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IU signs Apple's iTunes U contract

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IU has joined Apple's iTunes U network, making podcasts and other educational content available to IUS students in the near future.

IU will join the University of Michigan, Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley, in the initial launch of the program, according to a recent press release.

"This agreement provides another way to distribute IU content 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Elizabeth Van Gordon, University Information Technology Services, said in a recent statement.

"With this agreement signed, we're now ready to develop the interface and the tolls that will enable faculty and departments to distribute podcasts world-wide via iTunes U."

iTunes U is a free service

through the iTunes Store. It will be available to students anytime, anywhere.

Professors will be able to upload audio, video and documents to the site. Students will then be able to download the material anywhere they have a PC or a Mac and an internet connection.

Students will also be able to transfer material downloaded from iTunes U to their iPods, allowing content to be accessed on the go.

Josh Leavell, music technology freshman, said podcasts and audio lectures would be helpful in the preparation of tests and clarifying notes.

"It would be more of an aid," Leavell said.

As for trying the service, Leavell said he had never thought about using podcast lectures.

Faith Williams, psychology senior, said she felt the service was a good idea.



Courtesy photo

"I definitely would do it," Williams said.

According to Van Gordon's statement, iTunes U will be more convenient to use than the current Oncourse system.

"One of the benefits of iTunes U is the ease of use with the iTunes application, with which many people are familiar; and the ease in

which users can download course podcasts to portable devices that work with iTunes," she said.

Several schools already have iTunes U available to students, and it should be available at IU Southeast soon.

"This service will reach IUS as it is rolled out university-wide during the spring semester," Van Gordon said in an e-mail. "In the meanwhile, faculty can use Oncourse CL, the university's course management system to post podcasts in their course sites."

Some faculty members at IU Southeast welcome the idea of information being readily available, but there are questions involving iTunes U.

"I am open to making learning material available 24/7, and a lot of us already do," Joe Hollingsworth, associate professor of computer science, said in a recent e-mail.

Hollingsworth did voice some concerns though.

"I suspect one of the issues of placing material on iTunes U is who is the owner of that material?" he said. "I can tell you that if you spend a lot of time and energy creating content, most of the times you want to retain the usage and owner rights to that content."

Apple seems to answer this question on their iTunes U resources site.

"As soon as you create original content in a fixed or tangible form [such as writing it down, recording it, or otherwise capturing it], that content is protected by copyright in the U.S.," according to the Web site.

Van Gordon affirmed this statement. "The instructor or copyright owner holds the copyright to content he or she has created, regardless of where the work is stored," Van Gordon said.

Prince

SGA wants dead week

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ballots.

"There will be a little work done in the next week, so it probably won't be voted on until a couple of weeks," Wilmes said.

Prince said students should pay attention to the amendment.

"If they're interested in taking an active role in what their [student activity fee] funds, it'd be in their best

interest to vote for the amendment," Prince said.

Floella Gonya, general studies senior and vice president, talked about a petition she will circulate for a dead week before finals.

She said she wants to have classes cut for a week before finals to give students a chance to get ready.

Prince said he thought it was a good idea.

"Other campuses have it, and it gives students time to

focus," Prince said. "When you've got three finals on one day or three term papers due, it gets ridiculous."

Taylor said he wasn't sure how professors and administration would react to the proposal.

"It's a toss up," Taylor said. "I don't think they'll want to omit classes. I think they'll be more responsive to a no-assignment week than a no-class proposal."

Honors

Honors program rewards dedicated IUS students

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check with their academic adviser before signing on to this program.

The Honors Research Minor path leads students to independent research and the writing of an honors thesis.

"My interest is in Honors Research," Ann McNally, computer science sophomore, said. "I very much enjoy research, and would welcome the opportunity to take those skills to a higher level of achievement. I believe that this program can help me to do that."

The Individualized Honors program gives students the ability to have their pro-

'It's really a great program.'

**Sara Raake
secondary education
junior**

gram designed by the honors program director, and the appropriate faculty personnel, to meet their specific scholarly goals.

A University Honors Scholar designation is for juniors and seniors. Students must complete two honors classes and one

project.

Finally, there is the University Honors Fellow. This is the highest distinction in the Honors program. To earn this recognition, a student must complete both the University of Honors Minor and the University Honors Scholar coursework.

Sara Raake, secondary education junior, said it is best to get started early with the Honors Program.

"It's a great program," Raake said. "I would definitely recommend it, especially to younger students, like freshmen. That's because it is easier to schedule all of your necessary classes and meet all of the requirements of the program."

Chancellor

Meet the Chancellor meets, greets local high schools

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The Meet the Chancellor sessions are held at night to accommodate the parents of students interested in attending IU Southeast, because many parents are not able to attend functions during regular high school hours.

JoAnna Jarboe, admissions counselor, said the evaluations of parents and students who have attended so far have been very positive.

"We felt that it would be very welcoming and profes-

'We felt that it would be very welcoming to personally invite each school.'

**JoAnna Jarboe
admission counselor**

sional to personally invite each school to have their own night with our chancel-

lor and admissions staff," Jarboe said. "We're having our open house in March, and that will be completely open to the public, but so far we've found that prospective students and their families have been encouraged by our initiative to get them onto the IUS campus."

Currently the Meet the Chancellor series is only including southern Indiana schools, but Jarboe said Kentucky's Jefferson county high schools might be considered next year, depending on the results of this year's sessions.

Vista not in sight

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For the first time since 2001, Microsoft is releasing an entirely new version of their Windows operating system.

IU Southeast will wait before changing to Vista, the name of the new system.

Dan Shane, network systems administrator, said he doesn't plan on installing Vista campus-wide until fall 2007 at the soonest.

Windows Vista is being both hailed and criticized, often for the same reasons, and represents the biggest change in Microsoft's flagship product since the transition from Windows 3.1 to Windows 95.

Among the concerns Shane has is the inability to easily use network drives while using some of the new security features.

While Microsoft has offered a work-around, Shane, as well as many other IT professionals, consider the fix inelegant and would rather wait until the underlying issue is fixed.

According to Microsoft's Web site there will be five versions of Vista available ranging in price from \$199 for Windows Vista Home Basic to \$399 for Windows Vista Ultimate.

The differences will range from visual improvements in the operating environment to additional media and enterprise-related software.

Windows Vista Enterprise Edition, which should be available to IUS students in April 2007, will include support for hard drive encryption, UNIX software compatibility and multilingual support.

Shane suggested home users not install Vista on their computers, but rather buy it pre-installed. He said Vista is so closely tied to hardware that unless it is pre-installed with manufacturer-approved drivers and software, then there will likely be compatibility problems.

He said for people who do wish to install Vista on their current computer to do a clean install of Windows, rather than an upgrade.

Windows Vista will also include upgrades to core Microsoft computer technology such as DirectX 10, Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, Windows Media Player 11 and Windows Mail, intended to replace Outlook Express.

Many of these technologies are being supported in Windows XP as well, due to security improvements.

Carpet

Alphabet carpet gets new home next semester

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people went out of their way to complain about it.

"Yeah, it's distracting," Huntsman said, "but it doesn't really bother me, although it'll still catch me by surprise."

"I thought maybe they got a bargain on it, or somebody paid them to take it away. I wouldn't have thought that someone would actually think this looks good."

Patrick Foray, English junior, said the design made him dizzy and want to vomit.

"Man, its like someone threw up the alphabet onto that carpet," Foray said.

Tabitha Camp, IUS student, likes the carpet and said she finds it relaxing.

She said it's ridiculous and stupid to tear up brand new carpet when there's nothing wrong with it.

Sarah Weaver also likes the new carpet.

"I find it inspiring," Weaver said. "It's nice to look at."

Then there are those who just don't care.

"Don't change it," Jenna Ragland, IUS student, said. "Carpet is carpet; I don't care if it's ugly yellow."