Campus community considers ideas for developing Tamarack green space

Hundreds vote at picnic; favored ideas to go before other IU Northwest groups

Students, faculty and staff members crowded the voting area in the Moraine Student Center on the day of the Chancellor’s Office’s campus picnic in early October. Green stickers in hand, they pondered the proposals before them, ready to vote on their favorite ideas for how to develop more than an acre of space left behind by the demolition of Tamarack Hall.

Cody Artuso, a freshman nursing student, lobbied for the athletic field as he placed all four of his votes there, and promised to bring his basketball teammates over to do the same. Having an outdoor athletic field on campus, he explained, would surely be the catalyst for more collegiate sports, as well as intramurals.

Gavin Mariano, an IU Bloomington alumnus pursuing his Master of Social Work at IU Northwest, was excited to see dots going up in favor of the idea he submitted: an arboretum with a “Sample Gates”-style entryway similar to that at IU Bloomington.

From parks to pavilions to prairies, 25 green space suggestions were collected via the IU Northwest Council’s Electronic Suggestion Box and compiled into the 17 recommendations put on display for public consideration. The engaging event drew an estimated 450-plus members of the campus community.

Chancellor William Lowe said Indiana University has mandated that the area be used for a green space because it is a natural wetland and prone to flooding, a fact that eventually led to the Tamarack Hall’s demolition.

Judging by the number of stickers, the overwhelming favorite idea was a performance venue, followed by a park, an athletic field, and a walking track.

SPEA students Missy Grish and Kelly Clemens set the tone for the discussions. They presented their idea for the green space, which they had developed as part of a class project. Their plan, which involves a dry stream, a pavilion and natural plants that thrive in the area, received a good percentage of the votes, making it the fifth most popular option.

Lowe said the event was largely a way to “test the strength of the preferences,” and vet the ideas through the campus community before taking them to a town hall-style meeting before a broader group of stakeholders, including alumni and others.

The ideas under consideration fell into four categories.

Public art ideas included: a war memorial to honor employees killed in the line of duty; sculptures with surrounding seating and paths; a large abstract industrial sculpture to represent the steel industry; and a labyrinth for education and reflection.

Wellness-related ideas included: a walking track; an athletic field; a disc golf course; and a playground.

Environmental ideas included: a plan to restore the area’s natural wetlands; relocation of the community garden; a sustainability project; and a dry stream, pavilion and natural plants.

Culture-related ideas included: a performance venue; a stu-

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dent union with stage and seating; a park and gazebo; and an arboretum styled after that of IU Bloomington.

Lowe said that once a proposal is developed and approved by IU, a fundraising campaign will take place specifically to pay for the project.

Bernadette Resto, a senior accounting major and staff member from Information Technology Services, attended because she wanted to “have a say in what goes there.” She applauded the event planners, a working group from the IU Northwest Council, saying that it is important for students to be involved in the decision-making process.

Mark Ramsey, IU’s director of landscape architecture, oversees the site restoration project happening now under way on the Tamarack site. On campus for a construction progress meeting, he stopped by the event, which he acknowledged as a unique way of engaging the campus in the planning process.

Ultimately, Ramsey will be the one to receive the campus’s wish list and develop the plans.

He said that when the restoration is complete, “it’s going to feel collegiate.” Whatever the campus decides to add to the green space as funding becomes available, he said, will surely maintain that feel.

"Students, staff and faculty members joined together at the Chancellor’s Office’s picnic to offer their collective input on how the Tamarack green space should be developed."
Indiana University School of Medicine –Northwest (IUSM-NW) recently celebrated a milestone: 40 years of physician education. What originally began with four students, four decades ago, has now become one of the largest and most innovative medical education centers within the IU School of Medicine.

More than 650 physicians have been educated through IUSM-NW since the medical school’s inception in 1972. Patrick Bankston, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Director of IU School of Medicine-Northwest and Dean of the College of Health and Human Services at IU Northwest, said the medical school is positioned to continue its growth.

With the medical school’s recent $1 million renovation of its educational facilities, IUSM-NW is now able to accommodate the enrollment growth that is expected to accompany the center’s recent expansion to a four-year program. Each class is expected to increase by 88 percent to a maximum of 32 students. This expansion would make the Northwest campus the third-largest medical school class in Indiana outside of the primary campus in Indianapolis.

The IUSM-NW renovation produced a state-of-the-art learning environment complete with two reconfigured classrooms that each can accommodate up to 50 students, and which can be merged into one classroom. Three 80-inch television monitors are mounted in each classroom, providing students with almost life-sized images.

Additional renovations include increases in the number of study rooms from 10 to 14, and in the number of group learning rooms from six to eight. At a celebratory ribbon-cutting event hosted at IUSM-NW in October, donors who made the renovation possible enjoyed a firsthand look at how the school’s vision has become a reality.

“Healthcare remains the most vital and stable sector of Northwest Indiana’s economy,” Bankston said. “And the educational experience provided at IU School of Medicine - Northwest is second to none. The future of patient care in our region is dependent upon our ability to attract and educate enough of tomorrow’s physicians and healthcare providers today.

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Staying local is the goal of J.J. Cox, a second-year medical student at IUSM-NW. In fact, that has been his plan since day one, when he enrolled as an undergraduate at IU Northwest.

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Graduating in 2011 with his Bachelor of Chemistry from IU Northwest, Cox was fully immersed in research even prior to being a medical student.

Now in his second year of medical education, Cox is able to participate in more hands-on patient experiences and research, as well as have a voice in the future of medical curriculum.

“In the six years I’ve been on the Northwest campus, I’ve seen lots of changes in curriculum, and now in the physical space of the medical school,” Cox explained. “One of the things I like most about the structure of the curriculum is the continuous quality improvement that both students and faculty participate in. It gives us a chance to provide feedback on what we feel is the most important part of the course, and the areas that need to be improved upon.”

Despite the four decades separating Cox and Thomas Kolakovich, M.D. one of the first four students to join the Northwest medical education center in 1972, a common bond binds them together: high-quality, innovative physician education.

In a letter read at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Kolakovich expressed his thoughts about the preparation he received at IUSM-NW.

“It didn’t take me long to confirm that the education I received at the IU School of Medicine – Northwest was top shelf, and prepared me well for the next three years of medical school. I did graduate (from medical school) with honors, and I attribute this in large measure to getting off to a great start in my first year.”
In October, the Office of Academic Affairs hosted a ‘Celebration of Life’ in remembrance of Lydia Hairston, former Academic Affairs Administrative Assistant who passed away September 17.

The campus community enjoyed a Pittsburgh Steelers-themed lunch, one of Lydia’s most beloved sports team. All those who joined were encouraged to wear Steelers’ gear, or black and gold. After the tailgate lunch, guests talked about their favorite memories and laughs they had shared with Lydia.

(Left) Angela Solic, left, and David Malik, right, chat with William Radell and Paul Blohm, who clearly share Lydia’s love for the Steelers.

(Below) Barbara Peat, center, chats with fellow employees over the tailgate fixings.

(Far left) Karen Peterson and Mark Uncapher were among those celebrating Lydia at the tailgate party.

(Left) David Malik offers his favorite memories of his assistant.
Indiana University Northwest recently announced the appointment of Jeri Pat Gabbert as the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and External Affairs. Gabbert comes from Valparaiso University, where she served as senior advancement officer.

Gabbert, who has more than 15 years of experience in fundraising, communications, marketing, special events, and alumni relations, will lead the Office of University Advancement and External Affairs, previously known as the Office of External Relations.

She will serve as the chief development, communications and marketing officer and strategist for the IU Northwest campus. In her role, Gabbert will be responsible for providing leadership and initiative in the planning, implementation and administration of the campus’s fundraising, alumni relations, special events, and communication and marketing programs.

“Jeri Pat is an accomplished higher education advancement and development leader with extensive experience in identifying donor prospects, soliciting and securing funds, managing an alumni engagement program, and supporting senior leadership,” Chancellor William Lowe said. “She will be a terrific asset and addition to our campus. I welcome her to IU Northwest, and to the campus’s senior leadership team.”

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“I am honored to be a part of this great institution and the IU Northwest family,” Gabbert said. “I very much look forward to working with faculty, staff and students to build upon new and established relationships, and to further strengthen the campus’s ties with the community.”

Prior to her role at Valparaiso University, Gabbert served as Director of Fundraising and Operations for the Marion County Democratic Party; as Deputy Director at the Indiana Arts Commission; and as Media and Event Coordinator at the Indiana Department of Commerce.

She earned her Master of Arts from Ball State University in Communication Liberal Arts and Sciences, her Bachelor of Arts from Hanover College in Communication Studies, and her certification as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) in 2009.

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**CLASS NOTES**

Mary Ann Massa (M.S. Education, 1984), was recently featured in the *Northwest Indiana Times*. The Merrillville resident serves as volunteer coordinator for the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Glen Park Academy in Gary.

Michael Griffin (M.P.A. 1995), Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Highland, received the 2012 Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) at a conference in October.

The award is the highest honor conferred by the IACT. It is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to their local government. Nominees for the prestigious award must display accomplishments beyond their community, including contribution to IACT and public service.

First elected Clerk-Treasurer in 1991, Griffin was recently elected to his sixth term in office. Griffin serves as an adjunct professor at IU Northwest. He said he was surprised when he received IACT’s Excellence in Financial Management Award in 1998 and was elated to receive this additional honor.

“It is very gratifying that others statewide see something in me of merit and by extension commend the people who have elected me as well as the institutions which helped shape and equip me for public service,” Griffin said. “This by all means includes IU Northwest and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.”
Roy Dominguez's fascinating life story begins with a migrant family childhood, and continues to weave a tale of overcoming obstacles on his way to becoming a well-known and respected attorney and public figure. His rags-to-riches life story had intrigued Professor Emeritus of History James Lane, Ph.D., ever since the 1980s when the two met through the Latino Historical Society.

When Dominguez, a 1979 IU Northwest graduate, approached Lane in 2009 about a book project, Lane agreed to help him compile his fascinating life journey into an autobiography. As co-director of the Calumet Region Archives, Lane had also wanted to preserve Dominguez's personal papers as part of the history of Hispanics in the region.

That work, “Valor: The American Odyssey of Rogelio ‘Roy’ Dominguez,” recently released by Indiana University Press, not only recounts the personal battles and triumphs of a prominent Northwest Indiana citizen, Lane said, but also serves as a significant contribution to the social, ethnic, and political history of our region.

Lane and Dominguez recently spoke at IU Northwest’s Glen Park Conversations, an informal public meeting that raises discussion about significant topics and is facilitated by Prof. Garrett Cope. While waiting for the larger conversation to get underway, Dominguez chatted about the pivotal role of his IU Northwest education.

“IU Northwest literally changed the direction of my life,” said Dominguez, who earned his sociology degree in 1979.

The son of Hispanic immigrants, Dominguez and his seven siblings were born in Texas. The family eventually moved to Gary, where the steel mills offered lucrative job opportunities.

“I knew when I was in high school that I was NOT going to go to college,” Dominguez said. “In high school in the 1970s, you could get a job in the steel mills anytime.”

“It wasn’t that education wasn’t revered, it just seemed unachievable,” Dominguez continued. My parents thought that if we graduated from high school, that would be enough.”

Despite his poor high school performance and other obstacles before him, the 19-year-old Dominguez showed up at IU Northwest in search of more. Through a program called Special Services, and with assistance of a counselor who worked to get him into the university on a probationary status, Dominguez took the helping hand that was extended to him.

He graduated with distinction from IU Northwest, where he also met Betty, his wife of 34 years. In fact, he met her while on patrol as an IU Northwest police officer. Dominguez continued on the path of public service and soon earned the distinction of becoming Indiana’s first Hispanic state trooper.

He went on to earn his law degree from Valparaiso University Law School but was hit with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a debilitating muscular disorder that initially derailed a promising career as a deputy prosecutor. The experience of overcoming that affliction matured him and prepared him to meet future challenges.

Dominguez did persevere toward a career as a deputy prosecutor and was also appointed chairman of the Worker’s Compensation Board by Governor Evan Bayh. He served two terms as Lake County Sheriff beginning in 2002 and concluding in 2010.

Over the years, Dominguez has remained connected to IU Northwest. He set up a scholarship in his name and has remained a staunch supporter of the student group Alianza Latina del Medio-oeste de America (ALMA). In 1996, he received the prestigious President’s Award from the IU Alumni Association.

His autobiography’s title, “Valor,” Dominguez said, is particularly meaningful. In English, he explained, the word valor means courage, typically in the context of the military. In Spanish, however, valor means not only courage but also family values.

“The title ‘Valor’ was really a dedication to my forebears, our previous generation who had courage, and who taught us values,” he said.
INFLUENZA (Flu)

What is the flu? The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and can lead to death.

Symptoms of the flu:
• Fever (not everyone will have a fever)
• Cough
• Sore throat
• Runny or stuffy nose
• Muscle or body aches
• Headaches
• Fatigue
• Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children.

How is the flu spread? The flu spreads mainly by droplets when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. A person might also get the flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or nose.

Adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and between five to seven days after becoming sick.

Complications of the flu: Bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

Flu Prevention: The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine EACH season. There are two types of flu vaccines:
1. Flu shots - inactivated vaccines
   • The regular seasonal flu shot (in the muscle) - approved for use in people 6 months of age and older and pregnant women.
   • A high-dose vaccine for people 65 and older (in the muscle).
   • An intradermal vaccine for people 18 to 64 years of age (under the skin).

   The viruses in the flu vaccine are dead, so you cannot get the flu from a flu shot. Some minor side effects can occur:
   • Soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
   • Low-grade fever
   • Aches

   If these problems occur, they begin soon after the shot and usually last one to two days.
2. Nasal–spray flu vaccine — a vaccine made with live, weakened flu viruses that is given as a nasal spray. It is approved for use in healthy people 2 to 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

   The viruses in the nasal-spray vaccine are weakened and do not cause severe symptoms often associated with the influenza illness. Side effects can include:
   • runny nose
   • wheezing
   • headache
   • vomiting
   • muscle aches
   • fever
   • sore throat
   • cough

   More helpful tips:
   • Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
   • Wash your hands often with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand rub.
   • Avoid close contact with sick people.
   • Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care if you are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Visit the Campus Health and Wellness Clinic
Monday 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
(219) 980-7250
Dunes Medical/Professional Building, Room 1027
iun.edu/~health4u
IU Northwest Professor William Buckley presents memoir of Sylvia Plath at symposium

William Buckley, Ph.D.

While Smith College in Northampton, Mass. may have the bench that famed poet Sylvia Plath often frequented as an undergraduate in the mid-1950s, it is Indiana University that captured her spirit in October as it hosted a symposium to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her Ariel collection and its “October” poems.

Thousands of people from around the world gathered at the Bloomington campus October 24-27 for the *Sylvia Plath Symposium* to share memoirs, present essays, screen films, read original poetry, and display artwork inspired by Plath, who is recognized as perhaps the greatest American female poet of the 20th century.

A highlight of the symposium was a presentation by IU Northwest Professor of English William Buckley, Ph.D., founder and editor of *Plath Profiles.* The symposium presented an opportunity for Buckley to step outside the role of editor and present a personal memoir reflecting on the impact Plath has had on his life, and discussing how and why he established the annual literary journal.

First published at age 8, Plath was a driven genius whose poetry portrayed a complicated and tragic woman struggling with manic depression while later juggling the responsibilities of wife, mother and writer. The gravity of her despair would soon lead to her suicide at the young age of 30, leaving behind two children. Today, Plath’s fans celebrate her work, despite her tragedy, through films, books and essays.

“More than any other female writer I can think of in American poetry,” Buckley said, “Plath attacks our ideals of love, motherhood, marriage, politics, and religion.”

Established in 2007 and published annually, *Plath Profiles* strives to be the intermediary for Plath discourse and study. While IU’s Lilly Library houses the largest collection of Plath materials, followed by the collection at her alma mater Smith College, *Plath Profiles* remains the only journal and the singular most contemporary collection of Plath-related essays, prose, artwork, and photography by academics and students worldwide.

Buckley and journal webmaster Peter Steinberg, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, have successfully published five volumes of *Plath Profiles,* which receives thousands of hits each month and has received submissions by Plath devotees from India, Romania and Portugal, just to name a few of the many nations represented.

What is next for Professor Buckley?

Buckley will retire this December after 30 years of academic service. However, he plans to take an office in the John W. Anderson Library Conference Center to complete work on *Plath Profiles* Vol. 6 before passing it on to a yet unnamed editor.

Indiana Academy of Social Sciences 83rd Annual Meeting draws international interest

Indiana University Northwest served as host for the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences (IASS) in October. More than 70 academics from local universities as well as international colleagues from Brazil, Asia, South Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Canada presented papers on multiple topics including history, economics and health and human behavior.

Assistant Professor of Economics and IASS President, Surekha Rao, Ph.D., and Professor and Department Chair of Sociology and IASS Vice President, Chuck Gallmeier, Ph.D., chaired the conference.

Assistant Professor of English Anne Balay, Ph.D., presented in a session dedicated to Gender Studies, discussing the findings from research done for her upcoming book “Steel Closets: Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Steelworkers in and Around Gary, Indiana,” scheduled for publication in the Fall of 2013 by University of North Carolina Press.

Balay interviewed 40 homosexual steelworkers – 20 men and 20 women – and listened to their stories about life in the steel mills and the difficulties of being homosexual in that environment. As she listened to each steelworker’s story, Balay began asking questions about the meaning of truth, especially in the context of oral storytelling.

Based on her research, Balay believes that the stories told by the steelworkers were intended to “figure out a way to turn their experiences into a tellable interesting story that they can use to tell themselves and other people about why they are in the situation that they are in.”

Her IASS presentation led to a vibrant discussion on truth value in narratives and perception.

In a move that exemplifies the purpose of the conference -- to facilitate collaboration amongst social scientists -- Associate Professor of Sociology Jack Bloom, Ph.D., urged Balay to further discuss her research with him as it relates to his own area of research about the history of the steel mills in Gary.

This year’s meeting had special significance because of the memorial planned for the late IU Professor of Political Science Elinor Ostrom, Ph.D. Ostrom was the first female and first social scientist from Indiana to win the Nobel Prize in Economics. Her 2009 win was a great achievement not only because she was the first woman recipient, but also because she was from outside the field of economics.

Ostrom’s work exemplified the mission of the IASS in that she reached out to multiple disciplines, collaborating with mathematicians, ecologists and sociologists.
Students get hands-on training while offering community service

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, a group of students from the College of Health and Human Services participated in the Healthy Path community-education event as part of CHHS’s Interprofessional Education (IPE) program. IPE brings together students from various CHHS disciplines, including the IU School of Medicine – Northwest (IUSM-NW), for team-based learning and outreach exercises that promote better understanding and communication between healthcare practitioners.

The Healthy Path program calls for students to set up “health-check” stations along the walking track at Gleason Golf Course just west of campus. Student nurses take community members’ blood pressure, check height and weight, and perform other wellness checks, while other CHHS students and even community health groups provide useful health information to passers-by.

The program gives students valuable experience working with the public and with each other, while also providing a welcome service to the many local community members who exercise at the Gleason course.
IU NORTHWEST IN THE NEWS

Indiana University Northwest appears in the news on a daily basis. Below is a recap of some of those news stories featuring IU Northwest faculty, staff, students, and academic programs. Click on the **BOLD** headline for a link to the article.

Featured: Theatre Northwest
**Greek tragedy modernized in IUN’s ‘Eurydice’**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012

Source: Samuel Flint, Ph.D.
**Viewing care mandate through a different lens**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Saturday, October 20, 2012

Featured: ‘Healthy Relationships’ Forum and Professor Dorothy Ige, Ph.D.
**Dunbar-Pulaski students focus on strategies for success**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Friday, Oct. 19, 2012

On campus: Olympian Gabby Douglas
**Media spotlight has overwhelmed Olympic champion Gabby Douglas**
*Post-Tribune*
**Gabrielle Douglas a hit with high-schoolers at Gary event**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Tuesday, Oct. 16

Featured: IUSM-NW
**IUN celebrates medical school’s past and future**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Friday, Oct. 12, 2012

Featured: IASS conference
**IUN hosts distinguished social sciences conference**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Friday, Oct. 12, 2012

Featured: Emeritus Professor Ron Cohen
**Woody Guthrie at 100**
*Chronicle of Higher Education*
Monday, Oct. 8, 2012

Source: Steve McShane, archivist/curator
**Rich soil drew farmers to Calumet Region before cities were settled**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Friday, Oct. 5, 2012

Featured: Graduate Certificate in Management
**IU Northwest Certificate Program allows you to get your feet wet before diving into graduate education**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012

Source: Associate Professor Surekha Rao, Ph.D.
**Hard reality for hardware manufacturing employees**
*Northwest Indiana Times*
Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click on the **BOLD** title for a link to more information.

Nov. 1-4 and 8-11: **Theatre Northwest’s Fall Production, “Eurydice”**

Nov. 6 **Asia Day**

Nov. 7 **‘Defamation,’ a dramatic play**

Nov. 9 **Suicide Prevention Conference**

Nov. 12 **Screening of ‘Girls on the Wall’**

Nov. 13 **Health Fair**

Nov. 14 **Homecoming: Men’s and Women’s Basketball**

Nov. 15 **26th Annual Scholarship Gala Celebration**

Nov. 17 **Freshman to Physician Day**

Nov. 17 **Science Olympiad Mini Clinic**

Nov. 18 **First Lego League Tournament**

Dec. 1 **Speech Forum**

Visit the IU Northwest homepage for additional upcoming events.