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IUPUI NAMED COMPUTER EDUCATION CLEARINGHOUSE

Hoosier schools will be provided assistance in the purchase and use of computer hardware and software through a central clearinghouse at the School of Education at IUPUI, according to an announcement made Jan. 13 by State Schools Superintendent Harold Negley, chairman of the Indiana Consortium for Computer and High Technology Education, and Dean Howard Mehlinger of the I.U. School of Education.

According to Mehlinger, \$435,000 has been allocated to the School of Education to operate the clearinghouse. C. Frederick Risinger, coordinator for school social studies in Bloomington, will be the acting director. Anne Beversdorf, information dissemination specialist for the I.U. Development Training Center at Bloomington, has been named acting information specialist, and Michael Olds, a consultant for micro-computer education for the Indiana Department of Public Instruction, will be acting regional director of the clearinghouse branch serving Central Indiana. An administrative assistant and two secretaries will complete the personnel at the IUPUI site.

Mehlinger said the clearinghouse will serve Indiana schools by collecting and distributing information on innovative computer education programs and practices, distributing other information from various sources, preparing newsletters and sponsoring conferences and helping local school districts realize cost savings.

While the central clearinghouse will serve teachers and administrators throughout the state, Negley said that the IUPUI site also will be a regional clearinghouse for schools in central Indiana. Three other regional sites, to be located in the northeast, northwest and southern regions, will be designated by the consortium at a later date if there is sufficient demand.

The computer consortium was created by the 1983 General Assembly and given a \$16 million appropriation for the two-year period ending June 30, 1985.

MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED HERE

Fifty years ago there was little evidence in economics textbooks connecting the field with mathematics. Now, a national conference scheduled for Feb. 10-12 in the auditorium of the I.U. School of Nursing entitled "Mathematical Economics: General Equilibrium Theory," will present overviews on the application of various mathematical techniques to general (economic) equilibrium theory--the study of assigning prices to commodities so that supply equals demand.

Dr. C.D. Aliprantis, professor of mathematical sciences at the Purdue University School of Science at IUPUI, is one of the conference's principal organizers. "This conference will acquaint people with various applications of mathematics to the field of economics," he said. "The amount of math used in economics in textbooks and by economists in general 50 years ago and today amounts to the difference between night and day. Fifty percent of the economists in this country who have won prizes and awards in their fields have done so because of their reputations in mathematics as well as in economics."

IUPUI was chosen as the conference site because of its faculty's reputation in the combined area, Aliprantis said. "And the university's central location is accessible to persons interested in learning how mathematics can be useful to economics and vice versa. The speakers invited are the best in their fields in the world. It promises to be an outstanding conference and another academic coup for IUPUI."

Organized by the Department of Mathematical Sciences under the direction of Aliprantis and Dr. Neal Rothman, department chairman, the conference is co-sponsored and funded by the I.U. School of Business, Department of Economics, the School of Science and the IUPUI Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Interested persons with some basic knowledge of calculus and economics and who want to know more about the relationship between both fields should contact either Dr. Aliprantis or Dr. Rothman at 923-1321, ext. 323 or 218, about registration.

MERP PROGRAM BROADCAST NATIONALLY

A continuing medical education offering produced by the Medical Educational Resources Program for the I.U. School of Medicine's Grand Rounds in Surgery series (broadcast monthly over the statewide Medical Television Network), will be seen over the national Cable Health Network at 11 a.m. Jan. 25, noon Jan. 28, and 11 a.m. Jan. 29.

The half-hour program features James A. Madura, M.D., associate professor of surgery, who uses videotape of the actual procedure in discussing total removal of the stomach. Russell S. Dilley, M.D., assistant professor of surgery, is moderator. "Total Gastrectomy for Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome" is the title of the film.

Cable Health Network broadcasts health-related programming 24 hours a day. It can be received through both Indianapolis Cablevision and American Cablevision. The tape was made available to the cable service through Beverly E. Hill, Ed.D., director of MERP.

SUTER SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The first Anna K. Suter Memorial Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit to outstanding junior and senior mathematics students at IUPUI beginning next fall. Ms. Suter, named professor emeritus of mathematics at IUPUI following her retirement in 1973, began teaching at the Purdue University Extension in Indianapolis in 1947. At her death in December, 1982, she left more than \$86,000 to the I.U. Foundation.

"We are pleased about these new funds which will support our academic program," Dr. Neal Rothman, chairman of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, said. "Because the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, I think the mathematics department and IUPUI will attract excellent students."

ALTERNATIVES TO TIAA-CREF FOR TAX SHELTERS

The University now has four alternative companies with which faculty and staff may set up tax sheltered agreements. Those companies are:

American United Life Insurance Company
The Fidelity Group

The Sigma Group of Investment Companies
The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company

Though originally it was planned that all tax sheltered agreements with the new companies would be effective Jan. 1, 1984, the computer system to accommodate them will not be operational that soon. Therefore, the University Treasurer Management Group has announced that the new alternative company agreements will have an effective date of Feb. 1, 1984.

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCED

A memorial service for Frances Orgain, the first assistant dean of the School of Nursing, who died Dec. 3, 1983 at the West Side Christian Village, will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 30 in the auditorium of the School of Nursing Building, under the auspices of the school and its alumni association. All who knew her are invited to attend.

Known for her work in public health, an administrator and a teacher, Ms. Orgain worked untiringly with Dean Emily Holmquist to organize and upgrade the academic program of the school. She was dedicated to the new building, which she pushed through from the early planning stages. She retired in June, 1972, a year before the new building was to be occupied.

DR. SHRIGLEY DIES IN ARIZONA

Dr. E. W. (Ned) Shrigley, long time chairman of the Department of Microbiology of the I.U. School of Medicine, died of a massive heart attack Dec. 24 in Tucson, Ariz., where he and his wife had made their retirement home since 1975.

Dr. Shrigley, who came to the medical school in 1949 as associate professor of microbiology, was named a professor in 1952 and became head of the department in 1953. In 1968 he was appointed director of graduate programs for IUPUI. (He had been chairman of the committee on Review of Graduate Education for IUPUI since 1965.)

Active in many Medical Center and University committees as well as professional organizations, Dr. Shrigley's own interests centered around microbial genetics, viruses, and virus-induced tumors. He received the B.S. and M.S. in genetics from Iowa State University; the M.A. from Harvard University in genetics; the Ph.D. and M.D. from the University of Wisconsin. A Quaker, he was active in the Inter-Faith Council at the Medical Center, and was instrumental in starting the chaplaincy program at the University hospitals.

NEWS 'N' NOTES FROM HERE 'N' THERE

Medical Genetics Seminar--"Between versus within group heritability," by Stephen J. Black, Ph.D., Computer Centre, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand; 4 p.m. Jan. 31, Riley Research Conference Room 138. For information call ext. 2241.

U.S. Military Policy and Defense Spending--Dr. Robert Harris, director of the Center for Economic Education and assistant professor of Economics at IUPUI, will discuss defense spending, and Dr. David Mason, associate professor of Political Science at Butler University, will speak on military policy objectives at a meeting of the League of Women Voters at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Jan. 25)

in the parlor of the North United Methodist Church, 3808 North Meridian Street. The meeting is open to the public.

Human Services Day at the Legislature--The National Association of Social Workers and the Indiana Coalition for Human Services are sponsoring a day of education about the Indiana General Assembly and the legislative priorities of NASW beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday (Jan. 26) at Howard Johnson's, 501 West Washington Street. Registration fees before Thursday, including the luncheon program, are \$15 regular, \$10 for students, unemployed and retired persons. For information call 923-9878.

Patients Wanted--Eight to 15-year-old patients for the application of pit and fissure sealants on the caries-susceptible areas of permanent teeth for a continuing education course at the School of Dentistry. The sealants are plastic shields placed on susceptible pits and grooves of teeth as part of a dental caries preventive procedure. There will be no charge to the patient. Call Marilyn at ext. 8220 before Feb. 22.... Male diabetics between the ages of 15 and 45 for a study concerning the blood vessels of diabetics with normal blood pressure. The experimental technique does not require any injections or cutting of the skin; participants will be paid \$8 per hour. For more information call Debbie at 630-6100 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Computing Help Desk--Computing Services now has a Help Desk, which provides consulting for faculty and staff members. The desk is located in the Consulting Office at the Engineering and Technology Building, Room 1027, ext. 2393, and is open concurrently with the regular consulting office staff. Hours are 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Help Available--Help with typing, bookkeeping, mailings, or other busywork projects that can be done at home. For information call 839-8107 after 6 p.m.

Retiring--Edwina K. Green, who has been employed in the School of Nursing as secretary to the associate dean, graduate programs, will retire on Jan. 31 after 15 years of service to the university.

U.S. and El Salvador--Future relations between the U.S. and El Salvador will be discussed at 8 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 24) in Room 101 of the Lecture Hall by the Hon. Ernesto Rivas-Gallont, El Salvador Ambassador. The lecture is sponsored by the IUPUI Political Science Department and the I.U. Center for Global Studies. It is free and open to the public.

Florida Biking Adventure--The 7th Annual IUPUI QUEST biking expedition will take place March 9-17 (Spring Recess). Bikers and equipment will be transported to the starting point, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Biking in crews, the route passes tourist attractions and beaches for 225 miles with an average of 45 miles per day. QUEST provides a sag-wagon, mechanic, cooks, route planning and lodging arrangements. Cost is \$290. Contact: Dr. Nels Goud, School of Education, E/S 3132, ext. 8296.

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