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**I**n this issue of *USI Magazine*, you will come across stories that tell you how the University of Southern Indiana is making an impact near and far.

You will find information about a better transfer process between Vincennes University and USI, and you will learn about the 10th anniversary celebration of the Southern Indiana Japanese school, serving the children of Japanese employees in the region. You will read about a recent graduate who will attend Indiana University School of Medicine, and another whose job will take him frequently to China and Korea. You will read about a former student athlete who is coming back to the state as a coach in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and about a recent student athlete who has signed with the Toronto Blue Jays. You will read about two special events on campus this fall for alumni and about a chemistry graduate who recently received an award in Zurich, Switzerland, for his research. You will read about a New York architectural firm beginning a design project on campus and about a USI program that helps build citizenship and leadership skills in nine counties of Southern Indiana.

USI takes a lead in moving the region forward and takes pride in its programs and graduates.



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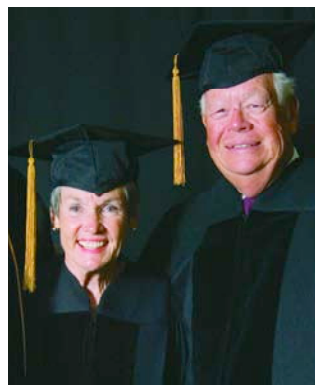
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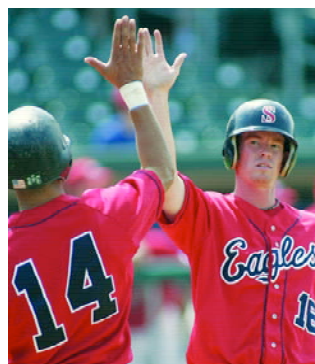
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Internationally known artist Stephen Pace executed this untitled lithograph while visiting USI in November 2005. See page 10.

## General Assembly recognizes higher education as priority

### USI receives increases in operating appropriation, bonding authorization for new classroom building

The state budget passed by the Indiana General Assembly is one of the most supportive for higher education in the past 10 years. The state's two-year budget provides funding for growth in enrollment, personal services, equity adjustments for campuses with operating appropriations of less than \$4,620 per Hoosier full-time-equivalent student, and two new performance incentives in the second year of the biennium for growth in degree completion and on-time degree completion.

According to President H. Ray Hoops, "Higher education was considered a priority by the Governor and the General Assembly. Support from the legislative delegation in southwest Indiana was very important in the passage of this budget. USI's funding is recognition of the important role the University plays in this region and throughout the State of Indiana."

USI received a seven percent operating appropriation increase to \$37.7 million in the first year of the biennium and a 7.2 percent increase to \$40.4 million in the second year.

USI, with the lowest tuition in the state, receives the lowest per-student appropriation of all the state baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. This budget includes a special equity adjustment to address the disparity. The state budget also will fund support for economic outreach in southwest Indiana to expand activities of the University's Center for Applied Research and Economic Development and other projects in support of regional workforce and economic development.

The capital budget includes \$29.9 million bonding authorization to construct the College of Business/General Classroom Building. Two years ago, the General Assembly appropriated money for the planning and design of the building. USI can now proceed with construction of the new building.

The biennial budget will repay delayed payments the state owed to universities from 2002 including \$1.6 million to USI to be used to supplement the regular repair and rehabilitation funding formula. The University also will receive \$1.1 million for the biennium through the regular repair and rehabilitation formula which amounts to 50 percent of what the formula would provide.

Funding for the University's management of Historic New Harmony included an increase of \$200,000 to fund programmatic needs.

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## The Repertory Project

### Professional actors from Actors' Equity Association performing with top USI theatre students

#### Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*

October 25–28 • November 3, 8, 11, 16, and 17

#### Oliver Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer*

November 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 15, and 18

All performances at USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Ave., Evansville

Tickets: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors (60+), \$10 for anyone 25 or younger, and \$8 for USI students. Call 812/682-3115 or 877/NHT-SHOW.

## Campus maintains plan for emergency communication

The University of Southern Indiana emergency communication plan includes multiple ways to contact students and USI employees.

In an emergency, voice messages will be sent through the telephone system; notices and updates will be published on the USI Web site and My USI, the online portal for use by USI students, faculty and staff, and alumni; and messages will be sent through the USI e-mail system. In the near future audible speakers will be installed on sports fields and recreational facilities to alert persons using those areas.

Students and staff are encouraged to report emergencies to Security at ext. 7777 or call from emergency phones located throughout campus.

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## Investors service reports stable outlook for USI

Moody's Investors Service, one of the leading credit rating, research, and risk analysis companies in the world, this summer has affirmed the A2 underlying rating on University of Southern Indiana's \$81.7 million of student fee bonds, and the A3 underlying rating on \$36.7 million of auxiliary system bonds. The rating outlook remains stable.

USI strengths listed by Moody's Investor Service are

- the approved 7 percent operating support increases for USI in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 from the State of Indiana,
- sufficient coverage of outstanding debt and operations from limited expendable financial resource base of \$90 million,
- sound market position as regional public university with moderate enrollment growth over the past five years, and
- consistently healthy operating performance.

## Governor appoints trustees

An Evansville attorney and a University of Southern Indiana student have been appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees by Governor Mitch Daniels.

Ted C. Ziemer Jr. will serve a four-year term through July 1, 2011, and Jamie L. Johnson of Newburgh will serve a two-year term as student trustee through July 1, 2009.

Ziemer is a partner at Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP and is a past chairman of the Board of Directors of the USI Foundation. He received an honorary degree from USI in 1998.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "Ted Ziemer will be an excellent trustee. He knows the University of Southern Indiana, and he will continue his strong legacy of commitment to its growth and development."

Last year Johnson served as administrative vice president for Academic Affairs for the Student Government Association and received the 2007 USI Foundation Excellence in Learning Award. She is majoring in chemistry and carries a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of the Honors Program at USI and earned Academic Achievement awards in analytical and organic chemistry.

Jeff Knight of Evansville was reappointed to serve a four-year term through July 1, 2011. He is executive vice president, chief legal counsel, and corporate secretary for Old National Bank.

The USI board has nine trustees and must include one alumnus of the University, one current student, and one resident of Vanderburgh County.

## Kent Scheller wins 2007 Cooper Award

Dr. Kent W. Scheller, associate professor of physics, is the 2007 recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.

Scheller received ringing endorsements from faculty and students alike



Scheller

who cite his dynamic demonstrations that engage students' imaginations and encourage them to apply physics to their daily lives. From blowing up a trash can to holding a concrete block on his chest while someone breaks it with a hammer, his demonstrations have become student favorites.

The Cooper Award will be presented at the Fall Faculty and Administrative Staff Meeting in August. It includes a generous stipend, a plaque, and additional faculty development support. As this year's winner, Scheller will deliver a presentation to the USI community during the 2007-08 academic year.

Scheller earned a doctoral degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1994. He joined USI in 1999.

The H. Lee Cooper Award recognizes a USI faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. The Cooper Award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, Evansville philanthropist and long-time USI supporter.

## Susan Ahmad recognized for service; Paul Doss named Integra Distinguished Professor

Susan G. Ahmad, program director of the occupational therapy assistant program, and Dr. Paul Doss, associate



Ahmad

professor of geology, were recognized in the spring with faculty awards. Ahmad is the recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award. She was recognized for her work with occupational therapists at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Hospital and high school and elementary school-age children during National Back Pack Awareness Day. Ahmad also is a volunteer presenter of life skills training activities at Vanderburgh County Correctional Facility.

The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son Charles and his wife Leslie.

Doss received the Integra Distinguished Professor award for 2007. He was cited for an ability to merge



Doss

research, teaching, and service to the benefit of his students, peers, and the public. Doss directs student research and works with Alcoa Warrick Operations in regard to disposal of the byproducts of coal combustion.

He also has developed a course on the geology of national parks. He was supervisory geologist for Yellowstone National Park in 2000-01.

Doss received a grant from Integra Bank, sponsor of the award, and will select a student to receive a scholarship in his name. He will deliver the address at the winter Commencement in December.

## New York firm to design University Center project

The New York architectural firm of Holzman Moss Architecture will design the University Center expansion and renovation project which will include the building formerly occupied by the library.

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of its construction committee to select the firm at its regular meeting in May. Holzman Moss Architecture will collaborate with the Evansville firm of Hafer and Associates.

The New York firm is known for the pioneering use of stone by its principal Malcolm Holzman, who has completed more than 100 building projects over the course of his professional career. His Indiana projects include the Mount Healthy Elementary School and the Columbus Occupational Health Center in Columbus, Indiana, and the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Holzman Moss Architecture designed the Student Union Building at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, among other university buildings across the nation.

In 2001 Holzman received the first James Daniel Bybee Prize from the Building Stone Institute, which recognizes a body of work over a sustained period of time. He was honored especially for his work with Indiana limestone.

Holzman's work reflects a wide range of building types and the application of materials unique to the region of each project.

USI's new Rice Library opened in 2006, making the former facility available for University Center expansion.

## Rice Library reading room honors Ruth Kleymeyer

The fourth-floor reading room in the new Rice Library has been named for an ardent supporter of the University of Southern Indiana and library excellence.

Evansville native Ruth Mueller Kleymeyer was honored at a luncheon in April when the naming of the Ruth M. Kleymeyer Reading Room was announced.

A 1930 graduate of F. J. Reitz High School, Kleymeyer received a degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1935 and worked for the Evansville Vanderburgh County Public Library.

A generous donor to the University for more than 30 years, she believes "The library is the heart of the University."

Her late husband Clifford served on the USI Foundation Board; she and her family have continued their interest in the University.

Kleymeyer said she has always been interested in USI because it started in

Centennial School where she attended and where her mother taught.



Ruth Kleymeyer, seated, was joined at the luncheon by family members. Her son, Clifford, left, lives in Chicago. Her son, Robert, and his wife Sandy reside in Carmel, Indiana.

## Mujumdar is visiting scholar at Reserve Bank of Indiana

Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar, assistant professor of economics, has completed a two-month appointment as visiting scholar at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the country's central bank.

He was affiliated with the Department of Economic Analysis and Policy and the Department of Monetary Policy to conduct a research project entitled, "Hands Off or Not? Property Markets and Central Bank Policy."

The RBI headquarters is located in Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay). Mujumdar returned to his native country in May to conduct the research.



Mujumdar

## Kocakulah named Fulbright scholar

Dr. Mehmet Kocakulah, professor of accounting, has been awarded a grant through the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to teach and conduct research in Turkey during fall semester.

As a Fulbright scholar, he will teach graduate classes and complete cost/management accounting research at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

According to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB), the principal purpose of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of the more than 150 participating countries. The FSB is a 12-member body appointed by the president of the United States to establish policies for the program and select recipients.



Kocakulah

## Top freshman scholars announced

Entering freshmen for fall 2007 have been named to receive the University of Southern Indiana's top scholarships.

### Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Recipients

*The Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarship program offers admission to USI and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville, a full-tuition waiver for the undergraduate program, and special opportunities to conduct undergraduate research.*

**Ashish Arshanapalli**  
Crown Point, Indiana  
Merrillville Senior High School  
**Delores and Charles Browning and Jennifer and Mark Browning B/MD Scholarship**

**Sonali Gandhi**  
Scherverville, Indiana  
Morgan Park Academy  
**Dr. William C. H. Grimm, Jr. and Phyllis R. Grimm Endowed B/MD Scholarship**

**Kyle Kopatich**  
Mount Vernon, Indiana  
Mount Vernon Senior High School  
**Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship**

**Julie Loza**  
Kouts, Indiana  
Kouts Junior-Senior High School  
**Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship**

**Steven Miller**  
Boonville, Indiana  
Castle High School  
**Victor V. Schriefer, Jr. Endowed B/MD Scholarship**

**Andrew Walker**  
Evansville, Indiana  
Mater Dei High School  
**Henry and Hazel Bennighof B/MD Scholarship**

**Distinguished Scholar Award**  
**Max Dahlquist** (undecided)  
National Merit Finalist  
Castle High School  
Newburgh, Indiana

### Presidential Scholars

*Presidential Scholarships cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board for four years.*

**Nick Earls** (chemistry)  
Bedford, Indiana  
Mitchell High School  
**Bristol-Myers Squibb Presidential Scholarship**

**Steven Geiss** (biology pre-medicine)  
Evansville, Indiana  
Francis J. Reitz High School  
**Edward F. Harrison Presidential Scholarship**

**Jenna Gerlach** (biology pre-medicine)  
Washington, Indiana  
Washington High School  
**Janet L. and Daniel M. Fuquay Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Koryn Heeke** (communications)  
Celestine, Indiana  
Northeast Dubois High School  
**Louis and Anne G. Harpole Presidential Scholarship**

**Jordan Heitman** (biology pre-medicine)  
New Palestine, Indiana  
New Palestine High School  
**Susan R. Enlow Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Sunny Huang** (chemistry pre-medicine)  
Evansville, Indiana  
Francis J. Reitz High School  
**Robert A. and Carole D. Rust Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Emily Iannopolo** (psychology)  
Lawrenceburg, Indiana  
Lawrenceburg High School  
**Jennings D. and Ann Y. Carter Presidential Scholarship**

**Keri Larsen** (elementary education)  
Speedway, Indiana  
Speedway High School  
**Aline Nunn Renner Presidential Scholarship**

**Lauren Raikes** (biology pre-medicine)  
Speedway, Indiana  
Speedway High School  
**James J. and Sally H. Giancola Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Samantha Shirk** (biology pre-medicine)  
New Salisbury, Indiana  
North Harrison High School  
**Robert M. Kent Family Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

### Deans Scholars

*The Deans Scholarships provide \$2,000 toward tuition.*

**Rachel May** (elementary education)  
Grayville, Illinois  
Grayville High School  
**Aline Nunn Renner Deans Scholarship**

**Credence Mott** (biology pre-medicine)  
Vienna, Illinois  
Vienna High School  
**Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship**

**Michael Oestreich** (chemistry)  
Harrisburg, Illinois  
Harrisburg High School  
**Jennings D. and Ann Y. Carter Deans Scholarship**

**Jordon Pond** (biology pre-chiropractic)  
Brazil, Indiana  
Northview High School  
**Louis and Anne G. Harpole Deans Scholarship**

**Stephen Saligram** (accounting)  
Edwardsville, Illinois  
Edwardsville Sr High School  
**Jennings D. and Josephine K. Carter Deans Scholarship**

**Crystal Steltenpohl** (English)  
Ferdinand, Indiana  
AF North International School  
(The Netherlands)  
**Emma A. Gorby Deans Scholarship**

**Joshua VanZant** (accounting)  
Mount Vernon, Indiana  
Mount Vernon Senior High School  
**Aline Nunn Renner Deans Scholarship**

**Mercedes Wheeler** (art)  
Seymour, Indiana  
Seymour High School  
**Olive Carruthers Clift Deans Scholarship**

**Anola Whitesell** (communications)  
Brazil, Indiana  
Northview High School  
**Fred B. Riechmann Deans Scholarship**

**Sarah Wiseheart** (radiology)  
New Albany, Indiana  
New Albany High School  
**Bess C. and Elmer W. Halwes Deans Scholarship**

## Vincennes, USI offer dual admission Program simplifies transfer process for qualified students



Shelby Thompson graduated from Vincennes University with honors in 2006. After graduation, she transferred to the University of Southern Indiana to complete a baccalaureate degree in elementary education. Along the way, she dealt with uncertainties about the college transfer process.

"I would have liked knowing I had a clear path from VU to USI," Thompson said.

Officials at Vincennes University and University of Southern Indiana have cleared that path for qualified students through a new collaborative enrollment program entitled One Admission. Two Universities.

The admission process is simplified as students apply only once to be admitted to both universities. Students with a 2.5 high school grade point average (GPA) or higher who enroll in one of 40 selected academic programs at Vincennes University will earn an associate degree with confidence they are meeting the requirements to continue into their third and fourth years at USI.

Thompson said, "Being with other Vincennes University students in the program and feeling more of a part of USI by receiving USI communications and attending USI events will be advantageous for the students enrolled in the dual program."

Dr. Ron Davis, provost and vice president for Instructional Services at VU, agrees that the program offers significant advantages.

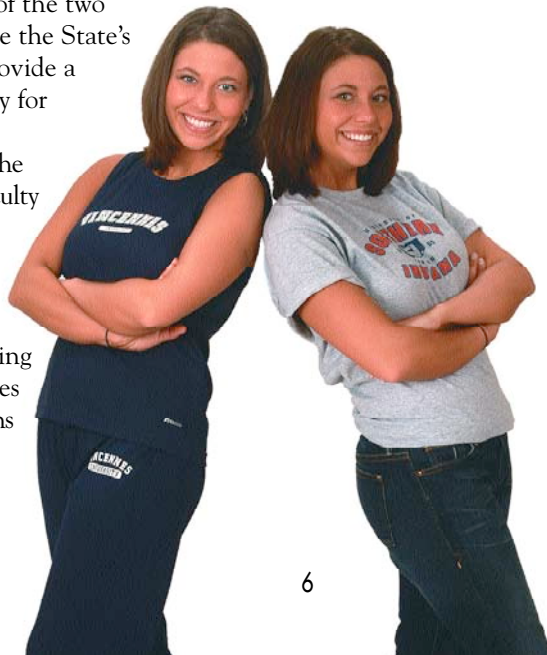
"These students will no longer have to be concerned about the transition from a two-year program to a four-year program. Students who maintain the standards will have the same support and expectations as students who began at USI. This program is about facilitating student success," he said.

The partnership includes majors in business, science, liberal arts, nursing and health services, social work, and education. Student success is the goal of faculty members from both institutions as they work together to establish a smooth transition from the VU associate degree programs to the USI baccalaureate programs.

"This will be a benefit to our students collectively," said Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at USI. "The seamless nature of the program maximizes the resources of the two institutions. The program will promote the State's goal of institutional cooperation to provide a wider range of educational opportunity for Indiana's students."

Students in the first two years of the program not only have the support of faculty and advisors at VU but also will meet periodically with a USI academic advisor with office hours each week at VU.

Students interested in pre-qualifying for the One Admission Two Universities program should contact VU Admissions at 800/742-9198, via e-mail at [vuadmit@vinu.edu](mailto:vuadmit@vinu.edu), or visit [www.vinu.edu/admissions](http://www.vinu.edu/admissions).



## Indiana House democrats choose USI student as Intern of the Year

Scott Carr '07 was chosen as Democratic Intern of the Year by the Democratic Caucus of the Indiana House of Representatives during the first session of the 115th General Assembly.

The honor includes a \$3,000 Verizon scholarship. The award was



Carr

presented to Carr and to the Republican Intern of the Year, Jessica Wiseman of Purdue University.

Carr holds a bachelor's degree in political science from USI. He plans to apply the scholarship toward law school.

Carr was the only USI student intern serving in the House this session. Two other USI students, Shane Dearing '07 and Aaron Ridlen, served in the Senate.

Carr was the only intern to work in the Democratic policy office. He described the session as "intense."

"We had so many issues that could be referred to as crises—from property taxes to full-day kindergarten. There is a lot of give and take, and negotiations. A lot of bills depend upon other bills. It's a complicated process."

Carr said he came away from the experience with a greater respect for the process and the legislators.

"They work really hard and they have virtually no staff to help them. A lot of the legislators—especially in the House—have to depend on their own work and their own research to help them make their decisions."



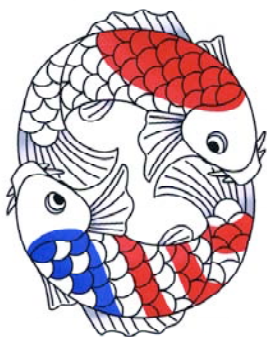
## Southern Indiana Japanese School to celebrate 10th year

The Southern Indiana Japanese School (SIJS) will celebrate its tenth anniversary this fall with the introduction of a mascot, song, and symbol.

Keietsu Nishimura, principal, said students and faculty are involved in the development of the images and song for the school. The anniversary will be celebrated on October 6 during the school's annual field day.

Ryosuke Tsubata, 18, designed the mascot. Tsubata completed studies at SIJS in March.

The mascot depicts two carp — one with the colors of the American flag and the other with the rising sun of the Japanese flag. Ponds of carp (or koi) can be found in many Japanese gardens. The fish has come to symbolize courage and the ability to attain high goals. Nishimura said the mascot design will be incorporated into a flag for the school.



The design of the mascot incorporates the carp with references to the U.S. and Japanese flags.

Students and faculty committees are reviewing designs utilizing the U.S. and Japanese flags as well as designs incorporating the peony (the Indiana state flower) and Japanese calligraphy for the word "school" to determine the final design of the symbol.

Students will sing the new school song at the ceremony in October.

SIJS opened September 6, 1997, with seven students and three teachers



The selection committee for the school song includes, from left, Miyuki Kamiya, faculty member; Takahiro Furukawa; Risa Furuhashi; and Yukari Horigome, faculty member.

in classrooms at Evansville Day School. The school now has 65 students and meets at Nativity Church on Evansville's southeast side.

Students come from Evansville, Newburgh, and Tell City, Indiana; Owensboro and Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and Marion and Salem, Illinois.

SIJS is an outreach program of Extended Services at the University of Southern Indiana. The school demonstrates USI's commitment to supporting economic development in the region.

Offering grades 1-12, SIJS serves the children of Japanese employees in the region. During the week the children study at local schools with American classmates. They attend SIJS on Saturdays and also on Fridays during June and July. Most families with children at SIJS are in the Tri-State for three to five years. Studying the Japanese curricula enables the students to make a smooth transition into Japanese schools when they return to their homeland.

## Trustees approve increase in tuition and fees

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees has approved increases in tuition and fees for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 academic years.

The per semester credit hour fee in 2007 will be \$157.70 for a resident undergraduate student; and \$228.95 for a resident graduate student. Full-time (30 credit hours), in-state undergraduate students will pay \$4,791 for 2007-08, an increase of approximately \$271.

A non-resident undergraduate in 2007 will pay \$375.75 per semester credit hour fee and a non-resident graduate student will pay \$451.85.

The 2008 fees will increase for undergraduates to \$167.30 per semester credit hour for Indiana students and \$398.45 for nonresidents. In 2008-09, tuition will be \$5,078, an increase of approximately \$287.

Graduate students who live in Indiana in 2008 will pay \$242.80 per credit hour and nonresidents will pay \$470.10 per credit hour.

President H. Ray Hoops said, "Even with the increase, University of Southern Indiana remains the best dollar value among Indiana's public higher education institutions."

The fee increase and state appropriations for USI for the next two years will fund investments in faculty, instructional technology, and equipment plus the on-going operational costs.

The trustees also approved a \$78 million current operating budget for the 2007-08 academic year. The budget includes \$46.5 for instruction and instruction-related expenses; \$6.2 million for student services; \$10.4 million for physical plant; and \$14.8 for administration.

## Gifts continue to lift College of Business Campaign

Atrium named to honor O'Daniel family

A prominent space in the new Business and Engineering Center will be called the O'Daniel Atrium.

**D. Patrick and Rosemary O'Daniel** have committed \$500,000 to the Campaign for the Business and Engineering Center. The campaign is funding programmatic needs of the new building which will be located south and east of the Liberal Arts Center and adjacent to Reflection Lake. Bonding authorization for the \$29.9 million building was approved by the 2007 Indiana General Assembly and groundbreaking could take place this academic year.

Gifts pledged to date bring the campaign to 70 percent of its \$2 million goal.

The O'Daniels give two reasons for contributing to the campaign. Pat said, "We are supporting this campaign because I think the University of Southern Indiana is the most effective educational institution for developing the economy of Southwestern Indiana.

"Our second reason is to honor my father and mother, Joseph and Marie O'Daniel. USI was his proudest accomplishment."

Joseph O'Daniel was instrumental in the development of USI, the USI Foundation, and Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE), the nonprofit foundation which purchased 1,400 acres and gave 300 of them for development of the present campus.

In a letter to USI President Hoops, Pat O'Daniel said, "I'm thrilled at being able to honor my parents in a way they would really appreciate. They are still

### Naming opportunities

Many naming opportunities are available for those who contribute at the \$25,000 and above level. A multi-year payment option for major gifts is available. A donor recognition display in the O'Daniel Atrium will recognize gifts of \$1,000 and above.



USI President H. Ray Hoops, left, greets Rosemary and D. Patrick O'Daniel at Commencement. The O'Daniels were awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.

with us in spirit. Our grandchildren and future great-grandchildren will be proud of their family heritage and hopefully will be motivated in a positive way."

At Commencement in May Pat and Rosemary O'Daniel received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees for their service to the Evansville community and the University. They have continued his father's commitment to the University. Pat is an advisory board member of the USI Foundation, and through the USI Foundation they support Presidential Scholarships, Varsity Club, USI Annual Fund, and other programs.

Old National Bank of Evansville has committed \$100,000 for a sales suite in the new building.

Janet Heldt '86, president of the ONB Foundation and senior vice president, Diversity and Work Life Programs, said the building project fits in with Old National's funding priorities.

"Economic development and education are the two funding priorities that our foundation has had since its launch in May 2006," she said. "We have specifically zeroed in on those two priorities because we believe in order for

ONB to be successful, it is important that the communities in which we live be thriving and successful.

"USI produces a lot of good graduates. We are looking for them to be future associates of our organization to help us thrive as an employer in our community."

The law firm of Kahn Dees Donovan and Kahn has committed \$25,000 for a decision support/negotia-



Robert G. Jones, left, president and chief executive officer of Old National Bank, and Janet Heldt, president of the ONB Foundation, talk with USI President H. Ray Hoops.

tions lab.

Thomas O. Magan, managing partner, said, "In 2008, our law firm will mark 100 years in business. As one of our 'thank you's' to the community for 100 years of letting us serve its legal needs, we've pledged this contribution to the USI College of Business capital campaign."

In addition to the O'Daniel, Old National Bank, and Kahn Dees Donovan and Kahn gifts, the following major gifts have been received since the report in the spring 2007 issue of *USI Magazine*:

- **Fifth Third Bank** – \$50,000, classroom to be determined
- **Sterling Boiler and Mechanical Inc., Daniel G. Felker** – \$50,000, materials testing lab
- **American General Financial Services**, \$25,000, tiered classroom
- **John and Gail Dunn** – \$25,000,



USI President H. Ray Hoops congratulates representatives of Kahn Dees Donovan and Kahn on the law firm's 100th year. From left are Kent A. Brasseale II, Thomas O. Magan, Hoops, Allison K. Comstock, Alan N. Shovers, and Jacob R. Fulcher '99.

sales classroom

- **Kemper CPA Group** – \$25,000, classroom

- **Richard H. Merrick Family** – \$25,000, heat/thermodynamics laboratory

- **Morley and Associates** – \$25,000, surveying laboratory

## Graduate expresses pride in a USI education

Members of the USI community like to catch up on what former students are doing. Recently Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, received a letter from a graduate who was interested in changing careers when he enrolled at the University of Southern Indiana at age 33.

Mike Whitsett had worked in radio and television and newspapers in his native Owensboro, Kentucky, and in Evansville for a number of years and continued to work nights producing the 10 o'clock newscast for 14 WFIE while pursuing an undergraduate degree at USI. He then completed a master's degree in geology at the University of Iowa and joined ExxonMobil at age 40.

"USI was really filling a need for me and other nontraditional students," he said.

## How to make a gift to the USI Foundation

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## Dedicated faculty

"I was one of USI's early geology graduates (1993) and am currently employed as a production geologist with ExxonMobil in Houston, Texas. I am extremely proud of my USI geology



Whitsett

Bachelor of Science degree and feel that had USI not been available as a higher education resource serving Southern Indiana during the early 1990s, I might not have obtained my degree at all. I recall that all of the classes I took at USI (not just those in geology) were taught by extremely qualified, dedicated faculty. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the University as well as Pott College's ongoing mission...I hope the enclosed check may be of some use to the Pott College."

—T. Michael Whitsett '93

## Pace gift includes art, funding for campus galleries

Pieces by prominent abstract expressionist on permanent display; galleries to open in 2008

More than 200 paintings, sketch books, watercolors, and drawings by Stephen S. Pace are part of a recent \$1.5 million gift to the USI Foundation from the celebrated American artist and his wife.

A portion of the couple's gift will establish the Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries in the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center. The Art Center/Pace Galleries, which will be constructed along the west side of the Liberal Arts Center, is expected to open in fall 2008.

Pace and his wife Palmina live in New York. Stephen Pace moved with his family to New Harmony, Indiana, when he was 17. He studied art under Evansville artist Robert Lahr in the late 1930s.

The permanent Stephen S. Pace Collection at the University will include five Pace paintings previously given to the USI Foundation as well as 25 paintings and other works from the couple's recent gift. A USI representative, in collaboration with Stephen and Pam Pace, will select the paintings.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "Current and future generations will experience the power of the Pace paintings through this gift. It is clear that Stephen and Pam are pleased to see the



Stephen S. and Palmina F. Pace

paintings become part of a permanent legacy in southern Indiana. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our good friends, Pam and Stephen Pace."

The recipient of many honors and recognition, Stephen Pace was awarded an honorary degree in 2002 from USI, and in 2004 he was given the Jimmy Ernst Award in Art by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. At age 88, Pace walks to his studio daily where he works from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. He exhibits at galleries in New York and Maine. Art historian Martica Sawin calls Pace an artist

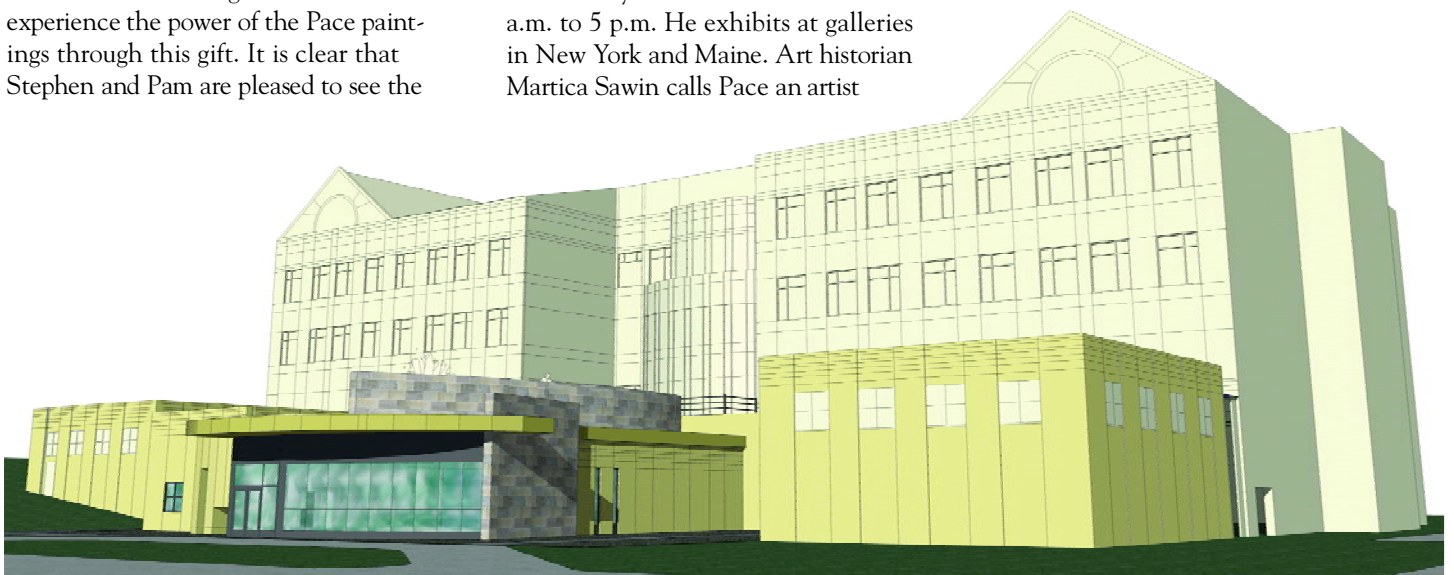
who values spontaneity. She said, "The body of work produced by Stephen Pace in its entirety is profoundly connected to the American experience and to its rural-urban duality."

Beginning in the 1950s, Pace became a prominent member of the New York group of abstract expressionists. A sophisticated use of color and bold compositions are Pace traits.

The Paces have been generous USI Foundation donors in the past. Several years ago they endowed an art scholarship for USI students.

Ten works from the Pace Collection will be on display permanently in common areas of the Liberal Arts Center, the David L. Rice Library, the Science Center, the University Center, and other public areas at the University.

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will offer an on-campus showcase for the work of art students. It also will provide professional exhibit space for faculty and alumni exhibits, traveling art exhibits, the University Art Collection, and other exhibitions that will enrich the cultural life of the campus and community.



The Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries will be located on the west side of the Liberal Arts Center overlooking Reflection Lake.



## NEXT STEPS FOR GRADUATES

The University of Southern Indiana sent 1,291 degree candidates out into the world at spring Commencement. The University's first fall Commencement took place last December. Most of these 2006-07 graduates had been planning for years what they would do once they developed the knowledge and skills that earned them a degree. In the following sections, we tell you what a few of our newest alumni will be doing in the coming months.

### *Lauren Fultz*

Student trustee to enter medical school



Fultz

A chemistry major with a 4.0 grade-point average, Lauren Fultz will attend Indiana University School of Medicine, her first choice among medical schools. Over the past two years she became familiar to many in the USI community as student trustee on the USI Board of Trustees. She was appointed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels.

Always interested in a career in medicine, Fultz completed a summer undergraduate internship with Dr. Tracy G. Anthony at the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville following her sophomore year. Anthony's research involves the anti-cancer drug asparaginase, which is used to treat children with leukemia. The medical school's Evansville center is located on the USI campus.

This experience with Anthony in undergraduate research intensified Fultz's interest in medicine. She supplemented the chemistry curriculum with a number of biology electives. She also focused on the study of Spanish to prepare herself for increasing opportunities to provide medical care to the Hispanic population.

Last summer Fultz shadowed an obstetrician-gynecologist in her hometown of Seymour, Indiana, and volunteered in a homeless shelter. Her volunteer service included working with the food pantry and helping residents study for the General Educational Development (GED) test.

Fultz is interested in working with the medically underserved population after completing the Doctor of Medicine degree.

Of her time on the USI Board of Trustees, she said, "It has been an amazing experience. You get to know exactly how the University functions and be a part of many important decisions."

During her service on the board, Fultz participated in the opening of the new Rice Library which features small-group meeting spaces, informal seating, and a coffee shop in addition to traditional library amenities. She also has participated in discussions for the new quadrangle under development.

"When I was first appointed, we started looking at the 10-year plan for the University," she said. "I feel

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tremendously honored to be a part of it. The University is focused on making sure that students have not only the classroom space they need but spaces where they can meet and enjoy being together.”

Fultz was active with the Student Government Association as the representative for the Pott College of Science and Engineering and as a member of the Alcohol Awareness Committee.

As student trustee, she was a liaison with SGA regarding University matters.

Fultz says that her four years at USI transformed her from a shy freshman to an individual prepared for whatever comes next.

“I got involved in a lot of organizations,” she said. “The organizations helped me get out there and be a leader. The faculty have always told me about opportunities and encouraged me to

get involved. Once you’ve developed leadership skills, you feel like you can go out and do anything.”

At the Pott College Honors Day in March, Fultz was recognized for scholastic achievement in chemistry and received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Pre-Medicine and the American Institute of Chemists Award.

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## Trenton Christian

Job in international sales will take new business graduate to Asia



Christian

As Trenton Christian’s experience at the University of Southern Indiana developed through the years, he found himself increasingly focused on a career in international business. His deliberate career preparation has enabled him to step right into what he calls “the best job in the company” upon graduation.

The company is Evansville-based Red Spot Paint and Varnish. Christian is a spring graduate in business administration with an emphasis in international business and a minor in economics. He began work May 14 as Red Spot’s international sales representative for Korea and China. He made a two-week trip to China in early June and will be traveling to Asia every four to six weeks for at least a week at a time.

Christian’s interest in all things international was piqued when **Dr. Susan Wolfe**, associate professor of German, suggested he complete a summer abroad experience in Heidelberg, Germany, in 2005. He traveled independently to several countries while in Europe. The following fall he changed his emphasis from management to international business.

The next summer also proved to be ideal preparation for life after college. After attending a co-op and internship fair at USI, he completed a sales coordinator internship at Millennium Steel Service, a Toyota supplier, in Princeton, Indiana, in summer 2006.

Interested in getting even more practical experience while still a

student, he checked jobs posted by USI’s Office of Career Services and Placement and learned of Red Spot’s growth in the international area. His contacts with Red Spot resulted in an internship that began in January. In that position, he developed a knowledge of the company’s business programs and met with chemists, managers, and “managers who are chemists” to become familiar with the company’s products. In addition, he received training specific to selling Red Spot products and recognizing its target audiences. Many of the company’s paints and coatings serve the automobile industry.

Christian said College of Business courses on global economics with Dr. Peter Cashel-Cordo and international marketing with Dr. Sang Choe clicked with his career goals. He also completed an independent study with Cashel-Cordo on international trade theory. He completed five semesters of German at USI in addition to the study abroad. He studied Japanese for one semester.

Christian firmly believes that his career preparation helped his future fall into place. For instance, the study abroad demonstrated to potential employers that he was independent—that he must have an adventurous side.

“It showed I wanted to learn things outside my major,” he said.

Prior to his first trip to Asia as a Red Spot sales representative, he was excited about putting faces with the names he had learned during the internship.

“By the time we get back, we’ll have a long list of action items,” he said.

According to a *New York Times* article reporting on the recent

Shanghai auto show, China has the world’s fastest-growing auto market. Trent Christian is poised for a front-seat ride in the action.

## Laura Bordelon

Geology graduate is looking for dinosaurs



Laura Bordelon and Dr. Paul Doss

USI geology graduate Laura Bordelon '06 has worked this summer in a field position with the National Park Service to survey for new dinosaur sites at the Grand Staircase National Monument in Utah.

The vast area offers an array of scientific and historic resources. She is surveying a location identified as a site from a period of time near the end of the dinosaur age. Along with another NPS employee, she uses rock hammer, compass, and GPS system to map the area. She said there are sites in that area where bones of dinosaurs have already been found. She may be helping to excavate but won't be assembling bones in the laboratory.

Her bachelor's degree in geology made her eligible for the park position. She completed degree requirements in fall 2006. In fall 2007, she will begin a teaching assistantship at Southern Illinois University where she will work toward a graduate degree in geobiology.

At USI, Bordelon was a research assistant for Dr. Paul Doss, associate professor of geology. The two presented a paper in Philadelphia in fall 2006 about

the ground water wells at USI. She assisted in assembling a CR10X logger system, designed software to monitor the ground water, and built a Web site that offers information about the ground water in the tri-state.

She met geologists from around the country at the conference. The local ground water site may become part of a national network of wells called Ground Water Climate Response Network through the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

Bordelon studied in Osaka, Japan, at Japanese University while a USI student. She learned Japanese culture, religion, and architecture as an exchange student.

During another semester, as a guest student of State University of New York (SUNY) Brockport, she lived in Russia and stayed with a Russian family while she learned the Russian language with other visiting students.

She is originally from Billings, Montana, but came to Evansville in 2002 when her family moved so her father, Dr. Tom Bordelon, could teach social work at USI.

## More 2006-07 graduates

- **Robert R. Feldbauer** is a consulting practice leader for engineering and safety for Joint Commission Resources, Inc. of Oak Brook, Illinois. He works with health-care organizations in the United States and international settings to improve engineering and safety activities. Feldbauer completed a master's in health administration in December.

- **David Head** has been accepted to the nurse anesthesia degree program of Trover Health System and Murray State University. He was one of 87 applicants to a program that accepts 12 students. Head earned an associate degree from USI in 1997 and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree this spring. He graduated *summa cum laude*.

- **Travis R. Hill** of Evansville is a *summa cum laude* graduate from the College of Business with a major in accounting and professional services. He will go to Indianapolis as an auditor for Deloitte and Touche LLP. While at USI he was vice president of the Accounting Club and a member of two honorary societies that recognize excellence in business and the financial information field.

- **Jeffrey Reeder** is an occupational therapist with the absence management division of TriHealth in Cincinnati, Ohio. He works with case managers to ensure that injured or ill employees are able to return to full duty as quickly as possible. He also plans and implements preventative measures. Reeder completed a master's in occupational therapy in the spring.

- **Elizabeth TenBrook** has exchanged the role of student for a job as admission counselor in the USI Office of Admission. She will focus on recruitment in 25 counties in the northeastern portion of Indiana. TenBrook was a *summa cum laude* spring graduate with majors in psychology and Spanish.

# SimMan® is a model patient

## USI Clinical Simulation Center is a national leader

The patient is in her 80s. She has had a stroke. The head nurse, another nurse, and a family member are gathered around her hospital bed. One nurse is checking the vital signs; the other is reviewing the patient's chart; the family member is asking questions.

While this could be a scenario that happens several times a day at a hospital, it actually is a learning exercise in the Clinical Simulation Center of the Health Professions Center at the University of Southern Indiana.

The patient is not a real patient after all. It is a SimMan®, a computer-driven advanced patient simulator that has realistic anatomy and clinical functionality. The individuals at bedside are nursing students using role play to practice their clinical skills and decision-making abilities. Faculty have developed teaching scenarios like those students might face in a real hospital situation.

Kathy Phillips, coordinator of the Clinical Simulation Center, said, "This gives students an opportunity to learn without feeling they are going to harm someone. They have the opportunity to learn here so they have more confidence when they go to the hospital."

Rachel Scheu, a fourth-year nursing student, said the scenarios "can be realistic and very helpful because it helps get your jitters out." She participated in one scenario that involved a pediatric asthma patient in the emergency room.

"I've worked in the hospital a couple of years, but most people don't realize that when you work in an emergency room, the doctor's not always there," she said. "You have to use your nursing judgment and critical thinking to do what's best for that patient. The SimMan® advances our use of critical thinking."

The students can listen to chest sounds and check pulse and respiratory rates, which may change during the exercise. They can intubate the SimMan®. The SimMan® can answer questions with programmed responses. Sometimes Phillips, using a microphone from behind a curtain, is the voice of the patient for more spontaneous remarks. The Clinical Simulation Center also has a virtual IV arm that students use to learn about inserting an intravenous line.

Phillips dresses the mannequins to give students a realistic experience. The stroke patient might wear a gray wig, glasses, and a nightgown. The model might wear a cap, T-shirt, and iPod with earphones to represent a 10-year-old with asthma. The center added a SimBaby® this summer.

Gale Hoehn, instructor in nursing, said students take the role play seriously. For most scenarios, they work in teams of four with two students being nurses or other health-care providers, one being a family member, and the fourth being an observer. They dress as they would for a clinical experience at a hospital. The student posing as a family member must ask questions from cue cards. Sometimes the students must call a physician (actually a faculty member in another room) to get orders. The exercise is videotaped and then reviewed in a debriefing session where students



Valerie Titus, graduate nursing student, listens to heart and lung sounds using the simulator.

discuss what they did and how to do it better.

Tracy Kinner, instructor in nursing, said the simulation also helps students to be more aware of patient comfort. They become more sensitive to not leaving patients uncovered or to helping them move into better position in bed.

Students in several health professions programs have used the SimMan® models. Occupational therapy students practiced doing an assessment on a stroke patient. Students in dental programs practiced taking vital signs.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said the availability of four SimMan® models and the new baby model give the USI program an edge in providing the most advanced technology for educating future health care professionals.



Coudret said, "The USI Clinical Simulation Center is a national leader in clinical simulation learning and the first nursing and health professions college in Indiana to have a clinical simulation learning center equipped and staffed for clinical simulation learning. The Clinical Simulation Center director and nursing faculty

are providing consultation to hospitals and nursing programs that are in the process of implementing clinical simulation learning in their institutions."

The first SimMan® model was purchased in fall 2006. Grant and University funding have contributed to the purchase of this advanced technology.

Clinical simulation learning will be the theme October 17 of the annual educator conference sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Now in its twelfth year, this conference is attended by nursing and health profession educators throughout the Midwest.

## No need to prompt discussion in the collaborative classroom

Like most good things, the idea to redesign a classroom in the Health Professions Center started over a cup of coffee and a discussion about how to make things better, said Dr. Kevin Valadares, program director for the health services program and the master's program in health administration.

"In health care, we emphasize team and group activities, but it's very hard in a classroom to move chairs and desks around. It's not conducive to group learning," he said.

Valadares was looking for a way to promote team activities in the classroom when he and other USI faculty members attended a conference at Purdue University in early 2006. The keynote speaker, Dr. Robert J. Beichner of North Carolina State University, described a redesigned classroom with a highly interactive, technology-rich learning environment which tested positive for improved learning in rigorous evaluations.

Beichner presented research indicating his physics students showed an improved ability to solve problems, increased conceptual understanding, improved attitudes, and reduced failure rates. He said interaction between students and with their teachers appeared to be the "active ingredient" that made the approach work.

Subsequently, Valadares led a project to redesign one classroom in the Health Professions Center. Out came the plastic and chrome desk chairs to be replaced by seven round tables that are 78 inches in diameter. Comfortable upholstered swivel chairs surround each table. The room accommodates about 50 students.

USI staff in Instructional Technology Services helped update the teaching and learning technology in the classroom. The room features a large screen and two smaller televisions located around the room so students do not have to turn around to view the screen. A wireless microphone and mouse give the teacher freedom to walk around. Two dry-erase boards on opposite walls encourage students to express and think through their ideas.

"In that room discussion starts automatically," Valadares said, "even before the professor prompts them. Students are engaged from the first day. They don't have the ability to hide. They get to know each other very well."



Dr. Kevin Valadares said the role of the instructor changes from lecturer to facilitator or mediator in the collaborative classroom.

Dr. Julie McCullough, program director for the food and nutrition program, also has taught in the room.

She said, "A positive aspect of the experience was that quieter students talked, expressed themselves more, and asked more questions."

"The negative aspect is that students talked, expressed themselves more, and generally appeared comfortable (perhaps too comfortable at times)."

McCullough said the room environment helped her establish a better rapport with students who otherwise might not ask questions or speak up in class.

Student evaluations are overwhelming positive.

One student said, "I love the idea of this classroom. I'm usually not much of a people person, but this room helped me to open up and to get to know a lot of people. There should be more classrooms like this"

Another collaborative classroom to accommodate smaller classes of 24 to 30 students will go into use fall semester.



# Campus organizations get in the spirit of West Side Nut Club Fall Festival

An organization with a funny name, a motto “From little acorns, mighty oaks grow,” and a history of giving back to the community, Evansville’s West Side Nut Club stages a street festival every year during the first full week in October. This year’s festival is October 1–6.

Food is a primary festival attraction. The club invites nonprofit organizations to sell food items with proceeds going to the organizations’ treasuries. More than 120 food booths participate each year.

Some booths are operated by USI student organizations and the USI Varsity Club. For many years these campus organizations have relied on the annual fund-raising opportunity to provide major financial support for expenses or special programs throughout the year. Members volunteer long hours to make their booths successful.

The Art Club operates a booth and sells corn on the cob. The proceeds fund club expenses including a trip to New York art galleries for club members.

Tau Kappa Epsilon booth chair Nick Obermeyer estimates brothers work 40 hours each throughout the week selling strombolies. Their booth was first in the 1973 festival and has been a mainstay since that year. Proceeds pay for upkeep of the fraternity house.

The USI Varsity Club members stock a booth with steak and pork chop sandwiches. In addition to members having a great time preparing and selling the food, the dollars raised help fund scholarships for student athletes.

This year’s Fall Festival chair Matt Wannemuehler ’77 said the 120 food booths bring in more than \$1.2 million after expenses. He added, “The Nut Club does not take any percentage of the proceeds except the per foot rental space charged for the booth.”



Delta Zeta sisters welcome customers.

The festival is known for its eclectic variety of food offerings. Veterans of the Fall Festival taste elephant ears, corn dogs (known at the festival as pronto pups), sausage burgers, and steak sandwiches. The adventurous dine on a more unusual cuisine of chocolate-covered grasshoppers, brain sandwiches, and alligator stew.

During the festival, the West Side Nut Club cordons off four blocks of West Franklin Street for rides and food booths, making it one of the largest street festivals in the United States with some 150,000 people expected during the week-long event. The first festival was held in 1924.

Parades are another part of the festival tradition. School-age children create miniature lighthouses for the lighthouse parade and a variety of pets, some dressed to carry out a theme, are shown on home-built floats in the pet parade.

The grand parade is a festival highlight. Nut Club member Jerry Schaaf is this year’s parade Grand Marshal.

Schaaf serves as an inspiration to members because of his fortitude in his battle with brain cancer.

The Grand Marshal, an honorary position to recognize a local personality or a memorable person, has included in the mid-1950s, Minnie Pearl, an original member of the Grand Ole Opry cast and William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy, a cowboy hero of the silver screen. USI President H. Ray Hoops, William Moutoux, and former Basketball Head Coach Bruce Pearl also have been grand marshals. Moutoux, who died in 1997, was a founding member of the West Side Nut Club and an original director on the board of the USI Foundation.

The festival is a united effort by some 300 members. This year 34 committees will have specific assignments for preparing and putting on the festival. Chairman Wannemuehler said, “We want to do everything we can do to make the festival a safe and pleasant experience for all of our guests.”

Wannemuehler joined the club in 1990. Since that time he has served as chair of seven of the festival committees and is a member of the Board of Directors.

One of Wannemuehler's duties is to select a cover for the Fall Festival booklet. The year's chairman met with members of the USI Art Department to create a design. The 2007 booklet cover was designed by USI student Tonya Garner of Henderson, Kentucky. A graduate of Henderson County High School, she is a junior majoring in art with an emphasis in graphic design.



Art for the 2007 program cover was designed by USI student Tonya Garner.

Outside of festival work, Wannemuehler is administrator of Engineering and Survey and one of the partners at Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates, where he has been employed since

1984. He received an associate degree in civil engineering technology in 1977 from USI, graduating with the first class of that program. He finished a baccalaureate degree in the same field at Western Kentucky University.

The West Side Nut Club is a generous donor to USI. Two \$1,500 West Side Nut Club Scholarships are awarded each year to incoming freshmen, one from Mater Dei High

School and one from F. J. Reitz High School. The scholarships are renewable for three additional years if students retain a 2.0 GPA and enroll full-time.

The club has supported USI programs with more than \$250,000 dating back to January 1970. The club helped Historic New Harmony, Student Life, Varsity Club Steak Fry, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's soccer, women's volleyball, women's softball, men's baseball, and men's and women's cross country.

A gazebo located near Reflection Lake is another gift from the members. They provided money for supplies and volunteer labor to build the structure plus materials and volunteers to landscape the grounds around it.

## Parents Weekend coincides with Fall Festival



The USI Parents and Families Weekend on October 6–7 will feature a variety of family-oriented activities on and off campus. Evansville's popular West Side Nut Club Fall Festival also will be in progress on Saturday.

Lisa Schaefer '98, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, said, "We will distribute munchie maps (maps of the Fall Festival food booths) and invite parents and families to support the USI booths."

### Schedule for Parents and Families Weekend

#### Saturday, October 6

**Registration**, 8 a.m. to noon, Rice Library lobby

**Campus tours**, 9 a.m.

**Interactive faculty presentations**, 10 a.m.

**Campus scavenger hunt**, 11 a.m.

**Disc Golf**, 10 a.m., Eagle Valley complex

**Volleyball**, USI vs. University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 3 p.m., Physical Activities Center

**Fall Festival parade**, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Street

#### Sunday, October 7

**Brunch**, 11:30 a.m., The Loft

**Women's soccer**, USI vs. Lewis University, noon, Strassweg Field

**Men's soccer**, USI vs. Lewis University, 2:30 p.m., Strassweg Field

Jeffrey O. Stratton, president of the USI Parents and Families Association, encourages parents and families to spend time with their students on campus.

He said, "I am involved because I realize, from my own experience, that the college years were the most formative years in my life. I want to be a part of the institution that is forming the thinking, beliefs, and many of the values that will take my daughter into her years of independence and adulthood."

His daughter Kathleen Stratton received a bachelor's degree this year and is working on a master's degree in occupational therapy.

### Look for these USI booths at the 2007 Fall Festival

#### Alpha Sigma Alpha

Best sellers are Chicago-style hot dogs and chocolate-covered strawberries

#### Art Club

Corn on the cob

#### Delta Zeta

Fried pickles, Mozzarella sticks, and jalapeno poppers

#### Kappa Alpha Order

A raffle for Brickyard 400 tickets. Proceeds go to MDA.

#### Lambda Chi Alpha

Philly cheesesteak, cheesecake on a stick, and Pepsi products

#### Phi Delta Theta

Beef kabobs, chicken kabobs, hot fudge brownie sundaes, and soft drinks

#### Tau Kappa Epsilon

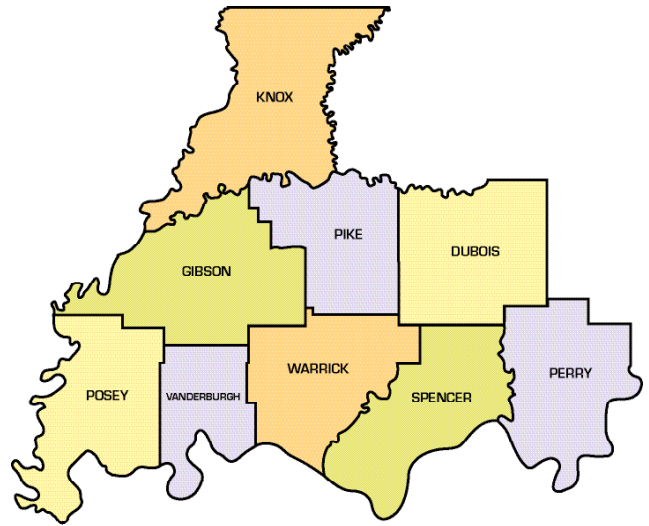
TKE strombolis

#### USI Varsity Club

Pork chop sandwiches and steak sandwiches

# Enhancing life and leadership in Southern Indiana

*Two members of Connect with Southern Indiana's first class are implementing a prisoner-to-community re-entry program that will change lives in Spencer County. All over the region, Connect participants are thinking and acting regionally to enhance life in Southern Indiana.*



When Barbie Brown and Chris Middleton participated in the first class of the Connect with Southern Indiana program in 2006, they recognized they had a common interest in an issue that affected their county. Both were concerned that prisoners released from the Spencer County jail were often back in jail in a matter of weeks.

In collaboration with other community leaders in Spencer County, they are putting in place a comprehensive re-entry program for released prisoners. Program components will include a profiling process to identify qualified prisoners, education, job placement services, and training in financial and social skills. Re-entry programs recognize that offenders have served their debt to society and must be given the chance to become productive citizens.

Brown is executive director of the Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce. She recalled a morning when a man who had just been released from jail stopped by her office looking for a ride from Rockport to his home in Santa Claus, Indiana.

"He was handed his bag of belongings and let go," she said. "I thought wouldn't it be great if we could come up with a program that would give them more than a pat on the back and a 'we'll see you when you return.'"

Brown's husband Vince Brown is a Spencer County sheriff's deputy so she is well aware that inmates released from jail often return many times for repeat offenses.

Chris Middleton is owner of SCB Insurance Solutions in Rockport. Her agency serves as insurer for Spencer County and a number of municipalities in the region.

Like Brown, she had developed a familiarity with the plight of ex-inmates. Her husband Sgt. William "Woody" Woods is director of special projects for the City of Evansville Police Department.

"I know how personally my husband takes his work," she said, "He is deeply concerned about these individuals. You keep seeing people locked in the system."

Brown and Middleton call the project that developed from their Connect with Southern Indiana experience "Breaking free from the chains of the past."

Their research revealed that 40 percent of the prisoners released in Indiana will be back behind bars in three years. If the rate of recidivism could be reduced by 5 percent, more than \$80 million in taxpayer money would be saved.

Sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana, Connect with Southern Indiana is a program that provides 24 individuals from nine Southern Indiana counties with opportunities to learn more about the region and build their critical-thinking skills. Participants attend nine sessions over a six-month period in various locations around the region.

Through the Connect meetings, Brown and Middleton learned that other counties had community corrections advisory boards.

"Meeting at different places in the region was huge for us," Middleton said. "You learn about a lot of issues that different counties are facing."

In March, the Spencer County Commission approved the organization of a community corrections advisory board that will include the sheriff, county prosecutor, director of the Spencer County Office of Family and Children, the mayor of Rockport, the Spencer County circuit court judge, a public defender, the county's victims advocate, an ex-offender, a member of the County Commission, a county probation officer, an educational administrator, a mental health professional, and four lay persons.

Having the board in place will open doors for state and federal grants to fund services to help re-integrate released inmates into society. Services will extend not only to the offenders but also to their families. Spencer County already has a strong General Educational Development (GED) program, workforce development initiative, a new business development center, and faith-based counseling services. The advisory board will help coordinate existing services and set up a system to provide additional services. Individuals often need help with setting up a bank account, getting a state-issued identification card or driver's license, and, of course, job training and placement.

Brown said, "We want to help these people get what they need to become contributing members of society."

One aspect of the Connect with

Southern Indiana program is a study of critical thinking. To prepare their project idea for presentation to other Connect participants, Brown and Middleton worked through all the steps of critical thinking. They said it made the project better.

“Critical thinking allows you to go to places in your mind that you wouldn’t ordinarily go,” Middleton said. “Sometimes when you’re so wrapped up in a project, you think about only the positive and don’t dig deep into the corners. That’s why some projects fail. You don’t see all sides of it.”

Jim Edwards of Edwards and Associates in Santa Claus, Indiana, is a member of the Connect with Southern Indiana advisory board. He also is a member of the Indiana State Board of Education and serves on the board of the Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce. He recommended participation in Connect with Southern Indiana to Brown and Middleton and believes the concept is important to the region.

“We have a need for strong leadership in rural areas, and that’s the whole

recipe for this program,” he said. “It gives participants the background and vision to understand how working together makes everything a much stronger situation for the whole region.

“It teaches people how to think regionally and, more importantly, it gives them the tools to act regionally and solve problems.”

Some other projects in progress from the 2006 Connect with Southern Indiana class include Afternoons R.O.C.K. in Dubois County and a regional project called “Bringing History to Life for Young People.”

The R.O.C.K. (Recreation, Object lessons, Culture and values, and Knowledge) program provides entertaining and focused activities for youth ages 10-14 years. Designed in collaboration with the Youth Services Bureau in Evansville, it seeks to help teens make good decisions and not engage in risky behaviors (alcohol, tobacco, and drug use; dropping out of school; engaging in violence). A team of Dubois County residents developed the program.

“Bringing History to Life for Young People” is a developing program that

grew out of the participants’ exposure to historic sites during Connect meetings throughout the region. The goal is to develop a clearinghouse organization that would create and maintain educational materials on a child’s level to help families learn about and appreciate the history of Southwestern Indiana.



## More about Connect with Southern Indiana

The Connect with Southern Indiana program helps participants become more aware of how they can put their skills to work in community and regional projects.

Scholarships cover all program costs for participants except travel to and from meetings. The program is funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment and administered by the Office of Extended Services at the University of Southern Indiana.

Applications for the 2008 Connect with Southern Indiana class are now being accepted.

**For more information or an application:**  
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Spencer Countians traveled to Plainfield, Indiana, to learn about a model re-entry program. From left are Jon Dartt, Spencer County prosecutor; Jacqui Duncan, special projects coordinator, Lincolnland Economic Development Corporation; Kevin Hunter, Spencer County adult literacy coordinator; Barbie Brown, executive director, Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce; Marva Stateler, jail coordinator, Lifetime Education Academy; and Rebecca Miller, instructor, Lifetime Education Academy.

## Baseball team reaches NCAA II Tournament semifinals

### Mastroianni signs with Toronto Blue Jays

University of Southern Indiana Baseball Head Coach Tracy Archuleta knew the Screaming Eagles could win when he took over the program one year ago. Nobody expected the incredible 2007 season.

At season's end the Eagles had set a new single-season record for wins with a 43-23 overall record and tied for third in the national tournament. The third-place finish was the best ever for the Eagles.

"Our expectations are high. We want to go back and compete for a national championship next year," Archuleta said. "We want our returning guys to remember what it feels like not being on the field for that final game."

Individually, USI junior second baseman Darin Mastroianni (Huntersville, North Carolina) led the team offensive. The first team All-American had one of the best seasons ever by a Screaming Eagle, setting new single-season records for stolen bases (64) and hits (97).

Mastroianni, who was named the GLVC and North Central Region

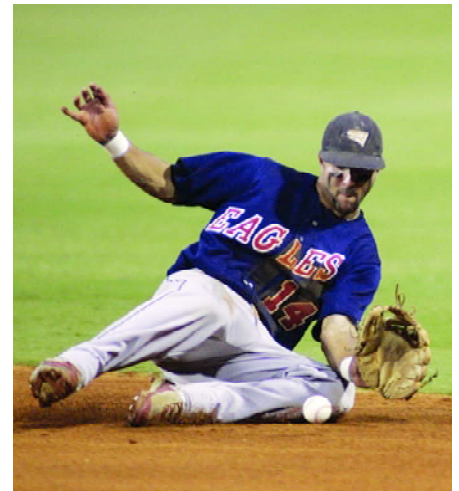
Player of the Year, also posted the best batting average (.409) of any USI player since the team started using wood bats in conference play and aluminum bats in non-conference games.

"The best thing about Darin is that he loves to play the game," said Archuleta. "He runs hard to first, the dugout, and anywhere on the field. The thing that separates him from other players is that he is an athlete."

USI senior rightfielder Hunter Slade followed Mastroianni in the line-up and made the opposition pay by driving in 62 RBIs, two shy of the single-season record.

Slade was named first team All-GLVC and North Central Region. He and Mastroianni also were named first team Academic All-District V by *ESPN The Magazine* and the College Sport Information Directors of America. Mastroianni went on to be named third team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American.

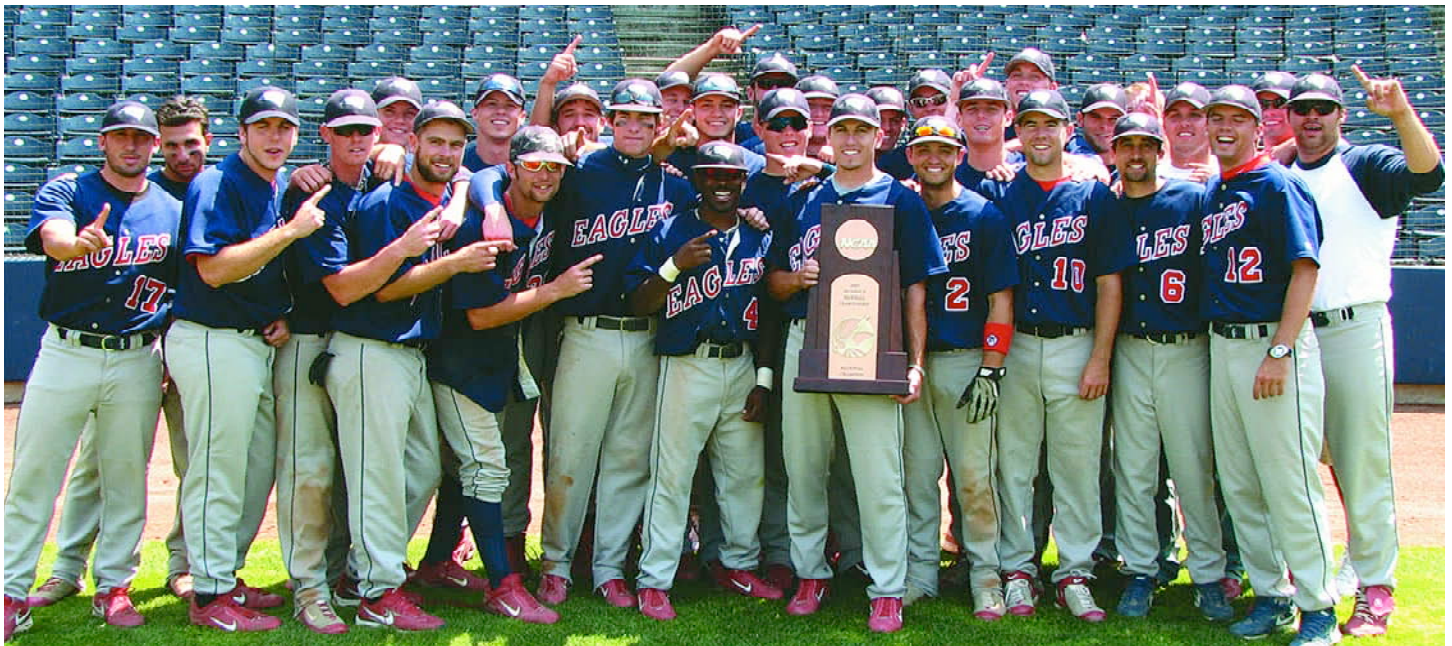
Mastroianni was chosen in the 16th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Toronto Blue



Mastroianni will play for the Auburn Doubledays, Toronto's Class A team.

Jays. He will forgo his senior season at USI and has been assigned to play for the Auburn Doubledays of the New York-Penn League, Toronto's Class A team.

Mastroianni was the 21st pick in the 16th round, 505th overall, and the 21st player selected by the Blue Jays.



The USI baseball team poses with the NCAA Division II North Central Regional trophy after defeating sixth-ranked Grand Valley State University at Canel Park in Akron, Ohio. The regional title was the first for the USI baseball program.

## Joergens' estate establishes basketball tournament

**A**round the USI Department of Athletics and the Varsity Club, Bill Joergens' presence was larger than life. Now his impact will be felt every year in the Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament.

The tournament, which is new to the USI men's basketball schedule in 2007-08, will be the highlight of eight non-conference games at the Physical Activities Center this year. The classic-style tournament (November 23-24) will feature USI, Bellarmine University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Southwest Minnesota State University.

Joergens started his association with USI men's basketball as a student athlete on one of the first teams in the



Joergens

late 1960s. A life-long Screaming Eagle, he continued his support of all Athletics by becoming chair of the Varsity Club and helping develop the annual Steak Fry 'n Auction into a major fundraiser.

When he died in 2005 after losing a battle with cancer, Joergens left the majority of his estate to benefit USI men's basketball, a gift he planned several years ago. Half of the gift will provide fifth-year scholarship aid for USI men's basketball players who have exhausted their eligibility.

The remaining half will fund the Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament to be held annually during Thanksgiving weekend.

"The effect of what Bill has done for Athletics throughout the years can be seen every day," said USI Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall. "It is an honor to place his name on what we believe will become a prestigious tournament."

USI men's basketball is coming off a record-breaking 29-6 overall record and a GLVC championship season. The Eagles have 18 home games at the PAC in the 2007-08 season.

## Eagles end season in All-American fashion

**T**he men's and women's track and field teams ended the 2007 outdoor season with an All-American flair. The Screaming Eagles took home five All-America awards at the 2007 NCAA II Outdoor Championships and finished the 2006-07 cross country/track and field seasons with nine All-America awards.

Junior men's competitor Paul Jellema (Dyer, Indiana) was the most successful. He recorded four All-America honors, including two at the NCAA II Outdoor Championships. Jellema, who earned All-America honors in cross country as well as the indoor 5,000 meters, was fourth in the 5,000 meters and seventh in the 10,000 meters at the outdoor championships.

Joining Jellema as an All-American on the men's squad was freshman Tim Sirbek (Hammond, Indiana). Sirbek, who was the GLVC Freshman of the Year in outdoor track, earned his first-ever All-America honor with a third-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Jellema and Sirbek's performances vaulted the Eagles to an 18th-place finish at the NCAA II Outdoor Championships, the highest finish since tying for 12th at the 1998 NCAA II Outdoor Championships.

Sophomore Allison Shafer (Plainville, Indiana) led the women's squad with three All-America honors during the 2006-07 cross country/track and field season. The USI/Integra Bank Female Student-Athlete of the Year, Shafer picked up her third All-America honor with a fifth-place finish in the 10,000 meters at the outdoor championships. She also earned All-America honors in cross country and the 5,000 meters during the indoor season.



Jellema



Shafer



Burgin

Rounding out USI's All-America list was senior Missy Burgin (Sellersburg, Indiana). Burgin picked up her second career All-America honor and her first for an individual event when she finished third in the steeplechase at the NCAA II Outdoor Championships.

As a team, the Eagles finished in a tie for 24th at the NCAA II Outdoor Championships.

## Alumni Council 2007-08

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# Alumni Calendar 2007-08 of Events



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| August 25    | USI Day at Holiday World<br>Picnic from noon to 2 p.m.  |
| September 11 | Alumni Council Meeting<br>5:45 p.m., USI Foundation   |
| September 14 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble<br>11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville                                |
| September 15 | USI the Early Years Celebration<br>5 p.m., Campus tour<br>6–8 p.m., reception, Wright Administration Building |
| September 22 | REC Madness<br>Tournaments begin at 9 a.m., Recreation and<br>Fitness Center                                  |
| October 6–7  | Parents & Families Weekend  |
| October 11   | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Gathering<br>7 p.m., The Rathskeller, Indianapolis                        |
| October 16   | Return to the Heart of Nursing<br>Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner<br>5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall          |
| November 13  | Alumni Council Meeting<br>5:45 p.m., USI Foundation   |
| December 2   | Lighting A Tradition<br>4 p.m., Orr Center Lobby  |
| December 8   | USI Fall Commencement<br>10 a.m., USI Physical Activities Center  |
| January 19   | Louisville Alumni Gathering following Basketball Games<br>at Bellarmine University                            |
| February 9   | Homecoming 2008   |

*All alumni are invited to attend these events.*



## 1970s

**Walter R. Brunton '73**, social science, has been appointed executive director for the American Red Cross in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

**Stanley S. Covey '74**, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher at Sugar Creek Elementary School in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

**Patricia Parkinson Sossong '77**, accounting, is the owner of Material Girl in Conway, Arkansas.

## 1980s

**John W. Key '82**, finance, has taken the position of senior vice president for Integra Bank of Evansville.

**Mark A. Preske '87**, marketing, was promoted to assistant vice president, director of procurement at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**David E. Sartore '87**, accounting, is senior vice president and chief operating officer at Ohio Valley Bank in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Jeffrey L. Devine '89**, history/political science, has been promoted to senior vice president, legal counsel and assistant corporate secretary for Integra Bank in Evansville.

**Scott A. Emery '89**, finance, is a systems engineer for Fujitsu Computer Systems in Little Rock, Arkansas

## 1990s

**J. Christopher (Topher) Collier '90**, communications, is a clinical psychologist and neuropsychologist with The Park West Practice in New York, New York.

**Jennifer Carter-Conaway '90**, communications, is a service coordinator at the Department of Social Services in Jennings, Missouri.

**Gregory R. Harpenau '90**, accounting, was named senior vice president and chief financial officer for Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Elizabeth Bryant Clark '91**, communications, is a design consultant at Gina's Interiors in Newburgh, Indiana.



McCarthy

## Jessica McCarthy leads Alumni Association

Attorney Jessica McCarthy '00 assumes the reins of the USI Alumni Association as two big

events highlight the alumni calendar this fall.

Students from the University's early years will want to reserve September 15 when they are invited to a reception with faculty from that era. The event honors students and faculty from 1965-84, the years before USI became a separate state university.

The second event is designed for recent alumni, especially those who want to get to know current students or pit their prowess and skill in recreational activities with today's students. REC Madness on September 22 combines a day of volleyball and basketball tournaments.

Another new event on the alumni calendar this year is the Alumni Day at Holiday World in August. The special ticket price for the day includes a noon buffet. This event offers graduates a chance to enjoy the attractions of the theme park as well as to introduce the entire family to other USI graduates and their families.

McCarthy graduated from USI as a history/social science teaching major, but her career choice was influenced during her USI years by the sponsors of her Presidential Scholarship. She was the recipient of the Joe S. Hatfield Memorial Presidential Scholarship, established by the Evansville law firm of Fine and Hatfield to honor its founder.

As a student and scholarship recipient, she had opportunities to meet and network with individuals from the firm.

"I was pulled in and impressed by the people who sponsored my scholarship," she said.

After graduating from USI, she earned a law degree at Valparaiso University School of Law. When she was near graduation from that program, she learned that Fine and Hatfield was seeking an associate attorney.

Attorney Tom Fitzsimmons, now retired as managing partner, said she was a natural fit for the job.

*"I was pulled in and impressed by the people who sponsored my scholarship."*

— Jessica McCarthy

Since joining the firm in 2003, her practice has focused on trial work—everything from medical malpractice to trade secrets.

McCarthy is beginning her third year on the USI Alumni Council. For her, participation in the Alumni Association is an opportunity to give back to the University and a "great opportunity to meet other alumni and to network."

"And we have a great time," she said.

McCarthy is president of Friends of Willard Library. She also is a volunteer for the Art for Life auction which benefits HIV/AIDS education and support programs.

McCarthy is a 1995 graduate of Reitz High School in Evansville. She lives in Newburgh, Indiana. ■

**Philip A. Schnautz '91**, accounting, is a manager at Wright Consultants in Evansville.

**Michael J. Wiederkehr '91**, accounting, was promoted to vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Mark D. Nettles '92**, business administration, has joined Regions Financial as vice president, consumer sales manager in Johnson City, Tennessee.

**John A. Lloyd '93**, business administration, was promoted to assistant vice president, commercial relationship manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**AmyLu Rice Riley '93**, communications, has taken the position of senior copywriter at Gray Loon Marketing Group in Evansville.

**Martin L. Book '94**, communications, has taken the position of vice president of Carriage Ford in Clarksville, Indiana.

**Rachel L. Rawlinson '94**, communications, is marketing business development manager for Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc., in Indianapolis.

**Harry W. Clark '95**, business administration, '99, Master of Business Administration, is a compliance analyst for DuCharme, McMillen and Associates in Indianapolis.

**Eric A. Crayner '95**, political science, is a special assignment officer for Metro Police Special Operations branch in Lexington, Kentucky.

**Bernie L. Deckard '95**, biology, is executive director of Cradle of Hope in Mount Carmel, Illinois.

**Kristina Harder Kaczor '95**, dental assisting, is a quality assurance and facilities auditor for Chestnut Hills Dental in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

**Monica L. Weiss '95**, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to vice president of finance at Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

**Terri Blume Bell '96**, elementary education, '02, Master of Science in Education, is a fifth grade social studies and language arts teacher at Cedar Crest Intermediate School in Ferdinand, Indiana.

## Steven Bridges recognized as 'star' by NACUBO

Steven J. Bridges '89 M.B.A. '95 has been recognized by the National Association of College and University Business Officers as a rising star, one of



Bridges

only two people nationwide. He is controller and assistant director for the Business Office at USI.

The award identifies future leaders in higher education —up-and-coming

individuals in the areas of finance, administration, and business known for their innovative, meaningful contributions to the improvement of their profession and the efficiency of their institution.

## Syd Whitlock named president of Scott County State Bank

Community Bank Shares of Indiana Inc. has named Syd Whitlock '00 as president and CEO of Scott County State Bank.

Whitlock has been with the company since 1998 and most recently served as vice president of retail banking for another Community Bank Shares subsidiary, Your Community Bank. His new appointment was announced in January.

Whitlock majored in business administration at USI.

**Matthew E. Folz '96**, accounting, was promoted to vice president at Harding, Shymanski & Company PSC in Evansville.

**Amy Huebschman Lutzel '96**, communications, '97, German, has taken the position of legal assistant in the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office in Evansville.

**Gerard W. Medicis '96**, sociology, is owner/counselor of Gerard Medicis, LCSW in Evansville.

**Scott A. Olinger '96**, accounting, was promoted to vice president at Harding, Shymanski & Company PSC in Evansville.

**Stacey Dunn Sharples '96**, French/ German, is an outreach services advisor for Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Florida.

**Scott T. Edmond '97**, business administration, '00, Master in Business Administration, was promoted to assistant vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**M. Jared Florence '97**, accounting, '03, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to director of business development and subsidiary accounting at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

**Daniel J. Hancock '97**, communications/ political science, is an attorney and recently opened the Hancock Law Office in Evansville.

**Rachel Bolden Mayes '97**, Master of Business Administration, was named manager of occupational and business analysis at Alcoa Warrick Operations in Newburgh, Indiana.

**James J. Oliver '97**, business administration, is director of membership services at Bob's Gym and Family Fitness in Evansville.

**Kena Liniger Hollingsworth '98**, English/Spanish, is a partner of Hollingsworth Jocham & Zivitz, LLC in Carmel, Indiana. She recently was appointed to the 2007 Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

**Nicole Devine Woodrum '98**, accounting, is a revenue assurance coordinator for Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

**Dustin M. Adams '99**, physical education teaching, was promoted to assistant vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Jasper, Indiana.

**Michael Chambliss '99**, business administration, was promoted to director of network operations for Vectren Energy Delivery in Evansville.

**Debra K. Duncan '99**, business administration, is vice president of human resources and training at Ohio Valley Bank in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Amanda Heisler Herrmann '99**, elementary education, was promoted to corporate trainer at Integra Bank in Evansville.

**Mark A. Hollis '99**, business administration, has joined Centerfield Capital Partners as manager, business development in Indianapolis.

**Laura Parker Moos '99**, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher at Hamilton Southeastern Schools in Fishers, Indiana.

**Lori J. Reed '99**, sociology, has been named executive director for Habitat of Evansville.

**Pamela G. Rhodes '99**, Master of Social Work, has joined aha!-Architects of Human Awareness as partner and psychotherapist in Evansville.

**Cynthia Voyles Smith '99**, communications, is a project manager at Roman BrandGroup in Indianapolis.

## Amy Smith joins USI Development



Smith

Amy L. Smith '01 has joined the USI Office of Development as assistant director of Development. She will work chiefly with athletics and corporate giving. She was most recently a client account executive at Card Management Corporation in Evansville. She also has previous experience with the Evansville Children's Psychiatric Hospital and Ireland and Lizio Behavioral Services in Evansville. Smith earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in health services.

**Kristin Reeder Tucker '99**, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, editor and publisher at Tucker Publishing Group, was awarded the Torchbearer Award in the entrepreneurship category by the Indiana Commission for Women. The Torchbearer Award is the highest award presented only to women by the state of Indiana. Tucker Publishing Group is creator and publisher of *Evansville Living* magazine.

## 2000s

**Kimberli Orth Balder '00**, elementary education, '06, Master of Science in Education, is career coordinator in the Office of Career Services and Placement at the University of Southern Indiana.

**Elizabeth Verkamp Barnes '00**, accounting, was promoted to manager for Harding, Shymanski & Company, PSC in Evansville.

## Homecoming 2008 • February 9

# Week of the Beak

### Basketball Games

- Women's basketball vs. University of Indianapolis at 1 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. University of Indianapolis at 3:15 p.m.

### Alumni Gathering

Complimentary Food Booths & Live Entertainment at 5:30 p.m.

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## USI Athletic Hall of Fame

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**Paul M. Esche '00**, accounting, was promoted to manager for Harding, Shymanski & Company, PSC in Evansville.

**Brian A. Hubbard '00**, communications, is an account manager with Maxim Staffing Solutions in Louisville, Kentucky.

**JoLynn M. Miller '00**, communications, is a sales representative for Toyota Industrial Equipment in Evansville.

**Jason P. Reckelhoff '00**, computer information systems, '03, Master of Business Administration, accepted the position of project manager for Vectren in Evansville.

**Kelli M. Reidford '00**, psychology, '04, Master of Social Work, has taken the position of care coordinator with Behavioral Health-care Choices, Inc., in Rockville, Maryland.

**Kristi Eidson Spahn '00**, accounting, was promoted to director of financial aid at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

## Alumni Association recognizes four with annual awards

An administrator, a faculty member, and two alumni were recognized by the USI Alumni Association during the Class of 2007 Graduation Celebration Dinner.

Recipients of the annual awards were John Deem, Special Recognition Award; Dr. Susan Smith Wolfe, Faculty Recognition Award; Donna M. Mesker '86, Alumni Service Award; and Brett J. Niemeier '81, Distinguished Alumni Award. All are residents of Evansville.

Deem, USI associate vice president for Student Affairs and assistant professor of accounting, joined the faculty in 1967, two years after the University was founded. He was registrar for 33 years and also has served as director of Veterans' Affairs, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, and acting vice president for Student Affairs. In 1968, he became USI's first men's basketball coach.

Wolfe, acting chair of the Department of Foreign Language, has been instrumental in growing the German language curriculum since she joined the faculty in 1988. Along with her colleague Dr. Folke-Christine Moeller-Sahling, she established USI's first distance education courses in foreign language in 2003. Wolfe has served as USI's Fulbright advisor. She retired this year.

Mesker has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the USI Alumni Association's mission to serve and enhance the excellence and reputation of the University. She was the 2006-07 chair of the USI Varsity Club and has served on the club's board since 2004. She served as president of the USI Alumni Association in 2001-02 and was an Alumni Council member from 1998-2006.

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes a graduate who has made outstanding achievement in career or in public service. Niemeier, a Vanderburgh County Superior Court judge since 2001, has distinguished himself as an innovator of court programs to assist at-risk youth and their families. He is responsible for all cases involving juveniles who are adjudicated to be in need of services or delinquent.



Deem



Wolfe



Mesker



Niemeier

## Standley named Honorary Alumna

Sherrienne Standley, USI vice president emerita for Advancement, was honored by the USI Alumni Association at the Graduation Celebration Dinner.

She was awarded the Alumni Association's first Honorary Alumna status. The award is for an individual who is not a USI graduate but who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the University and the Alumni Association. In addition, the establishment of an annual \$1,000 scholarship in her name was announced. The Sherrienne Standley University Service Scholarship will be given to a USI student who demonstrates commitment to University and community service activities as well as to academic achievement.

Standley retired this year. She joined USI in 1976.



Sherrienne Standley, center, USI's first Honorary Alumna, is congratulated by Tina Kern-Raibley '86, left, and Nancy Johnson '83 M '95.

**William Spradley '00**, elementary education, '05, Master of Science in Education, was honored as East Side Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. He is a science and social studies teacher at Washington Middle School in Evansville.

**Andrea D. Strange '00**, accounting, was promoted to manager at Harding Shymanski & Company, PSC in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Jarrod E. Arthur '01**, economics, is a keycenter manager at KeyBank in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Christopher R. Collins '01**, business administration, was promoted to commercial relationship manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Shawnetta Davis Compton '01**, geology, is a senior coordinator, quality assurance at Peabody Energy in Evansville.

**Heather Horton Estes '01**, Master of Science in Accounting, was promoted to assistant vice president, Sarbanes-Oxley manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Rachel Lee Lawmaster '01**, business administration, was promoted to manager of graduate admissions for Indiana University School of Informatics in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Christie M. Schlachter '01**, communications, has joined Lamar Outdoor Advertising as an account executive in Evansville.

**Michael E. Thomas '01**, finance, is lease analyst for Simon Property Group in Indianapolis.

**Stephen L. West '01**, elementary education, is a third-grade teacher at National Heritage Academies in Indianapolis.

**Jaleigh N. Burger '02**, journalism and computer publishing, was named sales manager of South Central Radio Group's stations WSTO and WABX in Evansville.

**Andrew A. Dick '02**, psychology, is an attorney for Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman in Indianapolis.

**Matt J. Giles '02**, finance, was promoted to vice president, investment consultant at Old National Bank in Evansville.



Artist Kim Kurdelak, right, talks with a student and Chuck Armstrong of the art faculty.

## Kim Kurdelak talks about balancing career and creativity

Kim Kurdelak '96, art, presented the 2007 College of Liberal Arts Alumni in Residence lecture, "Journey to Now: Human Being vs. Human Doing."

Kurdelak has a background in fine arts and a long-standing interest in figurative work. She is creative director at Promar, a graphic design agency in San Diego, California. She also maintains a fine art practice in her home studio. In her presentation, she discussed her journey from studio art major to the reality of working in the field of graphic design, the rewards and drawbacks of the design profession, and how she has learned to find a balance between that career and doing her own creative artwork.

## Heidi Graber shares insights on Alaska

Heidi Graber '04 BSW, '05 MSW returned to campus to share her insights with students and faculty on being a social worker in Alaska.

Graber spent the past two years as a social worker in the Nome, Alaska, schools and outlying villages. Her home is Odon, Indiana.

Her presentation as alumna in residence for the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services took place in April.

**Levi J. Grove '02**, chemistry, recently received a doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and has taken the position of senior research scientist at General Chemical Corporation in Parsippany, New Jersey.

**Holly Hassel Joseforsky '02**, Master of Business Administration, has joined Vectren Corporation as manager of health and welfare plans in Evansville.

**Ivy Krom Lyvers '02**, science teaching, is a biology and mathematics teacher at Tippecanoe Valley High School, in Akron, Indiana.

**Gregory D. Schilling '02**, chemistry, is a graduate research assistant at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Bonnie S. Schnautz '02**, business administration, has joined Ellis Park Race Course Inc., as vice president of marketing in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Meghan E. Volk '02**, psychology, recently graduated with a master's degree in student development administration from Seattle University in Seattle, Washington.

**Angie N. Williams '02**, public relations and advertising, is a real estate associate at Show Case Realty Group 11 in Garwood, New Jersey.

**Mark J. Brendel '03**, art, has taken the position of eMedia producer at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

**Jennifer L. Chansler '03**, accounting, is a plant accountant for Packaging Corporation of America in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Joshua A. Flint '03**, marketing, is a marketing director for Vincennes University in Indianapolis.

**Kristi M. Gault '03**, English, has joined the Evansville Jazzercise team at First Church of the Nazarene as an instructor.

**Shannon L. Hurt '03**, sociology, recently joined Southwestern Indiana Arts Council as a membership coordinator in Evansville.

**Deborah Fisher Kinney '03**, nursing, '04, Master of Science in Nursing, is a nurse practitioner/care coordinator with the correctional facility program at USI.

**Neil P. McManaway '03**, political science, has earned a master's degree in architecture and is employed at MulvannyG2 Architecture in Portland, Oregon.

**Kate Epley Moore '03**, sociology, is an administrator at the American Red Cross in Evansville.

**Brian J. Padgett '03**, public relations and advertising, is a contract administrator for Vectren Energy Delivery in Evansville.

**Christopher M. Wilguess '03**, communications, is a morning show host for Clear Channel Communications in Dayton, Ohio.

**Nicole Singer Bova '04**, communications, is a personal banking representative for Old National Bank in Indianapolis.

**Bryce M. Cooper '04**, sociology, is an officer in the Indiana Army National Guard and has returned from deployment in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is head coach for boys' soccer at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

**Connie Greenwood Davis '04**, business administration, recently accepted a position in loan documentation servicing with Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Travis N. Davis '04**, political science, is route manager for Central Transport in Evansville.

**Kaitlin P. Farley '04**, respiratory therapy, has taken the position of respiratory therapist at Spring Branch Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

**Anteia N. Greer '04**, communications, appeared on the television game show Deal or No Deal on March 4. Her winnings totaled \$402,000.

**Amanda Guthrie '04**, public relations and advertising, is an insurance marketing specialist for TWG Capital, Inc., in Indianapolis.

**Jeff A. Jones '04**, Master of Business Administration, has joined Gibson General Hospital as director of marketing and public relations in Evansville.

## Two big events for alumni this fall!



### **USI The Early Years Celebration • September 15**

Science Center Entry, Byron C. Wright Administration Building  
Campus Tour: 5 p.m. • Reception: 6–8 p.m.

Alumni and faculty who were on campus in the early years (1965-84) will reconnect at USI on September 15. A reception will honor faculty and commemorate when classes first began on this date in 1965.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

### **REC Madness • September 22**

Come out and play on September 22 in round-robin tournaments at USI's Recreation and Fitness Center. Form an alumni team or be placed on a co-ed volleyball team, men's basketball team, or women's basketball team. Complimentary food and prizes. No charge to enter tournament.



**For more information on these two events, call USI Alumni & Volunteer Services 812/464-1924.**

**Matthew A. Riordan '04**, public relations and advertising, is a captain specializing in field artillery in the U.S. Army. He has been awarded the Bronze Star for leading a 38-man platoon on 100,000 miles of convoys around the Baghdad area during deployment to Iraq last year. Riordan also served as the public affairs officer, coordinating all media support, for his base in Iraq.

**John K. Russell '04**, computer information systems, is an associate developer at Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

**Lisa Doddridge Verkamp '04**, public relations and advertising/marketing, was promoted to director of media services at AXIOM Marketing in Evansville.

**Carly L. Walton '04**, geology, has joined the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas as a field inspector in Evansville.

**Victoria I. Weeks '04**, nursing, is a registered nurse at Medical Specialists in Hobart, Indiana.

**Lindsay Blanford Barron '05**, Master of Business Administration, was named manager of market research and analysis at Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

**Jamie B. Brewton '05**, marketing, was promoted to south Geo buyer, women's dress/seasonal at Shoe Carnival, Inc., in Evansville.

**Jeanene Bohnert Farmer '05**, health services, is a medication assistance program coordinator at Deaconess Health Systems in Evansville.

**Kathryn E. Hart '05**, finance, is an accounting and payroll clerk at Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library.

**Jenny Vincent Johnston '05**, public relations and advertising, has joined ERA First Advantage Realty as a sales associate in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Kyle D. Kern '05**, public relations and advertising, is a gas dispatcher for Vectren Energy Delivery in Evansville.

**Jamie Willis Seitz '05**, accounting and professional services, was approved by the board for a CPA license. She is an internal auditor for German American Bancorp in Jasper, Indiana.

**Laura Chambers Brokaw '06** has joined Shoe Carnival, Inc., as a staff accountant in Evansville.

**Allison Suter Conner '06**, business administration, is an instructional assistant at Lenoir Community College in Trenton, North Carolina.

**Ria M. DeCamp '06**, biology, is a research technician with Covance in Evansville.

**Cori B. Edwards '06**, health services, recently joined Kindred Healthcare as an associate wellness coordinator in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Todd E. Hassee '06**, business administration, has taken the position of regional sales representative for Cintas Corporation in Indianapolis.

**Kara E. Hemenway '06**, management, has accepted the position of human resource generalist for Shoe Carnival, Inc., in Evansville.

**Jonathan D. McBride '06**, finance, has taken the position of corporate municipal finance portfolio manager specialist for Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Heather Kamman Pund '06**, accounting, is a staff accountant for Bookkeeping & More, Inc., in Evansville.

**Kelly M. Salat '06**, public relations, is an account coordinator for Peritus Public Relations in Louisville, Kentucky.

## Black Alumni Society presents scholarship



Janice Outlaw, treasurer of the USI Black Alumni Society, presented a 2007-08 scholarship award in March to USI student Kacheyta McClellan. McClellan was one of three USI students who will receive a \$500 scholarship from the society.

**Tonya K. Scherle '06**, accounting and professional services/finance, was promoted to branch operations officer at Freedom Bank in Jasper, Indiana.

**Michelle L. Schwanholt '06**, accounting and professional services, is a staff accountant for BKD, LLP in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Brittney E. West '06**, psychology, has taken the position of sales associate at ERA First Advantage Realty in Evansville.

## Keep your USI connection up to date



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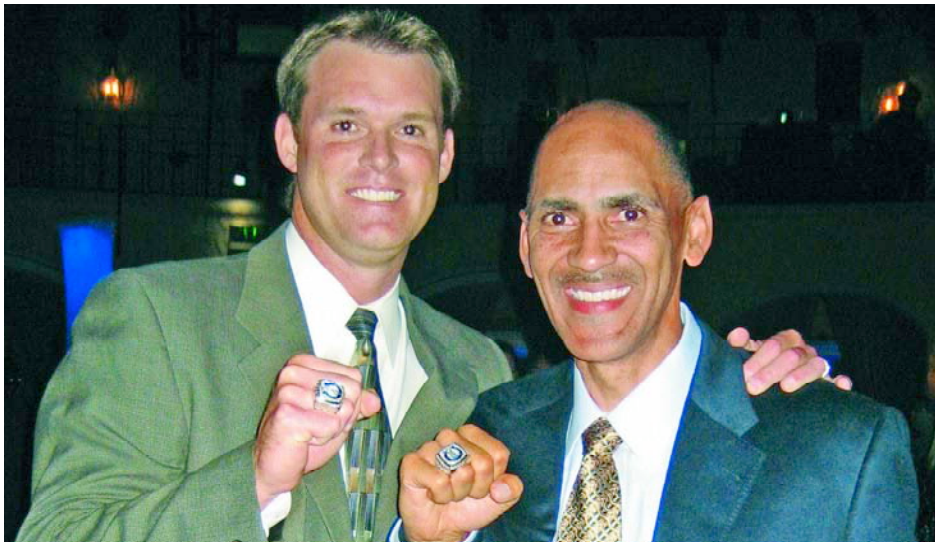
Moving?

Got a promotion or changed employers?

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## Brownfield shares in Colts' Super Bowl glory



Kip Brownfield '90 shows off his 2007 Super Bowl ring with Indianapolis Colts' Head Coach Tony Dungy. Brownfield, former USI men's basketball player, is the director of ticket sales for the Colts.

**Trenton L. Christian '07**, business administration, is an international sales representative at Red Spot Paint & Varnish in Evansville.

**Barbara Fisher Dixon '07**, computer information systems, is an analyst at American General Finance in Evansville.

**Theresa Moss Gilley '07**, general studies, is a licensed account manager at American Family Insurance in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Shelley D. Hanaver '07**, psychology/Spanish, is a teaching assistant at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky.

### Marriages

**Douglas R. Goepfner '95**, social work, and Angela Meade, December 23, 2006

**Sara L. Schaefer '98**, social work, and Andre Augustyniak, August 26, 2006

**Jamie L. Sterling '98**, elementary education, and Tye Hooten, April 26, 2007

**Jeff S. Kimmell '99**, social work, and Jamie Powers, April 14, 2007

**Kristen L. Haas '00**, elementary education, and Jeremy Reckelhoff, July 29, 2006

**Rachelle A. Mayer '01**, accounting, and Jarrod Barrow, October 14, 2006

**Anna M. Green '02**, accounting, '04, Master of Business Administration, and Justin Walz, May 28, 2007

**Amy D. Phillips '03**, health services, and Kevin Truxal, September 30, 2006

**Gennifer L. Kerby '04**, elementary education, and Jeremy Willis, April 14, 2007

**Brandon L. Barrett '04**, history/social science teaching, and Jill Cornaire, December 23, 2006

**Michelle M. Schmitt '04**, radiologic technology/health services, and Jason Rainey, October 7, 2006

**Aisha Earle Smith '04**, public relations and advertising, and John Havill, June 2, 2007

**Megan M. Wiles '04**, public relations and advertising, and Robert Black, December 30, 2006

**Katherine E. Radcliff '06**, psychology, and Josh Adams, December 16, 2006

### Births

**Nancy Sieben Koehler '93**, communications, and David, son, William Andrew, May 7, 2007

**Benny D. Shackelford '93**, physical education teaching, and Misty, son, Ethan Daniel, December 21, 2006

**Prudence Pekinpaugh Hoesli '96**, business administration, and Jonathan, daughter, Addison Frances, January 19, 2007

**Ellen Wellmeier Bickel '97**, Master of Science in Education, and Tim, daughter, Megan Ella, March 19, 2007

**Casey Winniger Blake '97**, communications, and Billie, daughter, Ella Christine, January 19, 2007

**Stephanie Wuchner Buchanan '97**, business administration, and Jason, son, Noah James, January 30, 2007

**Jenna Martin Eup '97**, communications, and James, son, Lincoln Joseph, March 10, 2007

**Brett A. Stevens '97**, biology, and Julie, son, Elliott Reid, April 26, 2007

**Valerie Stout Turpen '97**, biology, and Robert, son, Robert Samuel, January 9, 2007

**Elizabeth Feather Cave '98**, elementary education, and Tom, daughter, Shelby Elizabeth, July 23, 2006

**Autumn Trambaugh Aiman '99**, dental hygiene, and Andrew, daughter, Anistyn Kensley, December 5, 2006

**Lori Kaetzel Brubaker '99**, health services, and Tyler, daughter, Raylee Lupita, February 28, 2007

**Kasi Carlisle Ellerbrook '99**, elementary education, and **Andrew D. Ellerbrook '98**, business administration, daughter, Ella Kay, March 27, 2007

**Jennifer Gibson Hamilton '99**, elementary education, and **Nicholas J. Hamilton '01**, nursing, daughter, Adelynn Faith, April 29, 2007



**Brian A. Hubbard '99**, communications, and Whitney, daughter, Hanna Brynn, November 3, 2006

**Tara Black Lucas '99**, physical education, and Christopher, son, Joseph Alexander, March 9, 2007

**Randi Lampton Rice '99**, business administration, and **Matthew A. Rice '99**, business administration, daughter, Gillian Ann, January 30, 2006

**Julia Schlachter Gatz '00**, occupational therapy assistant, and Marcus, daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, January 22, 2007

**Danielle Hargis Scott '00**, occupational therapy, and Sanford, son, Owen Samuel, January 22, 2007

**Jennifer Smith Thompson '00**, psychology, '03, Master of Social Work, and **Jason L. Thompson '00**, political science, '03, public relations and advertising, son, Cole Matthew, June 23, 2006

**Robin Boone Hudson '01**, dental assisting, and **Shaun M. Hudson '01**, art, daughter, Olivia Marie, February 2, 2007

**Kristy Peterson Kahle '01**, nursing, and **Kary M. Kahle '02**, German/secondary education, daughter, Khloe Madelyn, December 29, 2006

**Cynthia Brown Townsend '01**, health services, and **James A. Townsend '00**, sociology, daughter, Nicole Addison, April 24, 2007

**Ronda Norman Watson '01**, psychology, and Jacob, son, Evan Jacob, February 23, 2007

**Anji Farwick '03**, Master of Science in Education, and Chad, son, Wyatt, February 1, 2007

**Shannon Higginson Schickel '03**, business education, and Shane, son, Nolan Robert, May 3, 2007

**Sheryl Goedde Farmer '05**, finance, and Joshua, daughter, Kyleigh Lynn and son, Braydee Michael, January 25, 2007

**Shannon Kempf Vickers '05**, nursing, '06, health services, and Mark, daughter, Isabelle Nichole, December 18, 2006

## LeAnn Freeland to coach at University of Indianapolis



Freeland

LeAnn Freeland '98 has been named head women's basketball coach at the University of Indianapolis, a Division II school and member of the same league, the Great Lakes Valley Conference, as her college alma mater.

Freeland has spent the past four seasons as the top assistant for Florida Gulf Coast University, the defending Division II national runner-up.

"Returning to Indiana is going to be great. I am looking forward to experiencing the Midwestern hospitality which I have missed over the past four years," she said.

At USI, Freeland was a three-time Division II All-American and two-time Player of the Year in the GLVC, leading the Screaming Eagles to the title game in 1997. She is a former assistant coach for the USI women's basketball team.

She was inducted to the GLVC Hall of Fame in 2004 and was one of 10 players nominated for the NCAA Division II 25th Anniversary Team in 2005.

## Kirt Page wins international award for research

Kirt Page '98 has received an award from a leading manufacturer of thermoplastics for his research on the topic of polymers.

The USI chemistry graduate was recognized as second-place winner in a ceremony at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland. In announcing the award, presenters said Page impressed the jury "with his deep understanding of the structure of functionalized polymer ionomers."

Page's winning research was titled "The Influence of Electrostatic Interactions on Chain Dynamics and Morphological Development in Semi-Crystalline Perfluorosulfonate Ionomers for Fuel Cell Applications." The competition was open to graduates who had written a doctoral thesis in the field of plastics and composites. As second-place winner, Page received 7,000 euros (more than \$9,000 U.S.) and a plaque designed by distinguished Swiss artist Beat Zoderer. The competition was sponsored by Quadrant, a global leader in the manufacture of high-performance thermoplastics and composites.

Since 2005, Page has been associated with the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he is a National Research Council postdoctoral fellow. His research continues to be focused on polymers. He earned a doctoral degree in polymer science and engineering at the University of Southern Mississippi in 2005.

At USI, Page conducted undergraduate research under the supervision of Dr. Howard Dunn, professor emeritus of chemistry. Page was among several of Dunn's students who discovered new chemical compounds. He received a Fulbright Enterprise Fellowship to study at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research in Germany in 1998-99.

In summer 2004, he was awarded a National Science Foundation East Asia Summer Fellowship to study at Osaka University in Japan.



Yochum

## Andy Yochum practicing at rural clinic in Illinois

Former USI Presidential Scholar Andrew Yochum '99 completed rotations in Indiana-polis and St. Louis while in medical school, but his big-city experiences did not sway him from his original intent.

"I grew up on a farm and always liked the rural community," he said. "My dream was always to set up practice in a rural area."

Yochum is a native of Vincennes, Indiana.

"In a rural setting, you get to know your patients better, and you get to know the community better," he said. "I think that's important."

Yochum recently completed a residency at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois, and has joined the Rea Clinic in DuQuoin, Illinois. He was the chief resident at Memorial Hospital for the past two years.

The clinic in DuQuoin is part of the Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation in southern Illinois, a medically

underserved region. Yochum has privileges at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale and at Marshall Browning Hospital in DuQuoin. He also expects to be involved in providing physician services at a clinic for adolescents that is under development in DuQuoin.

Yochum and Dana Herrin were married June 9. They met during his residency at Memorial Hospital, where she is a respiratory therapist. The couple, along with her 11-year-old son Britton and 5-year-old daughter Reese, live in Carterville, Illinois.

Yochum earned a D.O. degree at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, now known as Andrew Taylor Still University, in Kirksville, Missouri.

He graduated from USI with a major in biology. He was a student ambassador and served as president of the Student Alumni Association during his senior year.

## In Memoriam

**Ann Levenduski Curtis '73**, art, of Massillon, Ohio, died March 29, 2007. She was a dedicated mother, serving on the PTA and as a Cub Scout leader. Later in life, she pursued her passion for teaching children to draw.

**Joan Corressell Heath '74**, sociology, of Evansville, died March 14, 2007. She worked as a secretary and social worker for Evansville Catholic Charities.

**Kate McFatrige Walls '76**, elementary education, of Henderson, Kentucky, died March 12, 2007. She joined the Army and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the African Theater and European Theater. She was awarded a Bronze Battle Star for participation in the Italian Campaign and African-Middle Eastern Campaign. She also received a Good Conduct Medal. Walls taught at St. Boniface school in Evansville for 20 years.

**Thomas R. Farrar '77**, accounting, of Memphis, Tennessee, died March 2, 2007. He owned Farrar Financial Services, Inc., in Memphis.

**Janet F. Geer '81**, elementary education, of Evansville, died April 17, 2007. She taught at St. James school in Haubstadt, Indiana, for 17 years. She was a member of the Arts Council of Indiana.

**Pamela White Burg '94**, social work, '95, Master of Social Work, of Newburgh, Indiana, died April 27, 2007. She served the community as a Girl Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, and in many other volunteer positions.

**Susan Miller Persohn '97**, business administration, of Newburgh, Indiana, died March 5, 2007. She was a real-estate agent for The Realty Group.

**Jeremiah J. Wring '01**, finance, of Evansville, died June 4, 2007.

**Wesley J. Attebury '04**, general studies, of Evansville, died May 19, 2007. He was a basketball standout at Reitz High School, leading his team in scoring and rebounding during the 1997-98 season. He played for Olney Central College in Olney, Illinois, where he was named the Great Rivers Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 2000 and All-GRAC in 1999 and 2000. Following his sophomore year he signed with the USI Screaming Eagles where he continued to excel. He was employed with Coca-Cola as a merchandiser for five years.

**Janet Wyatt Berkey** died July 6, 2007, in Evansville at age 76. She was an instructor of psychology at USI before joining Family and Children's Services and later establishing a private practice.

**Carl David Sclarencio**, assistant professor emeritus of English, died June 17, 2007, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at age 79. He taught at USI from 1968-88.

## We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Let us know! We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).



# Come for a visit

## See for yourself what it's like to be a student at USI

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