From the Desk of the Chancellor, Sept. 13, 2010

The most fun to be had on the downtown canal is September 25 when IUPUI holds its 2nd annual Regatta, featuring a half-mile canoe relay race. I’ll be there, for the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. to sound the horn starting the first heat.

The Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR) launched this spectacular event. This new IUPUI tradition shows such spirit and pride. Indianapolis Monthly lists it second only to the Colts opening game among its select calendar events for September. It’s become the premier event on the city’s Central Canal and is a great way to highlight IUPUI’s presence in downtown Indy.

The 2010 Regatta, like last year, will have canoe teams race between Buggs Temple and the USS Indianapolis Basin and back. The field of more than 80 teams—featuring students, staff, faculty, and alumni—is filled, but there’s a waiting list in case spots open up. Those attending the Regatta will enjoy food vendors, bands, and the Herron Alumni Association’s inaugural Art Contest (open to preregistered amateur or professional artists 18 years of age or older).

Bring friends and family, cheer for your favorite team, and enjoy the fun!

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