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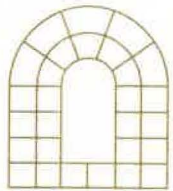
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MINORITY ALUMNI NETWORK NEWS

Fall/Winter 1995



WE'VE BEEN AWAY TOO LONG!

Since the last Network Newsletter, a few changes have been made in order to provide you with more information on alumni and students. The Newsletter's new editor is Lonnie Smith '94. He is a personal lines underwriter with State Farm Insurance Companies in Bloomington. Contributing writers to this issue include Melanie Hilliard '95, Jessica Brown '98, Sylvia Muniz '96, Tiffany Holmes '99, Monica L. Taylor '88, and Yvonne C. Jones.

Future issues will include a classified section for job opportunities, services, etc., as well as an update of on- and off-campus activities. Information that you would like to submit and photos from IWU school days are welcome. Black-and-white photos and other newsletter information can be sent to: Lonnie Smith, 118 S. Prospect, Apt. L-120, Bloomington, IL 61704.

CAMPUS NEWS



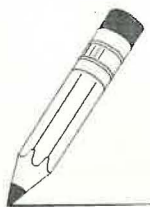
The Office of Minority Services has been changed to become the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs. The name change reflects the changes in higher education. Monica L. Taylor '88 is the director. (If there are University activities or events that you would like the students to be made aware of, please contact Monica at 309/556-3412.)

Malik Jones '91, formerly the administrative assistant for Academic Services, has relocated to Chicago to pursue his dream of becoming an Olympic track competitor. He is teaching part time while he is training for the competition. Good luck, Malik!

Travis Pearson '94 has been hired as a new admission counselor. One of Travis' responsibilities is to assist in the recruitment strategy of minority students. If you know of any students who might be interested in attending IWU, or if you would like additional information on admission policies, please contact Travis at 309/556-3031.

There were 15 minority students out of a total of 529 students in this year's freshman class (8 African-American, 6 Latino, 1 Native American). This brings the total number of minority students to 60 out of 1,865 students currently enrolled (37 African-American, 20 Latino, and 3 Native American). Several of the incoming students participated in the Minority Student Orientation which took place during the last week of August.

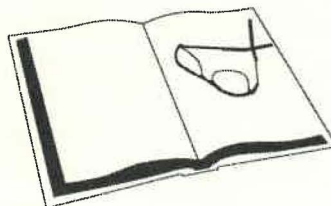
MINORITY ALUMNI NETWORK-CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER



The newly formed Minority Alumni Network-Central Illinois Chapter held its first meeting during this year's homecoming weekend. Current IWU minority students joined with several local minority alumni to discuss ways to enhance the relationship between students and alums. Recommendations included inviting alumni to BSU/CLASE meetings and other activities. A stronger collaborative effort within the mentorship program was also discussed.

If you are in Central Illinois and would like to become more involved with the Chapter, please contact Lonnie Smith '94 (309) 763-1904 (work), (309) 662-7346 (home).

IWU STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



1995-96 BSU Officers:

- Antwane Cowen '96, president, Glenwood, IL, political science major and African-American studies minor.
- Jessica Brown '98, vice president, Chicago, IL, political science major.
- Carla Nicholas '96, treasurer, Oneida, WI, political science major.
- Tremaine Rose '98, secretary, South Holland, IL, biology major.
- Camille Grant '98, Student Senate representative, University Park, IL, biology major.
- Fred Brown '98, parliamentarian, Maywood, IL, political science major.



CLASE

The Council for Latin American Student Enrichment is a small, active IWU organization whose purpose is to encourage and support Latinos in pursuing higher education and to promote diversity through educational, cultural and social activities.

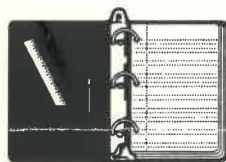
We hope to expand our organization with the participation of freshmen and to continue the production of successful events in Bloomington/Normal. For more information concerning CLASE, contact Sylvia Muniz '96 (309) 556-2409 or Monica L. Taylor '88 (309) 556-3412.

PAST EVENTS

- The Third Annual Minority Alumni Network Christmas Bash was held on **Wednesday, December 13** at the Cotton Club in Chicago.



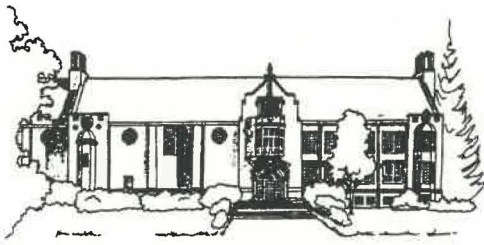
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale held its Sixth Annual Black Leadership Conference the weekend of December 2. Monica L. Taylor '88 and six IWU students attended. They included Antwane Cowen '96, David Paul '95, Carla Nicholas '96, Jennifer Johnson '99, Bahati Fernandez '99, and Jessica Brown '98.



SIU Professor Wenona Whitfield '70, led a workshop on D.R.E.A.M.S.-Making College Work For You!!! David Paul '95 also had an opportunity to sit in on one of her classes. She later treated the IWU group to dinner.

"We learned new things about our race and culture and, most importantly, we learned how to empower ourselves, not only in our daily lives, but as a whole on campus."

Jessica Brown '98



HOMECOMING WEEKEND OCTOBER 6-8

Some highlights:

- Luther Bedford and Ray Morgan, both from the Class of 1959, were welcomed back to campus after many years by students and alumni.
- Wenona Whitfield '70 received a standing ovation from her entire class during Saturday's alumni luncheon.
- Debra Burt-Frazier and Stephan Garnett, both from the Class of 1975, showcased their "stepper-set" skills during Saturday night's social at the Village Green Clubhouse in Bloomington.
- Music for Sunday's "Do-It-Yourself Gospel Festival" and Recognition Program was provided by Professor Barrington Coleman '80 and the IWU Limited Edition Ensemble, and Tiffany Holmes '99. This year's honorees included:



Luther Bedford '59 -- Marshall High School basketball coach featured in the critically acclaimed documentary *Hoop Dreams*.

Stephan Garnett '75 -- teacher in literature and writing -- Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, IL and researcher for the BBC Discovery Channel production of "The Promised Land."



Wenona Whitfield '70 -- associate professor of law at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL and federal judge nominee.

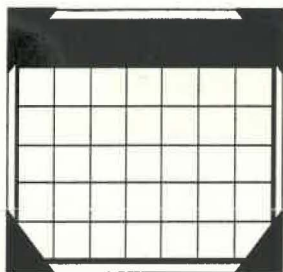
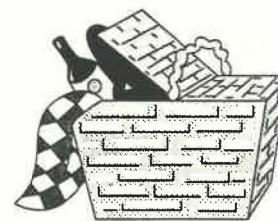
Malik Jones '91 -- Received a surprise special recognition for his dedication and support of minority students.

In celebration of Latino Heritage Month (September 16 - October 15):

On Sunday, October 1, approximately 200 people enjoyed an authentic Mexican dinner catered by La Posada, with music provided by a Mariachi group from Chicago.

Macuilxotchil, a Mexican folkloric dance troupe from Chicago, performed on Sunday, September 24.

On August 6, the Network welcomed a new freshman class at their fourth annual picnic. The event was once again hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Johnson (parents of Dr. Ansel Johnson '87) in Robbins, IL.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

- Saturday, January 13, 1996 IWU vs. Wheaton Basketball game, half-time entertainment provided by the Jesse White Tumbling Team. 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 14, 1996 6th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Dinner with special guest speaker, Judy Richardson, 5 p.m.
Cost: \$10 dinner/speaker, \$5 speaker only
- Monday, January 15, 1996 6th Annual Gospel Festival, Westbrook Auditorium
2-9 p.m. Admission: Free
- Thursday, February 1, 1996 Spike Lee speaking on campus.

Black History Month calendars will be mailed in January.

For more information on campus events, please contact Monica L. Taylor '88 (309) 556-3412.

P.S. Samuel E. Hall, III '91 and Monica Cheek '90 are getting married this fall!

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