

This Week in Academic Affairs



It seems that we don't hear references to the "Ivory Tower" much anymore. Nowadays, it's harder to think of a university as an isolated place where

professors and students indulge in theoretical discussions with no concern for the world outside. Many of us prefer to think of universities as integral parts of their communities. Here at IU Kokomo, for example, we have connections with schools, hospitals, Inventrek, and more. Last week, I attended a meeting in which administrators from Tipton County Schools met with students in Michael Koerner's graphic-design class to discuss a project that the students are doing for the schools (a project that followed on a marketing plan that students in our School of Business crafted over the summer). These projects and others do more than serve our community; they provide our students with invaluable hands-on experiences that prepare them for the work they will do after they graduate, as well as tangible products they can share with potential employers. I appreciate the work that Michael, our business faculty, and others are doing to make these experiences a reality. ● The Indiana University Kokomo Union Street Gallery will provide countless opportunities for us to build productive relationships with the community. The gallery, which will be located in the Firestone Plaza across from the public library, will give us a highly visible presence in downtown Kokomo, as well as a space where we can exhibit student and faculty art, showcase other student work (such as the creative work and research in our new *Field* magazine), and stage receptions, lectures, and performances. I invite you all to join us for the grand opening, which will coincide with downtown Kokomo's First Friday event on April 1. If you have ideas for the gallery, please see Minda Douglas, who is coordinating our efforts.



South Korean visitors joined Kim Mossburg in the Nutrition Lab last week.

This Week at IU Kokomo

- 2/1: Time 2 Focus on Your Career (8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m., ILC#1 in library)
- 2/1: Go Places: Making Travel Happen (11:30 a.m., KC 130B)
- 2/2: Time 2 Focus on Your Career (11 a.m.-3 p.m., ILC#1 in library)
- 2/2: Basketball Games (5 & 7 p.m., Cougar Gym)
- 2/3: Cha-Ching- Financial Literacy (11:30 a.m., Cole Room)
- 2/3: Time 2 Focus on Your Career (4-7 p.m., ILC#1 in library)
- 2/3: "Harmony" Opening Reception (4 p.m., Art Gallery)
- 2/3: Kingston's Coffeehouse (6 p.m., Alumni Hall)
- 2/4: Heart Health Awareness Activities (11 a.m., Alumni Hall)
- 2/4: Time 2 Focus on Your Career (4:30 p.m., ILC#1 in library)
- 2/4: Step Afrika! (6 p.m., Havens Auditorium)
- 2/6: Basketball Games (1 & 3 p.m. Cougar Gym)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Thanks to the efforts of Michael Koerner, many of our graphic-design students have an extraordinary opportunity to produce publicity for Tipton County Schools. Thanks, Michael.
- Minda Douglas is taking the lead on the launch of the Indiana University Kokomo Union Street Gallery in downtown Kokomo. Thanks, Minda, for doing this work, which shows great promise for our university and our students.