

# First preparations for dorms begin

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After the groundbreaking on June 27, construction on the dorms began.

The project, which is scheduled to be finished by next summer, required the cutting of several trees behind the IUS Library and University Center.

"I have a very nice view," Teesue Fields, professor of education said.

Her office in the school of education saw the trees being cut down in July.

"It was very disappointing to see the trees come down, and I understand they had to," Fields said.

Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles said cutting down the trees was necessary and the grading of the ground would have killed the trees if they had not been cut.

"I'm a great outdoors and nature person," Patterson-Randles said. "I hate to cut down trees and change the environment at all."

Patterson-Randles said she tried to save the trees outside of University Center during the renovation of that

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**Sandra Patterson-Randles**  
Chancellor

building.

"We're really doing the best we can," Patterson-Randles said. "There will be a full-scale planting of trees after the dorms are built."

Fields said people would watch trees being cut down from her office.

"The craziest things were these machines that would cut off the trees and pick them up in their pincers, then carry them off," Fields said.

Bob Snip, director of Physical Plant, said close to 1,000 trees would be replanted, along with more landscaping to be done after the dorms are finished.

Patterson-Randles said



Photo by Jerod Clapp

**A backhoe puts a tree into a grinder. Several trees behind University Center and the IUS Library were cut down to clear ground for the dorms project.**

planting the trees will help to dampen the noise from the trains and block the view of the industrial complex.

"People who live next to railroad tracks get used to

them," Patterson-Randles said.

"It wouldn't matter where we put the dorms, the whole campus hears the trains."

Patterson-Randles said the

trains run through seven or eight times a day and run about 40 miles an hour.

At the IU Board of Trustees meeting on April 7, 2006, a proposed location for

the dorms was shown on the southeast part of the campus beyond the Life Sciences parking lot.

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## Building repairs ongoing

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While University Center finishes its facelift and construction begins on the dorms, several existing buildings on campus have been going through repair and maintenance projects through the last academic year.

### Crestview Hall

After the flooding in several professors' offices in Crestview spring 2007, the walls in the damaged offices had to be repainted, carpet had to be replaced and other repairs were needed.

Stephanie Bower, professor of history, had one of the most damaged offices and said she was pleased with the work Physical Plant did to her office.

"It's drier than it's ever been," Bower said. "I waited a long time before I took the plastic off of everything in here."

The flooding was caused after some of the roofing on the first floor had been replaced. Bower said an error on the part of the IU Architect's Office caused the flooding.

The drains on that roof had been sealed over, causing water to pool and flood into the offices of some faculty members.

Bob Snip, director of Physical Plant, said the contractors who sealed over the drains replaced and paid for them.

Jean Abshire, associate professor of political science, also had damage to her office.

"There hasn't been any more leaking since last spring," Abshire said.

Bower said the drains were also redirected further away from Crestview hall.

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**Bob Snip**  
Physical Plant director

this time," he said.

Bower said she received compensation for damages to her personal items, including books, from Indiana University's Office of Risk Management.

Abshire has applied for the compensation and hopes to receive it soon.

Dennis Simon, IUS Police Chief, said he helped to work with Kutina England in Risk Management to get money to the professors.

Simon said normally, the personal effects of professors aren't covered under Indiana University's insurance.

"She made it possible to reclaim some money to replace personal effects," Simon said.

### Knobview Hall

The Music Department and Theater Department have raised concerns about water leaks and other problems in Knobview Hall.

Joanna Goldstein, professor of music, said the wooden instruments stored in the building could be at risk because of humidity and temperature issues.

"We don't get tons of water or flooding down here, but we have some problems," Goldstein said.

Goldstein said when mildew was reported the Physical Plant responded by using a chemical to kill it before it became a problem.

Bob Snip said the chemical, crude digester, would

kill mold for up to six to eight months.

He said environmental health and safety inspectors have gone through the building and haven't found any problems with mold.

"My biggest concern is the temperature/humidity issue," Goldstein said.

"In general terms, you don't want wood getting wet and drying out, then getting wet and drying out again."

Goldstein said the pianos could develop cracked soundboards, and woodwind and string instruments could also be damaged if the humidity and temperature changes were too extreme.

"When that shifts, you get cracks, it dries the glues," Goldstein said.

"Wooden instruments are not very tolerant to environmental changes."

Goldstein said percussion instruments would also be at risk.

"We have several student-grade instruments that weren't very expensive, but it's an investment that cumulative is worth a lot of money," she said.

On the side of the building for the Theater Department, Goldstein said water leaks have caused concerns for warping stages.

Steve Taksar, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, said more money is going to be appropriated to help the repairs to Knobview and other buildings.

Taksar said after several

studies, the prices shown to repair the water issues in Knobview were "very expensive." He said Indiana University was going to put more money in the Repair and Rehabilitation fund for IU Southeast.

"It's our hope that if we can address these problems, the building will be tight enough to avoid any further water problems," he said.

Taksar also said an energy saving system would be adjusted for each room, depending on how it was used.

Goldstein said Taksar and Snip walked through Knobview and the Ogle Center to look at the rooms and address their needs.

"The Vice Chancellor [of Administrative Affairs] has been very helpful," she said.

### Hillside Hall, Life Sciences, and the Activities Building

Snip said the roof repairs on half of Hillside Hall were completed last spring, and that the second half of the roof would be finished this year.

New lighting has been installed throughout the building as well as drop ceilings to improve the acoustics of the classrooms.

"It's been the intention of upper administration to upgrade these classrooms," Snip said, "so I've really got to give them kudos for that."

He said all of the classrooms have been updated in Hillside Hall.

Drop ceilings and new lighting were also installed in Life Sciences, rooms 206 and 207.

The men's locker room in the Activities Building has been updated, and the women's locker room will be finished this winter.

The gym floor will be repainted, along with some of the interior of the building.

## Smoking policy goes into effect

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IU Southeast is now a tobacco-free university, as evidenced by the signs and banners spread across campus.

This includes university buildings, property and university vehicles.

Although the use of tobacco is allowed in personal vehicles, it is not allowed in the parking lots.

IU Southeast is one of many college campuses in Indiana scheduled to become tobacco-free.

"The whole point of being tobacco-free is to make IU Southeast a healthier campus," Erica Walsh, public information specialist for IU Southeast, said.

According to Walsh, this mandate is system-wide. By the end of the year all IU campuses will be tobacco-free.

The policy, however, will not be enforced to a severe extent.

"Law enforcement is not assigned the task to go out and hunt for people smoking," Dennis Simon, IUS Chief of Police, said.

"We're calling it an engagement," he said.

"If we catch someone smoking we'll ask them if there is some way we could help them get into a smoking cessation program."

Simon said there are going to individuals who are assigned to walk through particular areas at specific times to make sure the policy is upheld.

"Once they commit the act time and time again, they will be referred to the vice chancellor of student affairs or to Human Resources if it's faculty or staff," he said.

In order to cater to students having trouble getting through the day without the use of tobacco, smoking cessation programs have been implemented on campus and daily "Coping Kits" are available in the Human Resources Department.

The smoking cessation program ran every Wednesday throughout August and will only continue into September if there was enough interest.

According to Walsh the program is free to all students, faculty and employees of IU Southeast.

## UC renovations almost finished

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October will mark the conclusion of the largest renovation project to date at IU Southeast. Although the renovations in the University Center provide 20 offices for student organizations, they have not had a place to conduct

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