Center on Philanthropy Has New Leader

Warren Ilchman, president of Pratt Institute in New York, has been named executive director of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy. He succeeds Robert L. Payton and will begin duties at the IUPUI-based operation Sept. 1.

"Warren Ilchman has a stellar background of accomplishments as both an administrator and scholar," said IUPUI Chancellor Gerald L. Bepko. "He brings experience from all facets of the not-for-profit world. The center has grown over the years as the nation’s premier program in the study of philanthropy. Under Warren’s guidance it will gain even greater significance."

The Center on Philanthropy was founded six years ago as a comprehensive operation to study and improve the practice of philanthropy. It is the largest and most extensive of the 30 national academic centers devoted to philanthropic issues.

Ilchman, who has headed the Pratt Institute since 1990, has held various administrative positions in the State University of New York system, including executive vice president for academic affairs and vice president for research and educational development at SUNY-Albany. He was the founding provost of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy and the founding director of the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

The Center on Philanthropy comprises departments for academic programs, research and public service. It serves as a central repository for research on the philanthropic sector, and, through The Fund Raising School, has become an international center for providing training to fund raising professionals.

Payton, who has directed the center since 1988, remains involved as a tenured professor of philanthropic studies at Indiana University. He is the first in the nation to hold such a named position.

In addition to the other changes, the Center on Philanthropy has hired Beverly Jones as the director of news and information services. Jones has been a television reporter, director and producer in Georgia and Alabama, a public affairs coordinator for commercial television and a media relations manager for Clark Atlanta University. She is a graduate of Auburn University.

Urban Experts Working on Master Plan

Public involvement and consensus development are key elements of Noblesville’s efforts to work with the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment. City leaders are collaborating with Barbara Gole Quinn and her staff to develop a comprehensive master plan that is built on the relationships that exist between Noblesville’s people, its land and the economy.

The plan is patterned after one developed for the state of Oregon and focuses heavily on such areas as the environment, housing, criminal justice and health care. Extensive data is being collected in those and other areas to serve as a foundation for the master plan.

Quinn, the director of the Center’s Environmental Policy Program, is a specialist in organizational development and change management. The Noblesville project is part of the Center’s long-range commitment to provide research and academic support for Indiana’s state, county and local governments, as well as civic organizations and business concerns.
Friendship Pact Links IU, English Dental Schools

England may be a long way from the IUPUI campus, but a two-year-old friendship agreement linking the IU School of Dentistry with a dental school in Manchester, England is offering students unique educational and cultural opportunities.

The agreement, finalized in 1991, calls for two students from the IUPUI campus to visit Manchester's Turner Dental School in a six-week summer visit each year. In return, two Turner students visit the IUPUI campus during each fall semester.

"The goal of the program is to broaden the learning experience and heighten the cultural awareness of dental students on both sides of the Atlantic," says H. William Gilmore, dean of the IU School of Dentistry and one of the architects of the friendship agreement, along with Turner dean N.H.F. Wilson.

The program, supported by Miles Dental Products of South Bend, offered IUPUI students Tony Ratliff of Fairmount and Douglas Jansen of Kendallville the chance to travel to Great Britain and observe the dental profession through an English perspective, as well as absorb the cultural opportunities offered during the six-week stay.

The School of Dentistry has friendship agreements with 16 dental schools from such countries as England, Australia, Brazil, Germany, the People's Republic of China, Hungary, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Singapore and Thailand have agreements in place. Other countries with agreements pending include Hong Kong, Taiwan, France, India and the Philippines.

Names in the News

SPECIAL EVENTS-- Preparations for the dedication of the new University Library next spring continued this month with the appointment of Jane Rooksby as the new special events coordinator for the Library. Rooksby also will continue in her current position as the coordinator of the BookMarks campus-wide reading program.

MORE FAREWELLS-- Friends of Barbara Danielson are invited to a retirement reception to honor her 35 years with the IU Medical Center from 2-4 p.m. August 2. The reception will be held in the Krannert Lobby of University Hospital.

Campus Notebook

RUNNERS NEEDED-- Runners are still needed to join the IUPUI team for the Sept. 11 Corporate Challenge at the Track and Field Stadium. The entry deadline is July 30. Those interested should call Darrell Mendenhall, the MAX*WELL coordinator, at 4-0610.

CONSIDER THIS-- This month's Consider This, the university's cable TV show on international affairs, will focus on how Indiana's educational system compares to other systems both nationally and globally. Consider This can be seen on American Cablevision (Channel 19) and Comcast Cablevision (Channel 35).

COPY NEWS-- Graphic Reproductions has opened new "maxi duplicating centers," in the SET III building (LD 3040), 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; the Post Office (PF100), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F; and the Union Building (UN B0023), 6 a.m.-11 p.m. M-F. For more information, call 4-3501.

MAIL WARNINGS-- Recent mail bombs received by several university research scientists have prompted the National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR) to remind everyone of the precautions to take regarding suspicious mail. If you are suspicious of any package you receive, contact the University Police Department, 4-7971.

Health Line

DENTAL HELP-- The School of Dentistry's Clinical Research Facility needs volunteers for a project involving dental fillings. If you have four teeth with erosion or abrasion, you might qualify for free fillings as well as remuneration. Call 8-1084 for more details about the Dental Restorative Project.
Medical School Study Focuses on Hypertension

Blood pressure is higher for black children than white children and increases at a faster rate, according to a Medical School study published in the July issue of Hypertension, the journal of the American Heart Association. The five-year study reviewed average blood pressure levels for 509 Indianapolis school children by measuring systolic and diastolic blood pressures at six-month intervals.

Hypertension is more common in blacks than in whites, according to principal investigator J. Howard Pratt of the Medical School. "Ours is the first long-term study showing that blood pressure, which is linked to hypertension, is higher in black children as compared to white children," he says.

"The most striking finding was not that blood pressure levels were higher in black children, but that the rate of increase was much higher in black children," said Pratt, the principal investigator of the study. He noted that on average, blood pressure increased 1.5 times faster in black males compared with white males. The rate of change was three times higher when girls were compared. Other Medical School investigators included Amita Manatunga, the author of the study, and Jerrilyn Jones.

Deadline Approaching for IUPUI Plates

Time is running out for applying for a 1994 IUPUI license plate, which commemorates the university's 25th anniversary. August 1 is the deadline to apply, and the university must have at least 200 orders by that date or the plates will not be made available by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is important to note that if you signed up for a plate last fall, that was for a 1993 plate -- this is a new license plate cycle.

If at least 200 orders are received by the deadline, then further orders will be taken until November 1. The plates may be used on personal vehicles, RVs and trucks less than 11,000 pounds.

Applications are available through the Visitor Information Center (4-2323) and will be sent through campus mail. Those who want more than one plate must fill out an application for each plate they desire.

The plate will cost $35 more than a regular license plate, $25 of which is a tax-deductible gift supporting IUPUI scholarships. Mail completed forms along with your $25 donation to the Visitor Information Center, UN 115. Checks should be payable to the IU Foundation-IUPUI Plate. The Center will validate the forms and return them to you after November 1. You can then take the validated form to your regular license branch at your regular plate-buying time in 1994, at which time you'll pay the additional $10 for special recognition plates.

Continuing Studies Hosting Open House

Demonstrations and presentations of many of the more than 300 fall courses being offered will highlight an Aug. 1 open house hosted by the Division of Continuing Studies. The event is free, open to the public and will run from 1-3 p.m. at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

Among the course demonstrations featured will be “Essentials of Personal Investing,” “Sales: Motivation and Skills,” “Balloon Sculpture,” “Line Dancing” and “Blues Harmonica.”

Those attending, including any faculty and staff members looking for an educational challenge, will be able to register for the classes at the event.

A coupon good for 10 percent off a fall course will be given to each person attending the open house. Faculty and staff members will not be able to use the 10-percent-off coupon, since the normal 20-percent discount is available to them, but the coupon may be used by their family members. Discounts for fall courses will not be offered later. For more information, call Continuing Studies at 4-4501.
Medical Center Ranked Among Best in USA

Excellence in a wide range of medical services has earned the IU Medical Center another tip of the hat from the U.S. News & World Report in the magazine’s annual “best of the best” hospital rankings. The Medical Center was recognized in 12 of the 16 categories to earn the acclaim from the weekly news publication. The Center was accorded the same honor in 1991.

Urology services drew the highest rating for the Center, ranking 10th among all hospitals in the country. Urology is the study of male and female urinary tracts and male reproductive tracts.

To earn “best of the best” recognition, a hospital must rank among U.S. News & World Report’s top three percent of the medical facilities offering that service in at least four of the 16 categories. Rankings in the 16 categories are based upon various types of information included in a formula developed by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. The information includes such factors as the ratio of registered nurses to beds, federal death-rate statistics and ‘reputational rankings.’ The IU Medical Center’s other rankings:

- 16th in cancer treatment;
- 17th in gastroenterology, dealing with digestive ailments;
- 18th in neurology, dealing with a variety of disorders of the central nervous system and muscles;
- 18th in cardiology surgery and care;
- 20th in endocrinology treatment programs, including services for people with diabetes and osteoporosis;
- 21st in otolaryngology, dealing with “ear, nose and throat” problems;
- 22nd in rheumatology, the study of joints, muscles and connective tissue;
- 23rd in AIDS treatment and outpatient services;
- 24th in orthopedics, the study of bones, joints and skeletal problems;
- 33rd in gynecology;
- 34th in geriatrics services, focusing on the medical, social and psychological services to older Americans.

Weekend College Official Pair Art, Golf

Art has always come in all shapes and sizes, as the Indiana State Museum’s unique new exhibit PAR FORE ART! demonstrates. The interactive exhibit matches art and miniature golf and includes the work of William Taylor, the assistant dean of the Weekend College.

The exhibit features nine miniature golf holes that include mechanical devices, water hazards and modern art. The third hole, Wheel Almost Round, Thank You Dada, is Taylor’s creation and honors the Dadaists, early 20th-century artists who produced non-art pieces using common items for unexpect purposes. The hole uses a warped and crimped bicycle wheel as both a centerpiece and a hazard, and is sponsored by Society National Bank, Indiana.

Players can putt their way through the unique ‘world’ for $3 during most days, and play for free on Tuesdays. Visitors to the museum can view the ‘course’ for free and vote for their favorite hole. Discount coupons are available at all central Indiana Noble Romans restaurants.

PAR FORE ART! is open to the public from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays at the Indiana State Museum, 202 N. Alabama St. The exhibit/course, which is open through October 17, is part of a joint project with the National Art Museum of Sport. For more information about the exhibit or the museum, call 232-1637.