

Indiana University South Bend Campus #30543
Report of Conference - September 13, 1967

Those in attendance:

JJR	E. J. Holman
	W. J. Johnson
Indiana University	Dean Lester Wolfson
	Associate Dean Walter Risler
	Dr. Warren Pepperdine, Faculty Chairman Physical Plant Committee
	Mr. Victor Williams, Physical Plant Director
	Mr. Thomas White, University Relations Officer
Keene MacRae Associates	Mr. Thomas Keene
	Mr. Richard Miller
	Mr. Gene Campanale (Director of Educational Services)
County Government	Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director Area Planning Commission of St. Joseph County (129 West Colfax, South Bend, Indiana)

1. We were presented a copy of the latest Master Plan report dated August 15, 1966. The South Bend Campus graduated its first senior class in June of this year - 15 graduates in Elementary Education and 15 in Business Administration. Direct legislative support of the regional campuses in Indiana is increasing many-fold and it is assumed that this campus will have many additional baccalaureate degree programs in the near future. They intend to develop a complete and comprehensive undergraduate program together with offering Masters degrees in Education and Business Administration in the near future.
2. There are now 90 people in the administration and on the faculty of this campus and they are offering 300 class sections for the 67-68 school year.
3. At the present time, it is assumed that the South Bend Regional Campus will remain a commuter campus. Dean Wolfson suggested, however, that we at least consider minimal housing in the future when developing our Master Plan for their growth.
4. The main building on the campus was built in 1961 around a central auditorium core. It was thought at that time that the auditorium would serve the needs of the surrounding community but the University has grown to such an extent that the building now is no longer adequate as a community center in addition to serving its functions as an academic center.
5. The second building on the campus "Green Lawn Hall" was an old tool and dye plant which was renovated for college use.
6. The University also owns 14 of the houses on its perimeter, 7 of which are being used as faculty offices and 7 of which are being rented to faculty members.

7. The University now owns all but the Coca Cola bottling plant and the detention home on their immediate block. They expect to be able to obtain these parcels also if needed in the future. They will own the 3 acres lying between the river and the road immediately south of the present main building. Informal discussions have already been started with the people owning the golf course across the river to the south (23 acres) and is expected that this parcel will also be available if needed.
8. Lying west of the campus is Veteran's Park, which also includes the National Guard facilities, and lying east of the University is a housing area of approximately 20 acres. There is possibility that, if needed, either or both of these parcels might become available to the University. Lying directly north of the University is a City Park complex which is considered inviolate and not available.
9. They foresee an ultimate potential of 80 to 120 acres available for University expansion.
10. They expect maximum growth to 6,000 to 8,000 students, providing they remain a commuter college. If housing were provided, this number would increase.
11. There is not at the present time any Purdue operation in the South Bend Area. It is likely that some Purdue courses may be offered at the Indiana University Regional Campus.
12. There is a possibility that there may be some cooperation with other schools in the area, particularly Notre Dame University, in offering joint courses and programs in the near future. Dean Wolfson did not feel that such a sharing of the educational responsibility in the area would necessarily alter the campus concept of the Indiana University facility. He foresees the possibility of some bussing of students and/or faculty between various campuses if joint programs were undertaken but feels generally that the Indiana University Campus should be planned essentially as an entity unto itself. (We should locate all other schools in the area which might share teaching loads with Indiana University and note the implications based on their location.)
13. The South Bend Campus is not shooting for a specific and distinctive image. There seems to be an emphasis on the arts and on theatre activity but these are not to preclude other academic activities.
14. Their immediate building plans have leaned towards an addition to the existing building rather than construction of a new building.
15. Mr. Wilson made the following comments with regard to the City and its relationship to the future campus:
 - a. The City would like to think of the Indiana University Campus as part of the community.

- b. There are many outdated surveys and studies which have been made in the City but all of these are now being updated. Of primary importance is a new highway study and a new land use inventory.
 - c. Arrangements have been made for the transportation system in the City to be taken over by the City Government rather than to be run by private enterprise.
 - d. Nothing stands in the way of Indiana University expansion except the park land to the north of the existing campus.
 - e. They could respond to our initial concepts for campus growth if these were to be prepared within the next several months.
 - f. The St. Joseph River is polluted. It is estimated that it would cost 20 to 25 million dollars for the City of South Bend to clean up the river and its area. There is still some industry and City waste being disposed of in the river. While the City agrees that something must be done, they are presently perplexed as to where the money will come from.
 - g. The City Zoning Ordinance is outdated. Wilson is in the process of having it brought up to date but at the present time handles each zoning question on its own merits based on good judgment.
 - h. They will be starting a land use survey the first of October and he promised to start with the land immediately surrounding the campus so that we could have this information as soon as possible.
 - i. The City will follow JJR's guidelines in regard to student parking at the campus. (The University feels obligated to provide parking for its commuter students.)
 - j. The City hopes to have a good public transportation system to serve the needs of the University Campus and the implications of such a system should be studied (determine the present and future transportation lines having a bearing on the campus).
 - k. The St. Joseph River does not flood in this area.
16. Dean Wolfson mentioned that the suggestion to cross the river with future buildings and to construct a "footbridge" between the existing campus and the land across the river was based solely on aesthetic considerations and not upon academic programs.

Contact Bob Pond in Bloomington for various maps of the campus and its environs.
Contact Tim Rose in the Physical Plant Department at Bloomington to obtain plans of the existing building on the South Bend Campus.