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Horizon celebrates 60th year

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The Southeastern Student, The Student, The Southeast Horizon, IUS Horizon; all are former names of this paper. During its 60 years of existence, The Horizon has not only changed names but it has also changed form and has helped mold the lives of those who have been responsible for publishing it.

According to the IU Southeast journalism program's Web site, The Horizon has won several awards from such organizations as the Indiana Collegiate Press Association, the Hoosier State Press Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Archives in the IUS Library show that The Horizon began as the Southeastern Student on March 12, 1947. The first issues resembled little more than newsletters. At the time, IU Southeast was in Jeffersonville and was known as the Southeastern Center of Indiana University. Jim St. Clair, professor of journalism, said it was essentially a feeder school for Bloomington.

The stories were little more than two sentence summaries and the paper was two pages long compared to the current eight pages.

The second issue of the Southeastern Student informed students that summer school was starting and tuition would be \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents per credit hour. According to the IUS Web site, tuition is currently \$156.60 for residents and \$388.50 for non-residents per credit hour.

St. Clair was editor of The Student from 1971 to 1972 and adviser for The Horizon from 1987 to 2000. As both a former editor and adviser, St. Clair has been intimately involved with The Horizon through the years and has witnessed the growth of the paper and the editors who worked under him.

"A big satisfaction I get is seeing people like Cary [Stemle, editor of the Louisville Eccentric Observer] and others stay in journalism and progress into high positions and succeed," he said.

Stemle was editor of The Horizon from fall 1988 to spring 1989 and graduated from IU Southeast in 1991.

Stemle said he was very appreciative of the job St. Clair did as adviser for The Horizon.

"I think Jim is terrific," he said. "He is a selfless man



Photo by Michael Wilmes

Jim St. Clair, professor of journalism, peruses a back issue of The Horizon.

who is interested in everyone and he helps them get jobs in the field of journalism."

St. Clair and Stemle, as well as several other former editors, talked about the bonding experience of staying up late on Fridays to meet the deadline and put the paper together.

"It is a very difficult thing to produce a newspaper week after week and you get a chance to develop a different kind of relationship with the students," St. Clair said. "A very strong bond develops."

St. Clair said one story The Horizon covered while he was adviser was particularly difficult but rewarding. In the late '80s, accusations were made about then Chancellor Leon Rand concerning misappropriation of funds. The Horizon ran a story about the allegations.

"We did a fair job and exposed the rumors as being unfounded and malicious," St. Clair said. "I think we were able to prick the bubble and let it blow over."

Stemle worked on the staff when the story broke.

"They did a good job with that story," Stemle said.

St. Clair said The Horizon has changed drastically since he was editor.

"When I was editor we had a managing editor so essentially it was a two man operation," he said.

"Some issues were just four pages. Now there is far more content and far more people."

"Of course the campus has changed a lot too," he added. "It was in [Jeffersonville] and it was much smaller."

The headline of the special St. Patrick's Day edition of The Southeastern Student

that was released in March of 1949 illustrates one way the campus has changed.

The edition was printed in green ink and featured a hand-drawn Easter Bunny on the front page. The headline read "Men outnumber women students." The story went on to say there were 542 men on campus compared to 330 women.

According to IU Southeast's Web site, the campus is now composed of 63 percent women compared to 37 percent men.

Another headline, from the Feb. 27, 1990, issue, read "New technology gives IUS library of tomorrow." The story touted the old library, formerly located on the top floor of the University Center, as a state of the art facility featuring "new technology" such as compact discs and modems.

St. Clair said two stories that he covered while he was editor stood out from all the rest. One involved separation of church and state and the other involved the governing policy of the university and the role of students in policy-making.

"One of the big issues when I was editor was there had always been a Baccalaureate ceremony that was semi-religious," he said. "One professor tried to get the university to stop it [because he thought it violated separation of church and state] which ignited a debate on campus which was exciting from a news reporting standpoint."

"The other big issue involved the future of athletics at IUS," he said. "The chancellor removed two students from the athletic committee that opposed the plan

[to expand athletics at IU Southeast] and put two students on who support it."

St. Clair was a member of the committee at the time.

He said the latter experience taught him that power ultimately rests in the hands of the administration and not the students.

However, he did say that the administration does listen to students.

St. Clair stepped aside as adviser for The Horizon in 2000. Ron Allman, associate professor of journalism and current adviser for The Horizon, was his replacement.

"Ron brings the technological capabilities and that is why I thought it was time to step aside," he said.

The Horizon has evolved technologically over the 60 years of its existence.

"I used a manual typewriter when I wrote stories," St. Clair said, referring to his time as an editor.

"We had to cut and paste manually. It was time-consuming, dirty and not a very efficient way to produce a paper but that was state of the art in the early '70s," he said.

"Even during the time I was adviser to today the technology has improved," he added. "You couldn't even conceive of broadcast or podcast five years ago."

Allman said he felt it was time to offer more technological features to The Horizon's readers.

"With today's technology, there is a convergence in the media, and The Horizon needs to prepare students to be ready," he said.

"We have two podcasts, an online webcast, an online edition and Time-Wasting Web sites."

Niki Rodriguez, a 2006 graduate of IU Southeast and editor of The Horizon from fall 2001 to spring 2005, including a stint as editor-in-chief from 2004 to 2005, said many technological aspects of The Horizon changed during her tenure.

"The journalism program itself has grown," she said. "We didn't have the podcast or broadcast when I started. Now they don't just have print media."

Rodriguez was recently hired as the copy editor of The Blackfoot Morning News in Blackfoot, Idaho. She credits her time on The Horizon for landing her the job.

"Being editor helped a lot because all the questions in my interview covered what was done at The Horizon," she said.

Alan Stewart, sports editor for The Corydon Democrat and sports editor for The Horizon from 1996 to 1997, said photography has improved as well.

"The photography has improved because of the speed of digital photography," he said. "You no longer have to develop your photos in a darkroom."

Stewart also said he was impressed with the podcast and broadcast.

"I think that's great, especially today when people want things on the go," he said. "The more you can get yourself out there, the better."

All the former editors and advisers talked positively about their experiences on The Horizon.

"I recommend it for us misfits," Stemle said. "It's good for people who aren't interested in much else."

Jerod Clapp, journalism senior and current editor of The Horizon, offered a different view of what it is like to produce The Horizon.

"There are moments on Friday nights when you want to kill each other, but when it's all said and done we are all very close friends," he said. "It's kind of unusual but when you are all working together on one thing that is so important to all of you, you put aside your differences and laugh about them over drinks later."

St. Clair said his experiences as adviser were positive.

"It has its ups and downs but for the most part it was a great experience," St. Clair said.

Allman echoed this sentiment.

"I have two dream jobs," Allman said. "One would be pope, the other I am doing."

SGA

SGA money misplaced

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The senate voted to table the legislation until next week.

This was done to give them an opportunity to research the Student Activity Fee increase and inform the student body.

Taylor asked the senate to do an informal vote to see what their opinion would be if the chancellor needed an immediate response.

The senate vote was decided with six nays and one abstention.

Lynn Mars, secondary education freshman and SGA treasurer, said he's going to try to get the information out about the increase.

"I'm going to mention it in each of my classes and

stop people in the hallways," Mars said.

Taylor said SGA needs to get out and tell students.

"We need to get our feelers out there and get our networks going," Taylor said.

Taylor said if he had a choice, he'd like to see the money more evenly distributed between the student groups.

"I don't think it's too bad," Taylor said. "No one likes to pay more, but sometimes we have to."

Also, the bill presented at the Feb. 15 meeting to reallocate funds from the General Fund to the Credit Card Royalties account was withdrawn by its author, Lynn Mars.

Mars said SGA isn't allowed to move SAF mon-

ey into the credit card royalties account, so the bill had to be taken down.

He said Student Life is still looking for the money that should have been deposited into the CCR.

"We haven't gotten a deposit since August, so we should have gotten two by now," Mars said.

Mars said until the money comes in, they can't reimburse every student group for events they put on.

"We're limited on the student groups we can give money to out of the General Fund," Mars said. "As long as it has open membership, we can."

Mars said groups like the College Democrats and Republicans couldn't be reimbursed because they're more exclusive.

Smoking

Smoking is bad, mmmkay

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would affect those students more than younger students.

"A lot of people are on campus for several hours and they're going to have some trouble," Gonya said.

"People already know the risks of smoking and it's not our job to make them quit."

Doug Geiger, computer science major, said he's trying to quit smoking anyway.

"We just keep killing ourselves as a nation," Geiger said. "You shouldn't be smoking in the first place."

Geiger said even if a smoking ban is set in place, students are likely to smoke anyway.

"People will just go out and smoke in their cars," Geiger said.

Dennis Simon, interim

chief of the IUS Police, said there aren't any real guidelines for smoking outside and the only building on campus with a buffer zone to obey is Life Sciences.

Simon said after one or two verbal warnings, students would be subject to the rules outlined in the code of student conduct, and may be brought before the vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

Simon said he hasn't heard many people complain to the police about smokers.

"We've had people voice their opinions, but not that many people call in and complain," Simon said.

Simon said possible punishment for smoking after a smoking ban is enforced would be a violation summons or a ticket.