



• Recent inductees to Alpha Chi scholastic honor society are Michelle Brown and Heather Gifford, Russiaville; Katherine Cohee, Burlington; Lyle DeWitt, Macy; Elizabeth Funk, Galveston; Holly Sano, Peru; Penny Spray, Michigantown; and Lindsay Webber-Manfredi, Kokomo.

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Connections

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Thompson built campus, community support

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Indiana University Kokomo's former Chancellor Hugh Thompson on March 15 in Florida. Chancellor Thompson was our fourth CEO, serving as our campus leader from 1980 to 1990.

The "Thompson Decade" brought great growth to the campus in a number of ways. During Chancellor Thompson's tenure, the campus literally doubled in physical size. At the same time, 14 IU degree programs were added to our degree inventory. The Kelley Student Center (and Purdue wing) was completed. A number of significant scholarship funds were initiated. All in all, Chancellor Thompson's leadership had a great impact on our campus, moving us significantly closer to achieving the goal of being a fully baccalaureate institution serving the north central Indiana region.

Regrettably, I had only one brief encounter with Dr. Thompson, when he and Ed Kelley



Photo by Heather Hill

Chancellor Ruth J. Person

"crashed" a party I was hosting at the Kelley House early in my tenure here. I was delighted to meet him, even for such a brief moment. I had hoped



Chancellor Hugh Thompson left, with IU President John Ryan at 1987 Commencement.

that he would be visiting with us in the future, so that he could see the great progress we have made, building on his accomplishments. Sadly, that was not to be the case.

Nevertheless, the legacy of his leadership lives on. Our campus would not be what it is today without the "Thompson Decade" of success. I salute our fourth CEO for his vision, his energy, and his dedication to serving the higher education needs of our region and creating a firm foundation on which we continue to build our future.

Ruth J. Person



More than 130 students from 6 high schools came to IU Kokomo on April 12 for Hispanic/Latino Day, a college preview event cosponsored by Ancilla College, Ivy Tech, and Indiana Wesleyan. Clely Arzu, far right, leads participants on a campus tour.

M.B.A. program among nation's best



The School of Business is celebrating its sixth consecutive listing in U.S. News & World Report's annual guidebook *America's Best Graduate Schools*. "The IU Kokomo School of Business has the only Master of Business Administration program located in our seven-county primary service area that was noted in the guidebook," said IU Kokomo Business Dean Niranjana Pati, Ph.D. "We hope our alumni and

students will spread the word about our earned status as a first-option graduate program in business."

Established in 1990, IU Kokomo's M.B.A. program has more than 200 graduates, most of whom still live in the immediate area. For more information, visit www.iuk.edu/~kobus/MBAProgram or call M.B.A. advisor Linda Ficht, J.D., at (765) 455-9471.

Master of Public Management, B.S. in Secondary Education approved

IU Kokomo will begin offering two new degree programs in fall 2007—the Master of Public Management (M.P.M.) and the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved both programs in March, as well as changes to IU Kokomo's Master of Education program.

The Master of Public Management will prepare graduates for senior management careers in government service, nonprofit administration, or business public service. For details, visit www.iuk.edu/spe or call (765) 455-9417.

The B.S. in Secondary Education is designed for those students wanting to teach in grades 5–12. Visit www.iuk.edu/education or call (765) 455-9302 for information.

Merging IU Kokomo's previous M.S. in Elementary Education and M.S. in Secondary Education programs, the revised M.S. in Education incorporates common studies for preschool through high school-level teachers. Visit www.iuk.edu/education or call (765) 455-9347.

Visit www.iuk.edu for more information on Indiana University Kokomo.



- Six IU Kokomo students competed in the 2007 National Forensics Association Tournament in April: Chad Andrews, Sharpsville; Andrea Davis and David Sims, Logansport; Sandi Giver, Peru; Gwen Jones, Kokomo; and Lee Yoder, Geneva.



Sorority, sixth graders 'join hands' to promote child abuse awareness

Yellow paper hands reading "These hands won't hurt" were hot sellers recently at Central Middle School in Kokomo. Sixth grade students of IU Kokomo graduate Mary Page eagerly hawked the paper tokens for \$1 each, raising donations for child abuse programs of Family Service Association (FSA) of Howard County.

Page's sister, Barbara Hall, invited the fifth graders to partner with IU Kokomo's Phi Sigma Sigma sorority on the project. A communication arts major, Hall is Iota Epsilon chapter's current president.

This is the second year that Phi Sigma sisters have sold the paper hands—more than 400 by early April—as their contribution to Angel Walk/Take Back the Night rallies held on campus. In 2006, the IU Kokomo community raised \$6,000 and considerable public attention for FSA's domestic violence programs.

Plans for the April 24, 2007, Angel Walk/Take Back the Night included live radio coverage by WZWZ's Allan James, original

t-shirts designs honoring domestic abuse victims, and student research displays focused on domestic/relationship violence. Additional donations for FSA were raised in a pre-rally concert sponsored by Student Union Board, a "faculty jail" run by criminal justice majors, and a dinner theatre. Dean of Arts and Sciences Sue Sciame-Giesecke, Ph.D., directed student actors in the play, and Phi Sigma members helped serve the dinner.

The sorority's 24 members tackled several philanthropic projects this year, including making blankets for overseas military and walking in Race for the Cure and Relay for Life. They helped Students In Free Enterprise collect school supplies and food for the needy in Afghanistan. The chapter purchased a brick that will be installed outside the new Colts stadium in summer 2008. Inscribed with "Phi Sigma Sigma, IU Kokomo," the brick should generate campus recognition, Hall hopes.

Finally, out of 111 chapters participating in Phi Sigma Sigma's five national spring leadership conferences, Iota Epsilon generated the highest single chapter donation to Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation during conference auctions. Two bean toss games made by Hall sold for a total \$1,550.



Phi Sigma Sigma members with paper hands, kneeling, Katie Wall, Krista VanHoose, and Faith Rose-Scales; standing, Barb Hall, Jenna Easter, and Megan Williams, all of Kokomo.

Calendar of Events

All events are open to the public. Visit www.iuk.edu/events for details and even more events.

May 3–31

Paintings by Joseph Bernard
IU Kokomo Art Gallery*.

May 3

Nursing Graduates Recognition
5:30 p.m. for A.S.N.; 7:30 p.m. for B.S.N. Havens Auditorium.

May 4

Commencement Rehearsal/Senior Salute
6 p.m. Havens Auditorium.
IUK Singers Spring Concert
7:30 p.m. Havens Auditorium.

May 5

Dr. Herbert Miller Congratulatory Celebration
5–7:30 p.m. Kelley Student Center.

May 5

Cream & Crimson Dinner
6 p.m. Kelley Student Center. Honoring Susan Sciame-Giesecke and Elizabeth Billman. Reservations required; contact alumni@iuk.edu or (765) 455-9411.

May 7

Honors Convocation
6 p.m. Havens Auditorium.

May 8

IU Kokomo Commencement
10:30 a.m. Outside, east of Library.

May 9

Purdue University School of Technology Kokomo Commencement
6 p.m. Havens Auditorium.

May 28

Memorial Day
Campus closed.

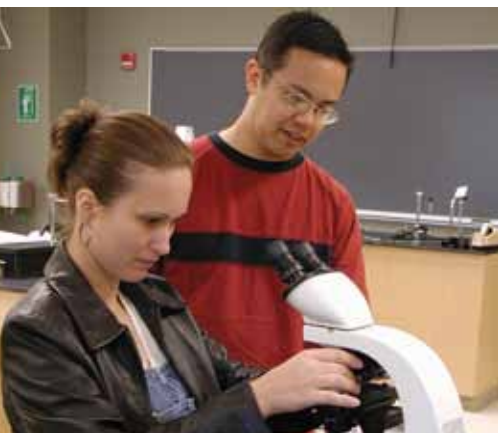
June 6

Scholarship Golf Outing
Chippendale Golf Course. Contact alumni@iuk.edu or (765) 455-9411 to register.

June 8–30

High School Art Exhibition
IU Kokomo Art Gallery*.

*Gallery hours Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Wednesdays, until 8 p.m.; Saturdays noon–4 p.m.; Sundays, 1–5 p.m.



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