Greetings,

I am writing to you in the midst of a busy and exciting fall semester at IU South Bend. I look forward to sending you this newsletter because it gives me the opportunity to bring you up-to-date on the major issues and activities on campus. So many things happen quickly in this fast-paced world that it is good to touch base on a regular basis. So, let’s get started.

Fall Semester Sets Record for Credit Hours as Enrollment Jumps

The final numbers for the 2004 fall semester are in and they show strong growth in both enrollment and credit hours taken. In fact, IU South Bend has the honor of showing the largest growth of all the Indiana University campuses. According to figures released by IU, fall enrollment at IU South Bend increased by 221 students for a total of 7,501, a 3 percent increase from last year. In credit hours taken, IU South Bend increased by 2,798 for a new record of 70,519, up 4.1 percent from last year. I am thrilled with the momentum IU South Bend is showing. Strong growth helps make a case for funding, expansion and student housing. Enrollment management takes hard work by a lot of people. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their tremendous effort.

American Democracy Project

IU South Bend has joined with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and The New York Times to participate in the American Democracy Project (ADP). ADP is a three-year program designed to strengthen civic life in communities across the United States. The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy. More than 190 colleges and universities are participating, each creating programs suited to their campus and community. Professor Elizabeth Bennion is the campus director of ADP at IU South Bend. I am proud of Elizabeth’s leadership on this project and encourage you to check out the ADP/SB website at www.iusb.edu/~sbadp. ADP is another example of an effort by the campus to broaden its relationship with the community through discussion and examination of important social, political and cultural issues.

One Book, One Campus

As part of the American Democracy Project, IU South Bend has created a new and innovative program that will bring students, faculty, staff and the community together in an academic pursuit. It is called One Book, One Campus and is spearheaded by the Franklin D. Schurz Library, along with ADP. One Book, One Campus encourages everyone on campus to read the same book and participate in discussions and events related to the work. The

UPCOMING EVENTS AT IU SOUTH BEND

Oct. 7, 21, 28 and Nov. 4, 11, 18
Entrepreneurship Lecture Series continues
7 p.m. in room 1001 Wiekamp Hall

Oct. 13
Gloria Kaufman Memorial Service
4:30 p.m. in the main cafeteria

Oct. 14
Titans Pep Rally
6 p.m. Student Activities Center

Oct. 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24,
Theater production of Five Women Wearing the Same Dress
Campus Auditorium

Oct. 20
Town Hall Meeting
U.S. Supreme Court Decisions
5:30 p.m. Student Activities Center

Nov. 11
Conversations on Race: Clarence Page Election Analysis
7 p.m. 158 Northside Hall

Nov. 19 & 20
Celebration of 150th Anniversary of IU Alumni Association
IU South Bend Campus

Continued
book for 2004-2005 is “War is a Force that Gives Us Meaning” by Chris Hedges, a former war correspondent and writer for The New York Times. We hope the program will provoke much thought and discussion on and off campus. All One Book, One Campus events are free and open to the public. Arrangements are being made for Hedges to come to South Bend to discuss his book. We hope One Book, One Campus will be the largest book club South Bend has ever seen.

**Instructional Technology Expands in Classrooms**

IU South Bend continues to add to its instructional technology in classrooms across campus. The new equipment includes a desk designed specifically for computer assisted instruction, a DVD/VCR unit, a computer, a control panel, a ceiling mounted projector, lighting controls and speakers. Twenty-four classrooms were outfitted prior to the start of the fall semester and 30 more are scheduled for completion by the end of the calendar year. The technology allows professors to quickly and efficiently bring the latest instructional material to their students in the classroom. The Information Technologies department at IU South Bend did a wonderful job on this work intensive project.

**Town Hall Meeting on U. S. Supreme Court Decisions**

IU South Bend’s Office of Campus Diversity is proud to present a town hall meeting to discuss two milestone U.S. Supreme Court decisions - Brown v. the Board of Education in 1954 and Gratz v. Grutter in 2003. Leading the discussion will be Professor Kevin D. Brown of the IU Bloomington Law School and the Hudson-Holland Scholars Program, and Professor John Matlock, associate vice provost and director of the Office of Multicultural Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan. The town hall meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Student Activities Center rooms 221 and 223. It is free and open to the public.

**Conversations on Race**

IU South Bend continues its Conversations on Race series with an analysis of the presidential election by Chicago Tribune columnist Clarence Page. Page will take part in the first day of the event on Thursday, November 11 at Northside 158. Conversations on Race will continue on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Wiekamp Hall with a day-long schedule beginning with a youth kickoff, replay of Page’s lecture, small group discussions, food and a poetry jam. This event is also free and open to the public.

**Gloria Kaufman Memorial Service**

A memorial service for long-time IU South Bend professor Gloria Kaufman is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 in the main cafeteria. The program will begin at 5 p.m. followed by a reception. For nearly three decades Gloria was a dedicated teacher, mentor, political activist and author. The Gloria Kaufman Memorial Fund has been established at IU South Bend and will support an annual lecture series and scholarship. The lectures will feature speakers of national or regional reputation addressing topics of interest in the field of women’s studies/advancement of women in society. The scholarship will be given to a deserving student at IU South Bend who has exhibited leadership in social and academic areas to advance the women’s studies program. If you wish to contribute, please contact Jan Halperin, director of development, at (574) 520-4801.

As you can see, this is an exciting time at IU South Bend. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions as IU South Bend continues its mission as the only public, master’s and bachelor’s degree granting institution of higher education in Michiana.

Sincerely,

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