Dear Friends,

Greetings and welcome to news from the College of Business. The vitality of our programs has never been better! This newsletter is chock full of information about our many efforts so that you, a valued supporter and friend of the College, can share in the joy of our accomplishments.

This has been a terrific year for the College of Business and a great second year for me as Dean. I am indeed privileged to work with first-rate students, a terrific faculty and staff and with active and interested alumni and supporters. The efforts these individuals have put forth have made it possible for the College to make important strides in developing exciting new academic programs and in enhancing ties with external partners and with external stakeholders. Throughout this process we have remained true to our mission statement (on page two). Thus in order to provide our programs “…in a technologically advanced, active learning environment” our innovative Information Technology Initiative has been advancing at a rapid pace. Our dedicated faculty members, in addition to pursuing their many other duties and responsibilities, have spent much time this year honing their skills in computer aided instruction. This fall we will welcome our very first students into this wireless mobile computing project and within three years each of our students will be operating in a wireless mobile computing environment. The College has also supported this initiative by moving forward on important new hires in Management Information Systems and in Business Law. These hires have enabled us to develop new courses in e-commerce and in the law of information technology. You can learn more about the details of our exciting Information Technology Initiative in a separate article in this issue of Network.

Important to our continued leadership in business education is our commitment to strengthening our links with external stakeholders and with external partners. Our external stakeholders include our alumni as well as the businesses and professions that employ our graduates. We have even gone beyond our continental boundaries to expand our partnerships. For example, we have built a strong link with a renowned French business school, IFI-Rouen. A separate article in this newsletter focuses on benefits students have reaped from the IFI-Rouen experience.

We can be sure that we are pursuing the right course of action when the interests of our stakeholders dovetail with those of the College. There is no better validation of this than the tremendous generosity shown by a number of our alumni and friends in the past year. In a separate section of this newsletter we continue our validation of this than the tremendous generosity shown by a number of our alumni and friends in the past year. In a separate section of this newsletter we can share in the joy of our accomplishments.

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