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While the University of Southern Indiana has enjoyed a progressive first 25 years, the USI Alumni Association is helping to ensure the next 25 years continue the momentum.

Leaders at all levels, students and graduates, are needed to make a commitment to use their time and talents to USI's benefit. In the classroom, on the campus, and in the community, student and alumni leaders are needed who can raise the level of awareness, quality, and commitment for an improved tomorrow.

Recognizing the need to continue the level of leadership ability among USI students, the Alumni Council will provide an annual scholarship to bring an Indiana high school leader to campus. The recipient must show extensive leadership qualities while in high school and be in the upper 25 percent of the graduating class.

Attracting students with leadership skills ensures the continuation of alumni groups such as the newly formed Student Alumni Association and the USI Alumni Association, as well as providing valuable leadership skills to our campus and community for the future.

Help us continue a tradition at USI. You, a USI alumnus, can encourage quality high school seniors to become a part of our exciting future at University of Southern Indiana.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John L. Schutz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" and "Z".

John L. Schutz '82
President

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

1990 ALUMNI ANNUAL FUND

Year after year alumni have responded to the Telefund goal and have annually increased their gifts to the Alumni Annual Fund.

This year, for the first time, alumni have been given an opportunity to make their gift or pledge to the Association prior to the Alumni Telefund. Through a pre-Telefund mailing, alumni can choose to mail their contribution in December or January before the Alumni Telefund drive begins in February. Or alumni may wish to make their pledge when called by an Alumni Telefund volunteer in early February.

September 15, 1990, will culminate 25 years of growth for USI, a silver anniversary. USI's development has been steady, its progress constant, and its reputation growing, thanks to a commitment to the institution's mission

and to the accomplishments and dedication of its alumni.

Likewise, the Alumni Association has been reaching its goals to serve the alumni of the University and to promote and enhance the prestige of the University. Several Association programs were added in 1989 including the Alumni Credit Card program, Alumni Directory, Alumni Career Resource program, Career Exploration Evening, and Student Alumni Association.

John Schutz '82, Association president and Telefund chairperson, is appealing to all alumni to broaden the base of support during USI's anniversary year. The University and Association need your continued financial and volunteer support to ensure that the next 25 years are as productive as the University's first 25.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOUNDED

This fall students on the University of Southern Indiana campus were given an opportunity to make a positive contribution to their University while gaining valuable personal experiences.

"Recognizing that students are by definition, alumni—those who have been enrolled in an educational institution—the USI Alumni Association gave seed money to develop a Student Alumni Association (SAA)," said Nancy Johnson '83, USI director of Alumni Affairs. SAA provides a link for current students to work with the Alumni Association in developing loyalty and support of the University. "Its role on campus is to develop positive relations among current and prospective students, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, and the community," added Mrs. Johnson.

The SAA is guided by its motto: "Students Helping Students— Past, Present, and Future." SAA helps **past** students by working with the Alumni Association to promote understanding and appreciation of Alumni Association programs and benefits while the student is still on campus. SAA President Michelle Rooze, a senior majoring in public relations, reports to the Alumni Council at its bi-monthly meetings. SAA helps **present** students by encouraging participation in the University and by enhancing the college experience. Whether it is through developing

a career exploration experience, promoting school spirit, or advocating increased funding for higher education, the organization is on campus to serve current students. Understanding that the quality of their degrees is linked to the quality of the University of Southern Indiana, SAA promotes USI to **future** students.

"A select group of SAA, the USI Student Ambassadors serve as official hosts and hostesses of the campus by providing tours

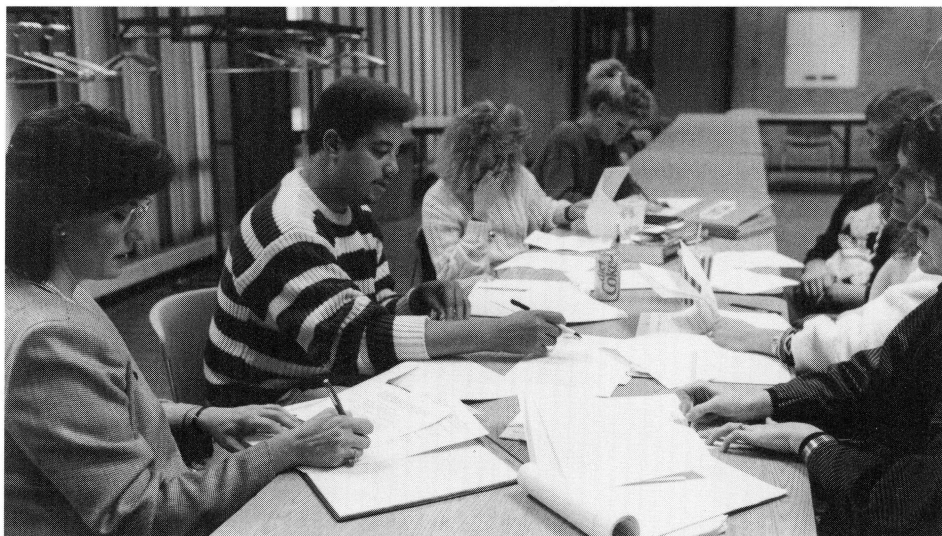
\$100,000 GOAL REACHED *USI Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment*

In 1987, Arthur Karch donated \$10,000 in memory of his wife to initiate the Alumni Scholarship Endowment fund. At that time, the Alumni Association set a goal to reach \$100,000 in the fund by 1990, the twenty-fifth anniversary year for the University.

"We are proud to announce the achievement of the \$100,000 level in the Endowment," said Chris Melton '72, Alumni Association University Support chairperson. "However, the achievement of a goal calls for even higher aspirations. In order to fund the existing number of scholarships and grants from the earnings of the fund, we need to continue adding to the fund total," he explained.

The Alumni Council will fund Alumni Scholarships and Grants from the annual operating budget for the next five years. At the same time, it plans to build the endowment to \$250,000 by the 1993-94 fiscal year.

and greeting alumni and visitors," stated Kathy Scheller '87, USI Admissions counselor. Other SAA programs and activities being planned are Day on the Job (linking students and alumni in alumni work environments), volunteering assistance with the Alumni Annual Telefund, and promoting alumni and campus special events.



Alumni Director Nancy Johnson (left) works with members of the new Student Alumni Association in drafting bylaws and goals.

CAMPUS NEWS

SOCCER FIELD IS NAMED FOR STRASSWEG FAMILY

The USI Soccer field has been named Strassweg Field in honor of Jack and Alice Strassweg, whose generous gifts enabled the University to add lights and bleachers to the varsity field and an irrigation system to the practice field. Until this season, all USI soccer matches were in daytime hours, limiting participation by students and other fans.

"The addition of lighting and seating has made a dramatic difference in attendance at the soccer matches," said Dr. Donald D. Bennett, vice president for Student Affairs. "Soccer has become a fall tradition now. Our student life program has been enriched as has the intercollegiate athletic program. We are extremely grateful to Jack and Alice Strassweg for their involvement in all aspects of our soccer program."

Coach Tony Colavecchia and members of the soccer team gathered with fans at a pre-game dedication of the field to pay tribute to the Strassweg family and win yet another match in a highly successful season. The team won the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship and Coach Colavecchia was named



Jack Strassweg acknowledged words of appreciation at the dedication of Strassweg Field and shared the spotlight with long-time Varsity Club members Steve and Nancy McCullough, who have promoted soccer at USI as well as in prep clubs.

Coach of the Year for the Conference as well as for the Great Lakes region of the NCAA Division II.

ROBERT L. KOCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWED

The second endowed scholarship in the new Presidential Scholarship program for Indiana valedictorians and salutatorians will honor Robert L. Koch, the Evansville business and civic leader who died August 22.

Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., (SIHE), has approved a memorial contribution of \$15,000. Mrs. Suzanne A. Nicholson, president of USI Foundation, said other memorial contributions are being added and George Koch Sons Foundation will provide the funds necessary to complete the \$75,000 endowment level to sustain a scholarship which gives the recipient \$4,500 annually for four years at USI.

Mr. Koch was chairman of the board of George Koch Sons, Inc. He had been a leader of SIHE since its beginning and helped to establish the University in 1965. He also led the SIHE community fund drive which raised nearly a million dollars to purchase land for the University.

The Robert L. Koch Scholarship will be presented the first time in 1990 and will give preference to a student planning to major in engineering technology or a similar field of study with industrial applications. Mr. Koch's family and the George Koch Sons Foundation are anxious to improve the scientific knowledge available to local industry through this major gift. Any other donations honoring Mr. Koch will be welcome, Mrs. Nicholson said, and will be added to the fund.

NEW USI TRUSTEES APPOINTED

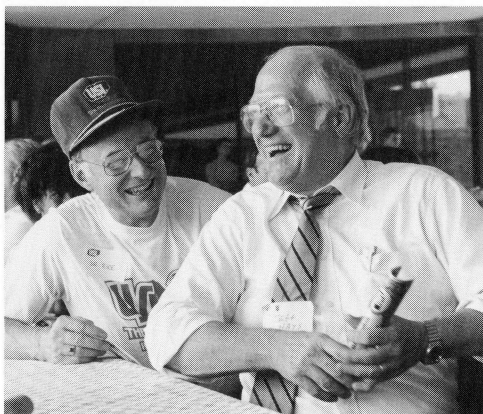
In July, 1989, Governor Evan Bayh appointed Brad A. Schepers, 21, of Celestine, Indiana, as the student member of the Board of Trustees. He had been nominated by a student selection committee which had interviewed three applicants. Schepers is a mechanical engineering technology junior who is a co-op employee at George Koch Sons in Evansville. He is the son of Herb and Shirley Schepers of Celestine. He succeeds Pat Leahy, whose two-year term expired.

Bruce Baker of Boonville, Indiana, a Warrick County businessman, was appointed in October by Governor Evan Bayh to succeed

Robert J. Fair of Princeton, Indiana.

Mr. Fair, an attorney and former state senator, was one of the original members of the USI Board of Trustees and chairman of the Board from 1985 to 1989. He left the Board after he was appointed to serve on the Governor's Ethics Commission.

Mr. Baker formerly operated Newburgh Health Care and Residential Center and currently is a consultant and investor. His wife, Carol, is a member of the USI Foundation Board, and a daughter, Suzanne Baker Weigel, is a 1986 USI graduate.



USI President David Rice(left) and Purchasing Agent J. Jeff Hays, share a laugh during the USI employee picnic celebrating the beginning of the University's twenty-fifth academic year.

USI BOARD ENDORSES CONCEPT OF 10-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Toward the Year 2000, a 10-year plan that continues to target the objective of increased participation in higher education from southern Indiana counties, has been endorsed in concept by the USI Board of Trustees. The long-range plan also brings sharper focus to development of graduate programs and student housing at USI.

Saying that "Development of the human resources of southern Indiana is of critical importance," USI President David L. Rice explained that the planning efforts are aimed toward enhancing the University's successful record of bringing affordable public higher education to this area of the state.

The long-range plan projects an enrollment of 7,832 at the end of the decade. Board Chairman Joseph E. O'Daniel said the 2,100 increase is a realistic figure since a similar increase was experienced in the past seven years.

Toward the Year 2000 was drafted after a series of meetings with economic development specialists, governmental leaders, newspaper editors, and University faculty and trustees. The groups discussed

southern Indiana needs and goals and ways USI can help achieve them. They also considered how to position the University and surrounding communities for the problems and opportunities of the twenty-first century. As the plan was refined, meetings were held with USI employees.

The Board also approved the biennial update of the Higher Education Services Plan. The information will be forwarded to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and other governmental agencies to support understanding of USI program and funding requests over the next decade.

A key planning element continues to be limited public higher education programs and low college attendance in southern Indiana. Dr. Rice pointed out that, in addition to deficiencies in "basic menu" programs noted in a Commission for Higher Education study, "other research reveals that Evansville is the only metropolitan area of its size in the United States that does not have well-developed public graduate programs at the master's level. Thus the major program development in the next decade should address the public graduate development needs of southern Indiana."

The Higher Education Services Plan calls for degree-granting authority for the Master of Business Administration program, approval of a locally-based master's degree program in elementary education, and the development of master's level programs in nursing and social work. At the same time, the plan calls for refining and strengthening the undergraduate offerings, with expansion in the areas of physical sciences, languages, and the health professions.

Facility expansion also is an important planning element. The newest building, the Robert D. Orr Center, will open in January. The 10-year plan calls for construction of a Health Professions Building, Performing Arts Building, an addition to the Library, Administrative Services Building, and another general classroom building. Proposed student-related facilities include a new Children's Center, a privately-funded small chapel, student housing, an addition to the University Center, and expanded parking, including a parking structure adjacent to the University Center addition and connected to the Performing Arts Building.

COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY STATE

Governor Evan Bayh has announced a plan to establish the Indiana College Savings Bond Program designed to help Hoosier families save for a college education. The governor has asked the State Office Building Commission, the Indiana Transportation Finance Authority and other state-related issuers of debt to include savings bonds in forthcoming bond issues.

"We hope to issue the first Indiana College

Savings Bonds in January as a part of a larger issue of tax-exempt bonds to be issued by the State Office Building Commission," Bayh said. The January issue will finance a new state parking garage and refinance existing bonds which pay interest at rates in excess of the current market.

Depending on years to maturity, \$5,000 bonds should be available for \$1,200 to \$2,600 under the plan. Parents or other family

members can purchase a bond for as little as \$1,200 and 20 years later it can be redeemed for \$5,000. The bonds, which are tax free, can mature in 10 to 20 years in one-year increments. They can be used to pay for college costs at any college in the country, public or private, or for non-tuition uses.

The plan is to make the bonds available from local banks and brokers throughout the state.

EAGLES SOAR

USI Soccer Eagles finished the year on a high note by winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference for the second year in a row and the seventh time in ten years. Their final record was 15-8-1, which tied a 1983 school record for wins, despite playing teams ranked three, eight, and eleven in the nation.

The Cross Country team had its best team performance of the season in winning the GLVC championship for the ninth time in ten years on a snow-covered course in Fort Wayne. The team concluded its season at the NCAA Division II Regionals at Ferris State in Big Rapids, Michigan. USI finished sixth, just missing its ninth NCAA national bid in the last ten years.



Governor Evan Bayh visited USI to learn about early childhood education programs. He is pictured talking with faculty from the School of Education and Human Services. Left to right are Vice President for Business Affairs Byron Wright, Bayh's education aide Marci Reddick, Professor Sherry Boyd, University Relations Vice President Sherrienne Standley, Governor Bayh, Dean Thomas Pickering, and Professor Robert Mays.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE '80S

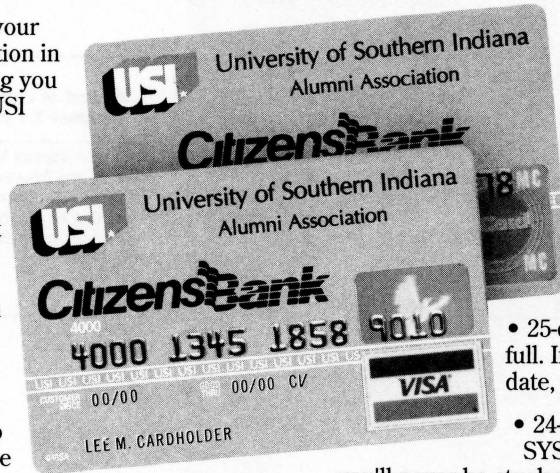
- 1980 — Physical Activities Center completed
- 1981 — WSWI Radio Station added, a gift of South Central Broadcasting
- 1983 — University Home completed
- 1984 — Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity house built
Mid-America Student Housing opened
- 1984-85 — Board of Incorporators for an Independent State University in Southwest Indiana assesses the University, recommends autonomy
- 1985 — Solarbron Pointe Retirement Center opens
USI supported Middle Mt. Vernon water project to Solarbron Pointe Retirement Center and encouraged residential participation, bringing city water service to neighboring subdivisions
Historic New Harmony management undertaken
Master's degree in Industrial Management initiated
- April 16, 1985—12:07:15 p.m. — Governor Robert D. Orr signs legislation establishing the University of Southern Indiana
- 1985-86 — Campus Apartments purchased by SIHE, Inc.; converted to student housing
Community of Scholars series initiated
- 1986 — Joseph E. O'Daniel, Trustee and Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., leader, named National Volunteer of the Year by the national Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
Historic Southern Indiana Project organized to promote historic site preservation and development of tourism
USI honored by Indiana Society of Chicago
- 1987 — USI granted 10-year accreditation for programs through master's degrees by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; site visitation team lauds USI, its students, faculty, programs, community support, Board, and administration
USI chosen as one of two Indiana sites for display of Magna Carta during U.S. Bicentennial Celebration
\$7.8-million classroom building—Robert D. Orr Center—authorized by Indiana General Assembly
\$358,000 appropriation recommended to initiate first year of Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program
- 1988 — University reorganized into five schools
Construction started on \$7.8-million Robert D. Orr Center
Campus Apartments expanded
Presidential Scholarships for Indiana high school valedictorians and salutatorians inaugurated
School of Liberal Arts assumes management of New Harmony Theatre, production of "Young Abe Lincoln" outdoor drama
School of Nursing admits first students
- 1989 — USI receives single largest grant (\$242,000) from National Endowment for the Humanities Education Division for Historic Southern Indiana Project seminars on southern Indiana history
\$200,000 awarded by Indiana Corporation for Science and Technology to fund a high-technology center at USI
School of Liberal Arts adds management to production responsibilities for "Young Abe"
Improvements to USI entrance and the Eickhoff-Korressel connection to Indiana 66 near approval stage
USI Board of Trustees approves Toward the Year 2000, a ten-year plan for program and facility development, after meetings with community leaders and economic development specialists

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THE "COMPOSER" REFLECTS

The decade of the '80s has been a period of extraordinary — and generally planned — growth for the University of Southern Indiana.

Some developments may surprise some in the community, the alliance with Historic New Harmony being one example. The phrase "generally planned" emanates from Dr. David L. Rice, University president for more than two decades—a man with a knack for assessing what exists and what is possible and making it work for the University of Southern Indiana. "New programs" may have been in his plans for the University for years.

The USI student population grew 76 percent in the decade, the campus achieved the long-sought status of becoming Indiana's sixth state university and was reorganized into five academic schools—including a new School of Nursing, undergraduate and graduate programs were developed, construction is nearing completion on a new classroom building, etc.

Yet for President Rice there is no ULTIMATE achievement — his dreams for the University would never allow him to rest on laurels.

"When you get to the crest of one achievement, on the horizon are other challenging and invigorating opportunities," he explained. "The whole thing has been kind of like composing a piece of music, assembling the orchestra, then watching with satisfaction as the different pieces contribute harmoniously to what we view as we step into the environment of 8600 University Boulevard.

"The community leaders who envisioned the Mid-America University Center, the community supporters and the legislative and public officials who worked together to develop today's University certainly can take pride in the fact that USI has been and is a sound investment to strengthen our human resource base," he said.

LEAVING THE '80S . . . MOVING TOWARD THE YEAR 2000

by Dr. David L. Rice

In the early '60s, southwest Indiana was digging its way out of an economic crisis, job losses, and related economic problems. One economist at that time described Evansville as a metropolitan island in a rural sea, with unique resources, opportunities, and problems.

Community leaders realized only a small proportion of young people were going to college and that public higher education opportunities needed to be developed. In 1965, the Indiana General Assembly responded to these expressions of need by resolving that a public university campus be developed. The community, through Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., (SIHE) developed the 1,400-acre Mid-America University Center, which became the home for the fledgling Indiana State University-Evansville campus.

The University was challenged by a whole family of objectives, among which were meeting the needs of the students; providing a curriculum that reflected the economic, social, cultural, and natural environment; marshaling faculty and staff and knitting them into an effective University team; developing library resources; providing classroom and laboratory accommodations; developing support in community groups to complement the public funds made available by the Legislature.

In 1971, the first student graduated from the University and as we moved into the '80s, the University had developed a strong base of undergraduate programs, and the basic academic facilities for programs delivered by a corps of outstanding faculty members. Southern Indiana Higher Education had built MASH (the Mid-America Student Housing) and later purchased Campus Apartments. Solarbron Retirement Center was built

adjacent to the campus. Other developments in the community were reflecting the status of the University.

The maturity of the University was recognized as the Commission for Higher Education recommended a process for creating the fifth baccalaureate degree-granting state university. In 1985, the Indiana General Assembly responded by chartering the University of Southern Indiana. On April 16, at 12:07:15 p.m., the Governor, accompanied by legislative leaders, formally signed the legislative act that established the University.

Southern Indiana is blessed with industrial, medical, and mercantile resources, complemented by a solid cultural and civic heritage, historic sites, and abundant natural resources. Throughout its development the University has drawn upon the region's heritage and resources to shape the institution's course.

During the '80s, the realities of two forces caused community leaders to pause and to revisit economic development perspectives with increased intensity:

— The internationalization of the world jettisoned us into a world economy and, concurrently, the importance of the knowledge industry moved to center stage.

— In the '60s, studies indicated that the Evansville area was the only community of its size void of public undergraduate degree programs and opportunities. An analysis today of metropolitan statistical areas in the population range of 240,000 to 320,000 reveals that the Evansville region is the only metropolitan area of its size in the nation without an array of locally-based public university graduate programs.

An assessment of USI accomplishments as we

close out the '80s reflects a strong base of quality undergraduate programs. Certainly, the performance of our alumni in their respective roles in the community are documentation of the strength and quality of the University and its faculty. This was affirmed by a Research Systems, Inc., poll reporting that three out of four people would recommend attending the University of Southern Indiana.

The academic programs of the University, buttressed by student housing units for 1,040 provided by SIHE, have impacted positively on the proportion of young people going to college, not only from the Evansville community but from the rural counties of southern Indiana. And the goal of continuing to increase participation and to strengthen the human resources of our area will continue to have the highest priorities. Among the challenges of the '90s will be to:

* Expand and improve the undergraduate program of instruction and related faculty research, service, and development activities.

* Provide needed graduate-level programs for the metropolitan area.

* Add the necessary classroom facilities to accommodate the increasing student enrollment.

* Enhance student life and student housing opportunities.

Today — 25 years since the dream of public higher education began to take place — we drive on the University Boulevard and see the four flags which symbolize that USI is an institution contributing to the human resource base of our community, the state, and nation, and that we are preparing students to work in a world economy. The opportunities ahead are unlimited and the challenges are stimulating.

ALUMNI TODAY

CLASS OF 1972

John Niggl, finance graduate, is controller of Digital Equipment Corporation in South Burlington, Vermont.

CLASS OF 1973

Andrea Goin Miles, social science graduate, became training director in February for SCAN Volunteer Service, Inc., in Little Rock, Arkansas. She previously was an area coordinator for four years with SCAN, a private, non-profit protective service agency that investigates delegations of child abuse and provides treatment for families with a substantiated problem.

Dental hygiene graduate **Becky Miller** and her husband, **Rick**, a 1974 accounting graduate, operate Planning Resources Group, Inc., in Colorado Springs, specializing in financial planning and estate and tax planning for individuals and corporations.

CLASS OF 1974

Robert Grannan, accounting/finance graduate, has been appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer of Commonwealth Insurance Company in Louisville. He and his wife, Kendra, have two children.

Management graduate **William Moehlenkamp** recently was promoted to systems planning manager for Product Services Marketing with Sears, working out of corporate headquarters in the Sears Tower, Chicago. He lives in Aurora, Illinois.

CLASS OF 1975

Francis (Vic) Bourdeau, accounting graduate, is a sales executive with Square D Company in Evansville.

Elementary education graduate **Rebecca A. Croft** is a senior training specialist with Federal Express Corporation in San Antonio, Texas, where she lives.

Floyd R. Hertweck, Jr., a social science graduate, is a geologist in Indianapolis.

Elementary education graduate **Steve Ulrich** was ordained a deacon in October at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, Kentucky, moving a step closer to becoming a Catholic priest. After graduation from USI, he taught in New York City, then returned to Evansville to become principal of St. Anthony School before deciding to enter the priesthood. He completed studies in May at St. Meinrad Seminary.

CLASS OF 1979

Richard W. Fischer, art graduate, is a merchandiser with Footlocker in New York City. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Madison, New Jersey; they have two daughters.

CLASS OF 1980

Ellen Funkhouser, mathematics graduate, has been nominated for the Indiana Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation Consumer Success Story of the Year Award. The Princeton, Indiana, native has been a research associate at the University of Alabama since 1988. She completed work on her bachelor's, master's, and a doctorate in public health in spite of being left a quadriplegic in an automobile accident at the USI entrance.

Accounting graduate **Randall Thompson** and **Terri Eli**, a 1983 business education graduate, were married in October. She is a business teacher in the Vincennes Community School Corporation.

CLASS OF 1981

Linda Glaser Englert, management and marketing graduate, is marketing services manager with Pepsi-Cola in Evansville. She and her husband, Robert, live in Wadesville, Indiana.

Communications graduate **Kyle Roth** is a customer service representative with Security Bank of Colorado in Aurora. He lives in Denver.

CLASS OF 1982

James C. Cox, communications graduate, was married in September to Wendy S. Winslow. He is adjunct coordinator with Research Systems Corporation in Evansville.

Accounting graduate **Greg Miller** was promoted in June to postmaster at Haubstadt, Indiana. He and his wife, Karen, have two children.

Michael D. Nance, accounting graduate, is a CPA and audit officer with Merchants National Corporation in Indianapolis, where he lives with his wife, Roberta, and two children.

CLASS OF 1983

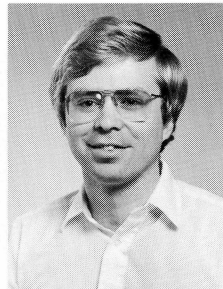
Mark S. Allen, business administration graduate, is an operations analyst with St. Mary's Medical Center and the Daughters of Charity Health Information Systems, Evansville.

Accounting graduate **Timothy M. Armstrong** is assistant controller with Grasso, Inc., Evansville. His wife, **Staci Friedman Armstrong**, a 1987 accounting graduate, is a senior accountant with Gaither, Koewler, Rohlfer, Luckett & Company. She passed the CPA exam in 1988.

Joyce Downing, dental hygiene graduate, was married in June to Stacy Mopps, a biology education major at Indiana University. They live in Richmond, Indiana, where she is a hygienist with Dr. Marcus S. Miller.



Angela Short '87



Richard Vangampller '83

Business administration graduate **Mark Gerst** is general manager of Lookout Mountain Fairyland Club, a fine dining/outdoor recreation club founded in 1926 in the Lookout Mountain community near Chattanooga. He and his wife, Mary, live in Harrison, Tennessee.

Jeff Thomas, business graduate, and his wife, **Suzanne Garrett Thomas**, dental hygiene graduate, live in Oakland City, Indiana, where he is employed with Texas Eastern. She is a hygienist with Dr. Decker in Princeton, Indiana.

Art graduate **Richard Vangampller** has joined Keller-Crescent Company, Evansville, as a planning artist. He previously worked free-lance and as a graphic artist at the former Arkla Industries, Evansville.

David W. Vaught, accounting graduate, joined the U.S. Navy in February and completed the eight-week training cycle at the Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

CLASS OF 1984

Michael M. Yon, communications graduate, is a district manager with Hershey Chocolate USA in Manchester, Missouri. His wife, **Mary Bauer Yon**, also a communications graduate, is real estate editor with the St. Louis Sun.

ROYALTY IN OUR RANKS

Timothy B. Alexander, 1975 history/political science and 1987 social science, and **Michele Shourds Alexander**, 1978 elementary education, became Baron and Baroness Alexander of Greenan in 1988, after he purchased Greenan Castle in Ayrshire, Scotland. The rectangular tower, located on two acres of craggy Irish Sea shoreline, is believed to be one of several sites in King Arthur's Camelot.

Alexander became interested in the castle while doing research for a book about his Scottish ancestors, entitled *Alexander's Baronage of Scotland*. He is a former vice president of A-1 Laundry and Cleaners in Evansville and now writes historical books and serves as a correspondent for Burke's Peerage, a London publishing firm that specializes in research necessary for transferring titles of nobility. The Alexanders live in Evansville.

CLASS OF 1985

Larry Baysinger, mathematics graduate, is a senior math analyst with Indianapolis Life Insurance Company.

Elementary education graduate **Kristy Brown Fleck** is a second-grade teacher with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. She received a master's in education in 1988 from Indiana State University and is working toward a master's in counseling. She and her husband, Franzy, live in Evansville.

CLASS OF 1986

Tony Aylsworth, a political science graduate, is in his third year at the University of Louisville School of Law. He and his wife, Amy Harrawood Aylsworth, a UE physical therapy graduate, live in Louisville.

Communications/psychology graduate **Jane Baumgart** was married in February to Perry Moon. They live in Florence, Alabama.

Jane A. K. Carlson, art major, is principal of Cromwell Junior/Senior High School in Cromwell, Minnesota. Her husband, Glenn, former assistant basketball coach at USI, now is men's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. They live in Superior.

Mining engineering technology graduate **Gary R. Connor** is an associate engineer with Roy F. Weston, Inc., of Bannockburn, Illinois, an environmental consulting firm. He and his wife, Judy, live in Lindenhurst; they have two sets of twins.

Biology graduate **Randal K. Hughes** recently was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He is a senior at Indiana University School of Medicine, specializing in ophthalmology. He and Linda Schauss were married in May.

Rene Richmond, elementary education graduate, is a leasing representative with Old National Bank, Evansville.

CLASS OF 1987

Angela Short, marketing graduate, has been promoted to senior media planner/buyer at Keller-Crescent Company, Evansville. She also received an associate degree in business from USI in 1980. She joined Keller-Crescent in 1982 as a media coordinator and was promoted to media buyer in 1983 and media planner/buyer in 1986.

Psychology graduate **John D. Somers** is an athletic trainer with Cottage Hospital Athletic Medicine, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. He lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

CLASS OF 1988

Susan E. Brown, sociology graduate, is a juvenile counselor with the Earle C. Clements Job Corps near Morganfield, Kentucky.

Finance graduate **Kenneth F. Egler** is an accountant with Hopf-Himsel, Inc., in Huntingburg, Indiana. He lives in Jasper.

Tim T. Fehribach, management graduate, is assistant manager of Select Beef, Inc., (Arby's) in Evansville.

Radiologic technology graduate **Ann Kirsch Gregory** is employed as an x-ray technician at Deaconess Hospital, Evansville. She and her husband, Donald, have a son.

Allyson Huebschman, social work graduate, is a social worker with Debra Corn Specialized Family Care, Inc., of Oakland City, Indiana. She and Shannon Hoffman were married in March. They live in Ferdinand, Indiana.

Psychology graduate **Glenn A. Myres**, a probation officer with the Warrick Circuit Court in Boonville, Indiana, and Karla R. Gowen were married in April. She is employed with the Warrick County auditor.

Lisa Hobgood Pearson, elementary education major, teaches language arts to first-through-sixth-grade students at Page Elementary School in Costa Mesa, California. She and her husband, Raymond, live in Santa Ana.

CLASS OF 1989

Chemistry graduate **Carolyn Ackerman** is a graduate student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Lisa Scherry Ashby, a marketing/management graduate, is a high-volume copy specialist with Adams/Remco Inc., at Valparaiso, Indiana. She and her husband, Steve, and son, Jason, live in Crown Point.

Social work graduate **Debra L. Bryant** is employed with Debra Corn Specialized Family Care, Inc., in Oakland City, Indiana.

Jeffrey Devine, political science/history graduate, and **Maralinn S. Shelton**, accounting graduate, were married in June and live in Glencoe, Missouri. He is working

toward a Juris Doctorate at St. Louis University School of Law and she is an accountant with Shure Manufacturing Corporation in St. Louis.

Business administration graduate **Jane H. Edmundson** and Bryant L. Young, an ITT Technical Institute graduate, were married in September. They live in Champaign, Illinois, where he is a maintenance technician with Advanced Filtration Systems.

Brian Kirchoff, a social science teaching graduate, is a government and U.S. history teacher and junior varsity basketball coach at North Newton High School in Morocco, Indiana. He lives in Rensselaer.

History/political science graduate **Scott Leatherland** is the purchasing agent for Higginson Coilwash, Inc., a small steel fabrication company in Evansville.

Michael Roeder and **Lee Ann Weitzel**, both communications graduates, were married in September. They live in Indianapolis, where he is public information officer with the Indiana House of Representatives and she is caucus services assistant for the Indiana Senate.

Management/marketing graduate **Eric S. Sargent** is materials coordinator for Decora Cabinetry Division of AristoKraft, in Zumbrota, Minnesota. He lives in Rochester, Minnesota.

Steve Spradley, elementary education graduate, is a sixth-grade reading teacher at McGary Middle School, Evansville. He also is a 1983 marketing graduate. He and his wife, Jean, have one son, Jonathan.

ALUMNI DISCOUNT

Look for the class listing of the USI Continuing Education 1990 Winter Session, a pull-out tabloid on January 8 in the Evansville newspapers. When registering, mention your alumni status and receive a 10 percent discount on the price of each course.

ALUMNI SHARE CAREER EXPERIENCES

Forty USI alumni returned to campus October 25 to provide practical career information and insight into the realities of the workplace to more than 150 community adults and USI students who attended the USI Career Exploration Evening.

The event was sponsored by the USI Alumni Association and the USI Offices of Career Placement, Alumni Affairs, Admissions, and Counseling Center as an effort to assist community adults and currently enrolled students in selecting a career.

"We owe a public thanks to the alumni who unselfishly gave their time and expertise to make this event a success," said USI Alumni Director Nancy Johnson '83. Surveys gathered after the event from alumni participants will help to improve on future career experiences for students.

More than 130 alumni names are included in the Alumni Career Resource Directory which students use as a reference when they need individual career information. Any alumni who have not volunteered to be a career resource, may do so by calling the USI Alumni Affairs Office, 464-1924 or (800) 444-1965.

USI GRADUATE WEATHERS HUGO

by Dr. Robert DeWeese, '80 biology

For several days the people of Charleston had been tracking Hugo. The east coast is long though, and the chance of it making a direct hit on Charleston seemed small. But by Wednesday morning, September 20, forecasters had ruled out Florida as a landing site. Hugo was expected to go ashore in the Carolinas. Being from Indiana and having never seen a hurricane, that was close enough for me. Since I am a physician at the Navy Hospital in Charleston, I would be expected to be in the hospital when it hit. My family was not, however, and I sent them that day to stay with relatives in inland Virginia.

What some thought was a premature decision on my part Wednesday turned out to be a wise move on Thursday. City officials were now urging the evacuation of Charleston, and roads that were easily passable the day before now were clogged with citizens trying to flee.

After the fog burned off Thursday morning, we had a sunny day, one of the prettiest in some time. The skies gave no clue to the terror that was to come. It was the calm before the storm.

In the hospital, the mood was that of a large slumber party. The children of hospital personnel were everywhere. TVs, Nintendo games, and cards kept everyone occupied who wasn't busy preparing for the storm. The hospital itself, with thick concrete walls and recessed windows sitting 31 feet above sea level, was thought to be one of the safest in Charleston.

By 8 p.m., the rain was horizontal. Standing on the ambulance dock outside, sheltered from the rain, was a favorite pastime. The wind was estimated at 50 miles per hour. By 9 p.m., it was closer to 70. A large tree, about 40 feet tall and two feet in diameter, stood on the hospital grounds. It was standing straight up, weathering the storm well. I pointed to it confidently and remarked that that was the size of trees in our neighborhood and that it was doing fine.

By 10 p.m., it was no longer safe to stand outside or to even be by a window. The large plates of glass were beginning to shudder and move. The wind initially could not be heard in the inner parts of the hospital, but now was audible everywhere. At 10:35, we lost power. The emergency generators kicked in and kept certain areas, such as the operating rooms and intensive care units, with electricity.

By 11 p.m., the noise was unbelievable and fear was palpable. Hugo began taking the hospital apart. The latch on the door leading from the ambulance dock to the emergency gave away and the door slammed open. Two large physicians leaned into it and held it shut until it could be secured. Doors and windows near our pharmacy were the next to go.

Hugo was moving indoors. With each bit of destruction, the command post in the main lobby would send damage control teams of sailors and seabees running off to mend it as best they could. The command post was the next to go. The doors in the lobby shattered and showered the sailors with glass. They retreated into a hallway and lashed the metal door shut behind them.

Loud explosions could be heard from time to time — air conditioners being ripped from the roof and slamming to the ground, transformers exploding. The top two floors now were taking on water because portions of the roof were damaged.

To add to the noise and confusion, the fire alarm horns were sounding in the lobby. They had been set off by the winds and water. At least that was our hope. For if there really was a fire, the estimated 1,200 occupants of the hospital had nowhere to go.

At 12:05 a.m., things went quiet; the eye had arrived. On the ambulance dock the air was as thick as soup. I shined the flashlight over the grounds. The large tree that I had confidently pointed to earlier had snapped in two. Looters could be seen working the shops across the street. The eye lasted only 35 minutes; at 12:40 a.m., Hugo was back. Unlike the first part of the storm that builds over time, the second half starts with the strongest winds first and then gradually dies. That was some comfort; it was half over and wasn't going to get any worse.

By 7 a.m., it was light enough to see the damage. Words cannot adequately describe the scene that greeted us Friday morning. Trees were down everywhere, portions of buildings were missing. As I slowly made my way home that afternoon, I stared out the window in awe. The route no longer looked familiar; the landscape had changed that much. Charleston, a city that resists change, had changed overnight.

There were tearful reunions with neighbors that day. Only a few hours earlier, I was convinced that I would not see some of these people alive again. Our house was little worse for the wear, but it was hit and miss. Many had no roofs or large trees protruding from them.

The people of Charleston emerged from the rubble that morning and immediately went to work rebuilding. People shared food and water. Homeless stayed with more fortunate neighbors. Food and supplies started coming in at a trickle but quickly increased to a flood as people from across the nation opened their hearts and wallets to help those who had been devastated. Most people were without power for a week or two, some for nearly a month. The entire electrical system essentially had to be rebuilt. Running water was back in two days, drinkable water in a week. About a month after the hurricane we had a pleasant, unexpected surprise. The trees had been rebuilding also. Mint green leaves sprang from the trees and flowers bloomed, as Charleston went through its second spring of '89. My wife said that this was God's apology note.

Hugo left a mark on Charleston and the people who suffered through it. The wounds are a bit better hidden now, but not far from the surface. It was very emotional to watch a special on Hugo on the one-month anniversary. Tears welled in my eyes at the end, when the show was dedicated to those who had died in the storm and their names were scrolled on the screen. I, for one, will never forget where I was at 12:05 a.m. on September 22, 1989.

THREE NEW SCHOLARSHIPS BEING AWARDED AT USI

DEATHS

Alan Frederick Cook, '72 management, died in April in Sarasota, Florida. Formerly of Evansville and Wadesville, Indiana, he had worked as a real estate broker in Vermont, North Carolina, and Florida, and had served in the Army in the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and in Europe. He was 44.

Robert L. Koch, '73 honorary Doctor of Laws, died August 22 in Evansville. He had been president of Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., and was instrumental in the founding and development of the University. He was chairman of the board of George Koch Sons, Inc., in Evansville.

Three new \$500 scholarships established to aid students who have financial need were awarded this fall at USI — the Frances H. and Guy Q. Cornell Sr. Memorial Scholarship, the Albert A. Woll Memorial Scholarship, and the Cynderella Miller Scholarship.

The Cornell scholarship is a gift of Jack and Bert Burgdorf in memory of Mrs. Burgdorf's parents. It is based on need with preference given to women who are Warrick County residents and are active in campus organizations. The first recipient is Sindy S. Fritchley of Gentryville, Indiana, a junior English major and tutor in the Writing Workshop.

The Woll Scholarship is restricted to pre-

medical students. It memorializes the late honorary USI trustee and was made possible by a major gift from his widow, Mrs. Sarah Woll, and his son, David A. Woll, both of Evansville; and his daughters, Mrs. Helaine Fendelman of Scarsdale, New York, and Ms. Susan Woll of Hartsdale, New York. The first award went to Daniel Schmitt of Jasper, Indiana, a junior biology major.

The Miller Scholarship was established by a neighbor and friend of the University to aid a student "where the need is greatest." The first recipient is Amy Bonenberger of 1714 Henning Avenue, Evansville, a junior mathematics major. She is married and the mother of one child.

ILO: REACHING FOR THE PEAK

by Ray Simmons

The basketball game has been called on account of rain.

No, basketball is not a typographical error. In Zaire in Central Africa, games frequently are affected by the weather because the arenas are open air with rubber floors like many teams in the states use only for practice. In this type of setting All America candidate Ilo Mutombo, USI's 6'9" center, received his start in basketball.

Mutombo began playing basketball about six years ago in his final year of high school before going on to play for the Zaire National team. Although these teams were playing for national prestige, to most Americans, the games may have looked more like an outdoor pick-up game with a large crowd on courts lit by 150-watt bulbs.

"We average about six to seven thousand people a game in Africa," said Mutombo. "The games are held in what looks like many of the baseball stadiums. If it rains or if the wind is blowing too hard, the game will be postponed for a couple of hours. The wind was only a minor problem because we were in a stadium and most of the wind was blocked, but if you shot badly, or if you were off-target, you could say it was the wind!"

Though Mutombo, whose younger brother Dikembe plays for Georgetown, only began playing basketball in his senior year of high school, a year after graduating he was invited to play on the Zaire National team. In that time, his team won three African National titles and played Europe in the pre-Olympic games. "It was a big change when we went to Europe because it was cold and everything was played inside on wood floors, which helped me to prepare me for the game in the States," said Mutombo. The game in Africa is starting to take on some of the western flavor that Mutombo and his teammates have taken back. "In 1985, they were starting to build a big arena for the whole country on donations by Zaire's president. This would enable the sport to be promoted, explained Mutombo, "plus, the game in Africa is being Europeanized' so we have the same standards and regulations as everyone in the world.

"Part of our job while we were in Europe was to learn different aspects of the game and bring the ideas back to our country," he said.

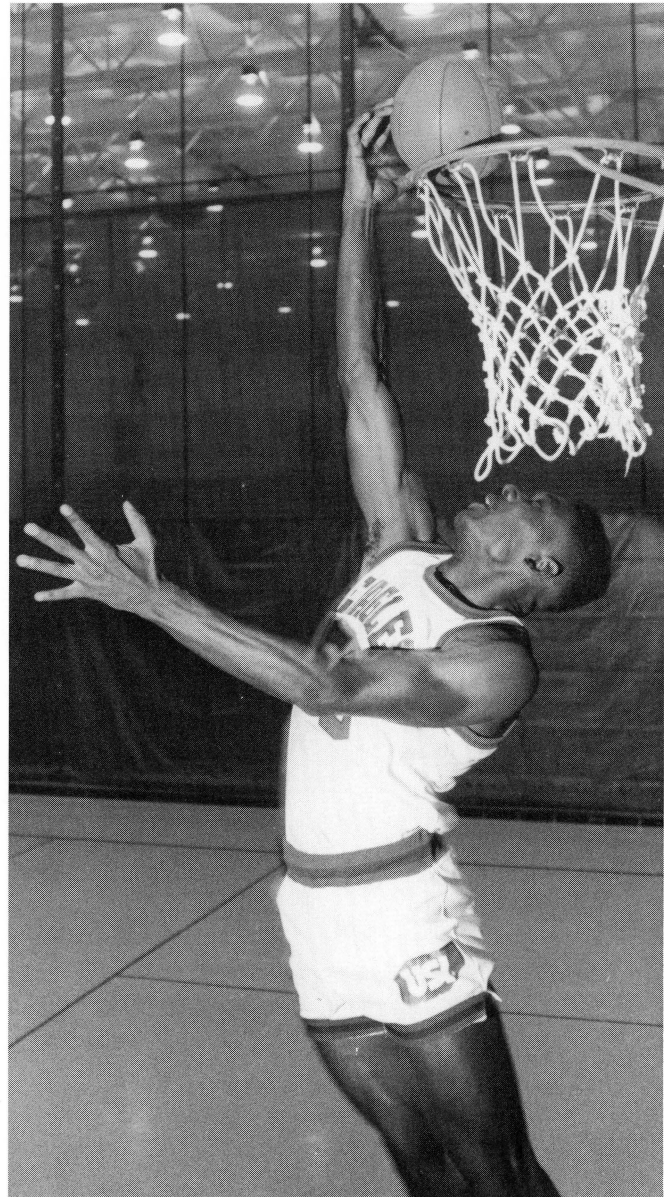
Mutombo feels he has one advantage over his American counterparts while playing inside. "When it is real hot in the gym, it does not bother me because I am used to it. . . I can play longer and harder," he grinned.

Since being at USI, the greatest difference Mutombo has seen is in the crowds. "We have a silent crowd here. In Africa, the crowd starts yelling the second my foot hits the floor and doesn't stop until we leave," he said. "A crowd like that can really motivate a player and we need that at USI!"

Playing basketball was not Mutombo's choice as a sport — soccer was. Mutombo explained, "In Africa, soccer is the first level and basketball is second. In my country, the USI soccer field would be considered a practice field. Each team has a big stadium, like a football stadium, and the crowds are very large and knowledgeable about the game. In soccer, I was a goalkeeper.

"When you cross the ocean to the United States you see the change for soccer being number two behind basketball. In my country, if you didn't play soccer you were nothing. I still get letters from home asking if I still play soccer, but I have no time with basketball."

Perhaps the biggest adjustment to playing American basketball has been the coaching. "I have begun to put into practice in the games what coach has taught us to do," said Mutombo. "Coach (Lionel) Sinn has taught us what to do in certain situations and it is up to us to use what he has taught. Coach has taught me to fake one way and go the other and how to take a foul. Before I would just charge in and try to score. A good player reflects on the coach, and I have to listen and work no matter how hard it is to do."



This season at USI, Mutombo and his Screaming Eagle teammates have a mission to put USI back on the map and never give up. "You have to hit the floor with a mission — what you want to accomplish for yourself and the team. I hate to lose at anything — class, basketball, and cards. I hate failure. . . it hurts.

The communications major compares what the team has to do on the floor to a TV production class. He said, "In television, all the people work as a team or the production will be terrible. In basketball all five people have to work together to win. No one player can carry a team."

His main goal at USI is to get an education, but Mutombo hopes to go on to play pro basketball. Mutombo said, "I hope to play pro and I'm still going to peak. It's like climbing a mountain and I haven't reached the peak yet."

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Bob Wallace '74

I wholeheartedly encourage your attendance at Homecoming. Last year I had a great time when I returned to campus, for the first time since graduation, to attend my 15-year Reunion. My home is now Cincinnati, Ohio. The changes were truly amazing—new buildings, more students and staff, new programs—but the same warm welcome was still evident on campus. Come home to USI. I'm coming back this year! Join me.

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