

International Programs at IUPUI

A greatly expanded IUPUI Office of International Programs recently began functioning in new quarters on the fifth floor of the Union Building. Alexander Rabinowitch, IU system Dean for International Programs, is now spending a significant portion of his time in Indianapolis directing the activities of the new office. Day-to-day operations are managed by Program Officer, Patricia Biddinger; she will be assisted by a soon-to-be appointed full-time principal secretary.

The expanded Office of International Programs is responsible for coordination of all aspects of international program development on the IUPUI campus, including planning and organization of guest lectures, conferences, and cultural events; reception and hosting of foreign visitors and visiting lecturers; maintenance of linkages and provision of informational services to Indianapolis firms, schools, and civic organizations concerned with international affairs; library and curriculum development; recruitment of faculty for international exchanges and overseas study; and design and conduct of internationally oriented public education projects. The office is also responsible for systemwide fund raising and liaison with state government.

This reorganization and expansion follows the guidelines initially recommended by an ad hoc IUPUI International Programs Planning Committee which evaluated IUPUI's needs in the international field in 1985. Implementation of many of the planning committee's recommendations was delayed pending appointment of a new dean. Specific plans were presented to the IUPUI International Affairs

Steering Committee by Howard Schaller, Executive Dean and Dean of the Faculties, and Dean Rabinowitch last August.

Unanimously endorsed by the steering committee, the plan was approved for funding by President Ryan in the fall.

At its August meeting, Dean Schaller also reported to the steering committee on the substantial progress already made toward implementing the planning committee's recommendations in the areas of international student services, teaching of English as a second language, and revision of foreign student admissions policies.

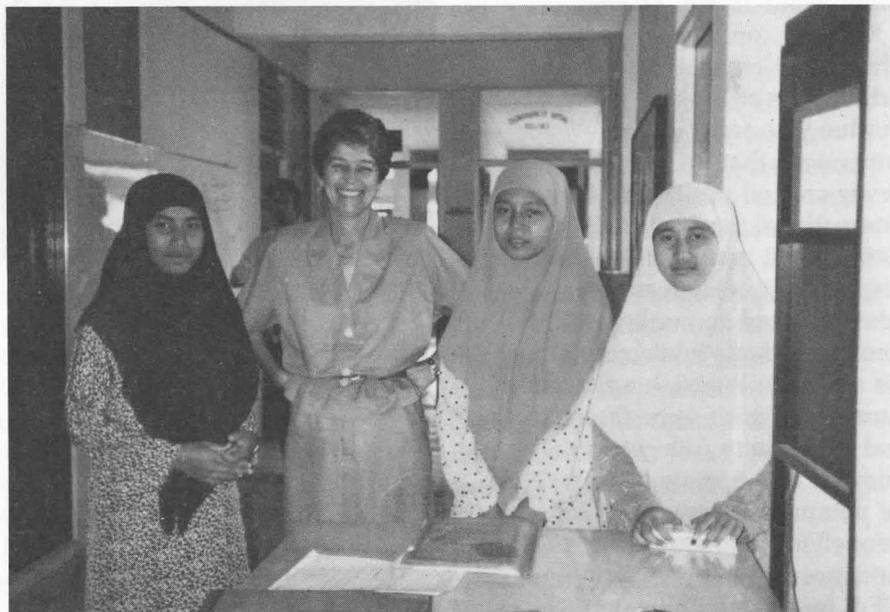
Pat Biddinger Returns to IUPUI

For Patricia Biddinger, recently named Program Officer in the Office of International Programs at IUPUI, the appointment marks a homecoming. A native of Rochester, Indiana, Biddinger received her B.A. in comparative literature from IU-Bloomington in 1969 and her

M.A. in the same subject in 1976. Following completion of her M.A. she served as Assistant to the Dean for Student Services at IUPUI, with primary responsibility for work with foreign students and the development of international projects. During the same time, she also taught composition courses in the English department at IUPUI.

With periodic interruptions, Biddinger served for nearly a decade as Assistant Director of International Services at IU-Bloomington. These interruptions included two years as an administrator at USIA in Washington, D.C. developing academic exchange programs (1982-84), and a year and a half as Director of Student Services, Shah Alam Center, ITM/MUCIA Cooperative Program in Malaysia (1985-86). She is a member of the National Association of Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors.

Biddinger brings a wealth of international experience and immense enthusiasm to her new position. "It's great to be back in Indianapolis," she says. "I couldn't be more pleased at this opportunity to be a part of IUPUI's growth in the international studies field."



Pat Biddinger with students at the Shah Alam Center.