

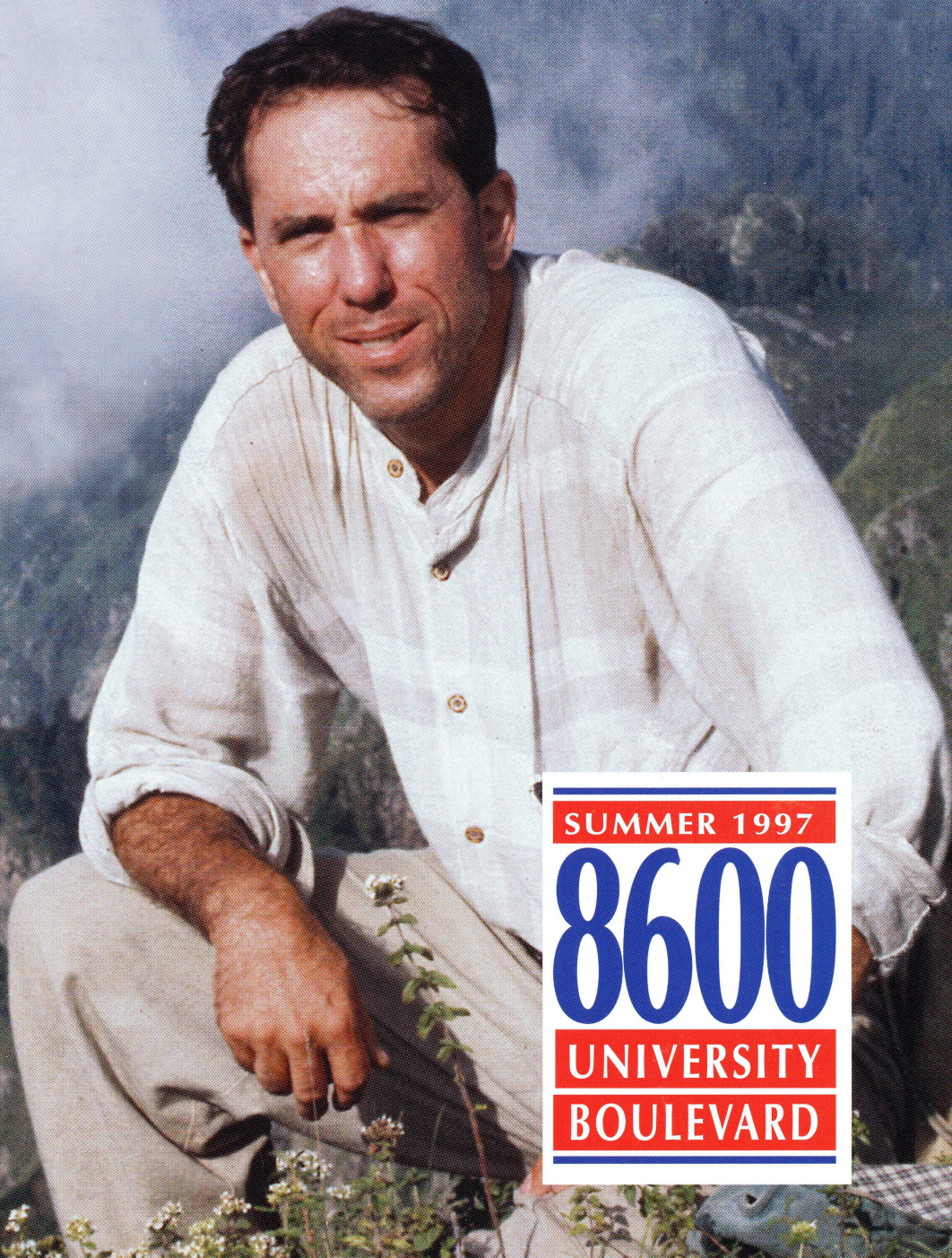
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Near and far—USI's reach ever expanding

From Pakistan to Jasper, Indiana, and back to our home base in Vanderburgh County, this issue of 8600 demonstrates the impact of the University of Southern Indiana upon its neighbors far and wide. We start this issue with the story (page 2) of Joe DiPietro, associate professor of geology, who is just back from his fourth trip to Pakistan, made possible by a National Science Foundation grant. His important research in the Himalayas will be read and studied by scientists around the world.

Coming a little closer to home is the article (page 4) on "distance education," a '90s kind of term that just means we are breaking out from campus walls to teach students who are picking up our signals from a satellite or looking at a computer screen linked to us by the Internet. From remote sites in Jasper and from cable television in their own living rooms, students are seeing and hearing USI professors. We are realizing that a person doesn't have to smell the chalk to earn three hours of credit.

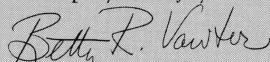
But nowhere else does USI pack a bigger punch than at home. Munir Quddus and Mohammad Khayum of our economics department have completed a report (page 6) that shows what USI means to Vanderburgh County and the surrounding Tri-State. Their research covers the economic impact of the University on the region. USI is a growing University that supports the businesses and people of the Tri-State. After all, that's only fair. These are the same businesses that hire our graduates and the same individuals who cheer for our athletic teams!

As the University grows, so grows the Office of News and Information Services. Publications responsibilities are being expanded. New staffing has made it possible to add a writer and art director to the staff and duties are shifting. Kathy Funke has been our 8600 editor for several years. More of her attention will be directed to strengthening the state-wide presence of the University through regional and national media while overseeing the inception of new University publications.

Our new art director for the magazine is Jennifer Schmitz, who recently moved to USI from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. She is responsible for much of the new look you see in this issue. This is the third issue for which Elizabeth Courtney Randolph has covered the campus with camera in hand. A former newspaper photographer, she joined the staff some months ago. The names of Janice Perkins, Nancy L. Johnson, and Suzanne Nicholson on the masthead are more familiar to you. They continue to be part of the team that brings this magazine to your mailbox.

As your new editor, I felt a special kinship with the faculty and students I talked with while writing the distance education story because I am editing this publication from my home office as a telecommuting staff member. You'll find me easily accessible by phone (812/853-6590), FAX (812/853-6671), mail (6477 Hillsgate Ct., Newburgh, IN 47630) and e-mail (bvawter@dynasty.net) so let me know what you would like to see in these pages in the months ahead. And, yes, I do know that 8600 is more than a name for a magazine. My work week always includes some time at the real 8600 University Boulevard to talk with and meet with those who make the University so exciting.

We hope you enjoy this issue. See you next time!



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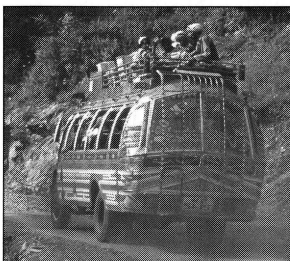
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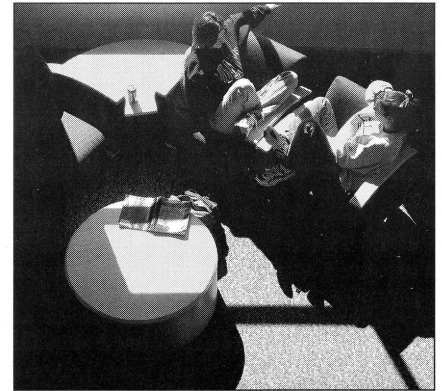
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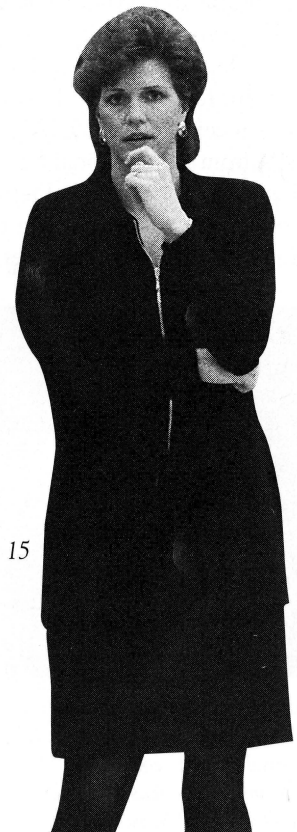


ON THE COVER

Joe DiPietro, associate professor of geology, pauses at 9,000 feet above sea level near the mountain of Dosara while conducting research in the Himalayas. The geologist finds travel in the area more appealing on foot than by vehicle. At left, a bus negotiates the narrow roads of Shangla Pass.



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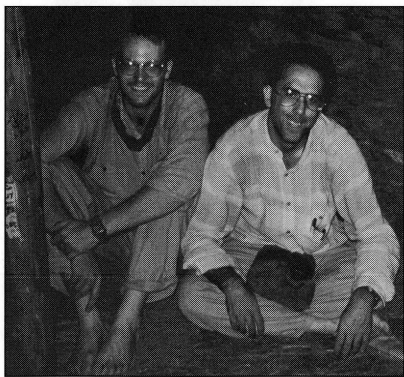
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Packing rocks in Pakistan

Geologist Joe DiPietro conducts research in Himalayas through grant from National Science Foundation

As he traverses the foothills of the Himalayas, Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro takes a hard look at all he sees, hammering and chiseling out rock samples that one day may help explain the collision of India and Asia many millions of years ago and the subsequent formation of the mountains in northern Pakistan.

The associate professor of geology left in May for a five-week expedition, his fourth trip to Pakistan since receiving a \$225,000 grant in 1994 from the National Science Foundation (NSF). DiPietro spent more than three months in the Himalayas in 1994, another three



Accepting lodging for the night in a mosque were (from left) USI student Jeff Carnahan and geologist Joe DiPietro. No guest house was available in the small village of Speri Banda.

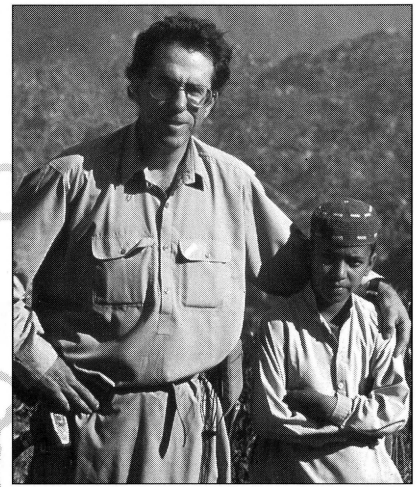
months in 1995, and more than a month last year. His grant is the largest research award to date for any faculty member at the University of Southern Indiana.

While most of the Himalayas are difficult to access, DiPietro works in the foothills, mostly below 10,000 feet in altitude. "People live everywhere," he says. "It's easy to walk through and look at the distribution of rocks."

The geologist is seeking through his research to learn more about the Indus Syntaxis area and the uplift of land that caused the Himalayas. The Indus River runs through this area.

He measures the orientation of the layers and folds, breaks the rocks, and keeps a sample. His notes indicate the various rock types, and he shows on a map where the different types of rocks are located. Some of the areas have never been mapped.

DiPietro also must determine the age of the rocks. Although some have fossils which help in dating, most do not. The USI geologist brings back samples which are forwarded to Clark Isachsen, a senior research specialist in the department of geological sciences



Joe DiPietro and young Aktarhussain travel in the mountains above the village of Bat Khela. The boy is the son of the local guide who has assisted DiPietro on each of his trips to the Himalayas.

at the University of Arizona. Crushing a rock sample the size of two footballs, Isachsen extracts zircons which are rich in uranium. Through the radioactivity, Isachsen dates the rocks. Some are 1.839 billion years old, give or take nine million years.

DiPietro says that he has brought back other rock samples which may prove to be even older. He thinks so because the ones which have already been dated intrude upon the others, indicating that the others were deposited at an earlier time.

The geologist's interest in the Himalayas began when he did some work there while pursuing his doctoral degree at Oregon State University. He was in Pakistan in 1986-87, and in 1992 attended a Himalayan Conference in England, where his interest was rekindled, so much so that he wrote the grant proposal. DiPietro has been associated with USI since 1991.

He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Washington and his master's at the University of Vermont before completing his doctorate at Oregon State in 1990.

"The best part of the study is being in the mountains," said the geologist. "I'm in an area where the

rocks are fantastic. I enjoy the walking, the climbing, the people, and the culture.”

The worst part of being over there, he says, is being in a vehicle. “Drivers don’t pay attention to any driving rules. All along the roads are people, donkeys, and children. Horns are beeping, and bus drivers are going too fast, passing on the left side and on the right side. It doesn’t matter.”

DiPietro begins each trip by flying into Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, and then taking the “scary” three-hour taxi ride to Peshawar on the northwestern side of the country. This city of a half million people is the “gateway to Afghanistan,” just 30 miles from the Kyber Pass. In Peshawar, DiPietro confers with two colleagues: Irshad Ahmad, a geologist at the University of Peshawar, and Ahmad Hussain, an official of the Geological Survey of Pakistan.

From Peshawar, DiPietro rents a Jeep for the drive to Saidu, the capital of the area of Swat, where he engages a room at a hotel that was once the guest house of the Wali (ruler) of Swat. His quarters include a bedroom, a sitting room, and a large bathroom with marble fittings. The bed is a wooden frame with a foam mattress. Running water, hot in the mornings, is available. The cost is \$12 a night.

DiPietro sets out from this location for his walks into the mountains. He may be out only one day or perhaps from two to three weeks.

A local guide, Regemon, accompanies DiPietro on his trips into the foothills. Regemon, 30-something, speaks Pushtu, DiPietro said,

acknowledging that he has picked up only a few words of that language himself. “Regemon knows my routine. We communicate enough to get the work done.”

Sometimes the American will be invited to eat with the guide, his wife, and five children. The menu might include bread, lentil, rice, squash, okra, or whatever is in



Villagers on Gat Kandao (Gat Pass) construct a rock wall.

season, all cooked over an open fire. “I don’t like it when they kill a chicken for me. They’re very expensive,” DiPietro said, adding that these mountain chickens are not very plump either.

Regemon and DiPietro travel lightly because the villagers graciously provide food and a place to stay. The geologist’s gear, strapped around his waist, includes a two-and-half-pound rock hammer, a chisel, an altimeter, a geological compass, a knife, hydrochloric acid, a notebook, maps, and a global positioning system.

As the guide and the geologist hike through the mountains, villagers see them approaching and come out to meet them. Since the area of Swat is strictly Islamic, out-

siders must be led through the village. DiPietro is not allowed to talk to or even look at the women, who cover themselves except for their eyes.

DiPietro is taken to a guest house with a packed mud floor where he is served tea and then food. The bed is a wooden frame cot about three feet by six feet in size and strung with rope. A quilt makes the bed pad and another quilt provides cover.

“Some places I go, a foreigner has never been,” DiPietro said. “I go into some tribal areas because that’s where the rocks are.”

A tribal area is a semi-autonomous part of Pakistan governed by the Jirga system, a group of elders. Pakistani police are not allowed in tribal areas, and everyone carries a gun.

DiPietro finds it challenging to explain the American way of life. For instance, the mountain people want to know if Americans live in

the mountains. It is hard for them to understand that in the United States people who live in the mountains still have access to running water, electricity, and good roads.

On his first trip funded through the NSF grant, DiPietro was accompanied by a student, Jeff Carnahan ’95. USI students have reviewed some of DiPietro’s data, helping to produce computer-generated maps of the area he studies.

DiPietro has published articles about his research and he has provided the data for a Geological Map of Indus Syntaxis soon to be published by the Geological Society of America.



Bonnell '80 manager of distance education programming, says some students come to the courses already savvy of technology while others find their computer skills are honed through distance learning.

Distance education

Are you going to college, or is college coming to you?

Taking the classroom beyond campus—terms to know

- Picture Tel is a brand name for two-way interactive videoconferencing allowing the professor and students in one location to communicate with students in a remote location. Both sites can see and hear each other over television monitors.
- Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications System (IHETS) offers one-way video and two-way audio. Students at the remote site can ask questions during a class by using a special hand-set in the IHETS classroom.
- Cable television is the delivery method for a number of courses. The student can contact the instructor live during class meetings with a special phone number.
- Internet access allows students to view course materials, link to related sites, and conduct electronic discussions with faculty and classmates.
- Videotapes, computer discs, or CD-ROMs may be picked up on campus or mailed to the student's home. The student is responsible for watching the videotape in a timely manner or completing assignments on the computer disc or CD as outlined in the course materials.

Would you like to take a college course without ever driving onto campus?

Thanks to today's technology, students in some courses at the University of Southern Indiana no longer sit at a desk in a traditional classroom. The classes come to them. Through the Internet worldwide communications system, videoconferencing, cable television, computer disc, videotape, and electronic mail (e-mail), students now have access not only to teachers and classmates who may be miles away but also to resources not possible in times past.

Of course, saying that the classes come to the students is a qualified statement. Most courses do require students to come on campus or meet with the teacher for some limited time or for examinations. And some require students to come to a class, not on campus, but at another site such as a high school or library near their home. But more and more, students do have increased flexibility to learn wherever they are and whenever they can.

Dr. Karen Bonnell '80, manager of distance education programming for USI and assistant professor of communications, says that distance learning courses are particularly helpful for students who live a long way from campus or for those who have work or other commitments during usual classroom hours. In the spring, 144 students took courses via distance education, and already 179 students are pre-registered for the fall.

Students who are self-motivated may prefer distance learning. Others who need face-to-face contact with instructors or who want the on-campus experience will prefer to stick with the traditional classroom. Most courses available through distance learning are also still available on campus.

Those who do enroll in distance learning programs must have access to certain technology. Depending on the course, this might include a computer with appropriate software, Internet access, a video cassette player, and a television.

Two of the first distance education offerings at USI were Special Topics in Sign Language, a "tele-course" on WNIN-TV, and Computer Applications in Business, a course offered on computer disc. From those beginnings the schedule has grown to include more than 40 courses that employ some form of distance education.

Often the courses are delivered through a combination of methods. Dr. Betty Hart, associate professor of English, has developed her course in minority literature on videotape and CD-ROM.

Dr. Dal M. Herring, chair of the communications department, finds that students with physical disabilities appreciate the eight courses on video and cable-tv offered by his department, and he agrees that distance opportunities are attractive to others. Some students commute to class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and enroll in distance education classes for Tuesdays and Thursdays to cut travel costs and time.

The communications department has proposed an associate's degree which can be completed entirely through distance education courses. It has been approved by the USI Board of Trustees and is awaiting proper state agency approval.

Dr. Judith A. Halstead, assistant professor of nursing, says that the School of Nursing and Health Professions is expanding its distance offerings. Early on, the school offered courses in Vincennes and Jasper with faculty traveling to those sites. Then with the advent of Picture Tel technology, faculty members were able to teach on

campus but were connected by two-way audio and video to students at the remote sites. "We were serving them, but they still had to come to class in Vincennes and Jasper at a certain time," she said.

Now the School provides students even more flexibility in meeting course requirements. Three nursing courses were offered through the Internet in the spring, and an additional four will be available in the fall. Students in these courses access materials on the course Web site and then link to other Web pages. A computer "conference board" enables classmates to discuss topics with each other and with the teacher.

Students read a classmate's posting on the conference board and then add to the ongoing discussion. Halstead said, "One of the topics we discussed was the use of unlicensed nursing personnel by health care facilities. I found that students did participate. Even a student who is shy feels free to use this method."

Vera Foley, a student in Halstead's class, likes the discussion board because "You can think out your responses in your own time and at your own convenience. I am surprised that I feel a lot closer to my classmates. Since we are all so much more open in our discussion forums via the Internet, it is easier to understand what the other person is like."

Videoconference sessions through Picture Tel or the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications System (IHETS) were held three to five times during the semester to round out the experience in each nursing course. Without the Internet component, students would have had regularly scheduled videoconference sessions.

Foley said another advantage of the Internet class is that she received a list of phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers

for classmates and faculty. "This network has made it easier to communicate," she said, pointing out that such a class list is not routinely available in traditional classrooms. Halstead said the nursing faculty is pleased with the quality of learning through distance courses.

Distance students in disciplines other than nursing also communicate through e-mail. After completing assignments and filing them electronically, students receive graded responses and feedback in similar fashion. Of course, students may also schedule a personal conference or phone the instructor. Distance classmates in several disciplines also chat online in study or discussion groups.

Ronald C. Roat, assistant professor of journalism, is using Internet technology for his Introduction to Mass Media course which appears on cable-tv. He has posted summaries of each chapter in the text on a Web site.

He said, "The technology allows students who miss class, for whatever good or bad reason, a means to catch up. More and more students are showing up in class with the Web page summaries, and they don't just go through and highlight material. They are writing along the edges and between the paragraphs. The summaries are another means students have to find out what the professor might emphasize. They are not substitutes for the text and not substitutes for listening to lecture."

When it comes to effective note-taking, Herring says that videotapes are particularly helpful. Students can freeze the frame and proceed when ready.

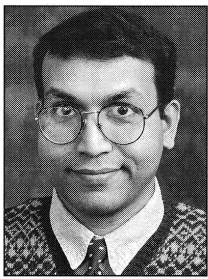
Herring said distance education is an exciting delivery system, full of challenges. "It is the wave of the future," he said, "and we want to ride the crest."

University exerts increasing impact on Vanderburgh County economy

Some benefits simply cannot be measured

Vanderburgh County is benefitting in a big way economically as the home of the University of Southern Indiana, the fastest growing university in the state, according to a new report by two USI economists.

Dr. Munir Quddus, chair of the Economics and Finance Department, and Dr. Mohammad F. Khayum, associate professor of economics, have completed a study titled "The Economic Impact of the University of Southern Indiana on the Evansville Economy."



Quddus

To earn its reputation as the fastest-growing university in Indiana, USI has averaged an annual increase in enrollment of 5.3 percent over the past 10 years.

The average enrollment growth for all colleges and universities in Indiana is 1.44 percent during that same time. Nationwide, the average growth in enrollment for all public institutions of higher learning is 1.87 percent, about one-third the rate of USI.

Just as USI has experienced dramatic growth over the last 10 years, so has the local economy, shifting from one of unskilled to semi-skilled, professional, and executive occupations. In an overview of the Evansville economy, Quddus and Khayum note that the percentage of college graduates employed in the local economy rose from 12.5 percent to 16 percent between 1980 and 1990.

"With as much as 38 percent of the fall 1996 entering class of students coming from Vanderburgh County and nearly 67 percent of all USI graduates residing within a

50-mile radius of the campus, USI is undoubtedly an important contributor to the accumulation of human capital and the improved levels of post-secondary educational attainment in the surrounding community," the report says.

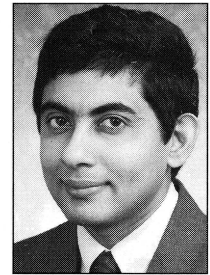
As USI grows, its spending does likewise, pumping dollars into the economy. Quddus and Khayum state that over the past 10 years the average annual growth in USI's expenditures for current operations and capital improvements was 10.6 percent while the annual increase in expenditures by employees, students, and visitors was a "healthy" 6.2 percent.

In 1995-96, expenditures by the University and its support organizations for salaries, operating expenditures, and capital outlays were more than \$47 million. The study indicates that 70 percent of those dollars were paid to households and businesses located in Vanderburgh County. Of the non-payroll expenditures, 55.6 percent were made to businesses in the University's home county.

Taking into account spending not only by the University but also by its students and its visitors, Vanderburgh County also gets a sizeable chunk of the action. USI, its students, and visitors spent more than \$100 million in 1995-96, with \$59.1 million or almost 60 percent staying in Vanderburgh.

USI also makes an impact on Vanderburgh County in terms of providing jobs. As of December 31, 1996, USI employed 1,507 persons, including student workers, part-time or casual employees such as those who work during peak periods such as registration, full-time support staff, part-time faculty, full-time faculty, and full-time administrative staff. When this job total is compared with employment data

compiled by Vision 2000 for other area employers, USI emerges as the tenth-largest employer in the county. USI did not make the top 20 a decade ago.



Khayum

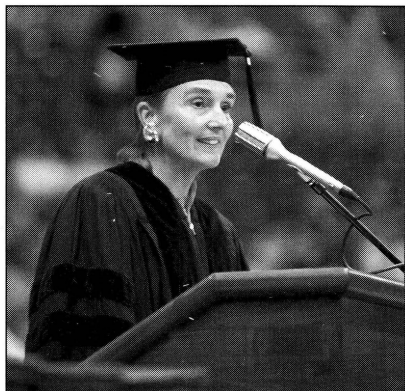
When direct and indirect employment figures are combined, the effect of USI on the Vanderburgh job market is even more far-reaching. Direct employment is the number of people, excluding student workers, on the USI payroll at some time during the fiscal year, but not necessarily for the entire year. During the 1995-96 fiscal year, the University directly employed 1,294 persons. Indirect employment includes those whose work is contracted through another employer, such as a construction company or a service provider. The report shows that USI generated 2,017 jobs on an indirect basis during 1995-96. Therefore, during that time period the total number of jobs in the local economy attributable to the University of Southern Indiana was 3,311 (1,294 direct jobs and 2,017 indirect).

In addition to the quantifiable data reported, the two USI economists recognized certain non-quantifiable benefits bestowed by the University upon Vanderburgh and neighboring communities. Universities "educate, improve the information base, broaden horizons, and prepare students for citizenship and the workplace."

The report lists continuing education activities, research contributions, community service, and sports and recreational opportunities among the non-quantifiable ways that the University impacts the local area.

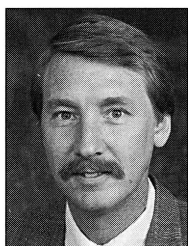
Ann M. Stack, arts leader, receives honorary degree

Bandoli named Distinguished Professor; Cable accepts President's Medal



Stack

Ann M. Stack, recently retired publisher of Arts Indiana Magazine and long-time supporter of Historic New Harmony, the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, and USI arts programs, was the speaker for the University's 1997 Commencement May 10 in Roberts Stadium.



Bandoli

During the ceremonies she received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in recognition of her leadership in advancing the arts in Indiana. More than 1,000 USI students were awarded master, bachelor, and associate degrees at the ceremony, including three who graduated summa cum laude with

perfect 4.0 grade point averages, 40 who graduated magna cum laude, and 55 who graduated cum laude.

Other special honors at the 1997 Commencement were the bestowal of the National City Bank Distinguished Professor Award on Dr. James H. Bandoli of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and the President's Medal on Nicole Cable of Crown Point, Indiana, a chemistry major and the student member on the USI Board of Trustees who has accepted a fellowship to study for a doctorate in Purdue University's chemistry education program. Bandoli is an associate professor of biology who in 15 years at the University has developed a status among students and colleagues as an outstanding scientist, teacher, mentor, and friend.

The summa cum laude graduates are Corey B. Kendall of Washington, Indiana; Heather L. Rollett of Evansville; and Madonna Parady Wagner of Evansville.

The commencement speaker, a descendant of the Ball family of Muncie, Indiana, is a native of Annapolis, Maryland. She attended Rollins College and the University of Michigan and was an editor with Viking Press Publishing Company in New York City for five years before coming to Indiana to live. She joined the founding Board

of Directors of Arts Indiana, Inc., in 1978 in Indianapolis and served as president of the board (1979-84), chair of the Advisory Board and executive officer (1984-86), and publisher and CEO of Arts Indiana and Arts Indiana Magazine until her retirement in 1996.



Cable

Stack's family has a history of involvement with Historic New Harmony. A marker was dedicated at the Labyrinth in 1986, recognizing the contributions of her grandmother, Bertha Crosley Ball, in restoring the 19th century Labyrinth in 1939. Ball was a member of the original New Harmony Memorial Commission and was devoted to educating people about New Harmony history. Stack assumed her grandmother's New Harmony interests and became a charter member in 1986 of the University of Southern Indiana/New Harmony Foundation. Her support includes the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art and the USI School of Liberal Arts faculty and programs.

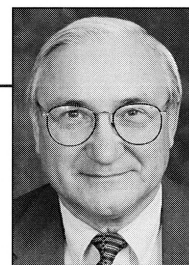
Charles Bertram selected for first faculty community service award

Dr. Charles J. Bertram, professor of mathematics education, has been named by the University of Southern Indiana Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee to receive the first annual Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award.

His selection is based primarily on his efforts to create Eagle Math Mania for second and third graders in Evansville. Bertram has been a math educator for more than 30 years.

His nomination for the Berger award by USI basketball Coach Bruce Pearl cited Bertram's concern over falling math scores among the nation's children and his decision to try to improve those scores at home.

Designed to make math fun for youngsters, Bertram's program is becoming a model for schools across the nation. This program is underwritten by Citizens Bank of Evansville.



Bertram

Graduates 'give back' through Campaign USI

Alumni leaders thrust their division of *Campaign USI* into action May 23 at a dinner meeting in the new Carter Hall of the recently expanded University Center. Led by Connie Dartt Romain '74 and Ronald D. Romain '73, the Alumni Division of the capital fund-raising effort has a base goal of \$500,000 and a challenge goal of \$1 million.

Already the division has received pledges and gifts amounting to more than \$304,000 or 61 percent of the goal. Among these pledges is a \$50,000 gift for Faculty Enhancement in the School of Science and Engineering Technology from Dr. John Fehrenbacher '71 and Cynthia Funke Fehrenbacher '72 of Indianapolis. They are serving as honorary chairs for the School of Science and Engineering Technology.

The Alumni Division is the third section of *Campaign USI* to organize. With the Boards Division and the Faculty and Staff Division reporting, the campaign already has generated gifts and pledges equalling 54 percent of the \$10.5 million goal. A separate \$3 million goal for future endowment has already surpassed its mark. Deferred gifts now stand at \$4.8 million. The purpose of the campaign is to make possible through private investment projects and programs that would not otherwise be funded.

Looking around at the new Carter Hall, Connie Romain laughed, "This sure beats the T.U.B.," the initials referring to the temporary union building, a metal structure which housed student life activities when she attended college. Completion of Carter Hall was the result of a *Campaign USI* gift from Jennings D. "Nick" Carter, present at the Alumni Division

kickoff in his capacity as honorary campaign chair.

Recalling the quality of her education and her participation in the Mid-America Singers, sorority events, and other campus activities, Mrs. Romain said that some of her happiest moments were her days at USI. She and her husband called upon fellow alumni to give back to the university through *Campaign USI*.

Ron Romain introduced the following alumni who will help lead the division:

- Mark Hubbard, Centennial Class, School of Business, president of Evansville Sheet Metal
- Pamela A. Deem '83, School of Education and Human Services, administrative assistant at Citizens Bank in Evansville
- David E. Gray '74, School of Liberal Arts, attorney with Bowers, Harrison, Kent, and Miller in Evansville
- Suzanne E. Schnacke '75, School of Nursing and Health Professions, general manager of South Moon Corporation in Evansville
- Joey V. Barnett '81, School of Science and Engineering Technology, research scientist at

Vanderbilt University Medical Center Division of Cardiology in Nashville

- Lana Gee Bunner '72, M'91, Graduate School, administrative office technology program chair at Ivy Tech State College in Evansville.

Romain said that the chairs for the schools are organizing 170 alumni who will make contact with fellow alumni through personal visits, letters, and phone calls.

James G. Giancola, general chair for *Campaign USI* and chief executive officer of CNB Bancshares, praised the volunteer spirit during the Alumni Division kickoff dinner. He complimented the quality of the university's faculty and staff and cited their clear vision of the future and USI's role in the community.

Giancola pointed out that major new economic development is coming Evansville's way in part because USI is making a difference in the quality of life and in the quality of the work force available to industry. And he said, "The need for private investment is real." State funding does not cover all costs of operating the university.



Leading the Alumni Division of Campaign USI are (from left) Ronald D. Romain, Connie Dartt Romain, Joey V. Barnett, Pamela A. Deem, Suzanne Schnacke, David E. Gray, and Mark Hubbard. Lana Gee Bunner is not pictured.

Classrooms will enter information age

Contributions to support technology in new Liberal Arts Center

The continuum of classroom technology keeps cutting new pathways into cyberspace. As the University of Southern Indiana prepares to break ground for the new Liberal Arts Center in early fall, students and faculty look forward to state-of-the-art technology arriving in the classroom, strengthening learning opportunities and giving professors new teaching options. This interactive information technology will be made possible by gifts to the Instructional Support featured objective of *Campaign USI*.

Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts, said, "This technology is going to bring us into the 21st Century. "It will allow us to prepare students in the manner that the world of work expects today."

Instructional Support is one of four featured objectives in the capital campaign. Gifts designated for this objective will provide equipment and materials to enhance teaching.

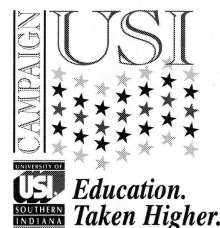
Among the amenities of the new classroom building are electronic classrooms, computer labs, computer-intensive foreign language labs, and a campus multimedia control center with the capacity to send video and voice information throughout and beyond the campus. Faculty members will be able to program lectures or presentations from their offices and access them from the classroom. Gifts totaling \$1 million to *Campaign USI* will be necessary to put technology into place in the new building.

Wilhelmus said that a goal of the planning has been to provide

flexible classrooms that respond to a variety of teaching styles and adapt to changing methods of information delivery. Computing, display, and networking are provided for in the new classrooms.

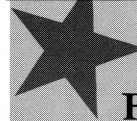
With access to laser disc, video, and electronic information of all kinds, the teacher in the modern classroom can reach out for resources from around the world and provide a flexible environment for interaction with the student. The vision is that use of the media will widen access to knowledge and help teachers impart original material, relate their teaching to other areas of knowledge, and inspire creativity. Classroom technology allows students access to the kinds of hardware and resources they must know about as full participants in the information age.

Expected to open in fall 1999, the new Liberal Arts Center will include a distance learning classroom providing videoconferencing capabilities, a radio facility, a television studio, a psychology laboratory, music and theatre classrooms, and a number of faculty offices. The building encompasses 110,000 square feet and will be located south of the University Center overlooking Reflection Lake.



Featured Objectives

- Presidential Scholarships
- Faculty Enhancement
- Instructional Support
- Student Life Enrichment



Friends Division

Bruce Baker named chair



Bruce Baker, chair of the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees, is chairing *Campaign USI's* Friends Division. The following volunteers are serving with him:

- John Dunn, president, Dunn Hospitality Group, leadership gifts
- Tom Magan, attorney, Kahn, Dees, Donovan, & Kahn, major gifts
- Alan Newman, vice president, Hilliard Lyons Investments, special gifts
- Carolyn Georgette, retired executive and civic leader, special gifts

The fourth organized section of *Campaign USI*, the Friends Division seeks to raise \$5.5 million for programs that would not be possible without private contributions. The Faculty/Staff Division and the Boards Division were both successful in surpassing their individual section goals. The Alumni Division is currently in progress. The overall goal for USI's first capital campaign is \$10.5 million

McCoy gift pushes Faculty Enhancement total over \$500,000

Smiling broadly while saying "This gives me great joy!" Elizabeth McCoy presented a check for \$45,000 to University officials, asking that it be used for Faculty Enhancement in *Campaign USI*. McCoy said that she and her husband Kenneth had always planned to make a major gift to the University, but his death last summer prevented them making the gift together. Her gift will create the Kenneth E. and Elizabeth J. McCoy Fund for Faculty Enhancement, adding to an endowment which will provide funds for continuing faculty scholarship.

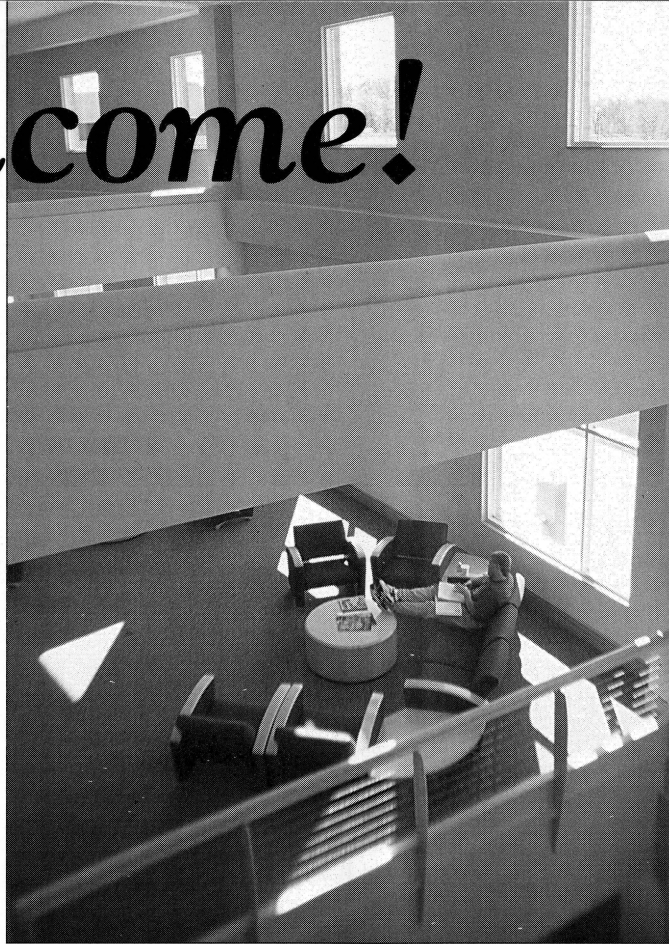
The McCoy's became involved in the University in the early 1980s. They were volunteers in the University Home construction project and became close friends of President Emeritus David Rice and his wife Betty.

The McCoy gift pushed the Faculty Enhancement total over the half-million dollar mark. With \$501,225 raised to date, this featured objective is one-fifth of the way to its goal of \$2,250,000.

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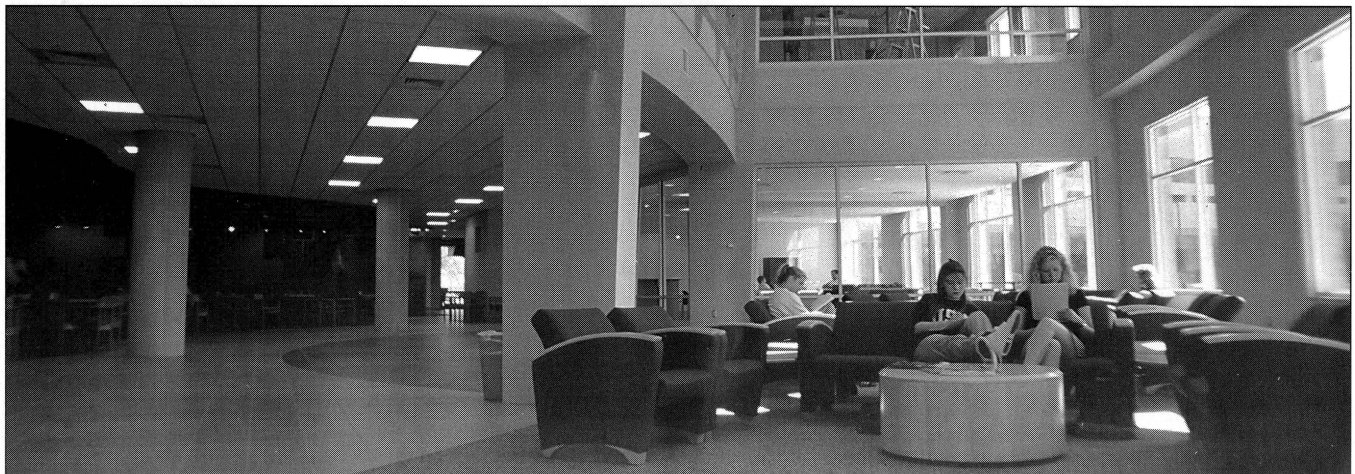
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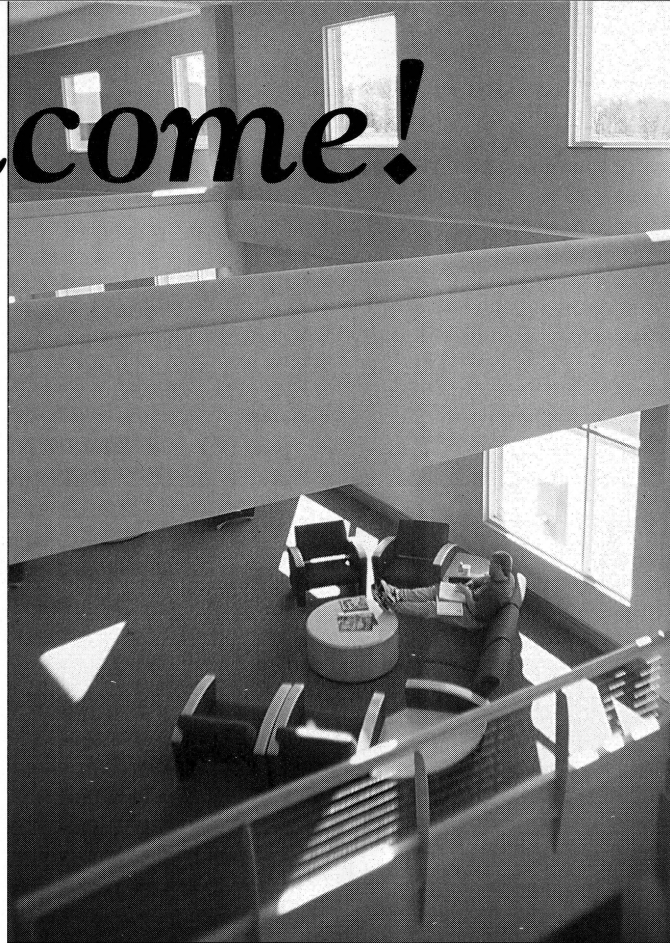


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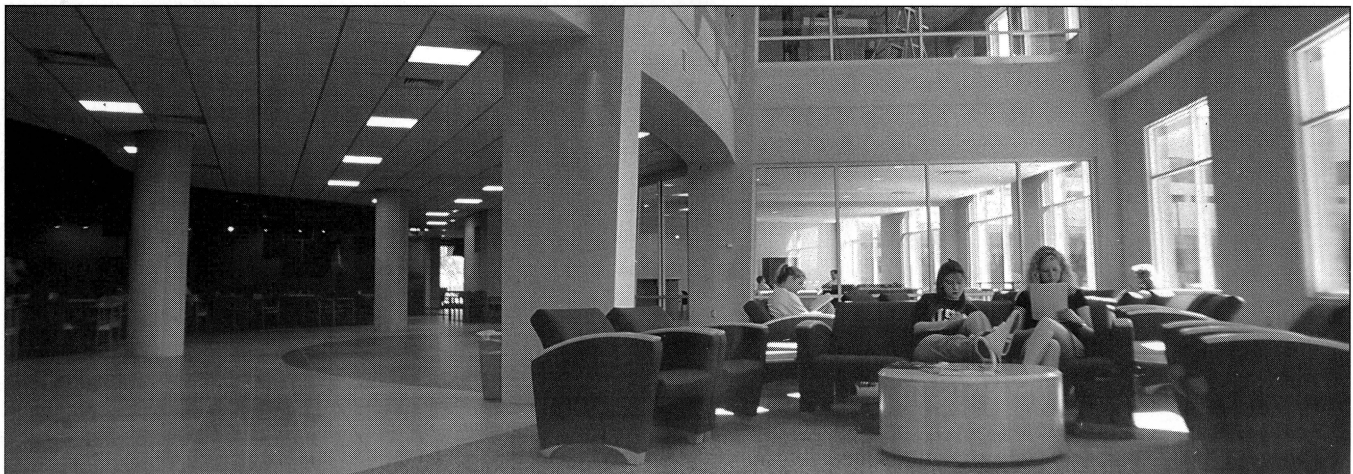
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Fulbright program taps '97 graduate Tracy Bee for teaching assistantship

Tracy Bee, editor of the student magazine *Transitions* the past two years, will spend next year in Korea as a teaching assistant, working under a student Fulbright grant. Dr. Susan Smith Wolfe, associate professor of German and student Fulbright advisor for three years, said Bee is the first USI student to win a Fulbright award.

Bee will leave July 5, spending seven weeks in an intensive cultural and English-as-a-second-language program in Seoul before moving on to her assignment elsewhere in Korea. The exact location is not known, but it is anticipated she will live with a Korean family. She will return home in late July 1998. While Bee has been a Dean's List student at USI, Wolfe said she also has the personality and background to win over a Fulbright selection

committee. Bee backpacked through Europe in the summer of '95, visiting Belgium, Germany, Italy, Amsterdam, and Paris; went with a USI group to Paris in the summer of '96; and spent three weeks in England after graduation in May.

Bee, in a paper submitted as part of her application for the 1997 President's Medal at USI, in which she was a finalist, said she applied for one of 30 assistantships in Korea because she loves "travel and cultures different from my own."

A 1992 graduate of Reitz High School in Evansville, Bee was an English/sociology major. She was active with the USI Art, History, Sociology, and Philosophy clubs, and the new USI Writers Union. She was business manager for student publications and a member of

the student Activities Programming Board, Sigma Tau Delta English honorary, and Golden Key honorary. She was a 1995 Honors Symposium participant and has been published in *The Aerie*, the University creative writing journal, and earned a Creative Writing Certificate from USI.



Bee



Plessinger

Art student takes third in national competition

Shelley M. Plessinger, a sophomore art major, won third place in a national poster design competition sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. The competition asked students to develop poster concepts that creatively addressed the need for personal responsibility in the consumption of alcohol. The competition was part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Plessinger's poster, "It's Your Dynasty," had an Egyptian theme that depicted today's college student, complete with hat worn with the bill to the back of the head. She used hieroglyphic symbols to complete the theme of taking personal responsibility for one's actions. It was drawn with colored markers. Her entry was one of 1,600 entries and one of 16 to win a \$500 award.

Plessinger is from Greencastle, Indiana.

Public may research health issues in center

A new Health Promotion Resource Center, located in the Charles Day Learning Center of the Health Professions Center, offers booklets, pamphlets, computer access to health information data bases, and other reference materials on health.

The center is open to the public, free of charge. Summer hours are from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday through July 11. The center will open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. week-

days from July 14 through August 22. Hours of operation will be expanded when fall semester begins. Contact the Charles Day Learning Center at 465-1153 for more information.

At the time of the center's grand opening, the first 15 students to complete USI's new program on health promotion and worksite wellness were awarded their certificates. The certificate program and the Health Promotion Resource Center were made possible by a three-year community health grant managed by Judi Kuric, director of USI wellness programs and special projects. The program was funded by a \$50,000 grant from Evansville's three general hospitals—Deaconess, St. Mary's, and Welborn.

University to manage Japanese Saturday school

The University of Southern Indiana will manage the Southern Indiana Japanese School scheduled to open in September through an agreement signed recently by USI President H. Ray Hoops and Shuji Ando, a senior advisor to the administrative division of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana (TMMI) and chairman of the board for the new school.

Classes will meet from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. year-round on Saturdays. Ed Jones, director of extended services for USI, said many of the Japanese families coming into the area with major new economic development will be here for three to five years. Purpose of the school is to keep children of employees current with what they would be learning in a Japanese school in preparation for their return to their native country and school system. Japanese children will attend the Saturday school in addition to regular schools.

Jones said USI is involved in providing the Southern Indiana Japanese School because outreach and support of economic

development are very much a part of the mission of the University.

The new school is expected to have about 15 students in elementary grades with enrollment increasing and middle school programs being added as the new Toyota facility now under construction in Princeton and other plants begin production.

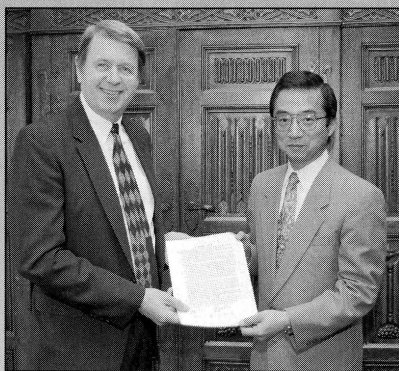
Keietsu Nishimura, associated for the last seven years with the Indiana Japanese Language School in Indianapolis, has been named

director of the school. Two additional teachers, both natives of Japan, will complete the staff. USI has leased space at Evansville Day School to provide appropriate elementary school facilities.

All classes will be taught in Japanese. The curriculum will include Japanese language and culture, Japanese social studies, and mathematics skills. Nishimura said all textbooks are approved by the Japanese Education Ministry and are those commonly used at schools in Japan.

In addition to Toyota, five other Japanese companies establishing a presence in the Tri-State are represented on the board of the Southern Indiana Japanese School. They are Mitsui Marine and Fire Insurance Company of America, Chiyoda Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Orion Electric, Hansen Corporation, and Toyota Tsusho America.

Jones noted that USI is forming additional support programs for the Japanese companies and their employees. Plans for classes in English as a second language for spouses and some on-site educational programs are under development.



USI President H. Ray Hoops and Shuji Ando, chairman of the board for the Southern Indiana Japanese School, display the agreement authorizing the University to manage the new school.

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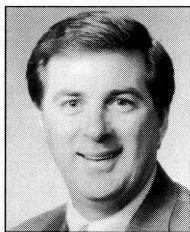
Alumni Association confers four awards for achievement, service

Four people were honored May 9 at the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association's annual Senior Reception and Dinner. The 1997 honorees include:

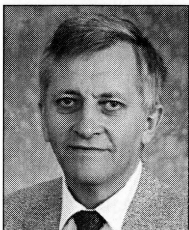
- Alumni Service Award—Carole D. Rust '77 of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, former Evansville health care executive who now is a freelance writer
- Distinguished Alumni Award—Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76, vice president and assistant treasurer at Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana
- Faculty Recognition Award—Dr. Walter W. Jermakowicz, professor of management at USI since 1985 who has become a consultant in world banking and privatization issues
- Special Recognition Award—Ruth A. Waller, director of intramurals and instructor in physical education who helped establish women's athletics on campus



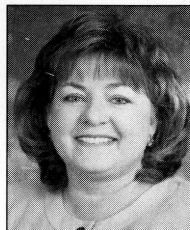
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Five graduates rank in top 10 statewide on CPA exam

Five accounting graduates from the University of Southern Indiana ranked in the top 10 list of highest scores in Indiana on the November 1996 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. The five by their November ranking are as follows:

- Second—Michelle R. Schroeder '96 graduated summa cum laude and now is with Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.
- Fourth—Scott A. Olinger '96 is a staff accountant with Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.
- Seventh—Heather L. Rollett '97 works for Ernst & Young in Indianapolis.
- Eighth—Sharon R. Mondino '96 is now with Riney, Hancock & Co. in Evansville.
- Tenth—Melody D. Linenburg '96 is a staff accountant with Geo. S. Olive & Co. in Evansville.

The five graduates were a part of the Becker CPA Review course offered for the first time on the USI campus in preparation for the November exam. More than 1,000 candidates sat for the exam in Indiana, 60,000 nationwide.

USI cited in new guide on picking quality school

The University of Southern Indiana is among colleges and universities cited as institutions which offer model program(s) to students in the publication, *Smart Parents Guide to College*, published in 1997 by Peterson's of Princeton, New Jersey, and available at major bookstores nationwide.

The guide was written by the late Ernest L. Boyer, former president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and his son, Paul, an education writer and former editor of an education journal.

The guide is an offshoot of the elder Boyer's 1987 report on the status of undergraduate education. Written primarily for educators, it also contained an epilogue that offered parents a guide for selecting a college. *Smart Parents Guide to College* is an expansion of that 1987 epilogue and provides prospective students and their parents with questions to ask in the search for a college which will satisfy a student's needs.

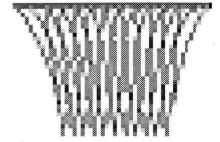
The Boyers sent surveys to all four-year colleges and universities in

the United States and developed their guide from an analysis of the response from more than 700 institutions. They provide 10 key criteria for choosing a quality college and give examples of programs in schools, large and small, public and private, across the country that exemplify these criteria.

USI is cited under the question, Are English language skills formally taught during the freshman year? The Boyers advocate that courses focusing on writing, reading, and speaking should be a part of every new student's class schedule, which they see as "not a happy thought for some students."

Dr. Laurence E. Musgrove, USI director of composition who is quoted in the book, said writing and critical thinking skills are nurtured in English 101, in which all new USI students are required to enroll. The Boyers say when taught well, the reading, writing, and speaking courses rebuild confidence and teach essential writing and critical thinking skills, allowing students to learn persuasive writing, to develop research skills, and to analyze information in sophisticated ways.

LeAnn Freeland



Lady Eagles go all the way to NCAA Division II championship game

Editor's Note: Lady Eagles basketball players were impressive with every step on the court this year, making their first trip ever to the NCAA Division II final game where a spectacular season came to a close with a 94-78 loss to North Dakota. A team leader was senior LeAnn Freeland, profiled during tournament season by Eric Crawford of The Evansville

Press. Crawford has graciously updated his article and granted permission for us to reprint excerpts here. The original story ran March 5 in The Press. And though her days of playing eligibility are past, we aren't saying good-bye just yet to Freeland. She will contribute this fall as a student assistant coach while finishing her degree.

By Eric Crawford
The Evansville Press

Carroll Freeland vividly recalls summer evenings gone by when his daughter LeAnn would approach him with a softball and glove, wanting to play catch.

"I'd play with her, and inevitably she'd want me to throw her pop-ups," Freeland said. "But I could never throw them high enough. I don't think I ever threw her one that she didn't say 'Higher, Dad' before the next."

Years have passed, and LeAnn Freeland has traded her baseball mitt for a basketball. But the 6-foot senior at the University of Southern Indiana is still reaching for new heights.

With a stunning run in the NCAA Division II Tournament championship game last March, Freeland completed the home stretch of a collegiate career that saw her rise from a spindly freshman to one of the greatest players in Division II basketball history. When she was named a Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-American for a third straight time, she became only the fourth woman in Division II history to pull off the prestigious hat trick. In all of college basketball, only 18 women have done it, a list that includes names such as Nancy Lieberman, Ann Meyers, Lynette Woodard and Cheryl Miller.

She also became the first woman

in Great Lakes Valley Conference history to be named league Player of the Year for a second time.

She had reached the pinnacle of her sport. But in typical fashion, Freeland wanted to go one step higher. Despite all her achievements, one thing was missing—a national championship. With a trip to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and USI's first trip to the Elite Eight, she almost changed that.

Even before that, she had already helped bring USI a long way. Before she arrived, the Screaming Eagles had not been to an NCAA Tournament. Now, they are among the nation's elite. Only three programs in all of college basketball have produced a first-team All-American in each of the past three seasons: Tennessee, North Dakota State, and USI.

USI finished the season ranked No. 4 nationally at 30-2, including a 29-game winning streak and record 20-0 GLVC mark. Ask her, and she'll say those are the numbers she may always treasure most, because they belong to her team. "But they are only numbers," she adds. "By themselves, they don't mean a lot."

Still, people always start with the numbers, and it's easy to see why. Freeland's statistics jump off the page.

In the history of women's college basketball in the state of Indiana, only three players have scored more points. Two of those, Lisa Miller of IUPU-Fort Wayne and Jeannette Yeoman of St. Joseph's, played in

the GLVC. Earlier this season, Freeland passed them both to become the leading scorer in conference history.

But there's more.

She ranks No. 1 at USI in every offensive category but three-point shooting. And if she had another season, she might lead in that," USI coach Chancellor Dugan said. Over the course of four years, she has scored 2,169 points for an average of 19.7-per game. She is also the school's leading rebounder with 915.

But unlike many great scorers, she is far from one-dimensional. She also leads USI in blocked shots (191) and steals (159).

Ask her of which statistic she is proudest, and you're in for a real surprise—assists (199), in which she ranks sixth in school history. "I think that says as much about her as anything," Dugan said. "The team is always first."

"Too many people get caught up in personal goals and awards," Freeland added. "I was not brought up to think of myself first."

In Freeland's case, it took a village to raise an All-American. She grew up in Sims, Illinois, a tiny Southern Illinois village of 300 that still provides her with a support system even though she has moved away.

She may be the only player in America who has had nearly 10 percent of her hometown in attendance at any one out-of-town college basketball game.

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"In a school of our size (enrollment 194), we don't have many people get athletic scholarships," said Steve Strickland, Freeland's high school coach. "So there's a tremendous amount of pride here for LeAnn."

"I'm very proud of my hometown and my high school," Freeland said. "Everywhere I go, I tell people about where I come from. A lot of people doubted me because I came from somewhere so small. I just took it as a challenge."

Despite her prep success, college was an awakening for Freeland. Matched up against All-American Kathy Lauck and veterans Annette and Jeanette Elkin in practice, the freshman took her lumps.

"Let's just say they introduced me to college basketball," Freeland said. "It was rough at times. But I have to give them a lot of credit for making me stronger."

[Freeland] averaged just over 21 minutes a game as a freshman, then increased to 29 and 28 minutes her sophomore and junior seasons. This year, she has sacrificed statistics to return to near-freshman type minutes—23 per game—so that the team can use more players in its up-tempo attack. Still, she ranks ninth in the nation in scoring at 21.3 points per game and second in field goal percentage at 67.6 percent. "She is the consummate team player," Dugan said. "She is a very prideful player, and can elevate the people around her to play better than they've ever played before."

Nothing, it seems, motivates Freeland like a challenge. After making All-American for the first time as a sophomore, Dugan asked her what she was going to do next. "Make Academic All-American" was her answer. And she did it the next season.

In a box at home, Carroll Freeland has 32 letters received from various colleges around the nation. They represent the schools who saw a diamond in the rough but passed it over. One of the letters is from Harvard, interested in having Freeland join their track team. Others are from the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois, Illinois State, and others advising her to think about going to a junior college then making the jump to Division I. Eastern Illinois showed strong interest.

But Freeland wanted to spend four years in one place, and she wanted to play for a winner.

"I couldn't have asked for a better four years," Freeland said. "I love my teammates. I love my coaches. I wouldn't trade my career here for a chance to go anywhere else. This is where I belonged."

In the end, it may be [Freeland's] consistency that stays with people most.

"I'm just always struck that no matter how much success she has, she's always the same person. She always thinks of everybody else first," Strickland said.

Dugan agrees: "She is the epitome of women's basketball. She is a role model and a lady off the court and a fierce competitor on the court. We have been privileged to have her be a part of this program."

Chance Dugan

Most winning coach
in women's basketball



Dugan

In the drama of USI women's basketball the last three seasons, LeAnn Freeland may have been the main character, but Head Coach Chancellor Dugan has been the director.

Before Dugan came to USI in the 1991-92 season, the women's basketball team had never won more than 16 games, never made an appearance in the NCAA Division II Tournament, never finished in the upper division of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, and finished above .500 only five times between 1975 and 1991.

The lowest point in the program came between 1988 and 1991 when the Lady Eagles finished last in the GLVC three straight years and had an overall record of 11-72 (.133), 3-49 (.058) GLVC.

Since the Lady Eagles have come under the direction of Dugan, USI has reached the NCAA II National Championship game, won its first ever NCAA II Great Lakes Regional title, won the GLVC twice (1995, 1997), made three straight appearances in the NCAA II Tournament (1995, 1996, 1997), won 20-plus games in three consecutive seasons, and has a record of 114-59 (.659), 74-38 (.661) GLVC.

In 1996-97, Dugan's Eagles became the first GLVC team, men's or women's, to go undefeated in the league with a 20-0 record. USI finished 1996-97 with a 30-2 record, winning 29 straight before entering the national championship game.

Recognition for the job Dugan has done came at the end of this season. Dugan was voted the GLVC Coach of the Year by her peers in the league, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) District IV Coach of the Year, and was a finalist for the WBCA NCAA II Coach of the Year.

The Louisville, Kentucky, native also reached two milestones in 1997. She became only the second Eagle head coach to reach 100 wins and became USI's all-time winningest women's basketball coach with 114 wins.



Freeland

ALUMNI TODAY

1970s

Sandra Vezoso Andrews '72, elementary education, teaches fourth and fifth grade at Fairlawn Elementary School in Evansville. She is also an adjunct faculty member at USI and teaches introduction to education.

Robert W. Swan '72, accounting, was named Sagamore on the Wabash by Governor Bayh prior to his leaving office in January 1997. The honor recognizes civic achievement and service to the state. Swan is a partner with Kemper CPA in Evansville, a member of USI Foundation Board of Directors, and former alumni representative for the USI Board of Trustees.

Dean M. Lawrence '74, accounting, has been promoted to director of business development with Peabody Holding Company, Inc., in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sandy Beard Lasher '75, English, was named Teacher of the Year by *The Evansville Courier*. She is a teacher at Memorial High School.

Randy Heidorn '76, social science, is the director of security operation for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Steven W. Lowrey '76, business, has been named the chief executive officer of Deck the Walls in Houston, Texas. It is the nation's largest art/custom framing chain.

Monserrate Woehler '76, Spanish, is retired from the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. She is an adjunct faculty member at USI and instructs students in teaching foreign language in secondary schools.

Lamont Dorsey '77, accounting, is a co-founder of Urolink, LLC, in Evansville. The clinic provides a revolutionary non-surgical, non-drug cure for incontinence called Incon Therapy.

Charles Goodman '77, art, is the principal at Perry Heights Middle School in Evansville. He is also an adjunct faculty member at USI and instructs students in teaching/learning at the middle school level.

Dean F. Perigo '77, accounting, has been recognized by Agri-Labs of St. Joseph, Missouri, as one of 20 top salesmen for 1996. He is a sales representative for National Animal Health Service and sold \$1.5 million in veterinary pharmaceutical products in the tri-state. He lives in Evansville.

Alumni Calendar of Events

- July 8 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., University Center, USI
- July 19 Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Golf Scramble, 1 p.m., The Links, New Palestine, Indiana, proceeds to benefit Chapter Scholarship fund
- August 5 Dubois Chapter Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Brick Oven Pizza, Huntingburg, Indiana
- August 9-10 Greater Indianapolis and Dubois County Alumni Chapters' Weekend Getaway in New Harmony, weekend package for two includes dinner at Red Geranium, The New Harmony Theatre's musical revue of *Stardust*, overnight at New Harmony Inn
- August 23 Soccer Alumni Game, 5 p.m., Strassweg Field, USI Varsity Soccer Team vs. 1982 NCAA Tournament Alumni Team, 7 p.m., Strassweg Field, USI
- September 9 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., University Center, USI
- September 25 Greater Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Union Station.
- October 7 Dubois Chapter Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Schnitzelbank Restaurant, Jasper, Indiana

All alumni are invited to join these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924.

Martha A. Render '77, elementary education, is the principal of Westside Catholic Consolidated School in Evansville.

Nancy Haskins Allen '79, English, is a special education teacher at Central High School in Evansville. She is also an adjunct faculty member at USI and teaches sign language.

Jill L. Padgett '79, business education, recently earned her doctorate from Spalding University. She is an instructor in business communications at USI.

1980s

Louis B. Haas '80, history, is a professor of medieval history at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Pam Duvall '81, elementary education, is a financial consultant with Smith Barney in Evansville.

Donald R. Vowels '81, political science, was named Sagamore on the Wabash by Governor Evan Bayh prior to his leaving office in January 1997. The Sagamore award is given for civic achievement and service to the state. Vowels is a partner with the law firm of Keating, Bumb, and Vowels in Evansville.

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Rick Z. Bennett '84, civil engineering technology, has passed the professional engineer exam. He is a project engineer/chief of right-of-way services for Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates in Evansville.

John A. Gregory '84, marketing, is the agency development manager for Motorists Insurance Companies in Columbus, Ohio.

Jim Hynd '84, management/marketing, has been named group product director, Women's Health Marketing, for Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in Marietta, Georgia.

Barbara L. Butler '85, health occupations, has been promoted to director of business development with Healthsouth Tri-State Rehabilitation Hospital in Evansville.

Brenda Smith Fischer '85, management, is a bookkeeper for Ziebart in Greenwood, Indiana.

Jana Simpson Pritchett '85, computer information systems, is a senior programmer/analyst for Premium Systems, Inc., in Indianapolis.

Bryan S. Rudisill '85, psychology, has been named a partner in the law firm of Statham, Johnson & McCray in Evansville.

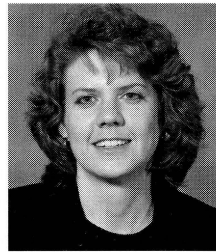
Deborah Alexander '87, management, is the director of human resources at GFI Pharmaceutical Services in Evansville.

John C. Claybon '87, English/economics, has been promoted to assistant vice president of investments and investor relations officer at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Deidra Conner '87, accounting, is the manager of internal auditing at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Jeff D. Kniese '87, finance, is a senior vice president with ONB Insurance Group in Newburgh, Indiana.

Deborah Payne Wood '87, accounting, is the controller/owner of Wood & Wood in Alpharetta, Georgia.



Welton

Sheila F. Welton '88, management, is a senior accountant specializing in small business accounting and tax with Wright Consultants, LLC, in Evansville.

Katherine L. Semersheim '89, psychology/sociology, is assistant director of student development at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

1990s

Rick Orman '90, electrical engineering technology, is an industrial automation specialist with Wesco Distribution in Evansville.

Michael Cash '91, communications, is the vice president of government relations for the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce.

Frances Dwyer Collins '91, accounting, '92, Master of Business Administration, is the town manager for Chandler, Indiana.

Thalita A. Floyd '91, business administration, '95, Master of Business Administration, is the assistant director of the Charles E. Day Learning Resource Center with the USI School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Stacey A. Shourd '91, business administration, was promoted to assistant vice president for human resources with the Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Paula J. Baughn '92, communications, is a writer/information coordinator with Indiana Career and Postsecondary Advancement Center in Bloomington, Indiana.

Mark T. Rumsey '92, history, is an investment advisor/registered representative with Nationwide Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Evansville.

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Michael G. Brown '93, accounting, is a senior financial analyst for American Health Network in Indianapolis.

Tony Dillon '93, business administration, was promoted to vice president of corporate cash management with Old National Bank in Evansville.

Dan Moore '93, communications, is the director of sales at Central States Analytical in Evansville.

Stacey Bittner Reed '93, accounting, is the assistant controller for Water Furnace International, Inc., in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Chris Burkhart '94, political science/social science-teaching, is a purchasing agent/buyer for Jasper Corporation, a division of Kimball International, in Jasper, Indiana.

Beth A. Edwards '94, communications, is a graduate student in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University. She works in the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona in Phoenix.

Katherine R. Greenfield '94, communications, is general manager and editor of the Journal-Register in Albion, Illinois.

Keith Lehman '94, business administration, is a warehouse manager for Royal Crown Cola in Carmi, Illinois.

Elizabeth Caffrey McGovern '94, Master of Science in Education, teaches social studies at Central High School in Evansville. She is also an adjunct faculty member at USI and instructs students in teaching reading in content areas.

Robin Braswell Perrin '94, business administration, is the owner of a specialty advertising company, ADCO Advertising, Inc., in Plano, Texas.

Amanda L. Burch '95, Spanish, is the first hand for all shows and associate costume designer for *Stardust* during the 1997 summer season for The New Harmony Theatre.

Amy Fiscus '95, accounting, is a staff accountant with Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

Christine E. Hackleman '95, business administration, was promoted to operating manager with Osco Drugs in Indianapolis.

Jeanie Diemer '96, Master of Business Administration, is an instructor of business administration at Ivy Tech State College in Evansville.

Elizabeth B. Dingman '96, art, is the administrative secretary for the USI Theatre department.

Heather D. Fisher '96, business administration, has been promoted to account/production coordinator with Hemisphere Corporation in Evansville.

Mary Darlage Jaynes '96, business administration, is in training to become a commercial loan officer with Jackson County Bank in Seymour, Indiana.

Jason K. Pepmeier '96, business administration, is a financial representative for American General Finance in Madison, Indiana.

Aaron Strupp '96, electrical engineering technology, is an electrical engineer for George Koch Sons in Evansville.

Kelly Trafton '96, communications, is an English and drama teacher at North High School in Evansville.

Cheryl O'Reilly Wathen '96, Master of Business Administration, is the manager of corporate accounting at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Tony Butler '97, accounting, is a staff accountant with Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Jared Florence '97, accounting, is a staff accountant with Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Brian Gerth '97, business administration, is a financial representative for American General Auto Finance in Evansville.

Kari A. Koob '97, business administration, has been promoted to marketing assistant with Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Deborah Torabi '97, business administration, is the office manager for Women's Health Center in Evansville.

Amy Walker '97, health services, is a dental hygienist with Tri-State Family Dental in Evansville.

MARRIAGES

Larry G. Weinzapfel '82, accounting, and Leigh Ann Cabbage.

Tom Titus '92, marketing, and Shelly Nelson '97, radiologic technology

Thomas L. Drake '93, business administration, and Amy D. Schenk

Jarit Kidwell '93, business administration, and Holly Wade '94, elementary education

Tina Deal '94, business administration, and John Spears



Alumni basketball fans rescue tv signal

The USI Lady Eagles had made it to the final game in the women's NCAA Division II national championship in Grand Forks, North Dakota, but USI students on campus might have missed the action had it not been for the generous spirit of USI alumna Nadine Risley '88 and her husband Mark.

USI acquired the rights from ESPN2 to show the game free on campus, but the school had to come up with the equipment to descramble the signal. Mark Risley of Risley's Audio and Video provided the equipment. He said, "We're big USI backers and we are crazy about basketball. Besides, my wife graduated from there, and I would have never heard the end of it if we didn't do something to help out."

Viewers on campus saw the Lady Eagles play a tough game that ended in a 94-78 loss to North Dakota. (For more on women's basketball see page 15.)

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Valerie A. Flemmer '94, art, and **Kenneth Overton**

Shane A. Gray '95, communications, and **Minda M. Michael**

Larry Nohalty '95, business administration, and **Wendy Dodge '96**, business administration

Mary E. Darlage '96, business administration, and **Douglas L. Jaynes**

Denise M. Dippel '96, radiologic technology, and **Daniel J. Ritzert**

Aaron Strupp '96, electrical engineering technology, and **Kindra Antey**

BIRTHS

Patricia Schutte Harding '81, administrative systems, and husband, **Robert**, daughter, **Sarah Kristine**

Dr. Donna Cook Culley '83, psychology, and husband, **Gregg**, daughter, **Caroline Grace**

Robert A. Wedding '85, accounting, and wife, **Sarah**, daughter, **Madison Elizabeth**

Eric Edwards '85, communications, and wife, **Jean Ann**, daughter, **Kelsey Renee**

Bobbi Winkleman Slocum '85, business, and husband, **Roger Slocum '85**, management, son, **Ryker Neal**

Eric D. Eberhard '87, accounting, and wife, **Lisa**, son, **Adam Douglas**

Deborah Payne Wood '87, accounting, and husband, **Don**, daughter, **Anna McClure**

Julia Maxey Koberstein '88, psychology, and husband, **Timothy**, daughter, **Alyssa Katherine**

Pepper Dillon Mulherin '88, political science, and husband, **John W. Mulherin '90**, marketing, son, **Dillon Michael**

Michelle Gatlin Johnson '89, elementary education, and husband, **Brian**, daughter, **Brittany Michelle**

Donna Weis Hurm '90, accounting, and husband, **Andrew C. Hurm '90**, mechanical engineering technology, son, **Adam Christopher**

Christa Tracey Kingsbury '90, political science, and husband, **Glenn T. Kingsbury '90**, business administration, son, **Reid Christian**

Karen Hicks McDonald '90, psychology, and husband, **Eric**, son, **Evan Franklin**

Kimberly Boehman Turner '90, sociology/Spanish, and husband, **Brian**, son, **Keith Patrick**

Rhonda Riffert Wagner '90, marketing, and husband, **Barry L. Wagner '95**, business administration, daughter, **Makenzi Breann**

Christy Wendt Krueger '91, elementary education, and husband, **Curt**, son, **Aaron Michael**

Jane A. Nunez '91, accounting/business administration, and husband, **Mero**, daughter, **Elena Maria**

Connie B. Winiger '91, elementary education, and husband, **Curt R. Winiger '92**, industrial supervision, daughter, **Haley Elyse**

Trisha Ward Kavanaugh '94, psychology, and husband, **Steve**, daughter, **Julia Renee**

Keith Lehman '94, business administration, and wife, **Gretchen**, son, **Andrew Michael**

Robin Braswell Perrin '94, business administration, and husband, **Jon**, son, **Ryan David**

Amy Shouse McMains '95, dental hygiene, and husband, **Jeff**, son, **Maxwell Chase**

IN MEMORIAM

Connie C. Clark '95, English, died March 21, 1997. She was the area coordinator for student housing at USI.



Ride with USI pride

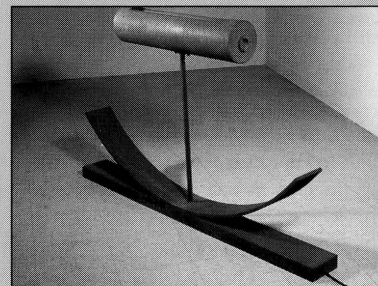
With every mile you drive, you can show your pride in the University of Southern Indiana. If you are an Indiana resident, an official USI license plate is available at a cost of \$35, which includes a \$25 charitable gift to provide scholarships to deserving students. The plate sports the familiar logo in school colors.

Turn the corner now and shift into this program. Information about ordering a 1998 collegiate license plate is available from the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924.

Shane Howell honored at Clemson University

Shane T. Howell '94 has been selected to receive the Studio Art Graduate Citation Award for 1996-97 at Clemson University. Slated to receive his M.F.A. degree in August, Howell will hold his thesis exhibit July 21 through August 6 in the main gallery of Lee Hall on the Clemson campus. His field is sculpture.

Howell's work was most recently seen in Evansville at the Mid States Art Exhibition in December 1996, at which time he won the Elise Strouse Merit Award. He received a Juror's Award at the From Every Angle national show in Mesa, Arizona, last year and has participated in a number of other exhibits in Indiana and in South Carolina.



Rocker 1, a sculpture in steel, by Shane Howell

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***Oklahoma!* joins Lincoln drama on summer stage**

The outdoor musical drama *Young Abe Lincoln*, and a new show, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*, are in performance this summer at Lincoln Amphitheatre. The Lincoln drama, now in its eleventh season, opened an eight-week run in June and beginning July 10 will alternate evening performances with *Oklahoma!*

Lincoln Amphitheatre is at Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, Indiana, about 60 miles east of Evansville. The musicals are produced by the University of Southern Indiana in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Director of the two shows is Elliot Wasserman, a native of Miami, Florida, who has been on the University of Southern Indiana faculty since 1991. He received his theatre training at the University of Georgia. A poet and a playwright, Wasserman has had his play, *Outlaws*, produced in a showcase evening at Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Young Abe Lincoln is strongly connected to the Lincoln Amphitheatre site. Within walking distance of the theatre, Abraham Lincoln grew from a seven-year-old to manhood. The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial including the cabin where the family lived and the gravesites of his beloved mother and sister are just a short walk from the stage.

The musical *Oklahoma!*, set at the turn of the century, focuses on the hopes and dreams of pioneering people as they establish the Western fringe of our American heartland. Audiences will hear some of the most well-known music of our century including *Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'*, *The Surrey with the Fringe on the Top*, *People Will Say We're in Love*, and *Oklahoma!*

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (60+) and groups of 20+, and \$7 for children. Season tickets are \$25.

Evening seating begins at 7:30 p.m. CDT with performances at 8 p.m.; afternoon seating begins at 1 p.m. CDT with performances at 1:30 p.m. There are limited matinees. Backstage tours for groups are available with advance notice for \$2 per person.



**Call the box office at
800/264-4223 for reservations.**

Lincoln Amphitheatre is closed
every Monday and
July 4, 8, and 9 in the 1997 season.



The women's basketball team includes (front row from left) Christen Miller, Darci Redenbaugh, Mindy Gingerich, Ericka Nance, Angie Cacello, Randa Gatling and Jennifer Donner, and (back row from left) Manager Missy Hart, Head Coach Chance Dugan, Summer Hart, LeAnn Freeland, Cathy Tepool, Angi Lintker, Eileen Weber, Adrienne Seitz, Lora Copelin, Assttand Coach Rick Stein, and Assistant Coach Shannon Litton.

Teamwork at its best

The Lady Eagles took flight this year with a 20-0 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and still soaring reached the national championship game in NCAA Division II. For more on women's basketball, see page 15.



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