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A Message from Vice Chancellor William Yost

Welcome to the Fall Semester, 2006. If you are a returning student, you will notice that many improvements have been implemented over the summer. More classrooms have been upgraded to enable the faculty to incorporate the use of technology throughout the campus. At this point, we have only a few classrooms that do not include the current technology necessary to support instruction.

As more of you go wireless, a plan for additional access points is being considered this fall semester to bring this technology to you where you need it. If you have some specific areas where you have had difficulty accessing wireless service please inform the Helpdesk (located in the library) and we will look into the possibility of making wireless available in that area.

Be sure to take advantage of the training that Information Technology

makes available to students. This training is designed to provide you with the knowledge you need to utilize the technology available to you as an IU Kokomo student. To take advantage of the training, contact the Helpdesk to schedule a session.

The Department of Information Technology is always looking for ways to improve and expand our services and will be incorporating changes this year based on information obtained from the survey conducted last spring. Please take the time to complete these surveys as they are sent out in the future, so that we might address the issues most important to you.

Again, welcome to a new school year. We look forward to serving you.

Computer Classroom Locations

Main Building: Lower Level Rooms 054, 080, 082; First Floor, Room 179

Hunt Hall: Rooms 201 and 224

Open Computer Lab—Fall Hours

Hunt Hall: Room 102

Hours: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Monday–Thursday

8 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday

Closed on Saturday and Sunday

IU Kokomo Library

There are approximately 90 computers available for student use located throughout the library. Laptops can be checked out at the circulation desk for use in the wireless areas of the library. Available during the library's hours of operation, these computers are supported by your Technology Fee.

Helpful Technology Resource Links

Indiana University Kokomo Department of Information Technology (IT)
www.iuk.edu/~kocser

IU Kokomo Student Web mail
<http://webmail.iuk.edu>

IU Knowledge Base
www.kb.iu.edu

IU Computer Buying Guide
<http://computerguide.iu.edu>

OneStart®
www.onestart.iu.edu

Oncourse
<http://oncourse.iu.edu>

IUware Online—Web-based software distribution for faculty, staff, and students
<http://iuware.iu.edu>

Faculty/Staff E-mail
www.exchange.iu.edu

IU Account Management Services
<https://itaccounts.iu.edu>

IU Password Maintenance
<https://passphrase.iu.edu>

IU Information Technology Policy Office
www.itpo.iu.edu

IU Information Technology Security Office
www.itso.iu.edu

Student Computing Services Seeks Technology Presentations

By Craig Swoverland

Student Computing Services invites students to showcase their IT project to others at Indiana University Kokomo and take advantage of a great opportunity to gain valuable resume-building experience. We will be hosting our annual Making IT Happen technology fair Wed., March 28, 2007 from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Student showcases can span the arts, sciences, business, etc. The main requirement is that you relied on information technology resources to complete the project.

To submit a proposal for a student showcase, please fill out the online form at <http://www.iu.edu/~mith/showform.html>

Types of projects could include, but are not limited to:

- database
- graphic design
- multimedia
- statistics
- Web design
- specialized software
- interior/stage design
- digital music
- textual analysis
- music theory
- fine arts
- demographics
- statistics
- interior design
- molecular rendering
- simulations
- multi-media
- modeling
- advanced visualization
- virtual reality
- massive data storage
- mapping
- any other project using information technology

Should your showcase submission be accepted, your day will include:

- 9:30 a.m.....Presentation setup
- 10 a.m.–2 p.m.....Presentation
- Showcase awards ceremony
- 2 p.m.Tear down

We will provide signage with your showcase title, project members, and a description, as well as a table and wireless internet connectivity. You will be responsible for bringing any computer equipment, and other signage needed to accompany and illustrate your project.

We look forward to working with you to showcase how you incorporate IT into your learning at IU Kokomo.



Making IT Happen 2006

IUWARE Adds Value for IU Kokomo Students

By Melissa Hinze

Where can Indiana University Kokomo students obtain software retailed at \$500 for free? Check out iuware.iu.edu, where you'll find Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003, which retails for \$500, available for free download. All you need is your Indiana University username and password. Log in, download to your storage media, and you're ready to install!

In addition to Microsoft Office products, there are many other software packages available for download from iuware.iu.edu. These include Symantec Antivirus,

spyware removal software such as Ad-Aware and Spybot, Web browsers like Mozilla Firefox, and non-windows operating systems like Red Hat Linux.

Free software is one of the benefits of being an Indiana University Kokomo student. Take advantage of this great opportunity. If you have questions about any of the software, or need help downloading, please contact the computer services Helpdesk at kohelp@iuk.edu, or call ext. 315.

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Passphrases Now Allowed on IU Network

By Carl Pennington

Indiana University is moving from the use of passwords to the use of passphrases. Passphrases are longer than passwords and can be easily-remembered words and phrases. As such they offer both greater flexibility and enhanced security for network users.

On July 27, UITS began allowing the use of passphrases. Between now and October the use of a passphrase is optional. You may change your password to a passphrase or another password if you wish. Although new users can still set up their accounts using passwords during this period of time, we are asking them to set up their accounts with passphrases.

Beginning in October, new users will be required to use a passphrase when they set up their account for the first time and if an existing user

chooses to change their password, they will be required to use a passphrase. If you wish to continue using your existing password, don't attempt to change it. However, with the greater security and flexibility afforded by passphrases, you are strongly encouraged to begin using one as soon as possible.

At this point in time there is no information about when, or if, everyone will eventually be required to change their password to a passphrase. Future communications will be developed as more details are provided.

Additional information about passphrases, including the rules for constructing them, can be found at <http://kb.iu.edu/data/acpu.html>. Questions can be directed to the Helpdesk by e-mailing kohelp@iuk.edu or calling ext. 315.

Need Answers? Ask the KB

By Craig Swoverland

Ever wondered how to make wireless work, make a connection to an e-mail server, or how to add page numbers to all pages but the first one in a document?

The answers to these questions and many others are at your fingertips. The Indiana University Knowledge Base, or 'KB,' is a Web site devoted to answering your technology questions. University and campus specific services, as well as many products from software vendors are detailed

and explained. Using familiar search technology, students can get answers when they need them from anywhere using an internet connection. If by chance your question is left unanswered, the KB offers a quick link to the Indiana University Support Center. A reply will be sent directly to your e-mail box.

To use the Indiana University Knowledge Base, navigate to <http://kb.iu.edu>.

Is Your Computer Secure?

The Department of Information Technology at Indiana University Kokomo manages a complex computer and network security environment. While we do our best to maintain a secure and safe computing environment, we need your help.

You can secure a personal computer (a desktop PC at home, or a laptop) that you use for university-related activities—checking IU e-mail, connecting to the wireless and virtual private networks by using resources already available.

How else can you help? First, you should start by updating your home computer's operating system with the most recent critical and security patches or hot fixes. Speaking in Microsoft® Windows terms, you should use Windows Update or visit online at: windowsupdate.microsoft.com. For Apple® Macintosh systems visit www.apple.com/support/security.

Here are some other ways you can make your home computer or laptop safe and secure:

- Install and update anti-virus software, such as Symantec Antivirus. You can purchase this at the Indiana University Kokomo Bookstore or download it for free at iuware.iu.edu.

- Do not open attachments you were not expecting to receive especially from unknown people. Many viruses are attached to e-mails.

- Scan your machine for malicious programs regularly. You can download SpyBot Search and Destroy for Windows at IUWare. SpyBot scans for spyware, adware, and trojans, which can violate your privacy, cause excessive pop-ups, and degrade system performance.

- Practice safe computing by visiting clean sites and using recommended programs. Downloaded programs and utilities that you are not familiar with or music trading programs are frequent sources of worms and viruses.

Additional information for securing your computer can be found at the Indiana University Knowledge Base online at <http://kb.iu.edu>.