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Dump cleaned at IUS's expense

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The illegal dump site on the far northern portion of campus, between Knobview Hall and the IUS observatory, has now been cleaned. On Dec. 19, IUS was ordered by the Floyd County Health Department to clean up the site.

Although IUS was given 30 days to remove all discarded items from the trench, it was cleaned within two days. In an article in the Dec. 27 issue of the Courier-Journal, County environmental-health specialist Rose Bensenhaver said that IUS did more than it was ordered to do in cleaning the site.

IUS contacted Dan Christiani Excavating Inc. to remove the items from the dump. Gary Engleman of Dan Christiani oversaw the removal of the ill-discarded junk. He said that school officials told him not to take any shortcuts.

"They wanted everything done by the book," he said.

It was initially reported that the estimated cost of cleaning the dump would cost IUS between \$10,000 to \$15,000. IUS Public Information Specialist Katherine Sears said that the total cost of the cleanup



Photo by Ron Allman

process was \$9,860. It had been rumored that money pertaining to the Life Science Building had been used to clean the dump, but Sears said that isn't true. Former Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs Mark Mixner said that the money was derived from a discretionary fund known as "Facilities Improvement."

Mixner has since left IUS for a new position at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

Although earlier reports told of the cleanup process, the

answer to how the nearly 35 yards long, 10 to 15 yards wide, and 12 feet deep trench came into existence was unknown. One IUS Physical Plant employee, who wished to remain anonymous, said that no IUS employees were involved in the dumping.

Sears said that IUS paid Cornell Harbison Excavating Inc. of Georgetown, Ind. \$780 to dig the trench. That money came from the Physical Plant budget.

Frank Kelly, superintendent at

Cornell Harbison said that he had no idea what the trench would eventually be used for. He said that his company was contacted in mid-October by former Physical Plant Director Ed Frederick about digging the trench.

Frederick retired from the Physical Plant on Jan. 10.

The unidentified Physical Plant employee said in the Jan. 21 issue of The Horizon that no full-time employees were involved in the dumping. However, Sears said that IUS



Courtesy photo

LEFT: The dumpsite north of campus was cleaned just two days after IUS was ordered to remove items from the trench.

ABOVE: Broken chairs, desks, food coolers, and a couch fill the dump just days before it was cleaned.

employees did indeed dump items into the trench. Kelly contends that his company was simply hired to dig the trench, and that none of his employees participated in the dumping.

The discovery of the dump site lead members of The Horizon to the nearby woods behind Knobview Hall. It was there that photos of remaining discarded items such as tires, metal piping, and aluminum siding were discovered. Those photos were posted in the Jan. 21 issue of The Horizon, as well as

on The Horizon's web site.

IUS officials do not believe that IUS employees dumped those items. The 180 acres of land (40 acres are still densely wooded) was purchased by IUS 30 years ago.

"There is a possibility that materials may have been discarded prior to IU Southeast taking possession of the property," Sears said.

Nevertheless, IUS officials have said that trash found in that area will be "promptly removed."

Former student returns to head Media Services

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Lee Staten joined the IUS staff in Feb. 2001 to become the new director of media development in Media Services.

"When I attended IUS, the campus was new and a lot smaller. There was maybe 75 to 76 students enrolled," Staten said. "It is great to be back and to be able to see how much the campus has progressed in terms of size and facilities."

After college, Staten went on to work as a communications specialist at Dairyman corporation, where he worked for eight years.

"Right after school, I got to go on and do exactly what I wanted," Staten said. "I began to get more interested in layout and design, rather than writing, and Dairyman gave me a chance to do that."

Staten later worked for Pro-Marketing in Louisville, where he worked with video and graphic design, until he opened his own graphic design and model-making business.

"I am really interested in model-making. I helped start a convention that is held each year in Louisville, called 'Wonderwest.' We are in our 13th year and the convention gets bigger and bigger every time," Staten said. "The people who attend are mostly model-makers or movie buffs. It really is a lot of fun."

After running his own business, Staten later decided to give IUS a try.

"At first, I wasn't really looking for a job, but when I heard about the opening for a

media director, I thought it sounded like an exciting position," Staten said. "IUS had always appealed to me in terms of education and I

knew the position would be worthwhile."

As the director of media development, Staten will be in charge of all media services, including classroom audio-visual aids and web pages.

Media services are available to faculty and staff for use in educational purposes.

"Media services have come a long way. Before, everyone thought our jobs were to roll a projector around on a cart," Staten said. "Now it has completely changed. People are using more high-tech equipment. We have come from pushing carts to becoming experts in audio-visual equipment. That is a huge accomplishment."

One of Staten's main goals is to get the campus current in terms of audio-visual technologies.

"We are trying out a lot of new software and equipment in the classrooms such as the new, improved designs of the campus web site and the new projectors installed in classrooms," Staten said. "I believe that all of these advances will prove to have a great impact on the students."

"IUS may seem like a little campus, but I believe that we are one of the leaders of the pack with our plans for technology on campus," Staten said.

"I am proud of my new position here and I hope to stay for a long time. There is a good sense of community."



Photo by Kim O'Bryan

Search for new chancellor narrows

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The call. The suggestion. The committee. The "confidential" search.

In that order, were the steps taken to accumulate a nationwide search for the next chancellor of IUS after F. C. Richardson announced his retirement at the age of 65.

After five years of helping IUS bloom into a regional campus beauty, overseeing campaigns, which brought an abundance of revenue, Richardson is retiring.

Just five years ago, IUS had a dilemma. Admissions were down, scholarships were scarce, and faculty and staff yearned for technological changes.

"The nature of the campus has changed," said Kirk Klaphaak, a committee member, who also served on the last committee. "They needed a change. F.C. made that happen. Enrollments increased and technology came."

Now, on the brink of a regional campus plateau, a chancellor is sought who will help IUS maintain and "go to the next level of excellence," said Joanna Goldstein, a committee member and professor of Music.

Last May, the call came from Myles Brand, president of Indiana University, to form a search committee. The announcement spread, and nominations were made.

A search committee was assembled and completed by mid-September to include 11 IUS staff members, two students, two community leaders, three outside IU affiliated faculty advisors and one officer.

Also, a consulting firm was hired as "headhunters," Goldstein said, to search nationally for potential prospects.

The 19-member committee cannot speak on the matter of

the candidates, Goldstein said. "It's a very confidential matter."

From a 17-page specification sheet, sent in secrecy around the country, 58 applicants responded without present employer notification.

"Some institutions may want to protect the candidates," Goldstein said. "You don't always want to tell someone your looking for a job."

Of the 58 applicants, 42 of them didn't meet the criteria. Only 12 applicants remained for the position.

Interviews on Jan. 18-20 narrow the potential chancellors within four to six applicants.

Committee members, sworn to silence, conducted off campus interviews at a confidential location.

"After thoughtful deliberation, we have selected candidates to bring to campus," Goldstein said. "Their résumés will be on the web."

However, the résumés will not be posted until all candidates have been notified and have accepted the university's invitation. Until then "we don't want to send any names unless we find them acceptable," Goldstein said.

After interviews, remaining applicants will undergo an exploitation of events.

Along with releasing prospective chancellor's names, a series of meetings will commence to introduce candidates to students, staff, faculty, administration, and the community.

Candidates will be under close scrutiny by committee members.

Although the "committee doesn't hire," Goldstein said,

"The President does. He will choose because he does his own interviews. He's the one who decides."

Committee members seemed elated about the nominees up for chancellor.

"I'm very excited about the quality of candidates," Klaphaak said. "A high caliber of candidates are applying."

Chancellor committee per-

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spectives have varied quite immensely from last search to the search currently under way, Klaphaak said.

The roar for change under Chancellor Richardson's reign has been subdued into a calm hum, causing contention, easiness and a more confident outlook to next chancellor's arrival.

"It means people are happy with the way things are going," Klaphaak said with a smile. "Everyone is happy with the way things are."

Though some believe the last chancellor's term was too short, therefore "someone who has a few more years before retiring" would be more apt for chancellor, Athletic Secretary Donna Harvey said.

"Richardson was here only about five years," she said. "It takes about that long to get to know the area."

"You don't want to hire a person to stay long," Goldstein said in objection. "You want the best person for the job."

IUS started as the Falls City Center, an extension college in 1941, under Floyd McMurray.

With gradual campus development increases and Indiana University's emerging influence, IUS evolved into a park-like regional campus, attracting students from Kentucky and Indiana.

Chancellors, to this point, have headed IUS in the right direction. IUS faces its sixth Chancellor.

The next chancellor of IUS is expected to maintain or exceed the needs of the institution.

Potential chancellors who have inquired about IUS's campaign, academic, and technology accomplishments were pleased, Klaphaak said.

IUS's latest boost in revenue, is stated in the position specification's second page.

"Increasing enrollments in both graduate and undergraduate programs, additional faculty positions, expanding academic curricula, and strong community support," the specification sheet states.

"Reflected in a current successful \$12 million Capital Campaign identify IU Southeast as an energetic and thriving academic community."

The word "million" is sprinkled throughout the chancellor specification sheet. It is held as an incentive, but also a responsibility for IUS's next chancellor.

"The state has cut funds," Goldstein said. "That's why capital campaigns are so important. IUS only gets so much money. How that money is spent can cramp growing."

How a leader "balances out" spending, Goldstein said, exemplifies the "vision of a chancellor."