

October 24, 2011

Dear colleagues,

Mother Nature and a winning football program combined with larger participation at virtually every event resulted in a fantastic Homecoming celebration earlier this month. Many events have doubled in size during the past few years, and more students, clubs and organizations are participating than ever. It's great to see the enthusiasm shared by our alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends. The Homecoming Committee, the Union Board, the Alumni Association, Student Affairs and the staffs of the Student Recreation Center, Hulman Center and HMSU all worked tirelessly (actually they were tired but they kept going anyway). The Colleges, the Greek Organizations, countless student organizations and others hosted a variety of activities, free food and giveaways that contributed to a huge turnout at "tent city." Thanks to everyone for their hard work. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- **Sycamore Sync** – Moved to the Hulman Center wedge due to attendance growing to 1,700 students, up from about 800 in 2008.
- **Trike Race** – An estimated 1,500 spectators attended while 196 students participated as team members, coaches and catchers and another 94 students volunteered as timers, lap counters, corner judges and gate keepers. There were 28 teams this year, up 6 from last year. More importantly, the teams came from a broader range of organizations and in addition to the Greeks included a women's independent team, two teams from RHA, two teams from Burford, Pickerl and Candlewood Suites and for the first time, a team from the African-American Cultural Center and the Student African American Brotherhood.
- **Wellness Bash** – Around 800 people participated, up 200 from past years.
- **Designated Walker and SoberRide** – Safety of our students remains a concern, and Student Affairs once again offered these two programs. Nearly 60 students participated in the designated walker program where they pledge to remain sober and provide assistance to other students walking from downtown to the stadium. More than 600 students received transportation from the SoberRide program sponsored by Fleschner Law.
- **Homecoming Game** – More than 7,100 fans showed up to root the Sycamores onto a Homecoming victory. Student attendance grew from 1,824 last year to 2,329. Go Sycamores!
- **Homecoming Concert** – The concert was moved to the Hulman Center wedge and was nearly sold out, up considerably from the 1,500 tickets sold last year.

In addition to engaging our students in a variety of fun activities, Homecoming events included the annual blood drive which resulted in 93 units donated and 52 referrals. Volunteers from the Department of Nursing assisted both days of the drive.

The growth in Homecoming is a great example of moving something that was already successful to a new level. Homecoming is everyone's celebration, and I am pleased to see more individuals and more

organizations participating. Let's work to apply this level of enthusiasm, openness and energy to all of our goals.

Speaking of goals, the review of the initiatives that are part of "The Pathway to Success" strategic plan will take place Wednesday, November 16, through Friday, November 18. Goal 5 and the Partnering Success initiatives will kick off the process at 12:30 p.m. November 16. On November 17, reviews of Goal 1 initiatives will begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. Goal 2 will run from 2 to 5 p.m. on November 17 and from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on November 18. The last day will continue with Goals 3, 4 and 6 with a wrap-up at 3 p.m. The reviews will take place in the State Room of Tirey Hall and are open to the public. I would encourage you to attend and participate.

The subcommittees of the Task Force on Affordability are nearly finalized, and the groups are beginning their work. A website is being developed and will be launched later this week at www.indstate.edu/affordability. I have asked Provost Jack Maynard to lead the Steering Committee and oversee the efforts of the task force. Updates will be shared as they are available.

Other items I would like to share:

- One of Indiana's foremost historic preservationists, Gayle Cook, will visit our campus on Wednesday to share her expertise. At 7 p.m., she will discuss "The Mystique of Domes" in the University Hall Theater. Gayle and her late husband, Bill, have restored dozens of historic structures in Indiana and Illinois. Gayle has a particular expertise in the restoration of domes. Most notably, the couple led the restoration of the historic hotels at French Lick and West Baden, including West Baden's majestic six-story dome. A wine and cheese reception will follow the address. This event is co-sponsored by Indiana Landmarks, Art Spaces, Inc. and Farrington Renaissance.
- Our efforts to attract more transfer students from the Ivy Tech Community College system received a boost earlier this month when state approval was received for a new Bachelor of Science in engineering technology. The program will be offered as a four-year degree on our campus and as a 2 plus 2 program where students complete the first two years at Ivy Tech before transferring to ISU. Congratulations to Phillip Cochrane, Bob English, Brad Sims and the Ivy Tech officials who worked to develop this program.
- The Foundational Studies Certificate Program has attracted 77 faculty members who have participated in at least one of the six seminars conducted so far. Most have attended several and some have managed to attend all of them. Sessions scheduled for the remainder of the semester include: Leadership Development, Academic Honesty, Developing Assignments and Teaching Strategies for Courses with Large Enrollments, and Integrating Diversity: It is more than Social Science. A full schedule is available on the Foundational Studies website at: www.indstate.edu/fs. The seminars are being evaluated and another Foundational Studies Certificate Program will be offered during the Spring Semester. Thanks to everyone who has assisted in putting together this professional development program.
- On Monday, October 31, a wonderful addition to our public art offerings will be dedicated. "A Chorus of Trumpets" was created by New York sculptor Howard Kalish specifically for Rankin

Plaza outside Tirey Hall. The 10-foot by 9-foot sculpture is a sphere constructed of stainless steel, aluminum and tinted urethane. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. on Rankin Plaza. If there is inclement weather, it will be moved to Heritage Ballroom in Tirey Hall. ISU collaborated with Art Spaces, Inc. – Wabash Valley Outdoor Sculpture Collection on this site-specific piece for Indiana State’s campus and Terre Haute’s Arts Corridor.

- Cunningham Memorial Library and the ISU Foundation have created the Arthur Cunningham Society which offers alumni and others the opportunity to help strengthen the library’s resources, services and facilities. The society is named after the first librarian of the Indiana State Normal School. Donations to the society can be made through the ISU Foundation.
- Sodexo, ISU’s food service provider, has made several improvements recently with more planned in the coming months. In the Commons, the new Mein Bowl offers guests a “create your own” format with cooked to order entrees that are proving to be quite popular. The capacity of the Pizza Hut also has been increased to meet a large demand. Renovations to the former bookstore location are underway with an early 2012 opening planned for the new 450-seat Banquet Center, expanded kitchen facilities and new bathrooms. Sodexo has also hired a new catering director, Joe Manship, who will begin his role in promoting the new Banquet Center and other campus venues at the end of this month.
- Sodexo is also assisting with our experiential learning goals by employing an ISU student as a management intern through the Sodexo Collegiate Intern Program. In addition, 16 ISU dietetic students are receiving Quantity Foods Experience from Sodexo this semester.
- The Public Relations Committee of the ISU Staff Council will host a Halloween party and parade for children of ISU employees tomorrow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Dede II and III. Kids and grandkids through high school age are welcome.
- Internationally acclaimed composer Eric Ewazen will serve as the principal guest composer during this week’s 45th annual Contemporary Music Festival. The festival, which draws a national audience, is constructed as an educational event, combining outreach to public schools, educational sessions and master classes and performances. All events are free and open to the public. Other guests include Crossroads of America Youth Orchestra, The Ambassador Brass, the Chicago Saxophone Quartet and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. The festival also embraces ISU’s commitment to community service with non-perishable food items being accepted at the Wednesday and Thursday evening concerts to support the Catholic Charities Food Bank. At Friday’s closing concert, donations will be accepted for the United Way. The complete schedule of events can be found at; <http://www.indstate.edu/music/cmf/>.
- Monty Hilburn, a doctoral student in technology management, has received the Clois E. Kicklighter Doctoral Student Scholarship from the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering. The program was endowed by the late Dr. Kicklighter, who previously served as ISU’s Dean of the College of Technology, and provides \$2,500 scholarship awards to doctoral students planning a career in technology, applied technology, engineering technology,

or a technology-related discipline. Dr. Kicklighter had a long history of leadership in the association (formerly NAIT) including serving as its president.

- ISU faculty member Kit Kincade and the Vigo County Public Library are hosting a two-day event this week to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the publication of Jan Austen's novel *Sense and Sensibility*. On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the 1995 version of the film will be shown, and on Friday at 3:30 p.m., Kit will lead a book and film discussion. Both events take place at the Vigo County Public Library. Admission is free.
- The Sycamore Safe Zone program will be offering open workshops for students, faculty and staff on Tuesday, October 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in HMSU 421 and Thursday, November 3, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in HMSU 407. There will also be a facilitator workshop for those who have completed the participant training and are interested in becoming more involved from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, in Rankin Hall 303. Sycamore Safe Zone is an educational program designed to make our campus a safe and affirming place for LGBTZ students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- The College of Technology is sending three teams to the 25th annual Associated School of Construction student competitions in Chicago, one of the largest construction management and construction engineering events in the nation. This is the first time for ISU to send three teams. They will compete in the heavy-civil, design-build and pre-construction categories.
- The Ryves Neighborhood Association needs volunteers and donations to support its annual Christmas Store. The store provides new clothing, socks, undergarments, personal hygiene products and household items to more than 800 families each year. The families are referred to Catholic Charities by more than 30 social service agencies and churches across five counties. To prepare for the two-week distribution each November, the staff and volunteers receive and sort items throughout the year. Volunteers are always welcome to sort items and sew toiletry bags. Donations of toiletries and personal hygiene items, toys for infants through 12 years, men's shirts of all sizes, and men's and women's socks and undergarments are also welcome. I would encourage offices to consider contributing to this cause in lieu of or as part of their holiday celebrations. If you are interested in assisting with this program or other opportunities through ISU's partnership with Ryves Neighborhood Association, please contact the Center for Community Engagement at 237-2334.

Have a great week.

Sincerely,

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