



A new architect's rendering shows how the Campus Center will fit the IUPUI landscape

Academy Support of Campus Center Begins Well

Construction of an IUPUI Campus Center has been discussed for many years. If you have driven through campus lately, you have seen that years of talking, design, planning and research have been transformed to construction trailers, cranes, bulldozers and a very large hole in the ground. The Campus Center is a reality and has already risen to ground level.

In November last year, the Senior Academy board voted unanimously to support the fundraising efforts of the Campus Center. Our goal is \$25,000 which will name a room in the building for the Senior Academy and help support leadership and cultural enrichment programs for students on campus.

Phase I of the campaign has already begun. Current and past Senior Academy board members have already contributed more than \$2,000.

Phase II, directed toward all Senior Academy members, will be announced at our annual meeting in May or June. A letter will go out giving more details, especially on how to contribute.

To encourage participation throughout the campaign, an anonymous donor has stepped forward with a \$5,000 challenge gift. This donor will match every \$2 raised with \$1. What a wonderful show of support to the campaign.

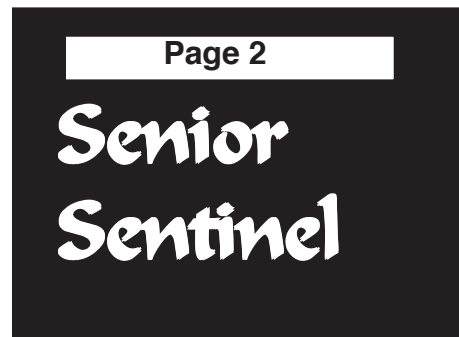
Members of the IUPUI Senior Academy have a long history of philanthropic support of IUPUI. Individually and as a group we have made commitments to enrich the educational environment at IUPUI. Thank you for your past contributions and your consideration of a gift to the Campus Center, said Shelly Hunter of the IU Foundation who is handling collections and promotion for funding.

If you have any questions about this campaign, please contact **Don Schultheis** (582-1710, email, dschulth@iupui.edu); **Ed Robbins** (881-8932, email, erobbins@iupui.edu) or **Shelley Hunter** at the IU Foundation (278-5650, email, shmhunte@iupui.edu).

Program Topics Still being Sought

Programs for Academy members are being planned for the Spring semester. One definite is a Success By Six initiative of the Mayor's office, the Annie Casey Foundation and United Way. (See story below.)

Other program ideas include topics on mental well-being, end-of-life procedures, intelligent design, and another on the Medicare Part D, the drug program. **Jordan Liebman** is coordinator of the committee and is seeking more ideas to serve members for this year and next.



Academy Forum on 'Success by 6'

On Tuesday, March 14, at 10 a.m., **Carlyn Johnson** will describe "Success by 6" an exciting new initiative sponsored by the Indianapolis Mayor's Office, the United Way of Central Indiana, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It will be at the IUPUI Glendale center classrooms.

The program is designed to supply the "1000 hours of lap time" – close to an adult—that children need from birth to age five in order to acquire the necessary language, cognitive and emotional skills essential for educational success.

Carlyn is chair of the "Success by 6 Early Literacy Committee." She will tell how these goals can be accomplished using "The Imagination Library," a Dollywood Foundation program that gets hard cover books like "The Little Engine that Could" and "Goodnight Moon" into the hands of children and their mentors.

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Our Frosh Scholarship Student Sailing Along

Holly Kloss, the Academy's Freshman Scholarship winner, did very well in her first semester at IUPUI, says **Molly Hicks**, her mentor from the Academy.

"She placed into second year Spanish, and advanced math, and also took speech and a learning community class. She earned three A+'s and one B+ in the fall and is now taking the next level of math as well as Spanish and chemistry," Molly reports.

In addition, she works about 20 hours a week and volunteers at the State Museum.

Holly was active in music and theater, and played the violin in the orchestra at Broad Ripple High School. She wants to explore other options at IUPUI. She is now thinking of pre-med. Holly got excited about math in the fall semester and connected well with her professor, Molly says.

Molly has lunch occasionally with Holly and says "The Senior Academy can be very proud of her and of our role in helping her attend IUPUI."

The other Academy student, Michelle Strong, also is progressing well despite having her home burn down and a serious illness, according to her mentor, **Ursula Roberts**. An end of year dinner is planned for her if schedules can mesh, she says.

Campus Center a Boon for Better Campus Life

During my years on campus, a common theme among students, faculty and staff seemed to be a lack of public space for people to gather. I've seen students eating (and sleeping) in their cars, staff



meetings in open hallways and faculty struggling for a place to conduct business. Now that the IUPUI Campus Center is under construction, many of these challenges will be solved (I'm not sure about the sleeping in the car part).

Expected completion date for the Campus Center is August 2007. It will be the campus centerpiece; a place where students, faculty, staff and community groups will gather informally and formally to study, eat, hang out, catch up on the latest news and attend a lecture.

The Senior Academy has initiated a campaign to support the Campus Center. Our goal is \$25,000 and we have already reached out to current and past Senior Academy board members. With these dollars, we plan to name a room for the Senior Academy and also to support the programs that will take place inside the Campus Center. At our annual meeting in May, we will kick-off the campaign to the general membership of the Senior Academy.

Ed Robbins and I, in coordination with the IU Foundation, are working on this campaign. When you are approached to make a gift to this campaign, we encourage you to think carefully about your participation. With your help, this campaign will be successful and future generations of students, faculty and staff will have a place to call home on campus--and a special room that the Academy made possible..

Thank you for your consideration of this campaign and your continued support of the Senior Academy and IUPUI.

Don Schultheis President

Here's a New Test on Death and Dying

One thing oldsters do well is prepare for a short future with halting memories of a long past. One of the things we contemplate most is when we might die, and how.

A new website gives you a test that predicts, based on your responses, when and how that event may occur. It claims to have been developed over five years by people in Harvard's math department.

The test asks lifestyle questions including belief in God and owning pets; and habits like staying up all night and swimming in an ocean. It asks about your diet, like candy, red meats and drinks, and your medical history and that of your parents and siblings. There is even a test of your reflexes.

You can access the site at www.okcupid.com/death.

The editor took the test and learned that he has about "3,506.4 days left on earth and will be dead by September 2015 and will die of a heart attack."

The counter shows that 616,649 people have taken the test. Among results: 29% smoke, 70% have health insurance; 65% hold in farts; 21% are impressed with themselves. In my family, the top cause of death was cancer. Is the test suspect? Probably, because of the web name and at the end, it seems like a "relationship" service. But at our age, these things seem to intrigue us.

Campus Among Leaders in Service Learning

IUPUI has been recognized as a leading institution worldwide for fostering programs that link volunteer service to the community and academic study.

The recognition came from a US News and World Report as one of America's "Colleges with a Conscience." It ranked with Yale, UC-Berkeley, Notre Dame and the U of North Carolina for excellent service learning or study abroad programs.

A conference March 1-2 was hosted by the IUPUI Office of Interna-

tional Affairs and the Center for Service and Learning. Representatives from 34 institutions were in attendance, including the director of the Ghandi Center in Calcutta; president-emeritus of the University of Hartford; director of the South Dakota State U. service learning program and member of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. **Trudy Banta**, IUPUI vice chancellor gave a keynote address and **Barbara Holland**, IUPUI senior scholar, was moderator.

We Again Lead in United Way Giving

Academy members came through again as one of the leading collection units on campus. Although not reaching last year's numbers, 51 contributors gave \$21,419, the latest report showed.

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