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Time to Play!

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IUPUI has a new partnership with the National Institute for Fitness and Sport that offers discounted memberships to IUPUI students. NIFS will waive its initiation fee and reduce monthly fees for full memberships. With NIFS having an indoor running/walking track, basketball court, group fitness classes, an array of training equipment, and personal fitness assessments and programming, your New Year’s resolution will be easier to keep than ever.

Enthusiasts for open-air team sports will find a new outdoor recreational facility across from the University Tower. It has two new sand volleyball courts, two outdoor basketball courts, a large green space for informal recreation, two shelters, and a bike rack.

Those familiar with campus history will recall that this space is not far from what used to be called “The Dust Bowl,” where some of Indiana’s greatest basketball players spent their formative years. Basketball legends like Oscar Robertson, George McGinnis, and Harlem Globetrotter Hallie Bryant competed on a playground court near Lockefield Gardens just north of University Tower.

IUPUI’s Campus Recreation Office already offers access to the Natatorium, intramural programs, fitness classes, three weight and fitness rooms, a racquetball court, and a recreational open gym, so these new opportunities for healthy activities, sports, and recreation are a great addition to campus life.

For more information contact Campus Recreation at 317-274-3518 or NIFS at 317-274-3432.

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