On Oct. 18, Indiana University inaugurated Michael McRobbie as the institution’s 18th president in a solemn yet celebratory ceremony on the Bloomington campus. Members of the IU community from campuses across the system attended the event to show their support for the university’s new leader and take part in one of IU’s most revered traditions.

IU Northwest sent a busload of representatives to Bloomington for the occasion, and Chancellor Bruce Bergland joined his counterparts from IU’s other regional campuses on the main inaugural stage as part of the administrative team that will work with McRobbie to realize his vision for the university. In his inaugural address, the new president reaffirmed the central pursuits of Indiana University: education and research.

“Of course, our two missions—education and research—mutually reinforce each other,” said McRobbie, who had served at IU for 10 years, most recently as vice president for academic affairs and interim provost, before being selected as the next president in March by the IU Board of Trustees. “The best education is informed by those immersed in and passionate about their own scholarship; the best research and scholarship is stimulated and rejuvenated by youthful minds full of curiosity and enthusiasm.”

Engagement in the life and affairs of the state of Indiana is a natural outgrowth of those two essential missions, McRobbie said; therefore, such engagement represents a third critical mission for IU. By realizing these essential goals, he explained, IU can assure itself a place among the great universities in the 21st century.

“We are already a great university,” said the president, who officially took office on July 1. “Our greatness has been built by the 17 presidents who preceded me, and by the tens of thousands of our extraordinary faculty and staff. Our greatness is measured in our over 500,000 living alumni. But as higher education becomes ever more competitive, we must strive for excellence in all aspects of our two fundamental missions. Everything—everything—we do concerning these two missions must be seen through the prism of excellence. Everything—everything—we do must be judged by what it does to make us greater.

“Our success in these missions will ensure the success of our engagement in the life of the State—whether it be the IU physician bringing the latest breakthrough from the School of Medicine to the bedside in a Clarian hospital, or the IU-trained teacher helping improve the reading skills of school children in Gary,” he said.

McRobbie reiterated his commitment to making IU’s regional campuses full partners in university initiatives and energizing inter-campus collaboration. Toward this end, he announced the creation of a $1 million inter-campus research fund and specifically encouraged faculty from regional campuses to participate.

“Supporting faculty excellence also requires a renewed commitment to building collaboration and cooperation among our campuses,” the president said. “As President Herbert said, ‘The collective strengths and characteristics of our campuses define who we are as an institution.’ I intend to build upon these strengths.”

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Convocation sheds light on Sudan crisis

The African nation of Sudan may be thousands of miles from Indiana, but on Oct. 19 one of Sudan’s refugees brought the heartbeat and devastation of that country’s tragic, senseless Darfur conflict into the hearts and minds of the Indiana University Northwest campus community.

Awadiya M. Ahmed Yahia served in a variety of advocacy and public-service positions in Sudan before fleeing that country’s growing humanitarian crisis. But she told the audience of 176 students, faculty and community members at the IU Northwest Fall 2007 Convocation program, “The Voices of Darfur,” that members of her family remain behind in a land ravaged by war, disease and famine.

“They have in their minds that any of them can die at any time,” Yahia said.

Yahia explained that Darfur’s crisis stems from conflicts between a government-backed militia, the Janjaweed, and opposing rebel groups from southern Sudan. By employing terror tactics such as rape, murder and mass displacement of refugees, she said, the Janjaweed holds the region’s civilians in a state of constant fear, while government forces dissuade dissident by bombing entire villages if they harbor even one or two suspected rebels.

“It’s the worst crisis in Africa after the Rwandan genocide,” Yahia said.

Drought, disease and poor living conditions compound the tragedy, she explained.

“Eighty percent of children in Darfur under age five are malnourished,” she said.

Yahia asked the audience to speak out for the people of Darfur by pressuring the U.S. government both to levy economic pressure against Sudan and to appeal to China to stop supplying the Sudanese government – and, by extension, the Janjaweed – with arms. Until the Sudanese leaders acknowledge the need to begin sincere peace negotiations with rebel groups, she said, the situation will likely only become worse.

“The government of Sudan is not taking the situation in Darfur very seriously, in my opinion,” Yahia concluded.

Northwest News Correction

In the October 2007 edition of the IU Northwest News, in the page 6 article titled “Aggrey discusses challenges, opportunities,” it was inaccurately reported that Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Kwesi Aggrey stated in his State of the Campus 2007 address that IU Northwest’s Health Information Technology program would be shifted to Ivy Tech Community College as part of this institution’s program of mission differentiation. This was incorrect. In fact, Aggrey referenced the respiratory therapy program and the medical laboratory sciences program, not the HIT program. HIT is not slated to be transferred to Ivy Tech. The Northwest News regrets the error.

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Latest ‘Steel Shavings’ revisits Vietnam

Editor, retired professor Jim Lane calls new issue ‘therapeutic’ for vets

A s the U.S. government continues to prosecute a bloody and unpopular war in Iraq, many critics of that conflict continue to cite the lessons learned, and then perhaps forgotten or ignored, in Vietnam. The similarities between the two wars were one reason that Professor Emeritus of History James Lane, Ph.D., editor of the social-history periodical “Steel Shavings,” chose to revisit the subject of Vietnam in this year’s edition, titled “Brothers in Arms.”

“It’s kind of hard for me to believe that the war in Vietnam happened 40 years ago,” Lane said during an Oct. 16 interview with Northwest News. “But there are quite a few parallels (with the war in Iraq), and maybe one of the salient points is that we’ve forgotten the lessons of Vietnam: Make sure the national security is at stake before we go to war; be sure there is a possible political objective; and have an exit strategy. Our present leaders seem to have failed to take these lessons to heart.”

Lane had first addressed the subject in an edition of “Steel Shavings” published 20 years ago, but he said the current issue is superior to that earlier effort.

“I can’t say this about every issue, but I think this issue is therapeutic in a lot of ways,” Lane said. “With the first issue on Vietnam veterans, a veterans’ center ended up buying a couple hundred issues and just giving them away to vets who came in and who had problems. I am hoping the same thing happens with this one. In many ways, I think this is 10 times better than the first one, and even more appropriate for that use.”

“Brothers in Arms” is comprised of interviews with Vietnam vets from Northwest Indiana, many of them conducted by Lane’s past students as part of oral-history assignments. Lane himself also conducted some interviews, and he has included excerpts from political writer Joe Klein’s 1984 book “Payback,” which recounted in part the life and troubles of Black Oak war veteran Gary Cooper, whose life ended in 1981 in a downward spiral of drugs, unemployment and post-traumatic rage. Also reprinted here is a personal account of one year in combat, “Soldiers: Vietnam,” by veteran L.T. Wolf.

The wealth of personal accounts found in “Brothers in Arms” disproves, in Lane’s opinion, the stereotypical image of veterans as stoic survivors who don’t want to recall or revisit the horrors of battle.

“Veterans are very anxious to talk,” he said. “The myth, I think, is that people come back from war and they don’t want to talk about it. I think the reality is that people don’t want to listen. People don’t want to hear stories that maybe make them squeamish.”

Talking about the war, Lane suggested, may help veterans deal with their experiences in a constructive manner. He was critical of the U.S. military for what he called its failure to properly assist combat personnel in dealing with the emotional trauma of warfare before sending them back to civilian life.

“At some point, more Vietnam veterans committed suicide then died in Vietnam,” Lane said. “I just shudder to think about the Iraq veterans who, in a lot of ways, I think, are going through worse experiences. I still think the government is neglectful in deprogramming or debriefing people once they’ve gone through an experience where they have to consider everyone over there as potentially being the enemy … and then have to come back over here.”

Included among the interviews in “Brothers in Arms” are accounts by three current IU Northwest faculty members who served in Vietnam: Associate Professor of Communication James Tolhuizen, Ph.D.; Associate Professor of Fine Arts and department chair Gary Wilk, M.F.A.; and Associate Professor of Minority Studies and department chair Raoul Contreras, Ph.D. Each describes not just the madness of battle and the drudgery of day-to-day military life but also poignant personal experiences that remain with them to this day.

In an essay for “Brothers in Arms” titled “His Face,” Tolhuizen, who served with the Seventh Cavalry Regiment, recalls how his friend Paul once returned from leave in Thailand with a photo of a young Thai woman who had been his companion for a few days in Bangkok. Paul, who had a fiancée, had asked Tolhuizen to remove the photo from his wallet if he should ever die in battle, so that his family would not find the picture among his personal effects. After Paul was killed while manning an M60 machine gun atop his unit’s bunker, Tolhuizen complied with his friend’s request and kept the photo himself.

“When Paul died, I lost my best friend in Vietnam; it was a friendship I could never replace,” Tolhuizen writes.

In his interview, Wilk, who served as a cook in the 701st Charlie Maintenance Company of the First Infantry Division, recalls how the racial strife that plagued cities like Detroit in the late 1960s barely registered in his unit in Vietnam. A fan of soul music, Wilk became good friends with some of the African-American soldiers in his unit, and he said the notion of racial disharmony at home seemed ludicrous to men who lived and fought side by side each day.

“Over there, most of my closest friends were black,” Wilk recalls. “I was probably the only white guy who had the honor of becoming one of the company Temptations. When we’d get up and lip-synch songs of theirs, my nickname was War-War.”

In his interview, Contreras, who served in the First Infantry Division, recalls the day that his unit forced the evacuation of a Vietnamese village in order to destroy their huts and possessions. As he yelled at villagers to get moving, Contreras looked eye-to-eye at a Vietnamese woman who reminded him of his grandmother.

“All of a sudden it hit me … here I am yelling and screaming at this woman,” Contreras says. “I could only imagine what I looked like with this weapon, helmet and other (stuff) on, and how she must be terrorized about what we might do to them. It made me think about what she must have been thinking when she looked at me. It made me think of what we were doing.

“From then on, I always got along well with the Vietnamese,” adds Contreras, who explains in the interview that he went to Vietnam in support of the war but gradually became opposed to what the United States was doing there.

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Cope is ambassador to the community
Longtime outreach coordinator builds university’s image in the region

Indiana University Northwest couldn’t ask for a more enthusiastic advocate than Outreach Coordinator Garrett Cope.

Cope, who coordinates such university outreach programs as the Lifestyle Enrichment Tours, Senior University and Glen Park Conversations, believes in IU Northwest and the positive impact it has on Glen Park, the city of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana. For nearly 20 years, Cope has made it his mission to spread the word about IU Northwest with programs that draw people to campus and leave them with a good impression.

“My efforts as coordinator for outreach programs have been to help people understand Indiana University Northwest,” Cope explained. “These outreach programs are not to make money. They’re about making friendships between people in the community and the university.”

Cope, an alumnus of IU Bloomington who taught drama in the Gary Community School Corp. prior to joining IU Northwest, said that one of his most popular programs, the Lifestyle Enrichment Tours, came about after former chancellor Peggy Elliott asked him to devise a program that could break down barriers between the university and surrounding communities.

“There was a lot of talk at Indiana University Northwest about students and parents not wanting to come to Gary,” Cope said. “Gary had a bad name. And Chancellor Elliott said, ‘Garrett, can you do something about this? Can you clear this up with some kind of program or project?’”

Cope, who as a dance student had performed at the Chicago Opera House, had a lifelong love of theater and considerable knowledge of the Chicago theater scene. He decided that the university could organize bus trips to the city, excursions that would include delicious meals in excellent Chicago restaurants and shows in the city’s theater district. Cope’s agendas have since expanded to include shopping excursions in Gurnee, Ill., boat trips on the Chicago River, and even the occasional trip to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Mich. Some years back, he even organized a three-day excursion to a Shakespeare festival in Canada.

“We’ve been doing these outreach programs since 1988,” Cope said. “And I can tell you that we have a huge list of participants. We now get people who come to this campus. Many of them come back here for other events. They all come here and they all see the beauty of the campus. And I don’t hear anybody asking ‘Is it safe?’”

Glen Park Conversations is a program Cope initiated after the arrival of Chancellor Bruce Bergland, who had asked the campus community to find ways to set a new direction for the university.

“He believes in meeting people,” Cope said of Bergland. “So I said, ‘Let’s have some conversations. Let’s have some kind of meeting with people in Glen Park, because they don’t come to campus.’ This lady right next door had been living here for 30 years, and she had never been on this campus. So I became the chairman of that.”

Each month, usually on the third Tuesday, Cope brings one or more speakers to a congenial meeting on the second floor of the Library Conference Center. Guests have included public officials, university faculty and administrators, area business owners, and an assortment of interesting people with particular skills or unusual hobbies.

“One of the hardest things is to think of people to bring,” Cope said. “We’ve had lots of interesting people.”

Cope also coordinates Senior University, a series of free non-credit courses offered to Northwest Indiana seniors for two weeks each summer. The program began in 1999.

Cope said one of his first goals as outreach coordinator was to combat the perception that people at IU Northwest might be stuck up because they work for a university. Cope said he wanted everyone in the community, regardless of education, job title or social status, to feel welcome here.

“A lot of people ... were worried about us as snobs,” he said. “We had to knock that down and let them know that we are not snobbish. That has been one thing that has been successful.”
Indiana University Northwest held its annual employee picnic on Oct. 12, and this year’s event featured a harvest theme and plenty of pumpkins. (Right) Chancellor Bruce Bergland, as the Scarecrow, inspects some of the pumpkins entered into the jack o’lantern-decorating contest. (Lower right) Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Kwesi Aggrey takes a quick break from his judging duties to pose next to the pumpkin contestants. (Below, from left) Janet Taylor, Chrystal Lewis, Tim Johnson, Velma Rucker, and Cheryl Halkitis of Table 6 show off their second-place pumpkin, which tied for the honor with the pumpkin from Table 26. That pumpkin was the handiwork of (not pictured) Tiffney Smith, Ju Park, Torie Brockett, Judy Emery, Valerie Cooks, and Miriam Williams. There was also a tie for first place between the jack o’lanterns at Table 9 and Table 24. Table 9’s winners included HelenMarie Harmon, Karen Peterson, Verlilia Pettigrew, Jennifer Potter, and Vanessa Dance. Table 24’s decorative wizards included Wilma Watson, Crystal Jelks, Gaylin Dorris, Cathy Tallos, Kris Bagan, Sheila Taylor, and Linda Bishop. First-place winners received insulated RedHawk tote bags. Second-place winners received Theatre Northwest tickets. The afternoon’s activities also included live music, karaoke and plenty of food.

Wilk and Tolhuizen express similar sentiments in their interviews. Tolhuizen says that he, like many other American citizens, had already decided he was not in favor of the war by the time he was drafted in 1969. Wilk says that his opinion of the war changed after he came home and learned facts about the conflict that he hadn’t known while serving overseas.

Lane thanked Tolhuizen, Contreras and Wilk for their contributions to “Brothers in Arms.” He also noted the assistance of many other IU Northwest colleagues in the production of this and other issues of “Steel Shavings.” Lane retired from the classroom earlier this year but said he still has at least one more “Steel Shavings” in him, after which he’d like to hand the project to a worthy successor.

“If it will be a hard project to disassociate myself from,” Lane confessed. “Now that I’m retired from teaching, I actually have more time to devote to research, although I won’t have the student articles coming in like I did before.

“It’s been a nice run,” Lane said of “Steel Shavings,” which in its 39 volumes has tackled numerous aspects of social history in Northwest Indiana. “It’s a labor of love. This is my life’s work that I think is my legacy to the region, as far as my research.”

Copies of “Brothers in Arms” are available at the IU Northwest Book Store for $10 each. Orders can also be mailed to James Lane in care of the Department of History and Philosophy at IU Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Tamarack Hall, Room 18, Gary, IN 46408. Checks for $12.50 per copy (to cover the purchase price and shipping and handling) should be made payable to “Steel Shavings.”
French honor society inducts members

The IU Northwest Department of Modern Languages held its first installation ceremony Oct. 1 for Chapter Xi Gamma of the French International Honor Society Pi Delta Phi.

Several students and faculty members were inducted. Each new member read a short poem of his or her own choosing in French.

Pictured are: (back row from left) Cassia Martin, of Lowell; Assistant Professor of French Scooter Pégram, Ph.D.; Anesha Fultz, of Hammond; Josef Kras, of Fort Wayne; Kate Kessel, of Hobart; and Associate Professor of Spanish Ana Osan, Ph.D. (Front row, from left) Michelle Carns, of Portage; Robert Wilson, of Gary; and Verlean Martin, of Gary.

Honorary members who attended the installation ceremony included Arts and Sciences Dean Dorothy Ige, Ph.D., and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robin Hass Birky, Ph.D. Pégram is the Chapter Moderator.

Basque university honors Chancellor’s outreach

This past summer, Indiana University Northwest Chancellor Bruce Bergland traveled to the city of Bilbao, which is located in the Basque region of Spain, to strengthen ties and promote collaboration between that vibrant city and one of its premier universities, the University of the Basque Country (UPV), and IU Northwest. During his visit, Bergland received the Silver Medal of Distinction in recognition of his efforts to build a relationship between his institution and Basque society.

The newspaper El Pais covered the award ceremony and reported on Bergland’s address at UPV in an article titled “Our Friend from Indiana.”

“People say that Americans think that they know everything, but I know we have a lot to learn from you,” Bergland stated in a quote that appeared in that article. “Bilbao has taught us that we need to emphasize the importance of art in the transformation of cities.”

Bilbao is a world-renowned urban success story, a once-depressed industrial community that rebounded from its malaise of crime and unemployment to become a thriving metropolis of European arts and culture. This seemingly magical transformation was aided in part by the establishment of a Guggenheim Museum in the city, an addition that brought tourism to Bilbao and heralded other significant changes in the area’s appearance and economy.

Intrigued by Bilbao’s experience, which was first spotlighted at IU Northwest by Associate Professor of Spanish Eva Mendieta, Ph.D., who is from the region, Bergland and other IU Northwest officials made an initial visit to the city in 2005. What they saw convinced them that the “Bilbao effect” could hold promise for Northwest Indiana.

In November 2006, IU Northwest hosted “Drawing the Lines: International Perspectives on Urban Renewal Through the Arts,” a major international conference that considered the role of the arts and humanities in urban transformation. The next month, the university joined with the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster to exhibit “From Rust to Restoration: Basque Art and the Bilbao Effect,” a varied and impressive collection of paintings, sculptures and other artworks created by Basque artists.

In his 2007 remarks at UPV, Bergland assured the audience that IU Northwest’s initial interest in Bilbao and the Basque region is merely the beginning of a much deeper and longer-lasting relationship.

More joint conferences and exhibitions are expected, and there are also plans for student and faculty exchanges between IU Northwest and UPV. Both sides hope to enlist the collaboration of the Guggenheim Museum and the Bilbao Museum of Fine Arts in these plans.

Bergland told El Pais that he was impressed by UPV’s School of Fine Arts and by the university’s willingness to engage foreign institutions in beneficial relationships. The Chancellor said he is open to extending IU Northwest’s relationship to other Basque institutions, as well.

“In my country, we don’t quite understand that taking care of the quality of life contributes to economic development,” El Pais quoted Bergland as saying. “We center on the economy, and the business sector exerts a lot of pressure. It is difficult to transmit the need for change because we want immediate results, and quality of life is a long-term project.”

The Chancellor emphasized to his Basque audience that IU Northwest, through its relationship with UPV, aims to change those perceptions, at least in Northwest Indiana.

Associate Professor of Spanish Eva Mendieta, Ph.D., translated the El Pais article for Northwest News.

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McRobbie identified a need for all campuses to focus on improving graduation rates for existing students and promoting degree completion for former students who may need only a few credits to graduate. He cited a number of existing programs that have targeted this issue, noting specifically initiatives at IU Northwest and IUPUI to increase the graduation rate among African-American males.

“Today, I call on all IU campuses to add to these successful programs to help students complete their degrees,” McRobbie said. “We will do this by establishing the Degrees of Excellence initiative designed to increase graduation rates on all of our campuses. Over the next five years, Degrees of Excellence will call upon each campus to set aside five percent of our existing non-academic budgets for initiatives targeting degree or program completion or financial aid.”

The new president touched on a variety of other themes and aspirations as he formally undertook his stewardship of the university. He spoke of the importance of providing faculty and students with the tools and facilities necessary to meet IU’s considerable research goals. He emphasized IU’s central role in health and Life Sciences research in Indiana, and he highlighted the university’s equal commitment to the arts and humanities. McRobbie also predicted that the international experience provided by study-abroad programs would become an even more vital element of a liberal-arts education, and he promised to pursue the funding sources and relationships with foreign universities that are necessary to give many more students that opportunity.

“I accept these challenges with enthusiasm, though I harbor no illusions that they will be easy,” McRobbie concluded. “I ask every faculty member, staff member, and student, every alumnus and friend of IU – indeed, every citizen of Indiana — to join me in this pursuit of excellence.”
Service learning gaining traction in education

By Ju Park, Ph.D.

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In an article dated July 24, 2007, the Wall Street Journal discussed the importance of service programs, stressed the growing awareness of them across the nation, and reported that there has been an increase in new graduates’ involvement in community development.

According to the story, students’ interest in working at places related to service programs has also increased, despite strongly job availability at other places. For example, about 80 seniors at the University of North Carolina went to work for the Peace Corps or Teach for America. According to an annual survey conducted by Universum, Inc., U.S. undergraduates chose Peace Corps and Teach for America among their top 10 ideal employers.

Many employers favor job applicants who have had experience in service programs, believing that such programs contribute to maturity and improved communication skills. Some companies even defer starting dates for new employees who are currently working in service programs.

Some types of service programs include service-learning, civic engagement, and experiential learning. IU Northwest has established its service programs based upon the service-learning model and has partnered with National Campus Compact (NCC) and Indiana Campus Compact (ICC). Since the initial establishment, staff members and a faculty liaison have supported service-learning activities at IU Northwest, and some faculty members have engaged in service-learning activities in their classes and projects.

In 2006, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) awarded several faculty members grants to support service learning in activities such as the Service-Learning Summer Fellowship and Service-Learning Course Assessment. Two faculty members recently received grants from ICC and Commitment to Excellence (CTE). Also, CETL received a grant from ICC for an event called “Listening to Communities.” Professor of Marketing Subir Bandopadhyay, Ph.D., received the Scholarship of Engagement Faculty Grant from ICC for a project entitled “Investigating Quality Perceptions of Health and Social Services for Different Ethnic Groups in Northwest Indiana.” And Assistant Professor of Communications Taylor Lake, Ph.D., and CETL jointly received a grant from CTE for Lake’s Media Production Practicum course, which enables her students to outline service-learning components in terms of civic responsibility and media relations.

CETL will hold the one-day event “Listening to Communities” on Nov. 20 in collaboration with the Center for Regional Excellence (CRE) and Non-Profit Institute (NPI). “Listening to Communities” is a special, invitation-only forum conducted with the participation of community representatives. Based upon the principle of civic engagement with higher education, “Listening to Communities” will allow the university to learn what goals and services the community needs and expects from IU Northwest.

As the fall semester progresses, CETL hopes that IU Northwest faculty members will remain aware of the important benefits of service learning. Students are encouraged to participate in this valuable educational process. Local communities are collaboratively involved in community development with IU Northwest, and there is much good that can be accomplished toward that end by service-learning projects.

Anyone who would like to know more about service learning’s mission, benefits, and grant opportunities may attend the free Nov. 7 workshop, “Understanding Service Learning,” in Room 333B of the Library Conference Center, or contact the CETL office or faculty liaison James Thomas at (219) 980-6909.

Other upcoming CETL workshops include: on Nov. 8, the brown-bag lunch discussion “CPR in Higher Education”; on Nov. 9, the workshop “Tech to the Point: Forums”; on Nov. 13, the brown-bag discussion “Organizing K-12 Competition at IU Northwest”; on Nov. 14, the workshop “Principles of Instructional Design”; and, on Nov. 30, the workshop “Tech to the Point: Wikis and Podcasts.” Contact CETL at (219) 980-8755 for more information.

IU Northwest Notes of Distinction

Assistant Professor of History Christopher Young, Ph.D., wrote a guest column, titled “Declaration of Independence Guided Lincoln,” for the July 4 edition of the Northwest Indiana Times. (The online version of the article was titled “What Honest Abe Honestly Thought of the Declaration of Independence.”) Young also recently reviewed “The Jay Treaty Debate, Public Opinion, and the Evolution of Early American Political Culture,” by Todd Estes, for The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, and he served as a guest editor for the May-June 2007 edition of Illinois Heritage, a publication of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Assistant Professor of Social Work Manoj Pardasani, Ph.D., and the IU Northwest Division of Social Work have been funded to conduct a Needs Assessment Analysis of Housing and Homelessness in the cities of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago. The study is funded by the NWI Continuum of Care, a coalition of more than 70 community agencies, and by the Gary Community Development Corporation. This study will create a unique service-learning opportunity for Social Work students to engage in community-based participatory research.

HelenMarie Harmon, assistant to the director of undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Business and Economics, received the 2006-07 “Heart & Soul Award” from the Northwest Indiana chapter of Junior Achievement at the Annual “Making JA Happen” Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Oct. 3. This award is given each year to the individual in the community who assists Junior Achievement by showing a strong commitment to volunteering and recruiting new volunteers to contribute to the organization.

Assistant Professor of Economics Tin-Chun Lin, Ph.D., has been notified that his article, “Teacher Quality and Student Performance: The Case of Pennsylvania,” has been accepted for publication in The Applied Economics Letters, which is a refereed journal and is indexed by the Journal of Economics Literature.

Associate Professor of Philosophy Gianluca Di Muzio, Ph.D., had his paper, “Aristotle’s Alleged Moral Determinism in the Nicomachean Ethics,” accepted for publication by the Journal of Philosophical Research. It will be published in 2008.


Assistant Professor of Educational Technology Judy Donovan, Ed.D., presented the paper “Learning: Blending Electronic and Experiential Learning” at the University of Nebraska conference Service Learning: Pioneering a Powerful Pedagogy in September. In October, Donovan presented the paper “A Review of Research Studies Exploring Computer Use in Early Childhood Settings” at the E-Learning Conference in Quebec.
**November Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**
Valparaiso Open House -- 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., The Inn at Aberdeen, 3158 S. State Rd. 2, IU Northwest Chancellor Bruce Bergland and other campus representatives will meet with alumni, prospective students and friends of the university.

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**
Artist Reception: Dan Gamble -- 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Savannah Gallery for Contemporary Art. The November exhibit is “Paintings,” a collection of images painted by artist Gamble from scenes he recalls from memory. The scenes reflect his imperfect recollections of what he saw, rather than the original images. The campus community is invited to meet the artist and preview his unique works. The exhibit runs through Nov. 30.

Portage Open House -- 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Portage Instructional Site, 5916 U.S. Rt. 6. Informational event for potential students, with on-the-spot admissions available.

**Thursday, Nov. 8**
22nd Annual IU Northwest Gala -- 6 p.m. at Avalon Manor, 3550 East Highway 30, Merrillville. IU Northwest will host its 22nd Annual Gala Celebration to recognize the many donors whose vital support assists the university in fulfilling its educational mission. The event will feature great food, fine wine, entertainment, and remarks from IU President Michael McRobbie and IU Northwest Chancellor Bruce Bergland.

Passport to Success Business-to-Business Expo -- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Savannah Center. IU Northwest and the Gary Chamber of Commerce are co-hosts of this dynamic business event, which will bring a variety of businesses to campus for a major informational and networking expo. The day will include free mini-workshops at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m., as well as an international lunch buffet and a keynote address by Sherwin-Williams Company President and COO John Morikis. Attendance at the expo is free, but lunch tickets cost $20 and tickets for Morikis’ address are $10. Combination tickets can be purchased for $25.

**Saturday, Nov. 10**
Dental Clinic Open House -- 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the Dunes Medical/Professional Building. Alumni, faculty and friends of the university are invited to see the new Dental Clinic facility.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Marie Eisenstein, Ph.D. (center), makes a point during a roundtable discussion at a public-input session held at IU Northwest Oct. 8 as part of a program by the Indiana Commission on Local Government Reform to gauge citizens’ ideas about how local government institutions and processes can be streamlined to save money and improve service. More than 200 people attended the event.

**Friday, Nov. 16**
College of Arts and Sciences Research Conference -- Library Conference Center. IU Northwest students and faculty members will present their research projects in this annual academic conference.

**Thursday, Nov. 29**
Theatre Northwest Dinner Theatre After-School Special: “Burial at Thebes” -- 6 p.m. in the Tamarack Hall Theater. As part of the regular IU Northwest Night debut of its latest stage production, Theatre Northwest will provide meal vouchers to any students, faculty or staff members who purchase tickets to the Nov. 29 performance of Seamus Heaney’s “Burial at Thebes.” For the cost of a ticket, campus patrons can also enjoy dinner at the RedHawk Cafe prior to that evening’s performance. “Burial at Thebes” will also be shown on Friday, Nov. 30 and on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for these shows also cost $10 but do not include the meal vouchers.