Greetings,

The spring semester at IU South Bend is underway. I always appreciate being able to talk about “spring” in January and February. I have a lot of information and activities to share with you in this newsletter, as IU South Bend continues to grow. So, let’s get started.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT IU SOUTH BEND

March 15
One Book, One Campus
Chris Hedges, Author
Franklin D. Schurz Library @ 7 p.m.

March 18
Job Fair
Student Activities Center
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Biological Sciences Open House
Northside Hall
3 – 5 p.m.

Toradze Piano Studio
8 p.m.
Campus Auditorium

March 31 and April 1
IU Board of Trustees Meeting
IU South Bend Campus

April 16
Showcase of the Arts: Kids Create!
Northside Auditorium – all day

May 10
Commencement
Joyce Center, Notre Dame

Spring Semester Sets Record for Credit Hours

IU South Bend set two records for the spring semester, one for credit hours and one for full-time students. Credit hours for the spring are 64,895 and full-time equivalent students set a record with 4,440. These two categories are critically important. Credit hours are the basis for operational budget funding and full-time equivalent students represent the trend of students taking 12 or more credit hours. Both credit hours and full-time equivalent students are up approximately 13 percent over five years. I want to thank the campus community for the hard work that goes into enrollment, registration and financial aid each semester. I especially appreciate the leadership of the Enrollment Management committee and the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs units in guiding this process.

IU South Bend Fast Facts

Speaking of statistics, enclosed with this newsletter is a mini-brochure called Fast Facts. It contains the latest basic information about IU South Bend. As a friend of the university, I want you to have the most up-to-date details to help spread the good news about what is happening on campus.

Students Get on the Bus to the Statehouse

More than 100 IU South Bend students, faculty, alumni, and friends boarded two buses for a Feb. 8 road trip to the Statehouse in Indianapolis. The IU South Bend contingent joined representatives from all of the IU campuses for the annual Hoosiers for High Education (HHE) visit with legislators. Students talked with their home legislators about state funding for higher education and heard from IU President Adam Herbert at a reception at the Indiana Convention Center. IU South Bend students also used the opportunity to ask legislators to support the $27.8 million capital project request.
Campus United Way Campaign Surpasses Goal

I am proud to announce that IU South Bend surpassed its goal for the 2005 United Way campaign. The campus pledged more than $28,000 and ended the campaign at 104 percent of goal. I appreciate the generosity of all the employees who are giving back to the community. I also want to thank Professor Jennifer Kline for her leadership in the campaign.

Intramural Sports Rising Fast

IU South Bend students are not only taking more classes on campus, they are participating in more activities. A report from the Student Activities Center shows that for the fall semester, 243 students participated in 21 intramural sports. For the previous entire year, there was a total of 173 participants. Students are involved in soccer, volleyball, softball, flag football, dodgeball, wiffleball and basketball.

As you can see, education, fun and fitness are all taking place 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, comprehensive, bachelor’s and master’s degree granting institution of high learning in Michiana.

Sincerely,

Una Mae Reck
Chancellor, Indiana University South Bend

for renovation of the Associates Building on campus into a modern instructional classroom facility. I will continue to meet with legislators and to work with the steering committee on this project. According to HHE, IU South Bend had the most students of all the IU Campuses at this event.

Biological Sciences at IU South Bend

As part of Indiana University’s statewide Life Sciences initiative, the Biological Sciences Department at IU South Bend is having an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 18. The public is invited to this free event which will be at Northside Hall. Highlighting research taking place on campus, some of the exhibits include demonstrations on fish cardiovascular physiology by using a rainbow trout in a swim tunnel, fluorescence microscopy in the study of pollination in Hydrophyllum, the connection between fruit flies and eye genetics, and the impact of mosquitoes on human health. There also will be tours of the greenhouse and research on African acacias. For more information on the IU Life Sciences initiative go to www.lifesciences@iu.edu.

INCC Career & Internship Fair

IU South Bend will be the host site for the first Indiana Career Consortium Career and Internship Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the Student Activities Center. The campus has sponsored a job fair for the last 20 years but this one is different. This event is a project of a 10-campus consortium formed in Northern Indiana to stem the tide of brain drain. Participants include: Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross, Goshen College, Valparaiso University, Ivy Tech, Bethel College, Purdue North Central and Ancilla College, along with IU South Bend. More than 120 employers are expected to attend.