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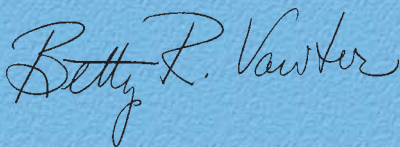
### A proud past

In each issue of *USI Magazine*, we regard it as our mission to tell you what is happening now or going to happen in the future—new people, new programs, new buildings. But in this issue, we take a trip down memory lane. Administrators, faculty members, alumni, and friends tell us what it was like back in the University's early years and about the vision that has unfolded over time to bring us to the University of Southern Indiana's 40th birthday.

While we know we have only scratched the surface of stories that could be told, we hope you will find in these articles and photos some familiar reminiscences and reminders of your campus connection.

Our thanks go to Gina Walker in University Archives and all those who were interviewed for stories in this issue. We also thank the contributors who shared their memories. You can read more contributor stories and see other content related to USI history on the anniversary Web site at [www.usi.edu/1965](http://www.usi.edu/1965).

I think you will appreciate reading how far the University has come in 40 years. Happy birthday, USI!



Betty R. Vawter

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### ON THE COVER

A display of memorabilia in the Wright Administration Building honors the 40-year history of the University of Southern Indiana. Legend, page 28.

In 1968 John McCutchan, left, a member of the ISU Board of Trustees, and David L. Rice talk with Frank F. McDonald at the campus groundbreaking. ISU President Alan Rankin and West Side Nut Club member Richard Emge are to the right.



The campus today

## USI—Four decades of growth

On September 15, 1965, the first students attended Indiana — a vibrant student-centered, comprehensive university that prepares the workforce and puts its resources to work for the region and the state.

By any standards, the University of Southern Indiana was a small school when it started. Its focus wasn't on becoming large; its advocates simply wanted something that the Evansville community didn't have.

"It really has never been about size for us," said USI President H. Ray Hoops. "It's been about meeting the unmet needs of the area and the state. So the physical facilities and enrollment have followed the demand for high-quality, postsecondary educational options.

"I think that's one of the reasons we've grown the way we have."

In its 40 years, the University has become widely respected across Indiana by producing well-prepared graduates for the state's workforce, and by putting



its own resources to work for the region and the state.

Graduates have gone on to do everything from populating Indiana's

workforce to being elected mayors and sheriff. And often individuals credit the University for their success.

"In my case, it took a while to realize what the University gave me," said Vanderburgh County Sheriff Brad Ellsworth, a USI graduate. "Besides the concrete knowledge there were peripheral benefits, like learning to deal with diverse groups, generating thought-provoking ideas, and then analyzing things. These are things I use every day as sheriff.

"So with me, it wasn't so much learning that '2+2=4'; it was more the life experience USI gave me that has helped in my life and my career."

Today, the University is teaming with local business to create even more of those life experiences.

class at what is today the University of Southern Indiana that prepares the workforce and puts

The University has begun partnerships with both General Electric and Vectren for cooperative learning programs. According to faculty members, both are in their early stages, but are expected to be beneficial to both partners, by bringing students to the plants, and professionals to the classrooms.

"The project with Vectren can really get started the first of September," said Dr. David E. Schultz, an assistant professor of engineering. "And it will offer several advantages. It gives faculty an opportunity to get students involved in real-world experiences—you can take what is going on in the real world and apply it in the classroom.

"Students also can take the things they are learning in the classroom and

apply them to real, hands-on applications."

Couple such opportunities with the notice that comes with success in the sporting arenas—from a 1995 NCAA Division II basketball championship to several Great Lakes Valley Conference championships—and what was once a commuter student's destination for education has become a student-centered, comprehensive residential university for students throughout Indiana.

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The University of Southern Indiana opened its doors September 15, 1965, under the name "Indiana State University Evansville."

The first class boasted 412 students — 244 full-time and 168 part-time — hailing from "as far away as Tell City," according to an *Evansville Courier* article at the time.

In 1966, Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE) started a community fund drive—a drive that would raise nearly \$1 million. SIHE used the money to buy a 1,400-acre tract of land off Highway 62, in western Vanderburgh County.

In 1967 the Indiana legislature approved the first buildings on that land. A year later, the funds were in place.

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And in 1969, the first building opened on what would become USI's campus.

The new campus was dedicated in April 1970, with honorary degrees conferred to those who had played roles in its conception. But it wasn't until more than a year later—June 2, 1971—that the first degrees were conferred.

"That was one of the most exciting days of my life—it was a major accomplishment that I had finished my college degree," said Harolyn Torain, a member of that first graduating class and eventual USI Board of Trustees member. "I remember the graduation being outside, and if I remember correctly, I think it had rained earlier that day, and it was threatening rain the rest of that evening.

"But it didn't rain...and I've still got a picture when I walked across in front of that single building that was at the new campus at the time."

Later that year, Dr. David L. Rice was officially named president. He and his family had come to Evansville from Muncie so he could direct the new campus.



Dr. David L. Rice explains plans for the future and shows the campus model concept.

Meanwhile, ISUE's academic credentials continued to grow. In 1972, the Evansville Center of the Indiana University School of Medicine opened, offering training for first-year medical students. Shortly after, the Bent Twig Outdoor Education Center opened, winning a national Sears Environmental



Dr. Donald Bennett, left, congratulates Frank F. McDonald upon receiving an honorary degree at campus dedication in 1970.

Award for the Westwood Garden Club.

By 1974, the University Center was open, providing the Pyramid Lounge as a popular hangout for students.

The University opened a Children's

Center that year, to care for the children of students and employees.

ISUE was becoming a force for education in Southwestern Indiana. But continued development wouldn't happen without a few pains—as the coming struggle for independence from Indiana State would illustrate.

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"I recall being on a research study for the legislature, and Evansville had about the lowest portion of participation in going-to-college of any section in the state," Rice said in a 1995 interview. "As a result, Evansville had gone through the trauma of losing many industries, many jobs.

"And I think, almost to a person, the leadership of this community had the foresight to know that higher education was one of the needs that they had to really develop in order to be the kind of community that it should and could be."

But selling the legislature on independence—and selling them on spending the money for such independence—would prove to be another story.

By 1975, ISUE had 86 full-time faculty members, and 149 staff members. It provided academic programs in 31 areas, including engineering technology, with a Technology Center that opened earlier that year.

Locally, officials had become vocal about independence. And, according to one former state senator, there was significant support in Indianapolis to make it happen.

Unfortunately, making it happen was too bitter a battle for the time.

"About that time, the House passed a bill declaring a separate higher education institution in Evansville, and it came to the Senate," said the late Robert Fair, who was an Indiana state senator at the time. "I'll never forget the (Education Committee) hearing.



It became very obvious among the discussion of the members of the committee that we had enough votes to pass it. And Eldon Lundquist was the chairman of the Education Committee, and I'm sure his instructions were that it should not pass.

"So the only thing he could do to avoid the vote—and he did it in a very high-handed manner—was to adjourn the meeting, and not allow a vote on the bill because he knew we had the votes to pass it.

"It was the most arrogant use of power I ever saw in the legislature."

The legislative defeat didn't stop the University's growth in acclaim.

The University's respectability became even more apparent in 1979,



Students promoted the campus with ISUE t-shirts.

when the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools awarded 10-year accreditation to the campus.

In 1982, the men's cross-country team raced to third place in the national NCAA Division II tournament. By then, those and other sporting events could be heard on the University's radio station AM 820, WSWI.

The station was donated by South Central Broadcasting in 1981, for use as a learning tool by University students.

By 1984, the University had its own student housing, built by SIHE.

About that time, officials decided it was time for another pass at separation.

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"(Indiana State) wanted to keep us as a satellite, but they wouldn't support us in the things that we needed down here to do the educational job that was needed," said the late Joseph E. O'Daniel, a member of USI's Board of Trustees and Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. "Fortunately, we had a governor from



Governor Robert D. Orr signs the bill creating the University of Southern Indiana.

Evansville, and he was favorable toward the idea of giving us independence.

"We talked to him over a period of four or five years, and he said, 'Don't worry about it—we'll get it done before I leave office.'"

In 1985, both houses of Indiana's legislature passed bills officially creating the University of Southern Indiana. And, in a ceremony at the University, Governor Robert Orr signed the bill into law on April 16, at 12:07 p.m.

That same year, USI undertook the management of Historic New Harmony—a partnership that has allowed educational and cultural opportunities for USI, while helping the New Harmony community thrive.

"The management of Historic New Harmony has given USI an opportunity to engage faculty and students in a special learning opportunity," Hoops said.



Historic New Harmony visitors center is located in the Athenaeum.

"And I think our involvement has been good for them. It has stabilized the restoration; and we have brought a marketing expertise to this historic town.

"So I think we've been instrumental in making this area one of Indiana's true cultural jewels."

By 1986, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools was calling again—this time to award USI 10-year accreditation for its graduate and undergraduate programs.

The recognition wasn't going un-noticed by potential students.

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## Memories

### BOARD OF INCORPORATORS

My first real memory of my USI experience is a telephone call from then-Governor Bob Orr, asking me to chair the Board of Incorporators, whose duty would be to make certain specific recommendations to the General Assembly for the establishment of an independent, state-assisted university in southern Indiana. [The governor said] I had been selected because of my experience in higher education, as well as my having joined the corporate world, plus the fact that I came from "north of state road 40."

Having been told that the legislature had passed a bill authorizing the establishing of such a board, I called the Legislative Services Bureau and asked for a copy of the bill. I was told they would send one to me if I would send a check in the amount of 10 cents! I suggested that they call the Governor's office about this since the Governor had indicated that he would call back on Monday for my answer. They sent me the bill.

—John J. Pruis, Chair,

USI Board of Incorporators;

President, Ball State University, 1968-78

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USI's excellence in academics was helping the University grow.

Dr. Howard Dunn, professor emeritus of chemistry, said, "In the early '70s, my first major push was to develop a strong undergraduate research experience for our students. The biggest challenge was to find dedicated laboratory space. I remember the only place we could find to do research was in a corner of the physics stockroom. We also found some space in the chemical storage room. Despite these difficulties we had success.

"When we did become USI, I felt research was even more important, if we were going to compete against other state universities for funding," said Dunn.

"During my last four years at USI, the students synthesized over 50 new chemical compounds," he said.

"This was a phenomenal achievement for undergraduate students. Over the four years, they presented a total of 23 papers at professional meetings in Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, and Massachusetts. Our students brought national and international recognition to the University."

As a result of the University's mounting academic reputation and increasing enrollment, the need for student housing was growing. In 1986, SIHE purchased the Campus Apartments complex and converted it into student housing.



The Campus Apartments complex, opened in 1986, was the first campus housing for students.

And in 1988, USI broke ground on a new \$7.8 million classroom building.

That also was the year the University's academic divisions re-organized into schools, and that Dr. Melvin Denner, a biology professor, was named Indiana's



Presidential Scholar alumna Carry Embry Rudolph '00, left, talks with donor Henry Ruston, and David Bower from the USI Foundation. Since 1991, more than 160 Presidential Scholars have earned baccalaureate degrees.

Professor of the Year. It was the year USI awarded its first master's degrees to graduate students. And it was the year that the USI Foundation initiated its Presidential Scholarship program for high school valedictorians and salutatorians, thanks to generous contributions by local citizens.

"That program was born from a faculty concern that Indiana's brightest students were leaving the state because they weren't receiving competitive scholarship offers," Hoops said. "It brings us talented students who are pacesetters inside the classroom. Their talented friends, after exploring the University, follow them here.

"USI has become the college of choice for some of the best and brightest," Hoops said.

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The next six years would be a landmark time in USI's sports history—as well as a passing of the torch in University leadership as, after 26 years

with the University, Rice announced his plans for retirement.

"Dr. Rice's imaginative yet realistic leadership shaped USI into a dynamic institution," said USI alumnus Dean Webster, in a documentary about the University's history. "It's a University that not only meets the needs of the people of this region, but is an integral part of public higher education throughout Indiana."

The library, the central core of a University campus, was named for Rice in honor of his steady and wise leadership. Rice Plaza was named for USI's



President Emeritus David L. Rice, left, and President H. Ray Hoops tour campus in 1994.

original First Family, David and Betty Rice. Mrs. Rice's hospitality was legend for campus special events, donor fund raisers, community receptions, and faculty and staff luncheons and open houses.

After a national search, Hoops was chosen to succeed Rice, becoming the University's second president in 1994.

Hoops was met at the gate by a \$4.7 million expansion of the University Center, the opening of the Health Professions Center, and the completion of the overpass from Highway 62 into campus. He oversaw the creation of www.usi.edu, the campus's official Web site. And he



Freshmen move into Governors Hall, a suite-style residence hall.

received a welcoming gift from the athletic department: a Division II National Championship from the men's basketball team in 1995.

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Hoops' 11 years in the president's office have produced dramatic growth at USI.

New buildings, larger enrollment, and new degree programs have continued to establish USI as one of the valued higher education options in Indiana. And they have helped shift the focus of the school from a commuter institution to a more residential campus—a development that has fueled the expansion of campus housing and student development programs.

"Is there anyone who could have predicted 10 years ago what we've become," Hoops asked. "I can't say that everyone has accepted every change we've been through, but we remain flexible and agile."

Since 1994, USI has added new undergraduate majors, ranging from



The 1995 men's basketball team and staff celebrate the NCAA Division II National Championship.

engineering and exercise science to international studies, computer programming, and food and nutrition, to give the University more than 70 undergraduate majors. And it has added new master's programs in health administration, occupational therapy, and public administration.

In 1995, faculty reviewed the general education elements of the curriculum and proposed and approved a new core curriculum. Dr. John Gottcent, professor of English and director of the University Core Curriculum, said the overall goals of the core are to develop skills in critical thinking and information processing. The core includes courses designed to help students understand themselves and the world so that they can become responsible citizens and leaders.

USI has institution-wide accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. It also has program-specific accreditation from 14 other accrediting bodies, and engineering is pending accreditation until the first class graduates in 2005.

"Many institutions have regional accreditation that covers the whole University," Hoops said. "But we place a great deal of importance on program-by-program accreditation. I think that grew initially out of the fact that this was a developing institution, and it was a way of giving quality assurance to people who were making quality decisions about an institution they didn't know much about.

"That's not as big a deal now, but still, accreditation remains the way to ensure quality programs and education to the public."

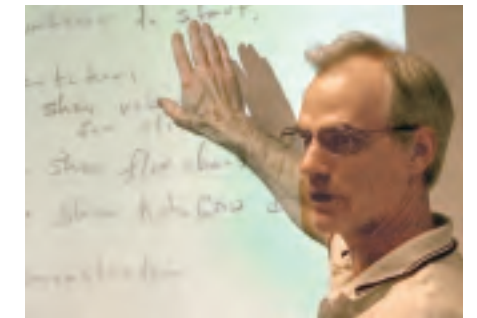
So where to from here?

The University's enrollment continues to grow at a record pace from 7,551 in 1993-94 to more than 10,000 in 2004-05. More than 2,000 people are now employed by the University—up from fewer than 50 when it opened in 1965.

The sports programs continue to dominate. In 1998, USI became the first Division II school to have both the men's and women's basketball teams ranked Number One in the nation. In 2004, the men's basketball team finished second in the NCAA Division II tournament.

And Hoops has no intentions of slowing down any time soon.

"I am looking forward to being a part of the growth and maturation of this institution," Hoops said, when he



Instructor David Ellert explains concepts to engineering students. The four-year engineering program is among new academic programs approved this decade.

was inaugurated as president in 1995. "My fervent hope is that I will be able to pass the chief executive officer position of the University to my successor in as good a shape, with as bright a future, as my predecessor, Dr. David Rice, passed it to me."

His first 11 years have been an impressive start.

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# USI alumni making an impact

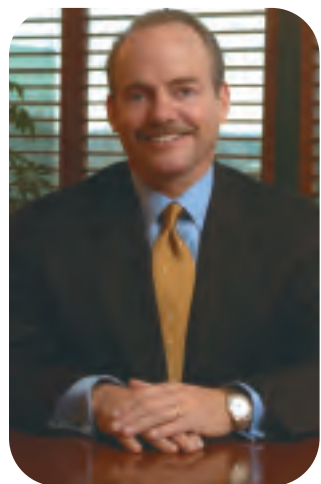
In Evansville and beyond, thousands of alumni are putting to use the guidance, education, and experience they received at USI as their careers and personal lives unfold. On these pages we present a sampler of alumni whose achievements speak for themselves.



## EXECUTIVE RECRUITER Stephen Dezember

**Stephen A. Dezember, '71**, marketing, is vice president and managing director for the Atlanta office of A.T. Kearney Executive Search. Recruiting top-level talent for major companies, he interfaces with senior-level management, many of whom he knows personally from a distinguished career in marketing. Dezember was associ-

ated with a number of pharmaceutical companies, including Upjohn, Searle, Kimberly Clark, and Everest & Jennings. He served two stints with Bristol-Myers Squibb, one as director of new business development for pharmaceuticals and the second as vice president for marketing and sales for the Jobst Division. As part of his work in pharmaceuticals, he applied his expertise to acquiring products and building them into national brands with consumer marketing. One such product was Icy Hot, the topical pain reliever. Another was the contraceptive sponge, marketed over the counter to women and later made even more well known by a "Seinfeld" episode. Dezember was the Outstanding Marketing Graduate of 1971 and a founder of the USI student chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity.



## BANKING LEADER Steven J. Schenck

In a 32-year career in banking, **Steven J. Schenck '72**, accounting, has advanced from the internal audit department of Indiana National Bank to his present post as chief executive officer of the Midwest Banking Group for Regions Bank—all without leaving the building at One Indiana Square in downtown Indianapolis. Schenck, who has been there as

the bank name changed through mergers and acquisitions from Indiana National to NBD to Union Planters to Regions, counts his 1985 appointment to the post of chief financial officer for Indiana National as a pivotal moment that made him a key part of the management team as banking opportunities emerged in the following years. An Evansville native, Schenck worked full-time at Kroger as an assistant manager during his college years, picking up street smarts in working with people and learning how to motivate them. Regions' Midwest Group includes 262 branches in 130 communities in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Kentucky.



## NEW YORK ATTORNEY Jane L. Hanson

**Jane L. Hanson, '74**, political science, received a Juris Doctor from New York University and is of counsel in the litigation department of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP international law firm's New York headquarters. Her practice emphasizes employment and immigration counseling and litigation in federal, state, and local courts, and before governmental agencies and arbitration tribunals, and also includes providing employment advice in mergers and acquisitions, outsourcing, and financial restructurings. In 2002, she was recognized for her participation in the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Challenge. She worked on 10 different pro bono matters for clients such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation, the National Mentoring Partnership, and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. At the request of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Hanson helped a girl from Kosovo who had lost both legs to a land mine get immigration approval to stay in the United States long enough to receive proper medical assistance and prosthetics. Milbank was named "Pro Bono Publico and Public Service Law Firm" by the Legal Aid Society in March 2005, and Hanson was honored for her extensive representation to the Legal Aid Society during its restructuring period in 2004.

## PIONEERING SPECIALISTS

### John W. Fehrenbacher Michael R. Niemeier Daniel Beckman

Three USI graduates are physicians with Clarian Health Partners, one of the largest health systems in Indiana. Methodist Hospital, Indiana University Hospital, and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis are the hospital partners. The physicians are pioneers in cardiac care, pulmonary disease and critical care, and surgical electrophysiology. They contribute to patient care, medical research, and innovation.



A thoracic surgeon, **Dr. John W. Fehrenbacher '72**, biology, performed the first lung transplant and the first heart-lung transplant in Indiana in 1989. In 1991, he performed the state's first bilateral lung transplant. Fehrenbacher specializes in cardiothoracic surgery with sub-specialties in thoracic aortic aneurysm surgery and heart-lung transplantation. He has earned international recognition for work in thoracic aneurysm repair; is a recent past-president of Cor-Vasc, one of the three largest car-

diovascular groups in the nation, and is a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He earned his medical degree from Indiana University in 1976, and was awarded an honorary degree from USI in 1990.



**Dr. Michael R. Niemeier '75**, biology, is the founder and president of Respiratory and Critical Care Consultants. He also is the medical director of Critical Care and co-chief of Pulmonary/Critical Care at Methodist Hospital. His specialty is pulmonary disease. He is director of Inpatient Acute Care Services, and he is on the Board of Directors for Clarian West Medical Center and chairman of the Clarian West Medical Center Board Committee on Quality. He is a clinical assistant professor of medicine for Indiana University School of Medicine and a 1979 graduate of IU School of Medicine. Niemeier is an associate with Fehrenbacher and Dr. Daniel Beckman. Niemeier said, "I interact with patients before surgery and monitor the recovery of patients after surgery. Since I'm not in surgery, they rib me saying I don't like the sight of blood."



**Dr. Daniel Beckman, '75**, biology, is surgical director of cardiovascular critical care at Methodist Hospital. He is the third surgeon in the world to perform microwave ablation minimally invasive surgery for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, an abnormal heart rhythm. He has performed this surgery for more than a year and now trains other nationally respected surgeons on the procedure. Beckman performed the first multi-vessel off pump coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) in Indiana in 1997 and the state's first endocardial balloon mapping system for ablation of ventricular tachycardia in 1988.

He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society and the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation. He is a 1980 *summa cum laude* graduate of IU School of Medicine.

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### HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE

#### Barbara Butler

In 1989, **Barbara Butler, '81**, respiratory therapy, '85, health occupation education, joined the new HealthSouth Tri-State Rehabilitation Hospital in Evansville as respiratory therapy director. Nine promotions later in 1999, she was named chief executive officer of the facility, now called HealthSouth Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital. She also has responsibility for the HealthSouth facility in Terre Haute. Together, the two hospitals provide rehabilitation services for 2,750 inpatients each year and log 15,500 outpatient visits annually. "When the patients come in, they are debilitated. Some have been told they never will walk again due to a spinal cord injury or lead a productive life due to a brain injury. Seeing them go out of here walking and able to lead productive lives is the most rewarding thing about my job," she said. "We've had weddings in our courtyard. And we've had patients who could not walk when they came here dance with their doctor on their day of discharge."

Butler said that USI has been a conduit for her continued growth. After earning two degrees at USI, she completed the master's in public administration in 1994 when Indiana State University offered the program at USI. She serves on the advisory board for USI's master's in health administration program and has been an adjunct faculty member.

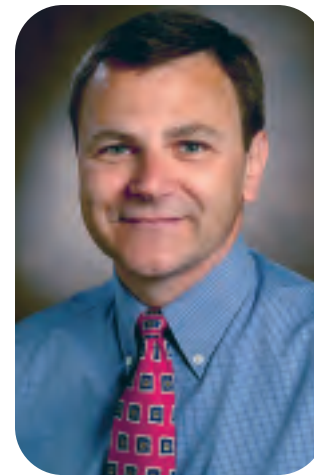


### SHORT-STORY WRITER

#### Barbara Haas

The first short story that **Barbara Haas '80**, English, had published was written for a class at USI. "Literally, one moment I was sitting in a USI classroom and the next thing I knew, I was publishing in my field," said the associate professor of English who teaches creative writing at Iowa State University. She describes her style as imagistic and lyrical — influenced by some of her

early USI writing instructors who were poets. Since that first story in 1981 in *The North American Review*, Haas has continued to have work published regularly in such journals as *Glimmer Train*, *Hudson Review*, and *Virginia Quarterly Review*. In May, a story about a family on a whale watch expedition appeared in *Pisgah Review*. In January, she will have a story in *Lake Effect* about a character who is in Florence, Italy, with her brother. Haas' collection of short stories, *When California Was an Island*, was published by Story Line Press in 1987. She received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1987 and was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in 2001.



### HEART HEALTH TRAILBLAZER

#### Joey V. Barnett, Ph.D.

**Dr. Joey V. Barnett, '81**, biology, is associate professor of pharmacology, medicine, and microbiology and immunology at Vanderbilt University. His research focuses on the genes and molecules that regulate the formation of the cardiovascular system. In addition to treatments for congenital and acquired heart disease, a molecule recently discovered

in his lab could lead to the development of new anti-cancer drugs. He is past chairman of the American Heart Association's Study Section on Cardiovascular Development, which reviews and funds grants directed at understanding the causes of congenital heart disease. He also served as a member of the National Peer Review Oversight Committee that defines the policies by which the American Heart Association funds over \$130 million dollars in research annually, and has served in similar capacities for the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation. He is an active member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors.



### WOOD ARTIST

#### Kevin Irvin

When **Kevin Irvin '82**, art, walked into his first art class at USI, he thought he was in the wrong place. What was an art class doing in the wood shop? But when faculty member John McNaughton showed slides of his wood sculpture, Irvin was hooked. He earned an M.F.A. at Arizona State University in 1985 and then worked out of a friend's garage for two years before establishing a sculpture studio in Phoenix. For the last 10 years, he has strictly done furniture—signature pieces that combine art with function. "I want to make something that doesn't look like anything else I've ever seen," the artist said. He completes 14 to 17 finely detailed items a year, many

with sculpted bronze highlights and overlapping veneers that form intricate geometric patterns. His furniture has been in exhibitions from New York to Los Angeles and is seen in Phoenix at Bentley Projects. Irvin was featured in 2000 on the HGTV series "Modern Masters."

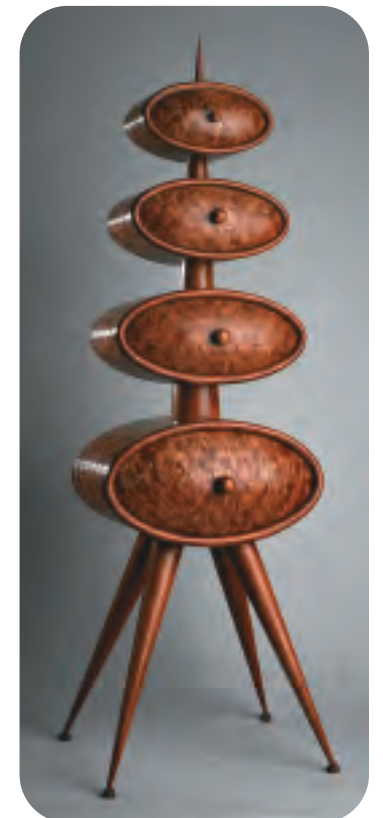


### TEXAS LAWYER

#### Alan W. Tompkins

**Alan W. Tompkins, '83**, economics, earned his Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor degrees from Southern Methodist University. He also earned a master's degree in accounting from University of Texas at Dallas. He has worked as a businessman, lawyer, and adjunct professor at SMU. He is currently General Counsel for Unity Hunt, Inc., in Dallas where he manages legal and business

affairs for the Lamar Hunt family and their affiliated entities (including Hunt Sports Group). Hunt holdings include the Kansas City Chiefs, three major league soccer teams, and an interest in the Chicago Bulls. *Dallas Business Journal* chose Tompkins as a finalist for Best Solo General Counsel in Dallas/Fort Worth in 2004. He is a minority owner of the Highland Park Blue Sox, one of eight baseball teams in the Texas Collegiate League, and is an instrument-rated pilot.



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### HOMELAND ADVOCATE Ilo M. Mutombo

People look up to **Ilo Mutombo '92**, communications, in more than one way. The 6-foot-9-inch former USI men's basketball player has dedicated himself since 1998 to helping his brother's foundation build a 300-bed hospital in Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dikembe Mutombo of the Houston Rockets established the foundation to help the people of his homeland live more healthy and productive lives. Ilo has traveled to the Congo regularly, staying months at a time to handle administrative duties involved in the development of the hospital. If construction continues on schedule, the Congo's first new fully equipped medical facility in 30 years will open in October 2006.

Back in the states and close to home, Ilo recently established a business, Special People Transportation Limo Service, in Washington, D.C. He lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. Since his student days at USI, Ilo also has worked for Comsat Corporation, dealt in overseas imports, and appeared in the 1994 movie "The Air Up There" with Kevin Bacon.



### ACCOUNTING ACHIEVER Michelle Schroeder

**Michelle Schroeder '96**, accounting, deals every day with numbers, but when she talks about Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana, she talks about people — about the satisfaction she receives from leading and teaching those who report directly to her and seeing them grow. And she reveals the pride she has in watching the company grow and knowing that she made a difference. First affiliated with Kimball

in 1984, Schroeder has been corporate controller since 2002, with responsibility for worldwide accounting and financial reporting. In December, she was awarded the additional responsibility of vice president, giving her a larger role in the strategic aspects of Kimball International, which has operations in Mexico, Poland, and Thailand, as well as in the United States. Schroeder's success in business is no surprise to those familiar with her preparation and focus as a student. She was a *summa cum laude* graduate of USI and earned the second-best score in the state when she took the CPA licensing exam in November 1996.



### EXEMPLARY EDUCATOR Cathlin Gray

"As educators, we are responsible for addressing the academic needs of children, but we can't address those in isolation of the children's emotional, social, and health needs," said **Cathlin Gray '85**, elementary education. Assistant superintendent of federal projects and director of the School Community Council for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, Gray was a kindergarten teacher and then principal at EVSC's Cedar Hall Elementary School when she recognized that many of the children and their families had unmet needs. Under her direction Cedar Hall became Evansville's first full-service community school, teaming with community agencies to provide not only educational opportunities, but also medical, social, and recreational services. In her present role, she has taken the full-service concept to the next level, facilitating a partnership of 75 community organizations coming together to collaborate and support children and families throughout the school corporation. Representatives on the council work together to use their resources, avoid duplication, and make a difference. A nontraditional student when she attended USI, Gray received the prestigious \$25,000 Milken Educator Award in 1998.



*Kenneth Fisher with his children Lucas, age 7, and Johanna, age 5.*

### FINE WOODWORKER Kenneth Fisher

The lambing chair, a popular style of chair used by English shepherds in the mid-18th and the 19th centuries, has returned as studio furniture created by **Kenneth Fisher '77**, biology. A sculptor and woodworker, Fisher lives in New York, France, and Posey County in Indiana. Fisher was introduced to the lambing chair through the Jane Owen family, who had inherited such a chair in the 1970s. Owen is a New Harmony, Indiana, benefactor and patron of the arts. Using the Owen lambing chair as a

model, Fisher began building the chairs in several sizes using his designs, and he is developing a bigger market for the chairs. Each chair is built by hand, photographed, numbered, and signed, making it a unique piece and giving it a history of its own. He continues to restore furniture and build new art furniture on commission. Fisher earned a master of fine arts degree from the Rhode Island School of Design.



*Kenneth Fisher has interpreted the lambing chair for modern-day use. This chair is made of sassafras and is in a private collection in France.*

### TALENT AGENT Jackie Knobbe

**Jackie (Miller) Knobbe, '93**, communications, lives in a small town in Nebraska with her husband Kent, a farmer, and their baby daughter, Chloe, but works for the Agency for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles. The firm represents actors, writers, producers, and directors, and has a music division. Knobbe works with comedians, getting them jobs at college campuses, corporations, theaters, and in television and film. Knobbe's involvement with USI's Activities Programming Board led directly to her career. As vice president of programming for APB, she negotiated with agents, booking talent for University events. She attended conferences of the National Association for Campus Activities and met college talent buyers. After graduating from USI, she worked for a small talent firm in New Orleans before moving to Los Angeles in 1995. Her agency represents some of the biggest names in comedy, including Steven Wright, Larry the Cable Guy, Adam Sandler, Jamie Kennedy, and Drew Carey.



*USI graduate Jackie Knobbe, second from right, poses with clients and friends backstage at the Aladdin Casino in Las Vegas. From left are Aubrey Wessel (daughter of Victoria Jackson), Victoria Jackson, Kevin Nealon, Jon Lovitz, Knobbe, and Mikhho Brando (son of Marlon Brando). Jackson, Nealon, and Lovitz, all former cast members of Saturday Night Live, were performing "An Evening with the Stars of Saturday Night Live" at the casino. The three were Knobbe's clients at the time.*

## USI Foundation tops \$50 million in assets in 2005

The USI Foundation's assets have leapt from a pre-*Campaign USI* level of \$7.7 million in 1996 to more than \$50 million in 2005. Million-dollar charitable gifts as well as long-term fund-raising, investment, and spending strategies have helped fuel the amazing 10-year growth.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "This is an exceptional growth in assets for an institution of our size and age. Without the extraordinary support this University receives from its friends and alumni and the business community, the level of excellence we are able to provide for our students would not be the same."

fiscal year 1995 to a high of \$9.49 million in fiscal year 2002. Average annual gift and pledge totals increased to \$7.7 million over the five-year period since fiscal year 2000. Unrestricted gifts to the USI Annual Fund have shown a steady increase from \$210,670 in 1994-95 to nearly \$400,000 in 2004-05.

The Foundation's board of directors works with its development staff to develop long-term fund-raising strategies; annual goals are adopted each year. With substantial numbers of scholarships designed to meet students' financial needs, primary emphasis is placed on attracting endowments for the University's top merit scholarships, which

include the Presidential Scholarships and Deans Scholarships. Additional emphasis is placed on attracting greater numbers of unrestricted gifts through the USI Annual Fund, which provides the University with the flexibility to meet its highest priorities and most urgent needs.

The Foundation's endowment—permanently restricted net assets (a group of funds established by donor-restricted gifts) invested by the Foundation to support the University's mission in perpetuity—also has grown since 1995, when the endowment was valued at \$1.7 million. Today, the endowment exceeds \$20 million.

In 1998, immediately following the University's successful first capital campaign, the Foundation board, working through its finance committee, adopted its first investment policy, outlining its investment and spending strategies and hiring a professional investment manager. The finance committee credits the Foundation's

investment growth to the diversity of its investment portfolio and its conservative 4.5 percent spending policy.

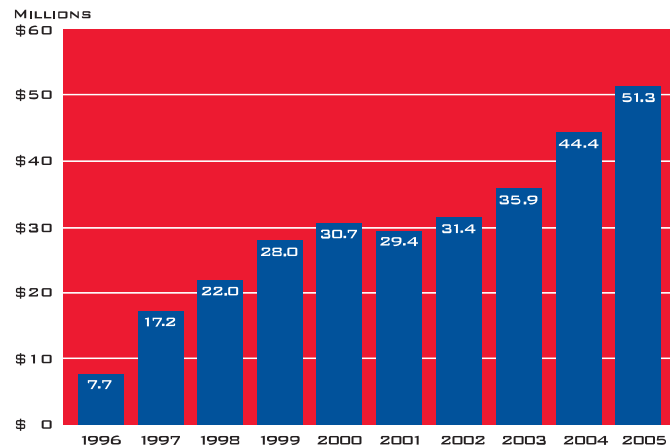
The USI Foundation's investment pool is a diversified portfolio governed by the board's investment policy. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the annual rate of return in the pool was 15.23 percent with a 47.74 percent increase in market value.

### Million-dollar legacies

The President's Associates was reorganized in 2003 to recognize donors who achieve significant lifetime charitable giving totals. Members of the Jennings D. Carter Society, named for Nick Carter, the donor of USI's first \$1 million gift, include those friends and organizations which have made gifts totaling \$1 million or more. The impact of their gifts is immeasurable.

Margaret H. and Lori H. Blair  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation  
Jennings D. and Ann Y. Carter  
Jennings D. and Josephine K. Carter  
Olive Carruthers Clift  
Rebecca Nunn Couch  
Epi-Hab of Evansville  
Richard A. and Susie Gumberts  
Edward F. Harrison  
Donald R. and Allene Hazeltine  
Lilly Endowment, Inc.  
Robert H. and Elaine H. Pott Foundation  
Aline Nunn Renner  
Henry W. Ruston  
James A. Sanders  
Southern Indiana Higher Education  
Dallas Bower Suhrheinrich  
W. Paul and Mildred Torrington

GROWTH IN USI FOUNDATION ASSETS



Leadership gifts to *Campaign USI* during 1996-98 included commitments for most of the million-dollar gifts which have been fulfilled over the past decade. The USI Foundation also is indebted to alumni, friends, student and alumni families, and employees of the University of Southern Indiana who made qualifying gifts for the Lilly Endowment grant totaling \$4 million during the Challenge for Academic Excellence in 2002-03.

Over the past 10 years, charitable gifts and pledges have averaged \$6.5 million per year, ranging from a pre-*Campaign USI* low of \$2.2 million in

## What the USI Foundation provides for the University...



Attracting \$81.6 million in charitable gifts and pledges since 1985

Providing leadership and volunteers to raise \$24 million during *Campaign USI*

Building and furnishing the University Home

Establishing the Presidential Scholarships as first merit scholarships

Acquiring million-dollar endowments for two academic colleges

Growing the USI Annual Fund from the original Century Club gift club

Underwriting professional faculty development

Funding the student leadership academy and student development programs

Benefiting from expertise provided by its Board of Directors

Acquiring the first academic chair to attract exceptional faculty

Organizing The President's Associates as key donor recognition program

Topping \$750,000 in scholarships and awards for students in 2004-05

Providing \$1 million to purchase lab equipment for the new Science Center

Managing faculty recognition awards

Raising private support for The New Harmony Theatre and other community outreach programs

Acquiring private funding for Eagle Math program for second-grade students

Managing the charitable Gifts-in-Kind program

Attracting the University's art collection

Topping \$40 million in investment pool assets in 2005

Funding the USI Alumni Association's programming

Purchasing private residences in the University neighborhood

Receiving \$11.4 million in deferred gifts through the Reflections planned giving society since 1995

Underwriting the new Parents and Families Association

Providing \$1 million in direct cash support to the University every year since 1996

Managing the program to fully fund scholarships for student athletes

Attracting the \$4 million Endowment for Academic Excellence

Establishing the Legacy of Lifetime Giving donor recognition program

Exceeding \$20 million in permanently endowed funds in 2005

Topping \$50 million in total Foundation assets in 2005

2004-05  
USI Annual Fund  
sets new record  
at \$387,690

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$110,000	\$65,000	\$225,000	\$400,000
Actual	\$120,223	\$71,099	\$196,368	\$387,690

### Colloquium to explore cradle of civilization

The second annual international interdisciplinary colloquium sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts will explore shared cultural motifs from Ur, the cradle of civilization. Titled "Ram in the Thicket," the event will be held September 23 in Carter Hall.

Faculty from nine departments of the College of Liberal Arts will give 20-minute lectures and poetry and prose readings. Faculty also will exhibit paintings and photographs. The symbol for the colloquium will be the Ram in the Thicket, an object made of gold, lapis, and shell circa 2600 BCE.

Patricia L. Aakhus, instructor in English and director of the interdisciplinary major in international studies, is coordinating the event, held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited.

### Susan Wolfe receives Cooper Award

Susan Smith Wolfe, associate professor of German, has been named winner of the 2005 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. She will deliver a presentation to the University community during the 2005-06 academic year.



Wolfe

She joined the USI faculty in 1988.

The Cooper Award honors a faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering University Core Curriculum goals. It is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, an Evansville philanthropist and longtime USI supporter.



The Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center will be an addition to the lower level of the Liberal Arts Center.

### Gallery realizes dream of benefactor Ken McCutchan

Plans are in progress to build an art gallery that will showcase the work of art students and provide educational opportunities in the visual arts to the University community and the public.

The 6,000-square-foot gallery, an addition to the lower level of the Liberal Arts Center, will be a dedicated exhibit space with four distinct exhibition areas with movable partitions. A foyer overlooking Reflection Lake will provide space for opening receptions and gallery information. The new construction also will provide a hallway for access to the Liberal Arts Center and a workroom/storage area.

The project was approved by the USI Board of Trustees at its January meeting and has received state approvals.

The estate of Kenneth P. McCutchan, longtime art patron and Evansville resident, has provided a large portion of the funds for the project, estimated to cost \$1.1 million. The gallery will be named to honor his memory. Additional funding for the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center will be raised by the USI Foundation and by the sale of art prints donated by Michael Aakhus, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of art. To complete construction costs, additional gifts are being sought by the USI Foundation.

In addition to student shows, the McCutchan Art Center 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.

### Rotary Club honors President Hoops with civic award

University of Southern Indiana President H. Ray Hoops received the 2004 Rotary Club Civic Award, one of Evansville's most prestigious awards recognizing public service.

Hoops was praised in the citation for having "led a decade of dramatic growth in enrollment, in new degree programs, and in new classroom buildings and student housing."

"Under Dr. Hoops' leadership, the University of Southern Indiana has been transformed into a nationally recognized institution of higher learning that has made significant academic, as well as economic, impacts in Southern Indiana and the region."

Expressing appreciation for the recognition, Hoops said it was "an award for the entire University," reflecting the way the community has taken the institution to heart. The award was presented in February.

### USI Theatre

#### The Birthday Party

by Harold Pinter  
Directed by Elliot Wasserman  
October 5-8 and 11-16  
USI Theatre

#### Metamorphoses

by Mary Zimmerman  
Directed by John Berst  
November 9-12 and 15-20  
Mallette Studio Theatre

For more information call  
812/422-3970  
usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre



# When Eagles Soar

## A rising record of athletic achievement



### In the beginning

Beginning in the Accredited College League 40 years ago, the teams in the USI Department of Athletics learned to walk as Spartans before the athletes took flight as Eagles.

The program started in 1965 when Indiana State University-Evansville sponsored a men's basketball team as a club sport in the Accredited College League. The nickname for the next five years would be the Spartans.

In 1970, the athletic programs assumed an appropriate new moniker.

"Since a majority of our students came from the greater Evansville area, we did not want to pick colors closely associated with one of the local high schools," said Bob Roeder '71, then president of the Student Union Board.

"Many of us at the University also had close personal friends and family serving in Vietnam and we wanted to show our support for the soldiers," continued Roeder. "The feeling on this campus was 180 degrees different from other campuses across America."

Red, white, and blue colors were chosen for the University. The decision was influenced by the patriotic feeling of support for the Vietnam veterans and

the location of USI in the Mid-America University Center, also figuring into the decision. The nation's symbol, the bald eagle, was the choice for the mascot.

The first true intercollegiate programs were men's basketball in 1970-71; baseball and men's golf in 1971-72; and men's tennis in 1972-73.

Men's golf was the first USI athletic team to step onto the national stage by placing 15th nationally in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in 1973 after winning the NAIA District 21 championship.

Men's basketball would make its first appearance in the NCAA Division II Tournament in 1977-78. The Eagles won their first game by defeating Northern Kentucky University but fell in the regional final against Eastern Illinois University.

The women's programs emerged in 1975-76 with the creation of the women's basketball team, followed by softball and women's tennis in 1976-77.

In the late '70s, USI and its Faculty Athletics Representative Charles Bertram

Left photo:

LeAnn Freeland, who led the Eagles' women's basketball team to the 1997 finals, was named the College Sports Player of the Year in 1995 as a sophomore. As a junior and senior, she was the first USI student athlete to be named a two-time Academic All-American (1996 and 1997) and earn an NCAA post-graduate scholarship.

Middle photo:

At 7-feet, 6-inches, the late John Hollinden has the distinction of being the tallest Screaming Eagle in the history of the men's basketball program. The All-American helped lead the Eagles to two GLVC championships and two NCAA Division II Tournament appearances between 1979 and 1981. He is USI's all-time record holder for blocks with 365 over two seasons. Hollinden was drafted in the 10th round by the Chicago Bulls but did not get a chance to play due to injuries from a 1981 car accident. He died in 1992 at the age of 34.

Right photo:

Stan Gouard was named the Player of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches in 1995 and 1996.

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helped create the Great Lakes Valley Conference, and that inception coincided with the emergence of men's cross country and men's soccer, two of USI's most successful programs.

### In the '80s

During the '80s, nobody did it better in the GLVC than USI men's cross country and soccer. Men's cross country won 10 conference crowns between 1979 and 1991, including eight in a row (1980-87). Men's soccer was just as successful, taking 10 conference titles between 1980 and 1991, winning six in a row (1980-85) and four in a row (1988-91).



Bill Stegemoller, cross country coach, 1979-98, with Elly Rono, 1997 national champion

Cross country also had USI's top finish on the national scene during the '80s. The squad was third nationally at the 1982 NCAA Division II National Championships. USI also hosted the NCAA II National Championships in 1987.

"It was neat to always be the favorite," said Jim Nolan, former All-American and four-time GLVC champion. "The group was really tight and we knew that if you had a bad race, someone would pick you up.

"We knew we had arrived when a reporter from WFIE said [ISUE] was known for its running. I feel that our success in those early years jump-started all of the programs to work toward regional and national success."

USI's legendary cross country Head Coach Bill Stegemoller said, "We always expected to win the GLVC. The team was third the first year before winning 10 straight. When we lost the first time, people said 'What happened?' Nolan and those guys were very special and they set the standard for everyone after them."

Soccer made its only appearance in the NCAA II Tournament in 1982, hosting Oakland University, but remained one of the top 20 teams in the country. At that time only 12 teams advanced to the NCAA II Tournament. In the GLVC, USI was the dominant force, posting a perfect 7-0 mark in the league and outscoring its opponents 37-1 in 1990.

Tony Colavecchia, former USI head coach and for the last 10 years the head coach at the University of Louisville, said, "We had a combination of local talent and international players that set a nice balance. This combination also created interest in the community. Evansville grew to know not only about the local players, but who a Shane Gibson [from England] was.

"The University made a major commitment to the program in the late '80s and early '90s with lights and a new field. To resurface the field was nearly \$70,000. This gave the public the impression that USI was committed to the program."

The new soccer field was named Strassweg Field in honor of the family who donated the lights and bleachers.



Tony Colavecchia, men's soccer coach, 1989-95



Bruce Pearl, men's basketball coach, 1992-2001

### In the '90s

The continued success by men's soccer and cross country did indeed give the USI programs momentum in the '90s.

In 1992, the men's soccer team moved to the NCAA Division I, where it competed for three years. "USI got to rub shoulders with some big-time Division I programs like Bradley and Kentucky," said Colavecchia. "It was a fun time and showed the potential the department had."

The propellant for the men's basketball program to skyrocket arrived in 1992 in the form of Bruce Pearl.

With Pearl, now head coach at the University of Tennessee, the men's basketball program improved from an average 15 wins a year to more than 25 a season. The nation took notice of the USI athletic programs when the men's basketball team was the 1994 tournament finalist and the 1995 national champion.

"In the community, there was always a great respect for the quality of Division II basketball," Pearl said. "Winning the national championship brought that respect to the surface and gave USI the recognition it deserved."

The women's team fed off the men's success. Under Head Coach Chancellor Dugan, now head coach for women's basketball at Florida Atlantic

University, the USI women's team earned its first appearance in the NCAA II Tournament in 1995 and advanced to the finals in 1997. The women's team improved even more significantly than the men's team, going from an average of nine wins a year to more than 20 wins.

"Women's athletics at USI took off in the mid-'90s, starting with our tournament run," Dugan said. "Since that appearance nationally on ESPN, the female student athletes at USI have been standing center-stage with the men.

"Taking the steps for women's athletics to be successful was not easy. It required



Chancellor Dugan, women's basketball coach 1991-99

leadership. President [David] Rice, Dr. [Donald] Bennett, and Dr. [Charles] Bertram encouraged the development, giving the women's team a chance to show its potential and competitive spirit."

The '90s also saw the re-emergence of women's cross country, a sport that was dropped in the mid-'80s, and the birth of women's soccer and women's golf. Women's soccer made an immediate impression, reaching the 1998 NCAA Division II Tournament quarter-finals in just its third season.

### After '00

Entering a new century, the Eagles have continued to move forward.

Women's basketball advanced to the NCAA II Elite Eight in 2001 under the direction of Head Coach Rick Stein. Since 2000, Stein's Eagles have won the GLVC Tournament twice.

The men's basketball team made a return to the national scene by advancing to the NCAA II Tournament National Championship game in 2004. Although the Eagles fell in that game, 3.9 million households saw the televised game.

Under USI men's basketball Head Coach Rick Herdes, who took over for Pearl in 2001, the men's basketball team has averaged 25 or more wins a season, the eighth most among all three divisions of the NCAA. The Eagles also have won 20 or more games in a season for 13 straight seasons.

Women's track is making the most recent progress. In 2004, the team was seventh at the NCAA II National Championships, led by Heather Cooksey, who became the University's first female national champion. Candace Perry picked up the second national title for women's track, winning the 2005 NCAA II outdoor long jump. The women's track program has posted three straight top-10 finishes between 2003 and 2005.

Men's tennis and volleyball have emerged as regional contenders in the last five years. Men's tennis has won the GLVC Tournament five times since 1998 and has advanced to the Great Lakes Regional six straight times.



Heather Cooksey, outdoor track, 2004 national champion

Volleyball has averaged 24 victories per season since 2000, winning the GLVC twice and making two NCAA II Tournament appearances.

"As we proceed, each program will strive to make USI Athletics a model program," said USI Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall. "Over the past few years the student athletes have done the job in the classroom with a grade-point average of 3.0 and in the athletic arena by earning numerous NCAA II Tournament appearances and honors.

"Our goal is to be nationally competitive across the board, excelling academically and athletically."



Women's basketball team, 1997 NCAA II Women's Basketball National Finalist

1970s

**Paul E. Reising '72**, social science, has joined Mulberry Center, Inc., as executive director in Evansville.

**Jack L. Van Wey '72**, marketing, is the vice president of sales at Pioneer Packing, Inc., in Santa Ana, California.

**Robert J. Grannan '74**, accounting/ finance, is second vice president at Monumental Life Insurance in Baltimore, Maryland. He recently assumed a corporate role to develop a national sales distribution channel.

**Allen R. Mounts '74**, management, '91, Master of Business Administration, is the executive vice president and chief human resources officer for Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Dennis R. Cash '75**, accounting, is a teacher at Reitz High School in Evansville.

**Gilbert K. Johnson '75**, political science, is a payroll supervisor for United States Enrichment Corporation in Paducah, Kentucky.

**Robert E. Rheinlander '75**, political science, is an attorney with Flynn, Rheinlander & Shaw, LLP, in Evansville.

**Robert B. Walker '75**, English, is an ordained minister with Zion United Church of Christ in Evansville.

**Stanley J. Barron, '76**, psychology, '00, Master of Business Administration, is the quality assurance manager for O'Neal Steel Company in Evansville.

**David W. Herrenbruck '76**, marketing, was promoted to vice president, Private Client Group, and will continue as a high-net-worth client advisor at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Karla Moll Horrell '77**, administrative systems, is the executive director at the Evansville Association for the Blind.

**Ronda Gorman Williams '79**, sociology, '96, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist for Union County Schools in Morganfield, Kentucky.



ALUMNI  
Calendar of  
Events



- September 6 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
- September 16 Alumni Fun Golf Scramble, 11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville
- October 6 Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Gathering, 7 p.m., The Rathskeller, Indianapolis
- October 18 Return to the Heart of Nursing: Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall
- November 3 Knoxville Alumni & Fans Gathering for USI at University of Tennessee Exhibition Men's Basketball Game; time and location to be announced
- November 8 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
- November 20 Louisville Alumni & Fans Gathering for USI at University of Louisville Men's Exhibition Basketball Game; time and location to be announced
- December 4 Lighting A Tradition, 4 p.m. USI Orr Center, Holiday tree-lighting featuring the Madrigal Singers and Santa photos with children
- January 10 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
- February 11 Homecoming 2006

All alumni are invited to attend these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924. Check out the Alumni Web site at [www.usi.edu/alumni](http://www.usi.edu/alumni).

1980s

**John J. Bolger '80**, business administration, wrote a book entitled *I Wish Someone Would Have Told Me*. He resides in West Olive, Michigan.

**Stephen R. Hart '80**, social science, '88, Master of Secondary Education, is the assistant principal and head football coach for Bethlehem High School in Bardstown, Kentucky.

**Jean Berberich Morgan '80**, marketing, is director of marketing for T.H. Elfert, Inc., in Lansing, Michigan.

**Randall W. Dauby '82**, accounting, is the chief executive officer at Hamilton Memorial Hospital in McLeansboro, Illinois.

**Kent R. Kern '82**, management, is a product manager for Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas.

**Craig R. Santor '82**, general science, is the owner of Eddy Bay Lodging in Eddyville, Kentucky.

**Laura J. Rush '83**, computer information systems, is the education manager for Automated Office Solutions in Evansville.

**Stephen J. Russell '83**, management, has been hired by Deaconess Hospital as director of patient financial services in Evansville.

**Myra May Wetzel '83**, respiratory therapy, is the chief executive officer at HealthSouth Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana.

**Daniel H. Durbin '84**, communications, is the principal at Beaufort High School in Beaufort, South Carolina. For the second consecutive year, Beaufort High School was ranked in *Newsweek's* list of 1,000 top U.S. public high schools.

**Jacqueline Wilmes Hunt '84**, accounting, is the controller at the Pendennis Club in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Lori Goodman Kissinger '84**, marketing, is an assistant professor at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Memories

ENROLLMENT IN ISUE — A HOT TICKET IN SEPTEMBER 1965

Dr. William Jones came to Evansville with the task of opening a branch of Indiana State University. He had an abandoned school building named Centennial that sat at the corner of Indiana and St. Joe Avenue on Evansville's west side. I was working for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation as a counselor at Reitz High School. At the same time, I was working on my doctorate, plus teaching psychology courses in Henderson and Madisonville for the University of Kentucky. Dr. Jones offered me a job teaching psychology courses for the new branch. I was delighted because Centennial was less than one mile from my home compared to the travel for U of K. The money was the same.

Dr. Jones conducted a pre-enrollment to help determine the number of students per classroom. The branch also offered enrollment the first day of class. All classes were taught between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. There were no daytime classes. I think that was because there were no teachers available during the day. We were all "adjunct" or part-time.

I had been assigned a room with 36 arm chairs. This was a corner room with windows that went from the floor to the ceiling. When EVSC closed the school, the rooms were stripped of everything including the window coverings. Needless to say, at 5 p.m. in the summer, facing west, the sun was unbearably hot.

As I stood at the door to my classroom, students started to arrive. Quickly the 36 chairs were occupied, and students kept coming. Some sat on the floor; others stood. By 6 p.m., I had 67 students crammed in a room designed to

hold 36. There were no window shades and, obviously, no air conditioning. Breathing was a challenge.

I will never forget that one student asked me what the appropriate dress would be. I thought for a second and replied that "anything goes." I estimated the temperature to be 100 degrees. I had worn a suit and tie. At the end of the first night's session, I had lost four pounds and many of the students equaled or surpassed that.

I dismissed the class 30 minutes early to check on additional seating and texts. Dr. Jones, his secretary, and I finally secured enough chairs for 48 students. The main campus in Terre Haute was to send additional textbooks and supplies, which didn't arrive for two weeks.

I thought that first night experience would discourage about half of the students from returning, but to my surprise the second meeting brought back 65 hardy souls. One student brought a thermometer to measure the temperature and, sure enough, it topped 105 degrees. Another asked if she could bring some type of cover for the west windows. There was another enterprising student who asked permission to bring in some folding chairs from her church. These people were fantastic. They truly wanted an education and they were willing to sacrifice to get it.

I taught at ISUE for several years, and the overall quality of the students was excellent. They were eager to learn, and many of Evansville's leaders came through the doors of ISUE.

— Gerald T. Jessee, Ph.D.,  
Evansville

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**Tammy Weiss Schroeder '84**, art, repairs and designs jewelry for Tracy Zeller Jewelry in Evansville.

**Moulton M. Cato '85**, communications, is the director of academic training and compliance at Indiana Business College in Indianapolis.

**Kenneth C. Zuber '85**, finance, has been named chief of the Evansville Fire Department.

**Adam W. Hall '86**, accounting, is human resources manager at Ahlstrom Engine Filtration in Madisonville, Kentucky.

**Tim McGuire '86**, accounting, has been promoted to chief financial officer at Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

**Paul D. Medcalf '86**, business administration, has been appointed president of North American operations for Trio Pines Casters in La Mirada, California.

**Daniel W. Sanders '86**, mathematics, is the federal program manager for Energy Systems Group LLC in Evansville.

**Marc S. Duhe '87**, communications, is the community programs trainer for Constituent and Neighborhood Services in the Office of the Mayor in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**David L. Higgins '87**, psychology, is the senior director and therapist for River Valley Behavioral Health in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Kathy A. Yearwood '87**, accounting, has been promoted to vice president/controller with Shoe Carnival in Evansville.

**Randall J. Zimmerman '87**, marketing, is the national sales manager for Carbolite Foods, Inc., in Evansville.

**Tracy Deal Reese '88**, accounting, is director of financial services at Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent DePaul in Evansville.

**Sharon Thomas Sartore '89**, accounting, was promoted to vice president and chief financial officer at Rogers Jewelers in Evansville.

# Memories

## FACULTY TRIBUTE

I remember starting at the Centennial location in fall '67 after a year of partying at Indiana University. The classes were small, and the instructors spent a lot of time and effort with students. Dodging the falling plaster also helped my coordination.

I was in student government in '68-'69 and saw the new campus being built. Then I had to go to Terre Haute for classes I couldn't get at ISUE in '69-'70. I returned to the new campus in '70-'71 and was in the first commencement exercise (all 151 of us) on the lawn in front of what is now the Wright Administration Building.

I returned to take graduate classes in '77 and completed a Master of Public Administration [then offered by Indiana State University on the USI campus] in '79. I returned to USI in '99 and graduated in the class of 2003 (There were over 1,400 of us at that time.) with a degree in computer information services. The staff and faculty were still very helpful and considerate of student needs.

— **John Schroder '71, '03**,  
Assistant Director, Vanderburgh County  
Office of Family and Children,  
Evansville

## MEETING A MATE

I met a delightful young lady (Diana Hale '71) in my freshman English composition class in fall 1967. We married two months before my Commencement, and I was fortunate to have an excellent job waiting. Still together 33 years later, we look fondly on our years at ISUE, especially our very humble beginning at the old Centennial School.

— **Chris Melton '72**, Executive  
Vice President, Ohio Valley National  
Bank, Henderson, Kentucky

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Being a part of the first women's soccer team was a wonderful experience. We made it to the NCAA tournament our first year, losing in the first round. We came back the second year to make it into the Sweet Sixteen.

Other things I remember are Norma [twin sister] eating fire the week of Homecoming, Mom [Sandra Lawrence of the Student Wellness Program] dressed up as a blood drop for a blood drive, Mom and her assistant dressed as Hans and Franz for freshman orientation, meeting John Hollinden [former USI men's basketball player], attending the Eagle Gran Prix when I was in grade school and then riding in it as a student, Norma becoming the Delta Zeta homecoming queen, and meeting my husband Grant '98.

— **Elizabeth Lawrence Childers '00**,  
Business Development  
Manager-Pharmaceuticals,  
CREW Corporation,  
Westfield, Indiana

## FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT

This is what USI has given me: a Presidential Scholarship from 1993-97, an Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity brotherhood, a variety of clubs and activities that offered leadership opportunities; a student teaching experience at Reitz High School, an English Academic Achievement Award, not to mention a ton of friends, three of whom were in my wedding a few years ago (Incredibly, each of the three was in a different fraternity from my own!). So, what happened after I walked out of Roberts Stadium [following Commencement] back in May 1997? I was an English teacher and coach at Evansville's Harrison High School, then an athletic director/assistant principal at Eastern Greene Junior/Senior High School, and now I have achieved my professional career goal: a principal's position at Loogootee Junior/Senior High School. After graduating from Washington Catholic as valedictorian in 1993, I would not have had the chance to go to a four-year school without the Presidential Scholarship. In fact, I was the first member of my family to go to college.

— **John P. Mullen '97**  
Principal, Loogootee Junior/Senior  
High School, Loogootee, Indiana

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**Jane Case Vickers '89**, art, is director of Arts and Education Programs at Patchwork Central in Evansville. She received the 2004 Arts Educator of the Year Award from the Evansville Arts Council.

**Tracy Van Zant Zeller '89**, accounting, is the owner of Tracy Zeller Jewelry in Evansville. The store employs all USI grads and a USI student.

## 1990s

**Jill Murray Collins '90**, accounting, is controller at Browning Ferris Industries in Evansville.

**Jeffrey J. Hoffman '90**, management/marketing, is a firefighter for the Evansville Fire Department.

**Michele Stucke Myers '90**, business administration, is the primary sales associate for Tracy Zeller Jewelry in Evansville.

**Michelle Boyd Webb '90**, marketing, is a packaging specialist at XpedX in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Timothy G. Burel '91**, Master of Secondary Education, teaches Spanish at Auburn High School in Rockford, Illinois.

**Keith D. Gander '91**, sociology, is the marketing director at Ohio Valley HeartCare in Evansville.

**Dayne A. Heldt '91**, communications, works in sales at Awards America in Valparaiso, Indiana.

**Sally Wasson Julian '92**, communications, is owner and dance instructor at The Dance Out, Inc., in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

**Pat A. Russell '94**, computer information systems, is a systems manager for Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

**Mary Jane Schenk '94**, English, was appointed the executive director of the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana.

**Sarah Titzer Wagner '94**, communications, has been named development coordinator at Mater Dei High School in Evansville.

## Smooth sailing for first alumni cruise



Alumni explored the western Caribbean for seven days in April during the first cruise sponsored by the USI Alumni Association. Aboard the Norwegian Sun are (front row, from left) Don Wolf, David Herrenbruck '76, and Ken Johnson; (middle row, from left) Donita Wolf '83, Alumni Director Nancy Johnson '83, Terri Herrenbruck, Bev Van Zilen, Bertha Burgdorf, Gloria Herrenbruck, Jill Herrenbruck, Vicky McCluskey '98; and (back row from left) Bruce Herrenbruck, Walt Van Zilen, Jack Burgdorf, Henry Dersch, and Mike McCluskey. The group is gathered here to celebrate Terri Herrenbruck's birthday.

**Jeffrey W. Green '95**, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to assistant vice president and will continue as a financial analyst at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Jeffrey W. Merrick '95**, accounting, is a pre-treatment coordinator for Environmental Management Corporation in Evansville.

**Joseph R. Patton '95**, mathematics, '00, Master of Secondary Education, teaches mathematics and coaches varsity basketball with South Knox School Corporation in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Lyneve Gilchrist Scott '96**, elementary education, is an employment specialist for Evansville ARC.

**Sherry Jones Hancock '97**, accounting, is the senior auditor for Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

**Jason W. Hopf '97**, business administration, is a treasury analyst with Norwood Promotional Products, Inc. in Indianapolis.

**Stephanie Booth Shane '97**, psychology, '04, elementary education, is a math teacher at McGary Middle School in Evansville.

**Kimberly Gilmore Williams '97**, communications, is a learning resources coordinator at LeTourneau University in Bedford, Texas.

**Stephen S. Pickering '98**, business administration, is owner and president of Body Makeover, LLC, in Evansville.

**Emily A. Kemper '99**, communications, is the box office manager for LFC Four Rivers Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

**Claudia G. Kinnaird '99**, Spanish, is a teacher at the Signature School in Evansville.

**Theresa Watts Ohning '99**, business administration, is the office manager for Tracy Zeller Jewelry in Evansville.

2000s

**Michelle Koressel Addington '00**, nursing, became a certified registered nurse anesthetist in August 2004 and joined Anesthesiology of Paducah in Paducah, Kentucky.

**Nathan T. Fry '00**, English, is the director of compliance for athletics at Harvard University in Boston.

**Randal B. Head '00**, mechanical engineering technology, is an engineer for Texas Gas Transmission in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Julia M. Laroche-New '00**, social work, '01, Master of Social Work, is a social worker at South Eastern Special Education in Sainte Marie, Illinois.

**Angela M. Lintker '00**, elementary education, is a librarian for Okawville High School in Okawville, Illinois.

**Jill Dewig Wesch '00**, marketing, has joined the law practice of Olsen, White, Hambidge, and Williams as an attorney in Evansville.

**Andrea Alabaugh '01**, public relations and advertising, is a marketing consultant for Artistic Media Partners in South Bend, Indiana.

**Mark A. Chandler '01**, business administration, was promoted to internal corporate auditor for Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Christopher R. Collins '01**, business administration, has been promoted to banking center manager at Old National Bank in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Antoinette Cox Hein '01**, communications, is the assistant director of admissions at Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University in Indianapolis.

**Fred R. Julian '01**, sociology, has taken the position of design and build project manager for East Bay Restaurant Supply in Oakland, California.

**Brooke Wootton Tinsley '01**, psychology, is a school psychologist at Santa Rosa County Schools in Milton, Florida.

# Memories

## ISUE

I first came to campus at Indiana State University Evansville in the fall of 1973 as a college freshman. Since my name is Susan, my ISUE shirt served two purposes.

— **Susie Schmitt '03**, *Administrative Assistant, Pott College of Science and Engineering, USI, Evansville*

## MADRIGAL FEASTE

When the madrigal dinners began, they were a pretty big affair done on a shoestring budget.

The event was the idea of David Deeg, USI's first music director. Dr. David Rice, USI's first president, liked the idea and proposed that the church he attended, Howell United Methodist Church, help by catering the dinner.

Men and women from the church pitched in to make the foods—roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, plum pudding, and more. First, they had to learn how to make Yorkshire pudding. No one knew how.

The food was transported from the church to the University by numerous trips in cars and vans. The volunteers even served the meal. At the time, the dinners were held in the temporary student union building. Howell United Methodist Church worked on the project for the first three years until the University was able to afford a caterer.

— **Shirley Bryan '95**, *Administrative Associate (retired), Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, USI, Evansville*



*The Madrigal Feaste, begun in 1970, is an annual campus tradition.*

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**Cori E. Girten '02**, public relations and advertising, is the marketing coordinator for Shoe Carnival, Inc., in Evansville.

**Rachele M. Gregg '02**, business administration, is the office manager for Joseph R. Gregg, D.D.S., M.S.D., in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Christina L. Mayberry '02**, management, is a recruiter for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Evansville.

**Rafael A. Morales '02**, business administration, is a purchasing specialist for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana in Princeton, Indiana.

**Emily S. Nall '02**, elementary education, teaches second grade at Gainesville City Schools in Gainesville, Georgia.

**Matt J. Scheessele '02**, marketing, is the USI golf coach and assistant golf professional for Helfrich Hills Golf Course in Evansville.

**Jami M. Schultz '02**, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist for HealthSouth Deaconess of Evansville.

**Ryan M. Fetscher '03**, accounting, is the budget analyst project specialist for Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. He has created several key financial tracking tools for NASA.

**Julie M. Fischer '03**, business administration, has been hired as office manager for the Indianapolis Indians baseball team. She will handle the recruiting, hiring, scheduling and supervising of all game-day employees.

**Stacy F. Huber '03**, Master of Business Administration, is a real estate appraiser for Frese Appraisals in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Chelsea L. Tenbarger '03**, elementary education, teaches fourth grade at Mount Bethel Christian Academy in Marietta, Georgia.

**Emily Yoder Campbell '04**, accounting, is a staff accountant at Suplee & Shea, P.A., in Sarasota, Florida.

**Mark T. Ambrose '05**, accounting and professional services, has joined BKD, LLP, as a staff accountant in Evansville.

**Jennifer M. Fonner '05**, accounting and professional services/finance, has joined BKD, LLP, as a staff accountant in Evansville.

## Marriages

**Stephanie L. Yager '94**, occupational studies, and Thomas Hampton, April 24, 2004

**Sharon B. Beckman '95**, communications, and Beau Shumate, September 25, 2004

**Staci L. Bufkin '97**, elementary education, and C.J. Halleron, September 4, 2004

**Jenna R. Martin '97**, communications, and Jim Eup, October 16, 2004

**Heather D. Alsip '99**, communications, and Cory Miller, September 10, 2004

**Jill D. Dewig '00**, marketing, and Joel Wesch, April 17, 2004

**Nicole Kelly '00**, elementary education, and Brad Larsen, November 20, 2004

**Angela R. Mackey '00**, elementary education, and Aaron Gambill, December 18, 2004

**Brian J. Market '00**, psychology, and Laura Spahn, August 21, 2004

**Jason P. Reckelhoff '00**, computer information systems, '03, Master of Business Administration, and Jenny Erickson, September 5, 2004

**Jill M. Welden '00**, accounting, '02, Master of Accounting, and Brian Koester, October 9, 2004

**Anitra N. Acree '01**, sociology, and Micah Murphy, October 9, 2004

**Lori M. Bittner '02**, marketing, and Eric Jones, October 16, 2004

**Amanda L. Sutton '02**, elementary education, and **Michael C. Sander II '00**, public relations and advertising, October 30, 2004

**Katie A. Will '02**, dental hygiene, and Adam Stoneberger, October 23, 2004

## Garrett is posthumous winner of Communal Studies Prize

The Center for Communal Studies Prize was presented posthumously in the spring to Dain Garrett '99, a USI honor graduate who died in 2003.

The prize recognized Garrett's master's thesis titled "The Johnny Bob Harrell Compound: Church, Commune, or Cult?" Garrett, who was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in childhood, was awarded a master's degree posthumously in 2004 by California State University at Dominguez Hills.

The monetary portion of the prize was placed in the Dain Garrett Merit Award fund which Garrett established to recognize a student who excels academically and has overcome a hardship to continue his/her education.

The Communal Studies Prize is awarded annually to the best paper or project on communal societies submitted by an undergraduate or graduate student from any university worldwide. It has gone to USI students and others as far away as Canada and Germany.

**Angela L. Bilder '03**, nursing, and **Nicholas J. Schapker '03**, health services, October 23, 2004

**Jamie M. De Baillie '03**, business administration, and Jon Wuebkenberg, April 15, 2005

**Leah C. Miller '03**, exercise science, and Luke Lubbehusen, August 14, 2004

**Vanessa J. Schweitzer '03**, health services, and **Aaron M. Joppek '04**, public relations and advertising, October 9, 2004

**Jessica J. Bumb '04**, public relations and advertising, and Joshua Stock, November 6, 2004

**Heather A. Champlin '04**, health services, and Jason Young, June 5, 2004

**Amy K. Tenbarger '04**, accounting and professional services, and Shaun Lindsey, October 23, 2004

## Births

**John P. Wible '91**, business administration, and Michelle, son, Logan Andrew and daughter, Emma Kaitlyn, September 18, 2004

**Candace Conley Beidl '92**, communications, and Jeff, son, Nicholas Alexander, December 10, 2004

**Krista Bell Jones '93**, elementary education, and **Christopher C. Jones '94**, sociology, daughter, Kenzie Marie, October 29, 2004

**Nancy Sieben Koehler '93**, communications, and David, son, David Allen, January 9, 2005

**Lori Kostbade Wood '93**, political science, and **K. Lee Wood '93**, political science, son, Grant William, October 11, 2004

**Holly Peppiatt Arnold '94**, business education, and Bryan, son, Garrett Austin, December 1, 2004

**Rebecca Warren Tucker '94**, business administration, and Jim, son, Cord Gehrig, December 20, 2004

**Angela Schlageter Harris '95**, biology, and Kent, son, Joshua David, October 26, 2004

**Lori Schornhorst Wagner '95**, accounting, and Brad, son, Kaden Lane, December 27, 2004

**Dianne Baughn Wies '95**, political science/German, and Robert, daughter, Anna Elizabeth, November 27, 2004

**Scott M. Herrenbruck '96**, communications, and Heather, son, Pierce Jacob Otto, October 4, 2004

**Stephanie Wuchner Buchanan '97**, business administration/German, and Jason, daughter, Katherine Arlene, February 7, 2005

**Tisha Holcomb Cullison '97**, elementary education, and **James W. Cullison '93**, accounting, daughter, Cassie Claire, November 5, 2004

**Chotsani Farmer Stewart '97**, business administration, '04, Master of Business Administration, and Derrick, daughter, Cheyenne Tania, December 16, 2004

**Jason S. Kellams '98**, business administration, and Jennifer, Kaitlyn Sue, April 6, 2005

**Tammy Meece McDaniel '98**, dental hygiene, and Jason, daughter, Lindsay Mae, November 24, 2004

**Rebecca Walther Scheidler '98**, business administration, '02, Master of Business Administration, and **Ryan G. Scheidler '02**, Master of Business Administration, son, Cole Ryan, December 21, 2004

**Julie Ann Clanton Seebode '98**, biology, '02, Spanish, and Mark, daughter, Abigail Caroline, October 28, 2004

**Jacob R. Fulcher '99**, political science, and Michelle, daughter, Alexandra Elyse, December 13, 2004

**Matthew A. Morris '00**, interpersonal organizational communications, and Carrie, daughter, Holland Elizabeth, December 10, 2004

**Jennifer Cummins Murphy '00**, Master of Social Work, and David, daughter, Savannah Elise, November 21, 2004

**Martha Fulkerson O'Brien '00**, journalism and computer publishing, and Kevin, son, Mason John, November 26, 2004

**Jennifer Smith Thompson '00**, psychology, '03, Master of Social Work, and **Jason L. Thompson '00**, political science, '03, public relations and advertising, daughter, Taylor Olivia, October 14, 2004

# Memories

## WSWI

I look back and cherish the beginning of the radio station and working with Dr. Ken Creech. So many stories could be told about the snowy mornings sliding into the station to do the morning news...I so clearly remember that dreadful June 8 tornado that turned our tower into a metal pretzel.

The improvisation games of Doug Hubell have helped me to this day. I was a clown then and only grew better from those experiences.

—**Terry Ricketts '83**,  
*Communications Consultant and leader of the Volunteer Clown Troupe for Arizona Public Service, Phoenix, Arizona*

## FAVORITE FACULTY

One of my favorite things was going to Dr. [J. Eliseo] DaRosa's economics class. I remember him explaining the elasticity of the bone. The class said, "Bone...?" He responded, "Bones! Bones! U.S. Government Bones!" Another good memory was business law class with Jack Engleke. I enjoyed the way he treated the class like we were in law school. It was very much fun, and I am sure he inspired some of our classmates to go to law school.

—**David Raibley '73**, *Owner, Two Men and a Truck, Evansville*

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**Angie Lindsay Williams '00**, psychology, and **Jeremy D. Williams '99**, economics/mathematics, son, Ethan Tanner, August 8, 2004

**Kathryn Nelson Bender '01**, elementary education, and Clint, daughter, Joselyn Elizabeth, September 17, 2004

**Brittany Miller Boezeman '01**, elementary education, **Brett J. Boezeman '00**, elementary education, daughter, Rylie Paige, November 11, 2004

**Sarah Stafford Browning '01**, business administration, and Justin, daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, October 25, 2004

**Kari Thompson Gray '01**, business administration, and Michael, daughter, Karli Loraine, November 18, 2004

**Kristy Peterson Kahle '01**, nursing, and **Kary M. Kahle '02**, social science teaching, daughter, Kaitlyn Mae, October 30, 2004

**Shae Hicks Otto '01**, business administration, **Randy J. Otto '97**, Master of Business Administration, son, Jackson Robert, January 15, 2005

**Thomas M. Temple '01**, management, and Kristina, daughter, Kara Noelle, September 20, 2004

**Kristy Merritt Austin '02**, radio and television, and **Brandon K. Austin '00**, civil engineering technology, son, Daxon Kurry, September 17, 2004

**Nicole Vine Braun '02**, occupational therapy, and **Scott J. Braun '01**, elementary education, son, Tyson Jacob, February 13, 2005

**Misty Lynn Seaton '03**, Master of Accounting, and **Christopher M. Seaton '98**, accounting, son, Connor William, January 11, 2005

**Jessica Morris Head '04**, business administration, and Charles, daughter, Jayleigh Chay, December 30, 2004

## In Memoriam

**William J. Joergens '66-'69**, of Evansville, died April 21, 2005. Joergens enrolled in the second entering class at Indiana State University-Evansville, then holding classes in the Centennial School. In 1968, he was named the Most Outstanding Male Student at ISUE. He also was a member of the first basketball team, then known as the ISUE Spartans, and president of the University's first business fraternity. Joergens was an active volunteer for the USI Varsity Club and USI Alumni Association. In 1998, he received the USI Alumni Association's Alumni Service Award in recognition of outstanding service to USI.

**Mary Rollett Hilakos '71**, elementary education, of Evansville, died February 10, 2005. She was a kindergarten teacher at Tekoppel School. Hilakos retired from the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation in 1994 after 23 years.

**Marylyn Ross Lance '73**, marketing, of Howell, Michigan, died January 13, 2005. She was a bookkeeper.

**Robert W. Fenwick '78**, sociology, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, died March 25, 2005. He was employed as a disability adjudicator for the State of Kentucky for 15 years.

**Mary L. Frazier '79**, social science, of Evansville, died January 20, 2005. Before retiring, she worked for West Side Christian Church, Junior Achievement, and the Evansville Museum.

**Barbara Baehl Kough '81**, accounting, of Evansville, died January 24, 2005. She was the accountant/bookkeeper for Tri-State Trophies.

**Elaine Collins Schwartz '81**, elementary education, of Evansville, died February 27, 2005. She was a teacher at Stockwell Elementary School. Her teaching career spanned 23 years with previous teaching positions held at Evansville Christian School and Lincoln Elementary School.



Labhart



Kersting



Swan



Herrenbruck



Messmer

## Alumni Association recognizes five with annual awards

Five individuals were honored May 7 by the USI Alumni Association during the Class of 2005 Graduation Celebration Reception and Dinner.

Marjorie Olsen Labhart, instructor in mathematics, received the Faculty Recognition Award. Labhart was one of two full-time faculty members appointed in 1965 when the University opened its doors and has been connected with USI throughout its 40-year history.

Richard S. Kersting received the Special Recognition Award. Manager of Schnucks West, Kersting is a volunteer for the Department of Athletics, a past chair of the Varsity Club board of directors (1998-99), and a Varsity Club board member since 1994. He has shared his management and marketing knowledge with USI students in the classroom, serving as an adjunct professor and speaker.

Robert W. Swan '72 received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a senior partner with Kemper CPA Group LLP in Evansville. A founding member of both the USI College of Business Board of Advisors and Accounting Circle, Swan has been active in the United Way of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Better Business Bureau, Center City Corporation, and Evansville Rotary Club.

David W. Herrenbruck '76 received the Alumni Service Award. He is a past president of the USI Alumni Association and former chair of the Varsity Club. A member of the USI Foundation Board, he is chair of the 2005-06 New Donor Alumni Campaign. Herrenbruck is vice president of the Private Client Group at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

A posthumous Alumni Service Award was conferred on Mark A. Messmer '93. He graduated with a degree in business administration and was president of the Dubois County USI Alumni Chapter, serving from 1996 to 2004. Before his death in December 2004, Messmer was the information systems manager for JOFCO International in Jasper, Indiana. He was a former employee of USI.

## Homecoming 2006 February 11

### Basketball Games

USI Women's Basketball vs. Rockhurst University at 1 p.m.  
USI Men's Basketball vs. Rockhurst University at 3:15 p.m.

### Alumni Gathering

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

Tickets/Information 812/464-1924

Sponsored by USI Alumni Association

## Black Alumni Society awards first scholarship

Larry Armstead II, a senior majoring in Spanish, is the first recipient of the USI Black Alumni Society Scholarship. Members gathered for the awards presentation are, from left, Linda Williams '80; Grace Moredock '94, president; Armstead; Katherine Webb '89, vice president; and Janice Outlaw '94, treasurer.



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**Rebecca G. Williams '81**, sociology, of New Harmony, Indiana, died April 25, 2005. A retired library assistant for Rice Library, she volunteered as a teacher's assistant at Perry Heights School, working with children with learning disabilities. She also served as an English tutor in the Writers' Workshop at USI.

**Mark A. Gentry '88**, post baccalaureate certificate accountancy, of Henderson, Kentucky, died January 21, 2005. He was director of purchasing at Ohio Valley Marine Services, Inc.

**Chris W. Van Zilen '92**, psychology, of Lowville, New York, died April 19, 2005. He worked in the mental health field.

**Michael J. Barnett '94**, social science, of Evansville, died February 10, 2005. He coached football at Castle Junior High School from 1993-2003. Barnett also coached Evansville Youth Football Leagues and Babe Ruth Baseball.

**Bradley D. Hudson '01**, business administration, of Newburgh, Indiana, died April 17, 2005. He owned a swimming pool installation business and worked on the family farm.

**Kevin J. Mattingly**, alumni non-degreed, of Indianapolis, died January 26, 2005. Mattingly was the USI basketball team mascot for four years. He was a salesman and worked in advertising for Marriott Hotels and Resorts.

**Ronnie Griffin**, alumni non-degreed, of Louisville, Kentucky, died January 23, 2005. Griffin transferred to USI just before his senior year and starred as a center on the men's basketball team. During 2001-02 basketball season, he averaged 14 points and seven rebounds per game, contributing to the team's overall season record of 22-8.

### Don Cox was leader in effort to establish separate university

Donald B. Cox, a friend of the University, died May 9 in Evansville. A real estate broker and active member of the Republican Party, Cox chaired state political campaigns for presidents George W. Bush and Gerald R. Ford and for Governor Robert D. Orr.

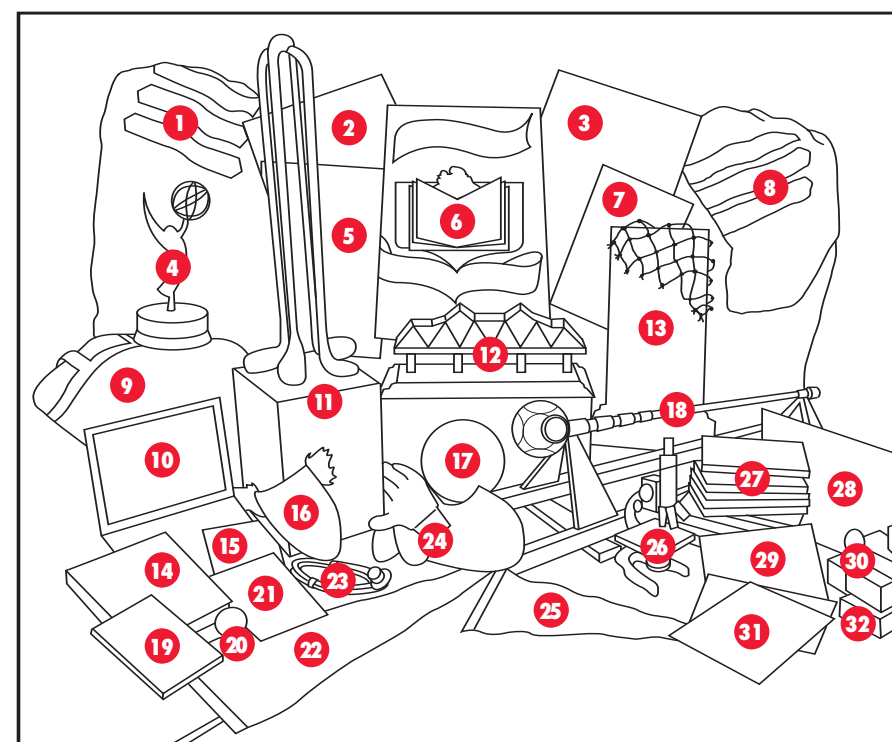
USI President H. Ray Hoops, said, "Don Cox was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the USI Foundation and was instrumental in the successful effort to build the University Home. He also gave extraordinary leadership to the effort to make the University a separate state university 20 years ago. It is fair to say that without his leadership, USI might still be a regional campus rather than one that serves all the state."

The University recognized Cox with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1988, the Alumni Association Special Recognition Award in 1986, and induction into the President's Circle.

### 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).



#### ON THE COVER

1. Commencement robe for trustee
2. Casino Night poster
3. Homecoming poster (1982)
4. Emmy presented to University by former student Dan Brumett, winner of 12 Emmys for his work on the CBS daytime drama "The Young and the Restless"
5. Homecoming poster (1983)
6. USI flag with University seal
7. New Harmony Theatre program (2001)
8. Commencement robe for Grand Marshal (1971)
9. RopeWalk Writers Retreat book bag
10. Laptop computer, a tool in modern teaching and learning
11. Alumni Golf Scramble trophy created by John McNaughton, professor emeritus of art
12. Battle of the Bridge traveling trophy, also created by McNaughton, for winner of men's basketball game with longstanding rival Kentucky Wesleyan College
13. NCAA Division II men's basketball championship trophy (1995)
14. Nationally used psychology textbook written by Dr. Joseph Palladino, professor of psychology
15. Book by Ronald C. Roat, associate professor of journalism
16. Drama mask from USI Theatre
17. Volleyball
18. Gold-plated mace carried by the Grand Marshal during Commencement
19. Book by Patricia Aakhus, instructor in English
20. Button worn during Welcome Week
21. Book of poetry by Matthew R. Graham, associate professor of English
22. Pennant
23. Stethoscope
24. Gloves and tools for groundbreaking ceremonies
25. Indiana State University Evansville pennant
26. Microscope used in 1960s
27. USI bulletins through the years
28. Photo of Centennial School where first classes were held
29. Spartan Shield, student newspaper (1968)
30. Welcome to ISUE button
31. Book by Dr. Dan Miller, professor emeritus of history
32. Bricks from Centennial School

# Meet USI's top freshman scholars for 2005-06

## Presidential Scholars

Ten Indiana high school students ranked first or second in their senior class at the end of the fall semester are selected for the competitive Presidential Scholarships each year. The scholarships cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board for four years.

**Priyanka Arshanapalli**, biology/pre-medicine and business administration, Merrillville High School, Crown Point, Indiana

**Harold W. Ashley Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Sarah Baysden**, biology/pre-medicine, Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville, Indiana

**Fred C. Newman Family Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Aafke Bleecker**, English, Lanesville Junior-Senior High School, Lanesville, Indiana

**Homer L. and Olive Carruthers Clift Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Danielle Cundiff**, biology/pre-medicine, South Vermillion High School, Dana, Indiana

**Henry and Hazel Bennighof Presidential Scholarship**

**Sara Elpers**, elementary education, Bosse High School, Evansville, Indiana  
**Rebecca Nunn Couch Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Jillian Freeman**, biology/pre-optometry, Central Noble High School, Albion, Indiana

**Edward F. Harrison Presidential Scholarship**

**Renee Hitch**, international studies, West Washington High School, Fredericksburg, Indiana  
**Integra Bank Presidential Scholarship**

**Andrew L. Jones**, biology, South Spencer High School, Rockport, Indiana.

**Stanley R. and Ruth C. Atkinson Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Leslie McCrary**, undecided, South Central Senior High School, Laconia, Indiana

**Aline Nunn Renner Endowed Presidential Scholarship**

**Jacklyn Marie Neumann**, biology/pre-medicine, North Posey High School, Wadesville, Indiana

**Edward F. Harrison Presidential Scholarship**

## Deans Scholars

The Deans Scholarship is a merit scholarship awarded annually to five exceptional students who are graduating at the top or near the top of their high school classes. All the recipients this year are Indiana residents and will receive full tuition.

**Laura Buck**, business administration, Western High School, Kokomo, Indiana

**Bess C. and Elmer W. Halwes Memorial Deans Scholarship**

**McKenzie G. Kramer**, nursing, Wood Memorial High School, Oakland City, Indiana  
**Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship**

**Michael Hobson**, chemistry, Liberty Christian School, Anderson, Indiana  
**Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey Deans Scholarship**

**Allison Shafer**, exercise science, North Daviess Junior-Senior High School, Plainville, Indiana

**Aline Nunn Renner Deans Scholarship**

**Audrey Wells**, biology/pre-medicine, Reitz High School, Evansville, Indiana  
**Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey Deans Scholarship**

## Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Recipients

Six students are selected for the Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarships each year. The University provides full tuition waivers for the undergraduate portion of the program. Completion of the undergraduate degree and fulfillment of the requirements for the program will result in the student directly entering the Evansville Center for Medical Education of Indiana University School of Medicine, located on the USI campus. The USI Foundation hopes to partially fund the B/MD scholarships with private gifts by June 30, 2006.

**Priyanka Arshanapalli**, Merrillville High School, Crown Point, Indiana

**Sandeep Guram**, Castle High School, Newburgh, Indiana

**Heather Keefer**, Heritage Hills High School, Santa Claus, Indiana

**Nathan Oakley**, North Posey High School, New Harmony, Indiana

**Sarah E. O'Donoghue**, The Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities, Newburgh, Indiana

**Priscilla Walker**, Perry Meridian High School, Indianapolis, Indiana



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