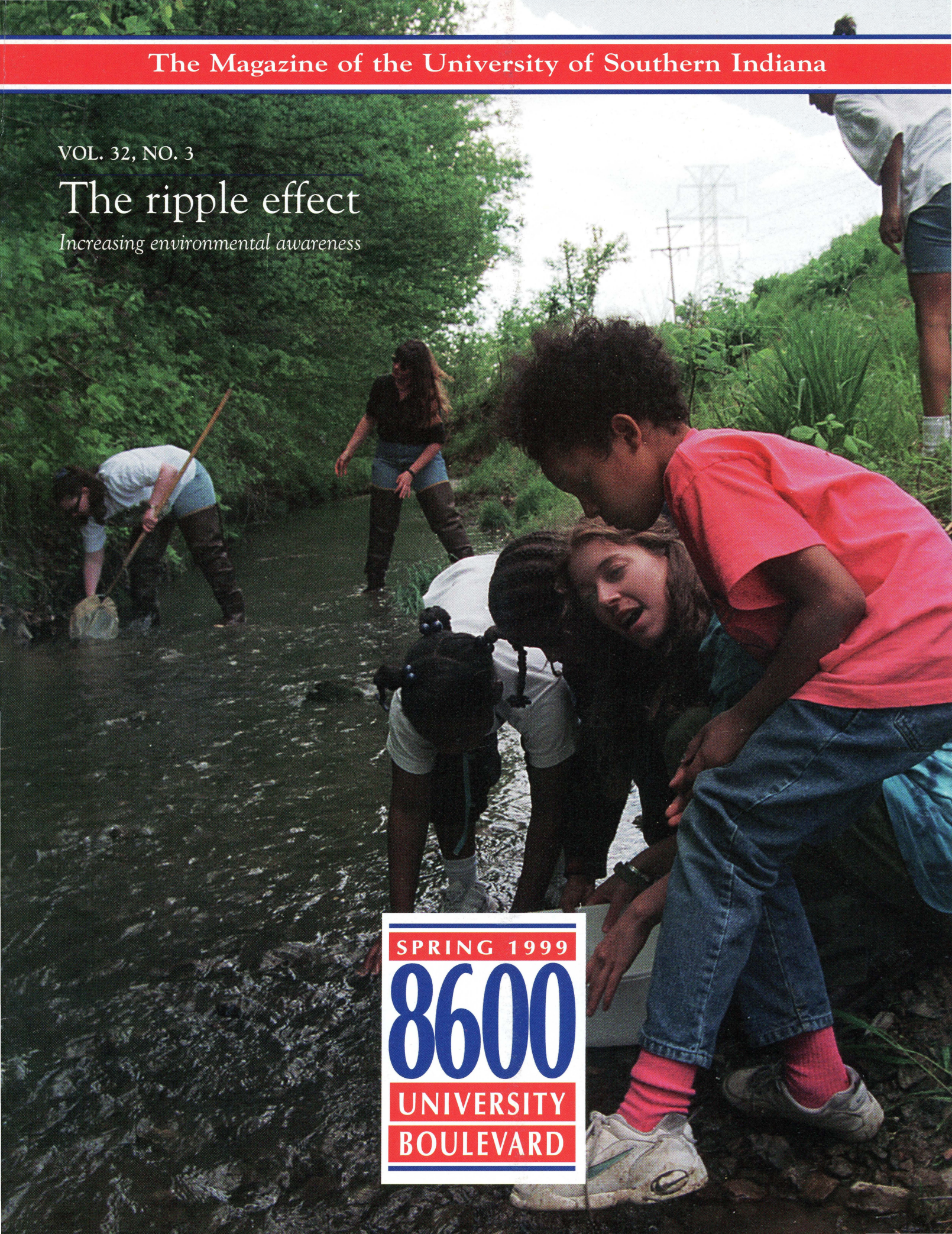


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From the editor

Let's make a partnership

Everybody knows that when two people put their heads together, they often come up with an idea or solution that neither would have conceived on his own. Collaboration works. And it works not only for individuals but also for the University of Southern Indiana and its partners on many fronts.

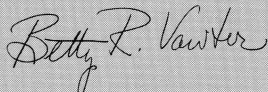
USI partners with Deaconess Hospital to provide health care at a hospital in Jamaica, works with area schools to improve teacher education, consults with accounting professionals to enhance preparation of their workforce, and offers with Ameritech an interactive distance education program called Vision Athena to rural school systems. The list could go on.

Dr. M. Edward Jones, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and director of Extended Services, said all five of the University's academic schools have active partnerships, and Extended Services is involved in a number of collaborative programs with community agencies, businesses, and K-12 organizations.

Jones foresees USI becoming involved in an increasing number of partnerships, especially to provide human resources development programs. "The expanding economy of this area is going to require that," he said.

What is the value of partnerships? USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "The partnerships formed by the University of Southern Indiana allow a combination of people, resources, and talents to be brought to bear on regional and state needs. They focus the contributions of all participants on a mutual interest. Talents are maximized, resources conserved, impacts magnified, and coverage broadened for all elements of these successful partnerships."

In this issue we begin a series of articles that will tell you more about some of the partnerships that involve USI and other entities pooling their resources and relying on each other's strengths for a mutual goal. In this issue, read about the Signature Learning Center on page 3.



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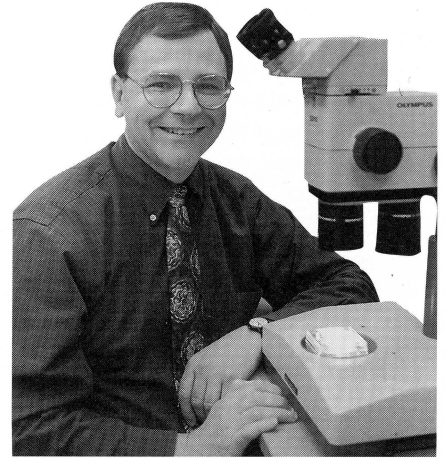
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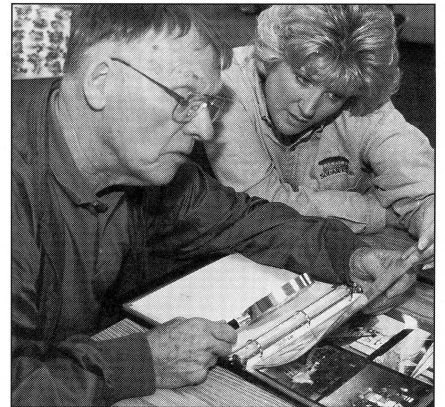
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USI students teach youngsters about the importance of clean water. See story, page 2.

USI joins with community organization to increase environmental awareness

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

“What makes the water ripple?” asked one young boy. He was reveling in all aspects of the great outdoors when University of Southern Indiana students taught a creekside lesson recently on water quality and aquatic life to children from Carver Community Organization.

Making a ripple in helping children understand how they can protect the environment is the purpose of a program sponsored by the Carver Community Organization in Evansville with the involvement of the science faculty at the University of Southern Indiana.

The Carver Community Organization received a \$20,000 environmental justice grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 to work on local solutions to local environmental problems. Carver is the only grant recipient in the state and one of 11 awardees in the six-state region.

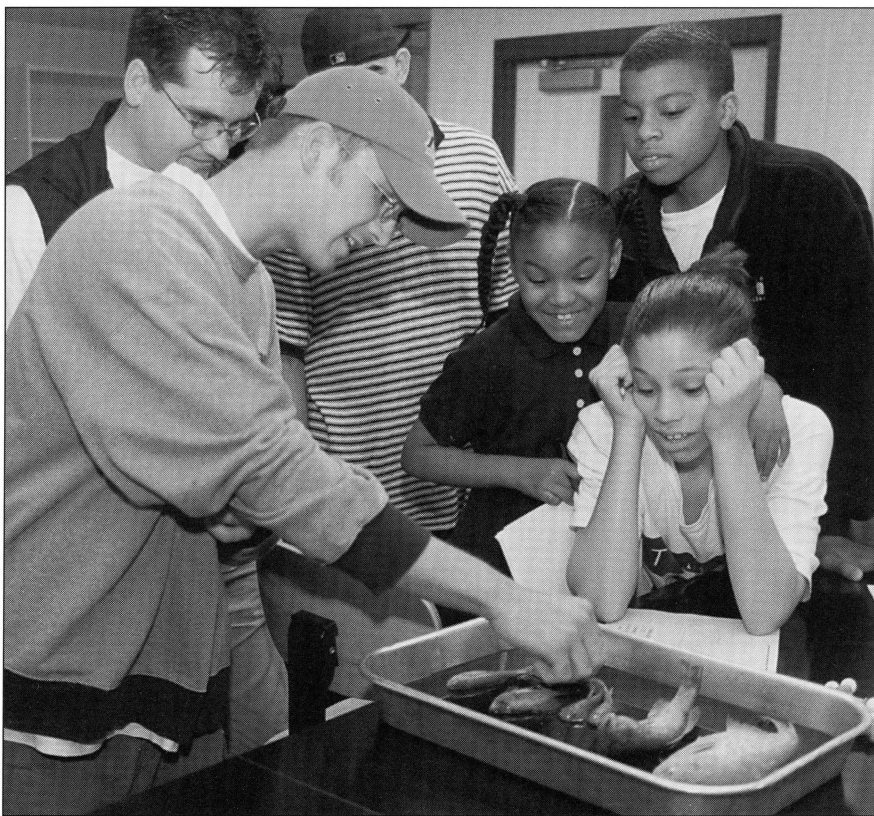
James Mosley, consultant to Carver's Environmental Awareness Program, said the organization wanted to use the funds to increase minority participation in environmental activities. “Carver's vision is not only a physical environment that is clean, but also one which protects the health and welfare of its citizens from environmental pollutants and contaminants,” he said.

Claudette L. Giscombe, USI instructor in biology and a member of the Carver board, enlisted the assistance of her colleague, Dr. Deke T. Gundersen, assistant professor of biology, to work on projects that would help children from the Carver organization become more aware of environmental issues.

The first project was participation in the Tri-State Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Six students from the community organization presented research projects on topics such as acid rain, recycling, pesticide use, toxic metals, and fish. Two students who did their research under the supervision of Giscombe and Gundersen won awards. Trelicia Thomas took third place, and LaKeecha March earned an honorable mention award.

on the importance of having clean water. University students prepared demonstrations and hands-on activities about water purification and the kinds of organisms that are tolerant or intolerant of polluted water.

After the on-campus program, the Carver children, ages eight to 11, and the USI students traveled to a nearby creek where they tested water quality and observed aquatic insects and fish, including the



Students examined lab specimens before going to the creek.

Gundersen's students in an environmental toxicology class also got involved in the effort to encourage more broad-based support for environmental issues. Children from the Carver organization came to USI for a program

endangered spot-tailed darter.

In addition to the projects with USI, the EPA grant has funded a community clean-up program called Earth Day and an Environmental Health Fair.

You can always go DOWNTOWN

Convenience matters to Terence Brewster, who has completed a USI course in business communications at the new Signature Learning Center in downtown Evansville. When he enrolled for the course, Brewster lived and worked downtown. "I had time to study and eat dinner before class," he said. An account clerk for the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department, Brewster attended the class once a week from 6:45 p.m. until 8 p.m. He is working toward a B.S. degree in business administration.

The Learning Center occupies the former Sonntag Hotel, which was renovated along with the adjacent Victory Theatre. Both opened in fall 1998. Funds for the theatre project and exterior of the six-story Sonntag building came from a municipal bond issue and from private donations. The interior renovation of the old hotel was funded by private donations.

Partners offer programming at Signature Learning Center



Now that the center is open, area educational institutions are in partnership to provide programming. USI, the University of Evansville, Ivy Tech State College, the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, and the schools of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville offer classes at the center. USI President

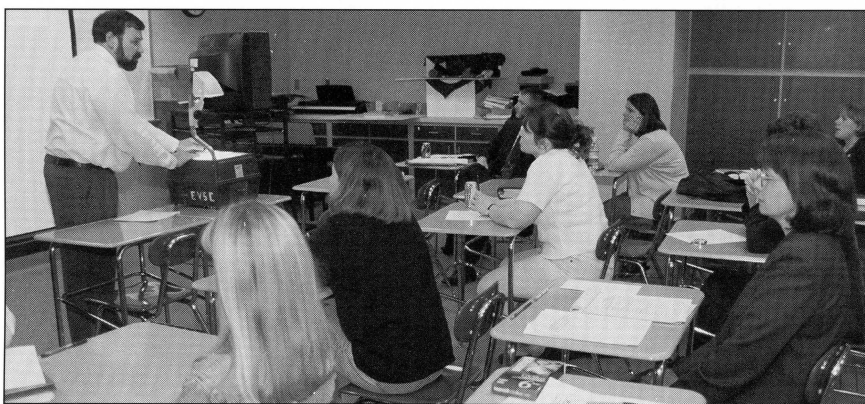
and parochial schools working in partnership with the business com-

munity. Durbin said the Hudson official predicted that the center will be a model for other schools in three to five years.

In the Learning Center's first semester of operation, 271 high school, traditional, and continuing education students enrolled in courses offered by USI, according to Linda L. Cleek, associate director of extended services for the University.

USI programs at the downtown location include courses (known as the College Achievement Program for high school students), credit courses, noncredit continuing education courses, evening short courses, and a midday workshop series. The evening short courses and midday workshop series have included topics such as Improving your E-mail Image, Financial Strategies for Retirement, and Communication Skills for Office Professionals.

USI will offer 11 credit courses at the center in the fall. Dr. Jane Johansen, associate professor of business education, taught the spring semester course in business communications. "It's a mixed bag," she said of the students who are attracted to the downtown location. Some are working on a bachelor's degree and others on a master's. Still other students are not on a degree path but are taking courses to enhance their job skills.



Class member John Little makes a presentation in the business communications class at the Signature Learning Center.

Dr. M. Edward Jones, USI associate vice president for academic affairs, said the learning center is an excellent example of a public-private partnership that involved city government, a number of corporations, and individuals who worked together to develop the funding.

H. Ray Hoops serves on the center's board.

Dan Durbin '84, administrator of the Signature Learning center, reported that an official of the Hudson Institute, a think tank located in Indianapolis, said there is nothing else like the center's format in the country, with public

Sending signals

Alumnus discovers how receptor affects heart development

Matters of the heart concern Dr. Joey V. Barnett '81. Barnett and his research team at Vanderbilt University Medical Center study the role of growth factors in heart development. Their latest findings were published March 26 in *Science*, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"For every 100 children born in the United States each year, one has a heart defect," Barnett said. His research may one day benefit children with defects in their heart valves and also may help physicians treat adults with damaged hearts. The University of Southern Indiana alumnus is associate professor of medicine and pharmacology and a member of the division of cardiovascular medicine at Vanderbilt.

Barnett's team studies the formation of valves and dividing walls in the heart. They have deciphered how the Type III transforming growth factor-beta (TGF-beta) receptor is involved in that process. Their research indicates that the Type III TGF-beta receptor sends signals that make the heart develop

properly. The valves and dividing walls begin to form when the heart is a simple tube. Cells in a region called the atrioventricular cushion receive a signal that tells them to transform. The Type III TGF-beta receptor is found on the cells that undergo this transformation. Non-functional Type III TGF-beta receptor might cause some types of congenital heart defects.

The Vanderbilt research scientist has visited on the USI campus with Dr. Marlene Shaw, professor of biology, and her students, and USI students have traveled to Vanderbilt for a closer look at Barnett's work. He is a member of the National Science Foundation's expert panel on development and chair of the

American Heart Association's expert panel on cardiovascular development and congenital heart disease. In May he was among 300 leading scientists and pediatricians who attended the Weinstein Cardiovascular Development Conference in Tucson.

The USI alumnus also is active with the National Institutes of Health and is an established investigator for the March of Dimes and the American Heart Association. During *Campaign USI*, Barnett served as section chair for the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology. He recently was elected to the USI Foundation Board of Directors.

New directors elected to Foundation Board

The following persons have been elected to three-year terms on the USI Foundation Board of Directors.

- Dr. Joey V. Barnett '81, assistant professor of medicine and pharmacology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee
- Frederick (Rick) Geissinger, chairman and chief executive officer, American General Finance, Evansville
- Carolyn Georgette, retired Indiana Bell executive; member of Southern Indiana Higher Education Board of Directors, Evansville
- Lucy Himstedt, vice president and general manager, NBC/14-WFIE, Evansville
- Mattie Miller, principal, Harper Elementary School, Evansville

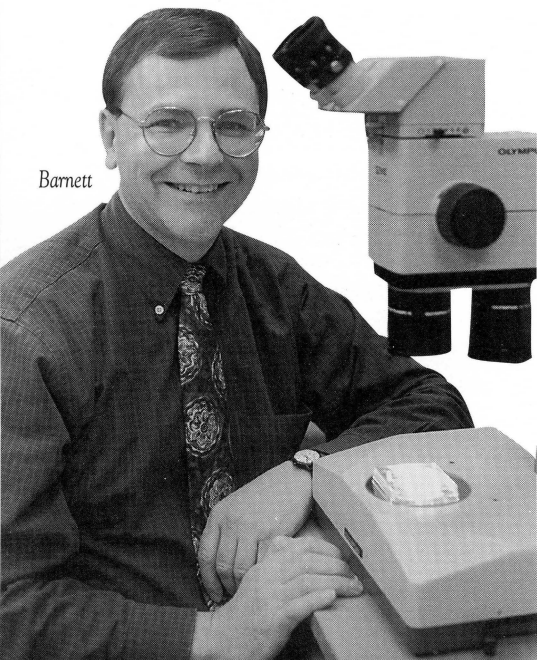
William H. Mitchell, of Albion, Illinois, a member of the USI Foundation Board since 1981 and one of the University's most generous benefactors, was elected a life director. Bill, with his wife Trudy, has made substantial gifts benefiting USI students and faculty.

Walt Brunton '73, a director since 1984, was elected to the Advisory Council. He lives in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Additional new directors are Susan M. Knight '94, of Evansville, president-elect of the USI Alumni Association; Dr. Phil Fisher, dean of the School of Business; and Dr. James Bandoli, assistant professor of biology, Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology. USI President H. Ray Hoops appoints one dean and one faculty member to serve one-year terms on the board. The appointments rotate among the five academic schools.

One new officer was named for 1999-2000. Robert C. Woosley II '92 of Evansville will serve as vice chair for alumni affairs. A certified financial planner with Umbach & Associates, he is president of the USI Alumni Association.

Barnett



Alumni Association honors four

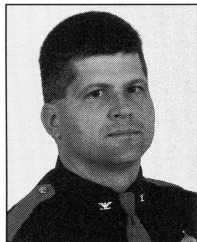
The University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association honored three alumni and a USI dean at the 1999 Senior Reception and Dinner in May. Alumni honorees were Nancy Johnson '83, Eric Williams '89, and Cathlin S. Gray '85. Nadine Coudret, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, received a faculty award.

Special Recognition Award

Nancy L. Johnson, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, received the Special Recognition Award for her involvement in the USI Alumni Association. Johnson



Johnson



Williams

began her career with USI in 1983. She helped establish alumni chapters in Indianapolis, Louisville, and Dubois County, and has guided the establishment of the alumni scholarship endowment fund. Johnson received her B.S. degree with honors in 1983 and was awarded USI's first Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree in 1995.

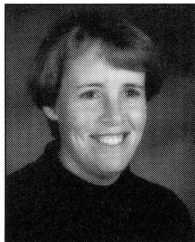
Alumni Service Award

Eric R. Williams has promoted and enhanced the excellence and the reputation of the University as both a student and an alumnus. Since graduation, Williams has served as president of the USI Alumni Association, USI Alumni Council member, and Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Alumni Chapter president. He has served as chair of the fraternity's housing corporation and trust committee. A 1989

management graduate, he is chief deputy for the Vanderburgh County sheriff's department.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Cathlin S. Gray, principal at Cedar Hall Elementary School in Evansville, received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in a career or public service. At Cedar Hall, Gray and her staff have worked with 30 community agencies to provide medical, social, and recreational services to students and their families. In 1998, she received a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National



Gray

Educator Award, which honors educators who are true leaders in their field. Gray is a 1985 elementary education graduate. She earned her master's degree in 1990 from Indiana State University.

Faculty Recognition Award

Dr. Nadine A. Coudret, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, has established baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing and associate and baccalaureate degree programs in occupational therapy, occupational therapy assisting, and health services during her 11 years at USI. She was previously an instructor at the St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing and the University of Evansville, where she served as dean of nursing from 1986-1988. Coudret earned her nursing diploma from St. Mary's Hospital School of

Nursing in Evansville; B.S., M.A., and M.S.N. degrees from the University of Evansville; and an Ed.D from Indiana University. She is an advisor to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which helps professional people develop leadership skills, and president of the Indiana Women's Political Caucus.

Partners offer tutors teaching One-on-One

Students at elementary schools in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation (EVSC) will have access to individual tutors beginning in September through a new program sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association, Volunteer USI, and EVSC.

The new One-on-One community tutoring program welcomes alumni, faculty, staff, students, and any adult living or working in the area to participate as tutors. Under the guidance of the classroom teacher, the volunteers will work individually with students, helping them improve the specific skills they need to develop.

Tutors might read to the students, listen to the students read, assist with vocabulary words, or help with math skills.

Volunteers serve during the school day, offering their service one hour or more each week on a regular basis. Tutors may choose where they tutor from the list of elementary schools requesting volunteers.



For information about becoming a One-on-One tutor, contact Volunteer USI at 812/465-1215 or VolunteerUSI@usi.edu.

Meet The Dean

Born to teach

When C. Thomas Pickering was a high school student, the superintendent of schools sometimes took him out of class to substitute for a teacher in a lower grade. As a senior, Pickering singlehandedly instructed the eighth grade for two weeks.

Now dean of the University of Southern Indiana's Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, Pickering said, "I knew by the time I got out of high school that I wanted to be an elementary school teacher."

Pickering grew up in eastern Ohio in the town of Jewett (population 900). He attended the same school for 12 years—six years on the first floor and six on the second.

When he graduated from high school, the demand for teachers was high because the baby boom children were coming through the schools. Upon completion of a two-year program at Ohio University's branch campus at Martin's Ferry, Pickering was qualified to teach through a state plan to put more teachers into the classroom. He taught in Johnstown, Ohio, while continuing to work toward a bachelor's degree by attending night classes and summer sessions. When he earned his B.S. in education in 1966 four years after completing high school, he already had two years of teaching experience at the elementary level.

In 1966, Pickering entered a fellowship program at Ohio University in Athens to prepare

himself to become a college teacher. He earned an M.Ed. and a Ph.D. in education and a certification in school psychology, finishing his doctorate at age 25.

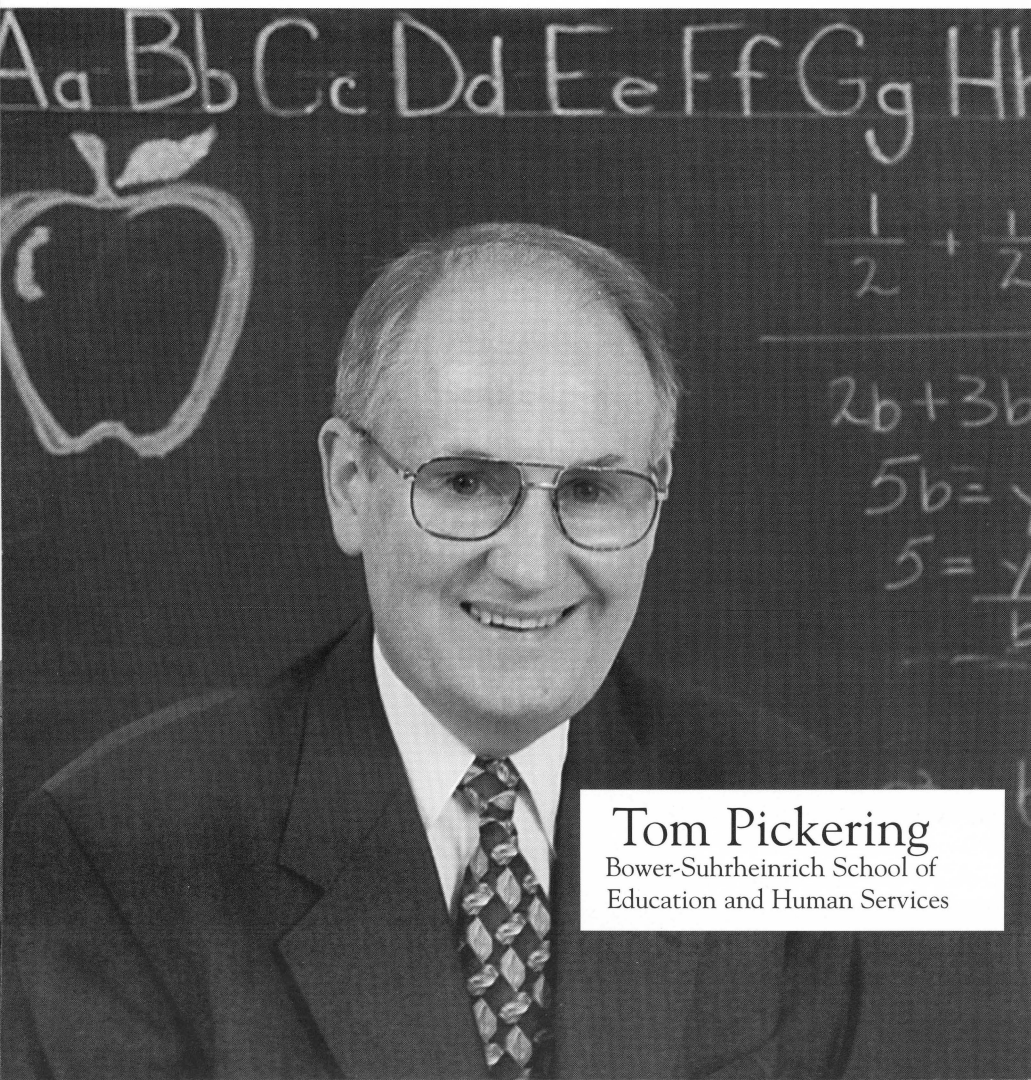
He worked a year as a child study specialist in Athens County, Ohio, in connection with his certification in school psychology and then moved to the college level as an assistant professor at Ohio State University. He has been a professor at Western Carolina University and the University of Southern Mississippi and was dean and professor of education at Fort Hays State University in Kansas for three years. He joined USI as dean in 1988.

Growth of school

Pickering came to USI when the University was changing its structure from seven divisions to five schools. In that restructuring the School of Education and Human Services was organized into three departments: social work, physical education, and teacher education.

USI has taken solid strides in the development of human services professionals. The first students completed the undergraduate program in social work in 1987, and the program was accredited four years later. The graduate program, begun in 1994, was accredited in 1998. Now attracting students from several states, USI's program is one of only two accredited graduate programs in the state. The other is at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. Since 1988, the number of social work faculty has grown from three to 11.

The physical education program also is growing. The department, which graduated its first students in 1987, had 25 students complete degrees this year, including the first two in the new B.S. program in exercise science. Faculty developed the curriculum in exercise science according to the guidelines of the



Tom Pickering
Bower-Suhrheinrich School of
Education and Human Services

American College of Sports Medicine, the leading agency that certifies fitness instructors and personal trainers. A new human performance laboratory for this program will be in use this fall with completion of the lower level of the Health Professions Center.

One of the oldest and largest programs at USI is teacher education. The B.S. program has been offered since 1971. Both the M.S. in elementary education, authorized by the Indiana Commission on Higher Education in 1986, and the M.S. in secondary education, authorized in 1992, have flourished. Fifty-five students earned master's degrees in education this year. The teacher education department also prepares people to work with preschoolers through an associate degree in early childhood education.

Trends in education

Students who graduate from USI's teacher education program are prepared for the challenges of today's classrooms. One goal of teacher education is to put students in situations where they can see how their learning in the college classroom relates to what is happening in elementary and secondary classrooms.

Pickering said, "Teaching is very complex. Learning to teach and to be a part of the school system develops over time."

While the teacher education department places prospective students in many area schools, the department has developed long-term partnerships with four schools—Culver Elementary School, Helfrich Park Middle School, and North High School in Evansville and Marrs Elementary School in Mount Vernon, Indiana. Some teacher education courses are taught, not at USI, but on site at these partner schools, where prospective teachers can step down the hall to see theory in action.

Another important goal in preparing teachers is to develop their skills in technology. "Our students know how to use the electronic media to enhance their teaching," the dean said.

Reflecting on the progress of teacher education at USI, Pickering credits an ad hoc committee chaired in the early 1990s by Aldo Cardarelli, then chair of the teacher education department, with important contributions. The committee's 17 recommendations, all implemented by 1995, included the requirement of a full semester of student teaching rather than a 10-week program. Cardarelli retired in 1995.

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The million-dollar endowment which the school received in 1998 through *Campaign USI* supports Presidential Scholarships, faculty enhancement, and programs to promote teaching excellence. The generous gift from Dallas Bower-Suhrheinrich of Evansville expands opportunities for the school, the dean said.

Ongoing improvement

For the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, change and improvement are continuous. In the area of physical education, Pickering said the school will continue to develop the exercise science program and will cultivate more ways to interface with the community on fitness issues. In human services, a major

goal is to develop a school social work program. In many communities, there is a need not only to address the academic needs of children but also issues such as the nutrition and welfare of the students and their families. In teacher education, Pickering expects to expand the partnership program as funds and resources allow.

Professional activities

The USI dean has long been active in professional and academic groups, has served as a consultant to a number of school systems, and has published articles and presented widely at conferences. He is vice president/president-elect of the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE), the state affiliate of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

In April he was elected president of the Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association. He has served on the association's executive board as the representative from higher education since 1994.

Personal notes

Pickering and his wife, Vivian, have four grown children—Tammy, Stephanie, Tommy, and Stephen. Tammy is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, and the other three are USI graduates. The Pickerings have two grandchildren, ages nine and 14.

While Pickering's schedule brims with responsibilities of the deanship and related professional activities, he turns to reading as a pastime when time allows. Another interest which he hopes to have more time for in the future is music. His mother has played the piano at her church for 50 years. He, his uncle, his aunt, and his sister also play. While he was growing up, family get-togethers often included a session at the piano and a gospel sing. The dean also is a guitarist, preferring country and bluegrass styles.

Photos come alive as stories are told

Friends identify images
from Mueller collection

Faces and places captured on film decades ago by Evansville photographers Paul A. Mueller and his son, Thomas O. Mueller, are coming to life once again thanks to more than 80 people who have visited the University of Southern Indiana's Rice Library to help identify the images.

Paul A. Mueller, a photographer in Evansville from 1890 until his death in 1920, took most of the photos. Thomas O. Mueller, a photographer at the Evansville Courier from 1936 to 1945, took later photographs, including a collection of the 1937 flood of the Ohio River. Thomas Mueller donated the photos to USI.

Martha Niemeier, associate director and collection development librarian of Rice Library, and Gina Walker, library assistant in Special Collections and University Archives, recently held an informational session, inviting the public to view the Mueller Photographic Collection and help identify the hundreds of photos.

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Although the photo above is thought to show students from Reitz High School, it reminds **Cyril Ubelhor** of Evansville of the day in the mid '40s when he and other students from Memorial High School were bused to the Knight Township river bottom to collect milkweed pods to stuff life jackets. "It was part of the war effort," he said. According to a bulletin about milkweed published by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, "During the war, hundreds of tons of milkweed pods were gathered by school children and the silky fluff processed as a substitute for kapok, used to pad life jackets and flying suits."

Ira Cox and Jan Grisby look over photos in the collection.

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The photographs are still available for viewing in the special collections area on the lower level of the library. Walker encourages others to come in to see the collection and tell librarians about the people and the action they recognize.

Many of the photos depict people and scenes in neighboring Tri-State communities. Future plans call for printed copies of these photographs to be placed in the appropriate local libraries.

Twenty framed photos available as a traveling collection were most recently exhibited at Central High School in Evansville.

Conservation of the collection is made possible by an Indiana Heritage Research Grant, funded by the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Humanities Council, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Lloyd Martin was eight months old in December 1940 when this photo of him and his mother, Beatrice Philipps Martin, appeared in a full-page newspaper spread titled "Introducing your neighbors in the Tri-State." The photo was taken at the Martin home across the street from the post office in Santa Claus, Indiana. Both of Martin's grandfathers, James Martin and Oscar Philipps, served as postmaster in Santa Claus, which receives mail from children all over the world who hope to hear from the jolly elf. Lloyd Martin lives in Jasper and is retired as principal of Jasper Middle School.



Mildred Hartmann of Mount Vernon, Indiana, recognized her husband, Paul, as the figure on the left in this photo. An electric distribution engineer for Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, he and Frank Fleming, rodman for the surveying crew, were working near Memorial High School in Evansville when the photo was shot. Hartmann said he joined the utility company in 1935 and worked there until entering military service during World War II.



Monsignor Clinton Hirsch of Evansville, said, "That's my dad," when he stumbled onto this photograph of a group of Poseyville, Indiana, businessmen. Standing from left are John Hirsch and Carl Wiley, members of the town board, and Ed Mann, a banker. Seated left is Dr. Hammelman, a dentist. The identity of the man seated on the right is still unknown. John Hirsch owned the J. L. Hirsch Company—Dry Goods, Grocery, and Meat Department. The business, which opened in 1918 at Main and Cale Streets, is at the same location today and is still operated by the Hirsch family.

Hoosiers abroad

Video documents students traveling in Greece

By Kimberly J. Turner
Class of 1999

Eric L. vonFuhrmann, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a \$1,000 Indiana Humanities Council International Awareness Grant to produce a Greek culture video which will air on WNIN-Channel 9 in the fall. VonFuhrmann teaches courses in mythology and humanities.

The Indiana Humanities Council supports projects that bolster awareness of Indiana's ties to the rest of the world. The video will document the reactions of USI students to food, people, and art as they traveled in Greece.

"This film chronicles the cultural education of Midwesterners as they broaden their background, experience new modes of transportation, and develop skills for getting along in an unfamiliar culture," vonFuhrmann said.

With the Indiana Humanities Council grant, vonFuhrmann and Matthew May, distance learning producer/director, collected 50 hours of film footage during the 1999 spring recess. After the film is edited, vonFuhrmann will provide a voice-over narration. Grecian guides who accompanied students also will be used in the narration.

The video will feature a tour of significant historical sites of Greece. From the Parthenon to the Acropolis, destinations of another culture will come into living rooms throughout Indiana. Viewers will see the tombs of Mycenae, where Agamemnon is buried, and Cape Sounion, the southernmost tip of Greece where the temple of Poseidon is located.

The video also will show participants taking a day cruise across the Aegean Sea on the ship *Hermes* to explore by moped the monasteries and Byzantine churches scattered around the island of Aegina.

Mary Sue Moman, a junior studying occupational therapy, said, "Professor vonFuhrmann ties the trip to what we have learned in class and that's exciting!"

USI tours of the Mediterranean countries began in 1992 when vonFuhrmann first led students on a trip to Greece. Since then, this culturally enriching program has alternated between Greece and Italy each year during spring recess. The trip regularly draws nine to 15 students and their guests, ages ranging from 20 to 65. The students are not necessarily English majors in search of literary holy places. "I've led groups that included

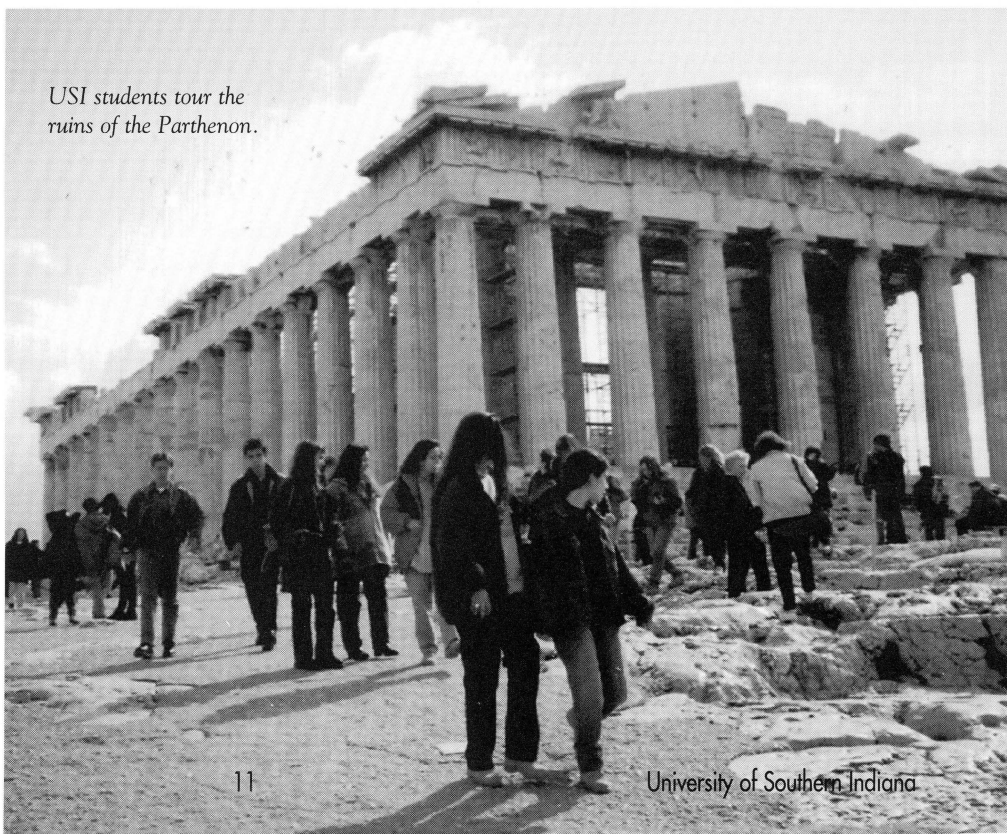
students majoring in nursing, occupational therapy, and psychology, as well as English students," vonFuhrmann said.

The scheduled trip to Italy in spring 2000 may be the subject of a similar video project to bring information about Roman mythology to Tri-State viewers.

In addition to using the video on WNIN, vonFuhrmann will show it as an introduction to Greek culture in his classes and as a distance education course in mythology. The film will give the Tri-State an opportunity to step out of midwestern U.S. culture and into the history and beauty of Greece, the next best thing to being there.

About the author—

Kimberly J. Turner was a writing intern in News and Information Services for the spring semester.



USI students tour the ruins of the Parthenon.



Torrington gift to equip second science laboratory

W. Paul Torrington has made a second significant gift to equip research laboratories in the newly renovated Science Center. Torrington's recent \$100,000 contribution, plus a \$20,000 matching gift, will equip the new Torrington Molecular and Developmental Biology Research Laboratory.

Dr. Marlene Shaw, professor of biology, said, "These funds will enable us to purchase pivotal equipment that will add measurably to the teaching laboratory and undergraduate research experiences that we can offer USI students. Having the good fortune of teaching some of the University's most talented students, I am excited about Dr. Torrington's gift enabling us to recruit more such talented students with curiosity, the commitment to excel, and the passion to make a difference."

The retired Mead Johnson executive and researcher also has underwritten the Torrington Chemistry Research Laboratory and the W. Paul and Mildred Torrington Endowed Presidential Scholarship. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from USI in 1998.

Gift endows Center for Disability Studies

The University of Southern Indiana will establish the USI Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies with a generous gift made possible by Epi-Hab Evansville through the Vanderburgh Community Foundation.

The center will promote scholarship, community service, and teaching of issues related to epilepsy and other disabilities with consultation from business, industry, and social, education, governmental, and health agencies.

Vanderburgh Community Foundation recently announced a \$1.3 million gift from Epi-Hab Evansville to establish the center at USI. An annual distribution from investment income will fund the center's programs at USI. The Vanderburgh Community Foundation will add \$100,000 to the endowment thanks to funding from the Lilly Endowment.

The center has multiple goals. Gary May, associate professor of social work, who wrote the USI

proposal, anticipates the center will contribute, through research and education, more of a knowledge base on epilepsy and other disability issues. He said, "This initiative will accelerate the broader movement toward a community-based, community-inclusive life for persons with disabilities."

Through the center, USI will develop programs to educate employers regarding hiring, retaining, and promoting people with seizure disorders and other disabilities and prepare students to work effectively with and for such individuals.

Opening in the fall, the center will provide USI students, faculty and staff with expanded opportunities for learning about disabilities and will encourage inclusion of disability-related course content across the curriculum.

Epi-Hab Evansville, Inc., opened in 1964 as a non-profit factory giving people with disabilities a chance to earn their living—a chance otherwise not available at that time. The facility closed in 1998 and was purchased by GI Tech Group Inc., and the assets from the sale are being used to create two endowment funds to benefit the community's disabled citizens.

The Rehabilitation Center at 3701 Bellemeade Avenue in Evansville also is a beneficiary of an Epi-Hab gift.

With its \$1 million Epi-Hab Endowment, the Rehabilitation Center plans to operate a clinic for individuals with epilepsy.



Sharon Hafer, president of the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, and USI President H. Ray Hoops announced the Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies at a press conference.

Legislative session produces increases in appropriations

USI President H. Ray Hoops had high praise for this year's General Assembly which used a new higher education funding formula to help growing universities through more equitable appropriations.

USI's biennial operating appropriation for 1999-2001 will be \$56,261,183, containing increases which recognize USI's rapid enrollment growth and provide for personal services and employee benefits, for supplies and expenses, and for technology. The base adjustment for prior enrollments plus the equity adjustment for rapid growth in enrollment together total nearly \$3.5 million over the biennium.

USI also received a one-time appropriation of just over \$900,000 for each year of the biennium to assist with technology needs, and the legislature also added a small increase in USI's base funding to provide an annual source of funding

for technology. All of the state's postsecondary institutions had underscored the need for assistance to keep technology current and to meet the challenge of retaining information technology professionals on staff.

increase this year includes an amount which will be dedicated to retiring the bond issues to fund that building. Plans are complete for the wellness structure, for which construction is expected to begin in early fall.

USI's biennial operating appropriation recognizes rapid enrollment growth

In addition, the legislature approved \$12.6 million in bonding authorization for the science section of a new science and education classroom building and \$4.2 million for a wellness, fitness, and recreational facility. Planning will begin immediately for the science and education building, and University officials are hopeful that the legislative approval for the education section of the building will come in time to construct both sections at once.

The wellness facility was identified by students as a priority which they would be willing to help fund through fees. Thus, USI's fee

The passage of House Bill 1920 was of great interest to USI alumni and friends who had lobbied to keep USI's license plate. State Representative Bill Bailey of Seymour added language to the bill to exempt colleges and universities from minimum sales requirements, ensuring that USI's plate will continue to be available. Alumni Association president Nancy Sieben expressed appreciation to Bailey and the southern Indiana legislative delegation, saying that the minimum sales requirement adversely affected colleges and universities with fewer alumni than larger institutions.



Bertram

Memorial scholarship established for Dr. Charles Bertram

A scholarship for student athletes has been established in memory of Dr. Charles Bertram, professor of education and mathematics, compliance coordinator, and faculty athletics representative, who died June 29, after suffering a stroke on June 25.

Dr. Bertram, 61, joined the USI faculty in 1969. A math educator in southwestern Indiana for more than 30 years, he received USI's first Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award in 1997 for his efforts to create Eagle Math Mania, a math education program in which student athletes motivate second and third graders in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation to complete Eagle Math workbooks.

Dr. Thomas Pickering, dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, said, "Dr. Bertram always had time

for students, and he had keen insight into their needs and abilities. In his classes students developed confidence in their understanding of math and their ability to teach. He was a teacher at heart and a respected math educator throughout the region and state. He played a key role in the development of teacher education at USI."

Dr. Bertram also was USI faculty athletics representative to the NCAA since the mid-1970s and was involved with the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) since its inception. In January 1997, he became president of the GLVC, which included serving as liaison to the Council of Presidents and representing the conference at NCAA meetings and workshops. He was GLVC treasurer for many years and served on many GLVC committees.

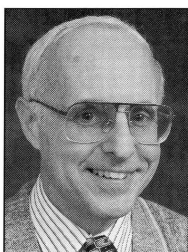
Contributions can be made to the memorial scholarship fund through the USI Foundation.

Ozete named Distinguished Professor

Dr. Oscar Ozete, professor of Spanish, is the recipient of the 1999 National City Bank Distinguished Professor Award. The honor, made possible by a generous gift from National City Bank, was presented during USI Commencement.

Chosen by his colleagues to receive the award, Ozete is known for having written textbooks for students of Spanish in higher education and at the secondary and middle school levels.

Ozete joined the USI faculty in 1980 and from 1982 to 1996 was chair of the Department of Foreign Language. He has directed study programs in Mexico for USI, Indiana University, and Rotary International. In 1996 Ozete was named Outstanding Spanish



Ozete

Professor of the Year for Indiana. The same year he received the Nelson Brooks Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Culture at the

national conference of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. The Brooks Award is a distinction awarded to only one foreign language professor or teacher nationally in any field of modern foreign language.

Ozete holds the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts in Teaching degrees from Indiana University. He completed undergraduate work at University of Miami.

As Distinguished Professor, Ozete will receive a grant from National City Bank, will select a student to receive a scholarship in his name next year, and will deliver the Distinguished Professor Lecture during 1999-2000.

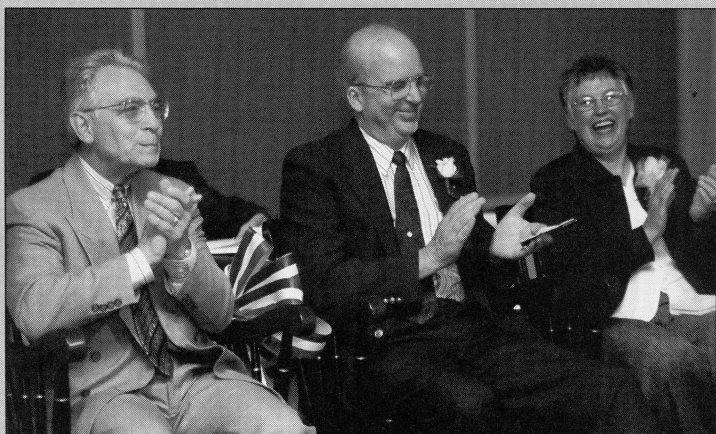
President's Medalist is MaryBeth Cable

MaryBeth Cable, a communications major, received the 1999 President's Medal, the highest honor USI bestows on a graduating senior. The award was presented at Commencement.

Cable was a Dean's List student throughout her career at USI. She was a USI Honors Symposium participant and a member of Alpha Chi Honorary Society and Golden Key National Honor Society. She was selected by *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities* and was a finalist for the student representative position with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Cable served as executive vice president of the USI Student Government Association. She is a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America, Student Housing Association, Student Alumni Association, the Student Publications University Committee, and the student orientation staff.

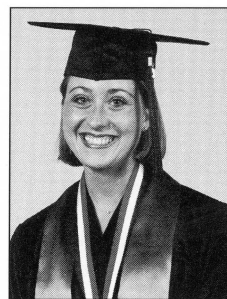
The award winner is from Crown Point, Indiana. She has joined the USI admission staff as counselor. Her sister, Nicole Cable Hume, received the President's Medal in 1997.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Three faculty members retire

The University of Southern Indiana recently honored three faculty members upon their retirement. From left are Dr. Daniel C. Scavone, professor of history; Dr. Howard Dunn, professor of chemistry; and Eula Megli, instructor of chemistry. Their combined service to the University totals 70 years.



Cable



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

The stars come out

Susie Gumberts, right, longtime friend of the University, speaks with Robert Schnute, a member of the Pott Foundation board of directors, during the unveiling of the donor wall recognizing generous friends and alumni who supported *Campaign USI* with gifts of \$10,000 or more. The display outside Carter Hall in the University Center bears 189 stars, each with a donor name. The University's first capital campaign concluded in December after raising more than \$18 million in current gifts and pledges and another \$6 million in deferred gifts.

Chemistry earns ACS approval

The University of Southern Indiana Chemistry Department has received American Chemical Society (ACS) approval for its undergraduate program.

Chemistry is a department of the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology.

Dr. Marie Hankins, chair of the department, said, "An ACS approval means the program was reviewed by experienced educators

and scientists. Such approval assures students of a quality program."

The evaluation process extended over a two-year period and included an application process, a presentation to the national ACS professional training committee, and a site visit."

The American Chemical Society, established in 1876, is the world's largest scientific society.

Art professor featured among women artists

'Matter Mind Spirit' travels to D.C.

Work by Kathryn Waters, professor of art, is included in a traveling exhibition featuring 12 contemporary Indiana women artists. The exhibit will be at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., from January through May 7, 2000.

"Matter Mind Spirit: 12 Contemporary Indiana Women Artists" is a project of the Indiana Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. The exhibit features painting, sculpture, prints, photography, and textiles.

The exhibit opened at the Indianapolis Art Center in February and was shown at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science in May and June.



Kathryn Waters, left, advises USI student.

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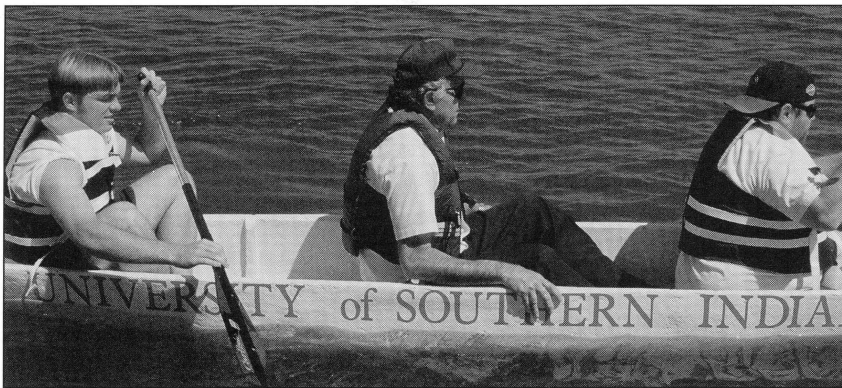
Paddling hard

A 10-member student team has floated a concrete canoe. Civil engineering technology students designed and constructed the craft, which is more than 16 feet long.

The project presented an engineering challenge in finding lighter, stronger concrete and an efficient

design that would be serviceable and safe.

This is the first year USI has entered a concrete canoe in competition sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The team competed recently in Madison, Wisconsin.



Paddlers are, from left, Steve Applegate; Jack Naghdi, assistant professor of civil engineering technology; and Trent Lamb, chair of the engineering team. The students launched the canoe in Reflection Lake on campus for a test run.

Out of the hat

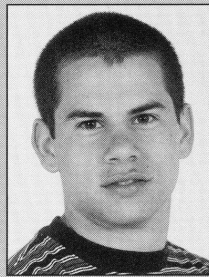


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John W. McNaughton, right, professor of art, sculpted the figure "Get Lucky," which can now be seen at Casino Aztar in Evansville. Jim Brown, left, is senior vice president and general manager at Aztar.

Freshman attends national forum on social security

Dan Sitterding, a freshman honors student, joined other college students from across the nation to report to Congress recently on student reaction to Social Security reform.



Sitterding

Sitterding participated in USI's Social Security Challenge program this spring and attended the national forum in Washington, D.C. The program is part of a national conversation funded by the Pew Charitable Trust. Sitterding asked legislators to consider pushing back the age to receive social security benefits because the life expectancy rate has changed since the program was initiated. He was the only Indiana student at the national forum of 120 college students.

Two honored for leadership

Dr. Nadine A. Coudret, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and John W. McNaughton, professor of art, were recognized by Leadership Evansville recently at its Celebration of Leadership Awards.

Coudret was recognized for improving health care in the community.

McNaughton was honored for his leadership in establishing a summer arts program that led to the development of sculptures for the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage.

All of the extra hours of study have paid off for Mike Grassi, a 1995 USI graduate and former soccer player. Grassi graduated first in his class at Northwestern University Medical School in May.

Grassi, who transferred to USI in 1993 from the College of DuPage, completed a B.S. degree in biology at USI. He played two seasons in the midfield for the Screaming Eagles, members at that time of the NCAA Division I.

In his USI career, Grassi missed only one game, playing in 39 games and starting 38. He had 14 career points on three goals and eight assists. These statistics are small in comparison with what he did academically.

“I was very happy with my experience at USI, both academically and athletically”

The scholar athlete graduated from USI with a 4.0 grade point average, spending many hours in the science labs before and after his hours on the practice and game fields. A master of budgeting his time, Grassi often would leave a day late for road games so he could take a test or finish a lab project.

“I was very happy with my experience at USI, both academically and athletically,” Grassi said. “A lot of people were very accommodating to me, especially Anne Denner (instructor in biology) and Tony Colavecchia (former head soccer coach). Mrs. Denner and Tony went out of their way to help me succeed.”

After graduation from USI, Grassi entered Northwestern, where he had been accepted early for medical school. “I was a little apprehensive when I started at Northwestern because I did not come from a big school,” said Grassi. “As classes went on, this feeling went away

He's #1 at Northwestern med school

Former USI soccer player eyes future in ophthalmology



Mike Grassi, left, played two seasons at USI.

because I was prepared to succeed.”

Former USI soccer coach Tony Colavecchia remembers that it was the academics which sold Grassi on USI before the athletic program.

“We knew when we recruited Mike that we had a different type of student athlete,” said Colavecchia.

“He was committed to academics and felt he could come to a small school and succeed. USI, academically and athletically, did a great job of recruiting and preparing Mike.

“We (the soccer program) had to have a great deal of flexibility in the scheduling of classes, practices, and games for Mike. I remember sending the team ahead to

Marquette (University) and then driving up with Mike after his test.”

After graduation from Northwestern, Grassi will do an internship in ophthalmology, specializing in surgery, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He will complete his residency at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

“Mike is one of the most dedicated and enjoyable students I have ever had,” said Anne Denner, his former biology professor. “He has excellent recall and an ability to put things together and is a wonderful person. He will make an excellent physician, one we can be proud of.”

Wilkins off to running start

New women's soccer coach demands focus from players

Since the University of Southern Indiana Athletic Department announced his appointment as head coach for the women's soccer program in February, Bill Wilkins has hit the ground running.

A coach with national exposure at the Division I level, Wilkins comes to USI from Auburn University where he has been the head coach since the 1994 season. Wilkins, who took over the Auburn program in its second season of existence, led the Tigers to their first wins in the NCAA Division I and the Southeastern Conference and their first-ever regional ranking. In his five seasons, he compiled an overall record of 47-44-8.

"The first two months have been very enjoyable and Evansville is a great location," said Wilkins. "I like the way the University is putting money into expanding the campus and the emphasis it puts on undergraduate education. Athletics plays a part in undergraduate life but is not the focal point."

Last year the USI women's soccer program finished the year 18-3-1 overall, 9-1-0 Great Lakes Valley Conference; second in the GLVC Tournament; and a quarterfinalist in the NCAA Division II Tournament. USI also hosted its first NCAA II Tournament game when it hosted Ashland University in the first round of the Elite Eight.

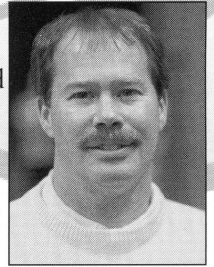
"The team has a good foundation and has improved since spring break," said Wilkins. "I am pleased with the results of our spring practice, defeating one Division I team and playing well against another." The Eagles defeated the University of Louisville, 3-1, on the road, but

lost a close one to Indiana University, 2-1, at Strassweg Field.

Wilkins has been to the promised land before and knows what it will take for USI to be successful nationally. He helped the University of Virginia women's soccer program to five consecutive NCAA Division I tournament appearances as an assistant coach. During the 1991 NCAA tournament, he assumed interim head coaching duties prior to the tournament and led the Cavaliers to a berth in the Final Four and a final national ranking of number three.

USI, which finished the season seventh nationally, will return 10 of 11 starters, including first team All-American back Amy Henkhaus and second team All-American midfielder Megan Russell. The only starter not returning in 1999 will be first team All-Region performer Jessica Pigman. Wilkins said,

"Getting back to the same level the team achieved last year will be hard, so we have to improve as individual players and as a team.

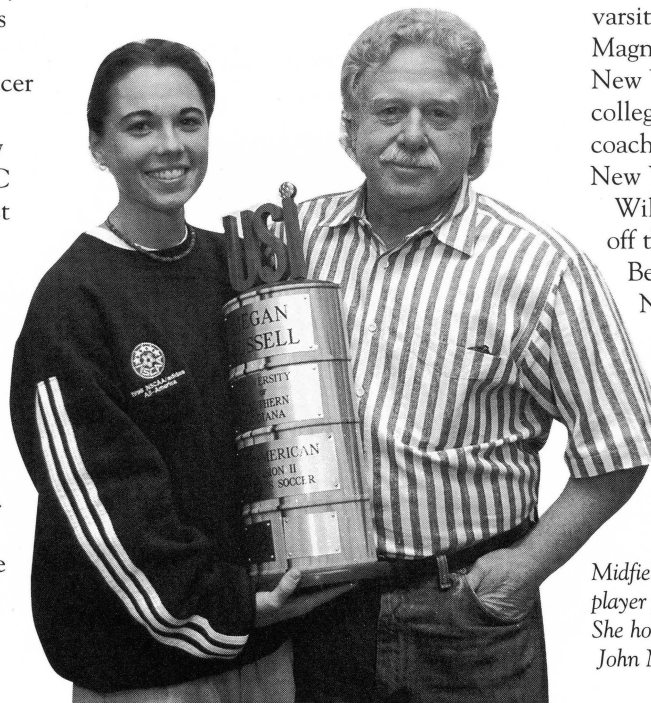


Wilkins

"The squad has a great foundation and knows what I demand physically and mentally after spring practice. We want the players to do well in school, but when they step foot on the soccer field, I want them focused on soccer. Each game is important because the NCAA does not take a lot of teams in the tournament. You can have a good season and not get in (the tournament)," said Wilkins.

Wilkins started his coaching career at the grassroots level after graduating from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, in 1977. His first job was as girls' varsity head coach at Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia, New York, before entering collegiate ranks as an assistant coach at the State University of New York Cortland.

Wilkins and the Eagles will kick off the season September 4, in the Belmont-Abbey Tournament in North Carolina. The first home game for the Eagles will be September 25 when they host the University of Missouri-St. Louis.



Midfielder Megan Russell is a returning player for Coach Wilkins's first season. She holds a trophy designed for her by John McNaughton, professor of art.

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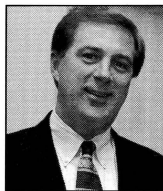
1970s

Sandra M. Frey '73, elementary education, is elementary school counselor for the South Vermillion School Corporation in Clinton, Indiana. She was recognized as an outstanding counselor at the recent annual conference of the Indiana Counseling Association.

Randall C. Shumate '73, management, has been hired by T.J. Maxx in Evansville as a training specialist.

Jane Herrenbruck Thomas '74, elementary education, was named Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year for 1998-99. The annual teacher awards are co-sponsored by the University of Evansville and the *Evansville Courier & Press*. Thomas teaches kindergarten at Scott Elementary School in Evansville.

Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76, accounting, has joined the German American Bank as president & chief executive officer. The bank is based in Jasper, Indiana.



Sendelweck

1980s

Harold E. Tepool, Jr. '80, communications, a professor at Vincennes University, has received the Professor C. George Alvey Distinguished Fellowship, which is awarded to the chapter advisor who emulates the significant contribution made to Alpha Beta Gamma by Advisor Emeritus C. George Alvey of the Rho chapter. Alpha Beta Gamma is a business honor society.

Barbara L. Butler '85, health occupations, has been promoted to administrator/chief operating officer at Healthsouth Tri-State Rehabilitation Hospital in Evansville. She has been with the company for 10 years and previously served as director of business development.

Sandra G. Keitel '86, business administration, received an M.S. degree in organizational communications from Murray State University in May 1999.

Lisa Williams Hall '88, social science, is an educator at the U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Florida.

Tracy Coleman Powers '87, elementary education, has taken a new position as associate director of the Career Center at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina.

Pamela Meyer Schmidt '89, business administration, has been a case auditor with the Department of Revenue in Leesburg, Florida, since February 1997. She has been selected to be part of a newly organized financial management team.

1990s

Gregory W. Brown '90, accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president at United Fidelity Bank in Evansville.

Gregory A. Hartlein '90, communications, is a manager at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington.

Glenn T. Kingsbury '90, business administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president and Red Bank branch manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Misty Freeman Stradtner '90, accounting, has been employed by Brown, Smith & Settle LLC in Evansville as senior staff accountant.

Tristan D. Barnett '91, mechanical engineering technology, is manager of manufacturing for Nimet Industries, Inc., in South Bend, Indiana.

Janice Hurm Jillson '91, communications, was recently named communications specialist at Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville.

Lawrence D. Bitter '92, accounting, has been named a partner at Brown, Smith & Settle LLC in Evansville.

Richard L. Jillson '92, communications, is a marketing representative at the Evansville Courier Company.

Carolyn Waninger Dearmond '93, accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president of budgets and financial planning at Civitas Bank in Evansville.

Harold L. Hart '93, civil engineering technology, is survey manager at Jacobi, Tombs & Lantz Consulting Engineers in Clarksville, Indiana. He received a Master of Science degree in 1995 from Purdue University.

Lisa M. Berfanger '94, political science, graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law in May 1999. She has taken a position with Crawford & Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Christopher M. Burkhart '94, political science/social science teaching, was promoted to purchasing manager for Jasper Corporation, a division of Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

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Peggy R. Burlison '94, health services, has been appointed assistant administrator for the Good Samaritan Home in Evansville.

Bradley F. Elpers '94, business education, has taken a position as training administrator for Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

M. Brian Jeffries '94, political science/history, is a first year law student at Southern Illinois University School of Law. He also serves as a first lieutenant in the National Guard.

Sean D. Lewis '94, business administration, is employed as a computer programmer at Mark-Rite Corporation in Indianapolis.

Danny L. Matthews '94, business administration, is working as an account executive with Con-Way Central Express in Fairfield, Ohio.

Douglas J. Watson '94, business administration, is the regional manager for Laptop Superstore in Norcross, Georgia.

Alan D. Jones '95, business administration, is working at Old National Bancorp in Evansville as a loan review analyst.

Majorie A. Millman '95, psychology/political science, recently graduated from Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law. She received the degree of Juris Doctor.

Pala F. Peach '95, biology, has relocated to San Antonio, Texas. She is working at the University Hospital as a medical technologist.

Amy J. Rapp '95, social work, is a social worker at the Homeless Initiative Program in Indianapolis.

Linda Mullis Bueltel '96, accounting, is a tax analyst with Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Patricia A. Hoadley '96, nursing, with her fiancée, Erwin deGraaff, has started a new business in Evansville. Compuchild is geared to teaching computer skills to preschool children.

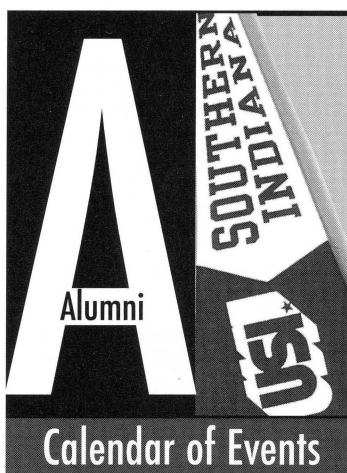
Terry L. McIntosh '96, elementary education, has accepted a second-grade teaching position at Saipan Community School. Saipan is part of the Northern Mariana Islands, a territory of the United States.

Gina Taylor Stancombe '96, elementary education, is a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Clear Creek Christian School in Bloomington, Indiana.

Amanda D. Barton '97, sociology, graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Master of Education degree. She has accepted a position at Elon College as the assistant director of Greek life.

Paul D. Congress '97, post baccalaureate certificate of accountancy, is assistant controller at Meridian Medical Systems in Indianapolis.

Kevin L. Coon '97, business administration, has been promoted to manager of enterprise for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Henderson, Kentucky.



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- September 14 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI University Center
September 24 Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Golf Scramble, 12:30 p.m., The Links, New Palestine, Indiana, proceeds to benefit Chapter Scholarship fund
November 9 Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI University Center
December 5 Lighting-a-Tradition, 4 p.m., USI Orr Center; Holiday tree-lighting featuring USI Madrigal Singers and Santa photos with children
February 26 Homecoming 2000: USI vs. Northern Kentucky; Alumni Dance follows games

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



Lucky on the links

Shooting a score of 59, this foursome won the recent Alumni Fun Golf Scramble at Quail Crossing Golf Course in Boonville, Indiana. From left are Duke Coudret, chair of the Varsity Club board; Mike Ficker '91, Eric Edwards '85, and Rick Piscitelli '91. Ficker, Edwards, and Piscitelli are officers in the Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter.

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Jason W. Hopf '97, business administration, has been promoted to cash specialist (II) for Conseco, Inc. in Carmel, Indiana.

Tamy Cato Muhs '97, business administration, has successfully completed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. She is employed by Harding, Shymanski & Company, P.C., in Evansville.

Karl T. Winkler '97, electrical engineering technology, has taken a position as automated engineer for Siemens Electric & Energy located on site at AK Steel in Rockport, Indiana.

Chad W. Armstrong '98, communications, is a typesetter/graphic designer for Tichenor Publishing in Bloomington, Indiana.

James C. Bigham '98, biology, is attending the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry.

Tracy L. Ford '98, English, is working for Oswald and Associates as an office administrator in Evansville.

Scott A. Gladish '98, business administration, is a team leader at Toyota in Princeton, Indiana.

Leslye L. Harlan '98, communications, has taken a position as a community service representative at Altertz Sterling House in Evansville.

Noah A. Robinson '98, social science, is a patrolman with the Owensboro, Kentucky, City Police Department.

Jamy R. Schuler '98, communications, has accepted a position with Borshoff Johnson & Company, a public relations firm in Indianapolis.

Jason L. Shrodes '98, political science, is a sales representative for Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers in Evansville.

Tina M. Berg '99, accounting, has joined the firm of Monroe Shine & Co., Inc., in New Albany, Indiana as staff accountant.

Jennifer K. Boblitt '99, occupational therapy assisting, is working at the Rehabilitation Center in Evansville as a residence assistant. She also is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at USI.

Samuel B. Givens '99, business administration, is working as insurance coordinator for Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Jerome G. Hawkins '99, sociology, is employed at Indiana Grain Buyers & Warehouse in Clay City, Indiana.

Angela D. Kaho '99, business education, teaches at Spencer-Owen Community School Corporation in Spencer, Indiana.

Brandi McCarty '99, psychology, will be starting law school in the fall at Indiana University Bloomington.

Kimberly M. Phillips '99, accounting, is a controller/office manager at L.B. Jones Furniture in Evansville.

Jerome W. Schultheis '99, occupational studies, retired from Ivy Tech State College after 24 years teaching technology classes and graduated from USI on May 8. His son **Jerome E. Schultheis '93**, accounting, and daughter **Julie Schultheis Wenzel '91**, accounting, are both USI graduates.

Kelly S. Vessel '99, communications, has been promoted to full-time account executive at Midwest Marketing, Inc., in Evansville.

Marriages

Tamara K. Schneider '85, Spanish, and James West Estes Moore III, May 1, 1999

Robert T. Neth '91, management, and Karen J. Schmitt, October 3, 1998

Christina M. Eilert '92, communications, and Christopher R. Wire, September 12, 1998

Christine A. Vernon '93, communications, and Bryan R. Sullivan, November 14, 1998

Janice C. Ashby '94, social work, and Floyd Outlaw, Jr., February 12, 1999

Carla J. Forston '95, communications, and John Susic, August 22, 1998

Jennifer Schuetter Bromm '96, social work, and **Duane M. Bromm '98**, civil engineering technology, date not available

Andrew T. Gubbins '96, business administration, and Christina M. Gramelspacher, October 3, 1998

Amey L. Roll '96, psychology, and Rex D. Baumgart, December 5, 1998

Mark A. Clark '97, accounting, and Jennifer Bastnagel, March 20, 1999

Dawn R. Clesi '97, English/communications, and **Jamy R. Schuler '98**, communications, October 24, 1998

Jody L. Dedman '97, communications, and **Kenneth R. Troutman '98**, biology, September 12, 1998

Gena D. Kingen '97, communications, and Jason M. Turner, May 29, 1999

Sarah E. Hutchison '98, communications, and John R. Warren, October 24, 1998

Carrie A. Wessel '99, business administration, and Corporal Matthew Smith, date not available

Births

William E. Harrison '80, communications, and Elizabeth, daughter, Alexandra Grace, February 12, 1999

Donna Stuckey Cotton '81, business, and Jerrel, daughter, Jennifer Nicole, December 4, 1998

Klingler gives alumni lecture for Pott School

Dr. Jeffrey A. Klingler, analytical chemist for the Shell Oil Company, delivered the Alumni-in-Residence public lecture in April for the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology

He focused on his experiences in the petroleum industry with a presentation entitled "Analytical Chemist in the Oil Business: A Report from the Front Lines."

Klingler completed a B.A. in chemistry at USI in 1987. Working in glow discharge mass spectrometry, he earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry at the University of Florida.

The USI alumnus was first employed with Shell Oil to oversee the elemental analysis laboratories at the company's Houston research center. In 1995, he accepted a position with Shell's Martinez Refinery (now a subsidiary of Equilon Enterprises, LLC) near San Francisco and is responsible for the analytical methods used at a complex refinery and the development of teams that support those methods.

ALUMNI TODAY

Winnecke named managing editor of *Chicago Sun-Times*

Jocelyn Winnecke has been named managing editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times*. She graduated with a B.S. degree in communications from USI in 1982.

An Evansville native, Winnecke worked for *The Sunday Courier and Press*, the *Evansville Press*, the *Evansville Courier*, The Scripps-Howard News Service, and the *Indianapolis Star* before joining the *Sun-Times* as deputy city editor.

Patty Ingle awarded health care honor

Patty Polen Ingle, administrator of the skilled nursing unit at Floyd Memorial Hospital and Health Services in New Albany, Indiana, recently was awarded the annual Public Service Award by the American College of Health Care Administrators. She earned a B.S. degree in sociology at the University of Southern Indiana in 1979.

The Public Service Award recognizes individuals who promote positive public awareness of long-term health care. Upon receiving the honor, Ingle was praised by Floyd Memorial administrators for her work in developing the hospital's skilled nursing unit into an education center for patients and their caregivers.

Steven L. Walker '82, finance, and Julie, daughter, Grace Leigh, April 16, 1999

Karen Begle Bongler '84, marketing, and Ronald R. Bongler '83, marketing, daughter, Elise Victoria, April 5, 1999

Chris Bohnert Hinkle '84, elementary education, and Mike, daughter, Olivia Rose, December 22, 1998

Kendra Barrett Julian '84, psychology, and Walter, son, Grant Isaac, December 12, 1998

Christine Pearson Coudret '86 radiologic technology, and Philip J. Coudret '90, accounting, son, Fredrick Louis, November 21, 1998

Cheryl Sloan Shoptaw '86, biology, Larry N. Shoptaw '82, accounting, daughter, Rebekah Lynn, November 19, 1998

Harold J. Ulrich '86, marketing, and Martha, son, Matthew Aaron, December 2, 1998

Tami L. Cassidy-Fehn '87, communications, and Gregory J. Fehn '90, communications, son, Justin Gregory, December 30, 1998

Amy Baehl Kazma '87, communications, and Michael, daughter, Jennifer Paige, November 30, 1999

Tammi L. Lattner '87, marketing, and Mark S. Lattner '85, business administration, daughter, Sydney Anne, February 21, 1999

Karla Rothrock Bengert '88, social science teaching, Patrick T. Bengert '90, social science teaching, daughter, Elaine Grace, March 18, 1999

Lori Dauhauer Eble '88, marketing, and Don, daughter, Jillian Clare, April 13, 1999

Jami Van Way Jones '88, sociology, '92, Master of Psychology, and Shawn, daughter, Kyndall Mallory, December 22, 1998

MaryLou Manges Norman '88, radiologic technology, and Shawn, son, Brennan Nichols, December 29, 1998

Lisa Peters Waninger '88, dental hygiene, and Keith, son, Benjamin Andrew, February 20, 1999

Michelle Mattingly Head '89, social work, and Kenneth, son, Peyton Matthew, November 28, 1998

Jeffrey D. Jackson '89, business administration, '96, Master of Business Administration, and Julie, daughter, Kassidy Lynn, February 27, 1999

Angela Handel McNamara '89, biology, and Dan, daughter, Drew Bayli, November 28, 1998

Lee Ann Weitzel Roeder '89, communications, and Michael F. Roeder '89, communications, son, Kurt Nicholas, January 28, 1999

Evan Dewitt '90, marketing, and Tammy, son, Cameron Christopher, February 12, 1999

Michelle Clark Hammett '90, marketing, and Kevin L. Hammett '90, accounting, daughter, Perri Renee, December 18, 1998

Jeffrey W. Marx '90, mathematics, and Debra, son, Isaac Thomas, November 25, 1998

Eleanor Aydt Naas '90, elementary education, and Bradley, son, Carter Bradley, February 17, 1999

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Lachere Anslinger Rexing '90, marketing, and David, daughter, Katarina Maureen, April 30, 1999

Stacey Bryant Wolf '90, elementary education, and Jay, daughter, Calissa Kennedy, January 19, 1999

Kendra Kleiman Cecil '91, dental assisting, and Kevin, son, Grant Evan, November 23, 1998

Terry S. Ferguson '91, communications, and Andrea, son, Jacob Daniel, February 19, 1999

Jane Long Lasher '91, management, and David, daughter, Erin Elizabeth, April 6, 1999

Cathleen Howard Morrow '91, elementary education, **Joseph P. Morrow '90**, finance, son, Samuel Renwick, January 7, 1999

Sue Strobel Sanders '91, marketing, and **David L. Sanders '89**, finance, daughter, Natalie Sue, March 4, 1999

Amy Trueblood Cunningham '92, elementary education, and Jeff, son Camden John, December 12, 1998

Michele Mitchell Donovan '92, nursing, and Daniel, son, Alan James, April 21, 1999

Cathie Braun Gehlhausen '92, mathematics, '99, Master of Education, and Matthew, daughter, Taylor Jane, April 30, 1999

Keri Hutchison Spahn '92, physical education, and **Steven W. Spahn '91**, mechanical engineering technology, daughter, Ali Michele, January 7, 1999

Traci M. Strozyk '92, elementary education, and John, son, Brent Andrew, December 21, 1998

Misty Kendle Baggett '93, business administration, and Scottie, son, Justin Scott, April 2, 1999

Cindy Beliles Brinker '93, dental hygiene, and Dirk, son, Cole Hamilton, December 1, 1998

Julie Sprinkle Eades '93, English, and **Eric W. Eades '93**, English, son, Brandon Eric, December 7, 1998

Tess Libbert Fleming '93, business administration, and Rich, son, Kade Mitchell, January 7, 1999

Mark W. Miles '93, accounting, and Rachael, daughter, Brooke Anne, November 20, 1998

Angela Morris Will '93, elementary education, and Bryan, son, Nicholas Derrick, April 8, 1999

Tammy Elpers Angermeier '94, elementary education, and Darryl, daughter, Emily Rose, December 10, 1998

Jay P. Brantley '94, communications, and Andrea, daughter, Allison Rae, March 29, 1999

Amy Gholson Ferguson '94, elementary education, and Brian, son, Holden Brian, April 4, 1999

Robert R. Hicks '94, English, and Susan, twins, daughter, Kaitlyn Claire, son, Jonathon Emmett, December 23, 1998

Heather Corn Nelson '94, elementary education, and Christian, daughter, Grace Elizabeth, March 19, 1999

Kari Johnson Stein '94, psychology, and **Richard D. Stein '92**, business administration, daughter, Mallorie Ellen, April 7, 1999

Amy Malin Barrett '95, nursing, and Gregory, son, Beau Matthew, December 1, 1998

Annette Timmons Dimmett '95, occupational therapy, and Larry, son, Dawson Joe, February 11, 1999

Kendall Cummings Paul '95, communications, and Jay, daughter, Addison Eileen, November 11, 1999

Robert B. Price '95, business administration, and Angela, son, Payton Bradley, April 23, 1999

Mark A. Schlachter '95, business administration, and Amy, son, Drew Anthony, February 9, 1999

Misty Perkins Eich '96, business, and **Jason T. Eich '95**, business administration, son, Charles Garrett, January 21, 1999

Ann Kirsch Gregory '96, occupational therapy, and **Donald F. Gregory '92**, business administration, daughter, Hannah Rose, born in 1998

Michelle R. Keith '96, dental hygiene, and Michael, son, Mitchell Jarit, February 12, 1999

Tammy S. Kiefer '96, elementary education, Kurt H. Kiefer '83, sociology, daughter, Madeleine Grace, January 30, 1999

Shin-Yih Martin '96, post baccalaureate certificate in accountancy, and Christopher, son, Jonathan Lee, February 26, 1999

Holly M. McKinney '96, elementary education, and Jason, son, Chaney Michael, March 30, 1999

Tracy Dossett Norman '96, elementary education, and **William J. Norman '97**, accounting, son, Kyle Jonathon, November 21, 1998

Alison Allbright Rose '96, elementary education, **Patrick J. Rose '96**, mathematics, Ethan Patrick, December 13, 1998

Stephanie Schauss Smith '96, psychology, and **Bradley E. Smith '94**, Spanish, daughter, Sophia Dawn, May 4, 1999.

Melie Kissel Vincent '96, electrical engineering technology, and **Justin Vincent '99**, business administration, daughter, Maxine Elaine Eakins, February 1, 1999

Sheryl L. Walker '96, history, daughter, Callandra Elyse, March 15, 1999

Rebecca Braswell Edwards '97, social work, and Dale, son, Owen Milan, March 31, 1999

Alumna establishes Arizona monastery

Sister Linda Campbell was cited recently by *The Message*, a publication for Catholics in Southwestern Indiana, for her work in founding Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery in Phoenix.

After earning a B.S. degree in elementary education from USI in 1973, Sister Campbell began teaching in Tucson and later became a pastoral associate. Eight years ago, she decided to establish a Benedictine monastery in Phoenix.

Through her organizational and fund-raising work, the monastery recently was completed. The new building is located on two acres and includes 14 bedrooms, a chapel, a dining room, a library, craft room, a kitchen, and a child care center.

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Jennifer L. Metcalf '97, communications, and Eric K. Metcalf '93, business administration, daughter, Mackenna Kay, April 16, 1999

Diane R. Nurrenbern '97, Master of Education, and Timothy, daughter, Jaime Rene, March 29, 1999

Scott R. Perigo '97, business, and Sara, son, Shawn Gilbert, January 15, 1999

Margaret A. Svec '97, Master of Social Work, and Paul, son, Austin Joseph, December 7, 1998

Julie Baresic Zenthofer '97, elementary education, and Scott, son, Cole Alexander, February 21, 1999

Sarah M. Kohler '98, business administration, and Craig, son, Nathan Jack, no date available

Kristen Hering Shaw '98, elementary education, and Brett, daughter, Makayla LeeAnn, March 30, 1999

Jacquelyn D. Maier '99, Master of Science in Education (elementary), and Herman, son, Cameron Paul, January 20, 1999

Teresa Klauss Nolan '99, nursing, and David, son, Nathan Randall, January 11, 1999

Jill K. Pruitt '99, elementary education, and Jason, daughter, EmmaLee Jo, January 1, 1999

In memoriam

Larry C. Wildt '73, management, died March 3, 1999, of cancer in Evansville. He served as lead assessor for the Management Diagnostic Center for the University of Southern Indiana.

Milton C. Stirsman Jr. '75, business education, died May 20, 1999, of cancer in Evansville. He had been network coordinator for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and was a consultant for Rossanna Enlow's gift and home accessories' shop. He was a highly-decorated Vietnam War veteran.

Deborah Beastall Landreth '78, elementary education, died April 17, 1999, of cancer in her home in Ware Shoals, South Carolina. She taught fifth and sixth grade at Ware Shoals Elementary School.

George D. Morgan '85, political science, died February 4, 1999, of a lung embolism at Welborn Baptist Hospital in Evansville. He was active in the Knights of Columbus Holy Father Council, serving as chancellor and envoy to the Gibault School for Boys.

Campaign USI dollars at work

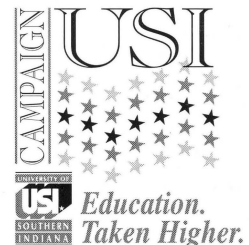
Can a wetland improve the quality of acid mine drainage from an abandoned coal waste pile? Dr. Paul K. Doss, assistant professor of geology, and his students are monitoring a site in Warrick County where the Indiana Department of Natural Resources constructed a wetland two years ago.

Faculty/student research such as this can help solve community problems and can help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Some of the dollars contributed to *Campaign USI*, the University's first capital campaign, by the Robert H. and Elaine H. Pott Foundation fund research by faculty and students in the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology.

Before closing in December, *Campaign USI* raised more than \$18 million in gifts and pledges and another \$6 million in deferred gifts to surpass the \$16 million challenge goal.

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Dr. Paul K. Doss, right, chair of the Geology and Physics Department, and John Lutz '99 take water samples from a constructed wetland south of Lynnville in Warrick County.



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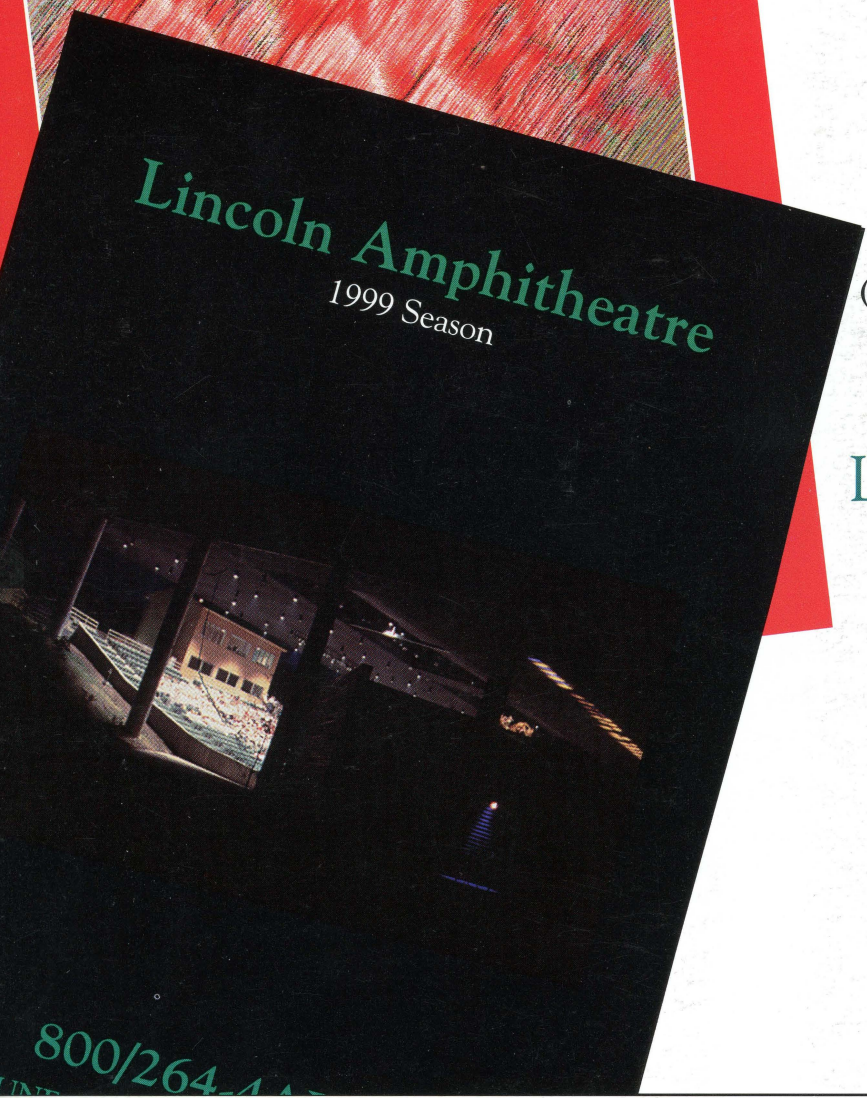
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