

Happy winter everyone!

Actually I'm looking forward to global warming ☺ but we do live in Indiana!

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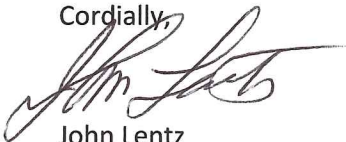
I would like to update everyone on a number of issues revolving around our beautiful Student Recreation Center. As many of you know the HHS Building (Arena) is under renovation. Because that facility houses Physical Education classes as well as AFROTC (Air Force ROTC) workout spaces and other potential users, our facility will be hosting a number of these groups throughout the next 7-8 months. We have worked out schedules so that the minimum amount of impact to our recreational patrons are realized. Certain physical education classes will meet in the MAC (Multi-Activity Coury) gym M-F as well as one court in the main gym on certain early afternoons. As many of these classes are education preparatory courses, they will meet at times in a traditional classroom elsewhere instead of the SRC. AFROTC physical fitness sessions will take place in the SRC on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:00 am-7:00 am. The greatest concentration of facility use by them will be on the track. We have asked that only half of the class be on the track at one time and for them to keep on the inside two lanes. Those lanes were selected so that our patrons could more effectively and safely move on and off the track. Certainly recreation patrons can use any lanes you wish just be prepared for 12-18 AFROTC cadets on the inside two lanes.

We take great pride in maintaining a clean facility. Unfortunately circumstances beyond our control is limiting our efforts at this time. The snowy weather is wreaking havoc with the floors at the same time that both full-time and student custodians have been hit with the flu. We are trying our best. Added to that frustration is a near catastrophe that we experienced the evening of January 10. At 7:24 pm an alarm sounded indicating that our sprinkler system was going off in the storage room at the northeast corner of our main gym. The water line froze and broke pipes causing massive flooding of the storage room which then ran onto the main gym courts. The entire north court as well as the east half of the middle court were under ½" of water although there is no estimate how much ran under the threshold under the floor. Luckily we were able to clean up the water within 75 minutes of the warning alarm. This has kept the damage to the wood floor at a hopefully manageable level. We are currently experiencing "cupping" of individual floor boards. It is not causing us to lose use of the floors at this time. You have probably noticed that fans have been running around the clock and we have pulled the base boards off the floor so that air can circulate under the floor. We are told that a full drying of the floor can take anywhere from 2-3 weeks to 2-3 months. There is professional opinion that says we may eventually have all, or at least most, of the boards return to normal. The main reason for this is that our staff and assistance from facilities management worked around the clock that night cleaning the floor as quickly as we could. We owe a great deal of thanks to those individuals including our custodians who came in early for overtime work.

Many thanks to SRC employees Kimberly Monte, Jon Berry, Pat Garrett, Jim Maeder, and one of our GA's Kollin Monahan. We are also grateful for Karen Smith and Kenny Eddington from Facilities Management coming in on a Sunday evening to help us. On a final note regarding the floor: we are not to clean it with water for quite some time. We will try to clean it the best we can but it will remain a work-in-progress.

I hope these interruptions do not cause too much frustration to you. We value each and every one of you and are happy to provide our facility for your benefit!

Cordially,



John Lentz
Director