

Knight tells IU he may sue over

■ Attorney says university's actions cost Knight more than \$7 million.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bob Knight has told Indiana University he intends to sue the school for slander and libel from his September firing, alleging his former employer cost him more than \$7 million.

According to a letter obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, Knight alleges the university also violated the Indiana Open Door Law, inflicted emotional distress and interfered with his ability to find a coaching job.

"If the university doesn't negotiate with us, we have no choice but to sue," said Knight's attorney, Russell E. Yates of Denver.

Knight was fired Sept. 10 by IU President Myles Brand after 29 years as coach for violating its "zero-tolerance" policy. The firing came

after Knight grabbed a freshman student by the arm and lectured him on manners after he greeted the coach informally.

Knight had 180 days to notify the university of his intention to sue. That deadline is today.

Yates said Knight was driving to his home in Arizona after he spent time with the St. Louis Cardinals at spring training in Jupiter, Fla., and was unavailable for comment.

Yates said Brand's comments since the firing have hurt Knight pursuit of another coaching job.

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"We have concerns that are talking to other college that is a violation of tort. Yates said. "Myles Brand loved tried to make himself a pub

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Long overdue

Patrons pay the price when they don't return materials on time

RETURNS GETTING LATER: Reference Librarian Mary Snider uses a bar code reader to check in a book returned to the Logansport-Cass County Public Library.



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By **DEB SAINE**
Pharos-Tribune regional writer

A library director was at lunch one day when she bumped into a patron.

"Oh, I'm so embarrassed," the patron said. "I can't believe I ran into you. I've got a book that's so overdue, I'm embarrassed to bring it back."

It's not a crime to have overdue books, said Sara Daly-Brosman, public relations librarian at Delphi Public Library.

But it is inconsiderate.

"I think people forget they are tax-owned materials, and they're hurting their fellow card holders," said Charlotte Davis, the new director of Monticello-Union Township Public Library.

And the embarrassed patron seems to be the exception, according to Reference Librarian Mary Snider at Logansport-Cass County Public Library.

"People don't take (returning materials) as seriously as they used to," Snider said.

"And I think it's becoming more prevalent, I really do ... There's always been a certain per-

centage of patrons who don't return things on time. But I've read ... the trend seems to be (libraries) are suffering greater losses and using collection agencies. Maybe it's a sign of the times.

"A lot of times, they do return the books but they're really late. It's not their intent never to return them, they just have other things to do."

Delphi's Kelly Currie is one local director who not only has a collection person in place but also has consulted an agency while Fulton County Public Library is considering using a collection

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death April 25, 1982.

The Rev. Phil Lake will officiate at the services. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral home, where an Eastern Star memorial service will be conducted at 7:45 p.m., and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

funeral notices

Amber

Services for Jesse H. Amber, 19, of 409 19th St., will be held at 7 p.m. today in McCloskey-Hamilton-Gundrum Funeral Home.

Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Mullins

WINAMAC — Services for Dorothy G. Mullins, 67, of Westfield, formerly of Winamac, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Frain Mortuary. Burial will be in Winamac Cemetery.

Friends may call after 9 a.m. Saturday in the mortuary.

Services also will be held at 10:30 a.m. today in the Westfield Friends Meeting.

Salary

CULVER — Services for Ira James Salary, 1, of 6569E 800N, Culver, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Monterey United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Riverside Memorial Cemetery, Monterey.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today in Bonine Funeral Home and one hour before the services Saturday in the church.

Sellers

Services for William E. Sellers, 85, of 1113N 600E, Logansport, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Fisher Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Miami Baptist Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today in the funeral chapel.

Spring break

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that might occur. She stressed that each child must have a contact person's name and phone number as well as any emergency numbers left with him or her when signing in.

Jeff Pomasl, associate executive director of the Cass County Family Y, 905 E. Broadway, said students can enjoy several events at the Y during the last week of this month.

For those kids who would want to get an early start on swimming lessons, Splash, a concentrated swimming lesson program, will be held for 35 minutes each day. There are four different class times with a capacity for 20 kids per class, said

(because) it's an introductory class (to prepare) them for being around water. ... It's a quick training for swimming safety."

Students 16 years or older can participate in a lifeguarding class, which starts March 24 with an all-day training session of CPR for professional rescuers. The class will be held each day throughout break from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Y.

For kids who just want to have fun in a variety of areas, Pomasl said Spring Break Camp at the Y begins at 7:30 a.m. on the 26th and will continue throughout the week, ending each day at 5 p.m. Kids participating in the camp will be able to swim, play games, enjoy arts and crafts and do an assortment of fun things in the gym.

"The camp is so that parents who work don't have to find alternative childcare for

Pomasi.

And, finally, a baby-sitting training class will be held on March 31 for kids who will be venturing into the world of childcare this summer. Students will be taught infant and child CPR and tips on how to take care of kids. They also will be presented with safety and emergency procedures, according to Pomasl, who said this class is a good way for kids to learn proper techniques.

All of the sessions at the Y are open to members and nonmembers. There is a fee for each class. Pomasl said individuals wanting more information and times for any of the above classes or events can call the Y at 753-5141. For information about the Ben Long Recreation Center's activities, call Ward at 753-7388.

Overdue ...

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agency in the future.

The first overdue notice for Delphi patrons goes out after the material is a week late. The second, after 21 days, and the third, after 35.

In the past, Currie said notices were sent two weeks after the due date. But a collection agency recommended mailing the notices within seven days.

"You get a better retrieval rate by shortening the amount of time you wait to send the first notice," she said. "A lot of times, a book is forgotten because it's stuck under a seat in the car or a child's bed, and you may not notice it"

Fulton County's circulation clerk is also a wife and the mother of three children.

Tami Holloway said she can sympathize with patrons who are parents with overdue materials because more moms are busy working outside the home.

"But I don't have sympathy for the ones who are way overdue, like months overdue," Holloway said, whose job includes overdues. "All they have to do is put them in the drop box."

That doesn't mean they won't be fined,

she added, "They can pay that later, as long as we get our books back. That's more important"

Fines depend on the type of material that's overdue and varies among area libraries. Something that doesn't vary is charging patrons replacement costs for lost or damaged materials. At Delphi, fines never exceed the replacement cost.

"We're pretty lenient," said Logansport's Snider. "The rate is 2 cents per day, per book, and then the maximum is 50 cents per book. Compact discs are a quarter per day with a \$1.50 maximum and videos are \$1 per day with a \$4 maximum."

Any fines that add up to \$2, and Cass County patrons can't check out anymore materials until the fine has been paid. A patron's privileges at Pulaski County are revoked if a third written notice is ignored.

And for overdue Fulton County card holders, a reminder is mailed out if there's been no response to up to three "nice" phone calls.

"We operate in the public trust," Currie said. "Everything we have belongs to the community. By not returning items, you're causing us to use our resources to purchase things we've already purchased ..."

"And you're hurting the whole community because (materials) belong to taxpayers."

birth notices

Logansport

•Ryan and Lori Riendeau, Macy, are the parents of a daughter, Layne Alexandria Riendeau, born Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, in Logansport Memorial Hospital. Maternal grandparents are George and Linda Shultz, Macy. Paternal grandparents are Alan and Gina Riendeau, Walton.

Monticello

•Michael L. Springer and Patsy Sue Pride, West Lafayette, are the parents of a daughter, Ashlyn Elizabeth Springer Pride, born Monday, March 5, 2001, in White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello. Maternal grandparents are Duane and Lucille Armstrong, Tucson, Ariz. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Sharon Springer, Brookston.

Other Locations

•1st Lt. Seth T. and Melissa Lampton, El Paso, Texas, are the parents of a son, Seth Taylor Lampton Jr., born Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, in William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso. Maternal grandparents are Robert Ortiz and Cecilia Ortiz, both of El Paso, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Elmer and Sandra Foster, Logansport, and Steve and Ellen Lampton, Villa Park, Ill.