Tension spiked as news of the emergency call spread. Offshore field engineer Jason Bayne and his fellow crew members were on the receiving end of an urgent plea. A distressed caller reported that natural gas was leaking from a well, some 240 nautical miles from their ship. The crew was busy with a construction project, installing manifolds and electrical umbilical lines on the North Sea at 1 a.m. Something had to be done.

Team leaders gathered swiftly and pondered how they should respond, given the limited information. Their multipurpose construction vessel, the Seaway Eagle, could reach the scene within 24 hours, factoring in its speed.

And there was more good fortune to be had. The ship housed a dual dive team and featured full subsea maintenance capabilities. But the more unavoidable nudge to assist came from international policy, which states that the most capable vessel closest to an incident is the one that must abandon its operations and investigate.

Bayne and his team broke free and sailed to the trouble spot. “We had 24 hours to figure out how to solve the problem without knowing what the true problem was, other than a well was ‘uncontrolled,’” Bayne says. He adds that offshore

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Above: Jason Bayne, B.S.M.E. ’99 (foreground) enjoys a break onboard the Seaway Eagle with the project engineering team. His challenging career as an offshore engineer requires him to split his time between offshore and field office responsibilities. Bayne is based out of Stavanger, Norway, but his work takes him around the world. Below: Illustration depicts a typical floating production and storage platform for oil/natural gas, with wells along the sea floor tied back to the platform. His work often entails connecting the wells to a platform.
Upcoming Alumni Events

Get On The Bus:
12th Annual Statehouse Day
January 23, 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Indianapolis
Join students and faculty traveling to Indianapolis to lobby our state legislature for increased IPFW funding. The experience includes FREE motorcoach transportation, a FREE how-to-lobby lesson, a FREE self-guided tour of the statehouse, a FREE lunch with our 18 northeast Indiana legislators at the Embassy Suites Hotel, and much more. We need your alumni voice! Reserve your seat today. Call Susie Price at 260-481-6807 or e-mail her at prices@ipfw.edu.

Network Now:
Speed Networking Event
February 20, 6–9 p.m.
Summit Club, 110 W. Berry St. #2500, Fort Wayne
You have probably heard of “speed dating,” but our spin on the activity helps IPFW students find a career instead. By attending this event, alumni can take pride in helping students gain valuable career information; co-op, internship, and job referrals; or general job search advice. Your contribution as an alum could be as simple as speaking to students who are unclear about the connection between their major and the real world. Employers are encouraged to attend as well. The cost for alumni and employer participation is $15, and the registration deadline is February 13. For employer registration, go to www.ipfw.edu/accs and click on “Network Now for Employers Registration Form.” If you have questions, contact Ashley McArdle at 260-481-6591.

Calling All Florida Alumni
February 3, 2–4 p.m.,
Palm Island Resort, Cape Haze, Fla.
Join us at Palm Island Resort for a special lunch and IPFW reunion. Your parking on the mainland, transportation to the island by water taxi, and lunch is free for you and your family. Also, visit with some of your favorite professors such as Art Friedel (chemistry) and Doug Townsend (math). For food count purposes, please let us know how many will be attending in your party by e-mailing us at alumni@ipfw.edu by January 20.

Alumni Math Dinner
March 1, 6 p.m., Walb Student Union Ballroom
It’s time for the sixth annual gathering of math alumni and the Department of Mathematical Sciences faculty. The cost for the evening is just $19. Come back and see what’s going on at IPFW. Charge by phone with Susie Price at 260-481-6807 today.

Pride, Loyalty, Fun.
Mega Decal is Mega Cool
As an IPFW alumnus, you can show off your loyalty and pride on the streets. For a limited time, dues-paying members and new members can receive a FREE Tusky decal by presenting your membership card at the Alumni Relations office. Walb Student Union, Room 125.

Half-Price Alumni Memberships: $20
Earned your degree in the last five years? You can get a half-price alumni membership and a FREE Tusky decal. Class of 2003: This is your last chance!
Nicholas J. Frato, 65, died September 27. Frato earned an associate degree in 1964 and a bachelor’s degree in 1970. He served as president of the IPFW–Purdue Alumni Board of Directors from 1987–88. Before that, he served as an at-large member of the alumni board from 1982–86.

Denise J. Simon, 50, died November 9. Simon earned a bachelor’s degree from IPFW in 1985. She served as president of the IPFW–IU Alumni Board of Directors from 1989–90. She also served on the alumni board as the Class of 1985 representative and as vice president.

Legislative Lunch
The annual Legislative Issues Lunch for alumni and students with northeast Indiana’s 18 legislators was another success. Above, presenting their thoughts and feelings about IPFW, are (left to right) Andy Hoover, comptroller of IPFW student government; Nancy Louraine, M.P.A. ’89, director of Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults; Nick Gray, B.S.Ed. ’11, M.S.Ed. ’04, vice-president of South Side High School; Aaron Williamson, president of IPFW student government; Karen Golden, M.P.A. ’89, Fourth Wave; Ed Schaab, B.S. ’74, alumni director at the University of Saint Francis; and Brad Bagan, president of the IPFW Student Alumni Association.

Homecoming Alumni Awards
Five IPFW alumni awards were presented to five very deserving alumni and friends of IPFW during halftime of the Homecoming game. From left to right are Mahmudur Bhuiya, B.S. ’01, M.S. ’02, M.S. ’04, who received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award for his work helping Bangladeshi students acclimate to IPFW; Craig Bobay, B.A. ’80, accepted the Alumni Citation Award for taking fellow alumni and soccer teammates to Mississippi to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina; John Sofia received the Bob F. Jesse Medal for his collaboration between American Axle Manufacturing and IPFW’s engineering students and faculty; Geosciences professor James Farlow accepted the IPFW Honorary Lifetime Alumni Board Member award for helping design the campus’ bronze mastodon statue; and Ralph Crowe, A.A.S. ’68, B.S. ’70, was acknowledged with the Alumni Top Volunteer award for his years of service to the IPFW Alumni Association, being a Pacesetter and encouraging others to become one as well for the IPFW Annual Fund. IPFW Chancellor Mike A. Wartell, who presented the awards, appears on the right.

Dental Hygiene Luncheon
Gloria Hawli (fourth from left, emeriti faculty, is surrounded by members of the dental hygiene Class of 1967 who returned to reminisce about their days at IPFW.
Meet Your Alumni Association Board

My IPFW experience began like most commuter students. I drove to campus, attended my classes, and then went to work or home. It wasn’t until I got a work-study job that I realized I could be involved if I just stayed on campus beyond going to class. I joined the IPFW Student Alumni Association, got connected with other campus organizations, and recruited fellow students to become active. My IPFW experience was one that evolved as I did, from commuter mentality to campus involvement, from being a student to a strong leader.

I consider it a privilege to now be a member of the IPFW Alumni Association Board of Directors. I was inspired by the many board members I met while working as a student in the Alumni Relations office. I looked up to those alumni because of their willingness to give back to IPFW, and I wanted to be a part of that on-going experience. So I set a goal to be involved as an alumna of IPFW, whether simply volunteering my time or becoming even more involved as a board member.

Being a part of the growth at IPFW through the Alumni Association is priceless. I invite you to make a difference in the path that future generations will take at IPFW by joining the Alumni Association and getting involved.

Amy Egly
B.S. ’96, English
Teacher, Prince Chapman Academy, Fort Wayne
IPFW Alumni Association Board/IU At-Large Member

Learn more at www.ipfw.edu/alumni.


Dancing Her Way to the Fort

Fresh off the dance floor as a finalist on ABC’s Dancing with the Stars, Marie Osmond will be the 2008 keynote speaker for Tapestry: A Day for Women. Tapestry provides a day of renewal and self-growth for women of all ages, through educational, motivational, and inspirational programs designed to entertain and inspire in an atmosphere of camaraderie. Tapestry will be held at the Memorial Coliseum on Friday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Osmond’s topic, “Hanging on Through Life Can Ruin a Good Manicure,” will include information on her family, her career, and her eight children. An American icon, Osmond has endeared herself to an entire generation through television, music, radio, and Broadway. She is perhaps best known for her role in “The Donny and Marie Show,” which first aired in 1977. Her career has encompassed hit records, network television shows, Broadway musicals, movies of the week, worldwide concert tours, Top 10 status as a New York Times best-selling author, television commercials, lecture tours, and the extremely successful Marie Osmond Collector Dolls business.

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Her other major role is as co-founder/co-host of the Children’s Miracle Network, a project of The Osmond Foundation. The network, which coordinates the largest annual TV broadcast in fundraising history, has raised in excess of $2.6 billion since 1983 for children’s hospitals throughout the United States and Canada. Tapestry’s full day has several offerings in addition to Osmond. The event has raised more than $150,000 for an endowed Parkview Tapestry scholarship fund during the past seven years. It helps women complete their college degrees, especially in the field of health sciences. Sign up to receive a registration booklet by visiting www.ipfw.edu/tapestry. Men are welcome to attend the event, too. Registration begins in late February. Questions about sponsorship should be directed to the Tapestry Hotline at 260-481-6154.

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describes working offshore as being onboard a construction vessel for 4–10 weeks at a time, working 12–16 hour days, seven days a week. There is no such thing as a holiday. “As a field engineer, you are responsible for making sure that what the project team wants to perform offshore is both physically and practically possible,” he says. “Then, the field engineer has to communicate to a vessel’s crew how to accomplish the work scope very clearly.”

Bayne is currently an installation technical manager for Advanced Production and Loading, a small petroleum and natural gas production company based in Stavanger, Norway—a city considered to be the Houston of Scandinavia, given its heavy ties to the petroleum and natural gas industry.

He says he splits his time between offshore and field office duties, where the responsibilities often overlap. Today—as a result of continual promotions in the industry—Bayne divides the majority of his time between bidding for jobs, securing contracts, sourcing installation vessels, and securing subcontracts, all of which require a great degree of international travel.

Interestingly, travel is how he met his Norwegian wife. “Blonde hair and blue eyes took me to Norway,” he says, matter-of-fact. Bayne met his wife, Karen, while attending a Christian Bible school in England, a year before he began his studies at IPFW. Once they married in 1999, they both relocated to Norway shortly thereafter so she could be closer to her family.

Bayne quickly landed a job as a field engineer in the paper industry, but it was an industry in decline and with an uncertain future, he says. A trip to visit friends in Stavanger and an incidental tour of its “famous” oil industry museum led to inspiration. “I was convinced at that moment that I needed to find something within the oil and gas industry,” he says.

Through the grapevine of friends, he identified an offshore manager who worked for Shell. What was planned as a 30-minute introduction with the man expanded into a seven-hour discussion, Bayne says. Ultimately, a large subsea construction company took a chance on Bayne, and he went offshore immediately to become a field engineer. His prosperity continues, as he inventories his personal and professional career rewards: “I am given a considerable amount of responsibility that drives my motivation. I put in the extra effort to really make an accomplishment,” Bayne says. And as they say on Wall Street, the money ain’t bad, either. “The money is insane and actually unbelievable,” he shares.

In stride with his successes, he is also quick to acknowledge his IPFW roots. “Within top management, most industries are willing to accept a person’s failures and mistakes, but none are willing to accept a person who is unwilling to fight to find solutions—no matter what the problem. I learned how to find solutions while at IPFW.”

It’s more than the ability to find solutions that continues to bind him to the university. Bayne says he still applies philosophies he learned in Amitava Chatterjea’s classroom to his personal life. Chatterjea, emeritus professor of electrical engineering, says he encouraged his students to be willing to do whatever it takes to complete a job. “I told my students they would leave and become competent engineers, but that learning doesn’t stop upon graduation. Learning will need to be continued,” he says. “For Jason to remember this, that’s an honor.”

Bayne’s optimism and achievements are evident. Today, he reports directly to the CEO of his company. The highest-ranking colleague closest to his age is 20 years his senior. And last August, he signed an installation contract for work in India totaling $110 million.

Without doubt, Bayne is not only redefining the boundaries of his future, he’s redefining common knowledge, proving that oil and water do mix—at least in an offshore career. ▼
Building a Tradition of Excellence

Expecting excellence in competition and in the classroom is part of the IPFW experience. And, under the leadership of new Athletics Director Tommy Bell, IPFW Athletics is committed to building upon this tradition of excellence in every area of the university’s intercollegiate sports program.

Whether you are an IPFW alumnus or friend, you can be proud of the university’s growing tradition of excellence in NCAA Division I competition and the academic success of our student-athletes. Consider these most recent achievements:

• In October, the women’s cross country team pulled off a major upset by bringing home the conference championship during IPFW’s first season of competition in The Summit League.

• In November, IPFW hosted its first Summit League conference tournament as our women’s volleyball team captured the conference runner-up title.

• Last fall, IPFW celebrated the academic success of more than 200 student-athletes who have collectively achieved an impressive 3.0 grade-point average for four consecutive years, and

• Two IPFW student-athletes, C.J. Macias (men’s volleyball) and Hermann Kuschke (men’s tennis), represented their countries in the 2007 World University Games.

The university’s new membership in The Summit League now positions IPFW’s 16 intercollegiate sports teams to compete at the highest level of Division I athletics. Summit League participation promises to provide our student-athletes, alumni, and Mastodon fans exciting opportunities for intensified competition and athletic achievement.

Bell has identified growth in athletics competition and athletic achievement.

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must aggressively expand the Mastodon Scholarship Fund.” Bell says. “I consider the growth of the Mastodon Scholarship Fund one of my most pressing leadership responsibilities and the top priority for moving forward.”

The Mastodon Scholarship Fund is IPFW’s general athletics scholarship fund that provides much-needed assistance for student-athletes in 16 intercollegiate sports. It is the foundation upon which IPFW Athletics is built. The Mastodon Scholarship Fund is critical to the university’s ability to recruit, retain, and assist student-athletes as they pursue their educational goals and athletic dreams.

Two-thirds of IPFW’s student-athletes rely upon scholarship dollars to afford the cost of higher education. One-hundred percent of scholarship funds are raised from IPFW’s generous alumni, fans, and community partners. IPFW Athletics receives no financial support from Purdue or Indiana universities.

IPFW’s tradition of excellence in athletics is only possible because of the faithful and generous support of alumni, fans, and community partners. Royal Dons and Mastodon Society members provide the critical base of support for the Mastodon Scholarship Fund.

IPFW student-athletes give their very best in competition and the classroom. As alumni and fans, we owe them this same commitment to excellence. Thanks for your continued support of IPFW Athletics and your generous giving to the Mastodon Scholarship Fund.

IPFW Sponsors Pink Out to Promote Awareness, Research

IPFW Athletics will paint Memorial Coliseum “pink” on February 2 as 4 sponsors Pink Out. Pink Out is an NCAA nationwide initiative in women’s intercollegiate athletics to support breast cancer awareness and research programs. IPFW’s involvement will localize this awareness campaign in northeast Indiana. It will become an annual event sponsored by IPFW Athletics. A portion of the funds raised from ticket sales will go toward breast cancer awareness and education, and provide an opportunity for IPFW to increase community partnerships and promote IPFW Athletics.

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IPFW Athletics will donate $1 from individual ticket sales to support Francine’s Friends Mobile Mammography and the American Cancer Society. Tickets for IPFW’s Pink Out are $12.50 for blue seating and $8.50 for white seating. Basketball Family Pack promotional tickets will be honored at the event.

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Class Notes

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Amy Weisman, B.S., business, has joined Lake City Bank as a vice president and office manager for the southwest branch location in Fort Wayne.

Duane Hinshaw, M.P.A., was recently promoted to senior regional director at the Boys and Girls Club of America National Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., where he will oversee the regional directors for the southeast area, which serves approximately 1 million youth.

1984
Jeanne E. Longworth, B.S., business, has been certified as an Estate Planning and Administration Specialist by the Indiana Estate Planning and Administration Specialty Certification Board established by the Indiana State Bar Association.

1986
Dr. Andrew O’Shaughnessy, B.S., biology, has been named vice president to the 2007-08 board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana.

1987
Carol S. Johnson, B.S.N., nursing, M.P.A., has completed a Ph.D. in Health Administration. She is currently employed as an accreditation specialist for Parkview Health System and serves as a magnet appraiser for the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Rhonda Davis, A.S., nursing, has recently taken a job as RN/case management coordinator with Meadowvale Health and Rehabilitation Center in Bluffton, Ind.

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Make Your Mark
On a part of building the foundation that will make the new Alumni Plaza come to life!

Have your name engraved on a cobblestone in Alumni Plaza that will surround our beautiful “flat” fountain, featuring jumping jets of water accented by in-ground blue and white lights.

Mastodon Roast
Entertainment at this year’s Mastodon Roast was a real treat! Barry LaBov, A.G.S. ’82, (third from left), and his band, Mark Urgent, reunited for the first time in 25 years to entertain us as he did in the 1980s on the patio of Walb Student Union.
Inside Track

Cover Story: Engineering Miracles
Alumnus Jason Bayne travels the world in his career as an offshore engineer.

Alumni Events
Find out how IPFW alumni can get involved during the next several months.

Osmond Coming to the Fort
Dancing with the Stars finalist and veteran entertainer Marie Osmond will serve as this year’s Tapestry keynote speaker.

Mastodon Minute:
Meet Your Alumni Association Board
We hear from alumna Amy Egly, an active member in the IPFW Alumni Association.

New Feature:
Mastodon Tracks
Alumna Kimberly Wagner, B.A. ’01, M.P.A. ’05, takes us Down Under.

New Feature:
Tiny Tusksies
Make a fuss over these newbons — the children of proud alumni.

Athletics Update
• IPFW is planning to paint Memorial Coliseum “pink” in February to help promote breast cancer awareness.
• Learn about the Mastodon Scholarship Fund and how it is building a tradition of excellence in IPFW Athletics.

Watch out, Domino’s. We deliver (too).
OK. So my claim isn’t entirely accurate. Alumni Relations is not entering the pizza business. Domino’s is safe. However, we do share a few parallels.

YOUR IPFW Alumni Newsletter may not be hot from the oven, but it is hot off the press. It has arrived at your door with the deluxe toppings you’ve come to expect from us—all in a new package.

Read about alumnus Jason Bayne and his international deep-sea career adventures (cover story). Also, learn how you can participate in campus and community fundraisers, such as IPFW’s Pink Out (page 6) for breast cancer awareness and research and the Connie and Dan Dickey Alumni Fountain (page 7).

So, find a comfortable spot and enjoy several slices of campus life. In fact, the newsletter is actually better for you than pizza; it has more fiber content.

As always, share your story with us at alumni@ipfw.edu.

Jennifer R. Bosk, B.A. ’87, M.L.S. ’01, Director of Alumni Relations