



Thank Goodness for Interns



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Whenever I hear someone complain about students, I immediately think, oh my god, what would we do without them. Because, believe me, we would have a hard time getting out *Bloom* if it weren't for the terrific young people we have interning at the magazine. And I have a feeling that a lot of small-business owners—especially in this economic climate—probably have similar feelings.

So let me tell you about our four interns.

Samantha Paul is a senior at Bloomington High School North. We take one student every year from North's internship program; Sam is our third. She will be attending Knox College in the fall where she has received a creative-writing scholarship. Sam already has had several poems published and is currently working on her debut novel. She volunteers at Middle Way House and Hoosier Hills Food Bank, acts at Bloomington Playwrights Project, and plays the oboe, English horn, and flute.

Adam Kent-Isaac is our resident character. Knowledgeable in all kinds of esoteric subjects, he loves reading, writing, drawing, art history, classic cars, and studying portraiture and 16th-century armor. He also likes to drink beer, collect pipes, and tie fishing flies. He is a graduate of BHS South and a recent grad of IU where he majored in history. Adam will make his living as a writer; I have no doubt.

Lynae Sowinski started with *Bloom* in her senior year at North and has been with us ever since. A sophomore at the IU Journalism

School, she plans to make a career as a photojournalist. She already has had more than one hundred pictures published in *Bloom*. Lynae plays the mellophone in the IU Marching Hundred, is co-editor of the Collins Living-Learning Center yearbook *The Lantern*, and a member of the Collins Arts Council.

Margaret (Markie) Gray is a sophomore at the University of Chicago, majoring in English language and literature. She will be interning at *Bloom* for a second summer beginning in May. Markie hopes to become a book editor at a publishing company when her formal education is completed. A talented actress, singer, songwriter, and guitarist, she has performed locally in Shakespeare in the Park and acted in Chicago. She has also volunteered at Middle Way House and at the YMCA's Assisted Martial Arts program. Markie has a black belt in karate.

Not only do these young people bring talent and enthusiasm to the job, they also make it more fun for us boomers. If you have a business and you don't have an intern, you don't know what you're missing. Our high schools, IU, and Ivy Tech are gold mines of developing talent right in our own backyard.