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ON THE COVER

This year President and Mrs. David L. Rice are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary at the University of Southern Indiana. They pose by the bookshelves in the formal living room of the University Home.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

High expectations — that's how the University of Southern Indiana has grown from a small campus to a thriving University. This progress can be attributed to the commitment of many people: community leaders, faculty, students, and alumni.

Two individuals stand heads above the rest in their dedication to our University — David and Betty Rice.

President Rice's imaginative yet realistic leadership has shaped USI into a dynamic institution that not only meets the needs of the people of this region, but is an integral part of public higher education throughout Indiana.

The generosity, energy, and ability of Mrs. Rice benefits USI as well as many community projects and services. Through her efforts and spirit USI has developed unity and pride.

The Rices' high expectations over the last quarter of a century have helped to fulfill a dream. They have built a legacy of leadership for USI from which the Alumni Association draws inspiration. Our admiration and our gratitude to them will be eternal.

Sincerely,

Wm. Michael Schiff

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President, USI Alumni Association



Twenty-five Years of Service. In a Founder's Day ceremony at USI on September 15, 1992 eleven individuals were recognized for their loyal service to the University. They are (from left) Rolla M. Dyer, professor of chemistry; Eric L. vonFuhmann, assistant professor of English; Donald D. Bennett, vice president for Student Affairs; Yen-Tzu Fu, professor of mathematics; James R. Blevins, dean, School of Liberal Arts; Mary A. Schroeder, assistant professor of communications; John L. Deem, registrar and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs; Betty Rice, first lady of USI; Byron Wright, vice president for Business Affairs; David L. Rice, president; and Donald E. Pitzer, professor of history. The program was hosted by the USI Staff Council and the Faculty Senate.

Trustees to Honor President with Rice Library Resolution

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees, the USI Alumni Association, and the USI Foundation Board of Directors sponsored a Silver Anniversary Reception October 2 for David and Betty Rice to celebrate their 25 years of service to the University.

Michael Schiff, president of the USI Alumni Association, represented more than 9,200 alumni in presenting the Rices with an album of memorabilia dating from their 1967 arrival in Evansville to today. He thanked the Rices for building a legacy of leadership for USI from which the alumni continually draw inspiration.

The Rices also received a three-piece old English hand engraved silver coffee service with coffee pot, sugar bowl, and cream pitcher (C. 1870) from the Trustees, employees, alumni, and friends of the Rices. Ted C. Ziemer, Jr., chairman of the USI Foundation, presented the gift.

Bruce Baker, chairman of the USI Board of Trustees, made two announcements. Through the generous gift of Betty and Wayne Worthington, artist Edmund Brucker, dean of Indiana portrait artists who has captured on canvas many of Indiana's most prominent leaders, has been commissioned to do a portrait of President Rice. "The portrait will hang in

the University Library to remind future generations of students of your leadership in the University's formative years," Baker said.



Dr. David Rice and Betty Rice unwrap a silver coffee service during the October 2 reception in their honor.

Baker's final announcement called for a resolution to be introduced at the November meeting of the Board of Trustees naming the University Library the David L. Rice Library. He said, "The University Library is the most visited place on campus. It is the heart of every academic institution. Thus it is a fitting location not only for your portrait, but also for a tribute to your place in the history of the University of Southern Indiana."



USI Board of Trustees will act on the resolution to name the University Library the David L. Rice Library at their November meeting.

Enrollment Reaches 7,430 Students

University of Southern Indiana student enrollment figures show 7,430 students enrolled for Fall 1992, a six percent increase over last year.

USI President David Rice said, "The statistics bear out the type of population USI is serving — almost a balance between the traditional age and the older student, an increasing percentage of women, and a part-time population like many metropolitan universities." Fifty-six percent of the students are full-time, 43 percent part-time; 36 per cent are 25 years of age or older; the number of women students continues to increase, now standing at 61 percent; and minority and international students on student visas increased by 6 per cent, making up five percent of the total population. The 227 Black students are the largest minority population on the campus.

The University continues to follow its goals of increasing access and providing instruction and service to southern Indiana, and has been successful in attracting larger numbers of students from area counties. Nearly 90 percent of its ten-year enrollment change came from southern Indiana.

"We are achieving one of our major objectives, that of increasing the college graduation rate for southern Indiana adults and young people," Dr. Rice said. "The numbers of students have doubled and in some cases, tripled from the 'target' counties.

Because southern Indiana has a high percentage of low-income counties, Dr. Rice noted the University has aggressively sought to locate employment for students. "Last year, 777 students used USI's Job Locator Service, earning more than \$2.5 million through those employment opportunities."

Dr. Rice said the availability of low-cost student housing provided by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., has aided the University in linking students and employment needs. It has meant that "students can come from rural counties, live economically on campus, and find good part-time employment nearby," Rice said.

Enrollment by southern Indiana counties includes: Vanderburgh, 3,548; Warrick, 994; Posey, 584; Gibson, 362; Dubois, 226; Spencer, 181; Perry, 117; Pike, 83; Daviess, 80; Knox, 76; and Martin, 32.



Major Gifts to be Solicited

Annual Fund sets \$185,000 Goal

The USI Annual Fund leadership is challenging alumni and friends, individuals and businesses to help them raise \$185,000 in unrestricted gifts during 1992-93. A key factor will be the success of a new Major Gifts solicitation, which has a \$62,000 target, one-third of the overall goal.

The fund drive, seeking support in USI's largest unrestricted fund appeal ever,

will be chaired by Jerry Crawford, chairman of the board at INB Southwest. Rita Joest '84, marketing officer at Citizens National Bank, is co-chair.

The campaign is underway. The Major Gifts portion will seek \$1,000 contributions at the President's Council gift level. Last year, 36 contributors gave \$1,000 to the Annual Fund. "We hope to attract twice as many major donors this year,"

said Crawford, who as Annual Fund chairman also heads the Major Gifts campaign.

On November 1 the annual appeal letter will be mailed to alumni and friends, both donors and prospects, soliciting year-end gifts to the USI Annual Fund. Those who have not given or pledged by February will be contacted again during the Phonathon. Co-chair Rita Joest will lead Phonathon and Reunion Class Gift appeals.

The USI Annual Fund, a merger of the Alumni Association telefund and USI Foundation annual appeal, raised a record \$161,582 last year. This was \$11,582 over the goal of \$150,000 and a 10 percent increase over the amount raised in 1991.

Dr. Robert L. Reid, vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "The unrestricted dollars from the USI Annual Fund provide us with matching funds to strengthen key faculty programs. The Faculty Development Fund helps pay expenses for professors to attend professional meetings and workshops. It is one of several priority programs supported by these contributions."

A total of \$50,000 is being allocated to Faculty Development from the USI Annual Fund for the 1991, 1992, and 1993 fiscal years. When matched by University funds, faculty development support grows to \$100,000. Private gifts also provide USI faculty with time and resources for course development, research, and continuing study of new developments in their fields.

Other priority needs include:

- *Presidential Scholarships to attract Indiana high school valedictorians and salutatorians*
- *Funding to underwrite the cost of faculty research projects, typically over the summer months*
- *Community of Scholars programs to bring top scholars to campus for classroom and community symposia*
- *Matching private gifts required to receive many grants for academic equipment*

"Challenged by USI's fast-growing enrollment and state appropriations which lag two years or more behind enrollment increases, the University truly relies on private gifts from the USI Annual Fund to help achieve its goal of strengthening the faculty and supporting student programs," declared USI Presi-

USI Annual Fund Donors Foster Faculty and Student Progress

Three USI professors believe that faculty development funds that allow faculty members to attend national conferences and professional workshops are important to their professional careers, but even more important to the University. "We have a limited track record as an institution," explained Dr. Joseph J. Palladino, associate professor of psychology. "We have to make sure we increase our visibility as an institution." Ernest E. Nolan, assistant professor of business and Dr. Robert E. Mays, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services, concur that such funding is vital to USI.

Mr. Nolan said, "Travel allows us to meet other professionals and compare notes on curriculum, and the type of equipment and laboratories other schools utilize. We learn the expectations of prospective employers as to what skills they expect the new graduate to have. It takes us beyond the local focus so we can compare our program with programs all over the country."

Dr. Mays said "The faculty development fund has assisted me in nurturing my professional self among a supportive group of colleagues who are working toward similar goals. Attendance at professional meetings helps stimulate creativity and the spirit of innovation."

Mr. Nolan has been elected as Region IX president in Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) which helps in raising the profile of the University. This kind of leadership opportunity is made possible as faculty are able to attend conferences and participate beyond the campus.

Dr. Palladino notes the importance to the USI students. He and several students will attend the Southeastern Psychology Association conference held in Atlanta in the spring. "My going has made it possible for USI students to go and that is important in two ways. Good students in this discipline need to have a record of research, which is especially important for acceptance into graduate school. Amy Robison, a senior psychology major, will present a report during the conference. The meeting also offers a good opportunity to network with other students and professors and understand the kinds of opportunities available in places beyond southern Indiana. Funding for student travel comes from a separate source, often the individual student, not the faculty development fund from the USI Foundation.

Funding for faculty development is a main focus of the annual fund drive this year. "We are vigilant on how the funds are used," said Dr. Robert L. Reid, vice president for Academic Affairs. "The criteria for using the monies dictates that a faculty member hold office in the professional organization, make a formal paper presentation at a regional or national meeting, or attend a workshop related to effective teaching. Only a portion of the request is funded, with the rest coming from the faculty member, the University, or a community organization. We are indebted to the individuals and companies who are so generous with their contributions to the USI Annual Fund," Dr. Reid added.

dent David L. Rice. "The University's highly productive faculty continues to assume heavy teaching, advising, and service assignments while earning less than their colleagues at other regional Indiana institutions."

"As enrollment figures outdistance the level of state appropriations, we must turn to the private gifts from USI's generous donors for support of important University programs," Dr. Rice said. "This support, however, will not preclude redoubling our efforts as we seek substantially higher levels of support from the Indiana Legislature for the 1993-95 biennial budget."

USI Annual Fund

Priority Needs

- Faculty Development
- Presidential Scholarships
- Faculty Research Projects
- Community of Scholars programs
- Academic equipment matches

Suzanne A. Nicholson, director of Development and president of the USI Foundation, said, "It is imperative that increased funding be obtained to support faculty development, faculty research, Presidential Scholarships, and Community of Scholars programs."

"Take the Presidential Scholarship program as an example," she said. "Presidential Scholars — valedictorians and salutatorians from Indiana high schools — excel in the classroom and stimulate other students toward greater academic achievement. These scholarships are funded in part by contributors to the USI Annual Fund who share the USI Foundation's goal of keeping the brightest and best students in Indiana."

USI's Annual Fund Leaders Are Active Community Volunteers

Jerry N. Crawford and Rita Haywood Joest '84 are chairing the 1992/93 USI Annual Fund, selected by Ted C. Ziemer, Jr., USI Foundation chairman, because of their outstanding experience in University and community fund drives.

Crawford, chairman of the board at INB Southwest and a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, is membership chair for Historic Southern Indiana and a former United Way general chairman. He serves on the USI Foundation executive committee and heads the Major Gifts portion of the USI Annual Fund.

"We will double our efforts to attract the support of area businesses, including matching gift support," Crawford said, "as we seek unrestricted dollars to boost University programming for faculty and students. We are on the horizon of seeing USI as a major player in the State of Indiana. It is time all of us get involved in any way we can."

Joest, marketing officer at Citizens National Bank and president elect of the USI Alumni Association, serves on the USI Foundation Board and Alumni Council. She was co-chair of last year's highly successful Phonathon, a United Way campaign team captain, WNIN major gifts solicitor, and a USI Women's Walk captain.

Joest will oversee alumni responsibilities in the Phonathon and the Reunion Class Gifts appeal, a new tradition of targeting reunion class giving that was started in 1991. Team captains will be used in each campaign to recruit volunteers to work in the campaigns. "Once every five years when their reunion year comes up," Joest said, "alumni need to make an extra effort to support the University. Personal contact from those who were in school at the same time will continue to strengthen these fund-raising efforts."

Joest sought Reunion Class Gift captains with close ties to the University and appointed:

1973 - Walter R. Brunton, president and CEO of Citizens Bank of Posey County, a member of the USI Foun-

dation board, and former member of the Board of Incorporators for an Independent University in Southwest Indiana.

1978 - Stephanie R. Fuelling, USI Printing Services director and active volunteer for the Women's Walk and Phonathon.

1983 - Ronald R. Bonger, President of Firehouse Graphics, Inc., and a past president of the USI Alumni Council.

1988 - Gregory A. Newman, accountant at Kemper CPA Group and fund-raising volunteer for the first annual fund drive in the School of Business.

"It is time all of us get involved in any way we can."

"The USI Annual Fund will continue to improve as we build on the experiences of the previous year," according to Jean Brubeck Stayman, USI coordinator of annual giving. "The combined annual appeal of the USI Foundation and the USI Alumni Council set a new fund-raising record last year. Because we are better organized this year, we can expect to reach an even greater goal."



Rita H. Joest '84 (left) and Jerry W. Crawford, USI Annual Fund co-chairs.

School of Business Receives Needed Funds

Koch Family Gifts

The R. Malcolm Koch Memorial Scholarship and the R. Malcolm Koch Fellowship, gifts from the Koch family, will provide opportunities for students and faculty in the USI School of Business.

Dr. Philip Fisher, dean of the School of Business, noted, "In these times of the University's dynamic growth, student merit scholarships and faculty research fellowships are more important than ever before."

The gifts — also a response to the School's appeal for private gifts to help accelerate accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business — honor the late George Koch Sons executive who received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from USI in 1980, recognizing his achievements in helping develop Evansville's cultural opportunities.

The R. Malcolm Koch Memorial Scholarship will be endowed at \$30,000. It will be awarded each year to a senior business administration major, with preference to a finance/economics concentration. The award will recognize academic

achievement, including a minimum 3.0 GPA, and will provide \$1,000 toward tuition.

The Fellowship will underwrite an annual faculty research project; financial support of about \$4,000 will include an additional stipend for a student assistant. The fellowship will be awarded to a full-time, tenure-track faculty member, selected in a proposal competition by a committee of the dean, faculty chair, and chair of the faculty academic affairs committee.

First Annual Appeal

The USI School of Business has received more than 80 percent of the \$60,000 goal in its first annual fund drive, according to Dean Philip Fisher. The money is earmarked to support efforts to accelerate accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

"We are very pleased with the support of our alumni, key volunteers, and faculty members, whose generous gifts have been boosted by major gifts from area businesses," Dean Fisher said. "To date,

we have received gifts and pledges totalling nearly \$50,000."

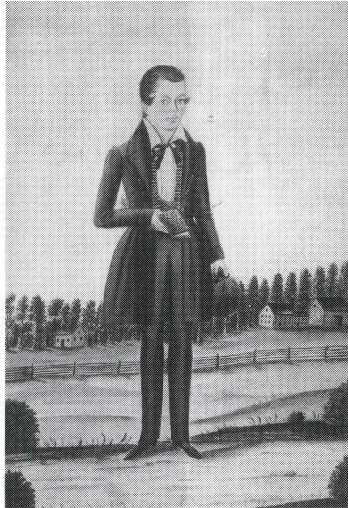
"The goal of achieving AACSB accreditation is a realistic one," Dean Fisher explained, "but is reliant upon a public/private partnership to help underwrite the cost. Private dollars are needed to provide additional library resources as well as to meet student and faculty needs."

AACSB is the recognized accrediting agency which sets quality standards for baccalaureate and master's degree programs over and above the university's accreditation.

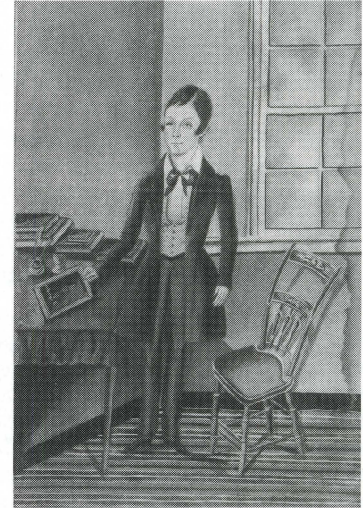
In response to the first appeal ever from the business school, more than 115 business alumni have made gifts or pledges to three different funds, totalling \$4,170. In a key appeal, chaired by Mike Weber '72 and Jeff Wilmes '81, accounting alumni were asked to give to a scholarship honoring Professor Emerita Wanda Hibbits. A total of \$7,014 from alumni and friends has been received toward an endowment goal for the Wanda Hibbits Accounting Scholarship. An additional \$1,500 will benefit the Give-a-Book campaign.



Horatio Cranham Cooper



James Atheniam Cooper



John Cooper, Jr.

A Special Gift

Three 19th century watercolor portraits of the Cooper family, painted by Jacob Maentel in 1842 in Posey County, are the generous gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Lee of Terre Haute, Indiana, to Historic New Harmony. Pictured left to right are the portraits of Horatio Cranham Cooper, James Atheniam Cooper, and John Cooper, Jr., which have been passed down through Mrs. Lee's family. The collection of Maentel portraits is important to Historic New Harmony because the itinerant artist was a resident from the 1830s until his death at age 100 in 1863. His eldest daughter, Louise, married Thomas Mumford, an English farmer who settled in New Harmony in 1828.

Ruth Lilly Gift Will Boost Ropewalk Writers Retreat

A generous gift of \$50,000 from Ruth Lilly of Indianapolis will enlarge the scope of the Ropewalk Writers Retreat, an annual conference begun in 1988 in Historic New Harmony for established and aspiring writers.

"Mrs. Lilly's gift ensures the fulfillment of our dreams for this conference," remarked Dr. Tom Wilhelmus and Mr. Matthew Graham, USI professors and Ropewalk organizers. Their plan is to establish a conference that is both regional and national in scope and serious in its approach to writing.

Proceeds from Mrs. Lilly's gift will be used to establish scholarships for superior writing students, expand the number of visiting faculty to include a poet-in-residence, lengthen the conference from one to two weeks, and create a magazine to showcase the work of Ropewalk students.

Lilly's interest in poetry, which also leads her to award the \$25,000 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize each year, encourages poetry and poetic achievement throughout the United States.

The 1993 Ropewalk conference has been expanded by one day and will be held June 13-19. Details will be available by yearend in the USI Office of Continuing Education.

Competing Nationally Outstanding USI Student Completes Internship

USI senior biology major Sondra Wolf conducted research at Proctor and Gamble this summer participating in a special intern program for outstanding college students.

She was one of nearly 200 students throughout the country who worked as an intern at the Proctor and Gamble headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. Students participated in internships for research, business and sales, and chemical engineering.

Directed to pass standards set by the Food and Drug Administration, Proctor and Gamble was testing for a substance in their orange juice which had been found to cause cancer in male laboratory rats.

Their study showed that male rats have a certain protein not found in humans, which makes certain compounds toxic to the rats. Wolf was assigned to a three-month project to develop a test to determine if other chemicals have the same male-rat-specific toxicity.

Her work was done with chemicals because of Proctor and Gamble's increasing efforts to avoid using animal testing. Wolf wrote an essay about her project and said it is still being tested for sensitivity.

She said her biochemistry and organic chemistry classes at USI taught her the basics, but the hands-on experience at Proctor and Gamble was invaluable.

"It's incredible how much I learned," Wolf said. "I had far more hands-on experience than I've had in class. It was a wonderful lesson in biochemistry."

Wolf was chosen for the intern program through the Society of Toxicology. She said many of the interns were from Ivy League schools.

"Proctor and Gamble sponsored activities for the interns including a trip to a Cincinnati Reds baseball game, a tour of the city, and a tour of the Cincinnati Zoo. I met students with lots of different interests. It was a wonderful opportunity," Wolf said.

She said Proctor and Gamble encourages summer interns to get their doctorates and return to the company to continue research. Although she enjoyed her summer job she does not plan to continue in medical research.

"I love working with people, and you don't get to do that in research," she said.

The USI student plans to attend the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is the daughter of Linda and Greg Wolf, 2415 John Court, Evansville, and is a 1990 Harrison High School graduate. She is a Presidential Scholar and a resident assistant in student housing.

Another USI senior biology major Paula Wilderman received two highly competitive research fellowships. She studied at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio this past summer under a Howard Hughes Research Fellowship. This fall she is at the University of California at Berkeley, where she will do research at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in conjunction with Argonne Laboratory. The position was funded by the Department of Energy, awarded through Argonne.

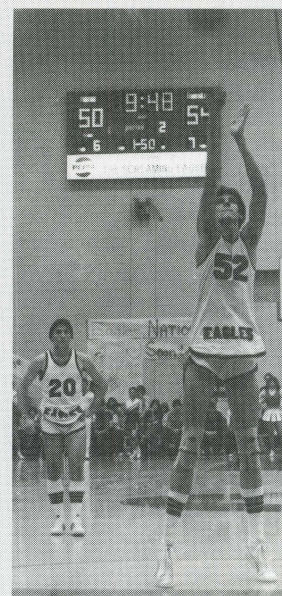
Basketball Standout John Hollinden Dies

John Hollinden '84, the 7'6" basketball standout with the USI Eagles (1979-81), died October 5 after a brief illness, the last of a series of illnesses that had dogged the young athlete since he was paralyzed from the waist down in an automobile accident September 25, 1981. He was 34.

Hollinden attended Oral Roberts University for two years before returning to his hometown of Evansville and playing for the Eagles. He led the USI team to successive GLVC championships and berths in NCAA Division II tournaments. He was selected GLVC Player of the Year, National Association of Basketball Coaches third-team All-American, and Basketball Weekly magazine's second-team All-American. His jersey, No. 52, was retired in January 1986 and hangs at the entrance to the basketball court in the PAC.

After the accident, he devoted his time to efforts to walk again, to working with various Evansville social agencies like United Way, and to earning his communications degree from USI in 1984. He maintained his interest in basketball, becoming co-captain of Evansville's Rolling Thunder wheelchair team. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Ann Marie Hollinden and two sisters, Mary Fast and Margaret Goedde.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Hollinden Memorial Scholarship.



John Hollinden, #52

David Rice:

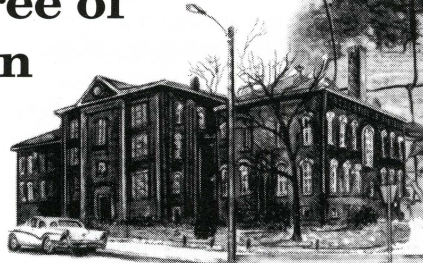
Remarkable Degree of Leadership Shown in Twenty-five Years at USI.

by Sherianne M. Standley
Vice president for University Relations

Although there have been dramatic changes in public higher education in southwestern Indiana, little has changed about David Rice, the gentleman who came to Evansville in 1967 to develop public higher educational opportunities. He remains focused on the important issues...serving students well, improving the educational attainment level of southern Indiana, positively impacting economic and workforce development, and bringing innovative faculty together with the communities of the southern Indiana region.

As the first dean of the newly-established Evansville campus, it did not take Dr. Rice long to sketch out his plan for extending education to previously unserved Hoosiers. On his first anniversary in office in 1968, he spoke of the opportunity to chart a fresh course using new concepts of education. And those who have observed his performance know that he has been charting new courses for public higher education ever since.

Dr. Rice brought his family to Evansville intending to put down roots. They had moved many times as he moved from teaching junior high school in Wallace, Indiana, while pursuing his advanced degrees at Purdue University, to faculty and administrative positions for Ball State University, including a stint in Washington, D.C. as research coordinator in the Bureau of Research of the U.S. Office of Education. While he was on leave from Ball State in 1966, he served as vice president with the Cooperative Education Research Laboratory in Indianapolis,



The Rice Years: Early beginnings in 1967 at Centennial School (far left) to new facilities in 1969 on farm land west of Evansville in the Mid America University Center to today's modern campus with six major buildings and 7,400 students.

and learned of the new educational venture in Evansville in need of administrative leadership.

Rice regards that opportunity as the "chance of a lifetime", explaining that there were not that many institutions of public higher education in the United States...probably less than 3,000. Plus, he says, "Evansville had a reputation as a community on the move. Its community leaders were doing things and creating opportunities."

He also remembers promising his children, Mike and Denise, some geographical stability during their teenage years. "I knew that guiding this campus was a setting that would change

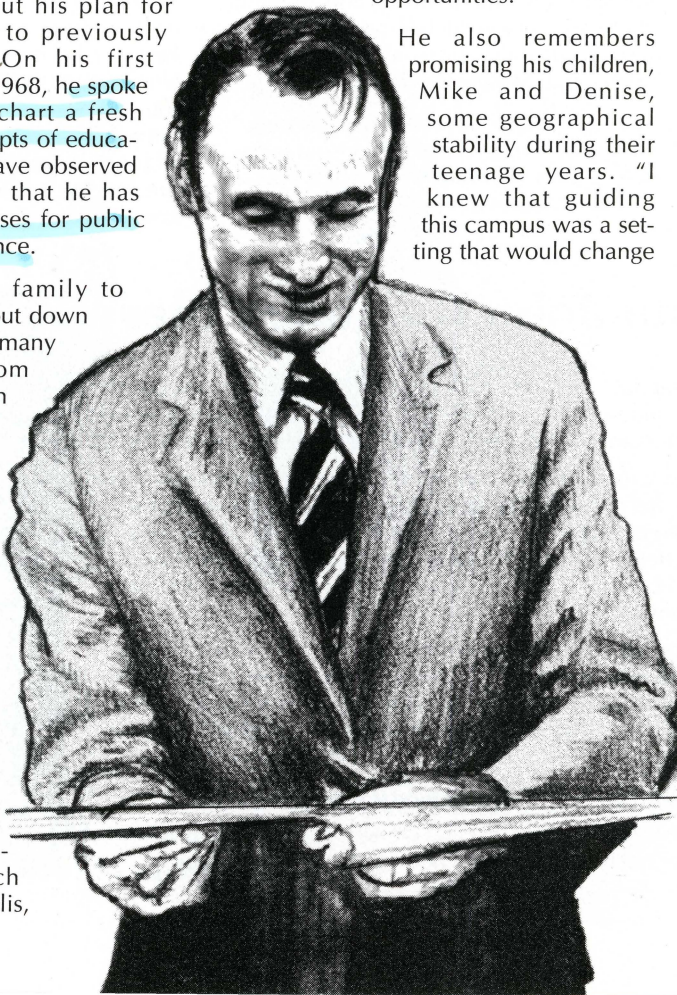
every few years, that there would be a new set of opportunities from time to time. That was appealing."

And there have been many new opportunities. The institution evolved from limited course offerings culminating only in an associate degree to a baccalaureate and then master's level institution. It also evolved from a regional campus housed in a condemned elementary school to a separate state university occupying contemporary classroom facilities on a beautiful master-planned expanse of land. Today, the University is known for its dedicated teaching faculty who have reached into the southern Indiana region to share their expertise.

When David Rice is asked how those things happened, his explanation is based in the concepts of education he referred to in 1968. "In education and in curriculum development, you define the nature of society in general, then the nature of the closer society...the community, and then shape the curricula to fit into that perspective. Today we call that environmental scanning. You work with what you have."

What David Rice had to work with in 1967 was a dedicated group of community leaders who had inspired the entire community to support public higher education. "Byron (Wright) and I have commented often how fortunate we have been to work with some of the keenest minds in Indiana. The people who organized Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE) and who have worked to sustain this educational venture have been excellent mentors in terms of planning and problem solving."

David Rice at ribbon cutting for a new campus building.



One of those, former Mayor Frank McDonald, Sr., remembers when David Rice was introduced to Evansville and credits his kindness to people and his wisdom for the successful years of his administration. "First of all, David Rice is a fine human being, a gentleman in the full sense of the word. With his wisdom, he developed the school from infancy to the respected University it is today. He was the right person at the right time to develop higher education in southern Indiana."

Another leader, Rolland Eckels, retired public affairs director of Mead Johnson Company, was an organizer of the SIHE fund drive and continues on the SIHE board today. He agrees with Mayor McDonald. "David Rice is a classic

"He does not squander his energy on the unimportant or the inconsequential. He is a man of great perspective."

Dr. John J Pruis

example of the right person in the right place at the right time. He came in 1967 and very effectively acted as a shepherd to the embryonic ISUE, guiding with a firm but kindly hand during the early and struggling days at Centennial School."

Eckels thinks Dr. Rice's major achievement has been building bridges to the community. "David has become a key member and a leader in the tri-state area serving in a major way in virtually every civic endeavor. He is perceptive, highly intelligent, an achiever, and a motivator, but with all that, he is modest and is well regarded by all."

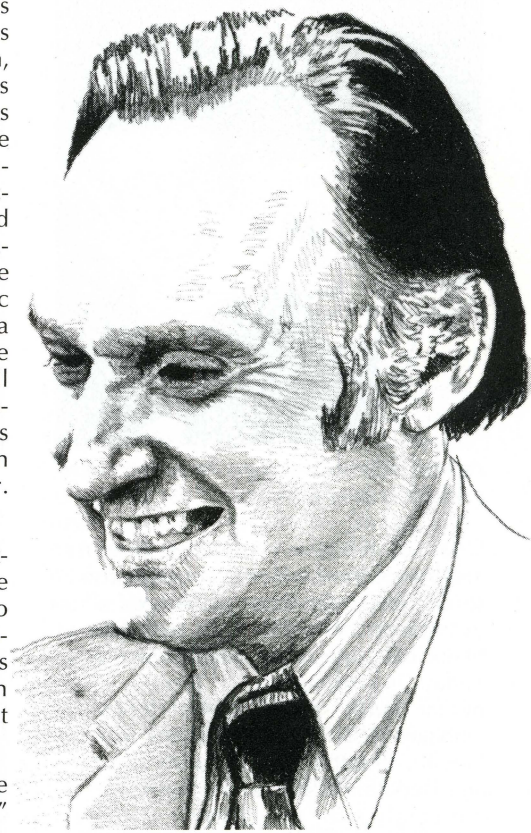
The teamwork Dr. Rice encountered in 1967 and has enjoyed for 25 years has been especially satisfying. "It has been rewarding to see such a large community coalesce to achieve a goal they discern as necessary." He ticks off benchmarks he attributes to teamwork. "...meeting accreditation, the Library book drive led by the Jaycees, seeing ground broken on the new campus and adding each building, working to attract the finest professors possible, watching the city grow out to the campus, achieving separate state university status, in all to see the city, county and state governments work together to make the Mid America University Center a reality."

Dr. Daniel A. Miller, professor emeritus of history who served for many years as chairman of the Social Science Division, was one of the first faculty members hired at the young campus. He recalls how Dr. Rice united and organized the young faculty. "His vigorous no-nonsense approach included clear-cut directions. Dr. Rice didn't waste words and he didn't tolerate what he called negative reactions. More often than not, he signaled his moods by a characteristic crinkling of the face — usually into a smile. His leadership got ISUE by the critical years of 1967-69 when nearly all the basic guidelines for USI were established. Without his guidance during this time, our present unparalleled expansion might not have taken place," says Dr. Miller.

When Dr. Rice reflects on those first critical years of development, he recalls the late Governor Roger Branigin's advice to SIHE and Dr. Alan Rankin, then president of Indiana State University, "This (establishing of public higher education in Evansville) is a reasonable goal. It needs to take place."

And from then on, Dr. Rice says the institution was in a state of "becoming." "That is a very vibrant notion. It unleashes additional energies to move forward. From its beginning in 1965 to its establishment as USI in 1985, the institution was becoming, and there was an almost compelling urge to become better. One of the worst things we could have done was to restrain its development. It was our job to continue to assess conditions and remove constraints."

Rice says one of the traits of leadership he values is establishing the conditions which are right to make things happen, and then getting out of the way so people can do their jobs, and ensure progress. Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor and chairman of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies, remembers that trait. He came to then-ISUE just a month before Dr. Rice. It was not long after that Dr. Rice, urged by Evansville Press reporter Edna Folz, introduced Dr. Pitzer to near-

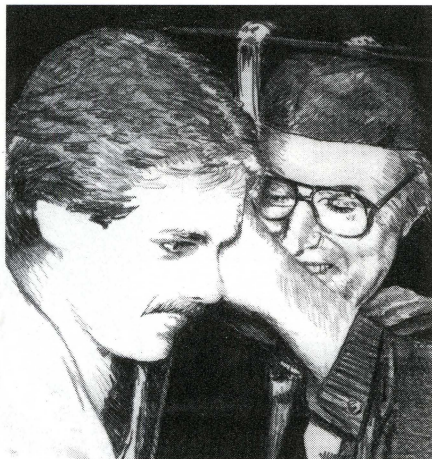


by New Harmony and Owenite descendants Helen Elliott, her brother John and his wife Josephine. That was the beginning of Dr. Pitzer's work, now of international scope, in studying communal societies. "Dr. Rice has been highly aware of regional resources, and he has been willing to be involved personally."

Dr. Pitzer also recalls a conversation he had with Dr. Rice in the lobby of the newly-opened Administration Building in 1969, during which the young dean said to him, "You know, most campuses are noted for something," and then he cited examples of other universities' academic programs and professors who built them, and continued, "I would like for this university to look to what it can be noted for."

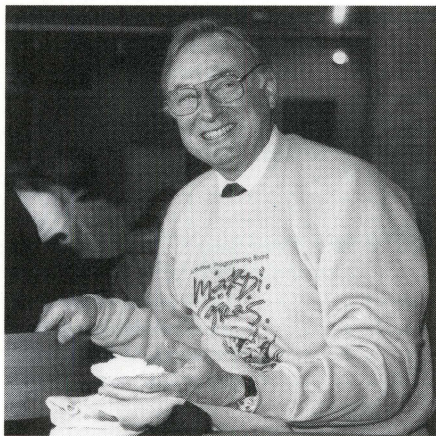
In the 25 years that Dr. Pitzer has been building national and international regard for the Communal Studies Center, he says he has thought back to that moment many times. "David Rice is a visionary. He has moved the University in directions which are rooted very deeply in resources which are here, uniquely here, and helped build programs which have national and international impact."





President Rice awarding the President's Medal to Neil Martin in 1984.

Dean of Liberal Arts James Blevins, another of the University's early professors, says that Dr. Rice "challenged all of us to be concerned with the cultural and historical aspects of southern Indiana. Today, in addition to Dr. Pitzer's Communal Studies program, the University manages Historic New Harmony and the Lincoln Outdoor dramas with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, is the catalyst for the Historic Southern Indiana organization, and has successfully created in New Harmony Theatre, the only Actors' Equity theatre company in Indiana outside of Indianapolis. There is



In 1992 Dr. Rice sported a Mardi Gras sweatshirt in support of Activities Programming Board's homecoming events.

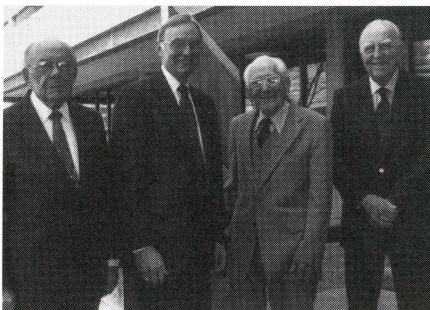
not another institution which takes this kind of responsibility seriously. It is one of the institutional traits that I am most proud of," he says.

It has taken patience to achieve USI's successes. Some of the benchmarks of Rice's administration have been long in coming and sometimes frustrating. These do not seem to have taken their toll on Dr. Rice, who said that as a child in the depression, he watched WPA workers stay at the job in spite of inadequate

resources and adverse working conditions. "What I learned was to focus on achievements and not to let the disappointments keep you from working."

Dr. John J. Pruis, former president of Ball State University who chaired the Board of Incorporators for an Independent State University in Southwestern Indiana, says that Dr. Rice's ability to remain focused on positive goals sets him apart from others. "He remembers the important. He does not squander his energy on the unimportant or the inconsequential. He is a man of great perspective, tenacious; an altogether very good man, who has been aided admirably by his wife Betty, his closest partner in USI work."

Someone who has watched Dr. Rice from a national perspective since the years he was with the U.S. Department



Dr. Rice (second from left) greeted long time USI supporters Frank F. McDonald, Sr. (left); William Moutoux; and Harold O. McCutchan in the front of the Library.

of Education is Dr. Allen Ostar, president emeritus of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). He says that Dr. Rice's skill in guiding the University of Southern Indiana from a branch campus to a comprehensive university is nothing short of remarkable. "When he went there, the people in that part of the state had a very limited choice of programs. Under his leadership, the programs and the budget have expanded and the quality of the institution has increased, and I think that shows a rather remarkable degree of leadership. In his own quiet way, David Rice has been one of the most effective presidents in public higher education in the past 25 years," he asserts.

Dr. Ostar also says that Dr. Rice's dedication to fundamental principles over the past 25 years has benefitted the people of southern Indiana. "Back in those (early) days, many educational leaders were talking about the concepts of accessibility, low tuition, and a strong commitment to responsibility for public service. Over the years, I have seen an erosion of commitment to those ideals. But not in the case of Dr. Rice. He has been steadfast in his commitment to

those ideals despite changes in the economy," says Dr. Ostar.

In 1970, a news article quoted Dr. Rice, "...every citizen who desires an education, who is capable of attaining an education, and who is willing to achieve an education shall have the opportunity to do so." Those words continue to echo through the pages of the University's history, which will remember the institution's first president as one of a handful of contemporary American college presidents with a 25-year tenure at the same institution. It also will remember him the same way Indiana State University President Alan Rankin did at the campus dedication in 1970. He said that Dr. Rice, "has brought a sense of coherence and unity to the campus."

It is as true today as it was then, and that, indeed, is quite a legacy.



RSVP:

Graciously Accepting the Invitation to Serve

Betty Rice has been serving the University of Southern Indiana for 25 years in various roles. She has been David Rice's closest partner in developing the campus. An unpaid member of the staff, she has created and hosted special events; educated people about USI's role; generated resources to allow USI students to reach their potential; and linked USI with the community. But it is in her role as official hostess that she has introduced many new friends to USI.

In the Centennial days, business meetings with staff and social events were held in the Rice home at 611 Mels Drive. Her parties there were legend. She opened her home to groups of 20 to 200. She commented, "Once I get everything all set up, it's as easy to give six parties as it is one." And that was a quote from the early 70s when she alone was planner, caterer, and hostess. Former campus ministry counselor Sister Sheila Mary Griffin, a close friend of Mrs. Rice, once said, "It is fact that many of the projects initially begun by Betty at the University evolved into areas which eventually necessitated the services of five staff members and two companies!"

Reflecting over the 25-year history of the Rice administration, Mrs. Rice named three events that stand out as special: the move from Centennial School to the 300-acre campus in the Mid-America University Center in 1969, the completion of the University Home in 1983, and the establishment of the University of Southern Indiana in 1985.

The move to the University Home allowed more opportunities for entertaining. "I remember the week we moved in, we were unpacking and planning events for four groups. It was so wonderful to have the room to accommodate large groups. It offered much more versatility for people to move through the home during an event, allowing more visiting to occur."

Betty Rice is a cheerleader, a teacher, a mentor, and a friend to USI students.

Freshmen and their parents are welcomed to the University Home during Orientation week. Mrs. Rice feels strongly that the students should know they are welcome on the campus. "I want the students to recognize that they are starting a new experience. And I want them and their parents to feel part of the USI family and take advantage of the college opportunities available." USI graduates and their families are also honored at a reception at the University Home on the afternoon of Commencement day. Mrs.



Betty Rice



Rice said, "Much effort goes into a college degree from the student and from members of the student's family. We want to recognize that spirit of achieving and say 'job well done'."

In addition to USI duties, Mrs. Rice became a dynamic civic leader and one of Evansville's most active volunteers during her 25 years in Evansville. Her work in the Raintree Council of Girl Scouts included president, field vice president and numerous other offices. She served a two-year term as president

of the Indiana division of the American Association of University Women and has held several offices in the Evansville branch of AAUW. She also has served on the executive committee of United Way of Southwestern Indiana and has been active in the Evansville YWCA. A home economist with a master's degree from Purdue, she has pursued her interests in this area through the Vanderburgh Extension Homemakers, the Evansville Home Economists, and the Westwood Garden Club.

On the national level Mrs. Rice has been active with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in helping the spouses' organization publish a cookbook with menus appropriate for trustee meetings, employee groups, and student receptions. An expert in managing social events, she has been a participant in workshops focusing on entertaining and hosting University events at national meetings.

In addition to this busy schedule, Mrs. Rice has been owner and operator of Peckenpaugh's Garden Center for years and still is involved in its operation.

Evansville newspaper reporter Marilou Berry once wrote, "From the time she came to Evansville that warm summer day in 1967, Betty Rice has given a year-round present to this community, no strings attached. The gift? The affable

Mrs. Rice herself. Her time, her talents, her devotion to cause."

As the silver anniversary of the Rice's arrival to the USI campus is being celebrated, the University community recognizes Mrs. Rice's continuous gift of herself to this institution. She is a model not unlike the institution itself—built upon the premise that nothing is impossible—that with hard work, courage, and devotion, much can be accomplished!

Alumni Today

1970s

Janice M. Herr '71, math, works in the payroll department at Floyd I. Staub, Inc., in Evansville.

James F. Jaquess '71, management, has been named Fellow by the American Society for Quality Control. He is manager of the configuration management section in ABB Impell's eastern regional office in Atlanta.

James A. McDaniel '71, biology, is a clerk at Hook's Drugs in Evansville.

Terry J. Southerland '72, art, is director of marketing at Evansville Brewing Co.

Jack L. Van Wey '72, marketing, is general sales manager at Movers Supply Company in Orlando, Florida.

Steven K. Elliott, M.D., '73, biology, was honored as 1991 Volunteer of the Year for his work at Evansville's Washington Avenue Healthcare Clinic, a neighborhood clinic for the poor. The award was sponsored by the United Way Volunteer Action Center.

The Rev. Larry D. Joyce '73, communications, is pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Georgetown, Indiana.

Patricia K. Sides '73, history, assistant curator at the New Harmony State Historic Site, has been selected to serve as general operating support grant reviewer by the Institute for Museum Services in Washington, D.C.

Richard J. Elliott '74, accounting, is director of accounting at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in Evansville.

Stevanna Seng Schnell '74, English, is a part-time clerk at J C Penney Co., Inc., in Evansville.

Genevieve S. Tenbarge '74, history, is a human resources service specialist at American General Finance in Evansville.

Robert S. Tevult '74, accounting, was promoted to vice president of administration at AMAX Coal Co., where he has worked 17 years. He and his wife, the former **Linda Osmann '75**, business, live in Newburgh, where she is vice president of Prem-O-Lite.

Charles Broshears '75, business, has joined Given & Spindler Co. as residential property manager.

Marcia P. Osborne '75, elementary education, has opened a day school in Evansville for children with learning problems.

Scott Thornburgh, Ph.D., '76, chemistry, is senior scientist in the discovery research group at Dow Elanco in Indianapolis. He earned his doctorate in organic chemistry from Purdue University.

Mary Unfried '76, radiologic technology, was certified in the specialty of mammography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. She works at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Greg A. Smith '77, art, lives in Mill Valley, California, where he is an artist.

Russell L. Stilwell '77, political science, is a United Mine Workers of America international representative and is seeking the post of international teller in the union's November election.

Robert S. Mattingly '78, psychology, is general manager at Barnes T.V. in Evansville.

Joan McCord '78, radiologic technology, was certified in the specialty of mammography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. She works at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Larry J. Blankenberger '79, accounting, is supervisory examiner at the National Credit Union Administration in Syracuse, New York.

Jo Anna Chandler Burns '79, elementary education, teaches fourth grade at Scott Elementary School in Evansville.

Richard I. Scott, Ph.D., '79, sociology, is associate professor of sociology at the University of Central Arkansas, where he is associate director of the Honors College. He recently published a nationwide survey of childhood hunger in the United States.

Larry Springer '79 management and economics, is programming supervisor at Airtex Products in Fairfield, Illinois.

1980s

Steven D. Harvey '80, psychology, is field manager for National Furnace Co. in Evansville.

Brian S. Lankford '80, finance, was promoted to assistant manager of the Whirlpool Employees Federal Credit Union in Evansville, where he has worked 11 years.

Rhonda Bugg Tabrizi '80, communications, is a staff accountant at Chevron U.S.A., Inc., in Concord, California.

Susan Everett '81, marketing, has been promoted to manager of Management Information Services at Keller-Crescent Co. in Evansville.

Julie Jarvis '81, accounting, has been promoted to cost manager at Red Spot Paint & Varnish Co. in Evansville.

Kirk D. Mann '81, management and accounting, has joined Robinson Engineering & Oil Co., Inc., as office manager and accountant.

Susan Cross Pfender '81, radiologic technology, is an x-ray technologist at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Daniel R. Wagner '81, business, has been promoted to production/factory manager at GenCorp Polymer Products in Evansville.

Charlotte Heidorn Waller '81, psychology and social science, received National Addiction Counselor certification and is a counselor at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Robynn Working '81, radiologic technology, was certified in the specialty of mammography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. She works at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Jeffrey D. Buckman '82, business, is territory manager with Patterson Dental Co. in Indianapolis.

Robert Calvert '82, mining engineering, is mine manager at Pyramid Mining, Inc., in Henderson, Kentucky.

Raymond J. Foster '82, business, is a social worker at the Delaware Division of Social Services in New Castle, Delaware.



Alumni stay active in Sig Tau

Jim Effinger '77 can't tell you off the top of his head what percentage of Sig Taus remain members as alumni. He isn't interested in that kind of statistic. He keeps track of more important facts such as marriages, jobs, and babies.

Effinger is editor of the Sig Tau alumni newsletter.

"Relationships are important. They keep you alive. I have a knack for gathering information and keeping everything straight."

He also keeps the roster for the group's softball team that has played every season since 1975. Mark Cheek '85, team manager and pitcher, agrees that Sig Tau friendships are special.

The group began in 1969 as an independent fraternity, Alpha Omega Tau. In 1972, with the encouragement of Mead Johnson executive Ken Shipley, it became one of more than 80 chapters of the National Sigma Tau Fraternity. Shipley pledged to Sigma Tau Alpha in Warrensburg, Missouri, where the fraternity originated in the early 1920s at Central Missouri State.

"As a college student, you don't look at fraternities as a bond for life," Shipley said. "It's an association of young men having similar interests. But long term, it provides bonding, a cohesiveness that lasts a lifetime. Even those who move away still keep in contact." Like most fraternities, much of that bonding takes place at the frat house.

Acquiring the financing and constructing the Sig Tau house in 1984 seemed to be "a dream that exceeded their capabilities," USI President

David Rice said. "You have to laud them for putting together the financial base."

National City Bank Officers Wayne Worthington and Chris Melton '72, approved the \$80,000 mortgage loan.

"We believed in their mission," Melton said. "They appeared to be organized from day one. We wanted to do all we could to help the University."

Faith in the project spread throughout the community, said Evansville attorney and Sig Tau adviser and national officer Cole Banks.

"Dr. Rice helped get the community involved. There was really strong community support."

But Rice's commitment went beyond the building of the house. Whenever the Sig Taus hosted a national fraternity event, they could count on both Rice and his wife, Betty. When the Evansville Chapter invited the National Board of Directors to Evansville, the Rices hosted a reception at their home.

Alumni remain interested in the chapter, "Our focus is self-sustainability," Eric Williams '89 said. Our biggest goal is to sustain the active chapter and let them decide what philanthropic work they want to do. And let them get the credit."

Six national fraternities have chapters at USI. In addition to Sigma Tau Gamma, they are Lambda chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Kappa Lambda, and Phi Beta Sigma.

The Rev. Glenn T. Reitz '82, communications, is a chaplain at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis.

Timothy M. Armstrong '83, accounting, was promoted to corporate controller at Central Industries of Indiana, Inc., in Evansville.

Timothy A. Fickas '83, art, is creative director at Glyn Allen Associates in Evansville. He lives in Newburgh.

Dale A. Schmidt '83, civil engineering technology, is project manager at Donan Engineering in Jasper, and received registration as a professional engineer in the State of Indiana.

Bobbie Sublett '83, psychology, was promoted to vocational evaluator at Evansville Goodwill Industries, Inc.

James L. Thomas '83, finance, was elected vice president and manager of Mid-West Federal Savings Bank's branch banks department. He will supervise the operations of six area retail banking offices in Evansville, Princeton, Mt. Vernon, and Newburgh.

Lisa C. Royster Effinger '84, management, was promoted to programmer/analyst at BMG Music in Indianapolis.

Todd H. Forbes '84, accounting, was promoted to manager of the Tax Department at Riney, Hancock and Co. in Evansville.

Michael E. Klausmeier '84, biophysics, is a radiological engineer at Interem, Inc. He and his wife, the former **Marietta Wolf '85**, dental hygiene, live in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Randall M. Schussele, Ph.D., '84, economics, is an economist with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C.

David L. Smith '84, psychology, is an Army recruiter in Miami, Oklahoma. His wife, **Veronica L. Brown Smith '85**, elementary education, is a case manager for the State of Missouri in Joplin. They live in Miami.

Ted E. Uebelhor '84, finance, is an assistant vice president/branch manager at First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Christine M. Coudret '85, radiologic technology, was promoted to chief technologist in computed axial tomography and radiology at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Donna Sue Feaster Hammers '85, marketing, is training and development coordinator at Kmart in Evansville.

David E. Mitchell '85, finance and management, was promoted to vice president-Money Center manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Dona J. Bergman '86, art, is an environmental specialist at GenCorp Polymer Products in Evansville. She lives in Mt. Vernon with her husband, Thomas.

Gary R. Connor '86, mining engineering technology, is an environmental/hazardous waste engineer at SEC Donohue in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Karen A. Dick '86, elementary education, is a science teacher at St. James School in Haubstadt, Indiana. She lives in Evansville.

Adam W. Hall '86, accounting, is an accountant with the Evansville Courier Co.

Paul Medcalf '86, business administration, was promoted to plant manager of the Faultless Assembly & Distribution Operation in Portland, Tennessee.

Daniel W. Sanders '86, math, is an account executive for Indiana and Illinois at National Laboratories of Evansville.

Sara B. Tatum '86, psychology, is a therapist at Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center in Vincennes, Indiana.

Keith R. Wargel '86, math, is a lieutenant with the Navy stationed in Fallon, Nevada.

Scott Wright '86, communications, is retail advertising manager at Joplin Globe Newspaper in Joplin, Missouri.

Julia Biggs '87, communications, is senior communications specialist at Wabash Valley Power Association in Indianapolis. She lives in Fishers, Indiana.

Carl D. Clayton '87, accounting, has been promoted to vice president at Kwik-Kopy of Evansville, Inc.

James M. Clayton Jr. '87, computer information systems, received a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University in May, where he was selected as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He is an associate product manager at E.J. Brach Corporation in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

New Social Work Alumni Club Formed

A Social Work Alumni Organization is being established by USI students and alumni to provide networking and workshops for members and a mechanism to create scholarships.

Ms. Michele P. "Mickey" McCabe, a senior social work major, is the first president of the group. Working with her are Mrs. Olivia A. King '92, vice-president; Ms. Rebekah C. Lettermann '91, secretary; and Mrs. Dawn A. Moore '88, treasurer.

David C. Cousert, chair of the Social Work Department, said "It is a very, very positive step for the department. With the B.S.W. and the development of the M.S.W., it becomes extremely important to have the support of our alumni." "I am very excited about the alumni organization and its development," he said.

Ms. McCabe said at annual senior banquets, social work graduates would talk about wanting to get together, stay in touch with USI, and establish professional contacts. "This is a more formal approach to what we have wanted to do for many years," she said.

Anyone interested in joining the organization is asked to call the USI Social Work Department, 812/464-1843.

Gary W. Davis '87, art, and the former **Melissa Wahl '88**, art and psychology, live in Terre Haute. He is president of Animation House, Inc., and she teaches art and works as an activity director.

Pamela Taylor Marshall '87, accounting, is a department manager at Wal-Mart in Evansville.

Doris J. Mohr '87, math, earned a master's degree in mathematics from Indiana University in Bloomington last May. She has joined the USI faculty as math instructor.

Connie Ralph '87, psychology, has joined Evansville Goodwill Industries as human resources director.

Kenneth S. Veilands '87, communications, is a district territory sales representative in New Orleans, for the Gillette Co.

Angela E. Davis '88, art, received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in June. She lives in St. Louis.

Cathy Helfert Nickens '88, management and business administration, is program coordinator for USI Financial Student Assistance.

Penny L. Dietz Spolyar '88, social science teaching, is a physical education teacher and head girls basketball coach at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Indiana. Her husband, Steve L. Spolyar '88, communications, is a sales representative for Tube Fabricating, Inc.

Greg B. Gee '88, management, is an account manager at Blair Laboratories in Evansville.

Kent E. Hormuth '88, communications, is contract/international sales manager at Crown Leisure Products, Inc., in Owosso, Michigan.

George O. Thompson III '88, biophysics, was promoted to supervisor of rodent/vector control at the Vanderburgh County Health Department. He received certification as a registered environmental health specialist.

Karen A. Marquis '88, business administration, is product sales coordinator at Emge Packing Co. in Fort Branch, Indiana.

Darrel J. Paul '88, civil engineering technology, is a road engineer at United Consulting Engineers in Indianapolis.

Sara M. Daly '89, accounting, was promoted to senior accountant in the Audit Department of Geo. S. Olive & Co. in Evansville.

1990s

Marc A. Fishback '89, communications, is an investigator with the federal government. His wife, the former **Teresa A. Boyer '90**, communications, is production assistant for Ad-Ventures Advertising Agency in Indianapolis.

Randy Folz '89, business, was promoted to sales manager at The Prudential Prime Locations Realtors in Evansville, where he has worked for four years.

Anthony D. Goodwin '89, radiologic technology, is an associate radiologist at Precision Diagnostic Medical Imaging in Evansville.

Dana L. Bohnert Greubel '89, respiratory therapy, is a respiratory therapist at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Todd E. Haley '89, communications, and his wife, the former **Michelle Morris '89**, social work, live in Marietta, Georgia, where he is area sales manager for Aristokraft, Inc.

Robert A. Hon '89, marketing, is regional representative for Metropolitan Life in Evansville.

Darin Hunt '89, management, is a specifications analyst with Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Troy Mann '89, management, was promoted to agent manager for the mobile communications network at United States Cellular.

Michael W. Orban '89, marketing, is a sales representative at Rick King & Associates in Okemos, Michigan.

Sheila L. Roos-Moore '89, elementary education, is a teacher in the New Orleans Public School System. She lives in Slidell, Louisiana.

Katherine L. Sermersheim '89, psychology and sociology, is Greek Affairs coordinator at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois.

Timothy E. VanCleave '89, computer information systems, is a computer consultant in charge of presentation design and layout for Simpson & Company, Inc., in Evansville.

Holly A. Weinzapfel Wargel '89, marketing and business administration, works at Standard Laboratories, Inc., in Evansville.

Vincent C. Williams '89, finance, was promoted to broker associate at Charles Schwab & Co. in Carmel, Indiana.

Eric R. Williams '89, management, is a patrolman in the computer services unit at the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office in Evansville.

Joseph E. Barker '90, mechanical engineering technology, is a project engineer at Wabash Plastics. His wife, the former **Stacie K. Yeager '92**, elementary education, works for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. and Kight Home Center.

Julie A. Cotner '90, elementary education, teaches at Susanna Wesley Nursery School in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, where she lives with her husband, **Jerry W. Cotner '82**, electrical engineering technology. He teaches at ITT Technical Institute in Evansville.

Michele A. Mitchell Donovan '90, nursing associate, is a nurse at Welborn Baptist Hospital.

Gregory J. Fehn '90, communications and economics, is a registered representative for Prudential Insurance and Financial Services in Evansville.

J. Richard Grobleben '90, accounting, is senior accountant at McLane Co., Inc., in Baldwinsville, New York.

Thomas L. Gunnison '90, electrical engineering, works at Siemens Energy & Automation in Alpharetta, Georgia, where he has been assigned to manage a new computer-aided engineering system.

Runell J. Moyer '90, elementary education, teaches first and second grades at Estes Elementary School in Owensboro, Kentucky. She is working on a master's degree at Western Kentucky University and lives in Rockport, Indiana.

Wendi Hunter Nurrenburn '90, elementary education, teaches at St. James School in Haubstadt, Indiana.

Valerie Vincent Tilmon '90, elementary education, teaches fifth grade at Howard Roosa Elementary School in Evansville.

Dean Williams '90, electrical engineering technology, is electrical design engineer at Grasso Inc., in Evansville.

Kimberly S. Bodzek '91, elementary education, is resident manager at Princeton Court Apartments in Evansville.

Anthony A. Brake '91, Master of Business Administration, is data consultant in the data administration department at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in Evansville.

Julie A. Braun '91, respiratory therapy, is director of respiratory therapy at Advanced Lifeline Services in Petersburg, Indiana.

Timothy G. Burel '91, Master of Secondary Education, teaches Spanish in Kankakee School District III in Kankakee, Illinois.

Cara L. Teague Crawford '91, works in Library and Media Services at USI.

Stephanie K. Pickering Doom '91, elementary education, works at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in Evansville.

Lori A. Damm Fiester '91, elementary education, is lead teacher at CAPE Head Start in Evansville.

Kevin Gray '91, elementary education, teaches sixth grade at Allison Elementary School in Speedway, Indiana, and is head girls volleyball coach at Speedway High School.

Bobbi G. Greenwell '91, business, is a purchasing assistant at Whirlpool Corp. in Evansville.

Debra A. Rodgers Jones '91, elementary education, is a substitute teacher in Vanderburgh and Posey counties and works at Medco in Mt. Vernon.

Timothy L. Kerstiens '91, business administration, is unit manager at Pizza Hut, Inc., in Jasper, Indiana.

Bradley Miller '91, social science teaching, is area director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Daniel R. Muller '91, business administration, works at Deig Bros. Construction in Evansville.

Jennifer L. Scott '91, social work, is enrolled in the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis graduate social work program.

Diana M. Stoll '91, business, is a student at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, where she is working toward a music degree.

MARRIAGES

Connie L. Milling '78, elementary education, and Hugh Wittenbraker.

Steven D. Harvey '80, psychology, and Deborah K. Like.

Susan Cross '81, radiologic technology, and Thomas Pfender.

Martha S. Franks '81, biology, and Gary Yurow.

Jeffrey D. Buckman '82, business, and Terry L. Mitchell.

Beth A. Niehaus '84, history and political science, and Ronald O. Folz.

Ted E. Ubelhor '84, finance, and Amy E. Elliott.

Donna Sue Feaster '85, marketing, and David S. Hammers.

Sandra Reed '85, secretarial administration, and Ronald Maurer.

Adam W. Hall '86, accounting, and Julie M. Davis.

Keith R. Wargel '86, math, and Mary Margaret Hill.

Gary W. Davis '87, art, and Melissa Wahl '88, art and psychology.

Penny L. Dietz '88, social science teaching, and **Steve L. Spolyar '88**, communications.

Cathy Helfert '88, management and business administration, and Ron Nickens.

Holly M. Baehl '89, dental hygiene, and Joseph J. Vidmar.

Dana L. Bohnert '89, respiratory therapy, and Steven J. Greubel.

Marc A. Fishback '89, communications, and **Teresa A. Boyer '90**, communications.

Darin Hunt '89, management, and Denise Wenzel.

Ginny Wagner '89, elementary education, and Trenton Smith.

Holly A. Weinzapfel '89, marketing and business administration, and Dennis P. Wargel.

Mironda Williams '89, radiologic technology, and Jeff Baker.

Joseph E. Barker '90, mechanical engineering technology, and **Stacie K. Yeager '92**, elementary education.

Cheryl D. Harle '90, business, and Steven G. Sheffer.

Michele A. Mitchell '90, nursing associate, and Daniel J. Donovan.

Valerie Vincent '90, elementary education, and Jon Tilmon.

Susan M. White '90, business, and David Townsend.

Dean Williams '90, electrical engineering technology, and Kimberly Birchler.

Lori A. Damm '91, elementary education, and Herbert Fiester.

Stephanie Eldredge '91, communications, and Jay O'Risky.

Daniel R. Muller '91, business administration, and Cheryl M. Crosser.

Stephanie K. Pickering '91, elementary education, and John P. Doom.

Debra A. Rodgers '91, elementary education, and Kyle I. Jones.

Cara L. Teague '91, and Chris M. Crawford.

Theresa D. Ballard '92, political science, and Jim W. Susott.

Mickey-Ann Duncan '92, early childhood education, and **James Bradley Hardcastle '92**, certificate in accounting.

Erika Inman '92, communications, and Robert Maurer.

Melinda S. Isaacs '92, social work, and Phillip D. Voegel.

Melynda A. Libbert '92, nursing, and Paul J. Hartman.

BIRTHS

William R. Hansen '73, marketing, and his wife, **Susan Welch Hansen '75**, elementary education, are the parents of a son, Patrick William.

Michael A. Heneisen '81, finance, and his wife, **Becky**, are the parents of a son, Luke Michael.

Jayne S. Brandsasse Aki '83, elementary education, and her husband, **Chip**, are the parents of a son, **Christian Clay**.

Ronald Bonger '83, marketing, and **Karen Begle Bonger '84**, marketing, are the parents of a son, **Cameron Shaun**.

Kathy Kuebler Oeth '83, communications, and her husband, **Mike**, are the parents of a daughter, **Allison Maureen**.

Michelle K. Stevens Wheaton '83, elementary education, and **Mike Wheaton '83**, math, are the parents of a daughter, **Hannah Elizabeth**.

Gayle S. Priest '84, accounting, and her husband, **Jim**, are the parents of a son, **Joseph James**.

Scott A. Toelle '84, engineering, and **Lisa Evras Toelle '85**, marketing, are the parents of a daughter, **Kelsey Laine**.

Randal K. Hughes '86, biology, and his wife, **Lynda**, are the parents of a son, **Alexander Joseph**.

Helen C. Harlow '88, dental assisting, is the mother of a daughter, **Devon Loretta**.

DEATHS

Vickie Sue Metzger '74, business education, died June 7, 1992. Her death is being investigated as a homicide. She was manager of finance at Whitney Young Job Corps Center in Simpsonville, Kentucky. She had been a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana, since 1969 and had served as assistant to the manager of the order.

John Bridges Sr. '76, sociology, died May 13 after an illness. The Air Force veteran retired from the Postal Service in 1990 after 33 years and was a counselor for recovering alcoholics.

Greta Karmire '92, died September 23 in Evansville after an illness. She worked as a reader/tutor for Disabled Student Services in the USI Counseling Center.

USI License Plate Will Adorn 1993 Vehicles



Thanks to the support of alumni and friends, Indiana vehicles can sport USI license plates next year.

Through the efforts of the Alumni Affairs Office, more than 200 applications were received before August 1 to assure USI's participation in the state's license plate program.

"We are very proud of those who helped us meet the deadline," said Nancy Johnson, director of Alumni Affairs. "They deserve a pat on the back for their success. But the work isn't over. We need to continue the campaign. The license plate is a great way to show University support."

Applications for USI license plates will be accepted through November 1 in the Alumni Affairs Office.

The 1992-93 basketball season at USI will begin Friday, November 20, when the women's basketball team meets the Louisville-Lexington All-Stars in an exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. at the Physical Activities Center.

The team, under the direction of second-year Head Coach Chancellor Dugan, has a schedule that features NCAA Division I teams Southeast Missouri State and Middle Tennessee State and a trip to Alaska December 11-15 to play the University of Alaska-Anchorage and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

A tough non-conference schedule will complement the hard opposition the ladies will face in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Last season, the GLVC sent two teams to the NCAA Division II Tournament, with St. Joseph's College going to the Elite Eight, and had three teams with 20 or more victories.

Dugan said, "The GLVC will be a wide open race, which is good for the GLVC and the fans. This season, no one will be able to overlook us. When they play us, they will have to be ready to play. We are looking to improve on what we did last season and move into the top five of the conference."

Leading the way for the Eagles in the front court is 5-11 junior Kathy Lauck, who was voted Most Outstanding Player last season by her teammates. She averaged 13.9 points per game and 8.1 rebounds per game in 1991-92.

While Lauck will be working the inside, 5-7 sophomore Glenna Bower will be working the outside. Bower was voted the team's Best Defensive Player by her teammates. She was second on the team in scoring with 13.6 ppg last season.

"We would like to invite all of our fans and alumni to be a part of the athletic experience at USI," said Dugan. "While they were in school, many of our alumni did not have the opportunity to attend games, because of a job or classes. Now, they are in a position to come back and support our athletes.

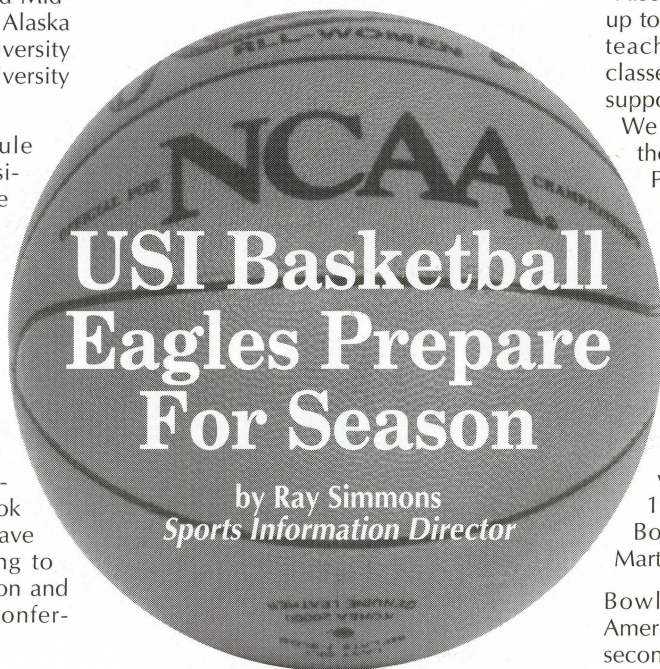
"We have nine returning players, who did some great things on and off the basketball court even if we were not where we wanted to be record-wise. This season, they can expect to see us run the length of the floor continually. The team's goal is to be in the top five of the conference at the end of the season and we need our fans' support at home to help us reach that goal."

The women's team has added six new players. Dugan said, "We had a great

recruiting year which will enable us to shore up the problems we had last year."

Men's basketball

The men's team, under the direction of first-year Head Coach Bruce Pearl, will open the 1992-93 season with an exhibition game with the National Team of Cuba at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 22, at



USI Basketball Eagles Prepare For Season

by Ray Simmons
Sports Information Director

the PAC. The men's schedule will feature an NCAA Division I opponent, the University of Missouri Tigers, along with Division II non-conference opponents Quincy College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

After the non-conference season, the men will be looking to rebound into the top five of the GLVC. Their GLVC schedule will feature USI's long-time rival Kentucky Wesleyan College, who went to

the NCAA Division II Elite Eight last season, and St. Joseph's College, who went to the NCAA Division II tournament. Pearl said, "This season, we want to develop pride in the red, white, and blue, like fans of Indiana University are proud to wear the red and white. We want people to be proud of USI and to show it.

"Also, I want to help USI bring basketball up to the excellence of the University. In teaching classes and taking graduate classes, I am already proud of how USI supports the needs of southern Indiana.

We want others to join us in support of the institution and come back to the PAC. We want to build the fellowship and spirit that all the great universities around the country have."

As for the team, Pearl said, "Our team will play hard and with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm. You will be proud to sit in the stands and say you are part of USI sports."

To regain top form, the men's team will be looking to rebound. They will be looking to 6-10 senior forward/center Chris Bowles and 6-2 junior guard Craig Martin.

Bowles was honorable mention All-American and first team All-GLVC for the second straight year last season. He led the Eagles in scoring in 19 games and in rebounding in 23 games, and averaged 19.6 ppg and 10.9 rpg.

With Bowles controlling the inside, Martin will direct traffic on the outside. Martin was second on the team in scoring with 14.7 ppg and led the team in assists with 5.7 assists per game. He also led the team in three-point field goals made (36) and free throw percentage at 80.9 percent (93-115).

The USI Alumni Association Invites All Alumni to return to campus! Bring your family and join us in the PAC for two exciting Men's Basketball Games and Alumni receptions.

Sunday, November 22

1 p.m. USI Exhibition Game with National Team of Cuba Chili and refreshments follow in Varsity Club Room

4 p.m. Lighting A Tradition in Orr Center lobby Holiday tree lighting, featuring the USI Madrigal Singers, brings the holiday spirit to campus.

Friday, November 27

(Thanksgiving weekend)

7:30 p.m. Kenny Kent Toyota Classic III Tournament Opening Night USI vs. Indiana Institute of Technology Ticket proceeds to benefit John Hollinden Memorial Scholarship Fund

Reception follow in Varsity Club Room

To order tickets and make your reservation for the free receptions, call Alumni Affairs 812/464-1924.

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