The Bloomington campus took on the air of a *fiesta* May 1 with Spanish music and gourmet delicacies to mark the formal opening of the Spanish Resource Center.

The Ambassador of Spain, His Excellency **Don Jaime de Ojeda**, accompanied by the Counselor for Education, **Don Emilio García Prieto**, came to Bloomington to take part in the official ribbon-cutting ceremony with IU President Myles Brand. IUB Chancellor **Kenneth R. R. Gros Louis** and Dean for International Programs **Patrick O'Meara** co-hosted a formal dinner, at which Chancellor **Herman B Wells**, IU Trustee **P. A. Mack**, and Bloomington Mayor **John Fernandez** were among the guests.

After dinner, Dean **Morton Lowengrub** introduced the ambassador to a general audience gathered to hear his remarks on relations between the U.S. and the European Union, and the global implications of the revolution in communication and technology.

Professor **Sara Saz**, director of language instruction in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, says that given the dominance of Spanish in the U.S., “This will be an important center for IU and will provide a direct link to Spain.” Saz started working on the linkage soon after she first came to IU in 1992.

The Spanish Research Center’s first director, **Rosa Guitart**, who arrived last October to set up the center, feels that Americans who study Spanish are more oriented to Latin America. The center will help them learn about Spanish culture.

The Spanish Resource Center houses a library and audiovisual instructional materials, and will serve as a venue for lectures, workshops, film festivals, and exhibits. For further information, contact the Spanish Resources Center, tel: (812) 855-2920; fax: (812) 855-1845.

**Left:** IU School of Music students, soprano Adriana Tápanes and guitarist Kenneth Price perform songs by poet Federico García Lorca and composer Manuel de Falla.

At the formal ceremony, Emilio García Prieto (left), Kenneth Gros Louis (second from right) and Morton Lowengrub (right) wait in anticipation for Ambassador Jaime de Ojeda and President Myles Brand to cut the ribbon.

**Left:** Ambassador Jaime de Ojeda (left) and Counselor Emilio García Prieto (right) pose with Sara Saz, director of language instruction in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese, and Rosa Guitart, the Center’s first director.