During a reception for the Rector of Warsaw University, two IU professors, Timothy Wiles (left) and Samuel Fiszman (right) are honored with the Amicus Poloniae award from the Polish Embassy, in recognition of their contributions to Polish studies and culture. Dean Patrick O’Meara presents the awards as Andrzej Cieslik (3rd from left), an exchange graduate student from Warsaw, looks on.

Director Milagros Sánchez de la Blanca (2nd from right) of IUB’s Spanish Resource Center poses with three IUB musicians, Carolina Landriscini, Ruth Olmedilla, and Juvenal Correa-Salas, who played for the audience at the opening of the Center’s exhibition, “Visit Madrid,” by the Madrid painter José Luis Pérez de León. Emeritus professor Willis Barnstone (Spanish & Portuguese) also read excerpts from his book, Sunday Morning in Fascist Spain: A European Memoir, 1948-1953.

South African jazz musician Johnny Mekoa, an alumnus of the IU School of Music, and the Gauteng Youth Orchestra stopped briefly in Bloomington on their U.S. tour and played for IU’s Wells Scholars program. Mekoa is seen here with Director York Bradshaw of the African Studies Center.

Michael D. Higgins, Ireland’s Minister of Arts, Culture, and the Gaeltacht, spoke in Bloomington about “Irish Culture Today.” Higgins, who received an MA in sociology at IU, was accompanied by Frank Sheridan, consul general of Ireland.