As part of the ongoing celebration of Black History Month, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher lead the seminar “Your Health is Community Health,” discussing how ethnic and minority groups still face great challenges under the current gaps in the health care industry system. However, he said there is hope in bridging the disparities.

“It’s a big job, but it’s doable,” Satcher said.

He described huge differences in the way poor and minority people suffer from conditions like diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, infant mortality rates and AIDS compared to whites. There have been significant improvements in reducing the disease rates, but the numbers are still staggering. For example, of all the newly reported cases of AIDS in America last year, 70 percent of victims were African-American or Hispanic people.

The barriers to getting good health care seem as large as the problems, Satcher said. Minority and poor people have a harder time getting access to quality health care, suffer from polluted environments and are more likely to suffer from violence.

However, Satcher said he has seen dozens of pilot programs trying to eliminate the disparities he pointed out.

“It’s good to see the excellent things that have happened, but we have to make sure all groups benefit,” he said.

Another key is just exposing students and health care professionals to such problems.

Gov. O’Bannon energizes IU Northwest

During his whirlwind tour of the Indiana University School of Medicine’s Northwest Center for Medical Education publicizing his $1.25 billion, 10-year initiative, Energize Indiana, Gov. Frank O’Bannon met Dr. Roman Dziarski.

Dziarski is researching human genes to prevent infections. Currently, DNA is being cloned to study the immunity sequence in humans. Similar immune sequences have been found at the center through DNA research on mice.

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Baldwin further explained that although they were small on space, they are big on research. The Northwest Center is the only center in Indiana offering a Problem-Based Learning medical curriculum, the Regional Center Alternative Pathway. Widely recognized as a highly innovative program, the Regional Center Alternative Pathway embraces a clinical approach to instruction of basic sciences to medicine by exposing first and second year students to medical cases, which reflect the real-life situations and issues facing physicians.

“That’s incredible,” O’Bannon said.

The Energize Indiana program seeks to strengthen four areas of Indiana’s economy that show the most promise in producing high-paying jobs and attracting new businesses — life sciences, advanced manufacturing, information technology and 21st century logistics. Energize Indiana will dedicate money to universities to modernize facilities for research and teaching in those targeted areas. It will also assist as many as 22,000 students, who are pursuing studies and internships to remain in Indiana after graduation.
At a press conference following the tour, O’Bannon said Indiana has an affinity for life sciences in part because it is an industry in which 82,000 Hoosiers already work. The life sciences industry is the state’s largest employer, and while its jobs span all educational levels, its workers earn 2.5 times the salary of the average employee in Indiana.

The state ranks in the top half of states receiving National Institute of Health grants. Life science sector jobs also grew 40 percent faster than any other industry in the state of Indiana in the 1990s, O’Bannon said.

“What I have seen today reinforces that belief,” O’Bannon said. “It’s truly amazing to see these students and teachers in action.”

Many students were in attendance to listen to the Governor and although none asked questions during the conference, many stayed afterward to ask O’Bannon to autograph their notebooks.

Enrollments continue to rise

For the fifth consecutive term IU Northwest has seen a significant increase in enrollment. The university currently has 4,930 students enrolled this spring semester, which represents a 12.5 percent increase in head count, the highest percentage increase over the previous spring term, with an 11.9 percent increase in student credit hours (44,790).

“It would be presumptuous of me to suggest that we understand all of the reasons why our enrollment is up, but we can be certain on a few factors,” Chancellor Bruce Bergland said.

Bergland said that it is common knowledge that when the economy is down in a region, the enrollments in a public university go up, and certainly that could be a factor. However, he is also confident that the student-centered, effective work of the staff in admissions, financial aid, bursar, information technology, student services and many other key offices has played a role along with the positive image that the university is developing in the public community.

There has also been an increase in the region’s awareness of the benefits of an IU Northwest education and the many programs available due to improved communication efforts, both internal and external.

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Dr. William Baldwin, assistant dean and director of the Indiana University School of Medicine’s Northwest Center for Medical Education, led Gov. O’ Bannon on a tour of the facility so he could see first-hand current research projects and innovative teaching methods at the center.

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A double header at monthly conversations series

The February edition of the Glen Park Conversation series featured Roger Wexelberg, manager of the South Shore RailCats baseball team, and Jim Wieser, co-owner of the local Bennigan's restaurant.

Wexelberg, a native of Illinois, discussed his excitement for the upcoming season and eagerness for the community to come out to the games. He explained that one of the goals of the Northern League is to be a “second chance” for players formerly of the major leagues to get back to the top and a beginning arena for rookies looking to break into big league.

“We have a lot of big hitters on this team. They aren’t household names, but definitely contenders,” Wexelberg said.

Fans can expect a lot of fan participation and promotional giveaways in between innings. Wexelberg said the games are geared as affordable, family outings. Fan participation is a good way to keep children in the stands entertained. Ticket prices begin at $9 for adults and $8 per child. He also said that he is aware of parking concerns and has plans with the city to make sure lots are open, well-lit and that the stadium is within its viewing distance.

After the game Wieser hopes fans pour into the Bennigan’s restaurant next door. A native of Gary and former Lake County councilman, Wieser co-operates four chains in northwest Indiana, Elkhart and Warsaw. He said it was Gary Mayor Scott King who initially pushed for a Bennigan’s near the stadium, but he also was excited to have a chance to give back to his hometown community and participate in the downtown revitalization.

“I’ve always felt for years that the success of Lake County, directly depends on the success of Gary,” he said.

Bennigan’s will employ approximately 120 people. Unlike the other chains, this Bennigan’s has an 8,000 square-foot banquet facility. It is expected to open in time for the RailCats’s first home game Monday, May 26. For more information about tickets visit www.railcatsbaseball.com or call (219) 882-BALL.

Longtime Glen Park resident, Richard Davies, listens to RailCats Manager Roger Wexelberg explain his plans for the upcoming season.

Labor studies students share common ground in Canada

Some students clutched tightly onto birth certificates and journals, some expected blustery subzero weather, some anticipated hearty, good food and all were impressed by their experience at a one-week union school and conference in northern Ontario, Canada.

Fourteen IU Northwest Labor Studies and Swingshift College students, led by professor Ruth Needleman, made departmental history when they joined with 200 rank-and-file labor activists and leaders at the conference in Port Elgin on Lake Huron. The Ontario Regional Director of the Canadian Labor Congress welcomed the delegation of students praising them and encouraging them to continue the tradition.

Needleman said that the students expected the cold, closed roads due to snow and hearty food, but they asked in their journals if Canadian workers face the same problems or would their education fit the needs of American students? Needleman said that for most, the school surpassed their expectations. IU Northwest students were spread out through the school, taking various classes, including stewards training, communications and media, strategies for resistance and instructor training.

“They used words like ‘fantastic,’ ‘unbelievable’ and ‘intense’ to describe the week,” she said.

“We had three instructors,” explained Weber Koesma and Pat Lane. “Each helped engage us all in learning.” Thresia Stout said she found her public speaking voice; Vera Johnson, her singing voice. Bill Kalin and Patricia Humphrey said they found that basic union skills are the same on both sides of the border. Glenda Jackson, Pam Witt and John Moberg learned how to put together a survey. Their class, called action research, surveyed the whole school on their attitudes toward a war on Iraq, then tabulated and analyzed the results.

The students were also asked to speak for Black History Month, so the delegation created and performed a program of freedom songs, as well as historical and personal testimonies of the struggle. The group spoke in the characters of Nat Turner, Sojourner Truth, John Brown, Rosa Parks and Malcolm X, while the chorus, under Willie Richardson’s direction, sang “Woke up this Morning with My Mind on Freedom” and “Ain’t Nobody Goin’ Turn Me Around.” African American sisters Pat, Glenda and Patricia shared their family’s migration stories. Needleman said that at the program’s conclusion, the Canadians, tears streaming, embraced the students.

According to students Cheryl DeCero, Norm Garwood and Elnora Dixon, the experience was more democratic and egalitarian than any they had ever had before.

“Everyone respected each other, whether teacher, local president or new activist,” Dixon said.
Highlights from various celebrations on campus

Neal-Marshall Reception, Feb. 24
The Neal Marshall Alumni Club and the IU Alumni Association held a reception celebrating a new exhibit which chronicles the history of African Americans at IU. The exhibit is called, “The Black Experience at Indiana University: Realizing the Dream 1816-2002.” Cora Breckenridge, IU’s first African-American trustee, spoke at the event about how far the university has evolved. She said there was a time during segregation when black students had to live in the nearby YMCA instead of in the dorms.

Kemetic Yoga, Jan. 29
Many participants stretched into various Kemetic Yoga poses in the Savannah Gymnasium. Yoga has been practiced for thousands of years in many cultures throughout the world and it is most commonly associated with the culture of India. A fact that is coming more into common knowledge is that Africans in Kemp (Ancient Egypt) practiced yoga many years before the evolution of the culture of India. Kemetic Yoga is expressed in the artwork and spiritual writings found in the ancient tombs and temples. Professor and Chair of the Minority Studies Department, Danille Taylor-Guthrie said that since the yoga event was so successful, there is now talk of bringing more yoga classes to campus.
Kicking off the month-long activities, Pastor Dr. Jeremiah Wright from the Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th St. in Chicago officiated the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. This event was sponsored by the Diversity Programming Group and the Department of Minority Studies, in cooperation with the Black History Month Committee. “Dr. Wright was truly an entertaining and powerful speaker,” said Danille Taylor-Guthrie, professor and chair of the Minority Studies Department.

The month also featured many engaging dramas including:

Feb. 8
“Stop in the Name of Love,” a gospel-musical play addressing today’s spiritual and social problems.

Feb. 14
“A Sunday Morning in the South,” is a vignette written by Georgia Douglas Johnson (1880-1966), who was a literary leader during Washington D.C.’s cultural black renaissance in the 1930s. The second, “Black Souls,” is a one-act play written by Annie Nathan Meyer (1867-1951). Meyer is also an American writer and one of the founders of Barnard College at Columbia University. J. Allen Johnson of Purdue University Calumet directed both plays.

Feb. 26
“Reflection,” a drama about the importance of a positive self image written and directed by McKenya Dilworth of Morning Bishop Theatre.

said Danille Taylor-Guthrie, chair of IU Northwest’s minority studies department. “What we try to do is expose people to these kinds of things,” Taylor-Guthrie said. “I’m hoping people will take on the initiative to go into their communities and make the changes.”

Sponsored by the Diversity Programming Group and the Department of Minority Studies in cooperation with the Black History Month Committee, the event was free and open to the public. A reception preceding the event allowed many health students, leaders in the community and IU Northwest faculty to talk one-on-one with Satcher.

Dr. Satcher currently is the director for the new National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. Serving as surgeon general and assistant secretary for health simultaneously from February 1998 to January 2001, Dr. Satcher led the national effort to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health, an initiative that was incorporated as one of the two major goals of Health People 2010, the nation’s health agenda for the next 10 years.

Dr. Satcher is a former Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and Macy Faculty Fellow. He is the recipient of nearly two dozen honorary degrees and a number of distinguished honors, including top awards from the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy for the Advancement of Science and Ebony magazine.
**Campus Briefs**

This January IU Northwest Recycling Program more than tripled its collection from the previous month and set a new record, according to Otto Jefimenko, director of physical plant. The university recycled 6,833 tons of paper, which saved 20.46 cubic yards of landfill space. Also the university earned $102.30 for the tonnage collected. In order to encourage even greater participation the physical plant department will use this money towards purchasing picnic tables and other related items to use around campus. Tags on the item will identify which items were purchased through campus recycling efforts.

The Division of Social Work’s Franklin School Book Drive acquired more than 700 books for the library, a 20-inch flatscreen TV with DVD player, art supplies and two pieces of African American art for the school.

The Student Nurses Association blood drive collected 58 units of blood for area hospitals from 75 attempted donations and 85 pre-registrations.

The Critical Literacy Program announced its results for the year. The program was created last fall for students to provide extra help to students who are not performing at the college level. Students placed in the program are required to pass four courses that each concentrate on a specific skill and a compass reading test. These courses do not count toward a degree. The program enrolled 118 students and overall every student who participated passed successfully, according to Director Florence Sawicki.

With a nearly packed house for both shows, the production of Eve Ensler’s ground-breaking, Obie Award-winning play, “The Vagina Monologues” celebrated V-Day IU Northwest 2003. V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls through creating awareness. The IU Northwest Women’s Studies Program sponsored this year’s production. This year’s cast included: Julie Campbell, Tanice Foltz, Kerri Harder, Staci Harder, Lisa Hasier, Sarah Laurinas, Erynn MacKenzie, Trish Neary, Cynthia O’Dell, Jennifer Pellar, Sharon Perkins, Christina Peterson, Maxine Simpson and Traci Traut.

Calling for a united voice in northwest Indiana against war, Professor Raoul Contreras, Ph.D., addressed the topic “Building a Mass Movement Against the War on Iraq – A Perspective of The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies,” in the Savannah Auditorium. In this lecture, Contreras explained NACCS’ position in the opposition to war against Iraq and called for the formation of students and community to “raise their voices and come together for peace.” This presentation was the ninth in the Lectures in Race and Ethnicity series sponsored in part by the Minority Studies Department. It is also part of a national series of public forums in opposition to the threat of war against Iraq organized by NACCS for the week of Feb. 17-23 in California, Washington, Arizona, Illinois and Indiana, as a result of this forum, students, members of the campus community and the public formed an antiwar movement group named Northwest Indiana Against the War. The group plans to host a rally, march and a teach-in to encourage critical thinking and to promote issues central to the struggle for social justice and racial equality.

Several professors speaking about evolution and Darwin, cake, songs and just plain fun commemorated the fifth annual Darwin Day at the university, sponsored by the Anthropology Department. This campus was one of hundreds across the world who celebrated the birthday of famed British naturalist Charles Darwin. Several IU Northwest faculty discussed evolutionary topics related to their research. Kristin Huyseken explained the bumper car theory of earth’s revolution. Kathy Forgey, tackled the topic, “Human Trophy Heads as Evidence of Warfare or Ancestor Veneration.” Mark Hoyert’s topic was, “Galton, Darwin, Thought, Intelligence: Some Influences of Darwin on the Study of Cognition.” Christine Malcom addressed evolutionary anthropology.

The campus again hosted one of eight Science Olympiad regional tournaments in Indiana. More than 350 students from local middle and high schools converged on IU Northwest to participate in more than 35 carefully planned and coordinated science and engineering events such as Mission Possible, Egg Drop and Chemistry Lab. The top three middle and high school teams were invited to participate at the state tournament held at IU Bloomington. The Science Olympiad supports elementary and secondary Science Olympiad tournaments at building, district, county, state and national levels with an emphasis on teamwork and a commitment to excellence. Its mission is to improve the quality of K-12 science education throughout the nation to change the way science is perceived and the way it is taught. Tournaments are designed to emphasize problem solving aspects of science and the understanding of science concepts, develop teamwork and cooperative learning strategies among students and to demonstrate that American students can perform at levels that surpass expectations of even practicing scientists and engineers.
Subir Bandyopadhyay, Ph.D., recently received two grants in marketing. Bandyopadhyay has developed a strong research record in marketing focusing on retailing strategy. This research project explores manufacturer-retailer cooperation. The proposed study will investigate the profit impact for both manufacturers and retailers under three strategies including: category management by the retailer, independent brand management of individual brands by manufacturers and category management by the retailer for some brands and independent brand management by the manufacturers for other brands. Second, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been awarded a Grant-in-Aid of Research by the IU Northwest campus. Both these grants project will enhance his teaching of marketing and his marketing research. Bandyopadhyay has also informed that his research proposal titled, “Sickle Cell Anemia: How to Develop an Effective Communication Strategy to Influence Potential Donors.” Bandyopadhyay was awarded an Intercampus Research Grant for his project entitled “Investigating Optimal Selling Strategies: A Theoretical and Empirical Study.” Over the years, Bandyopadhyay has developed a strong research record in marketing focusing on retailing strategy. This research project explores manufacturer-retailer cooperation. The proposed study will investigate the profit impact for both manufacturers and retailers under three strategies including: category management by the retailer, independent brand management of individual brands by manufacturers and category management by the retailer for some brands and independent brand management by the manufacturers for other brands. Second, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been awarded a Grant-in-Aid of Research by the IU Northwest campus. Both these grants project will enhance his teaching of marketing and his marketing research. Bandyopadhyay has also informed that his research proposal titled, “Sickle Cell Anemia: How to Develop an Effective Communication Strategy to Influence Potential Donors.” Bandyopadhyay was awarded an Intercampus Research Grant for his project entitled “Investigating Optimal Selling Strategies: A Theoretical and Empirical Study.” Over the years, Bandyopadhyay has developed a strong research record in marketing focusing on retailing strategy. This research project explores manufacturer-retailer cooperation. The proposed study will investigate the profit impact for both manufacturers and retailers under three strategies including: category management by the retailer, independent brand management of individual brands by manufacturers and category management by the retailer for some brands and independent brand management by the manufacturers for other brands. Second, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been awarded a Grant-in-Aid of Research by the IU Northwest campus. Both these grants project will enhance his teaching of marketing and his marketing research. Bandyopadhyay has also informed that his research proposal titled, “Sickle Cell Anemia: How to Develop an Effective Communication Strategy to Influence Potential Donors.” Bandyopadhyay was awarded an Intercampus Research Grant for his project entitled “Investigating Optimal Selling Strategies: A Theoretical and Empirical Study.” Over the years, Bandyopadhyay has developed a strong research record in marketing focusing on retailing strategy. This research project explores manufacturer-retailer cooperation. The proposed study will investigate the profit impact for both manufacturers and retailers under three strategies including: category management by the retailer, independent brand management of individual brands by manufacturers and category management by the retailer for some brands and independent brand management by the manufacturers for other brands. Second, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been awarded a Grant-in-Aid of Research by the IU Northwest campus. Both these grants project will enhance his teaching of marketing and his marketing research. Bandyopadhyay has also informed that his research proposal titled, “Sickle Cell Anemia: How to Develop an Effective Communication Strategy to Influence Potential Donors.” Bandyopadhyay was awarded an Intercampus Research Grant for his project entitled “Investigating Optimal Selling Strategies: A Theoretical and Empirical Study.” Over the years, Bandyopadhyay has developed a strong research record in marketing focusing on retailing strategy. This research project explores manufacturer-retailer cooperation. The proposed study will investigate the profit impact for both manufacturers and retailers under three strategies including: category management by the retailer, independent brand management of individual brands by manufacturers and category management by the retailer for some brands and independent brand management by the manufacturers for other brands. Second, Dr. Bandyopadhyay has been awarded...
Celebrating the Arts

Wednesday, March 26
Ubaka Hill and the Drumsong Orchestra
Noon - 2 p.m. (workshop) Moraine Lobby and 7 p.m. (concert) Savannah Auditorium
Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program
Ubaka, master djembe drummer, will give a drum workshop and concert. Drums for the audience will be provided.

Thursday, April 3
Black Freedom Fighters
1 p.m., Savannah Auditorium
Sponsored by Labor Studies Department and the History Department
Featuring and honoring local and national African American leaders of the struggle for social justice in the workplace.

Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13
Sleeping Beauty
2:30 p.m., Theatre Northwest
Sponsored by Theatre Northwest

Spring 2003 Film Series

FILMS BY WOMEN

Professor Alan Barr invites everyone to attend these film screenings, shown each Monday at 1 p.m. in Raintree Hall, room 217 and at 7 p.m. in Hawthorn Hall, room 416.

March 31
Xiu Xiu: The Sent Down Girl
(China, 1998).
Dir. Joan Chen, with Lu Lu and Lopsang. The exquisitely-filmed journey of a young, beautiful woman sent to rural China for reeducation.

April 7
Two Women
(Iran, 1999).
Dir. Tamineh Milani, with Niki Karimi and Marila Zarei. Two successful architecture graduates struggle, very differently, to face their difficult situations as women in Tehran.

April 14
Titus
(U. S., 1999).
Dir. Julie Taymor, with Anthony Hopkins and Jessica Lange. A hugely-praised adaptation of Shakespeare’s early play.

April 21
Monsoon Wedding
(India, 2001).
Dir. Mira Nair, with Naseeruddin Shah and Lillete Dubey. Joy, honor, love, conflict, and cultural traditions all feed into this tale of a family preparing for a wedding in Delhi.

April 28
Mostly Martha
(Germany, 2001).
Dir. Sandra Nettlebeck, with Martina Gedeck and Sergio Castellitto. Stunning food, great characters, and unlikely love—a truly sensuous film feast.

Note: Some films include what is termed “adult content.”

For more information on these and other upcoming events, please call the Office of Special Events at (219) 980-6645.

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