Dear Colleagues,

Later this week the campus will welcome Chancellor Emeritus and Mrs. Lester Wolfson in celebration of the publication by the Wolfson Press of Chancellor Wolfson’s addresses to the faculty. These memorable and erudite talks span a twenty-three year career during which Chancellor Wolfson shepherded IU South Bend’s growth from an IU extension center to a regional campus. Professors Emeriti Patrick Furlong and Tom Vander Ven edited the volume and penned essays highlighting the distinctive character of Chancellor Wolfson’s tenure.

A few years ago Chancellor Wolfson moved to Utica, NY. On jaunts to the east coast, Melanie and I have had the happy occasion to visit him and his lovely wife, Frances. And there is always an unexpected pleasure in each visit. Chancellor Wolfson, ever the loquacious bard, may suddenly enthrall us, delighted listeners, with verses from Shakespeare, Keats, Wordsworth, even Apollinaire. Such command of language is matched by few. And though I share an equal passion for poetry, I struggle mightily in recitation of verses from Baudelaire, Verlaine or Rimbaud, poets I know intimately from my graduate work. But with equal verve, Chancellor Wolfson is happy to regale us with an aria from a CD that he deftly places in his Bose stereo. And within seconds of the aria’s dramatic finish, he may quickly shift gears and with his encyclopedic memory, wistfully
recant tidbits of IU South Bend lore, stories I love to hear. But retirement for Chancellor Wolfson is not consumed solely with leisure readings alone or opera. Always the professor, willing to engage an attentive audience, he has earned a reputation as a masterful teacher in classes taught occasionally for seniors at the local community college.

I invite you, the faculty and staff, particularly those from the Wolfson years, to welcome Chancellor Wolfson on Thursday evening, November 4th, at 7pm in the Grille. There Professors Furlong and Vander Ven will introduce their book, A Campus Becoming: Lester M. Wolfson and Indiana University South Bend, 1964-1987. The brief ceremony will include remarks from Chancellor Wolfson who will offer reflections of his years at IU South Bend.

Indisputably, Chancellor Wolfson is fondly remembered for his eloquent discourses. In his first address to the faculty where he outlined his hopes for the campus, Chancellor Wolfson reminded all present that if courage and principle are kept at the forefront, and civility and respect are the norm “incompetence and inefficiency find it difficult to establish a foothold.” He further elucidates, “If there is any danger, in a major university inefficiency is far more likely than incompetence. Here I am thinking of the kind of crippling that occurs when factions, cliques, rump sessions, and splinter groups of all sorts weaken faculty efforts by directing energies away from scholarship, teaching, and public service. These are third-rate colleges, with both incompetence and inefficiency the rule, where some of the worst aspects of a certain public school mentality prevail. Deans prowl the halls looking through the windowed doors of classrooms to check on God knows what; the few good faculty members are harassed by reactionary groups... But I know, also, strong—even distinguished—departments that have been hobbled from within by vindictiveness, spleen, and simple lack of charity. It is hard to calculate how much is lost if one lives in an academic atmosphere of averted glances and slamming doors when the ‘wrong’ person comes down the corridor.” With those words, Chancellor Wolfson laid the foundations for the rock-solid collegiality that exists among administrators, faculty and staff that defines indisputably who we are. That legacy alone would be sufficient to characterize his leadership of a budding campus. Perhaps a greater legacy is his principled adherence to excellence in teaching, scholarship and public service in the hiring of outstanding faculty. That tradition continues today. I’m reminded daily of this excellence as I interact with faculty, and naturally, it gives me great joy to tout their achievements in my own annual addresses to the senate.

Now that the yellowed leaves are turning crispy brown and the morning air hints of overnight frost, we’re all reminded of the joyful feast of Thanksgiving that is fast approaching. May each of you find respite from your daily chores and enjoy peacefully time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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

Far right: Front cover of Furlong and Vander Ven’s A Campus Becoming (Wolfson Press, 2010). Top middle: Chancellor Emeritus Wolfson with IU’s 14th President John W. Ryan; Bottom middle: Chancellor Emeritus Wolfson with IU’s 11th President Herman B. Wells; Above: Chancellor Emeritus Wolfson receiving an honorary degree from IU’s 15th President Thomas Ehrlich. (photos courtesy Archives of Indiana University South Bend)
**Kudos**

A feature article about Assistant Professor of Music Jorge Muñiz (photo at left) and his composition *Requiem for the Innocent* appeared in the *IU Home Pages* for October 2010 [link](#) in the At Work section.

Mary Wilham-Countway, Director of the Child Development Center, received a grant for approximately $216,000 over the next four years from the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program through the U.S. Department of Education. This award will allow the center to buy new materials and finance new initiatives designed to improve the quality of childcare services. She will also be able to offer a fee-assistance to help make their services more affordable to low-income students.

John Mayrose, Assistant Professor of Music (photo at left) was recently chosen as an American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (ASCAP) Award recipient in the Concert Music Division. As noted in a letter from the association, the award is “based upon the unique prestige value of each writer’s catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the Society.”

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The Racín School of the Arts will have a visit this week from the National Association of Schools of Music in preparation for an accreditation of the Music program at IU South Bend.

John McIntosh, Associate VCAA, is the co-editor, and co-author of five chapters, in the just released book *Grief After Suicide: Understanding the Consequences and Caring for the Survivors*. The book was published by Routledge in their series on Death, Dying and Bereavement. [link](#)

**Funding Opportunity**

The Indiana University Vice President for Research has requested proposals for the 2010-2011 New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities program. As stated in the request, all full-time Indiana University and emeriti faculty members are invited to submit proposals for up to $50,000 in funding to pursue innovative and transformative directions in artistic creativity or scholarship. Proposals are due Monday, November 8th; the full request for proposals is available on-line at [www.indiana.edu/~vpr](http://www.indiana.edu/~vpr).

The Vice President announced that there were changes to the program but the program “will continue the university’s unique support for creativity and scholarship in the arts and humanities, while enabling us more flexibility in funding special transformative initiatives and opportunities in the arts and humanities. A full explanation of the changes is available at [www.indiana.edu/~vpr/nf_cover_letter.pdf](http://www.indiana.edu/~vpr/nf_cover_letter.pdf).

**Student Kudos: Blood Donor Challenge**

The IU Blood Donor Challenge was a huge success, raising 3,766 units of blood, far exceeding the original goal of 3,000. IU South Bend won an award for its efforts and again this year will be recognized in Bloomington on November 6th during the football game. The IU South Bend Alumni Association, co-sponsored by the IU South Bend Student Nurses (and the efforts of Aleah Wilburn) and the IU South Bend Student Alumni Association (with Kelly Miller) raised 115 units and will receive the Constituent Society Award for 4th place. Congratulations to all who participated.