



THE POETRY *of*
LEADERSHIP

KENNETH GROS LOUIS

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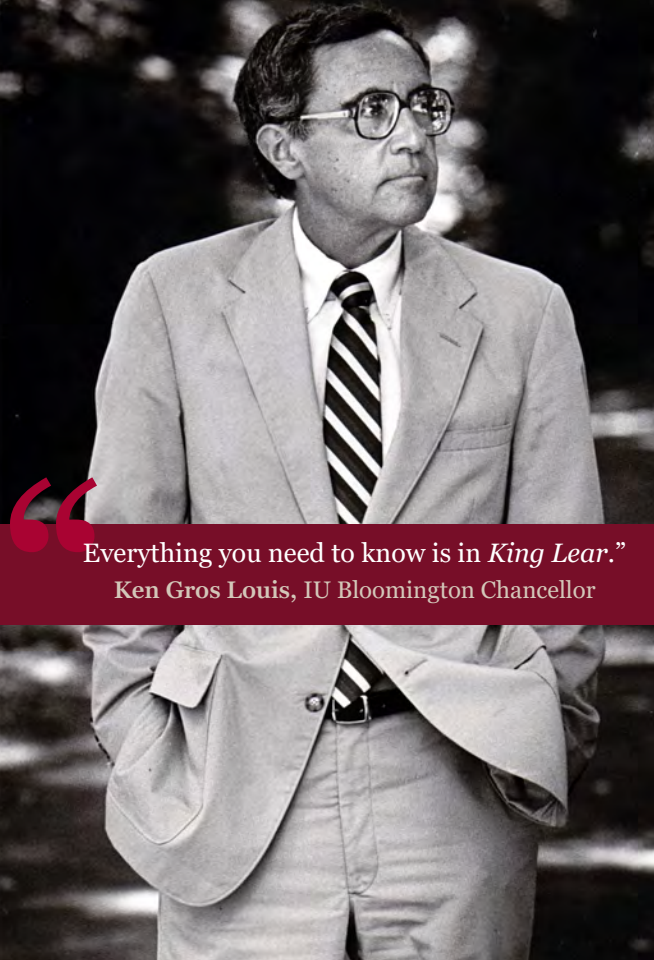
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*My object in living is to unite
My avocation and my vocation
As my two eyes make one in sight.
Only where love and need are one,
And the work is play for mortal stakes,
Is the deed ever really done
For Heaven and the future's sakes.*

From *Two Tramps In Mud Time* by Robert Frost



“Everything you need to know is in *King Lear*.”
Ken Gros Louis, IU Bloomington Chancellor



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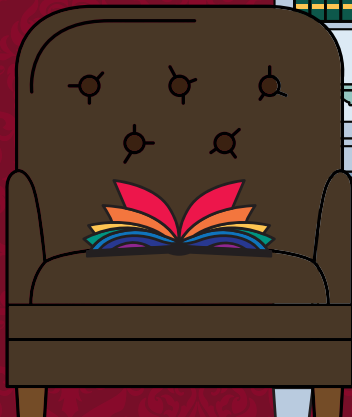
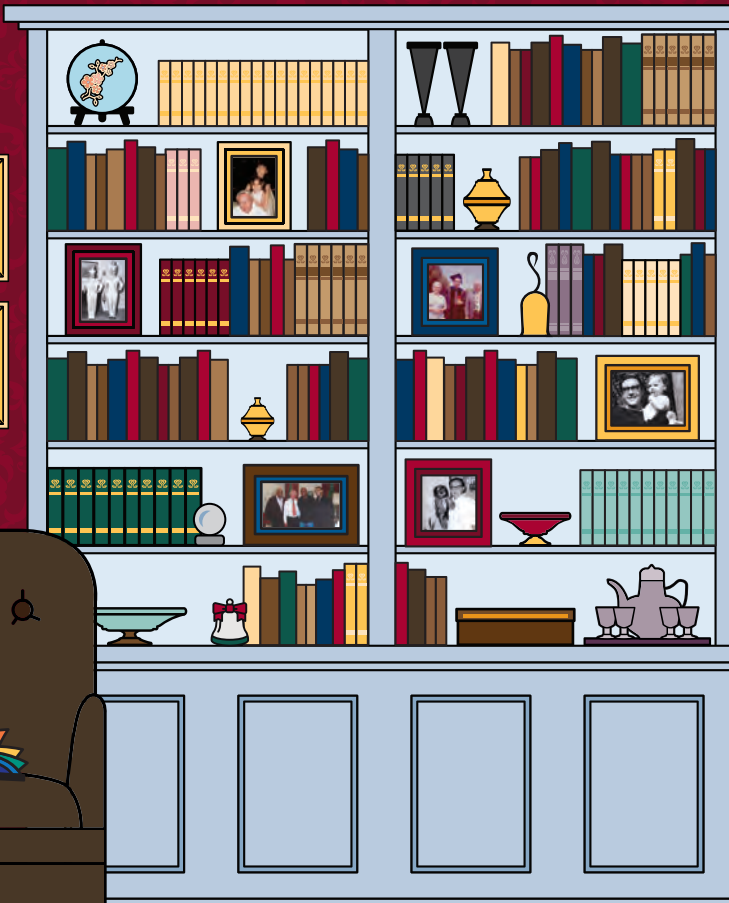
Ken drew his ideas from his encyclopedic knowledge of medieval literature and, of course, Shakespeare. He never wanted to give a speech without including a poem, with a twist of literary analysis to make it relevant to the occasion. Ken knew what made people tick, understood how to draw the best work from them, how to figure out what they needed most—and then to try to help them get it.”

Michael Wilkerson
Director of Arts Administration
Programs, SPEA



For many, Ken simply was IU, and this is especially true for generations of IU student leaders. He was their best and truest guide and mentor and stayed in touch with them long after they left campus. His deadpan sense of humor coupled with his deep erudition and devotion to the academic mission endeared him to us as faculty. It is hard to imagine an Indiana University without Ken.”

Lauren Robel
IU Provost and Executive Vice President

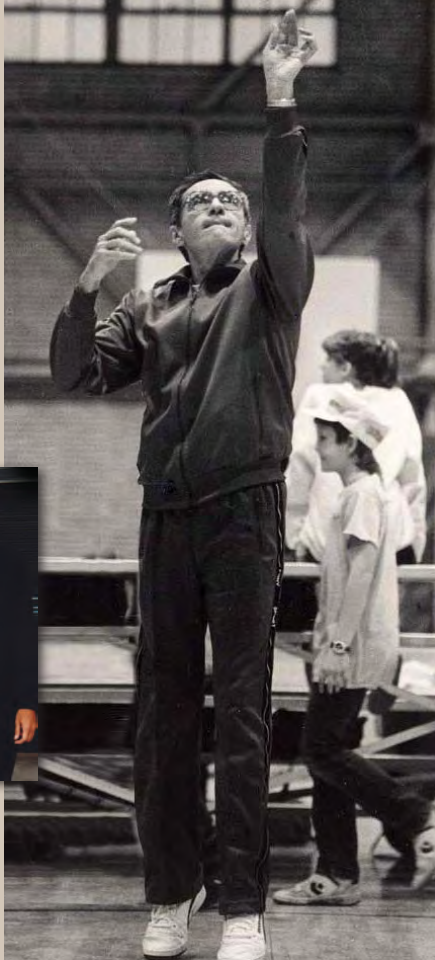




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Ken always told me that when he met with campus leaders, he liked the fresh way they looked at life. He liked their confidence, their courage, and their optimism because they had tomorrow in their eyes. On many occasions, he told me his life would be a sorry, stagnant, boring standstill of time without them. My brother's love of working with students shone through in many conversations.”

Francis Gros Louis
Brother and friend



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Few words can express the impact Ken had on me. He was kind, thoughtful, and patient. He helped me grow through my own experiences with his guidance—not too much, not too little. He always smiled, had time, and cared. He was truly the beacon of student growth and enlightenment. He was IU!

He will be forever remembered!”

Tyson C. Chastain
President-Principal, Innovcare
IU Classes of 2005 and 2009



Indiana University will be forever grateful for all of Ken's efforts to strengthen the core missions of the university that have left such an indelible mark on thousands of IU students, faculty, alumni, and friends around the country and all over the world. He was a remarkable man deeply dedicated to the university and the Bloomington campus."

Michael A. McRobbie
IU President



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