Dear Colleagues,

How did the summer end so quickly? Only a few short weeks ago, we bid farewell to the Graduating Class of 2012. And suddenly we are welcoming new students. Like those in the Graduating Class of 2012, this new group of first-year students has similar expectations of obtaining a college diploma. For each of them that diploma is a pathway for improved life circumstances, be it the opportunity to get that first professional job or for advancement in their current employment. Whatever their motivation, they all share a common goal to learn; at least that’s what we as their professors sincerely hope. Yet for many of these new students, it will be their first exposure to university life. Many are first-generation college attendees. Foreign to them are credit hours, majors, and general education requirements. Unaccustomed to the differences between electives and degree credit, they will advisedly depend upon guidance from faculty and staff advisors. Some are clueless about choosing a field of study, and may spend several semesters in search of a major. Happily for them, as for all of our students, one of IU South Bend’s unique strengths is that we are a student-centered campus, a campus centered on student success. As such there is a wealth of resources within both Academic and Student Affairs that serve student need from financial aid to individualized advising and tutoring. On those occasions when I greet incoming students during orientation, I encourage them to take advantage of the myriad opportunities to become engaged with campus life, to get to know their professors, to become
engaged with student life, to make the library a second home, to visit their advisors often, and to seek assistance from any of the services available to students from financial aid or personal counseling to academic assistance. These are among several of Uncle Alfred's maxims for college success. But most of all, I remind the students that they are embarking on a wonderful journey of growth, a time of infinite possibilities, provided they become disciplined learners, opened to the vast connectivity of knowledge in the arts, humanities, social and biological sciences.

If asked my dreams for the Entering Class of 2013, I suppose it would be simply this. That upon graduating from IU South Bend, they would be prepared to enter life’s journey as global citizens, with a deeper appreciation of the diversity of thought, with a deeper understanding of their multicultural world and a firmer acceptance of the myriad ways of being in the world. I would want them to be forever learners, always posing new questions and seeking deeper understandings. These value-added traits of an IU South Bend education are increasingly more important as our students enter a world fraught with financial uncertainties of the global marketplace, a nation unyieldingly loyal to ideology and with more citizens centered on individual rather than the collective good. Rather than viewing the world as void of hope, my preference for our graduates is that they feel empowered to enter a world full of opportunity for engagement. My dream is that they not be discouraged by the bad behaviors of others, such as I experienced this summer by a young male in a passing car for whom the invective, N word, was funny. But then my own optimism is buoyed when I dwell on the liberating educational experience of each of our graduates. Surely, their world is colored by inclusion, respect, appreciation, understanding, open-mindedness, tolerance and acceptance.

On August 24th, we officially open the Academic Year with the All-Campus meeting. Last year’s gathering was supposed to have been my last, but here I am still writing newsletters to the faculty and staff. Let’s just call this year, my second countdown to retirement. In that regard, I’m like the Hobbits with their second breakfast. I’m delighted to be here in what promises to be the most celebratory of my fourteen years at IU South Bend. Seemingly, everywhere a new construction or renovation project is underway. The long-awaited renovation of the Associates building as the new home of Education and Arts is progressing beautifully with a proposed April dedication; the re-designed landscapes of the two interior courtyards in the Administration Building will add beauty and tranquility to what once were unsightly and unwelcoming spaces; and with the completion of the Associates building, the first floor renovation of the space for Student Services will begin. At the appropriate time, the campus will be able to announce two major fundraising initiatives. Chancellor Reck has been teasingly called “tenacious.” Well, this will be a good year to celebrate that tenacity. Physically, the campus has been transformed to a more beautiful and academically enriched place under her leadership.

I hope to see you all at the All-Campus Meeting on August 24th at 9:00 am in the Campus Auditorium.

Sincerely,

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

If you haven’t been on campus this summer, you may wish to know about the ongoing construction projects, particularly the new Education & Arts Building (left) but also the completely redesigned courtyards in the Administration Building (above).
Faculty Recognition

Bennion Named to Forty Under 40
Elizabeth Bennion (photo at right) was recognized as a member of the 2012 class of Forty Under 40 by the Young Professionals Network. This recognizes those in the community under 40 years of age “who show initiative and dedication in pursuing their career and investment in others through their involvement in civic, charitable and/or religious organizations.” Elizabeth’s bio (appeared in the South Bend Tribune on June 13, p. C2) can be found through the South Bend Tribune’s website at [link].

Wood-Klauer Wins Award
Congratulations to Haley Wood-Klauer (photo at left) for being selected to receive an award from Crest/Oral-B. She was nominated by one of IU South Bend’s graduates for the annual Pros in the Profession Award, honoring registered dental hygienists “who go above and beyond the call of duty every day.” A description of Hayley’s outstanding work as well as a video interview with Hayley, students, and other faculty at IU South Bend’s Dental Hygiene program may be found at dentalcare.com [link].

Elliott in Leadership Academy
Congratulations to Julie Elliott for her acceptance into the inaugural class of the Indiana Librarian Leadership Academy. This program was established by the Professional Development Committee of the Indiana State Library to help prepare the library community’s future leaders for these 21st Century challenges. Julie is one of 50 individuals selected from among a wide range of libraries. The first session of this 10-month academy will begin at the end of July. State and national leaders in the library community, such as incoming ALA president Maureen Sullivan, will spend time with the cohorts covering topics such as team-building, management, planning for the future, and emerging technologies. By the end of the week, participants will have defined a capstone project that will guide their work in the Academy over the next 10 months. Graduates of this program will have opportunities to participate in future academies, and will be included in the Indiana State Library Professional Development Committee’s Speakers Bureau. (our thanks to Vicki Bloom for this entry)

Summer International Visitors
Academic Affairs supported two visiting scholars to IU South Bend during the summer of 2012.

Maria-Théresé Gustafsson from Stockholm University was in residence on campus from May 26 until July 2 and presented a research talk titled “Democratizing development? Conflict Regulations in the Peruvian mining sector under a Post-Corporatist Regime.”

For the 8th year in a row, a scholar visited from Université du Sud Toulon Var, Toulon, France. Marie-Théresé Garcia was in residence on campus from July 9 until August 6, teaching a course “Masterpieces in Spanish Literature.”

(our thanks to Stephen Gerencser for this entry)

In Memoriam
We once again report the sad news of the passing of a member of the IU South Bend community. On May 13, a retired faculty member, Professor Emeritus of Management, John Swanda died in Ft. Myers, FL. An obituary appeared in the South Bend Tribune on May 22. John served IU South Bend and Business and Economics in many capacities in his over 30 year career, including as Dean. We will miss this member of the IU South Bend family and our deepest sympathies are extended to the family.

(our thanks to Stephen Gerencser for this entry)
Kudos
Betty Mooney, associate faculty member in Sociology, received the Distinguished Service Award to AASECT from the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists “for many years of leadership and dedication to the success of AASECT” at its 44th annual conference in Austin, TX June 9.

Jay VanderVeen’s anthropology class was featured on WSBT-TV in May for an archaeological dig they conducted at the Beardsley Mansion in Elkhart [link].

David Blouin has been reappointed as the IU South Bend representative to the Neighborhood Resources Corporation.

The Engman Natatorium was honored by the Historic Preservation Commission of South Bend, St. Joseph County, and Downtown South Bend, Inc. in May. The Engman Natatorium won the Southhold Preservation Award in the category of Best Adaptive Re-Use.

Deb Marr was appointed to the all-university Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) Steering Committee as a representative of the IU South Bend campus.

John McIntosh, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, is coauthor of a new book published in June on bereavement and coping among parents following the death of a child by either suicide or drugs. The book, Devastating Losses, is published by Springer [link].

Ilan Levine (PHYS) is part of a research team from COUPP - The Chicagoland Observatory for Underground Particle Physics that has received National Science Fund (NSF) 3-year grant funds for a project titled “Searching for WIMP Dark Matter With Superheated Liquids.” These funds will permit continued research by Dr. Levine and his IU South Bend team who have been working on earlier research developing acoustic sensors for the dark matter research projects.

Arts Camp
The Raclin School of the Arts conducted a summer Arts Camp for local high school students on campus for a week in July. Photos from the event appear above and on the first page of this newsletter and a gallery of photos appears at the South Bend Tribune’s website [link]. The camp was covered by the Tribune [link] as well as at IU Home Pages [link].

Sustainability Efforts at IU South Bend
Sustainability efforts and the Center for a Sustainable Future at IU South Bend were featured in a published article in Sustainability: The Journal of Record. The article, “The Natural Step for Colleges and Universities,” as described by the Center, “outlines the curriculum we have developed based on The Natural Step sustainability principles, which offer scientifically-based and user friendly guidelines for envisioning and implementing sustainability practices at work and at home.” [link]. In other efforts, the campus annual electronics recycling event successfully took place May 11 and 12 as reported locally [link].

Summer Performances at the Lerner
The IU South Bend Raclin School of the Arts has been active this summer, including several productions at the Lerner Theatre in Elkhart. In June the operetta H.M.S. Pinafore was performed while the children’s production Johnny Appleseed and Its’ a Wonderful Life as a radio show took place in July. The Summer Theatre Series concludes on August 9 with a production of A Raisin in the Sun with guest director Walter Allen Bennett, Jr.

All-IU Award Nominations
Nominations for all-IU awards (Distinguished Professorships, Distinguished Teaching, Ehrlich, Pinnell, Ryan) are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 15, 2012. All materials are submitted electronically and information may be found at [link] and questions sent to disteach@indiana.edu or by calling 812-855-3761. The annual dinner celebrating distinguished teaching is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2013 at IUB.