Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis has just inaugurated a semester-long exchange program with the School of Arts, Design, and Technology of the University of Derby, Derbyshire, United Kingdom. At the school's American Studies Program, the university requires B.A. (Hons) students to spend the spring semester of their second year in the United States. The school has established linkages with several U.S. institutions to implement this requirement. IUPUI is one of the latest to join this group. It is expected that between three and six students will participate in the exchange from both campuses each year, with the number of students balancing out over a three-year period.

At IUPUI, the sponsoring academic unit for the exchange is the American Studies Program in the Institute for American Thought in the School of Liberal Arts. Currently, three Derby students are taking classes focused on American Studies at IUPUI. They are living in the new residential facilities on campus—site of IUPUI's International House—and finding their niche on campus. One of the students, Louis Gandolfo, found getting around without driving was difficult because of the sheer size of the city, but that he and his classmates were adapting. He also admitted: "We found the workload a bit of a shock—here we have continuous work during the course of the term whereas at home we're used to a smaller number of assignments toward the end of term." But he conceded the U.S. system had its good points in keeping students busy.

Under the terms of the agreement, students from any school within IUPUI are eligible to participate in the exchange. The University of Derby offers a full range of academic and professional programs in liberal arts, creative and performing arts, design and technology, life science, business, law, and the basic sciences. The university dates back to the nineteenth century and today educates 9,000 students a year. While IUPUI students will have a wide choice of courses to choose from, it is expected that most will be interested in the liberal arts and possibly architecture. In offering this new program, the American Studies Program has shown its commitment to offer more international opportunities for IUPUI students.

The program hopes to send from three to six IUPUI juniors and seniors as the first group to go to Derby in the fall of 2004. Derby is a thriving city of a quarter of a million people surrounded by the scenic beauty of Derbyshire and the Peak District, which is home to extensive parkland, attractive villages, and some of England's best-known estates. Derby is 12 miles from Nottingham, an hour from Birmingham and Manchester, and two hours by train from London.

IUPUI students enrolled in Derby courses need only pay their regular home tuition. With the lower cost of living in Derby—as compared to other areas in England—the program is a reasonably priced opportunity for IUPUI students. They will receive credit toward their degrees while being able to stretch their minds and experience a different style of living and culture.

Interest among IUPUI students has been high. It is hoped there will be a need to expand the program so that larger numbers of students at the Indianapolis campus can be accommo-
Robert F. Byrnes' Papers Donated to Indiana University Archives

The collected papers of Distinguished Professor Emeritus Robert F. Byrnes are now available in the Indiana University Archives. Byrnes joined the history faculty of IUB in 1956. In 1959, he founded and became the director and chair of the Russian and East European Institute (REEI). In 1967, he was awarded the title of distinguished professor of history. Byrnes retired from IUB in 1988 and died June 19, 1997.


The Robert F. Byrnes Collection comprises approximately 70 cubic feet of materials. At present, the collection is unprocessed, but is open for research; basic container inventories are available. The collection contains Byrnes' correspondence with foreign and U.S. scholars; files on the Inter-University Committee on Travel Grants (IUCTG), which he founded, Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, and International Commission on Slavic Studies; research notes for V. O. Kliuchevskii: Historian of Russia and his other writings; Ford, Guggenheim, and Earhart Foundation files; and committee files, other research notes, and reels of film from Byrnes' 1959 for-credit television course entitled Russian Revolutions and the Soviet Regime.

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At the official signing of the agreement at the University of Derby are (standing left to right) Dean David Manley, Assistant Dean Angela Dean, and American Studies lecturer Simon Philo. Seated are IUPUI's Associate Dean for International Affairs Susan Sutton and Professor Jon Eller of the Department of English.

dated. Derby has many disciplines in common with the IUPUI campus, and partnerships with other departments and schools may provide a wider range of opportunities for students. The Office of International Affairs, which provides orientation, promotion, and some oversight of the program, looks forward to a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship between IUPUI and the University of Derby. For more information on the program, contact Marianne Wokeck, American Studies Program, IUPUI; telephone: (317) 274-5820; e-mail: mwokeck@iupui.edu.

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