In a special presentation organized by Lilly Library Director William Cagle, South African Nobel Prize-winning author Nadine Gordimer read selected passages from her latest novel, None to Accompany Me. The October 22 event, held in the Fine Arts auditorium, drew a capacity audience. Gordimer came to the Bloomington campus at the invitation of the Lilly Library, home of the Gordimer collection—one of the library's most important recent acquisitions—containing the author's manuscripts, research notebooks, speeches, articles, and personal correspondence. Pictured with Nadine Gordimer are (left to right) her IU hosts, Lilly Library Director William Cagle and International Programs Dean Patrick O'Meara.

On October 6, the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures held its fall reception. A high point of the opening ceremonies was the presentation of “The Haddawi Award for Excellence in Arabic” by Bloomington physician Dr. Rajih Haddawi to graduate students Susan French and Mandy McClure. Shown following the presentation are (left to right) Dr. Haddawi, Fedwa Malti-Douglas, Chair of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and Dr. Hormoz Broumand, Board Member of the Society for the Promotion of Persian Culture.

As Halloween approached, the Leo R. Dowling International Center of the Office of International Services held its second annual Pumpkin-Carving Party for the children of IU’s international students. This year, sixty to seventy international students and their families took part in the October 21 event, carving all of the forty pumpkins donated to the Center by Mr. D's Food Markets. For many participants from IUB's international community, the occasion provided their first opportunity to undertake the popular custom of carving Halloween jack-'o'-lanterns. Hosting the event were Dowling Center Associate Coordinator Scott Taylor and Office Manager Rufina Ong, an international student from Singapore.