’s books, gift cards, and more. Festivities take place at the Waterfall Shelter in the Lower Cascades. See you there!

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Mail registration form to IUAA, ATTN: IUOAA Reunion registration, Virgil DeVault Center, 1000 E. 17th Street, Bloomington, IN 47408.
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Caroline Parkinson Sanders, Cert/BA’99, is a transportation planner for the city of Rockville, Md. She and her husband, Jesse, Cert/BA’00, live in Washington, D.C.

Brianne Williams Kirkpatrick, BA’03, is a prenatal-genetic counselor at St. Vincent Women’s Hospital in Indianapolis. She married in June 2006 and lives in Zionsville, Ind.

Please keep in touch with other IUAOA alumni and let us know what you’ve been doing. E-mail your news to iuaaalumni-l@indiana.edu or to Karen Hesselman, karenh@snup.com.

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