

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Comments by President Daniel J. Bradley
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ENROLLMENT

- Great start to the school year.
- Largest freshmen class in the history of ISU.
- Residence halls are full with about 70 students staying at the Candlewood Suites hotel.
- Move-in, laptop distribution and opening activities all went very smoothly.
- For those of you who could not be here for the opening convocation, we would like to share some of the excitement of that evening with you. **(PLAY GET DOWN VIDEO)**
- As you can see, the energy level has been quite high. We have several members of the admissions and orientation team some of whom have been dubbed the “Blue Crew” with us today. Please join me in congratulating them along with their colleagues across campus who contributed to this success.
- Our goal now is to sustain this enthusiasm and energy so that we can replicate this success next year.
- We also need to focus on retention efforts as you heard Associate Vice President Jennifer Boothby describe during the seminar.

FEDERAL BUILDING/STATE BUDGET

- Another major move forward occurred yesterday when the State Budget Committee released the bonding authority to help fund the renovation of the Federal Building into the new home for the Scott College of Business.
- Plans call for bids to be awarded in early 2011 with hopes that construction can be completed in time for fall 2012.
- This will be an exciting development for the Scott College, its students, faculty and staff as well as a great addition to our downtown business community.

- I would like to thank Sen. Luke Kenley, Sen. Tim Skinner, Rep. Clyde Kersey and U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh for their efforts and also acknowledge the tremendous work of Brian Hasler and Diann McKee in securing this final approval.
- On another budget-related issue, the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Process formally begins this week. Tomorrow, I will be presenting our budget request to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, during the first of several stages of this process.
- The University's request includes two capital projects. The top priority is for funding to renovate Normal Hall into a Center for Student Success. The second priority is for the first phase of a major renovation and upgrade to the arena building to support the growing programs in the College of Nursing, Health and Human Services.

COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

- More good news -- last week, Terre Haute was named the 2010 Community of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. The award will be officially presented at the Indiana Chamber's Annual Dinner in November.
- The city's nomination included several projects connected to Indiana State and the Indiana State University Foundation.
- It is clear that Terre Haute is moving in the right direction, and Indiana State is playing a role in areas such as the revitalization of downtown, economic development and the redevelopment of the riverfront.
- We look forward to continuing our collaboration with various public and private entities to advance our community.

ATHLETICS

- Our football season kicked off in a big way with a 57-7 victory Saturday night at Memorial Stadium.
- The team's seven offensive touchdowns set a new school record.
- The soccer, cross country and volleyball teams are also starting off with winning seasons and several of our student athletes are receiving accolades for their efforts. The women's golf team will open their season this weekend under the leadership of new coach Greg Towne.

- Please join me in acknowledging their efforts and wishing all of the coaches and teams continued success throughout the season. GO TREES!

NCA Report

- Copies of the NCA self-study report have been provided to the trustees. I would encourage you to review this report prior to the accreditation team's site visit in November. Thanks to Susan Powers, Nancy Rogers and their many colleagues who led this effort.

That concludes my report.