Visitors and Events

In late September, Getachew Birru (Class of '70), Dean of the School of Information Studies for Africa at Addis Adaba University, Ethiopia, came on a two-day visit to inquire about U.S. educational models, with particular interest in the establishment of a Ph.D. program in information science at his university. He met with School of Library and Information Science Dean James Neal, Instructional Systems Technology Chair Thomas Schwen, Dean of Education Donald Warren, and International Programs Dean Patrick O’Meara. Dean Birru (pictured, center) also conferred with African Studies Program Director Brian Winchester (right) and Assistant Director Virginia Delancey (left).

Staff of the Office of International Services in Bloomington took time out last month to help Martha Wailes, Assistant Director of Faculty Visa Services, celebrate fifteen years on the Bloomington campus by presenting her with a special trophy attesting to her uncanny ability for resolving difficult immigration cases. Martha, an avid marathon runner, was also honored by IU Men’s Track Coach Sam Bell, who presented her with the Nick Carter Official of the Year Award 1994 in appreciation of her officiating at track events.

The South African Poster Exhibition and Film Series, an event jointly sponsored by IU’s Black Film Center/Archive, the University Libraries, and the African Studies Program, opened with IUB and IUPUI screenings of the film Nelson Mandela: Prisoner to President. The November 1 and 2 events featured a reception honoring exhibit creator and independent filmmaker Peter Davis, as well as an IUB performance by members of the IU Afro-American Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. James Mumford. Other films in the series are The White Laager, Generations of Resistance, and In Darkest Hollywood. Peter Davis (center) is shown here with James Neal (Dean of Libraries) and Phyllis Klotman (Director, Black Film Center).