

IUSB NEWSLETTER

Chancellor's Office
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1. Time to Give: You will be contacted soon by a solicitor for the 1970 United Fund campaign of St. Joseph County.

This is the single community-giving campaign of the year. Each gift helps support 36 health, welfare and recreation agencies which serve the community's crippled, retarded, ill, lonely and derelict. If UF fails these people, they have nowhere else to turn.

This year, IUSB givers to the United Fund have the option of choosing payroll deduction of their pledges. It is a relatively "painless" way of making a substantial gift.

IUSB does not have a tradition of exceptional generosity in past UF campaigns.

Tradition, anyone?

2. Teaching Obligations: Although the event which gave rise to it is past, the following statement by Chancellors Carter (Bloomington), Ryan (Regional Campuses) and Hine (Indianapolis) has continuing significance. Copies were distributed at an Oct. 8 meeting of deans and chancellors in Bloomington, over which President Sutton presided. Herewith the statement:

The discussions now taking place regarding events scheduled for Oct. 15 have raised broader questions regarding the responsibilities of the faculty, including teaching associates and graduate assistants, in the performance of their teaching functions.

It is the position of the administration that faculty and graduate assistants are obligated to perform their assigned teaching functions. If there are students, whatever be their number, who are officially enrolled in a class and who wish to be taught at the regular class time, it is the responsibility of the faculty member or graduate assistant involved to provide instruction in the substantive area of the course at the assigned time.

This basic policy is not unique to events like those proposed for Oct. 15; it is a general university policy appropriate at all times and relevant to all kinds of reasons for absence from class upon the part of the faculty member.

There will, of course, be circumstances in which the faculty member is not able to perform his teaching duties. In these instances, the faculty member is expected to see that his class is met by a qualified substitute. The immediate responsibility for the enforcement of this policy rests on departmental chairmen and deans, and it is expected that these officers will make every effort to see to it that no class is left uncovered, as well as to inquire as to the reasons for absences upon the part of instructors when they are not informed by the individual involved.

This policy is not intended to interfere with educational experimentation, nor does it involve a fixation upon the idea that all instruction must take place within specified formal class times. The faculty member who cancels some regular class sessions for pedagogical reasons - as, for example, to stress greater independent study by students - certainly may do so, but he should inform his departmental chairmen or dean of his plans and the reasons for what he is doing.

This policy does not involve taking a position for or against the Viet Nam moratorium. It certainly does not involve the support of one position or another regarding the conflict itself. It merely affirms the first responsibility of the faculty member within an educational institution - to perform his teaching responsibilities. A faculty member who cancels his class to protest the war not only breaches his teaching responsibilities; he also denies the rights of those students who wish to attend class.

Viet Nam itself clearly divides the nation, as it divides the campus. Those urging the moratorium do so out of deeply felt convictions, and the uni-

versity is prepared to provide facilities and assistance in the discussion of the Viet Nam issue. Discussion of Viet Nam has been free within the university; it will remain free. The continuation of regularly scheduled classes for those students who so desire will not interfere with that discussion.

3. Senior Fellowships: Dean Risler's office has just been informed that Senior Fellowships -- for those persons "who have considerable experience as scholars, teachers, writers or interpreters of the humanities and have produced significant original work" -- are available for 1970-71.

Unfortunately, the application deadline is Oct. 20.

Awards are for 12 continuous months of tenure and carry a stipend of \$15,000. Information is available in Dean Risler's office.

4. Graduate Record Exams: Dean Beutler has application forms and information booklets for the Graduate Record Examination in his office. Those who intend to apply to take the exam can obtain the materials from Dean Beutler's office.
5. Dean Sought: Indiana University Southeast is seeking an assistant dean for student affairs who can assume the position not later than the beginning of the 1970 summer session. Applicants from all campuses will be considered.

Those interested may contact the search and screening committee chairman, John E. Reisert, at Indiana University Southeast, Warder Park, Jeffersonville, 47130.

6. Charge It: IUSB has worked out an arrangement with the Notre Dame library which allows faculty members to Xerox materials there and charge the service to this account number:

5902-000-9

7. Dial 371: Doug Ream, Student Government president, asks that you make a note of the new Student Government extension: 371.

8. Meetings and Events:

- October 16 -- Exhibition and sale of original graphics (Thursday) from the London Grafica Arts collection; second floor lounge, Northside Hall, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- October 16 -- Opening night for the first IUSB Theatre presentation of the season, Shelagh Delaney's "A Taste of Honey"; 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. The play will be repeated Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8:15, and Oct. 26 at 2:15 p.m.
- October 18 -- IU-Illinois football game on closed-circuit television; 1:30 p.m., Rooms N115, N120 and N121. (Students, faculty and staff only.)
- October 20 -- Televised Economic Briefing by Dr. Lawrence (Monday) E. Kreider, Associate Professor of Business Economics, I.U. Bloomington; 9 a.m., Room N121
- October 22 -- Student Affairs Committee meeting; 1 p.m., (Wednesday) Room N16.
- October 22 -- "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," classic silent film starring Lon Chaney, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Room N118.
- October 25 -- An exhibition, "Rembrandt After 300 Years" (Saturday) opens at the Art Institute of Chicago. The show will run to Dec. 7. Trips are being arranged by the IUSB Fine Arts Department.