

NOTES AND NOTICES

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Welcome to the first edition of **Notes and Notices** for the 2002-2003 academic year. This summer whizzed by so quickly I am left wondering what happened to my plan for a lazy summer break. (Just kidding) With the summer almost behind us I do hope that everyone had an opportunity to take a restful break and is ready to go. This edition includes updates and calendar events for the next couple of months. If you have questions about the list of activities please let me know. Have a great first semester. By the way, I have a web site. Visit me at www.ius.edu/glomurra gloria

Faculty and Staff changes – The IU Board of Trustees allotted five new lines for the SOE this spring. We had four search committees working this summer to find individuals to fill the slots. Special thanks to the search team members, they worked very hard this summer.

(1) Assistant Professor, Special Education --visiting position – **not filled**, [search team: Shea, Pinkston, McNames, and Simms]

(2) Lecturer in Education Curriculum and Instruction -position filled, **Neil Brewer-**, [search team: Babione, Thompson, Bowles and Patrick Daly],

(3) Lecturer in Education, Early Childhood --position filled, but reopened after death of candidate, **currently not filled**, [search team: Nunnelley, Ridout, Ryan, and Wanda Lawhorn]

(4) Assistant Professor of Education, Undergrad Education Psychology --filled with visiting instructor **Kathy Garza-Sears**, [Morganett, Jamski, Babione, Wall, and Robin K. Morgan]

(5) Assistant Professor of Education, Graduate Education Psychology – filled with visiting instructor **Mary Jo Lewellen**, [same as above]

(6) Assistant Professor Science Education, filled – **James Hollenbeck**

(7) Interim Education Leadership Coordinator – filled –**Margaret Harshfield**

(8) Lecturer Education Leadership – filled – **Nancy Hottman**

Search committees will be established this fall to begin new searches for tenure track faculty for the two educational psychology and special education positions and the lecturer position in Early Childhood.

We have a staff position vacancy. Greg Rothenberger resigned and a search will begin to fill that vacant spot. We are interviewing for a receptionist. Our goal is to hire at least two qualified work-study students to help us in this area and do other clerical type things for us. Tech support will help us with finding and funding someone to help us in the computer lab.

Study Abroad – This was a big success!!! Explorations on Diversity, Summer in Ecuador- June 8-22,2002 - under the leadership of Magdalena, opened the door for so many opportunities for our faculty and students. Ten students participated, six from IUS and four from JCPS. A committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for the next study group and other activities that were generated from this initiative.

Grants, Proposals, and other opportunities – This was a busy summer for writing grants and implementing funded grants.

- (a) Title II Teacher Quality Grant was awarded to Carolyn Babione
- (b) WHAS Crusade for Children Grant was awarded to Cathy Shea
- (c) Mentor Training Program Proposal was submitted to IPSB by Carolyn Babione
- (d) Transition to Teaching Grant Proposal was submitted to the U. S. Department of Education – Karen Simms was a primary writer for the proposal
- (e) National Writing Project Proposal will be submitted by September 1, 2002. Kevin Bailey is the principal investigator for this project
- (f) The Lincoln Foundation Whitney M. Young Scholars Program – initial funding by F.C. Richardson, Karen Simms will coordinate this program

I've asked Margaret Harshfield and Karen Simms to work as a team to help our faculty do more in the area of writing proposals for funding important projects. They will be available to work with you on generating ideas, finding sources or helping in any way they can to move the SOE further along in this area. If anyone else has written a proposal or received funding over the summer, please let me know. We want to congratulate you and we want to support you.

Transition to Teaching – This state mandated un-funded program is off and running. We have a committee that will be working on moving the program along under the leadership of Karen Simms. Guy Wall, Bill Jamski, Jim Clements and Jane Riehl will be reviewing applications and make decisions about Transition to Teaching Candidates. With the support of Gil Atnip, we will have a program even if there are only 5 students in the program. IUS does not want to be the only institute without a program. **THIS IS A MANDATED STAND ALONE PROGRAM.** We are not sure how many candidates we will have, but we do know that reviewing applications, working with students, interviewing students, working with IUB with the elementary program, teaching the professional seminar course, locating and working with mentors, researching and perhaps writing grants to help fund the program among other things will take a lot of time. Please review the curriculum for the program located on our WEB site.

NCATE – I had the opportunity this summer to receive training to be a member of a visiting NCATE/IPSB team. During that process, a request was made for institutions to volunteer to serve as host for the next NCATE/IPSB training. I volunteered IUS to be a training site. If we are accepted, this will be a great opportunity to have a preNCATE/IPSB (training) visit in June 2004. Just as important, is that IPSB also asked if there were any institutions willing to move the date of their official NCATE visit. We were approved to move our next NCATE visit from **fall 2004 to spring 2005.**

Brochure – The public relations committee (Fields, Clements, Wall, and Murray) met with Rhonda Burch from external affairs several times last spring to talk about developing a brochure for the SOE. The result of those meetings and other activities is a beautiful brochure. The brochure was totally funded by external affairs.

SOE Fall Picnic – The first SOE Fall Picnic will be on September 17 from 4:30-5:30pm at the Shelter House by the lake. Please announce this to your classes and if it is not to late put it on your syllabi. We will need to get a head-count the week before the event. This is the first time for this so any suggestions for planning would be appreciated as well any feedback after the picnic.

First Year Seminar – We will offer one section of this program for fall 2002. Barbara Thompson will teach F200 “Exploring Self as Teacher” fall 2002 and Gloria Murray will teach it sp2003. The course is a combined class of regular course materials and one-credit addition for the first year experience material. I think this is a winner all around.

PLATO -- The SOE has a great reputation of being a caring and supportive organization. To keep this spirit we have installed two units of PLATO on computers in our LAB in Hillside. PLATO is a program for people to practice the PRAXIS examinations in a simulated environment. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity. This is a cost to the SOE and we want to make sure that students are using the program. The link to the PLATO program is on the SOE homepage.

NCA – IUS will receive a focused visit from North Central Association of Colleges and School in November 2002. A final draft of the report has been emailed to you. Please take some time to review it and give any comments to Gil as soon as possible.

I END THIS NEWSLETTER WITH THE FOLLOWING QUOTE.

BRILLIANCE : “ WHEN A COLLECTION OF BRILLIANT MINDS, HEARTS, AND TALENTS COME TOGETHER . . . EXPECT A MASTERPIECE”

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