

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

## OCTOBER 8, 2010

Good afternoon and welcome to Homecoming week, my favorite time of the year. Before getting into details about this year's Homecoming festivities, there are a few other items I would to share with you:

### TASK FORCES

Two important task forces will soon begin work. The first task force will be working with an external group to conduct an assessment of our Greek system and develop recommendations on ways it can be strengthened. Dr. Jay Gatrell, dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, will be leading this effort, and I would like to thank Trustee Ed Pease for agreeing to serve on the task force as well. The external review team from the Fraternity and Sorority Coalition Assessment Project will be on campus October 20 and 21 to interview a variety of individuals and groups.

The second task force will be evaluating our student media including the Statesman, WISU and Sycamore Video to determine how we might improve opportunities for students and strengthen our connection to related academic programs. This task force will be led by Dr. John Murray, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

I look forward to receiving recommendations from both of these groups.

### SERVICE AWARDS

A significant element to improving our students' success is our employees. Last week, Indiana State honored 271 faculty and staff members who have a combined 4,281 years of service to Indiana State University during the annual Employee Recognition Program.

A highlight of this event is the awarding of the University Medallion, the highest award given to ISU staff members. This year, we honored three hardworking members of our staff, Tony Campbell, Rex Kendall and Roxanne Torrence. I would like to share this short feature on them.

***[PLAY MOVIE]***

Roxanne is obviously with us, and I believe Tony and Rex have also joined us today. Would the three of you like to say anything?

***[Comments from Roxanne, Tony and Rex]***

Congratulations again to these three hard-working members of our staff.

## HOMECOMING

As I indicated earlier, Homecoming is here and it has been a week of great events with much more to come. Last night, we inducted five former student-athletes into the ISU Athletic Hall of Fame. The students have already had a busy week with the Tug-O-War, Sycamore Sync, the Hanging of the Blue, the Torchlight Parade, pep rally and last night's concert. This afternoon, our annual Sycamore Tricycle Derby will include a special alumni trike race and tonight we will honor R. Brent Beeler, David Darling, Gerry Dick and Connia Nelson with the Distinguished Alumni Award. There is also a unity homecoming student dance this evening.

Tomorrow looks like it will be the perfect day for a parade and a picnic followed by another great football game. Saturday night will feature an all-Greek reunion event and Sunday will offer a Praise Service featuring the Ebony Majestic Choir. I would like to acknowledge the many students, staff, faculty and alumni who put in many countless hours of work to create what I consider one of the best Homecoming celebrations in the country.

GO TREES!