The ISI Softball Team Helps Make Us Part of the Science Center Community

Although we have just moved into our new building, ISI has already "introduced" itself to a number of companies in the Science Center. These introductions took the form of weekly softball games between ISI and teams representing other Science Center organizations. The ISI team recently completed its first season of competition in the Science Center League with a stunning victory over the team from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to win the Science Center championship game.

ISI's First Softball Team

Mike Hagan, ISI's office services supervisor, organized our first-ever softball team in May. From the beginning of June to the middle of August, the team played one game a week at Hill Field, 34th and Chestnut Streets. For many of the ISI players, the softball season offered a good opportunity to become acquainted with some of our new neighbors at the Science Center. ISI played against teams representing the Otis Elevator Company and the Merrill Chemical Senses Center, among others. The team members also had a chance to familiarize themselves with the University City area -- Cavanaugh's Restaurant and Tavern at 3132 Market Street became a favorite post-game watering hole for the members of the ISI team.

Season's Climax

ISI's team finished its first season with a respectable seven wins against six defeats. But the real excitement came during the post-season playoffs. ISI won its first three playoff games, including victories over the third-place team, Penn Chemistry, and the second-place team, Radiation Management. The season's climax came when ISI beat first-place HDW for the championship by a score of 7-6 before a crowd of ISI partisans at Provident Field, 48th and Market Streets. The championship trophy was formally presented to the team at the Science Center's First Friday party on October 5.

Honor Roll

Congratulations are in order for the members of the ISI team: Jack Cozolino, Systems & Programming; Joe Di Stefano, Systems & Programming; Bob Ewing, Marketing; Bob Ganzelli, Marketing; Ernie Gibson, Mailroom Operations; George Gibson, Warehouse; Mike Hagan, Office Services; Bill Heil, Stacks; Ed Mason, Office Services; Carlos Matos, Systems & Programming; Bruce McIntyre, Phototypeset; Jennie Megaw, Employee Relations; Paul Merlino, Systems & Programming; Ed O'Brien, Warehouse; Joe Belchart, Computer Operations; Jack Riccardi, Marketing; Scott Roberts, Systems & Programming; Ron Robinson, Stacks; Mike Russoello, Warehouse; Bill Scola, Stacks; Martha Stanback, Mailroom Operations; Kurt Williams, Systems & Programming.

Company of Winners

The softball league is just one way the Science Center brings together the people of its resident organizations. Friendly competition within the league helps to instill a sense of community among the participants. Thanks to the ISI softball team, we are already a part of this community. A reputation as a company of winners preceded our arrival at the Science Center.