

NOTES AND NOTICES

January 16, 2002

School of Education

Happy New Year

I wish each of you a very successful spring semester. Thank you Fran for planning and our holiday party and thanks to everyone for coming. Thanks to everyone for working so hard on assessment last semester. We accomplished a lot last semester but we have a lot more to do in order to be ready to submit our report in June and to make improvements in our programs. I challenge everyone to stay involved and committed to the process of fine-tuning our assessment system.

This is the fourth edition of *NOTES and NOTICES*. The purpose of this document is to try and keep the SOE family informed. If you would like to contribute to the next edition, just drop me an email message and I will be very glad to include your contribution.

Chancellor's Medallion Dinner

The School of Education was asked to fill a table for this event. I think it is important that we participate in this event in a big way. To respond to this request means eight (8) faculty and staff must buy a ticket at \$50 to fill a table of 8 people. Please consider attending the reception and dinner. The event is March 1 at Plantation Hall at Huber's Orchard and Winery in Starlight. Email me as soon as possible about attending. We only need 7 more people. This dinner will be especially meaningful because it is the last one for FC. Maybe we can fill two tables. (smile)

Star Power

Please take time to read the wonderful piece written about our own Magdalena in the local press. Special thanks to Teesue for making the media contact. The article was well done and represented Magdalena in a fine manner. I'm glad she is with the IUS School of Education.

Science Search

The Candidate for the Secondary Science Position will be on campus Friday, January 18th. It is very important that we all participate in this process. The candidate's itinerary is available from Linda.

Public Relations ad hoc committee

This committee, consisting of Guy Wall, Teesue Fields, and Jim Clements has several goals for the spring semester. The first goal is to select a logo for the SOE. The process for that will be shared via email. The second goal is to gather as much information as possible about what people are doing in SOE. We want to share the accomplishments of the faculty and staff and we want to recognize these accomplishments in a professional manner. A third goal for the spring semester is to establish a bulletin board designated for faculty (includes part-time faculty) and staff accomplishments. We welcome any ideas. What we need most from everyone is information that we can put on the bulletin board. Let us know about articles published, conferences you attend, etc.

Mid-Summer School Option (Pilot)

Kathy Shea will be offering K505 as part of this pilot. Details will be given later.

First Year Student Seminar

If you recall we had several conversations about this Fresh(person) experience. As of today we will be offering an elective course on exploring teaching fall 2002. Plan for offering this seminar after fall 2002 are still in the works. The course number and other details are being worked out. Barbara Thompson will be teaching the course. More later.

Collaborations with Jefferson County Public Schools

We have really stretched our wings and out energies in building partnerships across the river. Here are a few of items.

1. Transforming School Counselor Initiative (Teesue Fields)
2. Farnsley Middle School (Kevin Bailey, Susan Ridout, Guy Wall and others)
3. Kentucky Center for African American Heritage (Murray, Simms, Glen Crothers, Samantha Early)

If there are other partnerships, please let me know.

Clerical Support for Assessment

Please stop by and welcome Mechelle Buskirk to the SOE staff. She is part-time and will start on Thursday. Her position is funded from assessment monies.

Announcements

- **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD** – February 16, 2002 (we will need all hands on deck) See Fran Squires, Bill Jamski, or Walter Ryan
- **ILTE Workshops** – ILTE is offering several really good workshops. We need to take advantage of them.
 - January 18- Building Learning Communities in Cyberspace
 - January 29- Active Learning
 - February 8- Developing Your Syllabi
- **Scholarship of Engagement Conference** – February 22, 2002 (I'm going)
- **Job Fair** – February 7, 2002 (SOE table & volunteers)
- **SOE Spring Retreat** – May 6, 2002 (save the date)
- Call for Applications for IPSB Reading, Journalism and & Social Work Advisory Groups. If anyone is interested in participating, I have the application information. The deadline is January 31 for applications.
- 58 schools in the Southern Indiana area will be wired for distance learning and video conferencing. Think about how we can get involved in this technological advancement

May you have

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,

Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day
Better than yesterday.
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