Intramurals popularity increases

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The IUS intramurals program has grown greatly in the last couple of years.

Perry Brown, coordinator of fitness and intramurals, said he was happy with the participation in the intramural program as a whole.

"All numbers are up compared to last year," Brown said.

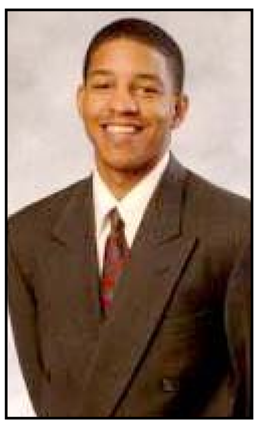
Brown not only coordinates all of the intramural activities, he also participates in some of them. Brown is on Oh No, a team in the flag football league. Brown said he also plays in the 5-on-5 basketball league.

"I only play in the big events," Brown said.

Antwain Banks, a 2004 IUS graduate and current assistant men's basketball coach, has seen the intramurals program grow since he was a student at IU Southeast.

"When I got here in '01, basically all we had was basketball," Banks said. "That's all we had to look forward to."

Brown said there are many events planned for the month of November. The events include a sports trivia night, handball, indoor soccer, and the turkey trot, a race that consists of several laps around the baseball field, with the winner receiving a frozen turkey and a T-shirt.



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Banks, one of Brown's teammates on Oh No, said he attributes much of the growth of the intramurals program to Brown's arrival. When Banks arrived, there was no intramurals coordinator.

"It's good to see someone put the time and effort into the program," Banks said. "He's a great help to the university."

Brown, an Earlington, Ky., native, is in his second year at IU Southeast.

Before coming to IU Southeast, Brown served as the sports programmer and recreational center worker for the Henderson, Ky., Parks and Recreation program.

After graduating from Western Kentucky University, Brown worked as the Intramural and Facilities supervisor for his alma mater. He also has extensive training as an intramural official.

He trained all officials and referees for the intramural activities at Western Kentucky University and has officiated extramural sporting events at major universities across the country.

Cha'reme Vincent, sociology junior, is one of Brown's student workers.

She said she feels Brown has contributed a lot to IU Southeast.

"He's added a lot more fun to campus life and increased student participation," Vincent said.

Vincent is involved in many of the intramural activities.

She participates in flag-football, basketball, dodge ball, volleyball and softball. She is a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, winner of last year's women's Grenadier Cup.

The Grenadier Cup is an award given to the student organization that has the highest point total at the end of all the year's intramural events.

Photo by Eric McGuffin

A participant in the Oct. 21 flag football game prepares to make a pass. Flag football is one of many intramural activities offered at IU Southeast.

Points are given for participation and performance in all events.

Adam Pepper, communications senior, also one of Brown's teammates on Oh No, said he participates in intramurals to stay active.

"I've got to stay active, healthy and happy," Pepper said.

Pepper, who also participates in intramural basketball and dodge ball, said he would like to see student participation increase not only in intramurals, but in other campus activities as well.

"I definitely encourage students to join intramurals, meet people and join clubs," Pepper said.

Pepper said he thinks intramurals is just one way to make campus life better.

He said he would like people to know that IU Southeast is not the small university that it is often viewed as.

"We're not Grant Line High School," Pepper said. "We need to show our IUS spirit."

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Global group, green goals

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"Think globally, act locally" is a motto the IUS Environmental Conservation Organization takes seriously.

At their third meeting this semester, ECO President Stevie Benge, mathematics junior, talked about the goals and plans of the organization this year at a meeting held Oct. 25 in the Clark Room at University Center North.

"We need to make IU Southeast recycle friendly," Benge said. "A prominent recycling area needs to be placed in the University Center."

ECO was formed in the fall of 2006 and held its first meeting in spring 2007. Benge came up with the idea for the organization once she realized there was not currently an environmental group at IU Southeast.

The mission of ECO is to educate students and the surrounding community about changes that can be made to create an environmentally friendly community.

"We're basically a moderate group," Benge said. "We want to make everyone feel comfortable who has a concern about the environment, even those people just interested in organic gardening."

Starting on Oct. 29, there will be a recycling bin placed outside the ECO office in the student organizations center in the University Center. It will be there at all hours, seven days a week.

Students are encouraged to deposit bottles, cans and other items for recycling there. Plans were also discussed to tour a recycling plant.

"It's important for people to see where the recycled material goes to," Benge said.

Respect for nature has always been an important aspect of the environmental movement and how the ecosystem interacts with human society.

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Stevie Benge
mathematics
junior

Possible formative ideas of outdoor activities with the Outdoor Adventure Club at IU Southeast were discussed.

"Exploration of a cave could be an option," Benge said.

In the past, ECO has been involved in clean-ups in the various local parks.

"It's a good way to earn your membership hours," Benge said.

Global warming is an issue that many people are starting to take seriously. ECO has aired the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" by former Vice President Al Gore to IUS students.

"We had a pretty good turnout for that," Benge said.

Next year is a presidential election year and ECO intends to examine each candidate's record on the environment.

"Besides what the candidates are saying now, it's very important to examine their past voting record on the environment," Benge said.

Earth Day, which is on April 16, 2008, will be an important date for ECO.

"One of several things we intend to do is draw attention on how environmental changes are affecting the Monarch butterfly," Benge said.

"These changes also have larger repercussions that most people are not aware of."

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