In late January, IUPUI’s International House, in collaboration with the Intramural and Recreational Sports Department, sponsored an International Sportsfest. On three consecutive Fridays from January 20 to February 3, IUPUI students from abroad and the U.S. joined "I-House" residents and various IUPUI faculty and staff in energy-filled evenings celebrating both the universality and cultural diversity of sports worldwide.

The first two Friday evenings of the Sportsfest served as preludes to the Sportsfest’s International Night on February 3 to conclude the three-week event. On these evenings, participants played games of volleyball, basketball, and badminton. Teams were formed on-site, with team players monitoring their games and keeping score. According to players, such spontaneity made the Sportsfest especially enjoyable. Sportsfest prizes were also awarded on an individual rather than team basis to encourage participants to join any team and participate in any sport.

On January 20, at least eight volleyball teams rotated and played, as well as four courts of badminton, with the courts occupied throughout the evening as participants tirelessly continued playing. On the evening of January 27, Sportsfest basketball and volleyball players were unstoppable, with at least six teams of each sport rotating in competition.

The highlight of the Sportsfest, an International Night held on February 3, provided a delightful cultural night for all. Dances from throughout the world were performed, including Salsa, Tinikling from the Philippines, Garba from India, and Bilan from Eritrea. The audience joined in the dances (above) and played traditional games from different countries. The festivities also offered an opportunity to taste such international cuisines as Chinese, Burmese, Indian, and Eritrean. The evening was a big success and 1995 Sportsfest participants enthusiastically claim to have inaugurated a great new "I-House" tradition.

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New IUPUI Overseas Study Coordinator

This spring, Claudia Grossman, Adjunct Assistant Professor of German on the Indianapolis campus, also assumed the duties of International Study Coordinator in IUPUI’s Office of International Affairs. A former Director of IU’s 1989 and 1990 summer programs in Graz, Austria, Grossman is responsible for coordinating study abroad programs with OIP’s Office of Overseas Study in Bloomington. As International Study Coordinator, Grossman works to develop new overseas programs, advises IUPUI students on scholarships for study abroad, and directs IUPUI’s Baden-Württemberg Internship program for students of engineering, technology, liberal arts, business, and science.

Grossman is pictured with David Scahill, a senior majoring in anthropology with a minor in classical studies. In 1993, Scahill spent the summer with the Aegean Institute in Greece and the following two summers working with an excavation project through the American School in Athens. Next fall, he will begin graduate studies in archaeology in Boston.