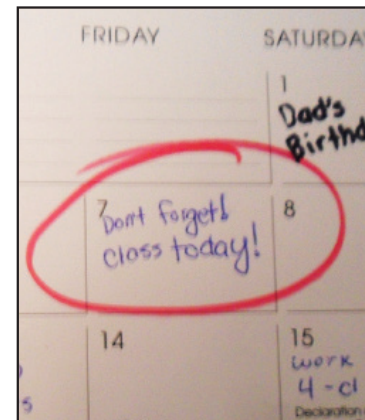


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Whole Foods Market opens in Mishawaka to crowds aplenty

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I was held hostage while attempting to buy organic fruit.

I say attempt because I never actually purchased any fruit or anything else for that matter. The police were on the scene so I knew help was near. However, the other hostages were wild. As I pushed and shoved and excused myself towards the door I could hear, “Where does she think she’s going?”

It was terrifying.

Of course, I am talking about the grand opening of the Whole Foods Market in Mishawaka. The April 10 opening was so packed that there was a police officer directing traffic in the parking lot, and inside, the people were packed in like a mosh pit—a mosh pit of Granger moms and hipsters and retirees buying kale-based guacamole.

I was excited Whole Foods was coming to this area because I am not native to Indiana and being a life-long vegetarian and local food advocate, I was disappointed by the lack of organic food options available here. I mean, it’s not like there are any farms or farmers markets around (*sarcasm*). Honestly, the local agriculture is a hidden gem. It is always present but not glamorized—that is where markets like Whole Foods come in.

I do not see this as a negative. The fact that Whole Foods was as packed as Wal-Mart on Black Friday with \$100 X-Box game systems tells me that there is a need for this type of store in our community.

Grape Road really is the crown jewel of retail in Michiana and it was not complete without certain

stores that are generally seen in larger cities. Could this mean we are continuing to grow as a city? That is good news in this economy.

The Whole Foods in my hometown hosted events that connected the community, such as raising money for local charities or fun events like “Kiss a Fish for a Free Lobster Tail.” They are eco-friendly, offering plugs in the parking lot for electric cars, and socially conscious in operating the Whole Planet Foundation, which aims to empower the poor in other countries.

Overall, Whole Foods appears to be a socially conscious company that has ethical standards and makes shopping fun.

Some feel places like Whole Foods Market are a threat to local co-ops or farmers markets. However, they can also be seen as squeezing into the market between the co-ops and farmers markets and larger stores like Martins and Meijer. They each have their niche in the market.

So as I was perusing the 2 for \$5 organic strawberries between bodies and grocery carts, I was able to see that, like the other store I knew, they had some good deals on local, fresh food. Not every item is a great deal but comparative shopping is imperative.

I swam through the sea of people to the lunch buffet and, with my mouth watering, searched through the choices. I was hit by the same moral conflict I always have when choosing a meal: Do I choose based on local, organic, health, heirloom, vegan or whole food considerations?

I looked from Jamaican stir fry with coconut milk to the lines at the check-out and made my decision: Del Taco.



ABOVE: The Whole Foods seafood counter offers an exotic variety of.
BELOW: On opening day, samples of organic salad and vinaigrette were passed around.
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Proposed campus changes would add Friday classes to schedules



IU South Bend is typically quiet on Fridays. This could change with a new proposal to expand classes to 5 days a week. **PREFACE PHOTO/CECELIA ROEDER**

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In 2015, Fridays on campus at IU South Bend may not be as quiet as they are now.

A proposed change in scheduling of classes would turn the Monday/Wednesday two-day-a-week format into a three day format. Classes would be shorter, but extended into Fridays.

One of the largest proponents behind the idea is Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Alfred Guillaume Jr. In a phone interview, he explained the two biggest reasons behind the suggested change.

"I have asked staff and faculty to look into the passage of this schedule, which could be implemented in the fall of 2012. There is concern about the use of buildings on Fridays. The faculty wants to see more robust student involvement on campus."

Guillaume explained the second reason was pedagogical.

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While Guillaume hopes that the campus will decide to adopt the

English professor Karen Gindele. Other students have expressed skepticism about the change.

"I think that it would be a ridiculous switch," said senior Brandy Bohm. "Our student population is under 10,000 and I see no reason for IU South Bend to go to a 5-day-a-week schedule."

In the Facebook group "IUSB Class of 2015," Katie Rose commented on the issue.

"I definitely don't want [a changed schedule]. It would affect my work since I wouldn't be able to be open on Fridays," she said.

"It is a terrible idea to switch to the M/W/F schedule," Alex Kline said. "Considering that this is still a commuter campus and most of the students here work to pay for their college, having classes on a Friday would mean that they would have to schedule off work which equals less hours, which equals less money, which equals more debt they owe the school."

The proposed change wouldn't take place until the fall 2015 semester, so students and faculty still have time to make their voices heard on the matter.

More information about the proposed change is likely to be released in the upcoming fall semester. The Preface will continue to follow this story as it develops.

To see or not to see? Astronomical observatory installed “above” campus

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“I still remember opening up the dome in college and seeing all the stars,” said Professor of Physics Jerry Hinnefeld. “It really felt like a sci-fi movie, and I’m really hoping for that same type of experience for my students.”

The department of physics at IU South Bend has been putting the installation of an astronomical rooftop observatory on the back burner for seven years now. But in the fall semester of 2011, the administration saw an enrollment surge related to the economic decline.

“There was now money available, ironically, for one-time projects,” Hinnefeld said. “So, a process was set up for faculty to submit ideas for various projects, which we did. The committee head of these proposals selected the idea of the observatory for funding.”

The proposed idea of a rooftop observatory was given \$70,000 for funding from

the unbudgeted-tuition money. The faculty was able to go ahead with their project plans and purchased a 16-inch reflecting telescope, a robotic mount from the company Software Bisque, an observatory dome and a wall cylinder for the dome to sit on manufactured by the company Ash Dome.

Within the next couple of months, the faculty hopes to hire contractors to install a cement slab on the south end of Northside’s four-story building.

“The telescope was about \$10,000, the robotic mount was about \$15,000, the dome and wall cylinder were about \$30,000,” Hinnefeld said. “Then there were a few other small items as well, but right now the total cost we have spent is about \$60,000.”

The remaining \$10,000 will go toward the cost of installation.

Hinnefeld said that he is confident they will be able to locate the remaining funding through the university.

The equipment is expensive for a reason. The dome will



Professor Jerry Hinnefeld points to where the observatory will be installed
PREFACE PHOTO/TAYLOR NEFF

provide protection against the weather for the telescope, and it will have a shutter that allows the telescope access to the night sky. The telescope

focuses the light seen in the sky into an image and from there you can take a photograph of it, view it plainly with the naked eye or place

the light in a spectrograph. The telescope is the central component, although not the most expensive.

The robotic mount is more specifically a “German equatorial mount” which rotates independently around an axis that points towards the North Star, and another axis that tilts down away from that.

“I keep wanting to talk about this robotic mount,” Hinnefeld said. “It is a very sophisticated mount. Oftentimes, finding deep-space objects can be a challenge. However, once our telescope is installed and aligned, it won’t be much of a challenge.”

Hinnefeld explained that with this mount, the telescope will be able to find exactly what the viewer is looking for. He also feels that there is an art lost in having that at one’s disposal because there is something to be said in identifying objects in relation to visible stars and searching that area for it.

“It’s a nice sense of accomplishment when you find it, and extremely frustrating when you don’t!” he said, laughing. “It’s a very mixed bag.”

With the mount, once you have it pointed on an object, it only needs to rotate that one axis that compensates for earth’s rotation automatically.

“The really amazing thing about it is that it has capability to point to as many objects as you want, locating them and centering them. Then you can say, ‘OK, the telescope is now pointing at this object,’ and you can do this for 20 objects and then the mount will know its location in relation to the objects found,” he said.

Hinnefeld explained the mount in detail, the importance and sophistication it brings to the telescope. Now, he is hopeful to get the project put together soon to get more use out of it.

Initially, the faculty thought that they would be able to put the dome together themselves. However, the IU Bureaucracy and Architects decided they wanted contractors to be responsible for putting the observatory together.

Altogether, the observatory will weigh in at 300

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pounds. Northside is roughly 40-years-old and is a post-tension building. This means that there are thin layers of concrete, and to build on these would take careful skill with the delicate rooftop, which is why Hinnefeld and his colleagues were advised to seek contractors to put the observatory into place.

Astrophotography is said to be a fun experience and great use of the telescope, but also depends on how stable the roof is.

“It depends on if the roof is stable enough to take long enough exposures you need to image the deep space objects which are most interesting such as galaxies and nebula and so on,” said Hinnefeld.

“I expect [the observatory] to be a draw and a strong selling point for the department and campus,” he said. “I know many physics majors that have interests in astronomy and we plan to use it for public outreach as well.”

Hinnefeld is excited to use the telescope to show the

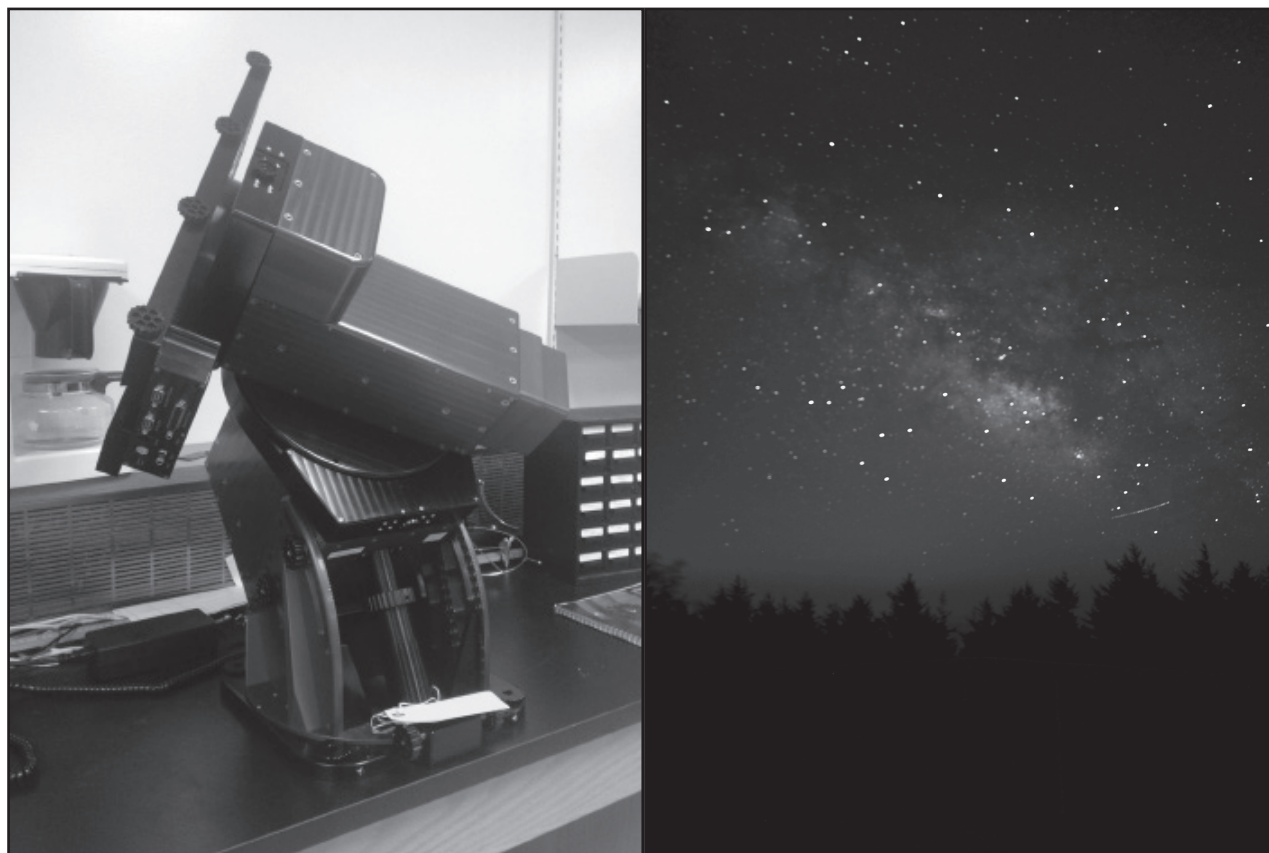
community objects not visible to the human eye. For example, on a clear night, Jupiter and Saturn will be able to be seen very well.

“I am really hopeful for students to have the opportunity to be trained and use the observatory on their own and without faculty,” he said. “Especially on clear nights for the chance to observe objects deeper in space and on their own time.”

Hinnefeld said they have future plans to continue adding on to the telescope.

“This project will be extremely useful in terms of projects and more focused research,” he said. “You can read about spectra classifications, you can see the pictures of the classifications in textbooks. But it’s a proud moment for a student to collect that information themselves and a much different impact when you can collect spectrum yourself and do the analysis yourself.”

Hinnefeld and his colleagues are also in process of creating new classes and possibly an astronomy track in the physics department.



Left: The robotic mount for the telescope. Preface Photo/TAYLOR NEFF
Right: IU South Bend students will soon be able to watch the night sky from atop Northside Hall. Right image courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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Talk Nerdy To Me: UITTS joins tech podcast

By DANIELLE MILLER
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University Information Technology Services (UITTS) at IU South Bend has recently joined the IU Bloomington Talk Nerdy to Me Podcast. The monthly podcast features tech topics such as gadgets and gaming with other topics that vary month to month.

Segments last month included tech under \$200, UITTS Support Center tips on VPN, cell phones in classrooms, special guests - Joel Langston and Jeffrey Gadzala on gaming changing lives, brief history of women in IT, and Blackberry Z10.

Joel Langston, manager of media services at IUSB UITTS, weighed in on how video games have changed lives.

“A teenage boy wrote a blog about how Tomb Raider saved him from suicide,” he said. “The boy saw that the characters in Tomb Raider had overcome hardships and related this to his life. The game gave him a positive focus.”

Even though the topics of each podcast will vary, some segments, like Langston’s gaming segment, are permanent features.

“It’s about video games as a whole but key interest in using them in education,” Langston said. “We will probably have some speakers who create games or talk or teach about game based learning.”

“We try to keep it not about two people who love video games nerding it out but to make it about critical thinking like having a two-way conversation about how games can be used in education for example,” Langston said.

The podcast is not recorded live, but the speakers aim to create the podcast as if it was.

“It was pretty unnerving. We did not record live but treated it as live,” Langston said. “We did it in one take. We happened to get it right the first time,” he said.

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