

The Spot - August 18

Campus Center, WOW, Parking Services, JagTag, Campus Safety

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Transcript

[K. Elliott] Hi and welcome back to school. I'm Kady Elliott, the guest host for the August 18th edition of IUPUI's The Spot.

The Campus Center is only entering its eight months of being open and it has already hosted more than 26-hundred events. Thousands upon thousands of students, faculty and guests have walked through its doors. We talked with a Campus Center employee about all of the excitement.

[S. Woodall] The Campus Center offers five floors or about 177-thousand square feet of usable space. On the Theatre Level we have a game room and a TV lounge with twelve TVs. The first floor has a huge food court and Barnes and Noble at IUPUI where you can buy textbooks or regular products offered by Barnes and Noble. The second floor is kind of a hot spot especially at the beginning of the semester. We have Student Financial Services, the Registrar and Bursar where students can check on the status of their financial aid or register for classes. We also have JagTag Campus Card Services where you get the S Pass or put money on your JagTag. We also have a United States Postal Service Contract Station where you can send mail. In addition to that we have fifteen meeting rooms where student organizations can rent for free or staff and faculty can check out for a small fee. You can ask the Information Desk for further questions or visit the Campus Center Web site.

[K. Elliott] The 2008 WOW, weeks-of-welcome events were designed with you in mind. From ice cream socials to academic open houses there is something out there for you to do. Watch a movie, go to Conseco Fieldhouse or learn more about diversity at Madame Walker Theatre. Whatever the event, WOW welcomes you to IUPUI and the Indianapolis community. For a schedule of events visit wow.iupui.edu. Parking on campus can be especially rough the first two weeks of school. To make your commute easier, just be patient and try to arrive early. You can also take the IndyGo RedLine, a free downtown bus service or pick up an S Pass at Parking Services. This pass will get all IUPUI students on an IndyGo route for free. For more information about parking permits and bus passes go to parking.iupui.edu.

Spend \$150 with your JagTag at Barnes and Noble at IUPUI and receive a free t-shirt from August 4th through August 22nd while supplies lasts. T-shirts will be distributed August 18th through August 22nd. Just show your receipt and receive your free t-shirt!

The JagTag is more than a ticket to a free shirt or a bus ride. The Spot spoke with Sarah Gries to find out more.

[S. Gries] For students the JagTag will play numerous functions for them across campus. First and foremost it's their campus ID. They will have to use it at numerous locations. For example, to get discounted software at the bookstore they'll need to present their ID. To go to athletic events they'll also need to present their ID. It is also a library card so anytime they need to check out books of the sort they'll also need to show their ID. Plus, there's many other things that they'll have to show their ID for.

Secondly, it's the library card as I said. It's also a printing card. You can put money on your JagTag. I believe it's four to six cents to pay to print and the only way you can pay is with your JagTag so it usually benefits the student to have at least one or two dollars on there so they don't get stuck in the printing lab.

It's also a discount card. There's numerous places across the city – over one hundred discounts that are offered, and all they simply have to do is present their JagTag. It's good for them to ask anywhere they go if they do offer discounts for JagTag students.

Lastly, it's an access card. There's a lot of buildings if you work or if you live on campus you'll need your JagTag to swipe to get into the residence halls. They'll need it for quite a few functions. It's always good to have one.

[K. Elliott] Get the semester off to a good start by entering your emergency contact information into the notifications tab on OneStart. JagAlert, a mass notification system that distributes information by phone, text message or email, will keep you up-to-date during an emergency situation on campus. The Spot met with Captain Bill Abston to discuss campus safety and security.

[Captain Bill Abston] JagAlert is the University notification system. In the event of an emergency the University will send out a message via email, via voice, via text message. People need to go to OneStart and update their information so they can be notified in the event of an emergency and activate the system. They can get more information on that by going to the preparedness Web page www.iupui.edu/prepared. That can provide students with our emergency policies and procedures information.

Some safety tips to keep in mind is that when you park your vehicle do not leave anything of value that can be seen outside of the vehicle that would be a reason to break-in. When in buildings, the library, keep account of your valuables. Don't leave your valuables unattended. Our biggest problem on campus is a property crimes problem. We encourage people to take care of their property, to deny the opportunity to be a victim of theft. If anybody sees any suspicious activity on campus we encourage them to call 274-7911 and report that to the Campus Police Department immediately.

[K. Elliott] That's it for the podcast this week. Check us out next Wednesday to meet The Spot's upcoming guest host by viewing our podcast at jagtv.iupui.edu.

I'm Kady Elliott and thanks for Spotting us.