

Weather delays work

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Asberry said pouring that foundation has been delayed by rainy and cold conditions. "If you walk down there to A and B, you can see water standing around," he said. "They're really waiting for things to dry out."

Asberry said the foundation must be poured before the dam project starts because about four feet of water must be drained from the lake.

When that water is drained, it may soak the ground where the foundation is to be, delaying the pour even longer.

"They don't really want

any more moisture," he said. Once the ground dries out, Jones said the foundation can be poured while it is still relatively cold because workers can heat the ground and add chemicals in the concrete to help it set correctly in low temperatures.

Asberry said the dam project is not on as tight a schedule as the dorms.

"It's kind of an open ended deal," he said.

Asberry said the project should be completed some time in the next two months.

Snip said the dam repairs were originally scheduled to begin in early December, but as long as it is completed before the weather gets

warm, there will be no problem.

He said the project was scheduled for winter because during its planning, representatives from the School of Natural Sciences suggested doing the project in cold weather would be least damaging to the fish population in the lake. They also suggested installing a fountain to aerate the water to help the fish survive as well.

The fountain has already been installed.

Asberry said these suggestions were incorporated into the plan very early.

"We're trying to keep what wildlife we've got in there safe," he said.

High school students learn about campus life

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IU Southeast hosted Floyd Central high school the first session of its four night Steps to Success Program Jan. 15.

The event, now in its third year, brought attendees in to have a one-on-one meeting with Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles along with various members from other offices including career services, admissions, campus life, financial aid and residence life and housing.

The recruitment program explains what IU Southeast has to offer to prospective high school students.

JoAnna Jarboe, admission counselor for high school recruitment, has run the program for two of the three years it has been in effect.

"It is a really great opportunity for students and their families to visit the campus, to hear from the chancellor and to listen to a current student," she said.

When asked why this venue is more beneficial for prospective students than the standard open house, Jarboe said, "It is more intimate and formal than the Open house program. You have to R.S.V.P., and we group people up to speak directly with each person."

Patterson-Randles spoke to prospective students about the IU Southeast experience.

"We have a good support staff. The ratio for student to teacher is 16:1, and the ratio for student to computer is 8:1," she said.

Patterson-Randles also talked about the advantages to be gained from a college education in general.

"Try lots of things, explore, experience and meet a lot of people," she said.

She introduced IU Southeast's first director of residence life and housing, Jim Schlinsog, who talked about upcoming housing opportunities.

"Benefits of living on campus are that you have more fun," he said. "And you can spend more time studying which equals better grades."

He also stressed the con-

cept that IU Southeast is now giving students the "total" college experience. Jarboe agreed.

"I think [residence halls] will improve attendance at these recruitment programs," she said.

Rebecca Yeager, English sophomore, spoke at the event to give students insight and advice on making the college experience more enjoyable. She came prepared with five tips on how to make the most of time spent in an academic setting.

"One is to set priorities and honor them. Be prepared to make sacrifices for the goals that you hold to be the most important," she said.

Yeager also included concepts like taking advantage of little snippets of time, getting involved and taking charge of one's own education. Her favorite tip was a well known phrase.

"Carpe Diem. I know it's corny but it's true," she said.

"Don't spend time wishing you were somewhere else. Like if this is the time you set aside for homework, don't get distracted by the TV."

Aside from giving advice, Yeager also let students in on what she thinks is the best attribute IU Southeast has to offer.

"It is definitely the professors. Everyone I have met is genuinely concerned about their students and passionate about their subject matter. I have had a wonderful experience with all of my professors," she said.

Jim Kanning, director of career services, spoke to incoming families concerning career opportunities IU Southeast has to offer.

"We think we have a unique school, and we would like to show it off," he said.

Kanning said there are benefits to inviting certain high schools each night.

"We found students want to ride with their friends, and it creates a more comfortable atmosphere if they know people who are going to be there," he said.

Jarboe said turnout for the events have been steady.

"The first year's attendance in fall 2006 was low, however, the last one, and this year's has grown."

Basketball

Grenadiers improve to 14-8

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going to be able to stop us either," Brown said.

Both Brown and Thomas said they feel like the Grenadiers are peaking right now. With the season winding down and post-season play right around the corner, they said this is a good time to be playing their best basketball of the season.

Brown said his late arrival

in November did not give his team a lot of time to grasp his system. When they did grasp it, he said he would add something to it.

"Every time they get it I add something else," Brown said.

Thomas said he attributed much of the team's success to how the players genuinely like one another, which creates good team chemistry.

"Everybody's feeling con-

fidant," Brown said. "It's a family atmosphere."

Brown echoed the sentiments of his assistant coach.

"They're fun to be around and coach, they love each other," Brown said. "They're seeing hard work pay off."

The Grenadiers are currently atop the KMAC standings. Their eight regular season games, six of which are against conference foes, remain.

Chat

Chat hastens student help

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staffed hours are needed either, so the Live Chat project does not cost anything.

Clements said getting the program functional was not very difficult.

"It was mostly getting our consultants in, getting them used to the program and setting up some shortcuts for ourselves for questions we'll be asked a lot," he said.

Prinz said the consultants are expecting questions about changing passwords and about features of programs like Microsoft Excel to be common questions.

Prinz said so far students have not used the program much.

"It's not growing fast," he said. "Not a lot of people are aware of it."

In the first week of the semester, only two questions were asked.

As of Jan. 25, six questions had been directed to consultants.

Not all of the questions received were technology

questions. One student asked about the price of basketball tickets. Prinz said the program is not meant for questions like that one, but consultants will try to answer any question to the best of their ability.

Prinz said a few problems have been reported, mostly dealing with queuing issues and problems with the function that allows students who have asked a question to convert it to an e-mail if they do not have time to wait for a response.

"We're having a few bugs with it, but we're going to try to work on it while we're going," he said. "We're not going to shut it down while we do that."

Consultants will be available through Live Chat Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Prinz said there are no plans to use VNC programs in conjunction with live chat.

VNC programs, which allow remote control of one computer by another, are currently installed on faculty and staff computers to allow IT Help Desk consultants to access them.

Prinz said VNC programs are highly restricted and will not be used because of privacy and cost issues.

He said in a university setting, the content on a computer belongs to a user, which makes remotely accessing a computer a sensitive issue. He said in the private sector this would not be an issue because the contents of a computer belong to the organization that owns that computer.

Prinz said there are no plans to allow students to install and use the Live Chat program on their personal computers, but that help is still available.

"If someone brings a laptop and experiences problems with it, they are always welcome to see a lab consultant in person or bring it to the Help Desk," he said.


Correction

In last week's issue, we referred to the Director of University Communications and Special Assistant to the Chancellor as Jennifer Smedes. Jenny Johnson Wolf holds this title. The Horizon apologizes for the mistake.

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