

Notes from the Chancellor

Indiana University South Bend | Fall 2009



Greetings,

Fall 2009 has been historic for IU South Bend. More students than ever before are taking classes, participating in activities and pursuing their degrees. The campus has never been so active and energetic. I am pleased to give you the highlights in this edition of Notes from the Chancellor.

Upcoming Events

October 1–23

Images of Processes Exhibition
Albert LaVergne, sculptor
James C. Palmore, painter
Raclin School of the Arts Gallery

October 11

Euclid Quartet
Playing Beethoven String Quartets 1, 13
and “Grosse Fuge”
5 p.m., Northside Recital Hall

October 15-18

After Juliet
A drama by Sharman Macdonald
8 p.m. October 15–17
2 p.m. October 18
Campus Auditorium

November 2

Campus Theme Speaker
Author Alex Kotlowitz, “There Are
No Children Here”
7 p.m., Northside 158

November 6

Alexander Toradze
and the Toradze Piano Studio
7:30 p.m., Campus Auditorium

November 22

Euclid Quartet
Beethoven String Quartets 8 and 16
5 p.m., Campus Auditorium

December 5

Amahl and the Night Visitors
A family opera by Gian Carlo Menotti
8 p.m., Campus Auditorium

Enrollment Records Broken

Fall 2009 enrollment at IU South Bend set records. According to official results, 8,394 students are enrolled, which is an increase of nearly 9 percent over last year and breaks the long-standing record of 7,798 students set in 1992. Credit hours stand at 80,532 which is also a record and an increase of more than 9 percent over last year. The previous record of just under 74,000 was set last fall. For the first time in history IU South Bend has more than 8,000 students and more than 80,000 credit hours.

Looking deeper into the numbers shows more good news. The full-time beginner cohort is 1,046 students, a 10 percent increase over last fall and the first time the cohort has been over 1,000 students. Full-time students now comprise 68 percent of the student body, which is a record and an increase of 2 percent over last year.

Enrollment records were also set at the IU South Bend Elkhart Center. Credit hours increased 20 percent over last fall and stand at 4,395. Headcount rose 13 percent with 823 students enrolled.

My thanks go to the staff and faculty and IU South Bend for the effort they have put forth to accommodate this momentous number of students in South Bend and Elkhart.

Education and Arts Building Renovation

The State Budget Committee has approved \$27 million in funding for the renovation of the Education and Arts Building into a modern classroom facility. The project was included in the 2007-09 budget passed by the General Assembly but needed the approval of the State Budget Committee, State Budget Agency and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. All approvals have now been received. Architects will begin design drawings and the project will be sent out for bid. Construction could begin as soon as late spring or early summer. The renovated building will be the home of the School of Education, programs from the Raclin School of the Arts and the dental hygiene program.

My thanks go to the State Budget Committee, the State Budget Agency, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and state legislators. Special thanks go to House Speaker Pat Bauer, State Senator John Broden, who is a member of the State Budget Committee, and former State Senator Robert Meeks. This project would not have been possible without their support.

The State Budget Committee also approved phase two of the renovation of the Administration Building. The \$1.5 million renovation will complete the enhancements to the second floor. Construction could begin in late October or early November.

H1N1 Influenza Update

All indications are that another outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus can be expected this fall and winter. The campus is taking steps to prepare for that likelihood. Under the leadership of Campus Police Chief Martin Gersey, the Emergency Management Planning Committee has developed a pandemic plan and is working closely with their counterparts at Indiana University and the St. Joseph County Health Department.

The campus Health and Wellness Center is watching for signs of the flu as patients come in for examinations and treatment. Posters have been placed around campus with tips for prevention. The IU South Bend Web site is being used as a resource for the latest updates and information about H1N1.

The campus also has applied to be an H1N1 vaccine distribution center. If approved qualified students, faculty and staff would be inoculated on campus which would decrease the demand at other locations.

And Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Alfred Guillaume has sent a letter to faculty requesting that contingency plans be prepared in the case of extended absences or cancellation of classes during a flu outbreak.

The campus is prepared for the worst and hoping for the best.

ETS Scores Shine for B & E

Students in the undergraduate and MBA programs in the School of Business and Economics at IU South Bend scored in the top 5 percent of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) exams taken in the spring. The field tests for business graduates measures critical knowledge and understanding. Questions test students' ability to analyze and solve problems, understand relationships and interpret material. The tests have more than 100 multiple choice questions. Forty-four students took the undergraduate exam and scored a mean of 164, while the national mean was 151.6. Thirteen MBA students took the test and their mean score was 265. The national mean was 249.5. Hundreds of universities administer the test. Congratulations to the faculty and the outstanding graduates of the School of Business and Economics.

Toradze Documentary

Alexander Toradze, Martin Endowed Professor of Piano at IU South Bend, is the subject of a documentary that will be broadcast on WNIT Public Television at 9 p.m. Monday, December 7. The documentary is called "Kicking the Notes the Toradze Way" and profiles Lexo and the Toradze Piano Studio. Angel Hernandez, WNIT's vice president of production, is the executive producer of the one-hour, high-definition documentary which WNIT will submit to PBS for national distribution

and broadcast. The documentary provides viewers with an opportunity to share in the private lives of the performers, witness the progress of their careers, and enjoy their incredible music.

Remembering Myles Brand

Former IU President Myles Brand passed away on September 16 after a battle against pancreatic cancer. He served as IU's president from 1994 to 2002 when he became president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He led IU through a period of remarkable growth. I will always appreciate the opportunity he gave me to serve as chancellor at IU South Bend.

Awards and Recognition

Ilan Levine, associate professor of physics and astronomy at IU South Bend, was awarded \$217,365 of a \$1.44 million total award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Earlier this year, Levine received \$420,000 (to be spent over three years) from the NSF to continue his work on detecting dark matter. The research is being done on the IU South Bend campus.

Melissa Wise, manager of publications and graphic design, and **Tiffany Goehring**, graphic designer, were both named winners of a 2009 American Graphic Design Awards from Graphic Design USA. More than 800 items were entered in the competition. Wise won for her design of *Foundations* magazine, which is the IU South Bend alumni publication. Goehring won for her design of the *IU South Bend School of Business and Economics Annual Review*.

Michael Lasater, professor of new media, won first place in a national juried exhibition at Union Street Gallery in Chicago Heights for his video piece called "Act II."

IU South Bend second year **radiography students** won second and third place at the Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists Quiz Bowl held in Indianapolis.

IU South Bend **women's basketball team** was selected as a scholar team by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), team members averaged a 3.42 GPA during the 2008-09 academic year.

As you can see, exciting things are happening 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, bachelor's and master's degree granting institution of higher learning in Michiana.

Sincerely,



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