

School of Education receives million dollars

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The School of Education at IU Southeast has received a \$1,045,000 grant for a project that will help area schools accommodate students who are not native English speakers.

This grant is the largest federal grant IU Southeast has ever received.

The School of Education will use the five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund a project called The Networking for Capacity Building in English as a Second Language and English as a New Language Best Practices program.

'It is not indispensable that every teacher have a license, but what is indispensable is that every teacher have professional development.'

**Magdalena Herdoiza-Estevez
coordinator
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The program will work with six schools in area school districts: Jackson Elementary school in the Seymour Community School District; Fairmont Elementary and Nathaniel Scribner

Middle school in the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation; and Parkwood Elementary, Jonathan Jennings Elementary, and Charlestown High School in the Greater

Clark County school district.

Magdalena Herdoiza-Estevez, coordinator of the graduate studies program for the School of Education, is the project director.

A major goal of the program is to provide opportunities for more teachers to earn an ENL license offered through a partnership between IU Southeast and IU Bloomington and for all school personnel to complete a professional development course.

In order to earn the ENL license, a teacher must be fully licensed as a teacher and must complete four courses at IU Southeast and four courses offered online through IU Bloomington.

Herdoiza-Estevez said that it is practical for teachers to take two courses per semester, so teachers can expect the licensing process to take about four semesters.

The professional development program requires teachers to attend six full-day classes and can be completed in one semester.

Teachers in both programs will be taught about the laws concerning ENL students and their families, about the different cultures of their ENL students, and about strategies for assisting language acquisition.

Stephen Cunningham, director of vocational and alternate programs for the New Albany-Floyd County

system, said this training is crucial for teachers of ENL students.

"It takes different strategies," he said. "It's a completely different culture they're coming into... When you're talking about it raining cats and dogs, they're looking out there and they don't see any cats or dogs."

Herdoiza-Estevez said that in five years, when the grant expires, the goal is to have 30 teachers earn their ENL licenses, to have 102 teachers complete the professional development program and to develop six model schools that have personnel in six personnel categories

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IUS Lake will be losing water weight this fall

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The IUS Lake will be partially drained later this fall. Small trees and underbrush around the side of the lake will be removed and a new drain outlet will be put in.

The lake is about 20 feet in depth at its deepest point. Bob Snip, Physical Plant director, said approximately five to six feet of water will be drained to allow workers to install a new drain outlet that will take excess storm water around and away from the new dorms that are being built.

"Mother nature took care of two to three feet this summer," Snip said.

Due to the extremely hot and dry summer when the water temperature cools down there will be less water that has to be removed than originally planned.

Plans are to drain the lake in mid to late October depending on air and water temperatures.

The School of Natural Sciences suggested draining the lake only after the water temperature came down several degrees to help conserve the fish that inhabit the lake.

David Taylor, professor of biology, said there was no real danger to the fish even if they were to drain the lake now, but that it was safer to wait until the water temperature came down several degrees.

"Fish are more docile in cooler water," Taylor said.

Taylor said the focus of this project is to put in place a new drain outlet that will

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**Bob Snip
director
Physical Plant**

move excess water away from the dorms.

Plans call for a man-made wetlands consisting of sand and water-absorbing plants off to the side of where the dorm's parking lot will be. Then it can naturally flow down to the creek by the railroad tracks.

The new dorms were the main focus in altering the flow of excess water.

Snip said studies showed the underbrush and trees growing around the edge of the lake could possibly clog the drain that was originally placed in the middle of the lake and drained out the bottom if stirred or knocked over by storms.

Snip said as well as removing a possible flooding hazard, the removal of the brush and trees will make the lake look more appealing.

Taylor said the school of natural sciences has also suggested aeration for the lake when the project is complete.

This will enable more oxygen to put into the lake, help prevent algae growth and would promote healthier aquatic life.



Photo by Erica Sellers

A common sight in the new, and soon to be completed University Center. Construction is still underway.

UC renovations get mixed reviews

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With a month into the school year many IU Southeast students and faculty are enjoying the renovations that began in June of 2006 in the University Center South building.

Students can now enjoy coffee at the new coffee shop, currently unnamed; play a thrilling game of ping pong in the new game room; enjoy a nice sandwich or bowl of cereal for lunch in the ius cafeteria, or join a student organization in the newly designed student organizations room, which some organizations have deemed "short changed."

"They first started telling us that we were going to suites and that the offices

'Everything looks pretty nice but I would like to know when the construction will be finished.'

**Panda Burkhart
freshman
computer science**

were going to be bigger," Travis Jackman, TKE sophomore, said. "The rooms are rounded and the back wall curves so it's hard to fit any furniture inside, but I guess bean bags could

work."

Although some of the Greek organizations feel they were told they would receive bigger rooms, Sam Asberry, assistant of physical plant operations, clarified that the new offices in student organizations are 96 square feet which is more than the 80 square feet of the original rooms.

"Overall the student organizations offices have more square footage than they originally had," Asberry said.

Aside from the complaints from the students in the student organizations' room many other students and faculty are enjoying the remodeled University Center South.

"I like it," Heather Comer, elementary education senior, said. "It kind of stinks being a senior and

knowing I won't get to see it finished." Comer likes everything but that sometimes she still can not find her way around.

Kathy Corbean, associate director of Campus Life, said she loves the new renovations that have taken place at the University Center South.

"I feel pretty darn excited because as the campus has grown students hang out space has been gobbled up by offices," Corbean said.

Mary Hall, who has worked at the IUS Bookstore for the past 22 years, likes the way the new bookstore looks. "It's a nice store, and it's always nice to upgrade." Hall said that many IU Southeast stu-

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SGA delays voting, swearing in senators

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Without enough senators to officially call the Sept. 27 senate meeting to order, the Student Government Association couldn't vote on legislation or swear in new senators.

The business on the Sept. 27 meeting's agenda will be pushed to Oct. 4, including one bill, two directives and the swearing in of three senators.

According to the SGA constitution, two thirds of the senate must be present at senate meetings to vote on any legislation on the agenda. The senate has eight members, and five were present at the meeting.

David Prince, secondary education senior and senate chair, said the current number of senators can have a negative effect on how the senate conducts business.

"We're still down in small numbers," Prince said. "As small as our numbers are,

being down one person makes a huge difference."

Prince was not present at the meeting because he was filing a criminal suit against a mechanic who had worked on his car.

Richard Young, political science sophomore and senate pro-temp, acted as senate chair in Prince's absence.

Young said another issue is with Sarah Gettelfinger, biology and chemistry sophomore and senator, hasn't been to any of the senate's meetings this semester.

Flo Gonya, general studies senior and president, said Gettelfinger is busy this semester with pre-med school, a full-time job and more than 18 credit hours of classes.

Gonya said the SGA would rather get a resignation from Gettelfinger than impeach her.

"Rather than have the stigma of us having to impeach her, we were trying



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**David Prince
senate chair
SGA**

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