

October 10, 2011

Dear colleagues,

Homecoming week is here, and I know that many join in my hopes that this wonderful weather will continue through the weekend. Indiana is beautiful in the fall.

As always, a myriad of activities will fill this week beginning with a blood drive tonight from 4 to 7 p.m. and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Dede II. Sycamore Sync, a lip syncing competition that is always very entertaining, will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Hulman Center. On Wednesday, the Student Recreation Center will host a Wellness Bash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that includes a flu shot clinic and screenings for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and bone density. That evening, the Torchlight Parade and Pep Rally will begin at 7 p.m. at Dede Plaza and continue through campus. Thursday brings the Hanging of the Blue in the Residence Halls and University Apartments and a Tug-o-War at 4 p.m. on Wolf Field.

Also on Thursday, three former ISU coaches and three outstanding athletes will be inducted as the 20th Class of the Indiana State University Athletics Hall of Fame. The honorees are All-Americans **Jessica Crowder-Wayton** (cross country/track and field), **Aubrey Herring** (track and field) and **Jack Effner** (wrestling) and former baseball coach **Bob Warn**, former wrestling coach **Fran McCann** and former football coach **Dennis Raetz**. The ceremony and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Ballroom of Tirey Hall. The inductees will also be honored during half-time of the football game.

The Sycamore Tricycle Derby will take place at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Michael Simmons Activity Center followed by the Sycamore Tricycle Alumni Derby. This year, the race has been planned by the Recreation Center staff, and they are promising more excitement and more teams. Come out and enjoy the festivities Friday afternoon. The Women's Soccer Team has a home game Friday night at 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium and would appreciate your support. There is also a Unity Homecoming Student Dance that night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. (I guess the time makes it clear who the audience is!)

Another big event, the DAA Program, will take place Friday evening beginning at 7 p.m. in University Hall. During the event, four individuals will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. They are:

- **Bob Best**, a native of Nappanee who now resides in Dallas. Bob received his bachelor's degree in pre-law from Indiana State in 1968 and then earned a law degree from Indiana University. He led the senior management team of Atmos Energy, the country's largest natural-gas-only distributor, for 13 years until his retirement as chief executive officer last year. He now serves as executive chairman of the board for Atmos. Bob has long been active in numerous civic, charitable and professional organizations.
- **Richard T. Bond**, Indianapolis, a 1970 graduate of ISU with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He served as a senior human resources executive for more than 29 years at several financial services companies including the nation's second largest bank holding company, JP Morgan Chase (formerly Bank One Corporation). Since retiring from Chase

in 2003, Richard has worked as a human resource consultant. Involved in numerous community and professional activities, he is a former member of the ISU Board of Trustees.

- **Larry S. Boulet**, Indianapolis, is a 1974 graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Retired after a career as a senior audit partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers, he is now owner and president of Boulet Consulting. Larry is a past chair of the ISU Foundation and led the restructuring of the foundation's governance and the initiation of the March On! Campaign. He and his wife, Buffy, co-chair the campaign's national committee. He has also served as an alumni and admissions volunteer to recruit students to his alma mater.
- **Jan A. Eglen**, Terre Haute, holds four degrees from Indiana State – a Ph.D. in counseling psychology (1983), master's degrees in life sciences (1980) and psychology (1966) and an A.B. in pre-medicine (1965). He retired in 2004 as a full-time psychologist and president of Associated Psychologists and Counselors. Currently, Jan is president and CEO of Digonex Technologies in Indianapolis. He holds several patents, is a published author, frequently speaks at digital media events and has written music that has been recorded. He also serves on the President's National Advisory Board.

Congratulations to these outstanding Sycamores! They will also participate in Saturday's parade (9 a.m. from 9th and Cherry to Fifth and Wabash) and be recognized during halftime of the Homecoming football game. Prior to the parade, Leadership Wabash Valley will host its first annual ISU Homecoming 5K Run. Registration and check-in will take place from 6:30 to 7:45 a.m. with the 5K Run/Walk starting at 8 a.m. I've been told the three-mile course is fast and flat. Registration is \$20 and includes a t-shirt (\$10 for students) or \$15 if you want to participate but do not want a shirt. Go to <http://www.leadershipwabashvalley.org/id66.html> for more information.

Following the parade, join everyone at Tent City at Memorial Stadium. This is the biggest Homecoming event of the week with thousands of alumni, students, faculty and staff attending. Connect with your former students and colleagues at the many tents scattered across the lawn outside of the stadium. At 3 p.m., the football game against Western Illinois will kick off, and you won't want to miss seeing the Sycamores play. It has been an exciting season.

The events continue into Saturday evening with a Greek Alumni Event scheduled from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Clabber Girl Bake Shop and Museum, and the Homecoming concert featuring Mike Posner and the Brain Trust starting at 9 p.m. in Hulman Center.

The Scott College of Business will host its first "Homecoming Hullabaloo" on Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight in The Ohio Building. The homecoming celebration will feature food, a cash bar, a silent auction, a photo booth, and live music by The MacDaddys. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and can be purchased by calling 237-2000 or emailing venus.pierce@indstate.edu. Proceeds from the event will fund professional development opportunities for Scott College of Business students.

Wrapping up the weekend, there will be a praise service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday in HMSU Dede I. The NCAA Cross Country Pre-Nationals will start at 11 a.m. at the LaVern Gibson Championship Course.

Again this year, the Homecoming Committee and others have worked to beef up this already strong celebration. This is my favorite time of the year, and I look forward to seeing many of you at these events. Go Sycamores!

Other items I would like to share:

- If you were not able to attend my annual fall address last week, the presentation is available on my website at: <http://www.indstate.edu/president/docs/fall%20address%202011.pdf>. I was pleased to be able to announce a 3 percent increase in salaries effective November 1 (which will be reflected in November 18th paychecks for those paid bi-weekly and December 1st paychecks for those paid on a monthly basis). I also announced that I will be forming a campus-wide task force on affordability. As I indicated last week, maintaining affordability is one of our highest responsibilities. More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions regarding last week's address, please let me know by emailing president@indstate.edu.
- The Board of Trustees, the ISU Foundation Board and the ISU Alumni Board will all meet this week in conjunction with Homecoming. The Trustees will have a 1 p.m. executive session on Friday followed by seminars beginning at 1:45 p.m. The seminar topics include the annual report from the President's Council on Diversity and an update on university business with minority and women-owned companies. The regular agenda meeting will begin at 3 p.m. The draft agenda is available at: <http://www.indstate.edu/trustees/docs/Agenda.pdf>.
- Indiana State and the Wabash Valley will be treated to a special presentation by Indiana preservationist Gayle Cook on Wednesday, October 26, entitled "The Mystique of Domes." The speech will take place at 7 p.m. in the University Hall Theater and will be followed by a reception in the Atrium. Gayle and her late husband, Bill, have been restoring Indiana architecture for more than 30 years. Their largest project was the restoration of the historic West Baden Springs Hotel and its spectacular six-story domed atrium, and the French Lick Springs Hotel. Please consider joining us for what should be a fascinating talk.
- Indiana State University students now have the opportunity to highlight their college accomplishments using a co-curricular record, available as a part of the ISU TreeHouse. The ISU TreeHouse is accessible through the ISU portal and serves as a clearinghouse of information about ISU's student organizations. For more than eight months, students have been using the ISU TreeHouse much like Facebook to promote events, recruit new members, and coordinate their organizations. The ISU TreeHouse also has the capability of organizing an individual student's accomplishments and producing a report that students can use to supplement their resumes and enhance their job searches. The co-curricular record will be helpful in finding internships, campus employment, and career positions. An example of a student's co-curricular record (used with permission) is available at: www.indstate.edu/president/docs/cocurricularrecord.pdf. I would ask that you encourage your students to take advantage of the TreeHouse record. Through a strategic plan initiative, Nolan Davis is leading a team to continue enhancing the capabilities of the co-curricular record. To learn more, email him at Nolan.Davis@indstate.edu.

- An exhibition of art produced by ISU Art Department faculty members will continue through October 21 in the University Art Gallery located in the Richard G. Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts. There will be an opening reception this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit features works by: SAMy Anderson, Chester Burton, Ray Chen, Glenn Dunlap, Fran Lattanzio, Nancy Nichols-Pethick, Brad Venable and Sala Wong.
- The ISU Performing Arts Series continues next week with a performance of “Sacred Earth” by the Ragamala Dance Company on Tuesday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Tilson Music Hall. This performance features the classical tradition of Bharatanatyam, the dance of southern India. Aparna Ramaswamy is the featured soloist.
- The CEO of a multibillion-dollar insurance company will discuss “An Industry in Transition” October 18 as part of ISU’s Scott College of Business Leader in Action Series this fall. Robert Restrepo, chairman, president and CEO of State Auto Insurance Companies, will interact with students, the community and others as part of free events during his visit. His presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on October 18. There is a reception at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. for anyone who would like to attend. Register for the event at www.indstate.edu/business/leader. Robert will also address the Terre Haute Rotary Club during his visit and will present to ISU classes.
- Rankin Plaza has received a design award from the Indiana chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The award will be presented at the annual INASLA meeting on Friday in Indianapolis. Rundell Ernstberger Associates, LLC designed the plaza working with Kevin Runion and Bryan Duncan from our Facilities Management staff. Congrats!
- The ISU Department of Theater will present Sophocles’ Antigone Friday and Saturday (October 14 and 15) and October 19 through 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Theater. Tickets are \$7, and students are admitted free with a valid student ID. The play is directed by Arthur Feinsod who has updated the setting to take place in the ruins of an ancient Greek palace in the early 1970s on an imagined island between Turkey and Greece.
- The Bayh College of Education will host its 15th annual Sycamore Educators Day on November 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year’s theme, “Meeting the Needs of All Learners: Making Learning Personal,” focuses on providing rich educational experiences for all students, particularly those with exceptionalities. The keynote address will be provided by Matthew Hobson and his mother, Nancy Hobson. The mother and son recently published a book describing his experiences in Indiana public schools as a student with a disability. The conference will be attended by teachers and administrators from area schools as well as ISU undergraduate and graduate students preparing for those roles. The complete agenda and registration information is available at: <http://coe.indstate.edu/sed/>.
- The Staff Council is selling Elder Beerman/Carson’s coupon books to raise money for council activities. The books are \$5 and are available until Nov. 10 or until sold out. The book includes coupons for the store’s Community Days sale on Nov. 11 and 12. Contact the following individuals to obtain your book: Robin Andrews, ISU Foundation; Lori Ellis, Financial Aid; Christine Knight, International Programs; Patty Yamishita, Financial Aid; Bruce Starks, HMSU; Edy

Fitch, Residential Life; and Tony Lewis, Facilities Management. Questions can be directed to patty.yamashita@indstate.edu.

- Networks Financial Institute will provide an overview of U.S. health care reform law with a focus on health insurance on October 20. The presentation will be given by Dr. Scott E. Harrington, the Alan B. Miller Professor in the Health Care Systems and Insurance and Risk Management Departments in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Harrington is an associate editor of the Journal of Risk and serves on the Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee. The speech, which will begin with a reception at 4:30 p.m. followed by the 5 p.m. presentation, is free and open to the public but reservations are required. Contact Elaine McVay at elaine.mcvay@indstate.edu or 237-4178 to make a reservation.
- Cinda May, chairperson of Cunningham Memorial Library's Special Collections and Project Director of Wabash Valley Visions & Voices, has been invited to participate in a two-day planning session conducted by the National Park Service and George Rogers Clark National Historical Park. The session will take place later this month and is designed to help develop long-term interpretive needs for the historical park.

Have a great week and a wonderful Homecoming!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President