

March 18, 2011

Dear colleagues,

Cheri and I are in Cleveland to cheer for our men's basketball team at tonight's NCAA tourney opener against Syracuse. The team is going to the big dance for the first time in ten years after winning a hard-fought Missouri Valley Conference tournament. The excitement surrounding a tourney bid is intense, and everywhere I go people are talking about basketball. Congratulations to the entire team, Coach Lansing and his coaching staff on a tremendous season.

The viewing party for Sunday's NCAA Tournament Drawing was a major success thanks to the organizational skills and hard work by the Athletics Department, the Student Recreation Center staff, the Alumni Association, the ISU Foundation and the Student Government Association. Several local businesses also contributed to the event including Frontier Communication, Pepsi, Tumbleweed's Restaurant, Sodexo, MCL, Ballyhoo Pizza, Rose Hill Landscaping, Pacesetter Sports and Beef O'Brady's.

For those who are not traveling to Cleveland, there will be a viewing party tonight in HMSU's Dede I. Doors will open at 9:30 p.m., and the game is scheduled to begin at 9:57 p.m. The party is being sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, the Student Government Association, Union Board and Hulman Memorial Student Union.

There are many others who work behind the scenes to support these programs including the athletics media relations staff, the athletic trainers, the pep band, the ticket office, Hulman Center staff and others. Athletics academic adviser Steve Duzan and many of our faculty members also provide assistance by ensuring that our student-athletes remain students first and foremost while accommodating the travel schedules of competing at this level. Thanks to all of you for what you do.

Fans have also had a special treat this year with a series of video features produced by Megan McKenna and a team including Jack Lavey, Emily Reed, Bob Fegley, Bobby McKenna and Danny Pfrank. If you haven't seen the "Orange Series" or the other creative videos they have put together, go to <http://vimeo.com/sycamores/videos/sort:newest>. I think you will enjoy them.

I also want to acknowledge the women's basketball team who finished their season with a terrific run to the Missouri Valley Conference semifinals. Coach Teri Moren has done a great job directing the team this season and has earned the record for the most wins in a head coach's rookie season for our women's program.

I am also pleased that Ron Prettyman has decided to stay at Indiana State, and I think that his leadership will help further propel our athletics programs.

Other updates I would like to share:

- Parking is an issue on almost every campus, and ISU is no exception. A recent consultant's report, available at http://www.indstate.edu/parking/docs/2011-1-21_ISU_Final_Draft_Report.pdf, verified that parking on our campus is in high demand, especially in the areas closest to the central parts of campus. In recent weeks, Vice President Diann McKee and her staff have been meeting with the Student Government Association, the Faculty Senate and the Staff Council to discuss the parking report, proposed changes to our parking organization and procedures and recommendations for new parking rates, <http://www.indstate.edu/parking/docs/Recommended%20Parking%20Rates.pdf>. The fees generated from parking permits and tickets support the maintenance of our parking lots although they are never enough to cover the total costs. If you would like to provide input on the new rates and/or the recommendations proposed in the consultant's report, please send your feedback to president@indstate.edu.
- Gerry Dick, president and managing editor of Grow Indiana Media Ventures, will serve as the alumni speaker for the May Commencement. A recipient of ISU's Distinguished Alumnus Award, Gerry leads a media company that delivers Indiana business news and information through multiple media sources. He has earned numerous awards for his business, broadcasting and reporting talents.
- Indiana State's track and field team has yielded our latest national champion, sophomore Felisha "Fefe" Johnson. Fefe won the 2011 NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field title in the women's weight throw last week, breaking the school record for the third time this season by throwing a personal best of 74'-5.5". Senior Kelsey Hanley finished seventh in the same event on her third trip to the NCAA Indoor championships. Both Fefe and Kelsey were named first-team All-Americans by the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Junior Mayor Clay, who tied for 11th in the men's high jump at the championships, was named a second team All-American. Congratulations to these three exceptional student athletes.
- The Outstanding Junior and Senior Awards Reception will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, in the Heritage Ballroom. Faculty and staff who would like to congratulate these outstanding students may make reservations by contacting the Alumni Association at 514-8495 or mbays@indstatefoundation.org.
- Congratulations to Trustee Tanya Bell, president of Indiana Black Expo, for being named one of the 2011 recipients of the Torchbearer Award from the Indiana Commission for Women. The award honors Indiana women who have been pioneers in their profession, overcome obstacles or removed barriers to equality or whose achievements have contributed to making Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family.
- Kim Donat, director of Student Financial Aid, has been selected as President-Elect of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association. Congratulations, Kim!

- The new issue of the Indiana State University Magazine, focused on matters of health, is now available at: www.isumagazine.com. Congratulations to Jennifer Sicking for producing her first issue as editor.
- The Employee Health Benefits Advisory Committee is sending out the following survey to assist the group in developing wellness initiatives and to gauge employee interest in utilizing the UAP Clinic located in the Student Health Center. The survey can be found at: https://indstate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4GuvXWnBuzPVuT2.
- The 2nd Annual Strategic Planning Stakeholders Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 31, in Heritage Ballroom and Lounge. I hope your schedule will allow you to attend at least a portion of the day. Details on the day's schedule and updates on the university's strategic plan, "The Pathway to Success," can be found at: <http://irt2.indstate.edu/ir/index.cfm?fuseaction=sp.main>.
- Thanks to everyone who responded to the draft attendance guidelines. Your input helped shape the guidelines which will go into effect on June 1. Training will be provided by Human Resources for supervisors and timekeepers starting in April. The revised guidelines are available at: www.indstate.edu/president/docs/revisedattendanceguidelines.xps.
- Indiana State's undergraduate viewbook, produced by the University Publications staff in the Office of Communications and Marketing, has won a silver award in the 26th Annual Educational Advertising Awards competition. The competition has eight groups within each category defined by size and type of institution. Of the gold and silver awards in all eight groups, only Indiana State and the University of Akron publications were produced in-house.
- The first spring Donaghy Day in many years will take place on Friday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are invited to celebrate spring by sprucing up areas on and off campus. University offices will be able to close for a half day (with supervisor's permission) to allow employees to participate. More information is available at: <http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/events/springDonaghy.aspx>.
- Two students who have embraced community service as part of their university experience are seniors Justin Todd and Arvinjit Singh, who were recently recognized with the 2011 President's Award for Civic and Community Leadership. Congratulations!

Have a great weekend and root for the Sycamores!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President