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From the editor

Visiting Scholars program one way of saying thanks

The School of Nursing and Health Professions says thank you to the community in October with the first of its Visiting Scholars programs. Dr. Ralph Matacale, assistant professor of dental programs, said the School's community affairs committee plans to bring on campus from time to time a speaker with outstanding credentials and community-wide appeal. The public is invited at no charge.

The inaugural Visiting Scholar will be Dr. Richard M. Zaner, the Ann Geddes Stahlman professor of Medical Ethics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He will speak at 7 p.m. October 14 in Mitchell Auditorium, located in the Health Professions Center. A reception will follow.

A clinical ethicist with extensive experience in dealing with the kinds of moral choices most people hope they will never have to make, Zaner has written six books and more than 100 professional articles. His most recent book, Troubled Voices: Stories of Ethics and Illness, published in 1993, deals with topics such as euthanasia, assisted suicide, transplants, and genetic testing.

Matacale said that issues in medical ethics can touch anyone. As the baby boom population ages, more individuals are experiencing ethical dilemmas and more families realize that the physician needs help in developing a sense of where patients want their treatment to lead.

Zaner is expected to talk about his personal experiences in the clinical setting, including some of the difficulties in looking at the same case from different perspectives—patient, family, health care provider.

Why does the School of Nursing and Health Professions want to thank the community? Like the University of Southern Indiana as a whole, the school depends on broad-based support. As you read this issue, you will find this subject comes up on page 9 in the profile of Sherrianne Standley, vice president for Advancement, who mentions the importance of community/University partnerships. In fact, she cites the development of the occupational therapy program in the School of Nursing and Health Professions as a prime example.

A University and its community should stand together. Indeed, we think what we have here is a beautiful partnership.

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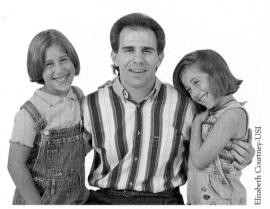
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ON THE COVER

Alena Richards is one of six USI students who has created art for Evansville's Greenway Passage, Page 2 The greenway ga

USI students receive grant to create outdoor sculpture

Walking or biking through a section of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage in Evansville has become a tour for the art lover with the addition of three sculptures by six students at the University of Southern Indiana.

The sculptures can be viewed along the greenway between the canoe launching area at Heidelbach Avenue to just west of First Avenue.

John McNaughton, professor of art, supervised the students who received a \$7,200 grant from greenway officials to complete the art this summer. The students were challenged to develop works that would be permanent, safe, exciting, and complementary to the passage. McNaughton expressed appreciation to the greenway committee for "having the confidence in undergraduate students to accomplish this project."

David Huebner, USI art workshop supervisor, also assisted the students.

Potted plants

Alena Richards '98 is in her element when working with wood. She grew up stacking firewood that her father cut to burn in their New Washington, Indiana, home. She was close at hand as her father and grandfather built her bedroom furniture in their wood shop.

Her sculpture for the Pigeon Creek Greenway is fashioned from cedar with a power saw, a chisel, and mallet. Three flower pots—one erect, one tilted, one broken



Alena Richards builds petals and leaves for her gigantic flowers.

open—represent "nature freeing itself," a theme that presented itself to Richards as she thought of the greenway bringing nature back into the city. Colonial Garden Center of Evansville helped locate weather-resistant polystyrene pots almost three feet high and three-and-a-half feet in diameter to hold the sculpt-ed blooms. The artist installed the four-foot-tall wooden flowers and backfilled the pots with soil, planting perennials to create an

environment that is both sculptural and organic.

The big catch

Matt Campbell's gleaming sculpture hangs by a steel cable. Spanning 12 feet from head to tail, his copper fish has 10 sections strung together to undulate with the wind. The tail alone weighs 43 pounds, and Campbell estimates the entire fish at more than 250 pounds. Before moving the sculp-

Matt Campbell assembles sections of his copper fish.



several media. He loves to work with upholstery and fabrics and intends to begin a new project with a "nice set of chisels" he has not had a chance to try.

Nature in focus

Matt Gehring, Joe Hicks '98, John Hittner, and Bradley Horstman have collaborated to bring greenway patrons a bronze and steel sculpture that interacts with the environment. Three 15-foot poles set 90 feet apart in a triangular pattern are topped with funnel-shaped structures that collect rain and drip onto cones below. A wind sock on a 17-foot pole stands in the center of the triangle. The design deals with the elements of wind and water and how they can be focused.

Developing the work was "just a series of problems to be solved," the artists said. The foursome learned a new kind of casting—resin bonded sand casting—in making their sculpture. They assumed almost an art director's role as they engaged the services of Sterling Boiler, Deig Brothers Construction, and A & S Construction in fabricating, donating materials, and preparing the site. USI engineering student Trent Lamb assisted with welding.



John Hittner, left, Brad Horstman, and Joe Hicks pour wax for a mold.

ture to the site, the artist suspended the sections from the ceiling of the workshop to perform the delicate act of weighting and balancing each one. Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company (SIGECO) provided the utility pole that serves as a "fishing pole," and Ben Arrick of A & S Construction helped excavate the site for the outdoor art.

While Campbell hammered copper and learned to weld for this project, he expresses an interest in



CPAs raise the notch

State increases educational requirement; USI meets need with master's program

For the student who wants a career as a certified public accountant (CPA), the rules have begun to change. Beginning January 1, 2000, the minimum educational requirement set by the state of Indiana increases to 150 hours of college credit, including a bachelor's degree.

Indiana is one of 43 states, including Kentucky and Illinois, passing the law with the 150-hour requirement to sit for the certifying examination. The change in the regulation was initiated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

At the University of Southern Indiana, students earn a B.S. in accounting with 124 hours of credit, historically qualifying them to take the exam. As the new standards go into effect, prospective CPAs will need to continue their education. USI meets this need with an M.S. in Accountancy program that enrolled its first students in fall 1997.

Daniel E. Wade, director of accounting programs at USI, is quick to point out that the new standard does not require a master's degree, just more credit hours. However, many students who are going to stay in school another year to meet the minimum educational requirement find it attractive to work toward their graduate degree. The M.S. in Accountancy requires 30 semester hours:

- 15 hours in accounting with an emphasis on the needs of practicing accountants
- three hours in business law
- three hours in finance
- nine hours of electives

Robert W. Swan '72, partner in Kemper CPA Group LLC in Evansville, said one goal of the new requirement is to fashion wellrounded individuals. The electives will contribute to a more broadbased education so that CPAs not only have high-level accounting skills, but also good general knowledge and communication skills. Swan chairs USI's new Accounting Circle, a group of professionals who will advise the Accounting Department, much as the Board of Visitors serves the School of Business.

Swan said that CPAs in coming years will do more business consulting, providing an array of financial, management, and technology-related services which they must sell to



Swan

the client. Traditionally, a majority of CPA work, such as audits, has been required by law.

Members of the Accounting Circle plan to help the USI Accounting Department spread the word about the new educational demands. "Part of our thrust is to continue to attract the best and brightest students," Swan said. On the May 1997 CPA qualifying exam, USI students ranked first and fourth statewide, with the first-place winner also ranking third in the nation. On the November 1996 exam, USI had five of the state's top 10 finishers.

Not all students in the USI graduate program are in public accounting. Students who establish accounting careers in corporations,

M.S. in Accountancy builds career skills

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government, or in small businesses may never need to take the CPA exam, but they may want to prepare themselves for the expanding demands of the profession.

James L. Thomas '83, a vice president and commercial lending officer at Old National Bank in Evansville, earned an undergraduate degree in finance with a minor in accounting. "In my line of work, it was only natural that I would want to extend my education to the M.S. in Accountancy," he said. Thomas has been with Old National two years and in banking more than 13 years.

Because of work and family considerations, he is pursuing a graduate degree part-time. He reserves 10 to 12 hours a week for study outside the classroom, organizing his study time on Thursday and Sunday evenings and Saturday afternoon. Saturday mornings are reserved for soccer games with his family, which includes wife Lisa, and children Mitchell, 9, and McKenzie, 4.

Women take the lead

A new program affirms the leadership potential of women students and sets them up with a learning partner to establish a personal action plan

Tiffany Stieler '98 knows what she wants. The communications major with a minor in business wants employees to be happy in their work. She wants to help create a better work atmosphere for them.

Her professional vision is a product of her participation in the first women's leadership program sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana's O'Daniel Leadership Academy. Through this program, she learned about success in leadership and how she might be most effective in the work world.

"The program helped me set personal and professional goals," Stieler said. "I learned what kinds of hidden talents I have. I didn't know that I could motivate people through developing relationships. I like talking with people. I want to be in a position where I can coach and teach employees. The internal communications aspect would be a good challenge for me." She is seeking a job that will put those skills and talents to work.

Lisa McGuire, program advisor for student development, coordinated the program, "Finding Your Voice: Women Learning and Leading into the 21st Century," in partnership with Sara Davies and Mary Durkin of Leadership Evansville.

Their resources included the Skill Set for 21st Century Leaders, a guideline developed by the Indiana Leadership Initiative and Leadership Evansville. The 48 women students in the program learned the essential attitudes, skills, and processes that make good leaders. Program directors also employed the writings of

Larraine Matusak, a scholar and practitioner who teaches that leadership is a three-step process involving self-knowledge, self-improvement, and taking action.

Besides the USI students, the women's leadership program involved 19 women professionals from the faculty and staff and from Leadership Evansville classes. The students and career women became learning partners in exploring and developing leadership potential. Sandra Hermann, director of the University Division and Stieler's

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learning partner, said the relationship was not a "one way street."
"I gained a great deal from remembering what it was like to be embarking on a career—not knowing where to turn to ask the informal kinds of questions that come up and not knowing whether it's even proper to ask those questions," Hermann said.

Designed specifically to encourage women students to step into leadership positions, the program offered a chance for women to get together by themselves, feel comfortable, and develop their skills. Participants began in March with a conference and attended a breakfast the following month. The collaborative learning effort will

continue with workshops in October, November, and February.

Stieler said the new USI program was helpful to her and other women who



Stieler

need to share experiences and to feel that they are not alone if they are struggling with a management role. Women need to develop the "ability to hang in there" and to understand that others in leadership positions have gone through tough situations.

"Men are often the ones who set the vision for their organizations," Stieler said. "This program develops women so they can go out into their organizations to help determine the mission and the vision."

The O'Daniel Leadership Academy was created in 1997 with funding provided by Campaign USI, the University's first capital campaign. The next women's leadership class begins February 28.

Learning partners

The new women's leadership class which begins in February is seeking additional women to serve as learning partners. Their role is to support, coach, listen, teach, learn, encourage, empower, and celebrate with the student. Contact Lisa McGuire, program advisor, at 812/465-7167 or lmcguire.ucs@smtp.usi.edu.

Bringing Indiana's best to USI

Presidential Scholar program celebrates tenth anniversary

The era of the Presidential Scholar has reached the 10-year mark at the University of Southern Indiana. Before the program began, some of the area's brightest students had been leaving the region for colleges and universities which enticed them with scholarships covering virtually all their expenses. USI had no competitive scholarship pro-



Presidential Scholar Carrie Embrey

gram to attract those exceptional young people.

That changed with the advent of the Presidential Scholarship program. The chosen students receive awards valued at more than \$25,000 during their four years at USI. The scholarship is applied to tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

When these scholarships became available, local students began to look more seriously at USI. This is an important goal of the program because statistics show that area students who are educated at USI are more likely to stay in the region, contributing to and enhancing community life.

Qualifications to apply for a Presidential Scholarship include graduation as a valedictorian or salutatorian from a high school commissioned by the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction and a minimum combined score of 1,100 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Students file an application for the program and come to campus for an interview.

Each year 10 Presidential Scholars are chosen for the freshman class. The entering class for 1998 is the third one for which a special selection process was necessary.

At first, no limits were placed on the number of Presidential Scholars, but after a few years the number of qualified applicants began to outdistance the available funds. Now a committee of faculty members reviews the applications and interviews the top 30 or 40 candidates to narrow the selection to 10. Students chosen for the program must maintain a high grade-point average throughout their USI careers to keep their scholarships.

What has the program added to the University? "Prestige," answers Dr. Jeanne K. Barnett, associate professor of biology and co-coordinator for the Presidential Scholarship program.

"Particularly since the scholarship has become competitive, students see it as more prestigious," Barnett said. "They know they are competing with other very good students." Barnett said that all the students who are Presidential Scholar candidates have other educational options. "This year applicants were considering many other colleges, private as well as public," she said. Many candidates find they like USI enough to enroll at USI even though they are not selected as Presidential Scholars. These students are well-respected in their high schools and often generate interest among other top students to consider USI.

Dr. Howard E. Dunn, professor of chemistry, said the presence of the Presidential Scholars and other high-achieving students "upgrades all our classes. The competition is there."

Before classes begin in the fall, Presidential Scholars attend a

retreat to renew friendships and get to know the freshman scholars. At this event, they can offer suggestions about what special activities they want to plan for the year.

Barnett and Dr. Scott A. Gordon, assistant professor of biology and also a cocoordinator of the Presidential Scholar program, accompany the Presidential Scholars on a three- or four-day trip each year. Recently the students went to Chicago where they attended a performance of Beauty and the Beast, and enjoyed the restaurants, sights, and cultural opportunities of the city.

Presidential Scholars may attend a brown bag lunch with the co-coordinators every other Friday in the University Center. The program also makes available a limited number of tickets for Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra concerts.

Endowed Presidential Scholarships are funded with a gift of \$125,000 to the USI Foundation. Ten new scholarships were endowed during Campaign USI, the University's recent capital campaign. An annual gift of \$6,250 in each of the next four years will fund one full four-year Presidential Scholarship.



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owzit!" says Melinda Grooms Orth '92, writing from South Africa. She picked up the slang for "hey" or "hi" while in Cape Town from April through July during an exchange program for her employer.

She learned that South Africans "open the boot" instead of "popping the trunk" of the car and put their valuables in "cubbyholes" rather than in "glove compartments." But the most confusing term of all was "just now," which means "later." If you want something done "now," you should say "straight away."

"It is amazing how different the

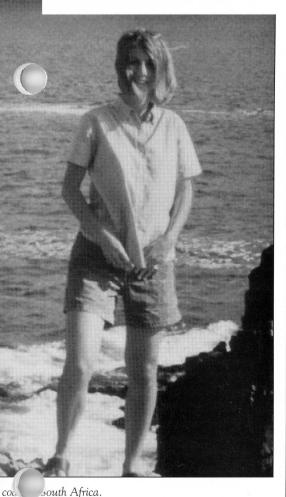
time, she toured a game park in Johannesburg, watched the whales at Hermanus, and visited the hot springs at the Overberg resort.

"Through my work and social life in South Africa, I have grown by leaps and bounds," Orth said. "I will walk away from this experience with a better sense and understanding of why we do what we do to achieve our goals and why I love living in the mid-western United States."

Now that 10 years have passed since she entered USI, Orth looks back to observe that the University

How far can a Presidential Scholar go?

Personal growth propels Melinda Orth from college to career to South Africa



American and South African vocabularies are, even though we both speak English," Orth said.

A member of the first class of Presidential Scholars at the University of Southern Indiana, Orth was valedictorian of Boonville (Indiana) High School in 1988. Now with Olive LLP in Evansville, she is an assurance manager specializing in manufacturing and not-for-profit entities.

During the South African exchange, she worked with the international accounting firm of Moores Rowland, of which Olive is a member. "I quickly fell in love with Cape Town," she said in a message from her 18th-floor office overlooking the waterfront and the city's bustling construction scene.

Orth provided training, particularly regarding efficiency, for staff, supervisors, and managers at the Cape Town office, which has 120 employees and 14 partners. She also worked with clients, including a window and door manufacturer, a gold jewelry manufacturer, a food distributor, and a diamond mining company. During her leisure

"commendably prepared" her for a career in public accounting. "Both my liberal studies and business core brought me in contact with professors who influence what I do and how I perform to this day," she said.

Orth was the recipient of the National City Bank of Evansville Presidential Scholarship. Since earning her degree, she has served on the USI Alumni Council and is active in United Way, Raintree Girl Scout Council, the Institute of Management Accountants Board, and Big Brothers and Sisters of Evansville.

Presidential Scholar Alumni Where are they now?

Eighty-three Presidential Scholars have earned USI degrees.* Reports from 73 of the 83 indicate that 58 are employed and 15 are working toward graduate degrees.

Of the 58 who are employed:

- •20 work in Evansville
- •21 work in other Southern Indiana towns
- •10 work in Indianapolis
- •7 work outside Indiana

Of the 15 who attend graduate school:

- •4 attend Indiana University School of Medicine
- 3 are in other health-related graduate programs
- •2 attend law school
- 6 pursue other graduate work
- *1997 data

January 1, 2000— This deadline is for real

Information technology professionals get ready for a new century

If your video cassette recorder is flashing 12:00 as you read this sentence, you may not have given much thought to the challenge facing many technical experts over what may happen when the calendar flips to January 1, 2000.

Some computer software will not recognize the year 2000 and may think that time has turned back to the year 1900. Information management systems used by companies may falter, and equipment in the hands of consumers may be subject to glitches. Car security systems, digital watches, gasoline pumps that accept credit cards, and other pieces of technology with electronics may need modification. The potential problem is commonly called the Y2K or millennium bug.

Derek Faughn '84 of Evansville is involved in Y2K compliance at Mead Johnson Nutritionals where he is director of applications development and integration. "We are addressing the year 2000 issues in our organization, and they will be taken care of," he said.

The company has been working since mid-1997 on resolving millennium issues. "We are looking at everything we have—from every fuse box to every computer program," Faughn said.

The consequences of not planning for the new century could be significant for many companies and organizations. They could get to the point where they could not pay their employees or deliver products to their customers.

Ernest E. Nolan, assistant professor of computer information systems at the University of Southern Indiana, said, "The problem is real. There's no question about that. It has a lot of potential effects on our society."

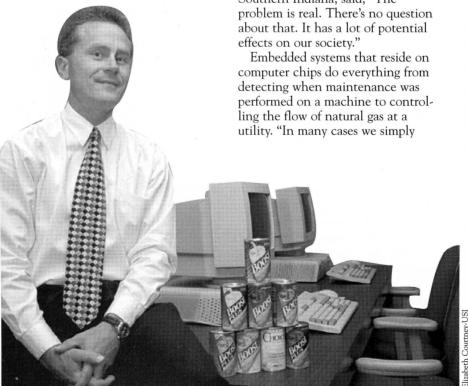
don't know what's going to happen when the century rolls over. The computer may say this machine hasn't been serviced in a hundred years so shut it down," Nolan said.

Nolan is national president of the Association of Information Technology Professionals, a group that held its annual collegiate conference at USI in April. At that meeting's job fair, Nolan observed that recruiters were offering graduating seniors starting salaries in the \$48,000 range. Five years ago starting pay was at the \$30,000 level.

Part of the reason for these rapidly increasing salaries is the need for trained information technology professionals to handle millennium issues. The people in demand know the COBOL programming language, and these people are not readily available in the marketplace.

The good-paying jobs, however, are attracting more students to courses in information systems. Nolan had 12 students in his COBOL class in 1996. In fall 1997, 30 students enrolled. The number of USI students majoring in computer information systems has increased from 98 two years ago to more than 200.

"There is a bubble right now," Nolan said, "but the demand for information technology professionals is going to remain strong because companies have realized that to be competitive they have to have information."



Derek Faughn, '84 works on Y2K issues for Mead Johnson Nutritionals.

Y2K Y2K

The possibilities are limitless

A university and its community aim higher for common good

There's no holding back the University of Southern Indiana. Sherrianne M. Standley has been along for the ride and a leading guide as the University has endured the fledgling years and emerged as an influential agent for change in the Tri-State and beyond.

"We have a dynamic University community committed to working together," said Standley, vice president for Advancement. "As long as we have that, this institution can be anything it wants to be."

Standley joined the University in 1976 as director of publications and became assistant to the president in 1977. She has served in her present role since 1986 with responsibilities

Kentucky and experienced growth and building as a new state university while Standley served as director of public relations and development from 1972 until 1975.

In her years at USI, if there ever was a project that kept her awake nights, it was the bid to become a separate state university. "There were so many deadlines to meet," she said of the details involved in effecting independence from USI's parent institution, Indiana State University.

For her, it was a defining moment when Governor Robert D. Orr signed the bill making USI a separate state institution at 12:07:15 April 16, 1985, in front of 1,500

cheering people in the Physical Activities
Center. It was a moment that set the stage—that gave the school its own Board of Trustees fully committed to serving the needs of southern Indiana.

"People had confidence that USI would grow

and develop," Standley said.
"Now as the University has reached a level of maturity, people look to us to be a change agent. Leaders of almost any major community project want to involve representatives from the University because of our wide range of expertise and our willingness to be a part of what goes on."

Throughout the years USI has built long-term relationships with the greater community to advance

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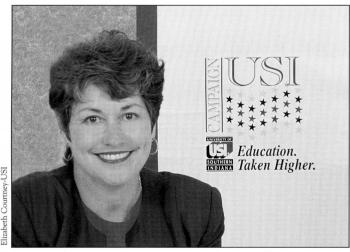
shared goals. For example, the occupational therapy program was started in 1997 because the Tri-State needed workers trained in that field. The four Evansville hospitals provided seed money to help USI fulfill the need.

The recent success of USI's first capital campaign is evidence of strong regional support. The office of Advancement did not rush into the campaign. "To define the goals, we worked for two years with the faculty to find out what their vision was and what they needed to get there," Standley said.

From that exploratory work, four featured objectives—Presidential Scholarships, student life enrichment, faculty enhancement, technology and equipment—took shape. "We engaged a consulting firm to tell us realistically what we could expect," Standley said. "Following a mail survey and 60 face-to-face interviews with volunteers and friends of the University, our consulting firm told us that the community was receptive to our needs. The firm suggested we could raise \$10.5 million and another \$3 million in deferred gifts."

The campaign was announced in summer 1996 and volunteer solicitations closed May 30 with totals surpassing both figures. So far *Campaign USI* has raised \$14 million and another \$6 million in deferred gifts.

Like many busy professionals, Standley calls work her play, but when she does find leisure time, she may spend it antiquing throughout the region. Her best find? She hasn't found it yet. In antiquing and in her job at USI, there's always that new challenge ahead.



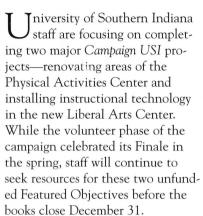
Sherrianne Standley

for development, corporate and foundation relations, alumni and volunteer relations, news and information services, printing services, special events, and scheduling services.

A Kentucky native, Standley previously was associated with Northern Kentucky University, an institution similar in mission—serving an underserved population—to USI. Northern Kentucky was formerly a branch of the University of



Two projects remain to fulfill objectives of Campaign USI



Campaign USI, the University's first capital campaign, has resulted to date in pledges of more than \$14 million. More than 300 volunteers participated in campaign solicitation.

Staff are working with friends of the USI Athletic Department to secure funding for renovations in the Physical Activities Center.

The University is renovating locker rooms in the 18-year-old building to benefit varsity athletics, physical education classes, intramurals, and recreational use. Completion is scheduled for late fall. Director of Athletics Steve Newton hopes that funding will be forthcoming to furnish the men's and women's team rooms which will be created during the renovation.

"While the bricks and mortar are



being paid with state funds, furnishings for the two team rooms will come from friends of USI Athletics through *Campaign USI*. Pledges will help coaches acquire study tables, computers, audiovisual and editing equipment for the team rooms, and also upgrade to wood lockers in the basketball locker rooms," Newton emphasized. Team rooms provide athletes and their coaches a gathering place outside the locker room setting.

"To achieve these goals will take partnerships with community friends"

Newton also said that in the next several years renovation to the PAC will include replacing the synthetic rubber floor in the basketball arena with hardwood to provide three competition-quality floors for practice. Another goal is to increase chairback seating by about 450 to accommodate the tremendous demand for basketball season tickets and spectator seating. "To achieve these goals will take partnerships with community friends," he said.

With the Liberal Arts Center construction at the halfway mark, faculty and staff anticipate exciting opportunities which will become available if *Campaign USI* is successful in finding funds for computers and interactive instructional programs. Nearly \$1 million is still



needed to equip classrooms, laboratories, a foreign language lab, radio station, and television studio.

Dr. James R. Blevins, dean of Liberal Arts, said, "Installing computers and interactive systems in the Liberal Arts Center is necessary as professors prepare our graduates for careers that use changing technology. Because every USI student will benefit from classes in the core curriculum, taught in large part by the Liberal Arts faculty, this building, when properly equipped, will have enormous impact."

Gifts to Campaign USI are completing and equipping the Mallette Studio Theatre, the Hamilton Music Studio, and the Kleymeyer Lecture Hall, as well as a center for media studies in the Liberal Arts Center.

Foundation receives largest bequest Harpole gift will endow Presidential Scholarships

The late Louis and Anne Harpole of Evansville have bequeathed more than \$900,000 to establish scholarships to benefit students attending the University of Southern Indiana. In the mid-



1960s, the couple were involved in fund drives to support the emerging public university that was to become USI.

Anne Harpole

Development

The Harpole gift, which is the largest bequest ever to the USI Foundation, is restricted to scholarships. Initial use of the endowment's income will be to underwrite six Presidential Scholarships, merit scholarships for qualified Indiana valedictorians and salutatorians attending USI. The award includes support for tuition, fees, books, and room and board. (See article on the Presidential Scholars program, page 6.)

Louis Harpole, a prominent Evansville businessman who died suddenly in 1967, worked with the group of Southern Indiana Higher Education volunteers who raised \$1 million



Louis Harpole

to purchase the land where the University now is located. He had been president of Tri-State Leasing and Tri-State Ford. His widow, Anne G. (Hess) Harpole, who died in 1996 at age 87, continued to run the companies until they were sold in 1976.

More than 15 other not-for-profit organizations shared in the Harpole estate, with more than 95 percent of the resources dedicated to scholarships.

Previously, the most substantial beguest to the the USI Foundation was that of Walter H. Ohlrogge, who left \$387,000 for scholarships. Ohlrogge was owner of Ohlrogge Brothers, an Evansville machine shop. He died in 1984.

Friends of Robert Orr establish scholarship School of Business to prepare students

for expanding roles in global commerce

surprise 80th birthday gift for 1 former U.S. Ambassador and Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr will become a lasting gift to benefit students in the University of Southern Indiana School of Business.

To celebrate his birthday in Novembr 1997, several of Orr's friends established in his honor a scholarship fund through the USI Foundation. The scholarship will assist students interested in a career in global business, one of Orr's major thrusts as a leader in government and commerce.

The announcement of the Robert D. Orr Scholarship for Global Business Study was made by Randall T. Shepard, chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, at a surprise party in Indianapolis. Robert E. Griffin, president and chief executive officer of Escalade, Inc., in Evansville and one of the friends who planned the gift, said, "We thought it would really excite Bob Orr to see USI more involved in global business." Griffin is chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and a member and past chair of the School of Business Board of Visitors.

"It was astonishing what they collected," Orr said, "and I agreed to match it. This is a worthwhile gift that has long-term meaning." The scholarship fund has reached more than \$64,000, and contributions are still coming in.

An Evansville native, Orr became a pacesetter in promoting strong international business relationships during his term as lieutenant governor from 1972 to 1980. He continued to be an ardent proponent of international commerce as governor from 1981 to 1989



Orr

and as U.S. ambassador to Singapore from 1990-92. Orr is now chairman of the Alliance for Global Commerce, an Indianapolis-based consulting firm that supports increased trade abroad.

The School of Business is developing proposals to expand its curriculum in global business. At the present time, the school has two courses devoted to international issues and a commitment to offer global topics throughout the core curriculum.

The Robert D. Orr Scholarship for Global Business Study will enhance the program and will encourage students to recognize the need to acquire a global perspective. The scholarship may include an opportunity for the recipient to study in another country.

USI's Robert D. Orr Center, which houses the School of Business and other University offices, is named for Orr, who as governor was instrumental in the passage of legislation which made USI a separate state university in 1985.

In the spring Orr accompanied Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon and other officials on a 10-day trade mission to China and Japan. In China, the travelers celebrated the tenth anniversary of Indiana's sister-state relationship with Zhejiang province, an association that was formed during Orr's tenure as governor. In Japan, the Indiana delegation met with Toyota executives, telling them that "we're going to treat them right." A new Toyota plant is located just north of Evansville in Gibson County.

CAMPUS NEWS

Yearning to get away?

Travel opportunities with USI faculty

number of faculty members **1** from the University of Southern Indiana will be leading trips in the coming months. Contact the appropriate sponsor for more information:

- Another Great Chicago Weekend (featuring the Broadway play Ragtime at the Ford Theatre Center and a Mary Cassatt exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago), October 30 - November 1, Extended Services, 464-1863
- Disney's Division II Women's Tip-Off Classic, November 19-23, (See article page 15.)
- Mexico Tour, March 6-14, Michael K. Aakhus, 464-1853
- Humana Festival at Actors Theatre of Louisville, March 26-28 (tentative dates), Society for Arts and Humanities, Mary Jane Schenk, 464-1756
- Alabama Shakespeare Festival, May 21-23 (tentative dates), Society for Arts and Humanities, Mary Jane Schenk, 464-1756
- Broadway and the Arts, June 10-14, Dr. Robert E. Gehring, 464-1916

For most trips space is limited and reservations and deposits are due well in advance.



International honor society establishes chapter at USI

The University of Southern Indiana has a new chapter of Beta Gamma f I Sigma, an international honor society with chapters located only in higher education institutions with business and management programs accredited by AACSB—The International Association for Management Education. The USI School of Business programs received accreditation in November.

Twenty-five business students and Dr. H. Ray Hoops, USI president, were inducted into the honor society as part of the chapter installation in the spring. Dr. Robert W. Jefferson, dean of the College of Business Administration at Western Kentucky University and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, conducted the ceremony.



Dr. Robert W. Jefferson, left, of Western Kentucky University, congratulates Dr. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the USI School of Business, at the Beta Gamma Sigma installation.

Dr. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the School of Business, presided at the installation and is president of the chapter. Dr. Craig Ehlen, assistant professor of accounting, is secretary-treasurer and faculty advisor; and Dr. Ernest Hall, associate professor of management, is sergeant-at-arms. Other faculty founding members are Dr. Abbas Foroughi, associate professor of computer information systems; Dr. Robert Hartl, associate professor of finance; Dr. Mehmet Kocakulah, professor of accounting; Dr. Brian McGuire, assistant professor of accounting; Dr. Marwan Wafa, associate professor of decision sciences; and Dr. Jennifer Williams, assistant professor of computer information systems.

CAMPUS NEWS

Joe Cannon named Volunteer of Year

Joseph W. Cannon will cook a bratwurst, chair the Chili Supper, or help line up the Golf Scramble. Because of his dedication to activities at the University of Southern Indiana, the Volunteer USI Advisory Council named him Volunteer of the Year for 1998.

Cannon was honored in July at a recognition dinner. Since 1996, when Volunteer USI was begun, Cannon has logged more than 675 hours of service to the University. The Volunteer USI program provides assistance to supplement the work of USI employees during peak times and provides support for projects and special events.

A dedicated worker, Cannon has



Cannon

given direction and leadership to the USI Varsity Club and to USI Athletics for more than 10 years. He worked the concession stand for almost

every home softball game during the '98 season. He has cooked hamburgers and bratwursts, sold candy and drinks, and cleaned up after events. When he was unable to volunteer, he recruited others. Cannon also has volunteered his time at cross country races and has managed a concession stand for high school cross country meets at USI.

Cannon is a past chair of the Varsity Club and for the past five years has directed the Varsity Club Chili Supper. He also has chaired the Fall Festival Booth and has been involved in the Golf Scramble and the Steak Fry 'n Auction.

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Joanne B. Wright, a retired administrator at Ivy Tech State College and wife of USI Vice President Emeritus Byron C. Wright, received the Volunteer USI Founder's Award at the recognition dinner. She was cited for chairing the 13-member Volunteer Task Force which researched local and national volunteer programs to develop USI's unique universitywide approach. Wright served as founding president of the Volunteer USI Advisory Board created in 1996 to oversee administration of the program. She resigned from the advisory board in December 1997.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "Knowing the effective organizational capabilities that Joanne possesses, I asked her to head the group to study past and current use of volunteers on campus. Joanne's efforts and those of the Task Force have developed an exceptional volunteer program that will continue to enhance the services that USI provides to students for many years to come."

The Music Man strikes up band at amphitheatre

The Music Man will come to Lincoln Amphitheatre in the 1999 summer season with its "Seventy-six Trombones" and all the other songs that make it one of the favorites of all musical comedies.

Recalling small-town life in 1912 Iowa, the show was written by Meredith Willson. Smooth-talking Professor Harold Hill dazzles unsuspecting Midwesterners into letting him form bands for boys and then makes off with the money for their uniforms, instruments, and instruction books.

The Music Man will open in mid-July and continue in rotation with the production of Young Abe Lincoln until mid-August. Lincoln Amphitheatre is located in Lincoln City, Indiana. Shows are produced by the University of Southern Indiana in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.



Diaz family sets aside dollars for higher education

Indiana Family College Savings Plan offers tax advantages

Ellery and Lauren Diaz are 9years-old, and their parents are thinking ahead to the day when the girls will enroll in college.

The twins' father, Christopher A. Diaz, is an athletic trainer and instructor in physical education at the University of Southern Indiana. He and his wife, Susan, are saving for their daughters' education through the Indiana Family College Savings Plan. USI is among a number of employers that make saving for higher education easier through a payroll deduction plan.

The Indiana Family College Savings Plan was made possible by legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 1996.

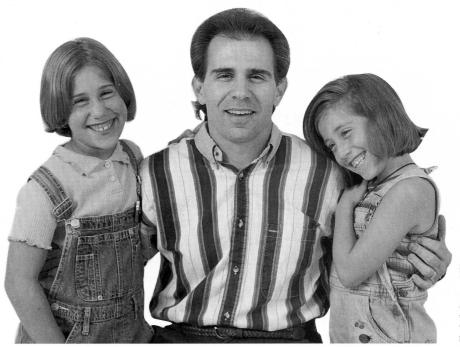
The Diaz family became interested in the program for several reasons. Taxes on the earnings in the account are postponed until distributions are made, and distributions are taxable to the child, who usually has a lower tax rate than the adult.

Participants can make a one-time lump sum contribution of up to \$25,000 within three months of opening the account and annual contributions of up to \$9,045. In addition to payroll deductions,

contributions can be made by automatic debit from a checking or savings account and by check. Grandparents, other family members, or friends who wish to help save for the child's education can do so through this plan.

Most accredited four-year colleges and universities, many accredited two-year institutions, and certain vocational schools are approved to receive tuition payments from the savings program. Families can use the dollars at public or private colleges in Indiana or in another state. Eligible expenses include tuition, books, and room and board.

Dollars are invested in the Pegasus Managed Assets Balanced Fund, a mutual fund managed by an affiliate of NBD Bank, the plan administrator. The fund earned more than 15 percent on investments in 1997.



Chris Diaz with Ellery, left, and Lauren



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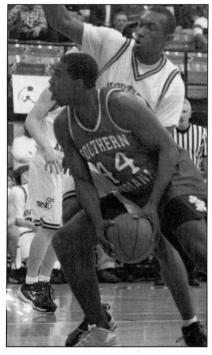
Students and staff who want to be in-the-know take a look at notices on the kiosk placed recently near the Orr Center. One of the O'Daniel Leadership Academy classes for emerging leaders tackled the challenge of communicating information campuswide and developed the proposal for the new information board which was provided by the University.

CAMPUS NEWS

Roberts Stadium to host GLVC basketball tourney

The Great Lakes Valley
Conference men's and women's
basketball postseason tournament
for the next three seasons (1999,
2000, and 2001) will be played at
Evansville's Roberts Stadium.
Scott Bennett '91, assistant executive director of Robert Stadium,
said the 1999 tournament will feature the conference's top eight
women's and top eight men's teams
playing 14 games February 24-27.

"We feel the tournament is going to be a huge success because of USI and Kentucky Wesleyan," Bennett said. "They are two of the top Division II teams in the nation,



GLVC tournament action, shown here at Kentucky Wesleyan last season, will move to Evansville's Roberts Stadium.

and they're within 30 minutes of each other."

Stadium administrators are working with convention services, hotel services, and corporate sponsors to create a four-day extravaganza. Bennett said that stadium officials want to make a bid to host the Division II Elite Eight tournament in 2001 and will be using the GLVC event to show visiting NCAA officials what Evansville and the Roberts Stadium have to offer. In announcing the tournament site, GLVC Commissioner Carl McAloose, said, "We are thrilled to be bringing the GLVC tournaments to a hotbed of Division II basketball."

The tournament opens February 24 with the women's quarterfinal action and continues the next day with the men's quarterfinals. Both women's and men's semifinals will be held February 26. The women's championship game will take place at 4 p.m. February 27 and the men's will follow at 7 p.m.

The 1999 GLVC Championship will be the league's second postseason tournament. Kentucky Wesleyan won the men's title and USI captured the women's crown in the league's inaugural tournament which was held at a number of campus sites throughout the conference last February. "Combining the men's and women's tournaments will bring an excitement to the GLVC and Evansville that is indescribable," said McAloose.

Special ticket prices are available until February 1. For ticket information, call the Roberts Stadium Ticket Box Office at 812/476-1383.

Boosters follow Lady Eagles team to Tip-Off Classic

Fans who want to follow the Lady Screaming Eagles to Orlando for Disney's Division II Women's Tip-Off Classic can purchase travel packages through Anthony Travel. The women's basketball tournament is scheduled for November 19-22. The Lady Eagles will play Abilene Christian University at 11 a.m. (Central Time) November 20. Game times for the remainder of the tournament are to be determined.

Other teams participating in the tournament are Columbus State University, Bentley College, Francis Marion University, Arkansas Tech University, Grand Valley State University, and West Texas A&M University.

The travel packages include four nights' accommodations at Disney's All-Star Resort; three One Day/One Park admissions to the three parks of your choice (Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, and Disney-MGM Studios, and/or Disney's Animal Kingdom); and a welcome party at the Official All-Star Cafe. The price for a single is \$529; a double \$359; a triple \$299; and a quad \$269 per person.

General admission game tickets are to be purchased in Orlando at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

Some special prices on air fare tickets may be available.

For more information or to make reservations, call Anthony Travel at 800/736-6377.

Score one for athletics

Intercollegiate sports are a rallying point for the University community. As successful programs bring new challenges, USI considers the possibilities offered by a downtown arena and other plans to keep athletics at the top of its game.

The direction is up for University of Southern Indiana athletics, and the vision for what's ahead is higher still.

Numbers prove the upward direction. Attendance is up dramatically at basketball games—USI's most popular spectator sport. And financial support also is up.

In 1989-90, 14,667 spectators watched men's basketball in the Physical Activities Center (PAC). The number reached 40,000 just four seasons later and remains consistently in that range.

Women, too, have had their day. In 1989-90, the women's basketball season attracted 1,848 spectators to home games. In 1996-97, the women's team was the NCAA Division II Finalist with a home attendance of 21,800.

Among Division II teams, USI is a strong draw. The women placed seventh nationally in attendance last season and the men placed twelfth.

Contributions to athletics exhibit a similar upward spiral. In 1992, the Varsity Club raised about \$54,000 in membership revenue. In just six years, membership revenue is up more than two-and-a-half times to \$144,000.

Two Varsity Club fund-raising events also have taken off.

Together the Steak Fry and the Golf Outing in 1995 netted not quite \$18,000. This year those events garnered more than \$43,000, nearly two-and-a-half times the total from just three years before.

As fans flock to sporting events and athletic contributors show increased involvement, the athletes are doing their part to achieve.

In a recent report to the Board of Trustees, Director of Athletics Steve Newton announced that the USI athletic program had broken for the first time into the top 20 in the Sears Directors' Cup ratings. This award, presented by the nation's athletics directors, recognizes the institution with the best all-around sports program in each of the NCAA's Division I, II, and III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

When Newton made his report, the athletic programs were coming off an extraordinary year. The women's basketball team was the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) champion and NCAA tournament participant with 26 wins; men's basketball was an NCAA tournament participant with 27 wins; men's cross country finished eighth nationally with All-American Elly Rono; women's cross country ranked twelfth nationally; men's golf finished second in the conference and participated in the NCAA regional; the softball team was GLVC champion; and the men's tennis team was 10-0 in GLVC regular season play. Newton said, "We want to be a model school in Division II and nationally competitive. We want to think big."

The success or failure of a college athletic program does have a direct impact on the institution, said



Newton, who came to USI from the University of South Carolina in 1995. "People take pride in the athletic program. They can relate to the positive atmosphere and excitement on campus."

Newton lists a number of priorities as the vision for athletics continues to take shape:

- •Recruiting—"We're a regional institution and recruiting starts at home," Newton said. "We recruit locally and then in adjoining counties and states—basically a 200-mile radius. Our national exposure in basketball has opened some doors, and all units benefit from that exposure."
- Academics—USI coaches seek to recruit the quality student athlete—the well rounded individual who

can represent the University in a comprehensive manner. Academics are a priority.

Of 209 students involved in athletics in 1997-98, 26 maintained a grade-point average (G.P.A.) of 3.5 for the year on a 4.0 scale and another 53 earned a G.P.A. between 3.0 and 3.49. The average G.P.A. for student athletes was 2.9. Because of the time demands of intercollegiate sports, it is difficult for student athletes to finish their work in four years. Many continue to work toward their degree after they have exhausted their athletic eligibility. In 1995-96, the Varsity Club began to develop funding for these students beyond what the USI Foundation had been providing. In 1997-98, 17 fifth-year student athletes received financial assistance.

•Physical Facilities—Will USI someday play home basketball games in an off-campus facility? The Evansville Downtown Development Corporation is studying the feasibility of constructing a downtown stadium that could host hockey, conventions, and other events and has invited USI to make such a facility its home basketball arena.

USI President Ray Hoops said, "Being a good citizen, as the University always has been, means that we would want to be a part of this for the sake of the city. While the downtown arena has not been our initiative, I think it might be a positive thing for us."

When the 3,300-seat PAC opened in 1980, USI enrolled about that many students. Now the oncampus facility is bulging as the student population has grown to 8,300. Should plans for a downtown facility not go forward, USI will look at other ways to accommodate more spectators in the PAC. One possibility mentioned in the long-range plan is to turn the floor and expand seating in the other direction.

Richard Schmidt, vice president for Business Affairs, said this project is on the back burner pending a decision on a community facility and, in any case, remains at least five years away.

More immediate plans call for the installation of a new maple competition floor in the PAC and the conversion of some bench seats to chair seating. There is a waiting list for chair seating.

Facilities to strengthen other sports also are under development. Newton expects one of two new intramural softball fields to be ready for play when USI hosts the GLVC tournament in the spring. The new field will be used in addition to the current competition field since the tournament requires two. The University will enhance the baseball and soccer venues with seating in the coming years, and a planned track around the soccer field will contribute to a more comprehensive track program. Currently USI enters only the distance events.

• Additional sports—The University competes in six men's (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, and tennis) and seven women's (basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball) intercollegiate sports programs and is in compliance with Title IX, the 1972 amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act requiring gender equity in athletic programs.

USI continues to assess whether additional sports should be offered. There is some regional interest in high school football players being able to continue participation in that sport at USI, but "football is not an option for us," said the University president. "It is an exceedingly expensive sport to sponsor, and we could not deal with the gender equity issues it would raise."

In 1997-98, USI had 140 student athletes—72 females and 68

males—on scholarship. More than 60 other athletes were walk-ons receiving no financial assistance for their athletic participation.

"When you don't have football, it's easier to have gender equity because you don't have 100 male players in one sport," Newton said. "We're comfortable with the sports we're sponsoring. Our goal is to advance those sports. Then we'll look to add others."

Women's soccer, inaugurated in 1996, is USI's newest intercollegiate sport. Among spectator sports, Newton believes that soccer, baseball, and volleyball are on the move. Softball also is developing rapidly.

The University continues to monitor other sports, such as wrestling, swimming, rugby, and an expanded track program. The ability to develop a schedule with other schools in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and the need for appropriate fields or facilities affect the decision to sponsor a sport.

• Public relations—The outstanding success of the sports programs in 1997-98 contributed to a wealth of media coverage, including features in eight national publications. "We're very proud of what this group of athletes has achieved," Newton said of the 1997-98 season, "and we are blessed with a strong staff of coaches and a hard-working support staff.

"It's important that our athletic programs make us proud and make an impact. To achieve the kind of exposure and image we want for the University, we must have quality people and quality programs."

He expects the achievement and the positive reflection on the entire University to continue as the athletes, their coaches, and their fans approach the seasons ahead.

1970s

Terry Southerland '72, art, is the creative director at Gray Loon Marketing Group in Evansville.

Robert W. Swan '72, accounting, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Indiana CPA Society. He is a member and regional administrative partner with Kemper CPA Group LLC in Evansville.

J. Ritch Collins '75, business, has 23 years of experience in the insurance claims business and is a senior resident claims representative with American States Insurance in Vincennes. Ritch enjoys golf and is a spectator for all sports. He and his wife, Kari, have two sons: Chris, who is a USI student, and Matt, who attends Lincoln High School.

Eva Michaels '75, elementary education, retired from the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation in 1995. She now resides with her daughter Kay Michaels Campbell '80, management, and son-in-law Michael in Dallas. Eva is the grandmother of 3-year old Bridget.

Steve Lowrey '76, business, is president and chief executive officer of Deck the Walls. The company recently purchased The Great Frame Up chain, making Deck the Walls the largest franchiser of art and custom framing stores. The Houston-based company has 370 retail outlets.

Daniel L. Schenk '76, management, has been elected to the board of directors of Permanent Federal Savings Bank in Evansville. He is the chancellor and chief executive officer of Ivy Tech State College.

Dr. Scott Thornburgh '76, chemistry, is a research scientist/technical leader for Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis. Scott runs the molecular spectroscopy laboratory specializing in NMR spectroscopy. He and his wife Donna have a son, Eric. They enjoy golf, hockey, and of course, the Indy 500 where they can be found each May in seats near the finish line!

Dr. Jane A. Hormuth '77, communications, has been elected president of the Southern Indiana Chiropractic Association. She owns Hormuth Chiropractic in Evansville.

1980s

Michael R. Koressel '82, business, has been appointed resident sales representative and office operations manager at Liberty Mutual Group's Evansville office. He joined the firm in 1985 and was formerly assistant regional sales manager in Naperville, Illinois.

Class of '73 reunion recalls TUB times

Music of the '60s and '70s set the mood in June when the Class of '73 gathered on campus for a 25th reunion. The outdoor reception and dinner at Eicher Barn featured a sumptuous buffet of grilled meats and vegetables, according to Charley Beck, reunion committee member.

Adding to the evening's nostalgia was an antique bathtub which the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity used years ago to immortalize the Temporary Union Building (TUB), predecessor of today's University Center. The four-legged tub was brought out of storage for display.

Alumni reminisced with faculty and University staff members during the evening and amused themselves with yearbooks from 1971, 1972, and 1973.



Class of '73 alumni and faculty members at the 25th reunion in June took a fond look at the old bathtub which recalled the Temporary Union Building (TUB), site of many student activities in by-gone days. From left are Ernie Hicks '74; Sharon Gogel Hicks '73; Chris Dick; Marcia Wiseman Dick '73; Dr. Helen R. Sands, professor of communications; Charles Beck '73; Dr. Wanda B. Hibbitts, professor emerita of business; Dr. Jackson L. Marr, associate professor of biology; Dr. Susan L. Donaldson, professor of psychology; Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus, professor of English; Dr. Barbara J. Marting, professor emerita of management; and Dr. Edward D. Marting, professor emeritus of accounting.

Carl K. Vincent '82, sociology, is a marketing associate with Sysco/Louisville Food Services Company in Louisville. He lives in Evansville.

Terri Lewis '83, management, is a realtor with The Realty Group in Evansville.

Bradford K. Marting '84, business, has been elected a second vice president of Lincoln Investment Management, Inc., an affiliate of Lincoln National Corporation, in Fort Wayne. He joined Lincoln National in 1992 and is a real estate portfolio manager responsible for management, valuation and disposition of apartment and office properties within a 10-state area.

Charla McDaniel '84, elementary education, is a teacher at Lynnville (Indiana) Elementary School.

Todd Reller '84, business administration, has joined ARC Construction Co. in Evansville as a project manager/project estimator, specifically targeting the Tri-State industrial market.

Kathleen Miller Fulkerson '85, social science, has been promoted to family case manager II at the Vanderburgh County Division of Family and Children in Evansville. She will supervise family case managers providing adoption and foster care services.

Dr. Scott Raber '86, biology, is chief of radiology at the U.S. Navy Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina. Scott and his wife, Kirstin, are expecting their third child in September 1998.

Alumni attend annual picnic

The Ninth Annual Alumni Picnic in June drew 300 alumni family members to campus. Gerald Montgomery '83, special events chair for the Alumni Association, transported two cookers to the site and masterminded the cooking of barbecued chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

Special attractions for the children included face painting by clowns, animals from the Mesker Park petting zoo, and ice cream sundaes.



Cooks for the alumni picnic were, from left, Kirk Knight '93, Alumni Association president; Gerald Montgomery '83, special events chair; Keith Moore '74, Alumni Council member; and Dr. Larry Arp, associate professor of business education.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Use this space to let us know! If you have been quoted in a newspaper article, send us a copy. We want to hear from you.

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We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni.ucs@smtp.usi.edu).

Tony Aylsworth '87, political science, is the chief operations officer for Peoples Trust and Savings Bank in Boonville, Indiana. Tony and his wife, Jodi, are expecting their first child in January 1999.

LaDonne Craig '87, communications, is the retail marketing director for WJPS/WIKY/WABX in Evansville.

Dwight A. Hawkins '87, psychology, was promoted to tissue engineering specialist for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He will market to surgeons in southern Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, the world's first human living skin equivalent.

Mary Weidner Rosek '87, business administration, is the bookkeeper for Southwest Grafix and Apparel in Evansville.

Capt. Roger A. Scott '87, communications, is the chief of equal opportunity and treatment at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. He joined the U.S. Air Force in February 1989. He and his wife, Cheryl Macken Scott '89, social work, live in Panama City, Florida, with their two daughters, Nicole and Hannah.

Kelli Braunecker '88, elementary education, is a reading recovery program specialist for the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation.

Jeffrey D. Jackson '89, business administration; '96, Master of Business Administration; has been promoted to vice president, commercial loan officer at Citizens Bank in Evansville.

Terrence A. LeDuc '89, marketing, has been promoted to division manager with R.J. Reynolds in Columbus, Ohio.

Sheldon R. Pontaoe '89, marketing, is a senior associate attorney with the firm, McAulay Fisher Nissen Goldberg and Kiel in New York, New York.

Tammy Burris Rumple '89, marketing, is an administrative assistant with Edison Brothers Stores in Princeton, Indiana.

Pamela Miller Schneider '89, management/marketing, has been promoted to retail delivery services officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Kelly Carlton Stone '89, psychology, is a guidance counselor for North Posey High School in Poseyville, Indiana. Kelly and her husband, Kevin, spend their spare time restoring their 1972 Cougar XR7 convertible.

Alumni Calendar of Events

October 15	Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Louisiana Street Restaurant, Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Station
November 3	Dubois Chapter Meeting, 6 p.m., Great Wall Restaurant, Jasper, Indiana
December 5	Chili Supper & Basketball, 6:30 p.m., USI Physical Activities Center; USI vs. University of Indianapolis; Games: women's 5:30 p.m., men's 7:30 p.m.
December 6	Lighting a Tradition, 4 p.m., USI Orr Center; Holiday tree-lighting ceremony featuring the USI Madrigal Singers and Santa photos with the children
January 5	Dubois Chapter Meeting, 6 p.m., Fiesta Restaurant, Jasper, Indiana
January 14	Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Louisiana Street Restaurant, Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Station
February 13	Homecoming: USI vs University of Missouri-St. Louis; Games: alumni 3 p.m., women's 5:30 p.m., men's 7:30 p.m.; Alumni Dance follows games
March 13	Alumni Career Workshop, 8 a.m., USI Carter Hall
April 6	Dubois Chapter Meeting, 6 p.m., Homestead Pizza, Ferdinand, Indiana
April 10	USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk, USI Physical Activities Center, 10 a.m.
April 22	Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Louisiana Street Restaurant, Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Station
May 7	Association Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall; Senior Reception and Dinner follows Annual Meeting
June 18	Alumni Picnic, 5:30 p.m., USI Campus, children's games and petting zoo
June 19	Alumni Golf Scramble, 8 a.m., Quail Crossing Golf Club, Boonville, Indiana
June 19	Class of 1974 Twenty-Fifth Reunion
July 13	Dubois Chapter Meeting, 6 p.m., Schnitzelbank Restaurant, Jasper, Indiana

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

1990s

Jamie R. Hagan '90, communications, recently joined Astra Merck Pharmaceuticals as a pharmaceutical specialist in Evansville.

Gregory R. Harpenau '90, accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president and assistant controller of financial and regulatory reporting at CNB Bancshares Inc., in Evansville.

Andrew Hurm '90, mechanical engineering technology, is a shift manager with AK Steel in Rockport, Indiana.

Shelly Boyd Webb '90, marketing, is a team leader with Standard Register in Evansville.

Lois A. Young '90, social work, is the administrative assistant for outreach programs with Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation in Indianapolis.

Teona M. Forister '91, business, is a radiologic technologist at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Gregory S. Oppel '91, political science, is the owner of O&O Properties, Inc., which builds homes and buys property. He lives in Depauw, Indiana.

Don Patton '91, post baccalaureate certificate in professional accountancy, has joined the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando as a payroll financial analyst.

Brad A. Schepers '91, mechanical engineering technology, recently graduated at the top of his class from Indiana University School of Law. He is an associate practicing patent, trademark, and copyright law with Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty, and McNett in Indianapolis.

Jack D. Spencer '91, political science, is a police officer for the Evansville Police Department.

Thomas A. Tate '91, business administration, is a corporate trainer/EBS help desk administrator for Esquire Communications in Norcross, Georgia.

Lara Sears Beck '92, communications, is the administrator of Bell Oaks Terrace, an assisted-living facility in Newburgh, Indiana. Lara has worked in various management positions in her five-year career with Extendicare, which owns a chain of nursing facilities. She was formerly the administrator at Medco Center in Henderson, Kentucky. Lara's husband, James W. Beck '92, communications, is a staff writer for *The Evansville Courier*. Jim covers the courts and has won several awards since he joined the paper in May 1992, including a first place for non-deadline reporting from the Associated Press

Managing Editors in 1995 and a second place in the annual E.W. Scripps Company competition in 1997. Scripps is the parent company of *The Evansville Courier*.

Ralph Hague '92, accounting, is a senior tax accountant with Birk, Gross, Bell & Coulter in Indianapolis. He participated in a cross country bicycle trip from Seattle to Washington, D.C., during the summer 1998.

Louise Lambert '92, post-baccalaureate certificate in accountancy, is a loan review specialist with CNB Bancshares in Evansville.

David Starks '92, English, graduated in May 1998 from Seattle University School of Law. He works for McKinley and Ervin Law Offices in Tacoma, Washington.

Laura J. Newman '93, accounting, is an accountant with South Central Communications in Evansville.

Lara Conway Porter '93, elementary education, is a financial service consultant with Warrick Federal Credit Union's Lawndale office in Evansville.

Scott L. Roberts '93, business administration, is the treasury manager for rsc The Quality Measurement Company in Evansyille.

Deanna Daubs '94, nursing, is an office nurse and physician extender for The Heart Group's Deaconess Hospital office in Evansville.

Erica Hartwig '94, accounting, is a senior business consultant with Ernst & Young in Indianapolis.

Drew Hulette '94, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to commercial banking officer at Citizens Bank in Evansville.

Nikki Daubs Roser '94, accounting, has been appointed director of finance for Bradley David Productions, Inc., in Evansville.

Brent Sexton '94, elementary education, is an agency manager for Shelter Insurance in Evansville.

Jennifer Birge '95, communications, recently completed a M.F.A. in stage management from Rutgers University. She is currently working on an off-Broadway production with former USI director of theatre Steven Williford.

Angela Cooper Spicker '95, communications, made a guest appearance in May 1998 on the David "D" TV Kids Show in Tampa, Florida.

Barbara Whitted Verley '95, elementary education, is a language arts teacher at Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Evansville.

Amber D. Flath '96, communications, is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Abbott Laboratories in Evansville.

Elizabeth A. Jackson '96, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to human resources information systems manager and officer status at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Tracy Kollker '96, communications, is the manager of marketing services with Invision Marketing in Ft. Collins, Colorado. She also is working toward a master's degree in speech communication and is teaching public speaking classes at Colorado State University.

April Conard Mallory '96, Master of Social Work, is a counselor with Davidson County Community Corrections in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lisa Mills '96, art, has been promoted to account executive at Keller Crescent Co. in Evansville. She was formerly with Fire House, Inc., where she earned an Addy Award and two Citations of Excellence for her work in advertising.

Prudence Peckinpaugh '96, business administration, has been promoted to public relations representative at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Chad Sanderson '96, English, is a technical writer for the software development firm, Metris Companies, in Champaign, Illinois.

Scott Edmond '97, business administration, is a customer service representative for Citizens Bank in Evansville. He is working on a Master of Business Administration degree at USI.

Lesa D. Hedinger '97, communications, is the corporate sales manager for the Indianapolis Zoo.

Jennifer R. Holcombe '97, accounting, works in audit services for Deloitte and Touche in Houston, Texas.

Melissa Inman '97, business administration, is a financial service consultant with Warrick Federal Credit Union's Lawndale office in Evansville.

Todd A. Isaac '97, electrical engineering technology, is a senior electrical design engineer for Boeing/McDonnell Douglas in Mesa, Arizona.

Lisa A. Miller '97, art, is a customer service representative with United Fidelity Bank and part-time freelance artist. She resides in Haubstadt, Indiana.

Sherry Robak '97, business administration, is a financial service consultant with Warrick Federal Credit Union's Lawndale office in Evansville.

Ryan Collicott '98, business administration, is a marketing representative for IKON Office Solutions in Lafayette, Indiana.

Chris Eger '98, accounting, is an internal auditor with Emerson Electric Co. in St. Louis.

Christopher Norrick '98, biology, has joined USI as a graphic designer in News and Information Services.

Kati Olinger '98, elementary education, is a fifth grade teacher at St. John the Baptist School in Newburgh, Indiana.

Brett M. Perry '98, elementary education, is a fifth grade teacher at Wesley Elementary School in Houston, Texas.

Tina Cage Sizemore '98, communications, is a freelance journalist and lives in Evansville.

Stephanie Stewart '98, business administration/French, is a marketing representative for Sigcorp Communications Services in Evansville.

Beth Will '98, business administration, is a market research/sales representative for Sigcorp Communications Services in Evansville.

Marriages

Terri Watson '88, sociology, and G. Kent Teeters, May 25, 1998

Gregory S. Oppel '91, political science, and Alicia M. Stroud, November 29, 1997

Lynn Whitney '91, elementary education, and Timothy Pierce, March 22, 1998

Carey Hudson '93, psychology, and Tracey Scheu-Baum, March 28, 1998

Angie Foster '94, sociology, and Jeff Moffett '94, accounting, January 24, 1998

Angela Cooper '95, communications, and Rob Spicker, August 31, 1996

Paula Hight '96, elementary education, and Derek Faucett '97, elementary education, June 13, 1998

Tracy Lechner '96, communications, and Tami Trautvetter, May 23, 1998

Jennifer Smith '96, social work, and William Hannon, October 4, 1997

Amy S. Elpers '97, dental hygiene, and Robert V. Boring, April 18, 1998

Jeri Gill '97, administrative support systems, and Patrick Mattix, May 2, 1998

Mindy Schmitzer '97, dental assisting, and Mark J. Bourne, April 18, 1998

Jill Steurer '97, communications, and Adam Trautvetter, April 4, 1998

Jennifer Anthony '98, occupational therapy/health services, and Jason Watkins, June 6, 1998

Kimberly Schorman '98, psychology/communications, and Troy Cockrum, June 13, 1998

Rebecca L. Walther '98, business administration, and Ryan G. Scheidler, May 30, 1998

Births

Brent Winstead '78, accounting, and Susan, son, Landon James, April 18, 1998

Brian Kuester '81, social science, and Debbie, daughter, Katelyn Nicole, April 14, 1998

Patricia Bunner Colbert '83, mining engineering technology, and Kenneth L. Colbert '86, management, son, Colton Sterling, May 23, 1998

Kelly Williams '83, management, and Mary Miller Williams '88, elementary education, son Konnor Matthew, April 15, 1998

Brenda Smith Fischer '85, management, and Glenn, twin sons, Nicholas and Nathaniel, April 26, 1998

Leann Will Sander '85, radiologic technology, and Chad, daughter, Ellie Marie, May 7, 1998

Stacey Huelsman Tenbarge '85, accounting, and Steven, daughter, Carlee Ann, May 19, 1998

Jerilyn Raibley Erwin '86, social science, and Alan, daughter, Hannah Marie, April 14, 1998

Susan Curry Jeffries '86, management, and William, son, Jonathan Clay, April 29, 1998

Wes Wilmes '86, accounting, and Jody Wilmes '95, elementary education, son, Wade Mitchell, June 8, 1998

Susan Rice Young '86, computer information systems, and Jack, daughter, Elise Kathryn, June 3, 1998

Fine woodworker nails branch studio in Paris countryside



Fisher

Kenny Fisher '77, the woodworker who created the shaft for the ceremonial mace carried at USI official occasions, has opened a studio outside Paris, where he will design and restore furniture and do custom woodworking in fine homes. He will continue to maintain a studio in Brooklyn, New York.

Fisher works for a number of private clients, including the Owen family of New Harmony, Indiana, for whom he has restored several pieces of antique furniture, among them an unusual portable desk with inlay. Current projects include the fashioning of kitchen cabinetry from sassafras for a home in the Northeast and restoration work in France on a sleigh bed, English desk, and other antiques for a Swiss client.

Johnna Louthan '87, dental assisting, and Joseph, daughter, Maggie Lynn, April 6, 1998

Tammy Johnson Nolan '87, elementary education, and Jim, son, Austin Michael, April 5, 1998

Kim Louthan Paggiarino '88, communications, and Dario, daughter, Olivia Nicole, August 15, 1996

Annette McDonald Wright '88, accounting, and Mark, daughter, Merritt Marie, May 29, 1998

Cynthia Harty Braker '89, industrial supervision, and Troy, daughter, Zoe Elizabeth, April 19, 1998

Rhonda Eubanks '89, biology, and Russell Eubanks '91, political science, daughter, Mikayla Grace, April 15, 1998

Scott Felts '89, management, and Cynthia Felts '91, management, daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, June 8, 1998

Stephanie Naylor Higgins '89, accounting/management, and Andrew, daughter, Anna Marie, April 28, 1998

Lori Mason Powers '89, management, and Brian, twin sons, Austin Brian and Mason Blake, June 3, 1998

Brad Rust '89, accounting, and Tammy Eigel Rust '93, elementary education, son, Zachary Michael, May 18, 1998

Bryan Hirshman '90, sociology, and Judena, son, Hunter Ray, June 2, 1998

Angie Couch Karcher '90, elementary education, and Stan, daughter, Michaela Margaret, May 11, 1998

Brad Oliver '90, business administration, and Carlene, son, Sam Addison, May 13, 1998

Deborah Prueher Rahman '90, math, and Albert Rahman '91, social science, son, Benjamin Henry, June 2, 1998

Patricia Thorbecke Steurer '90, math, and Christian Steurer '90, mechanical engineering technology, son, Eric Christian, April 24, 1998

Jean Voegerl Dollison '91, business administration, and Kevin, daughter, Shelby Laine, May 7, 1998

Sherri Dawson Greubel '91, psychology, and Darrin, daughter, Marissa RaeAnn, April 12, 1998

Jennifer Damm Hertel '91, communications, and Michael, son, Wyatt Adam, May 2, 1998

Stephanie Sigwerth Osborne '91, psychology, and Tom Osborne '95, physical education, daughter, Megan Noel, January 9, 1998

Ron Paul '91, marketing, and Angie, daughter, Emily Marie, February 11, 1998

Stephen R. Ricketts '91, elementary education, and Michelle, son, Cooper Stephen, May 12, 1998

Amy Abell Winchester '91, elementary education, and Jeff, daughter, Peyton Renee, June 3, 1998

Stacey Market Buxton '92, elementary education, and Brad, daughter, Jordyn Mackenzie, April 3, 1998

Kelly Riesenbeck Dillon '92, business administration, and Tony Dillon '93, business administration, son, Blake Anthony, April 8, 1998

Jamie Ruhe Giesler '92, elementary education, and Paul, daughter, Madison Rose, June 17, 1998

Mark Veal '92, physical education, and Melody Veal '93, elementary education, daughter, Marissa Nicole, April 11, 1998

Naomi Wargel '92, elementary education, and Tim, daughter, Emma Rose, May 26, 1998

Cathy Schapker Dyson '93, elementary education, and Mike, daughter, Aubrey Marie, May 26, 1998



John McNaughton, professor of art, sculpted this wooden trophy which lists winning team members in the Annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble. The trophy will be displayed in the University Center.

Alumni golf outings link students with scholarships

Students benefit when University of Southern Indiana alumni enjoy golf outings. Proceeds of two recent events support student scholarships.

The Third Annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble at Quail Crossing Golf Club in Boonville, Indiana, attracted 109 graduates and friends. The Second Annual Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Scholarship Golf Scramble was held at The Links Golf Club in August. Corporate hole sponsors contributed \$2,050 for the Boonville tourney and \$5,860 for the Indianapolis event. The Alumni Association expresses thanks to these sponsors: Alumni Fun Golf Scramble—American General Finance, Aztec Printing, Career Associates, Harding Shymanski & Company, James L. Will Insurance Agency, Kemper CPA Group LLC, Kern Bros. Office Systems, Marx Barbecue, Old National Bank, Personal Touch Travel & Cruises, Quality Automotive Distributors, State Representative Russ Stilwell, Umbach Financial Services, and Warehousing, Inc.

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Lisa Seib Schoolfield '93, business ådministration, and Denny, daughter, McKenzie, November 1997

Jeff Tron '93, elementary education, and Heather Yoak Tron '94, Spanish, daughter, Cassidy Grace, May 3, 1998

Delana Greubel Wentzel '93, sociology, and Mark, daughter, Leah Christine, May 4, 1998

Chelsea Vowels Brown '94, elementary education, and Damon Brown '95, elementary education, son, Maxwell Alexander, May 29, 1998

Sarah Bunker '94, nursing, and Tad, daughter, Katie Elizabeth, April 16, 1998

Angela Conner '94, elementary education, and John, twin sons, Joseph Aaron and Jacob Allen, March 10, 1997

Brooke Fuchs '94, elementary education, and Robert, son, Noah Reed, April 7, 1998

Judith Muehlbauer Hausmann '94, nursing, and Kevin, son, Zachary Robert, April 28, 1998

Kevin Myers '94, economics, and Julia, daughter, Hannah Josephine, May 31, 1998

Richard A. Pace '94, general science, and Carol, son, Hunter Reed, May 1, 1998

Jani Dunlop Reisinger '94, nursing, and Clay, daughter, Alyssa Mae, May 23, 1998

Jonna Preske Schindler '94, psychology, and Jeffrey, daughter, Nora Elizabeth, April 22, 1998

Jill Hortin Titzer '94, elementary education, and Steve, daughter, Annie Marie, April 11, 1998

Maria D. Bedwell '95, business administration, and Eric, son, Jacob Graham, May 2, 1998

Amy Wood Cole '95, Master of Science in Elementary Education, and Duane, son, Jackson Reilly, May 22, 1998

D. Jason Craig '95, business administration, and Amy, daughter, Chaselyn Jayne, May 1, 1998

Alumnus to publish Inside USI Sports tab

Paul A.C. Jourdan '79 of Eagle Publications, Inc., in Evansville plans to launch a tabloid publication this fall featuring coverage of the



University of Southern Indiana athletic program.

Tentatively titled *The Screamin' Eagle—Inside USI Sports*, the newspaper will come out weekly from November through March.

Jourdan said the publication will report on the nationally recognized men's and women's basketball teams and will provide coverage of every USI sport. Staff members will include Eric Crawford, a sports reporter for *The Evansville Press*, who will serve as editor; Pete Hillenbrand '88, associate editor; and Donna Bayer '78, office manager.

Those interested in receiving a complimentary premiere issue should call 812/985-3445 and leave their name and address, or write to: Eagle Publications, Inc., 7717 Hogue Road, Evansville, IN 47712.

Teresa R. Crissup '95, elementary education, and Joseph, son, Jacob Kendall, April 18, 1998

Bernard Deckard '95, general science, and Lisa, daughter, Hayley Morgan, May 27, 1998

Lee Ann Jones Kiesel '95, respiratory therapy, and Mark, daughter, Abby Michelle, June 3, 1998

Matthew J. Raaf '95, mechanical engineering technology, and Kelly, daughter, Malea Rose, May 18, 1998

Todd Topper '95, history, and Kitty, son, Thomas Kevin, April 21, 1998

Holly Welte Martin '96, health services, and Trent, daughter, Claire Marie, April 30, 1998

Cutee R. Neff '96, business administration, and Ward, daughter, Olivia Lyn, May 20, 1998

Chad Sanderson '96, English, and Alison, son, Shane Zachary, February 15, 1998

Sherry Aud Singer '96, elementary education, and Roy, daughter, Alex Rae, June 12, 1998

Erin Bledsoe Sizemore '96, business administration, and Mike Sizemore '97, communications, son, Brandon Michael, April 3, 1998

Thomas Dahlquist '97, Master of Science in Education, and Nanette, daughter, Lillia Rose, June 9, 1998

Julie Vandeveer '97, communications, and John, daughter, Olivia Jane, May 30, 1998

Kimberly D. Wilson '97, Master of Social Work, and Ryan, son, Nathan Drew, April 16, 1998

Steven R. Wozniak '97, science-teaching, and Margo J. Walker, daughter, Halley, May 24, 1998

Dana W. Farmer '98, accounting, and Roger, son Riley Brian, April 30, 1998

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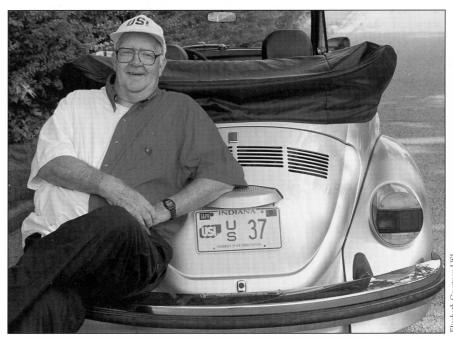
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