

Initial office updates finished

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Construction for many of the new administrative offices at IU Southeast is complete. The IUS Police station and IU Credit Union are both complete.

Nearly a week ago the new facilities were opened for business.

Michael McNeal, accounting and office service senior, works for the IUS Police. He said his first impression of the new facilities is the amount of added space they have now.

"We are working on filing and maintaining a fully functional police station," McNeal said. "We were not able to close for a few days like many of the administra-



Brittany C. Hubbard (left), director of Financial Aid, and Kimberly Lewis, Financial Aid counselor, discuss the renovation of the University Center. Financial Aid moved into its revamped space on Feb. 12 and 13.

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tive offices were during their moves. We have to keep the police station open all the time and do what we can as we go and work on the furniture situation."

He said the number one priority is maintaining the police station during the transition. The new station has dedicated space to deal with on-campus housing once it is approved, McNeal said.

"We have a first aid room now, a separate locker room space for both male and female student police officers and a separate break room with a microwave and a refrigerator," McNeal said. "We no longer have to share the space that was once combined together in one room."

The new office space will provide around the clock supervision for the growing population of IU Southeast,

McNeal said.

Former Chief of Police Jason Goodrich recently resigned his position at IU Southeast to move on to Vanderbilt University in Nashville to be closer to his home state of Arkansas, McNeal said.

Sara Silva, criminal justice senior, said there are two main priorities in running the police station.

"The first priority is main-

taining the police station in the most professional way," Silva said. "The second is to organize every object in the office in the most efficient manner."

Financial Aid, the Registrar and the Bursar offices are set to move into their new spaces on Feb. 12 and 13. They will be returning to their original place, Trudy Walter, Financial Aid loan processor, said. They were

temporarily located on the second floor of University Center South.

"We are going to be closed for two days during the transition process," Walter said.

Brittany C. Hubbard, director of Financial Aid, said the downstairs location has a more permanent feel to it and it's easier for her to focus.

"The temporary location had more of an open relationship to it with all the fellow employees," Hubbard said. "We have a little bit of everything up here right now."

Hubbard said there will be FAFSA awareness tables set up in three different buildings on the IUS campus during the move. The tables will be in Knobview Hall, Life Science and in The Commons. The IUS Bookstore will be moving into the empty space on the second floor of University Center South in April when its remodeling is set to begin.

"It is not known how long the remodeling process for the bookstore will take, and the Information Technology department will eventually call the old library home once all the construction is complete," Hubbard said.

Student Groups relocated

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The construction taking place in University Center North will soon move on to the Student Groups' offices.

Student Group representatives were informed at the Student Involvement Board meeting on Feb. 6 that they have until Feb. 19 to have everything moved out so the construction can begin.

"For organizations, it makes it hard," Kayse Kelley, communications senior and Sigma Kappa member, said. "People won't know where things are."

Student Groups were originally told to be out of the offices by Christmas so construction of the new offices could begin, but the deadline was pushed back to Feb. 19.

Until the construction is finished, student groups will officially be located in the upstairs lounge area of the Knobview building.

"Not only the Greek people, but all the student groups with offices are ... being relocated to the Knobview lounge area, but it's just that," Jaime Pryor, criminal justice senior and Phi Sigma Sigma member, said. "No separators or walls. Just open space."

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Sigma Kappa
communications senior

The new Student Groups offices will be located in the same area as they currently are.

There will be no groups permanently relocated outside of University Center. The Student Groups center currently has 16 offices.

Once the construction is complete, four new offices will be added to the floor plan.

While members of student groups did not have the chance to voice opinions on what the new offices would be like, there are so far no complaints about the matter.

The Student Government Association office next door to the Student Groups center will not need to be vacated.

"We're the pivot point," Joe Taflinger, general studies junior and SGA pro temp, said. "Everything around us is coming down."

The SGA office will not be

affected by the construction, but the SGA executive and judicial offices are being ousted along with the rest of the student organizations. The executive and judiciary branches are currently planning to move into the same office as the senate. Taflinger said the move should not affect SGA meetings in the future.

An intention to keep planned events on schedule has also been voiced from other groups.

"No particular events will be affected, but some things that might be affected are general organization meetings and hangout time," Adrienne Priddy, general studies junior and Student Involvement Board liaison, said. Priddy is also a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. The loss of time to socialize and build group dynamics is a common worry among student organization members.

"For student groups, that [office] is their little niche, and it's being taken away," Pryor said.

It's estimated that Student Groups will be able to move into their new offices sometime in August, so all student groups will have their niche back for the fall semester.

"I know the end result will be better," Pryor said, "but the now is not so good."

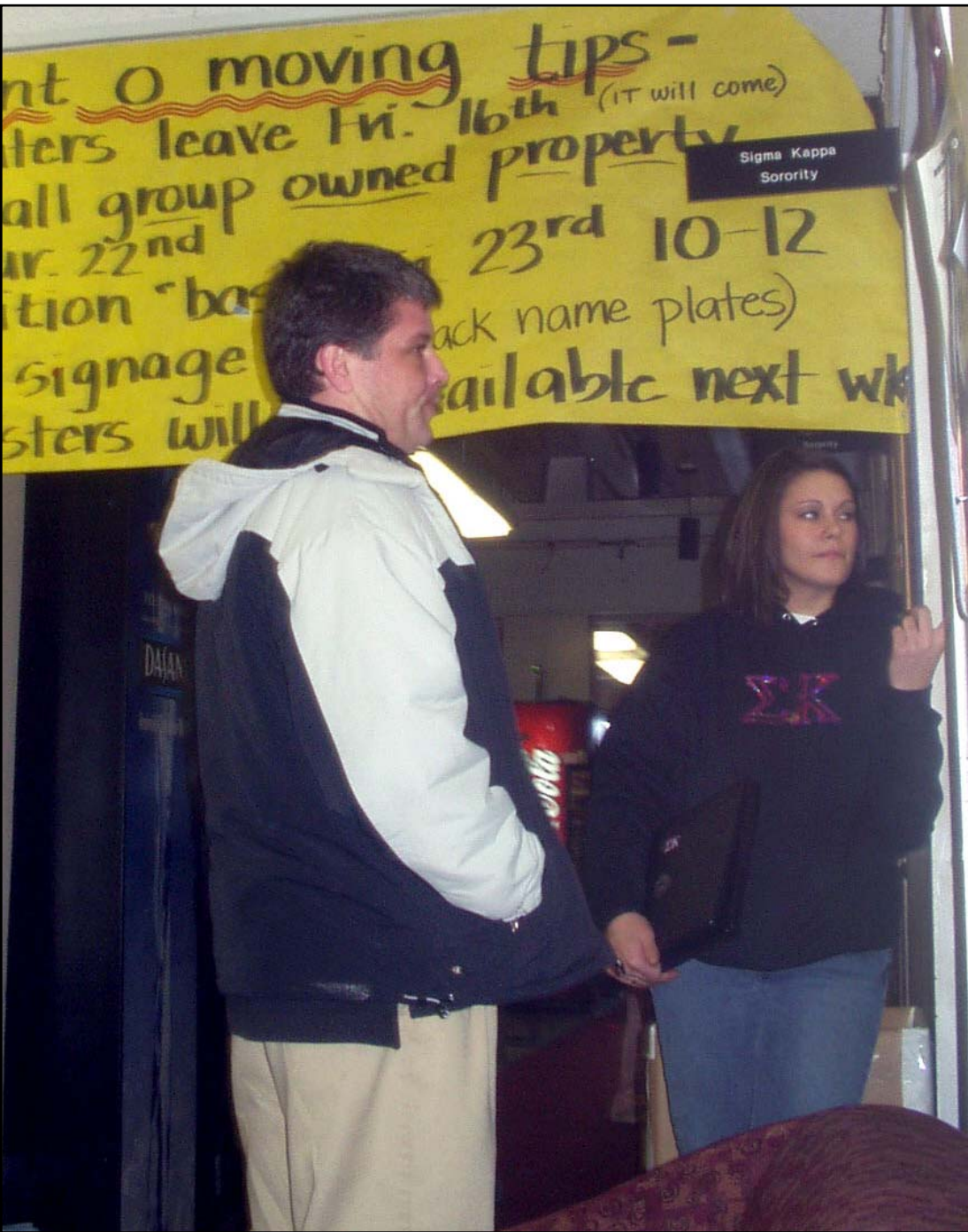


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Michelle Bradshaw, nursing junior and Sigma Kappa sister, talks to Jeff Archibald, computer science junior, about backing up the data on the computers in the sorority's office onto laptops.

IUS celebrates Black history

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February in Kentuckiana means cold weather, basketball season and Black History Month.

Black History Month at IU Southeast is a time to commemorate the lives of individuals like Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington Carver, Nelson Mandela, Malcolm X, Pelé and Rosa Parks.

From Student Life to the Multicultural Student Union, from the Greeks — like the sorority Zeta Phi Beta and fraternity Phi Sig-

ma Beta — to the Academic Success Center, organizations across IU Southeast are recognizing and acknowledging the contributions of black men and women throughout history.

"It's important to celebrate Black History Month to share our culture with others and remember the contributions of blacks to American history and the world," Channell Barbour, staff adviser to the MSU, said.

There are at least 17 official events taking place at IU Southeast as part of Black History Month, as well as numerous informal ones.

Soul Food Day, which took place on Thursday, Feb. 15, was sponsored by MSU and the Student Program Council. The meal, which included fried chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, corn and corn bread, with peach cobbler for dessert, was available for a \$7 ticket price.

The meal included live entertainment from Robbie Bartlett, a local blues, jazz and R & B musician. Bartlett, a female vocalist and bass guitar player, is part of a four-piece ensemble. The event was held in the Hoosier Room and lasted



Channell Barbour

from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Come out and appreciate a different culture and have fun," Barbour said. "It's food for the soul."

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SGA experiences money trouble

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The Student Government Association is having trouble getting money into a key account that helps to reimburse student groups for events on campus.

The Credit Card Royalties account hasn't had a deposit made into it this semester. The royalties come from each purchase made by IU credit card holders.

Lynn Mars, secondary education freshman and

SGA treasurer, said the problem stems from a change of staff in Student Life.

"They're looking into where that deposit is, and it shouldn't take too long to remedy the problem," Mars said.

In order to help the problem temporarily, a bill was presented to move \$113.44 from the student hospitality budget line item and \$40 from postage to the special request fund in the Credit Card Royalties account.

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