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Colleagues,

Let me start this newsletter by offering my sincere congratulations to the Insurance and Risk Management program in the College of Business for being recognized by *Risk Management Magazine* as one of the top eight programs in the nation.

According to the September issue of the magazine, ISU ranks as a top program because of its support from the Gongaware Center along with industry-sponsored scholarships and a near 100 percent job placement rate for its graduates. Indiana State is among an elite group of universities to receive this honor including the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and St. John's University in New York City, among others.

Congratulations to Dean Nancy Merritt and the faculty, staff and students who have helped build this program as well as the industry professionals who have lent their time and financial resources to its development. A special note of appreciation goes to Don and Pat Gongaware for their generous support of the Gongaware Center.

The Insurance and Risk Management program is part of the financial services curriculum which has been identified as one of our programs of national distinction. This recognition demonstrates the quality of our programs serving the financial services sector, an area of critical importance to our nation and our world as evidenced by news events this week.

Other news and updates I would like to share with you:

- I would also like to extend congratulations to Nancy Watkins, the interlibrary loan supervisor at Cunningham Memorial Library. Nancy has been selected to receive the Indiana Library Federation's 2008 Outstanding Support Staff Award. Nancy began working at the library in 1988 and has supervised the interlibrary loan area for the past 11 years. ISU's interlibrary loan department is one of the top 10 lenders in Indiana. Nancy, who plans to retire in January, has also served as an adjunct professor in the ISU music department and is an accomplished musician. Thank you, Nancy for your dedicated work!

- Earlier this week, Cheri and I had the opportunity to visit with several individuals and groups during a brief trip to Washington, D.C. We were pleased to have individual meetings with Sen. Richard Lugar, Sen. Evan Bayh, Rep. Brad Ellsworth, Rep. Steve Buyer, and Rep. Andre Carson. We also had a good discussion with several reporters and editors from the *Chronicle of Higher Education.* On Tuesday evening, we were welcomed by Indiana State University alumni and friends at a special reception on the hill followed by a private dinner with former Congressman and ISU Vice President Ed Pease. Everyone we met was very interested in the work all of you are doing at Indiana State as well as our future direction and priorities. The support and interest in

ISU's success was very apparent. Brian Hasler, executive assistant for external relations, also participated in the visits, and ISU Foundation President Gene Crume and Foundation Vice President John Newton were involved in the alumni gathering.

- Former Indiana Governor Joe Kernan, Trustee Chair Michael Alley, and President Emeritus Lloyd Benjamin led an ISU delegation of faculty, staff and students to Shenyang, China to participate in "Bridging China and America," a one-day conference conducted this past Sunday. The conference, hosted by Liaoning University and ISU, was designed to spur business interest in the United States and China. It was a follow up to a 2007 conference the two universities hosted in Indianapolis. Both conferences were co-sponsored by Baker & Daniels, an Indianapolis-based legal and professional services firm.

- On Saturday, ISU will host another E-scrap Super Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Eighth and Chestnut streets, just south of the Colleges of Business and Education. The event offers individuals and businesses a chance to dispose of computers, monitors, televisions and a host of other electronic items that are no longer serviceable or no longer needed. Sponsors for this important recycling effort are ISU, Trees Inc., Sony DADC, Aisin, RecycleForce, Wabash Valley Packaging Corp, Data Management Services and Goodman & Wolfe.

- This Sunday, a documentary film series, "The Natural Heritage of Indiana," based upon the work of ISU Emeritus Professor Marion Jackson will begin. The first of four episodes, "The Indiana That Was," was originally broadcast late last year and has since received two Emmy nominations and been named one of the best documentaries of 2007 by the Indiana Society of Professional Journalists. This rebroadcast features new material and will air at 7 p.m. on WFYI, Indianapolis. The remaining three episodes will air on September 28, October 5 and October 12. Other dates on other stations throughout Indiana and Kentucky are also being planned. The series is being provided to all schools in Indiana along with appropriate curriculum. Indiana State is prominently featured as a sponsor of the series, and we are all quite proud of the profound impact Marion's work will have. For more information, visit http://www.wfyi.org/naturalheritageindiana.asp.

- The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, September 26, at 10 a.m. in the State Room. The agenda for their meeting is now available on both the Board of Trustees' website, http://www1.indstate.edu/trustees/docs/Agenda.pdf, and my website, http://www1.indstate.edu/president/. Action agenda items for the board's consideration at this meeting include the reorganization of affirmative action and other positions in my office, the reorganization of positions in Academic Affairs, the merger of the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, modification of University Handbook language related to eligibility for the Caleb Mills Distinguished Teaching Awards, the proposed academic calendar for 2010-2011 and a proposed one-day extension of winter recess.

Lastly, Cheri and I would like to thank everyone for the warm reception we received at last week's fall address. We enjoyed meeting all of those who could attend. In case you missed it, the PowerPoint presentation and a video of the address are available in the Presidential Communication section of my website.

An archive of these bi-weekly communications is also available in the same section of my website. As we continue our dialogue with each other, please do not hesitate to share your good news, ideas and concerns with me. They can be sent to me at president@indstate.edu.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Dan Bradley
President