Greetings,
As I enter my 10th year as chancellor, I am excited by what I am seeing on campus this fall. Student life is vibrant, new programs are being offered, and construction projects are underway that will change the face of the campus. I'm pleased to share those stories and more in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

- Una Mae Reck // Chancellor, IU South Bend

Upcoming Events

October 13-16
A Raisin in the Sun
Guest Director Walter Allen Bennett Jr.
8 p.m. Oct. 13-15, 2 p.m. Oct. 15-16
Campus Auditorium

October 21
IU South Bend Gospel Choir
Conducted by CreAnne Mwale
Traditional & Contemporary Gospel Music
7:30 p.m., Campus Auditorium

October 27
South Bend Mayoral Debate
6 p.m., Student Activities Center, 225

November 8
Women's Basketball Home Opener vs. Bethel College
7 p.m., Student Activities Center

November 9
Men's Basketball Home Opener vs. Purdue North Central
8 p.m., Student Activities Center

November 10-13
Scholarship Art Sale
Noon-9 p.m. November 10-11
9 a.m. – 6 p.m. November 12
Noon-6 p.m. November 13
East Lounge, Northside Hall

November 18
Toradze Piano Studio
7:30 p.m., Campus Auditorium

November 20
Euclid Quartet
Haydn’s “Emperor”
Mendelssohn’s Quartet No. 2
4 p.m., Campus Auditorium

Fall Enrollment

Final figures for fall 2011 show 8,385 students enrolled, which is down 2.39 percent from the all-time high set last year. Students are taking 80,420 credit hours this semester, which is down 3.48 percent from the record set last year. These numbers reflect a series of moves that were made to enforce admissions standards and improve retention and graduation rates at IU South Bend. For example, approximately 400 prospects were referred to Ivy Tech Community College or to next semester at IU South Bend so they could prepare for the rigors of college academics and be successful in the classroom. This example shows the close relationship IU South Bend has with Ivy Tech and how the two institutions help each other and their students.

Record Occupancy for Student Housing

River Crossing student housing set a record for occupancy. Final figures show 334 students living on campus for an occupancy rate of 85 percent. The previous high was 294 students when student housing first opened in 2007. These residential students are having a big impact on campus life with increased attendance at events and lots of energy in student clubs and organizations.

Master of Science in Special Education

The School of Education will offer a new graduate degree in fall 2012. The Master of Arts in Teaching – Special Education degree is designed for individuals interested in becoming special education teachers with a license in exceptional needs: mild interventions. Students in the new degree program will complete 36 credit hours of graduate coursework, but will fulfill licensure requirements after completing 24 specific courses in the program. The degree may be of interest to career changers and those already licensed in other areas of education. Approval of the degree was the result of efforts by the special education faculty, Terry Shepherd, John Bushong, Emily Williams, Denise Skarbek, Lee Smith, and Karen Clark.

New Offerings in School of Business and Economics

The School of Business and Economics is now offering three new opportunities for graduate students. The Graduate Assistantship Program provides graduate students with an opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty member conducting research, helping with scholarly activities and providing teaching support. The Graduate Certificate in Business is available for students with an undergraduate degree in a field other than business or for those students who want to enhance their credentials but don’t want to pursue a full master's degree at this time. The GMAT is not required and
the five courses apply toward the Masters in Business Administration (MBA). The Fast Track Program Option is geared toward recent graduates and is available to students fully admitted to the MBA, Master of Science in Accounting or Master of Science in Management Information Technologies. For more information on these offerings go to www.iusb.edu/~buse/grad/shtml/.

Parking Expansion Project

Two new parking lots are open along Esther Street on the west side of campus. The north lot has about 60 spaces and the south lot has more than 100. The opening of these lots helped ease the tight parking situation on campus. Because of construction at the Education and Arts Building about 150 parking spaces were lost for the year. Work will continue on the new lots as sidewalks are poured, lighting is installed and landscaping is completed.

Education and Arts Building

The walls have come down on the Education and Arts Building as the renovation is in full swing. Gibson-Lewis, LLC of Mishawaka is the contractor. At this time the floor, beams and roof are all that remain. New walls will be installed soon so that interior work can take place over the winter. The $22 million project should be completed in January 2013. The renovated facility will be the new home of the School of Education, fine arts programs from the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts, and the dental hygiene program.

University Grill

The campus will soon have an updated and remodeled dining area in the Administration Building called the University Grill. The renovated area includes a new floor, walls, ceiling, lighting, seating and serving area. Small meeting rooms will also be available. When completed it will be an attractive venue for students, faculty and staff to eat and gather with friends and colleagues. The renovation is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Governor’s Arts Awards

Two of the six recipients of the 2011 Indiana Governor’s Arts Awards are affiliated with IU South Bend. They are Alexander Toradze and June Edwards. Toradze is the Martin Endowed Professor of Piano and a world renowned pianist. Edwards is vice president of the IU South Bend Arts Foundation Board at IU South Bend and is well-known in the community as a musician, cultural leader and philanthropist. IU South Bend will host the 2011 Indiana Governor’s Arts Awards on April 26, 2012. This will be only the third time the event has been held outside of Indianapolis.

A Raisin in the Sun

The 2011-12 theater season at the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts will open with a production of “A Raisin in the Sun” by Lorraine Hansberry. The dates of production are October 13-16 with matinees on Saturday and Sunday. This is the first time this production will be performed at IU South Bend. The campus is proud to have as a guest director Walter Allen Bennett Jr. of Burbank, Calif. Walter has extensive credentials in writing, acting, and directing including as a writer for “The Bill Cosby Show” and executive producer of “The Steve Harvey Show.”

Awards and Recognition

The Student Veterans’ Organization (SVO) at IU South Bend won first place in the category of new and emerging SVOs by the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University. The IU South Bend SVO was recognized for recruiting new members and increasing its visibility on campus under the leadership of student and Army veteran Jason Wright.

Nikita Abrosimov, a 21-year-old Russian student at the Toradze Piano Institute at IU South Bend won the Gold Medal at the Cincinnati-based World Piano competition. Abrosimov performed Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 2.

IU South Bend Registrar Jeff Johnston is serving as the interim registrar at IU Northwest. The concept of a co-registrar is relatively new and is a sign of more effective collaboration between IU regional campuses. Johnston will split his time evenly between IU Northwest and IU South Bend through March 1, 2012.

IU South Bend head athletic trainer Kara Werner was named the recipient of the inaugural Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Certified Athletic Trainer of the Year award. The award was voted upon by each athletic training staff at CCAC member schools.

Students from IU South Bend placed third in the Direct Marketing Educational Foundations’ undergraduate competition for the non-profit charity called Charity: Water. Their entry was one of 133 entries from universities across the country. The winning team members were Kelsi Clark, Elkhart; Mario Elia, Granger; and Michael Lochmondy of Granger. All three are now graduates.