

Notes from the Chancellor

Indiana University South Bend | Fall 2007



Greetings,

The 2007-08 academic year is underway and with it comes a lot of excitement and energy on campus. There is a lot of news to tell you. Enrollment is strong, construction of student housing is underway, and the IU South Bend Elkhart Center opened for classes and was dedicated. Those stories and more in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 9

Schurz Library Speakers Series
Paul Murray, "Power of One"
7:30 p.m., 5th Floor Atrium

Oct. 12, 13, 18-20 at 8 p.m.

Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

IU South Bend Theatre Company
"Paragon Springs"
Campus Auditorium

Oct. 14

Euclid Quartet
4 p.m., Recital Hall

Oct. 23

Dedication of Hammes
Information Commons
4 p.m., Schurz Library

Oct. 26

Rex and Alice A. Martin
Piano Fellowship Recital
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

Oct. 28

Rebecca Hovan, Flute
4 p.m., Recital Hall

Nov. 15

Conversations on Race XI
Ray Suarez, PBS News Hour
6 p.m., Northside 158

Enrollment and Credit Hours Increase

Official enrollment figures show an increase in students and credit hours for the fall 2007 semester. The campus enrolled 7,517 students, which is an increase of 1.3 percent from last year. Students are taking 71,034 credit hours, which is a 1.5 percent increase from last year. IU South Bend also has the largest percentage of full-time students in its history (64 percent). A special thanks goes to the staff of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and faculty advisors for guiding and registering students.

Student Housing Website Features "Housing Cam"

Construction of student housing is 30 days ahead of schedule. Track the progress of the construction by visiting the IU South Bend student housing Web site which features "housing cam." Go to www.housing.iusb.edu or the IU South Bend home page at www.iusb.edu and click on Student Housing in the Popular Sites dropdown box. Once there, click on the "housing cam" image to get a view of the construction that is updated every 30 seconds. The student housing Web site has the latest information including rental rates, answers to frequently asked questions, floor plans, and artist's renderings. Eight two-story buildings featuring one-, two-, and four-bedroom apartments are under construction, plus a community building that will serve as a gathering place for students. The housing complex will accommodate a total of 400 students. Housing will be available next fall.

Elkhart Center Dedication

More than 300 people braved a thunderstorm to attend the dedication ceremony of the IU South Bend Elkhart Center on August 29. IU President Michael McRobbie presided over the event which included members of the IU Board of Trustees, elected officials, business leaders and residents. The \$4 million facility was paid for by private donations raised by a group of Elkhart civic leaders. Speakers praised the leadership of Art Decio and Bob Deputy, the donors, and the city of Elkhart for their generosity and commitment to higher education. The Elkhart Center opened for classes on August 27. Enrollment at the Elkhart Center is up nearly 20 percent from last year.

Higher Learning Commission Visit

IU South Bend will have some important visitors on November 12, 13 and 14. A team from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) will be gathering information for re-accreditation of the campus. IU South Bend received its last accreditation seven years ago. The centerpiece of re-accreditation is the self study, which is a thorough examination of the strengths and weaknesses of the university.

The self-study provides a window into virtually every campus operation. The HLC team visits the campus to review the evidence contained in the self-study and to provide their perspective about programming, policies and procedures. The self-study is available on the IU South Bend Web site at www.iusb.edu from a link on the Chancellor's Web page or at <http://iusb.edu/~hlc/>. The campus slogan for the HLC visit is "Be Prepared, Be Committed, Be Present."

Hammes Information Commons Dedication October 23

The Hammes Information Commons is open for business at the Schurz Library. The Commons features the most comprehensive collection of print and digital information resources on campus. The Commons, funded by a lead gift from Jerry and Dorene Hammes, is a collaborative workspace where students can work in groups or individually on research and multimedia projects, and receive assistance from reference librarians, technology assistants, and multimedia specialists. A dedication ceremony for the Hammes Information Commons will be October 23 at 4 p.m. IU South Bend is deeply grateful to Jerry and Dorene Hammes for this wonderful resource for students and faculty.

Master's of Nursing Degree Approved

The Indiana Commission on Higher Education has approved the addition of a Master of Nursing degree at IU South Bend. The degree program to be offered in fall of 2008. Congratulations to Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Alfred Guillaume, Dean Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, and the faculty and staff of the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Center for Economic Education Wins Award

The IU South Bend Center for Economic Education has been selected to receive a Peter V. Harrington Award for Excellence. The center was chosen for the award for the number of K-12 teachers trained in economic education. Grant Black, assistant professor of economics at IU South Bend and director of the center, along with teacher advocate Kathy Heyse, trained 249 teachers in 11 workshops. The center will be honored at the Indiana Council for Economic Education annual awards program in November.

Sustainability is 2007-08 Campus Theme

Sustainability – making ecological choices for the good of the community and the world - is this year's campus theme. IU South Bend will have public events and discussions throughout the year that promote thinking about how actions taken at IU South Bend affect the long-term health and well-being of the campus, the community, and the world.

As part of the sustainability theme, the One Book, One Campus program invites the campus and the community to read "An Enemy of the People" by Henrik Ibsen. In the book, a doctor learns that his town's livelihood, a natural hot spring, is contaminated. When he suggests the spring should be closed a fierce debate erupts. Please join the campus in reading the book and learning about sustainability.

As you can see, exciting things are happening at IU South Bend. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions as IU South Bend continues its mission at the only public, bachelor's and master's degree granting institution of higher learning in Michiana.

Sincerely,



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