Thanks to a user-friendly registration process, expanded admissions services and greater visibility of the campus through sustained marketing and promotion campaigns, enrollment at IUPUI is up for the second year in a row.

The number of credit hours taken this fall by IUPUI students rose 2.6 percent from last year, to 260,907.5 hours — the largest number recorded in IUPUI history. More than 27,000 students are taking courses in IUPUI programs, and the number of full-time students has increased 5.3 percent from last fall. In fact, IUPUI now enrolls more full-time students (50.5 percent) than part-time.

Enrollment of African-Americans increased 7.6 percent this year, to 2,344 students, and minority enrollment now stands at 13.9 percent of the total student body.

We are particularly pleased with the latter increase. IUPUI has a special obligation among the IU campuses to boost minority participation in higher education, not only because we serve a city with the state's largest minority population but also because it is crucial to development of a diverse workforce ready for the challenges of the next century.

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Within the constellation of the IU system, "the missions of the Indianapolis and Bloomington campuses are entirely complementary," said IU President Myles Brand, at IUPUI recently for his State of the University address.

"Bloomington, the traditional, residential campus that draws students from around the globe; IUPUI, the model urban campus that sits at the hub of our capital city, and the six regionals, the hearts and souls of their thriving communities."

"As it enters its 26th year, he continued, "IUPUI is emerging as a national model for urban universities. Innovative. Creative. These special qualities not only contribute to a great urban university; they are a beacon for students who embrace all that is best about IUPUI."

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Two schools central to IUPUI's mission have new leaders: Lawrence J. Goldblatt is the new dean of the IU School of Dentistry and H. Oner Yurtseven heads the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology. It is a homecoming for both. Dr. Goldblatt was a former associate dean of the School of Dentistry for nearly two decades before becoming dean of the Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry in 1994. Yurtseven returns from Malaysia,
where he was provost of IUPUI's joint engineering education program with Tenaga Nasional, that country's national power company.

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IUPUI joins our neighbor universities, colleges and cultural institutions in bringing writers Kurt Vonnegut, John Updike and Dan Wakefield to Indianapolis November 17-18 for "Spirit and Place: A Gathering of Voices." This collaborative civic festival is an outgrowth of a project on religion and urban culture in Indianapolis by IUPUI's POLIS Research Center. Vonnegut will speak at a Herron Gallery luncheon honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Herron Library Building, which his grandfather, architect Bernard Vonnegut, designed. For more information about the "Spirit and Place" festival, call the POLIS Research Center at 274-2458.

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In January, Herron will open a state-of-the-art Image Visualization Lab funded by IU's Strategic Directions process and Thomson Consumer Electronics.

Teaming with Thomson and the School of Journalism at IUPUI, Herron will be able to instruct students in the use of CD-ROM, digital photography, videotape editing and the production of top-quality web pages, magazines and documentaries.

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At IUPUI, efficiency and best-practice initiatives are paying off. In 1994, the Trustees of Indiana University approved our request to outsource some operations of our physical plant, including maintenance of cooling systems. We contracted with Mid-America Energy Resources, Inc., a subsidiary of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company, for those services. Projected annual savings are $300,000 to $450,000. Combining printing and mailing services and outsourcing our motor pool and supply stores have improved customer service and saved money. We thank Robert Martin, vice-chancellor of administration and finance, for his good work.

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Improvements made possible by a generous $1.7 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will help renovate the Indiana University Track and Field Stadium at IUPUI.

The running track will be resurfaced and a new drainage system will be installed. Improvements made to the infield will include a first class soccer field for Metro's teams and other top-level soccer matches. Since the early 1980s, the stadium has hosted the Pan-American Games, the U.S. Olympic Trials, the National Sports Festival and the Big Ten Track and Field Championships. Along with the Natatorium at IUPUI and the Indianapolis Tennis Center, the track and field stadium maintains both IUPUI's and the city's reputation as a world class venue for athletic competition.
With the dedication earlier this month of the Indiana Cancer Pavilion and the opening next spring of the IU Cancer Research Institute, the IU Medical Center becomes a national model for the care and treatment of people with cancer. The Indiana Cancer Pavilion locates departments of urology, medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and surgery under one roof to deliver patient care. It will house special clinics targeted at specific cancers, including a Women's Cancer Center, the first in Indiana to provide comprehensive health services to women with cancers of the breast and reproductive organs. Our sincere thanks to the pavilion's individual and corporation sponsors, and to Congressman John T. Myers, who helped secure $10 million in federal funds for this vital facility.

It takes a visionary leader to mold sound ideas into everyday practice, especially in the workplace. A good example is Randall L. Tobias, the chairman and chief executive officer of the Eli Lilly and Co. Under his leadership, the Lilly workplace was recently named one of the country's best for working mothers. Since becoming CEO and chairman in 1993, Randy has established opportunities to work at home, compressed work weeks, provided on-site child care and set up other progressive policies earning Lilly a top 10 finish in Working Mother magazine's national rankings of family friendly employers. Our congratulations to Randy and his colleagues.

When the city celebrated the first anniversary of Circle Centre Mall last month, it remembered Larry Conrad, Indiana's former secretary of state and a dynamic civic leader. A sculpture in his memory, "Literasphere for Larry Conrad" was unveiled in the mall's Georgia Street Rotunda. The bronze sphere features quotations from Raintree County, Larry's favorite novel about Indiana. The sculpture was sponsored by the Simon DeBartolo Group, the Circle Centre Development Company and the Herron School of Art. Larry's service on the IUPUI Board of Advisors from 1984 to 1990 was exemplary. We miss him.

The IUPUI Board of Advisors serve as a primary conduit between our urban university and the great city it serves. I doubt any university in the country enjoys such an array of talent and diversity guiding it as does IUPUI.

We welcome the following new members to the board for 1996-1997: Kenneth L. Gladish, executive director of the Indianapolis Foundation; Anthony Heyworth, chairman, president and CEO of KeyBank National Association; Michael Hudson, president and CEO of Allison Engine Company; Fred A. Poole, general manager of
Indianapolis Maintenance Operations for United Airlines; Rabbi Sandy E. Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck; Steve Stitle, chairman of the National City Bank of Indiana; and Esperanza Zendejas, superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools.

Two men long members of the IUPUI Board of Advisors were honored recently with the Charles L. Whistler Award for outstanding community service. The late Thomas M. Miller, former chairman of NBD Bank, was honored posthumously. Sam H. Jones, Indianapolis Urban League president, also received the award. We are proud that two such outstanding leaders have lent their support to IUPUI along with the many other invaluable activities for which they were paid tribute.

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Gerald I. Sepko
Chancellor
IUPUI opened its doors a bit wider than usual this month for our annual Campus Day, November 10. For the first time, all 18 of our undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools participated, which gave prospective students and families a good sense of how comprehensive our academic offerings are - whether their interests are in art, law, engineering, medicine, dentistry, nursing, education, business, or science. It is also a way for students to get the help they need to begin, resume, or finish their academic careers at the university level.

More than 200 faculty and staff volunteers gave up their regular Sunday afternoon activities to answer questions, conduct tours, run special information sessions on financial aid, and generally make our guests feels welcome.

We also had a reception for IUPUI's 21st Century Scholars and their families. They belong to the more than 2,500 young people across Marion County who dream of being among the first in their families to get a college education, have pledged themselves to good behavior and academic excellence, and who, in return, receive tuition from the state to attend an Indiana college or university.

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The IUPUI Metros men's basketball team was ranked 14th nationally among NCAA Division II teams in ESPN sportscaster Dick Vitale's annual college basketball preview. Returning senior guard Carlos Knox is a preseason All-American. Last year, Carlos was the NCAA Division II player of the year.

The men's basketball team plays its first home game Nov. 16 against Ohio's Walsh University at the IUPUI Gymnasium. The women's basketball team opens at home Nov. 26 against Kentucky's Bellarmine University. For ticket information, call 274-0622.

In other sports news . . . the men's soccer team may post its best record since 1987. If the team wins its final two matches this month, they'll finish 14-5.

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In a gift that is both unique and generous, the Indiana Dental Association has established a $1 million endowed chair at the IU School of Dentistry. Only one other dental association in the nation has done so at a state dental school. The endowment is testimony to the dedication of the school's alumni to their profession and to the excellent reputation the school has earned across the country and around the world. Our IU School of Dentistry tied at 7th place in the U.S. News & World Report rankings of educational programs in the health care professions in 1993, the latest year in which these rankings were published.
The endowment was announced on October 25 during the 54th Annual Fall Dental Alumni Conference. Also announced was the establishment of the Maynard K. Hine Society. Maynard was IUPUI's first chancellor and dean of the School of Dentistry for 23 years. His grandson, Will, received his degree in dentistry here last spring. Contributions to the society will help future generations of students of our IU School of Dentistry.

Maynard, who is approaching age 90, is currently in University Hospital and may appreciate a card or note. The address is 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN, 46202-5250.

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The Indiana Commission on Higher Education will recommend to the Indiana General Assembly that Phase 2 of the Herron and Law School project go forward. This part of the project relocates the Herron School of Art to the existing law school building on the main IUPUI campus. In addition to physically unifying Herron with the rest of the university, the new location means Herron will complement the city's surging downtown, providing opportunity for collaborative art festivals and other cultural events.

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Congratulations to James Morris and Jerry Semler, whose outstanding service was recognized last month at the "Opportunities for Excellence" benefit for the Marian College Scholarship Fund. In addition to their impressive civic virtues, both were commended for their support of higher education in Indiana, and I was pleased to be among those to pay tribute.

Jim, chairman of the Indianapolis Water Company, is a longtime member of the IUPUI Board of Advisors, is newly elected to the Trustees of Indiana University, and serves on the advisory councils to the deans of our business, medicine, and nursing schools. He has received two of IU's highest honors -- the Distinguished Alumni Service Award and the President's Medal of Excellence. He was recently elected treasurer of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Jerry, CEO of American United Life, chaired the Purdue University President's Council and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the Krannert School of Management. He serves on the IU School of Medicine's Advisory Board and helped raise nearly $30 million for the school's recent capital campaign from corporate donors. He has helped fund a chair at the Bowen Research Center, which studies issues related to family medicine, and the AUL Professor of Business Administration at the IU School of Business.

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Kathleen Warfel, M.D., professor of pathology in the IU School of Medicine and former president of the IUPUI Faculty Council, is the director of our new Office for Women.
By providing educational and professional leadership and developing recruitment and retention programs, the office will help advance the academic and professional interests of women at IUPUI. In so doing it will improve the overall campus climate for all students, faculty, and staff. Start-up monies for the office included funding set aside to support proposals that further the objectives of Indiana University's Strategic Directions Charter.

Kathy will also be instrumental in establishing the IUPUI Commission on Women, which will assist her office in its work and whose members will be named soon.

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One of the most distinguished alumni of our IU School of Law--Indianapolis, John Morton-Finney (class of 1944, the year the former Benjamin Harrison Law School became part of IU) was honored last month by the NAACP.

Born in 1889, John is the oldest practicing lawyer in Indiana, has earned a total of 11 academic degrees in subjects such as mathematics, French, and history, and is the last surviving member of an African American Army regiment called the Buffalo Soldiers, which served the western states in the early 1900s.

John's frequent lectures at our School of Law have helped enlighten generations of students on the evils of racism and the ability of one man or one woman to make a difference.

In cooperation with NBD Bank and the Concord Community Development Corporation, a team of construction design students from the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology will rebuild an abandoned house in Indianapolis's inner city. The students will inspect the property, design a two-bedroom addition, prepare job specifications, and help supervise community volunteers. The project is part of IUPUI's innovative Service Learning program, in which standard class work is combined with community service in a credit-bearing course.

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The Janus Ball for the benefit of the Herron School of Art at IUPUI will be held this year on January 18 at the restored Murat Centre. This event has become an annual cultural highlight for patrons of the arts in Indianapolis. Last year's ball drew some 400 people and raised more than $40,000 for the school. In addition to innovative costumes, the ball hosts a silent auction that features works by some of the city's leading artists.

Those interested in attending this year should call Herron at (317) 920-2418.

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The IUPUI Collegiate license plate has a new look, incorporating an enhanced logo and the red and gold school colors. Revenue from the plates (they cost $25) is dedicated to our Community Service Scholarship Program. Students who earn these scholarships volunteer eight hours a week throughout the year at a service agency or public school in Marion County as part of their academic course work.

If you'd like to sport the hottest plate in town, please call our Alumni Relations Office at (317) 274-8828.

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Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving . . .

Gerald L. Buhro
Chancellor
We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Maynard K. Hine, IUPUI's first chancellor, who died on Nov. 22 at the age of 89. Maynard's contributions to higher education in our city, state and nation are nearly legendary. Clearly, neither IUPUI, which he led from its creation in 1969 to 1973, nor the School of Dentistry, where he compiled the longest record of continuous service as dean, from 1945 to 1968, would be the thriving institutions they are today if not for him. He was president of the American Dental Association, held seven honorary degrees, co-authored five books and founded the Diplomate of America Board of Endodontics. As Dean Emeritus, he faithfully and nobly served the School of Dentistry to the end of his life.

Of all the many honors and awards he earned, however, none mattered as much to him as his loving family. He and his wife, Harriet, who died in 1972, are survived by their children, Maynard K. Hine, Jr, Judith F. Hyde and William C. Hine, as well as four grandchildren, one of whom, Will Hine, Jr., graduated last spring from the School of Dentistry.

Maynard's memory will endure. In 1974, IUPUI commissioned the Maynard K. Hine Medal, given for outstanding contributions to the university. And less than a month before his death, the alumni of the School of Dentistry announced the establishment of the Maynard K. Hine Society, a deferred gift endowment which will allow generations of Hoosiers the chance to pursue excellence in dentistry and honor an outstanding educator.

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The group formed by the consolidation of Methodist Health Group, Indiana University Hospital, and Riley Hospital for Children now has a name: Clarian Health. Because each enjoys a special heritage and proud reputation from the many they have served so well, this umbrella identity will be used along with the existing names of Riley, Methodist and Indiana University Hospitals. Clarian begins independent operations on Jan. 1

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A month before Martin Luther King, Jr. was killed by a sniper's bullet, he preached in the same Atlanta Baptist church in which his funeral was held. And he told the congregation that when he died, he didn't want whoever gave the eulogy to talk about the Nobel Peace Prize or the academic degrees or all the awards accorded him. Instead, he said "tell them that I tried to love somebody."

It is fitting that we remember this central motivation in King's life as our campus continues its tradition of honoring the man and his dream with the 27th Annual IUPUI Martin Luther King Dinner on Jan. 20. This year's theme is "The Substance of Things Hoped For: Bridging History with Destiny." The keynote speaker for the Jan. 20 event
The dinner will be held at The West End, 617 W. 11th St. Tickets are $15 for students and $25 for faculty, staff and community participants. For reservations call (317) 274-5199. Also highlighting this year's event is Texas State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, who speaks at an invitation only luncheon the same day on "Creating Quality Through Diversity: Opportunities and Obstacles." The luncheon is part of IUPUI's Issues in Higher Education lecture series. Representative Delco chairs the national Compact for Faculty Diversity, which addresses underrepresentation of minorities in the college teaching profession.

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Last month's Campus Day was a success, drawing more than 1200 people. Applications for enrollment in spring 1997 are running even with last year, and admission offers to beginning students are up slightly. Potential students who send SAT and ACT scores to IUPUI are getting an immediate response -- personal letters, view books and, where applicable, referrals to individual schools and departments. The next Campus Day is scheduled for Feb. 15.

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Basketball is the main event when IUPUI alumni return to campus for Homecoming on Jan. 25. Participants are welcome to partake in an "indoor tailgate" chili supper at the Law School Building before watching the men's Metros take on the Grand Valley State Lakers at 7:30 p.m. At halftime, this year's inductees into the Metros Hall of Fame will be introduced. For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 274-8828.

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The opening this month of the IMAX 3D Theater in White River State Park is impressive in more ways than one. First, it is one of only 16 such facilities in the world. As important, the theater promises to let Hoosiers young and old explore science, history, the arts and other subjects in bold new ways. We are proud that our Purdue School of Science and IU School of Education -- aided by a grant from IU's Strategic Directions Charter fund -- are working with White River State Park to develop an Education Center that will research and design educational applications for cutting-edge technology such as the IMAX 3D Theater.
The School of Science is also working with a group of gifted Pike Township youths to help them build a web page for their school, the New Augusta Public Academy. While some may think PACER stands for a basketball player, in this context it means Personally Active Computing Exploration Resources, an interactive learning system designed by the school. PACER, funded in part by the National Science Foundation, is helping make the study of computer science appealing to young people and adaptable to a broad range of learning styles.

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If you direct a business in today's constantly changing and increasingly global marketplace, you know that learning never ends. That is why IUPUI helps central Indiana employers meet their needs for a highly educated, competitive workforce through our Contract Training Services. This customer-driven service links our workforce training experts with businesses to develop customized training programs and learning systems. For information, contact the IUPUI Community Learning Network at 278-0865 or 278-1414.

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The Ball Gardens in our Medical Center complex have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The gardens were designed in the 1930s by Percival Gallagher of the famous Olmstead Brothers Firm of Massachusetts for the IU School of Nursing, whose students used to live in the nearby Ball Residence Hall and needed a place to relax and have ceremonies. Some students even nicknamed the statue in the center of the garden "Flo" for Florence Nightingale. Through an intensive fund raising effort, we hope to restore the garden to its original purpose -- providing a place of tranquility within the hustle and bustle of an urban campus.

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The local chapter of the American Institute of Architects recently honored the University Library and Wood Plaza with an Achievement Award for their design, construction and enhancement of the physical and visual environments of Marion County. This award recognizes not only the aesthetic value of these structures but, more important, underscores the fact that they belong to the community as a whole. The University Library would not exist today without the support of civic, corporate and elected leaders who raised $18 million in private gifts and $14 million in state funds to build a library that is one of the most technologically advanced in the nation. The value that they have placed on the pursuit of individual and community excellence through learning is a gift that will never be forgotten.

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Those who support higher education are especially remembered during this season of giving, for through their contributions these men and women express a profound
confidence in a prosperous future for their children as well as for those of their fellow citizens. This is why the state of Indiana recognizes gifts to Indiana's public and private colleges with income tax credits. We enclose a CC-40 form from the Department of Revenue listing eligible institutions and hope you will consider a gift to the college or university of your choice.

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Wishing you a safe and joyous celebration of the holidays,

Gerald L. Bepko
Chancellor