



Access is the Key

Access-Ability News

Indiana University Bloomington

Disability Services for Students

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Back in the swing of things! Before you know it the Sample Gates will have a backdrop of red and white tulips, birds will be chirping, and Kirkwood Avenue will again be filled with strolling students. But, not yet. For now we are stuck with below zero temperatures, slushy streets and sidewalks, and a few more snowy days. On days like these I hear the most popular place on campus is in the Union studying by the fireplace. Who's got the hot chocolate?

Campus Resource Highlight

Adaptive Technology Center

The Adaptive Technology Center (ATC) offers technology based solutions through a variety of programs and devices designed to assist students with disabilities. The most popular software that students utilize is the Kurzweil 3000 program which assists students to increase reading speed and comprehension. However, the ATC staff is available to consult with students one on one to determine what technologies might work best for each individual student. Check out the ATC web site to learn about all of their services at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuadapts> or call them at 856-4112.

Want help getting connected with the ATC?
Just make an appointment with Dayna, the DSS Support Services Counselor, by calling 855-3508.

Did You Know...

*Aaaaaayyy! As an adult, Henry Winkler discovered that he has a learning disability. See what "The Fonz" says about it now at http://www.uncp.edu/news/2002/henry_winkler_2.htm

*As time management skills improve, students tend to experience less stress.

*The Student Academic Center offers **FREE Study Smarter Workshops** throughout the spring semester. Check out the schedule at <http://www.indiana.edu/~sac/schedule.html#study>.

*An Internship Fair will be held on Feb. 6, 2003 in the IMU Alumni Hall from 10:00am-3:00pm. For more info go to http://www.indiana.edu/~career/internships/IOPfair_employers.html.

*Your emotional and physical health can dramatically affect your academics. Take care of yourself!

A note from the DSS Director...

Hello! In spite of January's very cold temperatures and snow, I hope everyone's semester is off to a good start. If any of you have not yet requested your memos for instructors, let me remind you that early notification will ensure that any problems can be worked out before that first test. In case you didn't notice, we have an e-mail request process to make everything run a little smoother for you. And speaking of making improvements, our office has been working with the Athletics Department regarding wheelchair access to Assembly Hall. The area set aside for people who use wheelchairs has long been a problem because students in the bleacher seats immediately in front of this area would stand on the benches and block the view of those behind. We have convinced the facilities managers that this practice constitutes a continuing violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act which mandates that public venues like Assembly Hall must provide good line of sight visibility from areas of accessible seating. And the solution at Assembly Hall is very inexpensive to install! The ushers will simply enforce the longstanding rule that students can ONLY stand on the floorboards and not on the bench seats. It works!! Students in wheelchairs can see over the heads of students standing on the floorboards. So it's a good solution for everyone. **Martha Jacques, Disability Services for Students Director**

Don't forget!

- L ...The last day to withdraw from a **semester course** is March 12, 2003, and for a **first 8 wk course** is February 12, 2003.
- L ...The next Students for Improving Disability Awareness (SIDA) meetings will be held February 5 and 20 at 7 pm in the Read-Landes Formal Lounge. E-mail sida@indiana.edu for more information.
- L ...Schedule an appointment with DSS if you have concerns about your accommodations or classes.