

## The Connie and Steve Ferguson Gateway to Education



*Left: Proudly standing under the newly unveiled "The Connie and Steve Ferguson Gateway to Education" are (from left) John Whikehart, Chancellor of Ivy Tech's Bloomington Campus, Ron Powell, State Trustee for Region 14/Bloomington, Steve and Connie Ferguson, Gerald I. Lamkin, President of Ivy Tech State College, and Francis Leuken, Chair of Ivy Tech's State Board of Trustees.*

*Right: Steve and Connie Ferguson (center) are flanked by scholarship recipients Charlene Denney (extreme left), an Associate of Science in Nursing student, Kelly White (second from left), a Design Technology student, Georgia Fowler (second from right), an Office Administration student, and Roxie Barnes (extreme right), a Practical Nursing student.*



On Tuesday, September 30 at 4:45 pm, members of the public and administrators, faculty, staff and students of Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington witnessed the unveiling of "The Connie and Steve Ferguson Gateway to Education", Ivy Tech's gesture of gratitude to Connie and Steve Ferguson for their generous lead gift to establish a scholarship endowment for Ivy Tech Bloomington students.

The recognition ceremony, which took place in the Main Lobby of Ivy Tech's new building, also saw the presentation of scholarships to the first recipients of the Connie and Steve Ferguson Endowment Scholarships, as well as a challenge to make contributions to the Ivy Tech Foundation while the Lilly Endowment Matching Gifts program is still in operation.

Through the Lilly Endowment Matching Gifts program, Connie and Steve Ferguson's gift of \$50,000 to the Ivy Tech Foundation will be doubled. This will enable students to benefit from an initial endowment of \$100,000. Lilly Endowment's matching gift program challenges colleges throughout Indiana to raise contributions especially from alumni, but also from faculty, staff, students, parents and other interested parties. Until December 31, 2003 gifts to the Ivy Tech Foundation from faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the College may be doubled through this matching gift program.

The new scholarship endowment will support the growing student population at Ivy Tech. The campus recently announced a record-breaking enrollment of 3,435 students, a 15.7% increase over the previous year, and the highest number of students enrolled in the history of the Bloomington campus.

Approximately 75% of Ivy Tech students receive financial aid. Other sources of financial support come from Foundation scholarships, veterans' benefits or employers. The Connie and Steve Ferguson Scholarships provide an enormous boost to the number of Foundation scholarships that will be available for students.

Adds Connie Ferguson: "Ivy Tech is a major supplier of Indiana's workforce and this educational scholarship will enable future employees in our area to increase their skills and change their roles in life. Over 90% of our graduates obtain jobs right here in our region and they are key to local economic development. With Ivy Tech being the second largest institution of higher education in the state with the reputation of providing the state with a skilled workforce, I feel this is a great investment in job development in our community. Our new enhanced campus has created a professional environment with a dedicated staff and faculty which anyone would be proud to attend."

The first recipients of the Connie and Steve Ferguson Endowment Scholarships are Georgia Fowler and Kelly White. Fowler is an Office Administration student and White is a Design Technology student. Says Fowler: "I would like to thank you personally for your time and for making the Ferguson Endowment Scholarship available. Not only are you helping the scholarship recipient, you are also helping the society in which we live. Receiving this scholarship will help me reach my goal of improving myself and my family."

In addition to the gift already given, the Fergusons announced two more scholarships earmarked especially for nursing students.

These gifts will also be matched under the Lilly Endowment Matching Gift program. Receiving these scholarships are Roxie Barnes, a Practical Nursing student, and Charlene Denney, an Associate of Science in Nursing student.

Committed supporters of education in Indiana, the Fergusons have long-standing and close ties with Bloomington and its community. Connie is a local business owner and is the chair of Ivy Tech's Regional Board of Trustees. Steve Ferguson is the vice president of the Indiana University Board of Trustees and the executive vice president of Cook Group Incorporated.

Comments Ivy Tech Chancellor John Whikehart: "Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington students will realize the dividends of this endowment gift for generations. The Fergusons are leaders in our community and they are vitally committed to education for all. They are visionaries who know the value of a community college education and they support it at its most fundamental level - scholarships for students. Connie and Steve Ferguson are lighting the path, encouraging others to follow, urging, prodding and cajoling to join them in support of Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington educational opportunities. We are so grateful to them for their outstanding lead gift to our College. Because of their gift, we can only imagine the wonderful contributions their scholarship recipients will make to south central Indiana in the future. The Ferguson gift will create a ripple effect for years to come. We are so fortunate to have them in our community."

For more information about this gift matching opportunity, call Keith Klein at the Bloomington campus at (812) 330-6067.

## New Academic Dean Emphasizes Ability to Change and Learn

*By James O. Smith,  
Dean of Academic Affairs*

Some weeks ago, the Marketing Department asked me to write an article for the campus newsletter. One suggestion for the topic was to share my vision for Academic Affairs. As I sit before the computer some weeks later, I find that I am thinking about two distinct issues. First, what our academic vision is, and secondly, what scenarios or characteristics are essential for the successful implementation of the academic vision at this particular campus.

It is the latter over which this article ponders, and I would like to focus specifically on the community called Ivy Tech State College, Region 14/Bloomington. If you think about the last fifteen months, the changes to our community have been near staggering. Fifteen months ago, I was sitting in my office at the old campus, and my desk chair rollers came apart for the umpteenth time, while staring at my "blue-screen" on my "state-of-the-art" Windows 95 computer. As I looked around my gray office and focused on my brown carpet that must have been installed in the mid-1960's, my thoughts generally centered on how to present accounting principles to a group of students, who could, but mostly did not, enjoy the course.

Today, fifteen months later, we are in a new building with increasing enrollments. The rollers on my desk chair no longer fall apart. I still stare at "blue-screens" on my computer, but then some things never change. Through a series of events and open houses, we were able to showcase our campus to our service region. Indeed, positive articles about Ivy Tech appear in various news media much more frequently today than in the past.

As members of our community, we should continually ask ourselves what lessons can be concluded from the past fifteen months. While the answers are varied, I would like to offer one view. Our community is undergoing change, and change in my view, is imminent, ongoing and often quite unsettling. While change causes different degrees of discomfort for individuals, our role as a community of individuals is to support each other during these periods.

Our community and the college system as a whole are poised for a transformative experience. I would like to reinforce the idea that our campus is evolving ever more rapidly into a comprehensive community college. We continue to increase the number of individual courses that transfer into Indiana University Bloomington, and we are actively engaged in a serious discussion with Indiana University Bloomington to articulate an entire degree program.

Besides our engaging conversations and initiatives with four-year universities, our campus is able to offer new programs. Over the summer, the Commission for Higher Education approved new degree programs for Early Childhood Education and Paramedic Science. Region 14/Bloomington was also selected to participate in a soon to be submitted grant request to the Lilly Foundation. If approved, our campus will offer an associate degree in biotechnology that will position our region to play an important role in the economic and workforce development of this part of our state. I might hasten to add that we will also continue to explore options that position our campus to be a significant partner with our region's high schools.

In closing, I would like for you to think about the notion of a "learning organization." Peter Senge in his book, *The Fifth Discipline*, describes a learning organization as "a place where people continually expand their capacity to create results they truly desire, and where people are continually learning how to learn." Certainly, I believe that we encourage our students to "continually learn how to learn." More importantly, our community (we the faculty and staff) must also continue to learn in order to build a shared vision or group commitment that is so necessary for us to succeed during these periods of change.

## “Cultural Connections”



Plan on attending “Cultural Connections - Our Global Community,” a special event to celebrate Ivy Tech’s international diversity! This activity is scheduled for October 22 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The purpose of this event is to integrate Ivy Tech’s international students, local businesses, and community members.

Activities include mural painting, international movies, mini language lessons, live music, a panel discussion, international speakers, book displays and booths. In addition, there will be door prizes and refreshments.

For more information on this special event, contact Christie Gordon at (812) 330-6001 or email [cgordon@ivytech.edu](mailto:cgordon@ivytech.edu); Cara Huddleston at (812) 330-6023 or email [chuddles@ivytech.edu](mailto:chuddles@ivytech.edu); or Debra Vance at (812) 330-6111 or email [dvance@ivytech.edu](mailto:dvance@ivytech.edu).

## Ivy Tech in the Community



Many Ivy Tech employees attended the 7th Annual Soul Food Picnic held at Bryan Park on Saturday, September 13 from 1-6 pm. Ivy Tech was one of the sponsors of this event. Those attending enjoyed the live entertainment, music, story-telling, and games. Ivy Tech Business Administration student, Benny Brantley (left), was the DJ.

## Continuing Education Fair



Three leading educational entities, Monroe County Community School Corporation Adult Education, Indiana University’s department of Continuing Studies and Ivy Tech’s Corporate and Continuing Education Services department teamed up to present a Continuing Education Fair at the College Mall in Bloomington on Saturday, September 13 from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm.

## Criminal Justice Guest Lecture

From now on, Criminal Justice students will be able to enjoy the presence of a special guest lecturer or special activity each semester. The first guest lecture will be delivered on Wednesday, October 15, at the new Ivy Tech campus and the speaker will be Philip Vannatter. Vannatter is the former Los Angeles Police Department detective and lead detective on the Nicole Brown Simpson/Ronald Goldman double murder, key prosecution witness, and the author of the book “Evidence Dismissed”.

As the O.J. Simpson investigation is of public interest, residents are invited to join Ivy Tech students for an intimate look inside the murder investigation and the trial of O.J. Simpson. Vannatter’s presentation will run from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Student Commons and will be followed by a question and answer session from 8:00 - 8:30 pm. Ivy Tech Criminal Justice students and faculty will be able to attend a special reception with Vannatter earlier that day, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm in Ivy Tech’s Alumni Hall. For more information, please contact Ivy Tech’s Criminal Justice Program Chair, Gary M. Dunn at (812) 330-6107 or email [gdunn@ivytech.edu](mailto:gdunn@ivytech.edu), or contact faculty member Angela Maitland at (812) 330-6103 or email [amaitlan@ivytech.edu](mailto:amaitlan@ivytech.edu).

## 40th Anniversary Dinner & Dance - Be There or Be Square!

You are cordially invited to a 60’s party in honor of Ivy Tech’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, November 15, 2003 at the Bloomington Convention Center from 7:00 pm to midnight!

Dance to the music of Bruce “Elvis” Borders and his 60’s band; participate in the karaoke of the hits of the 60’s; go retro with our hamburger, hotdog, sloppy joe and fries bar; and take advantage of our Sundae bar too. Dinner will be served from 7:00 - 9:00 pm and a cash bar will be available. Then put on your dancing shoes and dance until midnight! Wear your poodle skirt, senior cords and DA’s! And, best of all, it’s all FREE!

Please RSVP no later than November 10, 2003, to Christie Gordon at [cgordon@ivytech.edu](mailto:cgordon@ivytech.edu) or call (812) 330-6001.

For more information about the 40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance, call Keith Klein at (812) 330-6067 or email [kklein@ivytech.edu](mailto:kklein@ivytech.edu).



## 21st Century Scholars



On September 18, a group of juniors and seniors from Owen Valley High School, many of them 21st Century Scholars, toured the new Ivy Tech campus with Tom Hill, Assistant Director of Admissions, and Jason Zapf, Pathways to College Coordinator. Both Tom and Jason presented information about Ivy Tech programs and transfer classes, as well as pertinent 21st Century Scholar information.

## Baxter Health Fair



Ivy Tech Associate of Science in Nursing students attended the Baxter Health Fair on Thursday, September 25 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Baxter Pharmaceutical Solutions plant on Curry Pike. The students provided vision screenings, checked blood pressure and tested glucose levels of visitors to the Baxter Fair. Pictured from left to right are students Lisa Eagans, Kathy Pottorff, and Cassie Hoesman, Baxter Employee Health Nurse, Teresa Nelson, Ivy Tech’s Program Chair for the Associate of Science Nursing program, Vera Cline, and students Donelle Zielsdorf and Cyndi Hewitt. Teresa Nelson is an alumna of Ivy Tech State College and is a graduate of the Associate of Science in Nursing program class of 2002.

## Easy Electronic Information!

Visit the Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington Web site to get the latest calendar of events, the latest media news, and virtually anything you want to know about the College - academic options, admissions requirements, financial aid and scholarship opportunities, class schedules, and so on! Ivy Tech faculty and staff are also encouraged to use the *Intranet*, an information resource for all employees.

## They Say it’s Your Birthday!

Tony Taylor	October 9
Peg Creech	October 10
Mary Sutton	October 11
Neil Frederick	October 12
Kim Gantt	October 29
Don Skeens	October 31



## Apprenticeship News



Above: On September 23 at 10:00 am, a recognition ceremony was held at NSWC Crane to honor Crane employees who have helped instruct apprentices during classroom or on-the-job training activities. Commander Joe Hedges, who is responsible for the Public Works Directorate and Commander Jim Ford, the executive officer of the base, were complimentary of Ivy Tech-Bloomington’s efforts with this particular program. Ivy Tech’s increasing involvement in apprenticeship programs reflects the College mission to develop and educate the local workforce.

Another recognition ceremony, held on September 13 at 6:30 pm at Stoll’s Restaurant in Bedford, saw Bedford Machine and Tool (BMT) celebrate an important milestone as their first group of ten apprentices achieved journeyman status and their Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training journeyman cards. These senior or “grandfathered” apprentices entered the Bedford Machine and Tool apprenticeship program with degrees and a significant amount of work experience. They completed their apprenticeship requirements by taking an Ivy Tech course in quality control and advanced problem solving and completing a final semester of work experience. “Excellent customer service, skilled technicians and efficient manufacturing processes are our best defense against cut-rate overseas competition,” explains BMT co-owner Doug Conrad. “The apprenticeship program and the exercises senior apprentices go through to evaluate and continuously improve our internal processes will help our company survive and thrive.”

Tim Bauer, Matthew Brock, Matthew Claffey, Roger Crane, Curt Day, Tony Fasbinder, Chad Jerrell, Jon McCracken, Brandon Spinks and Kevin Steber achieved journeyman status as machinists, design engineers or tool & die makers and will now serve as mentors and guides for future groups of new apprentices.

Sister companies Bedford Machine and Tool and Metal Technologies currently have ten other apprentices who are completing the regular four-year apprenticeship curriculum and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training leading to an associate of science degree from Ivy Tech State College-Bloomington and a journeyman card from the Bureau of Apprenticeships and Training. They will now have the support of the newly certified journeymen to help guide them through their program.

Bedford Machine and Tool employees Doug Conrad, Teresa Saunders, Tim Acton and Mike Arnold were also recognized for their active and effective support of the apprenticeship program. “This is an example of partnership at its best,” stated Ivy Tech Apprenticeship Coordinator Cindy Webster. “Bedford Machine and Tool not only shared the expertise of its skilled employees with their new apprentices but completely renovated the classroom used for instruction and allowed members from the community to participate in many of the courses offered at BMT. Ivy Tech contributed a computer lab and the state of Indiana provided needed grant funding. We are all working together to support economic vitality in the southern Indiana region.”