Greetings,
The fall semester has brought record enrollment, a visit by the Governor, a new campus theme and wonderful performances to celebrate 20 years of arts programs at IU South Bend. I am pleased to share those stories and other news in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

-Una Mae Reck // Chancellor, IU South Bend

Upcoming Events

November 11–13
Scholarship Art Sale
Noon-6 pm, Nov. 11
Noon-9 pm, Nov. 12
Noon-6 pm, Nov. 13
3-6 pm, Nov. 14
East Lounge, Northside Hall

November 12
Toradze Piano Studio
7:30 pm, Campus Auditorium

November 14
Euclid Quartet with cellist Paul Katz
4 pm, Campus Auditorium

December 4
“Amahl and the Night Visitors”
4 & 8 pm, Campus Auditorium

December 11
“Teddy Bear Concert”
South Bend Symphonic Choir
7:30 pm, Campus Auditorium

For ticket info call 574-520-4203

Enrollment Records Continue

For fall 2010, IU South Bend has 8,590 students taking 83,323 credit hours. Both are all-time highs. Of those students, 69 percent are full-time and 63.5 percent are 24 years old or younger. The number of students who were in the top 25 percent of their high school class increased five percent. Enrollment at the IU South Bend Elkhart Center also set records. According to official figures, 883 students are taking classes at the Elkhart Center. When the center opened its doors in fall 2007, 618 students were enrolled. The growth in the number of credit hours students are taking at the Elkhart Center is also at an all-time high. This fall, students are taking 4,484 credit hours. When the Elkhart Center opened in 2007, students took 2,959 credit hours.

Governor Daniels Visits Campus

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels addressed a group of business students and invited guests as part of the Leading in the 21st Century Speaker series presented annually by the School of Business and Economics. Gov. Daniels outlined the success his administration has had in cutting expenses and managing the budget during difficult economic times. He also answered questions from students ranging from his opinion of President Obama's policies to whether he is going to be a candidate in the 2012 presidential race.

Three Fundraising Campaigns Underway

Three fundraising campaigns are underway to enhance campus facilities. One million dollars is needed to provide the equipment and technology for the dental hygiene area of the Education and Arts building. The current equipment being used by the program in Riverside Hall is 15 years old. The campaign has already raised $115,000. IU South Bend advisory board members Bob Deputy and Larry Lentych are co-chairing the campaign to raise $3 million for completion of the renovation of the Administration Building. The remaining work would focus on the student and enrollment services areas on the first floor. And a campaign to raise money for the renovation of Recital Hall and the Upstage Theatre is underway. The project is estimated to cost more than $500,000. The campaign is supported by a $150,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County. A $100,000 pledge has already been received toward this project.

MBA Program Ranked by Princeton Review

The Master’s of Business Administration program in the School of Business and Economics has been recognized as one of the best in the nation according to the Princeton Review. The MBA program is featured in the new 2011 edition of “The Best 300 Business Schools.” The schools are chosen on the basis of academic offerings, institutional data and feedback from
students attending the schools. The Princeton Review editors describe the MBA program as “exhaustive, low cost, high accreditation and convenient.” Complete details of the Princeton Review lists can be found at www.PrincetonReview.com/.  

20th Anniversary of Arts Programs
In 1990, the various arts programs at IU South Bend were merged into the Division of the Arts which later would become the School of the Arts. In 2002, the school was named after local businesswoman and philanthropist Ernestine M. Raclin. The Raclin School now features five areas of study (Communication Studies and Art History, Music, New Media, Theatre and Dance and Visual Arts) with more than 600 students, 30 full-time faculty and nearly 90 part-time faculty. The celebration of the 20th anniversary will include guest artists, public performances, workshops and master classes.

Requiem for the Innocent
The 20th anniversary celebration was kicked off by the performance of “Requiem for the Innocent” composed by Jorge Muñiz, professor and area coordinator of music in the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts at IU South Bend. The world premiere was performed by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra on October 2 at the Morris Performing Arts Center. The piece was written by Muñiz as a prayer for the souls of the innocent victims of terrorism. It includes five languages, full orchestra instrumentation, baritone soloist, five vocal ensembles and an audience sing along. The wonderful performance was a proud moment for IU South Bend.

$10,000 Grant for Relay Program
The Relay Peer-to Peer Mentoring Program has received a $10,000 grant from the Judd Leighton Foundation. The program is aimed at helping incoming first-year underrepresented students in their transition to college. The program matches incoming students with upper-class mentors for the entire academic year. About 60 students are in the program this year. The Relay Program is another example of the effort to improve retention and graduation rates at IU South Bend.

Champions of Character Institution
IU South Bend has been named a Champion of Character Institution by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Institutions were measured on character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion in their athletics programs. The Titans men’s and women’s teams were recognized for displaying positive character on and off the court.

Titans Ready for Season to Begin
The Titans men’s and women’s basketball teams are gearing up for the start of the season. Both teams opened with an away game at Bethel College on October 30. Former Mishawaka High School star Steven Heatherly has joined the men’s team and will play for first-year coach Chad Tapp. Heatherly is the all-time leading three-point shooter at Mishawaka High.

The women’s team received an NAIA Scholar Team Award. To be considered for the award a team must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Coach Steve Bruce’s team earned a 3.2 GPA while finishing with an impressive 19-11 record last season. Go Titans!

Awards and Recognition
David and Jeanette Bloss have been awarded the 2010 Chancellor’s Medal for outstanding support to IU South Bend. David graduated from IU South Bend with a bachelor’s degree in accounting and went on to become chairman, president and chief executive officer of CIRCOR International, a company that manufactures valves.

Associate Professor of English Elaine Roth received a Fulbright Award to support her teaching North American Literature and Culture Studies at the Universidad de Madrid in Spain.

Professors Rolf Schimmrigk and Monika Lynker of the Physics and Astronomy Department were awarded a two-year grant from National Science Foundation for $125,000 for their work on RUI: Modular Black Hole Entropy.

Dora Natella, associate professor of sculpture, won third place at the National Sculpture Society Annual Exhibit for her sculpture “Portrait of an Angel.”

IU South Bend radiography students placed second in the Quiz Bowl competition at the Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Conference. The participating students were Justin Singh, Elizabeth Martin, Kylie Kelver and Kate Kennedy.

Student Melissa Lentine, a senior psychology major, has been accepted to be part of an intensive leadership training program hosted at the White House in partnership with the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Faculty member and associate dean Becky Torstrick has been appointed to serve as one of three assistant vice presidents for university regional affairs on a project to advance Indiana University’s programs and interests. She will divide her time equally between her work at IU South Bend and her new university position.

Dean of the Franklin D. Schurz Library and Media Services Vicki Bloom has been appointed to represent the Reference and User Service Association on the American Library Association Web Advisory Committee.