Dear Colleagues,

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the photograph above encapsulates the events of these broiling hot summer weeks. After long anticipation, the houses bordering Esther and Hildreth Streets have been demolished. In their place will be beautifully landscaped parking. And on the east side of Esther, the decades-long anticipated renovation of the old Associates Building is well underway. All of this, coupled with the facelift of the Grille, is a sure sign of a vibrant campus. This flurry of rebuilding activity is only a small indication of our university’s growth. We can also take pride in the fruit of our enrollment and retention efforts. Current fall enrollment indicates strong interest in IU South Bend; and with expected increases in retention, the campus is marching steadily in meeting public and legislative expectations of fiscal and managerial responsibility.

Earlier this summer, our nation marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Freedom Riders’ foray in the South to challenge discriminatory de jure and de facto practices. I was honored to have participated in a preview of our local public television’s broadcast of a special documentary on the Freedom Riders. Although I grew up in the South during those turbulent times, I was not prepared for my visceral reaction to the series. Commenting on what I had just witnessed, I choked up. Such public display of emotion surprised me. I remember working in the summer of 1963, with other teenagers, teaching elderly African Americans the preamble to the Constitution as a rite of passage to be allowed to register to vote. In spite of our efforts, many were rebuffed and turned...

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**EVCAA News** (formerly VCAA News)

A newsletter from Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Indiana University South Bend • Number 75 • past newsletters at [http://www.iusb.edu/~acadaff/news.shtml](http://www.iusb.edu/~acadaff/news.shtml)
away. Demonstrating and chanting freedom slogans in front of City Hall before being hauled away in a paddy wagon, only to return the next day after being released to the custody of our parents, became a summertime ritual. And although it was painful to sit through the entire documentary, I am buoyed by the extraordinary advances of our country since then in civil and human rights.

Reflecting on these changes brings me back a year ago when I underwent surgery. Recuperating in my hospital bed, reading the newspaper, I happened upon a syndicated columnist's commentary of Malcolm X. As a youth, I was not a fan of Malcolm X, preferring the pacifist approach to change as advocated by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. But over the years, and particularly after reading Alex Haley’s *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, I slowly began to understand Malcolm X’s contributions to the Civil Rights Movement. What particularly struck me, and moved me to tears that morning, was a realization of something that could not have been possible at a particular time in the Deep South. Here I was in a hospital that did not segregate by race; my operating physician was an African American as was the attending physician; and my family doctor, who first diagnosed my health condition, was also black. And I received expert care from the nursing staff, many of whom were black. To some, these facts may appear inconsequential, but to those of us who grew up with Jim Crow, fifty years ago such occurrences would have seemed inconceivable. Because of the sacrifices of so many, like those Freedom Riders, who risked personal safety, we are a more democratic country, where opportunities are not thwarted because of race or gender.

I am proud of our university’s commitment to diversity and public engagement. This past May we celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Engman Natatorium, home of the IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center. Throughout the year, the Natatorium hosted public lectures, sponsored events, and welcomed visitors in fostering its educational mission of outreach to the local community. The Natatorium, with its partnership with the city and the South Bend Heritage Foundation, was a major factor in South Bend’s recent selection as an “All American City.” Kudos to Kevin James, assistant professor of sociology, and the students of the Civil Rights Heritage Center, for their visionary programming and active community engagement. As a campus community we can take well-deserved pride that our university’s commitment to the public good garnered this distinctive assignation for our city. There is one more thing to be done to bring that commitment to full fruition, ownership of the Natatorium by IU South Bend. It will be a wonderful thing to accomplish this in my last year as executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

There is something ominous about “my last year.” By the end of the academic year, I will have served as your chief academic officer for thirteen years. It seems just a short time ago from that wintry, blustery afternoon visiting the campus as a candidate. In many respects I’ve grown up here. These have been the happiest years of my professional life. With you, we’ve witnessed extraordinary changes in the maturation of the campus as a first-rate regional public university. We’ve also weathered periods of angst and uncertainty about budget cuts and external entities driving future directions. In spite of it all, we prevailed and thrived. We’ll have time to reflect on the peaks and valleys of the last thirteen years during my annual address to the Academic Senate in October. In anticipation of this last year, my emotions have been colored by moments of great joy, yet tinged with bouts of nostalgia. There is immense satisfaction in working with faculty and staff as devoted to student learning, scholarly excellence and public service as you are. It is equally sad to take leave of that bountiful energy. I take comfort that there is an indomitable spirit on this campus that pushes IU South Bend toward continuous excellence. Great universities thrive on it.

The deans, faculty leaders and I have already begun work toward transition. We’ve been re-thinking the university in the context of new leadership in 2013 at the chancellor’s and executive vice chancellor’s level. Our initial thoughts have centered around the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation in 2017, and in positioning the self-study with the central theme of community engagement and outreach as a fundamental tenet of our university’s identity. We'll begin exploring this possibility as a group during the September causerie at my home on September 9th. Shortly thereafter, broad campus input will be sought as we begin the formulation of our work plan. I anticipate selecting faculty co-chairs by October 1.

To the returning faculty and staff, welcome back to what promises to be another exciting year for the university. To our new colleagues, welcome; we trust that you find your work at IU South Bend as enriching and rewarding as we have.

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr.,
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs


**Instructional Media Services Blending with IT Services**

Executive Vice Chancellor Alfred Guillaume and CIO Beth Van Gordon are delighted to announce the blending of Instructional Media Services (IMS) and IU South Bend IT Services into one campus service organization. This consolidation leverages the audio visual, media production, and classroom technology expertise of the talented professionals in both organizations and represents the last adjustment to the larger reorganization that took place in March of this year when all regional campus IT organizations became part of University Information Technology Services (UITS).

Jim Yocom has accepted the position of Director of Instructional Media Services. In this role he will report to Beth Van Gordon and will continue to direct Media Services as well as Classroom Technology Services. In the short term, processes to request services will remain unchanged. In the long term, support and services will be enhanced as the teams leverage each other and the strengths of all IU campuses’ information technology professionals.

This new combined structure of IT and IMS promises greater efficiencies and the opportunity to leverage and sustain expanded, consistently distinctive media and classroom support. Alfred and Beth welcome your feedback as this new structure evolves. Please stay tuned for additional information as the team works to create a world class Instructional Media Services department.

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**New Academic Affairs Personnel**

On June 1, Theresa Heffner joined the Office of Academic Affairs as Executive Secretary to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Theresa comes to Academic Affairs from the Department of Psychology in the College of Liberals Arts and Sciences at IU South Bend where she served for two years as secretary to the Department Chair and to the Psychology faculty. In addition, Theresa is a student at IU South Bend working on her bachelor’s degree in General Studies.

On August 1, Biniam Tesfamariam joined the IU South Bend team as Institutional Research and Effectiveness Officer. Biniam comes to us from New Mexico State University Las Cruces, from which he received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration with a double major in Applied Statistics and worked in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. Biniam received his M.A. from NMSU also and his B.A. from University of Asmara in Eritrea (Africa). The IR office at IU South Bend is now overseen by Academic Affairs and the Executive Vice Chancellor. In addition to Biniam, Ginny Jones, secretary for IR and Affirmative Action will also now be part of Academic Affairs.

Please join us in welcoming these new members of Academic Affairs.

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**Sustainability Efforts**

Resulting from a grassroots initiative, there are posters mounted on each tech desk in our campus classrooms and instructional labs that encourage sustainability practices. These posters ask you to conserve energy by turning off projectors, monitors, and room lights before you leave. Thanks go out to Marianne Castano Bishop (Distance Learning/UCET) for designing the posters and Bev Church (IT) and Kathleen Weidner (CTS) for approving and installing them, as well as Mike Keen (Center for a Sustainable Future) and Deb Marr (Biology) for their consultation. Thank you all for your efforts to make our campus green.

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**Distance Teaching & Learning Conference**

Nine faculty and staff will be attending the well-respected Distance Teaching and Learning Conference in Madison, WI from August 3-5. Faculty members include Glenda Davidson (Nursing), Jorge Muñiz (Music), Asghar Sabbaghi (Business & Economics), Denise Skarbek (Education), and Tracey Trottier (Political Science). Staff includes Marianne Castano Bishop (Distance Learning and UCET), Firm Faith Nelson (UCET), Amy Pawlosky (UCET) and Jim Yocom (Instructional Media Services).

Jim and Marianne are co-presenting at a half-day workshop on “Design and Assessment of Online Multimedia Coursework” and at a one-hour Information Session on “Education, Multimedia and Social Media: Are We Ready for Showtime?.” This is the third year that Distance Learning has sponsored the attendance of our faculty and staff to this annual conference. This experience should help to further enhance distance learning here at IU South Bend.

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**IU South Bend and ERIP**

IU South Bend faculty and staff members recently took advantage of an IU Early Retirement Incentive Program and either have or will soon be retiring from their IU South Bend positions. Best wishes to all of these retirees and heartfelt thanks for their efforts and dedication to IU South Bend. The faculty who have or will be retiring are: Allen Anderson, Criminal Justice/CLAS; Cheri Brown, World Studies/CLAS; Jon Meyer, School of the Arts; Doug Singh, School of Business & Economics (Dec.); Constance Sprague, School of Education (Dec.); Gail Hadley, Academic Resource Center; Richard Cook, Mathematics

Staff from Academic Affairs positions who have or will retire as part of the ERIP are: Linda Stearly, CLAS (Aug.); Mary Jester, History/Philosophy; Rochelle Davenport, Biology; Nancy Pillar, CLAS; Carolyn Fermoyle, Extended Learning Services; Linda Shedd, Education; Jerry De Keyser, Computer Science; Shirley Salzgeber, Nursing

Staff across campus from units other than Academic Affairs who have or will retire as part of the ERIP are: Sarah Walmer, Financial Aid; Patricia Owens, Copy Center; Donald Kendall, Facilities Management; Patrick Treash, Facilities Management; Sharon Messenger, Registrar’s Office; Karen Pendl, Support Services
Congratulations

Nikita Abrosimov, a member of the Toradze Piano Studio since 2008, won First Prize at the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, OH recently. As part of the prize Nikita will have a recital debut at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York in the Alice Tully Hall next spring. Congratulations to Nikita and the Toradze Piano Studio as well as the Raclin School of the Arts! (photo at right courtesy Raclin School of the Arts)

Kudos

Congratulations to two Nursing faculty members who received their Doctorate of Nursing Practice degrees. Roxanne Wolfram received her doctorate from Valparaiso University and Patricia Jackson received hers from Southern Indiana University. Congratulations!

Lisa Zwicker (HIST) and Kelsey Parker’s (ENG) study abroad courses in Prague and Berlin were highlighted in their study from Southern Indiana University. Congratulations! Valparaiso University and Patricia Jackson received hers from Southern Indiana University. Congratulations!

Promotions and Tenure

Promotions to Associate Professor Julio Hernando (Spanish), Robert Meyer-Lee (English), Murlidharan Nair (Bioinformatics), Andrea Rusnock (Art History), Warren Shrader (Philosophy), Liguo Yu (Computer & Information Sciences), Liqiang Zhang (Computer & Information Sciences), Lisa Zwicker (History); Promotions to Senior Lecturer Susan Cook (Biology); Richard Seniff (Criminal Justice).

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Lincoln Traveling Exhibit to Visit IU South Bend Campus

Vicki Bloom, Dean of Library Services, reports that the Schurz Library was selected to be one of 200 sites to host a traveling exhibition, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" made available by the American Library Association Public Programs Office, in partnership with the National Constitution Center (NCC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Using the U.S. Constitution as its cohesive thread, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" offers a fresh and innovative perspective on the Civil War that brings into focus the constitutional crises at the heart of this great conflict. The exhibition identifies these crises—the secession of the Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties—and explores how Lincoln sought to meet these political and constitutional challenges. In conjunction with this large scale exhibit, the Library will be presenting two free public programs featuring a lecture or discussion by one or more distinguished scholars in the field. To assist with exhibition programming expenses, each site will receive a $750 grant. More information will be made available once the display schedule is finalized.

Kudos

As was announced in an editorial on July 24, Jerry Hinnefeld (Physics) has joined the South Bend Tribune’s editorial board as a community member. In addition, David Blouin (Sociology) has accepted the position of IU South Bend representative on the Neighborhood Resources Corporation in South Bend. Congratulations to them both.

Congratulations to the IU South Bend Titan women’s basketball team! They were named NAIA Scholar Team honors and placed in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association top 10 among NAIA schools with an overall grade point average of 3.43. Among Division I teams, IU South Bend ranked 4th overall. They were first among the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference teams. A salute to these student athletes and their coach Steve Bruce!

Kudos

Congratulations to Monle Lee (Business & Economics) and her Marketing students. Each year their class projects are entered for submission to a national level competition. Her Spring 2011 M418 Advertising and Promotion Management students participated in a national competition run by the Direct Marketing Educational Foundation and one of the class groups won the Bronze prize in the DMEF marketing plan competition for the non-profit organization Charity: Water. This designation was made from among 133 competing teams including many from Tier-1 research institutions. The DMEF will award the students $500, and the Marketing department $1000, for student scholarships. The students who won were Mario Elia, Kelsi Clark, and Michael Lochmony (pictured at left; photo courtesy IU South Bend School of Business & Economics).

Congratulations also to Christine Chmielewski, Senior Academic Advisor in the CLAS Advising Center. Christine published an article in the June issue of Academic Advising Today, an electronic publication of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). She addresses student success in a most interesting manner. Congratulations also to Christine for completing the NACADA-Kansas State University Graduate Certificate in Academic Advising. See her article at this link: http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/AAT/NW34_2.htm#6

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