

Notes from the Chancellor

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Greetings,

One of the good things about the spring semester at IU South Bend is that you know spring is coming. The winter weather has been challenging but exciting projects, events and accomplishments continue to take place on campus. The Dance for the Homeless, applications for student housing, the Wolfson Press, research, and recognition of outstanding faculty highlight this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

Upcoming Events

March 20 - April 4

Student Art Exhibition
Raclin School of the Arts Gallery

March 20

2008 Music Across the Atlantic:
An Evening of New Music
Works by students and faculty
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

March 28

Toradze Piano Studio
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

April 1

IU South Bend Brass Choir
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

April 9

Flute and Guitar Ensembles
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

April 11, 12, 17-19 at 8 p.m.

April 29 at 2 p.m.

IU South Bend Theatre Company
"Spinning Into Butter"
Northside Hall Upstage

April 12

Green Michiana: A Sustainability Fair
The Grille, Administration Building

April 19, 20

Dance for the Homeless
Student Activities Center

May 6

Commencement
6 p.m., Notre Dame Joyce Center

Dance for the Homeless

The IU South Bend Student Government Association, in partnership with the Center for the Homeless, is holding a 24-hour dance marathon as a fund-raising event in April. The Dance for the Homeless will take place from noon to noon on April 19 and 20 at the Student Activities Center on campus. Dancers will remain on their feet for 24 straight hours to show support for South Bend's homeless population. The event will feature live bands, video game competitions, sports tournaments, and lots of food. Each dancer is required to raise \$250 minimum for the Center for the Homeless prior to the dance. Go to www.danceforthehomeless.com to register. I encourage everyone to participate in this wonderful campus event by pledging, dancing, or volunteering.

Paula Smith

Named Director of Housing and Residential Life

Paula A. Smith has been named the first-ever director of Housing and Residential Life at IU South Bend. Smith has 16 years of experience in student housing, admissions and residence life from various institutions including Bowling Green State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Purdue North Central and the University of Notre Dame. Before her move to IU South Bend, she was a corporate trainer for Press Ganey Associates Inc. and the assistant director of residence life and housing at Notre Dame from 2000-2007. Please join me in welcoming Paula to the campus.

Student Housing Virtual Tour

Construction of student housing remains on schedule despite the erratic winter weather. Applications continue to arrive, resident assistants are being hired, and preparations are underway for tours of a model unit beginning later this spring. For a preview of what the housing units and community center will look like, go to www.housing.iusb.edu for a virtual tour. Student housing features beautifully designed 1-, 2-, and 4-bedroom apartment-style units located along the St. Joseph River. Units are still available. They are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply now and join the first class of residential students at IU South Bend.

Sam Centallas Named Director of Student Life

Sam Centallas has joined IU South Bend as the new director of student life. Centallas comes to the campus from Albion College in Albion, Mich., where he was assistant director for Greek life and student organizations. Centallas is also a frequent guest speaker on subjects including hazing, risk management, diversity, eating disorders, and student recruitment. Please welcome Sam to campus.

Get on the Bus to the Statehouse

More than 50 students, faculty, staff, and alumni took the annual bus trip to Indianapolis to visit state legislators. The group from IU South Bend joined other IU campuses on Feb. 13 as part of the Hoosiers for Higher Education Statehouse visit. The goal of the trip was to thank legislators for their support of Indiana University, IU South Bend, and higher education in Indiana. Thank you to all who participated.

Randy Isaacson Receives Legacy Award

Randy Isaacson has been named the first recipient of the Legacy Award established by the IU South Bend Alumni Association. The award recognizes a faculty member for making a difference in the lives of students. Isaacson is an associate professor in the School of Education and has taught at IU South Bend since 1974. He currently teaches educational psychology, interpersonal communications, and educational motivation. He also works closely with students in the peer mentoring program and the Threshold Seminar courses that help prepare students for the rigors of college academics. Congratulations to Professor Isaacson.

MLS Program Starts Wolfson Press

In response to a growing interest in public writing, the Master of Liberal Studies program has launched Wolfson Press, named for longtime IU South Bend Chancellor Lester Wolfson. The goal of the press is to publish books that will enrich and deepen the university's relationship to the region. Two books have already been printed, "And Now, Michiana Chronicles" and "Kurt Simon: Businessman and Benefactor." I want

to thank Ken Smith, director of the MLS program, for his leadership on this project.

Ilan Levine Research in Science Magazine

Assistant professor of physics and astronomy Ilan Levin is part of a team of scientists who have announced a new development in the quest to observe dark matter. Levine has been working on the Chicagoland Observatory for Underground Particle Physics experiment at the Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. The results are published in the February issue of *Science* magazine. Congratulations to Professor Levine on this noteworthy accomplishment.

Ron Monsma Wins Best of Show Award

Congratulations to Ron Monsma of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts faculty for winning the Jack Richeson/Unison Pastels Best of Show Award in the 9th Annual Pastel 100 competition, a national competition sponsored by Pastel Journal.

Sustainability Fair

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12, when Green Michiana: A Sustainability Fair takes place as part of the 2007-08 campus theme of sustainability. The fair will include local businesses displaying options in alternative energy, transportation, construction, and green products for the home and garden. On April 8-12 IU South Bend will be hosting a Styrofoam and plastic bag recycling drive. People can drop off clean plastic shopping bags, Styrofoam packing peanuts, and other pieces of clean, white Styrofoam. Drop-off locations on campus are at The Grille in the Administration Building, the Student Activities Center, Northside Hall, and Wiekamp Hall. I hope you will support the recycling drive and the fair.

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 as the only public, bachelor's and master's degree granting institution of higher learning in Michiana.

Sincerely,



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