greetings

I am pleased to bring you the first edition of Footnotes, my newsletter to the campus and community. As chancellor, I want to keep you informed about what's happening at IU South Bend and I also want to hear from you. The format of Footnotes allows me to give you updates of significant issues, activities and achievements and provides a Twitter hashtag and email address for your responses and suggestions. By the way, Footnotes is a reference to my background in English and to a favorite part of my wardrobe. The 2013-14 academic year is off to a good start. I hope you enjoy the inaugural edition of Footnotes.

Terry Allison // Chancellor
IU South Bend

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from Chancellor Allison

Planning and Student Success

This year you will hear me talking a lot about planning and student success. They are both essential to the future of IU South Bend. Developing a timely strategic plan to help guide the campus to 2020 represents one of my immediate goals. A major component of this effort is an Academic Master Plan that reflects regional needs for new programs. In my meetings with community business leaders, I was pleased to hear them say that liberal arts and sciences must remain at the core of our programming. They want their employees to have the critical thinking skills that a liberal arts education provides no matter what the job.

Planning will also focus on recruitment, retention of first-year students and graduation. Only 26 percent of our entering first-time students complete a degree in six years. Nearly 4 of 10 students at IU South Bend don’t make it to their sophomore year. We won't lower our grading but our planning must include ways to provide more help for students to reach our high standards.

This brings me to student success. We want our students to gain the knowledge, skills, and motivation for lifelong learning and community engagement that define a college degree. To reach these goals we need a first year experience program, we need to integrate academic assistance seamlessly into courses so that we support the students most vulnerable to fail, we need more internships for students, and we need to expand the opportunity for students to work with alumni, advisory board members, and regional employers so they can benefit from career connections. Innovation, perseverance, and caring are central to achieving our goals as a public, regional university. Work is already underway on planning for student success. I will keep you informed of our progress.

Enrollment

The official enrollment figures for the fall semester show that 8,075 students are enrolled, a 4.89 percent decline from last fall. Students are taking 76,465 credit hours, down 3.87 percent from last fall. Keep in mind that last year was the second highest enrollment in history.

Upcoming Events

**October 5**
Nobel Laureate Eric Wieschaus
Bender Scholar-in-Residence
7 p.m., Education and Arts Building

**October 9**
Chancellor Allison Installation
3 p.m., Student Activities Center

**October 24**
Arts Lecture
“Leading and Communicating in Contemporary Organizations.”
Elizabeth A. Williams, Ph.D.
7:30 p.m., Lecture Hall
Education and Arts Building

**October 30**
“A British Invasion”
Songs, arias, and ensembles by British composers
7:30 p.m., Campus Auditorium

**November 21-26**
LOOK! Scholarship Art Sale
Selling artwork by students, faculty and alumni to support fine arts scholarships and programs
11 a.m. — 8 p.m. November 21-22
9 a.m. — 6 p.m., November 23
11 a.m. — 5 p.m., November 24
Art Gallery, Education and Arts Building
(ticket information call 520-4203)

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Still, with increased retention we can maintain our historic highs. The profile of the incoming class is improving. There is a 20 percent increase in the number of students who earned an academic honors diploma in high school.

Education and Arts

The Education and Arts Building opened for classes on August 26 and has been receiving rave reviews. Students, faculty and staff are putting the classrooms, labs, studios and technology to use. Highlights include the faculty art exhibition in the new art gallery, the Roger S. Pecina Dental Education Clinic and Afdent Academic Classrooms, the Dorothy J. Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons and Starbucks products in the coffee shop. The building sparkles after a $22 million renovation and enhances the beauty of the campus. If you haven’t been to our campus recently, I encourage you to visit to see this building.

Performance Hall Renovation

The next major renovation on campus is underway at Northside Hall. The old recital hall is being turned into the Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall. A generous gift from the Georgina Joshi Foundation will create a state-of-the-art venue for chamber music, soloists and small ensembles to perform and record their works. The work should be completed next spring.

Campus Theme

Each year IU South Bend picks a theme and invites the community to join with us in learning. This year it is “Much Ado About Will: 450 Years and Counting.” The theme on Shakespeare will include performances, lectures and other activities open to the community. I hope you can join us for some of the upcoming events.

Real Student Athletes

Athletics is a good example of the success that comes from support and engagement on campus. The three teams at IU South Bend, men’s and women’s basketball and women’s volleyball, all finished with a team grade point average (GPA) above 3.0. The women’s basketball team was 6th in the NAIA in GPA, exceeding 3.5. Congratulations to our student-athletes. Go to www.iusbtitans.com for more information.

Nobel Laureate Visit to Campus

Nobel Laureate Eric Wieschaus of Princeton University will be the inaugural Bender Scholar-in-Residence on October 5. His public presentation titled “The Science of Development and the Concept of Individuality” will be at 7 p.m. in the Education and Arts Building.

Chancellor Installation Ceremony

I am looking forward to my installation as chancellor at IU South Bend on October 9. Indiana University President Michael McRobbie will preside over the ceremony that begins at 3 p.m. in the Student Activities Center. The ceremony is invitation only but I hope you will come to campus to participate in some of the events taking place all week. For a listing of events go to www.iusb.edu.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Dean of the School of Education MARVIN LYNN will be presenting at the Sustainable Learning Environments and Social Justice Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa and at the American Educational Studies Association in Baltimore.

TINA SLABACH, a graduate in the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) program, was named Outstanding Student in Public Service by the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (IASPA).

CAROL RIPPEY MASSAT was named Social Worker of the Year for Region 2 of the National Association of Social workers. Massat is director of the School of Social Work at IU South Bend.

Student LAWRENCE MITCHELL-MATTHEWS performed with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra this summer.

Seventeen IU South Bend faculty members received the IU Trustees Teaching Awards for 2013. They are: SUSHMA ARGAWAL, GRETCHEN ANDERSON, SUE ANDERSON, DAVID BLOUIN, JANE CERA, HOPE DAVIS, JULIE ELLIOTT, HAYLEY FROYSLAND, CHRISTINA GERKEN, KEVIN GILLEN, KWADWO OKRAH, ELAINE ROTH, ANDREA RUSNOCK, ANNA SAVVOPOLU, ROLF SCHIMMRIGK, JAMES SMITH, and JAMES VANDERVEEN.

Assistant Professor of Visual Arts SUSAN MOORE is featured in a special exhibit of local photographers called “Somewhere There” at the South Bend Museum of Art.