Visitors and Events

On September 3, Bloomington Worldwide Friendship hosted a reception at the Leo R. Dowling International Center to welcome Goretti Kadende following her mid-August arrival from the troubled central African country of Burundi. The event marked the successful culmination of months of effort by IU graduate student Rose Marie Kadende and members of Bloomington's international community to bring her 18-year-old sister Goretti to the United States. Last spring, Rose's efforts to bring at least one member of her family out of Burundi was intensified with the genocide in neighboring Rwanda. A fundraising effort coordinated by Bloomington Worldwide Friendship received support from the local community and several churches, raising more than $5,000 to bring Goretti to the U.S. This year, Goretti will be a senior at Bloomington North High School.

Dean for International Programs Patrick O'Meara welcomed a visit by Leonard J. Baldyga (second from left), consultant for the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) and former Director of the European division of USIA. He is seen here with Timothy Wiles (second from right), Director of IUB's Polish Studies Center, and Stanislaw Filipowicz, recently arrived to serve as Associate Director of the Center on the exchange agreement between IU and the University of Warsaw.

In early September, a three-member delegation from Kyoto Gakuen University visited the Office of International Programs to explore a possible exchange program. Shown here are Mr. Yoshimi Takahashi (left), Professor Masahiko Tateishi, and Jane Norman, interpreter, with George Wilson (second from right), Director of IU's East Asian Studies Center.