

## **NOTES & NOTICES**

November 14, 2001

Welcome to the third edition of *New and Notices*. Once again, the nation grieves for the lives lost on November 12, 2002 in the crash of an American Airlines flight to the Dominican Republic. While the latest news indicates that this was an accident, it does not diminish the initial shock we felt when we heard about the crash or the grief that families are feeling in the Dominican Republic. Our sympathy goes out to the families of those lost. Let this edition of *News and Notices* serve as an example of our belief that we must carry on.

### **Science Olympiad**

I am pleased to announce that IUS will host one of the Regional Science Olympiad events in February, 2002. The planning team includes Walter Ryan, Bill Jamski, Fran Squires, Elain Haub, Randi Hunt, Talitha Jajah, Denice Fenger, Pamela Wills, Jo Renwick and Jerry Ruth. Walter will serve as the contact person for this endeavor. Look for more information on this event.

### **A Partnership between SEESAC and ILTE**

An Education listserv has been set up through ILTE. See Cathy Shea to learn more about this concept.

### **Discussion and Possible Changes in H340**

A group of faculty met twice to discuss this course. Keep your eyes and ears open as we review this course and engage in further discussion. At some point you will be asked your opinion about this foundations course. Guy Wall and Karen Simms are taking the lead on this review.

### **National Summit on Mathematics Education**

Walter Ryan, Bill Jamski, and Chris Lang attended this summit in Virginia. The summit was a collaboration among major professional mathematics groups and mathematics education groups. See the full write-up from Walter and Bill on email.

### **Fish Philosophy**

Sue Schenatzki recently attended a staff retreat on workplace attitudes and how to make the workplace more pleasant. She shared information about the retreat at the SOE monthly staff meeting. The "Fish Philosophy" is about our attitude in the workplace and what we can do to make work life more pleasant. A copy of the ideas about the "Fish Philosophy" can be picked up from Sue or any staff member. You will hear, see and maybe engage in some of the "Fish Philosophy" activities in the near future.

### **Service Learning**

The Brown Bag meetings to discuss service learning were successful. We shared a lot of good ideas and learned what some of our faculty are doing in this area. I met with Carl deGraaf and JoAnn Campbell, IU Office of Community Partnerships in Service Learning, and learned even more about the possibilities and challenges of service learning. Look for more on this topic.

### **PL221 – Professional Development**

Patty McNames and Kevin Bailey served as planners and hosts for two workshops on PL221 for the Indiana Department of Education. Superintendents, principals, teachers

and representatives from the Wilson Center spent time on our campus to get the latest information on Professional Development and PL221. There will be more on this topic in the near future.

### **Transition to Teaching**

Jim Clements, Bill Jamski, Jane Riehl, and Guy Wall have met several times to discuss this program. Tentative plans have been discussed along with issues and challenges. Rules for the program are being written by the IPSB and should be in our hot little hands soon so that we can move forward with developing a program. A Transition to Teaching program must be in place by Fall 2002. We will need everyone's ideas to pull this off.

### **Diversity Conference**

The SOE was well represented at the November 9, 2001 Diversity Conference. We had nine members of the staff and faculty in attendance this year. Barbara Thompson served as one of the conveners and presenter at the conference. Articles from the conference are available on the table in the main office for reading and to make copies.

### **2002 Indiana Teacher of the Year Program**

I attended the Teacher of the Year Program in Indianapolis on November 7, 2001. The program was very well attended and very well done. The Indiana Teacher of the Year is Terri L Boutin. She is a teacher at S. Ellen-Jones Elementary School. We are planning a reception for Terri in January, 2002. As soon as the date is set, we will let you know. A copy of the philosophy statements from the winner, runner-up, and the finalists is available for your review on the desk in the main office.

### **Upcoming Events**

Budget Request (see program coordinators and quality team chairs)

Educators' Exploratorium, 16-17 November, 2001 (Ridout and Swartz)

Share Fair, November 28, 2001 (Herdoiza-Estavez)

The Black Family in America; Black Love, March 14-17, 2002, Louisville, KY—Call for papers (Murray)