

## Local Briefs

April 10, 2004

### MONROE

#### **Astronaut to visit, speak at university**

Harrison H. "Jack" Schmitt, an astronaut and astrogeologist with the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, will be in Bloomington next week for meetings with students, faculty and children and other events.

He will give a free public talk, titled "Trip to the Moon and Beyond," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Whittenberger Auditorium in the Indiana Memorial Union.

He will also give a talk on lunar evolution for graduate students Monday at 4 p.m. in Fine Arts Room 015 and meet Tuesday during the day with Edgewood Intermediate School students and Indiana University honors students.

Schmitt was selected to be a NASA scientist-astronaut in 1965. He piloted the lunar module for Apollo 17, the last manned Apollo mission, in December 1972. He logged almost 302 hours in space, including more than 22 hours on the moon's surface.

#### **'United Against Silence' week set**

Members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community at Indiana University are planning "United Against Silence" activities next week. The annual observance calls attention to the cultural silence directed against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Activities include a "United Against Silence" forum Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Willkie Auditorium and a talk by a Minneapolis librarian titled "Reading Rainbows: An Evening with a Transgender Librarian" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center.

On Wednesday, there will be a silent march at 4:15 p.m. from Showalter Fountain to Sample Gates, where there will be a 5 p.m. "Breaking the Silence" rally. Keith Boykin will speak at 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall of the Indiana Memorial Union on "Your Blues Ain't Like Mine: Reconciling Homophobia and Racism."

#### **IU physics professor to talk about quarks**

The extraordinarily strong force that holds together the parts of protons and neutrons, called quarks, will be the topic of Indiana University's Distinguished Faculty Research Lecture.

The talk, by IU physics professor Alex Dzierba, will be at 3 p.m. Monday in the Indiana Memorial Union's Whittenberger Auditorium.

Dzierba is the leader of the GlueX/Hall D project, a \$45 million, federally funded research project aimed at understanding the behavior of the quark-binding force.

It's part of a \$250 million expansion and upgrade of the Jefferson National Laboratory in Newport News, Va.

### MORGAN

#### **Commissioners vote could ban smoking**

MARTINSVILLE — The Morgan County commissioners have given preliminary approval for an ordinance that would ban smoking in eating establishments that allow anyone younger than 21 to enter.

The Morgan County Health Board sponsored the ordinance, and has approved it as well.

County attorney Pete Foley said the ordinance would apply to all establishments, including those in municipal areas such as Martinsville and Mooresville.

Foley said violating the ordinance would be a Class C infraction and carry a \$100 fine.

He said a business that allows smoking or a person who refuses to stop smoking in a business could be fined.

Foley also said repeated infractions could lead to civil action, which could lead to closure of the business.

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