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ON THE COVER

Dr. H. Ray Hoops was inaugurated as the second president of the University of Southern Indiana in March. He wears the presidential medallion newly created for this event and donated by Melvin and Anne Denner and family. At its center the bronze medallion bears a 3-inch reproduction of the presidential seal; on the back of the medallion appear the names and dates of appointment of the University's presidents. A gold chain of thirty links, signifying the University's thirty years, holds the medallion. Goelzhauser and Killian Jewelers of Evansville created the chain; the company's co-owner Doug Killian is a University alumnus (1990). Bruce H. Baker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Carol, generously donated the chain. Photo credit: Erik Photographic Studio.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

What a year! USI's first presidential inauguration, first national basketball championship for our Screaming Eagles, and 985 seniors graduating in the 25th commencement exercises. It feels a lot like the university is coming of age.

Our Alumni Association is popping with pride too. This year we reached beyond home turf for the first time to start two new alumni chapters in Dubois County and the Greater Indianapolis area, published our second alumni directory, offered our alumni a career workshop, established three annual internship stipends for students enrolled in a for-credit but unpaid internship, and joined with the Student Government Association to begin work on a group dedicated to educating state legislators about the special needs of USI. And we keep on growing. Counting the most recent graduates, our association has swelled to 12,084 members.

This legion of generous and committed alumni has built our proudest achievement over the years: establishment of the Alumni Scholarship Endowment, which currently generates \$16,045 a year.

We put these earnings to work, annually providing 25 scholarships and grants to students on campus, as well as giving out the internship stipends mentioned above.

This year marks my tenth year on the Alumni Council, the first six ex-officio as your representative on the USI Board of Trustees and the last four as an elected Council member. Thank you for your steadfast support. It has been a privilege to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

Carole Rust

Carole D. Rust '77
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John Byrd selected as vice president for Student Affairs

Dr. John W. Byrd, who has held leadership positions at the University of Evansville since 1978, has been selected as vice president for Student Affairs at USI, replacing Dr. Donald Bennett, who retired. Dr. Byrd will direct the student services efforts on the campus.



Since joining USI, Dr. Byrd has concentrated his efforts on enrollment management issues, putting strategies in place to assure stability and growth in USI's enrollment as it seeks to assist the State of Indiana in meeting its goals of increased postsecondary participation. In addition

to his work with admissions and student financial assistance, Dr. Byrd will be leading initiatives to develop and enrich opportunities in campus life and to develop a ten-year plan for student housing. Although a new building to accommodate 64 additional students will open this fall, all the available 1,400 spaces in student housing are expected to be full.

Dr. Byrd received a B.S. and M.Ed. from the University of Missouri, and Ph.D. in education from Southern Illinois University.

Evansville Courier plants 150 trees to mark its 150th anniversary

Native southern Indiana trees, 150 in number, were planted on the campus this spring. The trees are a gift from *The Evansville Courier* to commemorate the newspaper's 150th anniversary observance in 1995.

marker for the trees to express our intent: "These trees shall be our books."

Dr. H. Ray Hoops, president of USI, expressed the appreciation of the University community, saying, "These trees not

The relationship of *The Evansville Courier* and the community is the focus of the anniversary celebration. Tom Tuley, president and editor of *The Courier*, said the USI campus was chosen as the site for the trees because it is a "highly visible" site. During the dedication of the trees, Tuley remarked, "...we picked up a line from Shakespeare's *As You Like It* to use on the campus



The new grove of trees is located south of the Robert Orr Center.

only will have a wonderful visual impact, but will contribute to the environmental well being of the campus. This is a thoughtful gift to the entire southern Indiana community. Visitors and students will be able to enjoy these native trees for generations to come."

Colonial Garden Centers designed the grove of trees and supplied the plantings.

Job Hotline offers alumni new service

From a touch tone telephone, USI alumni and students will be able to access a job vacancy listing beginning this summer with the Office of Career Services and Placement. The Job Hotline will offer weekly updates of new positions.

A menu system will allow users to select job categories (i.e. education, business, communications...) in which they have an interest. Information available, if provided by the employer, will be company name, job title, special qualifications, application deadline, contact name, mailing address, and phone number.

Details regarding on-campus interviewing seasons, special events, internship and co-op vacancies, and programs and services also will be available.

Alumni who are interested in using the Job Hotline should call the Career Services Office at 812/464-1865 for full information and the Job Hotline number. There is no charge for the service.

Jerome Cain named dean of School of Science and Engineering Technology

Dr. Jerome R. Cain, assistant to the provost at Illinois State University since 1986, has been appointed dean of the School of Science and Engineering Technology effective August 1.

Dr. Cain has been at Illinois State — a doctoral degree-granting university of 19,000 students — for 20 years. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and has continued to serve as a tenured professor since accepting the full-time administrative duties.

A native of Piqua, Ohio, he earned B.A. and M.S. degrees in botany from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

Gifts strengthen scholarship opportunities

Alma Schulien Baker Charitable Trust will help fund scholarships

USI Board chairman Bruce Baker was instrumental in directing a gift of nearly \$1 million from the estate of his late Aunt Alma Schulien Baker to USI. Along with co-administrator of the trust, Harold Ashley of Florida, Mr. Baker specified that 75 percent of the USI income would fund academic scholarships, including those for Warrick County students, and 25 percent will fund scholarships, especially for students who have completed their athletic eligibility. At the announcement of the gift President Hoops said, "We express the heartfelt thanks of the future generations of students who will benefit from your vision and generosity."

Mrs. Baker was a secretary and was working at the Community Center when she met Paul T. Baker, whom she married in 1934. He retired from the Army as a full colonel in 1944 and moved to Jacksonville, Florida. He died in 1973 and Mrs. Baker died in 1994.



Law partners Thomas R. Fitzsimmons, left, Thomas H. Bryan, and Danny E. Glass established the Hatfield Presidential Scholarship in memory of Joe S. Hatfield, a prominent Evansville attorney who practiced law for nearly 50 years.

Hatfield Presidential Scholarship established by local law firm

Evansville law firm Fine & Hatfield has established a \$20,000 Presidential Scholarship in memory of Joe S. Hatfield, a former law partner who died in 1993.

The law partners agreed that the firm wanted to invest in the community that

supports their endeavors and they wanted to invest in the next generation. Thomas R. Fitzsimmons, managing partner, said, "This scholarship is important because it attracts good students to USI and good people to Evansville."

Law partner Danny E. Glass said, "What Joe Hatfield stood for in this community should not be forgotten. He had integrity and his opponents respected him. I doubt he ever made an enemy. He was a mentor to me and my generation. He was a gentleman. With this scholarship we can continue to honor the man."

"A man who loved the law," is how partner Thomas H. Bryan remembers Hatfield. "He guided those new to the profession like a teacher and he often used personal experiences to enlighten young lawyers." A devoted family man, Hatfield's distinguished career was lauded by Evansville attorneys when they presented him the 1981 James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award for his scholarly and innovative work.

The Hatfield Presidential Scholarship will join other named Presidential Scholarships in bringing to the USI campus students who finish first or second in their high school graduating class. The full four-year scholarship provides for fees, books, and room and board. Currently 76 Presidential Scholars attend USI.

Dunbars honor retired teacher

A scholarship to honor former Central High School teacher Miss Mabel Weiss, 97, was established by Central High School alumni Martha Dunbar (class of 1943) and her brother Paul (class of 1947), now residents of Chico, California. The scholarship lauds the work of Miss Weiss, an English teacher for 45 years who retired in 1972. They credit their success to the message of Miss Weiss for "hard work, study, thrift, initiative, and personal

responsibility in one's life." Following high school graduation and work on advanced degrees, the Dunbars continued professional careers in education; he in middle-management at Chico State University and she as a teacher and speech therapist in Sunnyvale, California.

The first recipient of the Dunbar Scholarship is Michelle Gross, a

1995 Central High School graduate, who will attend USI this fall. The daughter of Diana and Dennis Gross, Michelle was active in concert choir, German Club, Drama Club, Pep Club, and Business Professionals of America at Central. She plans to major in secondary education with an emphasis in math.

Michelle Gross, right, met Miss Mabel Weiss and President Hoops, center, during a press conference announcing the Dunbar Scholarship which honors the distinguished teaching career of Miss Weiss.



INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF H. RAY HOOPS

R eflections On Today

I think it is proper, at times like this, to reflect on the purpose which ceremony and its inherent symbolism plays for institutions and individuals. Since, at best, as Cureton¹ noted, ceremonies can reflect reality—never create it—it is important to consider what the passing of this presidential medallion today represents. I am certainly aware that it does not represent an honor of me, though I am honored to be a part of the celebration of this great institution. The University of Southern Indiana is being celebrated today as an institution; its past accomplishments, the present contribution to Evansville, Southern Indiana and the Tri-State Region, and the future it represents to untold generations of students. A university is the sum total of the efforts of a great many individuals, but a fine university is much greater than the sum of its individual parts. The University of Southern Indiana represents hope in a way few American institutions can. If we were celebrating the accomplishments of any one man here today, and I know he rejects that idea as absolutely as do I, it would be those of David Rice, my predecessor. Though he has been introduced today, I would like to ask him to stand again to receive my personal thanks. And I would like to ask all of you to join me in extending them.

Though this is not my day, it does allow me to do a deeply personal thing. It lets me introduce a group of people who are more important to me than anything—my family—to this community.

The Past

The University of Southern Indiana is an institution with a unique history. A short 30 years ago, it did not exist in any form and it has been a university in its present form for a short ten years. Though

served by a fine private university, the Evansville region was one of the largest population/geographic regions of this country unserved by public higher education. A group of far-sighted, public-spirited individuals understood what a void the absence of a public university created in Evansville and the surrounding area. This group of individuals understood, well ahead of the collective national consciousness, that as a nation, urban concentrations are the social and economic engines of their regions and states, and that access to higher education is essential for quality

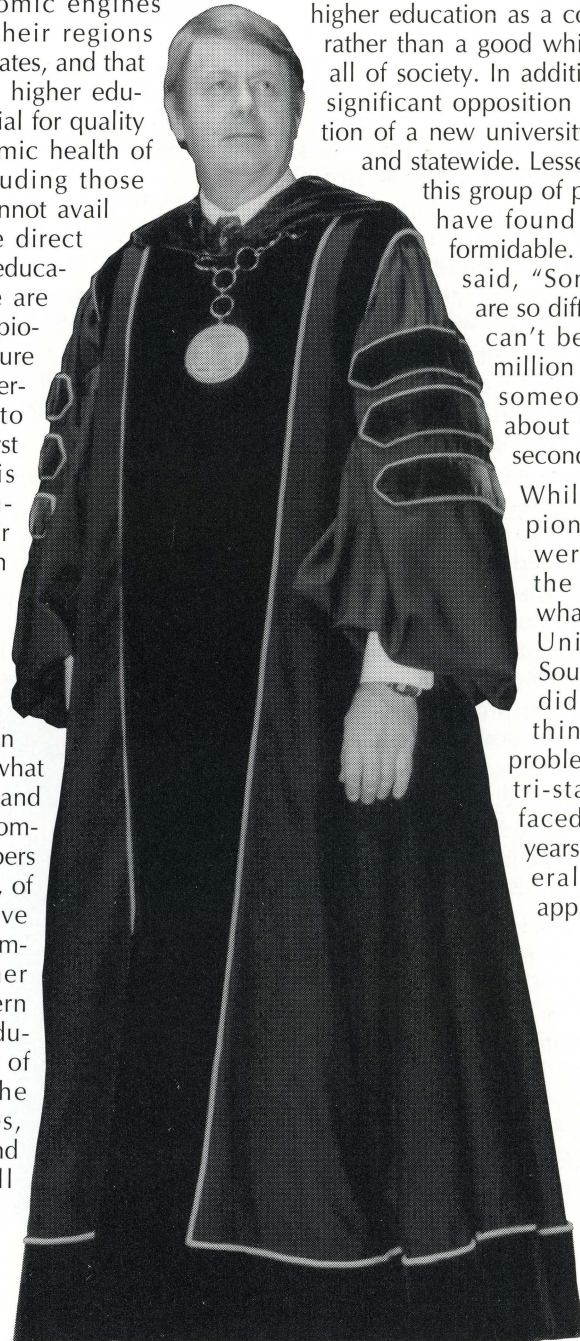
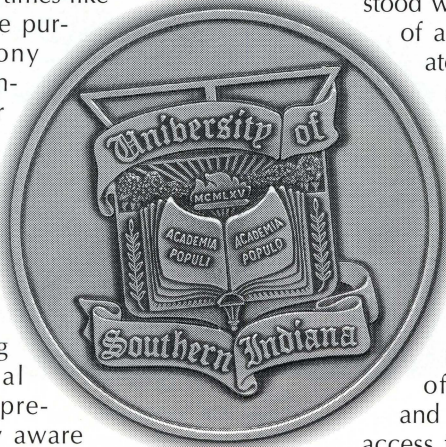
of life and economic health of all citizens, including those who do not or cannot avail themselves of the direct benefits of higher education. In effect, we are here to honor the pioneers who made sure that this great university came into existence in the first place. Since this was truly a community effort, their numbers are legion and individual contributions are immense. Many of them are here today and I am pleased that we can share the pride in what their initial vision and hard work has accomplished. The members of local leadership, of our state legislative delegation, the Commission on Higher Education, Southern Indiana Higher Education, the Board of Incorporators, the Board of Trustees, the Foundation, and those two small

groups of individuals who staked their personal futures on the prospects of what was just an idea—the first small group of students and the first small group of faculty—are what this inauguration is all about.

The task they had before them at that time was not a simple one. It is not an accident that the past thirty years have not seen the creation of more than a small number of new public institutions of higher education. This institution has been forced to come into existence and to grow in a period in which public higher education has been under increasing scrutiny. It has been a period characterized by retrenchment rather than growth, and increased emphasis on higher education as a consumer good rather than a good which accrues to all of society. In addition, there was significant opposition to the formation of a new university both locally and statewide. Lesser people than

this group of pioneers might have found the task too formidable. H. L. Menken said, "Some problems are so difficult that they can't be solved in a million years, unless someone thinks about them for five seconds."

While I think the pioneers who were present at the genesis of what became the University of Southern Indiana did more than think about a problem this entire tri-state region faced some thirty years ago, the general principle applies. The iron

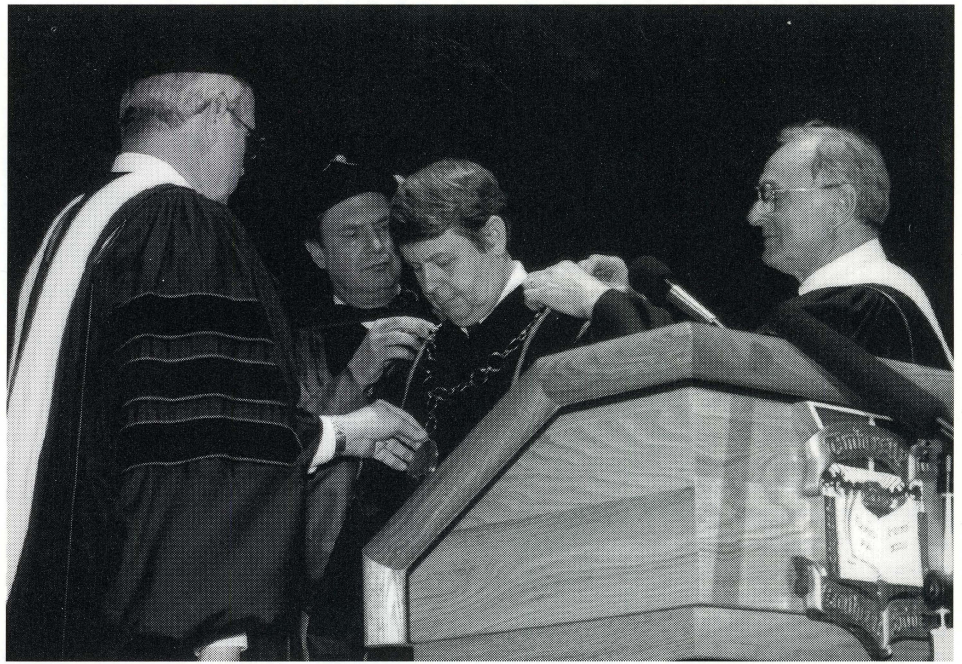


will to see this university in place was fired in a furnace of difficulty to become a steel resolve. Not only was there determination from that group of pioneers, there was a series of exceptionally far-sighted judgments for which individuals yet unborn will be grateful. It is safe to say that no emerging university has ever been better served by good planning than has University of Southern Indiana.

The Present

And look at the result! From a few students and faculty in the old Centennial School, the University of Southern Indiana rises on a modern campus, a university of medium size, providing a wide range of services to a community and a region that most of us would have trouble conceiving in the university's absence. The greatest formula for success in any enterprise is represented by need coupled with a will and a capacity to fill that need. It is no accident that this effort produced one of the most rapidly-growing universities in the United States. The enrollment of the University of Southern Indiana has grown 97 percent in the ten years since it became a university, and 45 percent in the past five years. Certainly, the support of this community, unequalled in this entire country, has combined with the great unmet educational needs of this region to contribute to this result. But the fact remains that the University of Southern Indiana has provided, continues, and will in the future provide dedicated, focused, quality service to the tri-state region from the exceptional dedication of a fine group of faculty and staff. The most remarkable thing about the University of Southern Indiana is that dedication to provide the educational services needed, no matter what those may be or what they may become. Educational institutions are like all others. Without vigilance they may come to suffer from inertia and become moribund and unresponsive.

This is a university whose history, present, and future reflect change. We are fond of saying, "Don't fall in love with the University of Southern Indiana, for tomorrow, it will be a different university." That is an important commitment. This university exists for a sole purpose, public service. Since the needs of all the various constituencies of the university have changed and will continue to



Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bruce Baker, left, conducted the Investiture Ceremony, during which H. Ray Hoops received the symbols of office, including the Presidential Medallion, which Academic Affairs Vice President Robert Reid, center, and President Emeritus David Rice, right, affixed to his academic regalia.

change, the University of Southern Indiana is pledged to growing and changing to meet those needs. With all the change we have seen in the past ten years, think for a moment what the result will be of another decade with a similar amount of growth and change. The idea is both exhilarating and frightening.

It is good to recognize here and now, that although the University of Southern Indiana has come a long way, it still has a long way to go to be everything that this community and region needs. There are still extensive unmet educational needs and the challenge will be to develop the capacity to meet those needs. It will not be an easy task.

It is important to consider for a moment the condition under which this spectacular growth has taken place. The past ten years have not been easy ones for American higher education. No nation offers the overall quality of undergraduate educational experiences that are available in colleges and universities throughout the United States. No nation has higher overall standards of research in university settings. And no nation approaches the diversity, excellence, and quality of the graduate and professional programs provided by our system of higher education.

During much of the past ten-year period, we suffered from an economic recession that has been longer, deeper, and more recalcitrant than anticipated. As a percentage of overall state spending, the amount given to colleges and universities has been shrinking since 1982. The problem of the underfunding of higher education in America today is more than a temporary consequence of the past recession; it is also the result of a structural transformation in the relationship between the federal government and the states—a result of the devolution of fiscal responsibility to the states over the past ten years for an ever-increasing array of social programs without the fiscal mechanisms to pay for them. Though that may be changing, it was certainly a factor in the struggle of the University of Southern Indiana for scarce resources. In spite of the difficult period of its genesis and development, the present of the University of Southern Indiana is healthy, stable, and secure. To come to this status during the difficult time for higher education in the past decade is an immense accomplishment. And the University of Southern Indiana, as it exists now, represents a much-needed and currently-valued approach to higher education.

Ernest Boyer has called for the "creation of a new American College."² He char-

acterizes that new American college as one which places a high emphasis on teaching and education of and interaction with students, which deemphasizes the basic research role in favor of focused, need-based applied research, and which is responsive to the needs of its community. That is the University of Southern Indiana. This is a university where all students, starting with basic freshman courses, are taught by a gifted, engaged faculty dedicated to teaching. We are an institution which provides a rigorous quality education which places high demands on our students, but in a welcoming and nurturing environment. The institution is dedicated to all students, not just a small few identified as conventional and gifted. The degree of divergence is remarkable—from entering freshmen, full-time students graduating at the top of their classes, to approximately 30 percent of our student body which is called "non-traditional." And the University of Southern Indiana has come a long way in meeting the needs of the Evansville community and all the diversity that the tri-state region represents. For now, the job is being very well done and the enthusiasm of this community for this university, coupled with the high level of satisfaction and involvement in their university by our alumni, provides dramatic testimony.

The Future

But we all know that this University has a long way to go to become all it can be for its students and for this region. I have been struck here at the very sophisticated understanding of further academic

needs articulated by virtually every citizen of the tri-state region which I meet. A Housing & Urban Development (HUD) document concluded, "The economic spinoffs from higher education institutions to their locales are immense."³ The next ten years of development will see the University of Southern Indiana make dramatic strides in that contribution. I believe it is the future of this university to become a regionally responsive, needs driven, comprehensive urban university. And it is in such universities modeled after Ernest Boyer's "new American College" that the next great societal, educational, and economic strides will come in this country.

The development of a comprehensive, urban-based university system is important for any region. The urban areas of this country are populated by individuals, large numbers of which are place bound. Expansion of the status of education of citizens of this country finds the urban regions a fertile unserved opportunity.

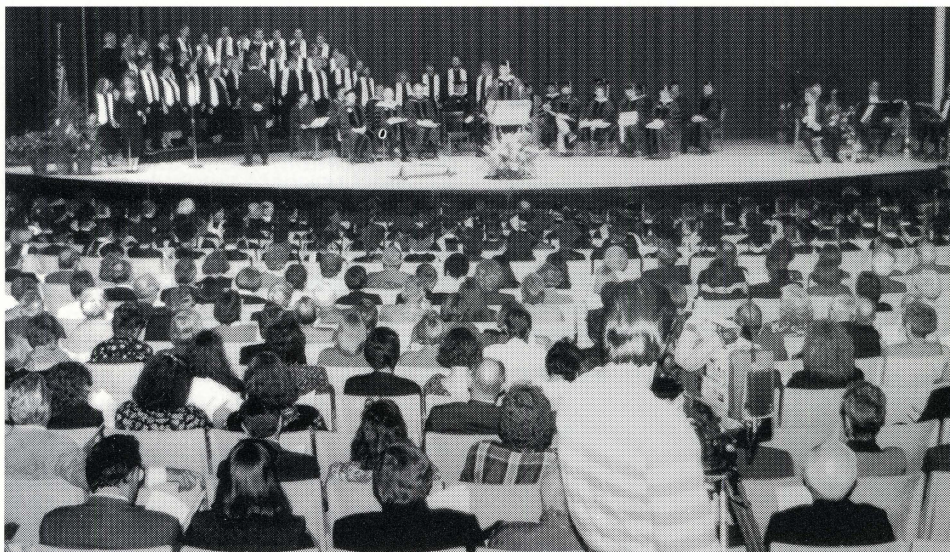
If we were to identify the key events in American higher education, I believe they would be:

- The Morrill Act, signed into law by Abraham Lincoln, which made this the first nation to commit to higher education, long the province of scions of wealthy and powerful families, to citizens not holding great wealth.
- World War II, which imprinted on the nation's consciousness the importance of the very existence to the nation of a university system providing trained minds and research for national security.

- The G.I. Bill, which established the economic importance of broadening access to higher education beyond a small intellectual elite.
- The launch of Sputnik, which demonstrated dramatically that continued support of and investment in higher education were necessary if this nation were not to lose its competitive edge with dire consequences.

The next great transition both this country and higher education must make is a commitment to lifetime education. If this country is to fulfill both its economic and social promise or even to meet that which is minimally expected of both the economy and its citizens, a significant proportion of this population will need to continue its education across an entire span of its collective life. Our local communities, our states, this country, and the entire globe have become so complicated that higher education will be required of all citizens of the future. I believe we are on the verge of that next key event in American higher education. That will be the conversion of our society and our higher education system from stressing learning for a finite period in an individual's life to that of learning for a lifetime, and I believe it will be the universities with an urban base and close ties to the needs of the communities which will lead the way. The University of Southern Indiana is well positioned for that future.

According to a 1992 report from the Association of Governing Boards, "The urgent development and a perfection of urban postsecondary education is the single most important task facing higher education right now."⁴ Furthermore, in her Inaugural Address at Portland State University, Judith Ramaley said, "A metropolitan community supported by an excellent university can become one large learning environment, where men and women of all backgrounds and experiences can engage in a genuine civic conversation that will slowly create a truly pluralistic society—one in which members of diverse ethnic, racial, religious, or social groups can maintain a sense of individual identity and develop their traditional culture or special interests, while participating in a common civilization created around a core of common values. It is the role of the university to serve as the common ground, the place where these values can be sustained."⁵



Goldstein and Lugar's study of the economic impact of a university indicated, "As centers of technology transfer in their regions, universities are rapidly becoming the institutions with the resources to provide a stream of know-how and human capital to their respective regions that can serve as the fuel for innovation entrepreneurship, and regional synergy."⁶

A recent article in *The Evansville Courier* quoted a Coopers and Lybrand survey which indicated that, "Companies that avail themselves of college and university resources have productivity rates 59 percent higher than companies that don't."

Ernest Boyer also said, "Higher education has more intellectual talent than any other institution in our culture. Today, colleges and universities surely must respond to the challenges that confront our children, our schools, and our cities just as land grant colleges responded to the needs of agriculture and industry a century ago."⁸

The challenges before us are immense. However, the University of Southern Indiana is well positioned to respond to the needs of this region and state for the next decade and into the next century. We have an opportunity to be something special. However, progress, let alone promise, will not be fulfilled without effort, planning, or vigilance. We need all to commit, supporters to continue to be involved in this university, and the university community to continue to respond to the needs of its ever-broadening constituency, if the University of Southern Indiana is to continue its progress toward being an academically-rigorous, community-responsive, comprehensive urban institution.

I want to close with a brief discussion of the principles of learning and education that this university represents and will come increasingly to represent. A writer named Charlie Gant, cursed in his judgment with a photographic memory, used to put citations in his work that read simply, "Not my words, don't know whose." I have the feeling that I should do the same for the next set of remarks that I am going to make because these are not original thoughts. The authors of this thinking have been lost on a mountain of background reading over the years. This thinking also represents the broad communications I have had with the fine faculty of the University of Southern Indiana.

At the University of Southern Indiana, we are pledged to the principle that education is more than the sharpening of the mind. Growth in intellectual power or capacity cannot be the sole aim. The real objective of education must be the cultivation of the whole person. No matter how much formal education one has, a person is not really educated if handicapped with psychological inhibitions, if suffering from preventable emotional disease, if handicapped by religious bigotry, or if harboring prejudices against those of other cultures, races, or intellectual persuasion. A liberating education must have a dynamic quality which prepares students to comprehend great issues, to relate those issues to functional life and society, and to mobilize intellectual resources for the resolution of those great issues. The practical cannot be separated from the theoretical.

Education does not occur from a simple ingestion of fact. Unless the individual changes in knowledge, beliefs, or skills and becomes better informed, more

capable, and personally better integrated, it is difficult to see how any real learning has taken place.

Quality education is, after all, the right mix of minds, in an atmosphere conducive to encouraging students to develop the capacity for critical judgment and a sustained independent search for truth, combined with an atmosphere which values and nurtures the intellectual life of the faculty.

Universities are in the business of educating tomorrow's leaders. This means that we must continually be engaged in rethinking the dimensions of that experience and rededicating ourselves to providing an education that will prepare our students to be successful leaders in the twenty-first century. The key elements of an education are timeless, providing a richness of experience and flexibility of mind that enables one to deal with an ever-changing world. These elements, and the excellence with which faculty and administrative colleagues at the University of Southern Indiana pursue the task of education, have made the University of Southern Indiana what it is today. Everyone involved with this fine university and its future is dedicated to seeing the institution, as well as its past, present, and future students develop full potential.

I want to close with a quote John Gottcent of our faculty alerted me to, from the mission statement of the University of Southern Indiana. "American education assumes a link between the truth of an idea and the good it promotes for individuals and society. An educated person can be expected to be not only knowledgeable and more financially secure, but also a better citizen, among whose virtues are tolerance, judgment, and belief in freedom for self and others. These values develop in an atmosphere of open inquiry and pursuit of truth. Therefore, as the University seeks to support education, social and economic growth, and civic and cultural awareness in southwestern Indiana, it will be devoted primarily to preparing students to live wisely."

————— March 17, 1995

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Group effort creates University mace

The University mace, which traditionally represents the authority of the office of the president, was one of the symbols of office created for USI with the initiation of a presidential inauguration. And the invention became a group effort.

Since 1985, the walking stick of Richard Owen, first president of Purdue University who was descended from the Owen family of New Harmony, had been used as the mace at USI. The Inauguration offered an opportunity to create a more traditional mace. Kenny Fisher '77 replicated the walking stick to serve as the shaft of the mace. Gold items donated by USI faculty and friends were melted down for use on the mace, and the entire effort was brought together by Nicholas Logsdon, a jewelry designer of Indianapolis.

Fisher is a furniture designer/ wood craftsman in New York. Originally from Posey County and a student of the sciences while at USI in the late '70s, Fisher volunteered his time and talents to shape a replica of the Owen walking cane. Fisher also created a pedestal for the mace. Jim Sanders, director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, secured wood from the stairs in the 170-year-old former Mansion House of Robert Owen and gave it to Fisher, literally in pieces.

"I enjoyed working with the wood. It was from the staircase that Mr. Owen walked and the handrail that supported him. The wood became alive for me," Fisher confided.

Fisher's connection to New Harmony can be traced to his USI experience. In 1977 Fisher became interested in

wood crafting while enrolled in a woodworking course at USI. The class was his first experience in the creative arts and he found he had the mechanical aptitude and liked working with wood and machinery. He created a clock that stood 12 feet tall with wooden gears that measured over six feet in length. The working clock was on display in the Technology Center through the early '80s. Fisher's clock caught the eye of Jane Blaffer Owen of New Harmony and a friendship developed between the artist and Mrs. Owen.

At the urging of Mrs. Owen and with her help he attended the Rhode Island



USI alumnus and wood craftsman Kenny Fisher '77, left, and Nicholas Logsdon, the mace designer, pose with the University mace, a symbol of authority representing the office of the president, created for the University's first presidential inauguration.

School of Design and studied with Tage Frid, a Danish master woodworker who was the first to teach woodworking at the college level in this country. Today Fisher lives in Brooklyn, about ten blocks from Manhattan across from the Brooklyn Bridge, and counts among his clients actress Stephanie Zimbalist and members of the Mellon family and the Owen family.

"The opportunity to fabricate the wood shaft of the mace and design the pedestal was a way for me to work on an important campus legacy in the best way I could," Fisher said. He contin-

ued, "I wanted the pedestal to complement the mace. Nicholas used square rods so I incorporated squares in the base. Pyramid forms hold the mace for perfect balance."

The University mace designer Nicholas Logsdon created a gold-plated orb to adorn the head of the mace with rings of 14-karat gold featured along the shaft of the mace. Inside the orb is a medallion displaying the president's seal. The free-flowing design of the orb symbolizes the interrelationships among all academic disciplines.

One inch below the orb are three 2-inch solid gold rings which bear the names of Dr. David L. Rice, the founding president; Dr. H. Ray Hoops, USI's current president; and allows space for the names of future presidents. A finial at the tip of the cane bears the names of Kenneth Dale Owen and Jane Blaffer Owen, donors of the mace.

Logsdon said, "I read the literature of USI—the brochures and viewbook that prospective students see—and then I came to Evansville and toured the campus, expecting to find in the architecture a direction for the mace. The campus was so clean and so contemporary that I wanted the mace to have that contemporary feel"

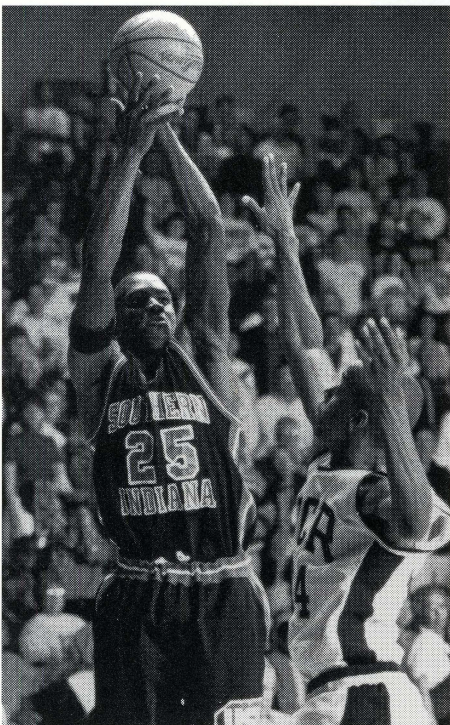
The two art pieces—the mace and the pedestal—came together on March 16, the day before the Inauguration when the two men met for the first time in the office of Sherrienne Standley, vice president for University Relations. They had talked and corresponded about creating the pieces. Now both were animated with the results. Their smiles affirmed the beauty of the combined work that stands as a treasure symbolizing the value and strength of the institution.

For the first time in the history of the University of Southern Indiana, the school claimed an NCAA Division II national championship.

In what has been described as one of the greatest comebacks of all time, the Screaming Eagles of USI recovered from a 22-point deficit in the championship game and defeated the Highlanders of the University of California at Riverside, 71-63, in Louisville, Kentucky, the host city for the Elite Eight competition in March.

Seniors Brian Huebner (Evansville, Indiana), a guard, and Cortez Barnes (Wichita, Kansas), a forward, were standouts in the championship game. Huebner, who was named to the Elite Eight All-Tournament team, led the Eagles with 18 points, while Barnes, who was the CBS/Chevrolet Most Valuable Player, added 14 points and tied for the team lead in rebounds with 10.

During the tournament, it was announced that Stan Gouard, pictured below, (Danville, Illinois) was named the NABC National Player of the Year and first team All-American. Gouard set a USI single season record for points (623) and steals (66).



CBS sports announcer Dick Stockton interviewed Coach Pearl just minutes after the championship game. Pearl, who was named Coach of the Year for Division II, is in his third year as USI's head coach of men's basketball. Coach Pearl directed the Eagles to their best season in school history with 29 wins, 4 losses, and the national championship title. At USI Pearl has coached two players named national Player of the Year; four players named All-American; one player named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year; three players named GLVC Newcomer of the Year; and three players named first team All-GLVC. The game was broadcast nationally by CBS.



Indiana Governor Evan Bayh welcomed President Hoops, right, Coach Bruce Pearl, left, and members of the national championship team in his office at the State House on the day the legislature adopted resolutions honoring the Eagles.

(PICTURED RIGHT INSET) USI's Brian Huebner led the Eagle comeback with 18 points, 15 coming in the second half. Down 62-57 with 3:27 remaining, Huebner drove to the basket and missed a layup, but followed with a tip-in to pull the Eagles to within three. On the next play, Huebner grabbed a key defensive rebound and nailed a three-pointer from the corner to tie the score at 62.

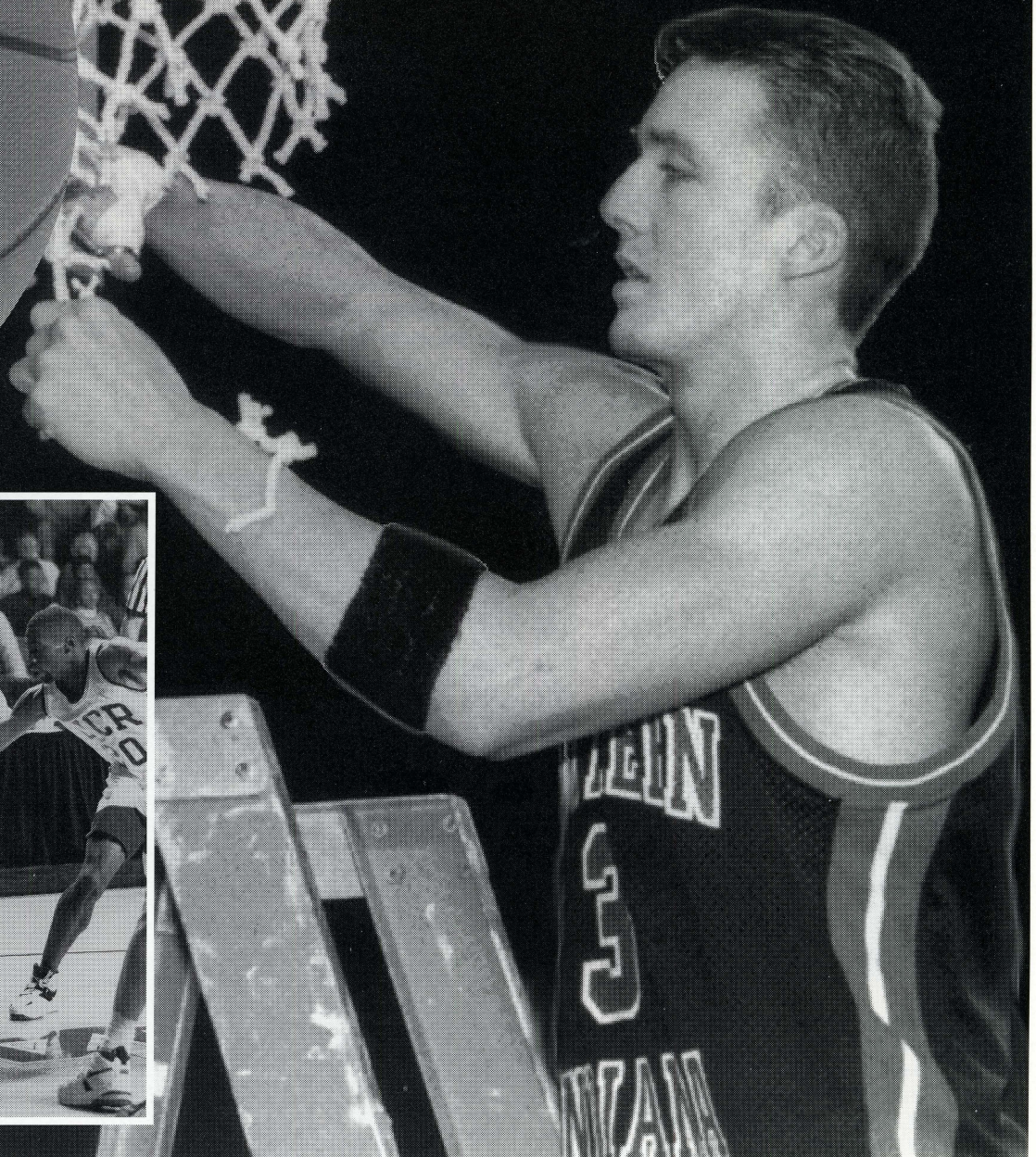
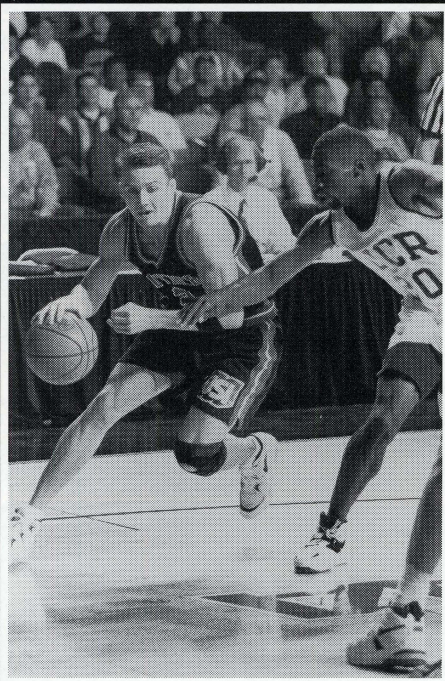
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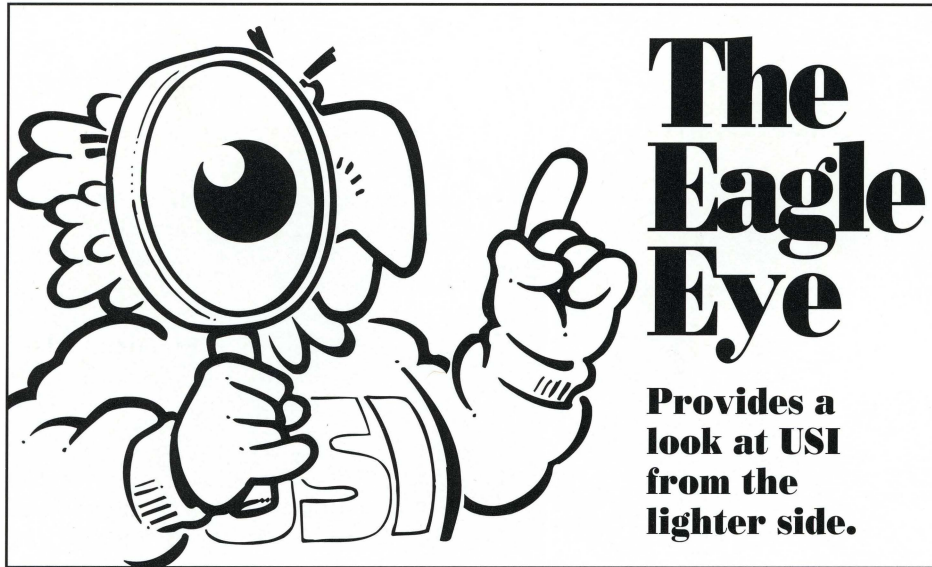


Screaming Eagle fans, on their feet for much of the second half of the championship game, numbered over 4,000 at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

Southern Indiana

CAA Division II National Champions





Life in the Malbork Hostel was very different for them. On previous trips, we stayed in modern hotels and now we were in rooms with bunk beds. There was chagrin over the lack of space for the women, with 18 in one room. Late in the trip we visited Stutthof, a German concentration camp in northern Poland. When the students saw that prisoners of this camp slept three and four to a bunk, they returned to the Hostel with much less complaining.

The most memorable events came at two of the concerts. The first concert we gave was in a small Catholic Church in Malbork, a church about the size of Aldersgate Methodist in Evansville. The sanctuary holds about 400 people, but crammed into this hall were at least 600, huddled together to allow as many in the room as possible. The audience was so close to me, my arms would bump into the Poles as I was conducting. An additional 200 or more people waited outside to see us or get a little sample of our music. We received flowers after this and every concert we performed.

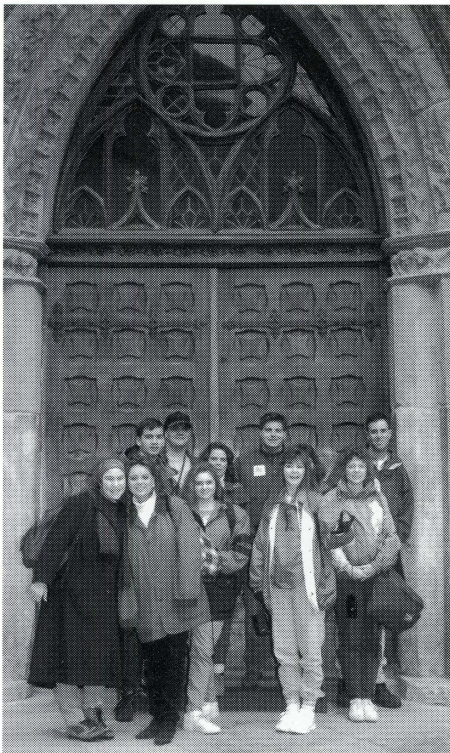
The second concert of note was at the Castle of the Teutonic Knights in Malbork, the largest castle in the world. We sang many of the Polish songs I

Polish concerts memorable

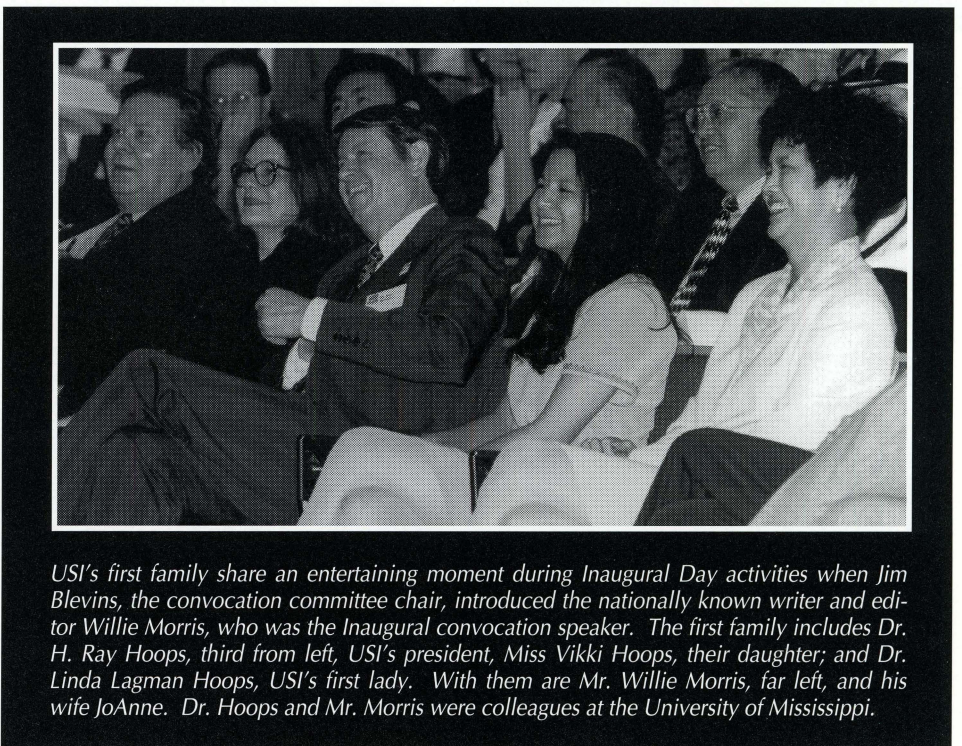
by Daniel R. Craig, *USI director of music and director of the Mid-America Singers*

It was interesting to watch the singers' reactions. Many had never flown; many had never been out of the coun-

try. Some were shocked and scared when we took off from Chicago O'Hare. When we arrived at Warsaw, all were glued to the windows to get a glimpse of this different land. At our first food stop in the six-hour journey to Malbork, culture shock was evident. Many students were afraid to order because they didn't understand Polish currency or eating customs. They rejoiced when they found M&Ms and Pepsi on the menu.



The USI students toured Poland during the 1995 spring break performing in four cities. One of the purposes of the trip was to learn and share Polish music. Some members of the chorus posed before the Cathedral of Frombork.



USI's first family share an entertaining moment during Inaugural Day activities when Jim Blevins, the convocation committee chair, introduced the nationally known writer and editor Willie Morris, who was the Inaugural convocation speaker. The first family includes Dr. H. Ray Hoops, third from left, USI's president, Miss Vikki Hoops, their daughter; and Dr. Linda Lagman Hoops, USI's first lady. With them are Mr. Willie Morris, far left, and his wife JoAnne. Dr. Hoops and Mr. Morris were colleagues at the University of Mississippi.

had collected on a July trip with Larry Goss, USI professor of engineering technology. We had a standing-room-only crowd and applause lasted 45 to 60 seconds after each song. When we sang our first Polish song ("Prayer for Peace"), the audience wept. We had prepared "Rorando Coeli" — which was performed at the investiture of President Hoops — and performed it with the Cantores Malborienses (the high school girls choir from Malbork) and the Lutnia Choir (the town adult choir), for a total of more than 100 voices singing this beautiful music. We ended the concert with all three choirs singing "Hewenu Shalom Alechem (And let the peace be with us)," in seven languages. This was the highlight of my entire career.

I saw a great transformation in many of the students. First they were scared. Then came culture shock. Once the singers were able to interact with Polish families at meals and social functions, they began to feel at home. On the last night there were tears and rejoicing and mixed feelings. Many of us did not want to leave because we understood the culture better and were having the time of our lives, but we were anxious to get home to our families and USI.

We especially want to recognize the generosity of donors who helped to finance this wonderful trip. Our special appreciation to Drs. William and Trudy Mitchell, Dr. Aline Nunn Renner, Dr. Rebecca Nunn Couch, and Mr. Fred Riechmann for their loyal support of our programs.

The USI alliance thrives

The Joanne Wright family photographs are in their rightful place, thanks to the alertness of Tonia Arnold Mays '72. Mrs. Mays is a customer services supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service in Kokomo, Indiana. While examining a "lost" package, she noticed the name of Byron Wright, Joanne's husband, on stationary in the package. She remembered the name from an article in last summer's issue of this publication. She mailed the package to the USI Alumni Affairs office with a letter that read, "Being a '72 graduate I recog-

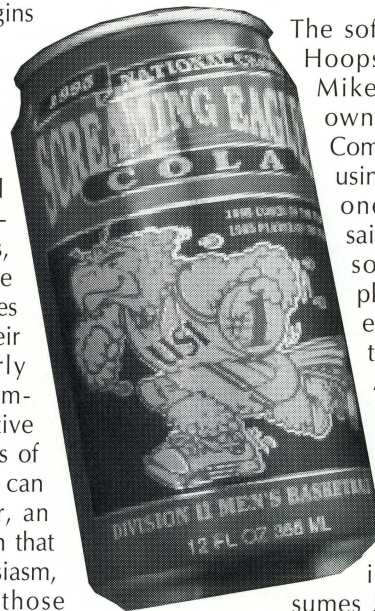
nized the name of Byron Wright from the alumni magazine. Perhaps you can "get these home". Thanks to her thoughtful efforts, the photographs were returned to the Wrights demonstrating how far the USI connection stretches!

Share your recollections of USI's early years

When the fall semester begins in August, the University will observe the 30th year of the opening of the campus. USI alumni, faculty, and staff who attended classes at Centennial School, in the Science Center on the current campus, or participated in one of the early graduation ceremonies are encouraged to send their recollections of the early years, which will be compiled into a commemorative look at the formative years of the University. Comments can be in the form of a letter, an essay, or a short paragraph that relays the spirit, the enthusiasm, and the challenges of those important days in the history of USI. Please include your name and your area of study along with an address and mail to the Editor, News and Information Services, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712; fax to 812/464-1956; or email to kfunke,ucs@smtp.usi.edu We will need your comments by August 1.

National title brings USI soft drinks to Indiana

Two months after winning the NCAA Division II basketball national championship, the Screaming Eagles had their own line of soft drinks. Creative Beverage Company (CBC) of Evansville launched the soda campaign in late April. The soft drinks come in five flavors: cola, citrus, diet citrus, lemon-line, and Dr. Hoops.

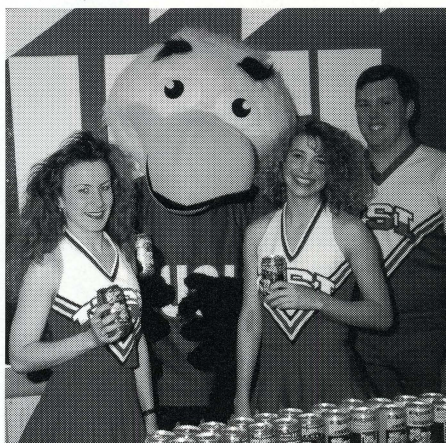


The soft drink carrying the Dr. Hoops label was the idea of Mike Smith, president and owner of Creative Beverage Company. "I couldn't pass up using the Dr. Hoops label for one of the drinks", Smith said. "Our creative team was so high on the idea and pleased that USI's president even reluctantly agreed to the label's name." Rowe Advertising of Evansville did the design work for the can labels.

Coach Bruce Pearl said, "CBC told us every man, woman, and child in the United States consumes 50 gallons of soft drinks per year. I would like to see them drinking Screaming Eagles cola and the other great tasting flavors."

Pearl added, "We may be able to use it as an intimidating factor. I like the idea of visiting teams drinking Screaming Eagle soda during halftime!"

The beverages are stocked in local retail outlets. A portion of the proceeds from the beverage sales will go to USI activities, including the Athletic Department. Alumni interested in ordering case allotments can call the University Relations Office, 812/464-1902.



Archibald Eagle, the USI mascot, samples Screaming Eagles soft drinks with cheerleaders Rebecca Carney, left, Allison Barclay, and Shon Hough.

Alumni Association honors five with awards

Special Recognition Award

Dr. William Mitchell

scholarships for USI nursing students, providing a state-of-the-art interactive classroom system in the Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center, and helping the Mid-America Singers make their Spring Break trip to Poland, among others.

Dr. Mays, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services, began teaching at USI in 1973 and annually oversees the placement of

assisting with the USI Phonathon and many career development programs -- Career Exploration, Alumni Career Workshop, and Day on the Job, among others. He also is still active with Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and continues to be one of USI's "biggest cheerleaders" in the community and Tri-State. He is co-owner of Lake Investments, Inc. and Thomas Floral & Marketing Wholesale, Evansville.

Ms. Becker has worked for many years in the Indiana General Assembly on programs to improve and sustain USI. She was instrumental in the University achieving status as a separate institution, having guided legislation creating a Board of Incorporators for a Separate State University in Southwestern Indiana in 1984 and the following year, working for passage of legislation establishing the University of Southern Indiana. She was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 1981 and currently is chair of the House

Public Health Committee and a member of the Courts and Criminal Code Committee and the Public Safety Committee. She is a long-time board member of Ark Crisis Prevention Nursery and advisory board member for St. Mary's Medical Center.

Faculty Recognition Award

Dr. Robert E. Mays

more than 500 students in field experiences. The student-teaching program he initiated and oversees was recognized by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education 15 years ago as one of the top 35 in the nation, out of more than 900 programs considered. He also has been honored for his long-time work with the Head Start program and was chosen by former Governor Robert D. Orr to serve as a conference evaluator for the Governor's White House Conference on Children and Youth. He was one of six selected by the Indiana Department of Education to evaluate the state's Prime Time program and he currently serves on a U.S. Department of Education review panel for special programs such as Upward Bound, Talent Search, Educational Opportunity centers, and Special Services for Disadvantaged Students.

Hall's service to the University began in his undergraduate years, at then ISUE, when he was appointed by the governor as the first student trustee to represent the Evansville campus on the Indiana State University Board. He was a leader with various student groups and continues that affiliation through the USI Alumni Association,

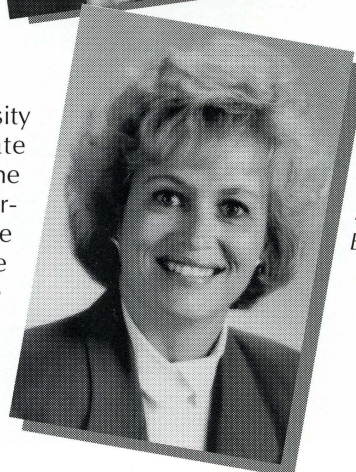
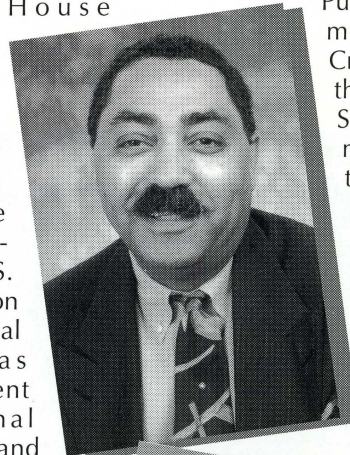


Special Recognition Award

Dr. Trudy Mitchell

Alumni Service Award

Mr. Gregory T. Hall '84



Distinguished Alumni Award

State Rep. Vaneta G. Becker '94

Five people were honored at the annual Senior Reception and Dinner for their service to the campus and the community.

For more than 16 years Bill and Trudy Mitchell have been among USI friends who have sustained the University not only financially, but also many times by setting the pace to assure progress and growth. Dr. Mitchell has been a USI Foundation Board member since 1981 and his wife has shared his efforts in planning and raising funds for the University Home, providing annual

ALUMNI TODAY

1970s

Jack L. Van Wey '72, marketing, is a sales manager for Mover Packaging in Norcross, Georgia.

Sally L. Joest '74, accounting, is a controller for J. H. Rudolph and Company, Inc., in Evansville.

Donna K. Decker '79, social science, is a media specialist with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

1980s

David K. Ogg '81, marketing, is the manager of underwriter sales center for MorEquity in Evansville, a mortgage lending division of American General Finance.

Sara Sutton Stephens '81, elementary education, is executive director for Educational Institute for Rural Families in Pasco, Washington.

Tim Kissel '82, psychology, has been named clinical supervisor of the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice program in Evansville.

Nancy Briggs Johnson '83, management, recently received a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from the University of Southern Indiana. At the USI Honors Convocation, she received the Center for Communal Studies prize for her research on the communal society of Plymouth. She is the director of Alumni Affairs at USI.

Timothy M. Sinclair '83, communications, is a sports producer/director for the Houston Rockets/Astros/Aeros with KTXH-TV Paramount 20 in Houston, Texas.

Daniel H. Durbin '84, communications, has been named Teacher of the Year by *The Evansville Courier*. He teaches speech and English at Reitz High School in Evansville and has been coach of Reitz's successful forensics team.

Jeff Alsip '85, mechanical engineering technology, has been promoted to vice president of Moore and Associates, Inc., in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Marcia Meriwether Irvin '86, business administration, is a workers compensation supervisor for Aetna Life and Casualty in Indianapolis.

Robert F. Whitten '86, marketing, is vice president of Robert F. Whitten Sales, Inc., in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Steven A. Boberg '87, computer information systems, is a programmer/analyst for American General Finance in Evansville.

Teresa Grisham '87, computer information systems, is a programmer/analyst for Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

Dwight A. Hawkins '87, psychology, is a territory manager for Long Term Care Pharmaceutical Services Corporation in Evansville.

Lt. Kameron K. Kerns '87, civil engineering technology, recently received the Navy Achievement Medal. He was cited for superior performance of duty while serving as an officer recruiter at Navy Recruiting District in Nashville, Tennessee.

Christopher P. Moore '88, political science, is a certified financial planner for American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

James W. Gray '89, finance, is a lead business planner for Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Brent D. Mahoney '89, finance, is president and owner of Furniture in The Buff in Columbus, Indiana.

John C. Pfender II '89, finance, recently received a Master of Science in Management from Oakland City University in Oakland City, Indiana.

1990s

Gregory W. Brown '90, accounting, is a senior auditor for Umbach & Associates in Evansville.

Dawn Downey Foster '90, communications, was recently promoted to human resources assistant for St. Louis Water Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

Maria Bennett Garrett '90, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher for Cannelton City Schools in Cannelton, Indiana.

Kevin Goebel '90, accounting, has been promoted to a principal with Kemper CPA Group in Evansville.

Randall E. Graber '90, accounting, is an internal auditor for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Gregory A. Hartlein '90, communications, is director of commodities for Carvali Coffees in Seattle, Washington.

Andrew J. Igel '90, social science, is the athletic director and head basketball coach at Frontier High School in Chalmers, Indiana.

Salome Thomas LaMarche '90, social work, is the director of Grace House at the Evansville Christian Life Center.

Terrence A. LeDuc '90, marketing, has been promoted to special resources manager of southern operations for the midwest region of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Louisville, Kentucky.

Julie L. Morrow '90, marketing, is a physician services representative at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Jennifer Abell '91, accounting, is an assistant controller for Jasper Rubber Products, Inc., in Jasper, Indiana.

Brian K. Belangee '91, respiratory therapy, received a bachelor degree in perfusion technology from Kansas Newman College in Wichita, Kansas and is a clinical perfusionist for PSICOR, Inc., in St. Joseph, Michigan.

D. Scott Bennett '91, accounting, is controller for Ogden Entertainment Services in Evansville.

Jill Ann Simpson '91, English, is a news producer for WFIE Channel 14 in Evansville.

Randy K. Smith '91, communications, is a sales associate in systems design for Barbizon in Atlanta, Georgia.

Charlotte M. Solmon '91, communications, is director of therapeutic recreation at Horizon South in Oglesby, Illinois.

Barbara Hedges Vollmer '91, accounting, is a cost accountant for Endura Products, Inc., in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Elizabeth Bryant Williams '91, communications, is property manager for The Meadows Apartments in Newburgh, Indiana.

Steve L. Claspell '92, communications, recently received a Master in Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Todd Flick '92, management/marketing, has been promoted to market manager at Bank One in Indianapolis.

Stephanie L. Goad '92, political science, is a sales representative for Olinger Distributing Company in Indianapolis.

Amy Petitjean Graff '92, business administration, is the specialty advertising manager for Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

Joe Lattner '92, communications, has been named business development coordinator at Welborn Baptist Hospital's Mulberry Center in Evansville.

Shawna Ellis McCool '92, elementary education, is a teacher at Cullen Avenue Christian Child Care in Evansville.

Pat Peach '92, management, has been promoted to technical service representative for Red Spot Paint & Varnish Company in Evansville.

Mark T. Rumsey '92, history, is an investment professional for NEA Valuebinder Investor Services in Everett, Washington.

Alicia Minton Belangee '93, nursing, is a registered nurse for Mercy Memorial Medical Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Tess Libbert Fleming '93, business administration, was named GTE-Circle of Excellence Winner for the third quarter 1994 as top administrative employee for southeastern Virginia region.

Sherry Begle Flick '93, accounting, is an internal auditor for The Associated Group in Indianapolis.

Donna Gish '93, Master of Science in Education, was promoted to tech prep coordinator at Indiana Business College in Evansville.

Thomas H. McCool '93, elementary education, is a teacher at West Salem Elementary School in West Salem, Illinois.

Mark W. Miles '93, accounting, is an accountant for Ernst & Young in Indianapolis.

Jackie Miller '93, communications, is a booking agent for Irvin Arthur Associates in Beverly Hills, California.

Steve Nerney '93, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to production manager at Inland Container Corp in Fenton, Missouri.

Beth Rister '93, elementary education, is a fourth grade teacher at Eldorado Unit #4 Elementary School in Eldorado, Illinois.

Pat A. Brooks '94, sociology, was elected Warwick County's Ohio Township Trustee and selected for Senator Richard G. Lugar's Women in Public Service Award. She is currently a licensed realtor and resides in Newburgh, Indiana.

Sonya DeWitte '94, business administration, is a computer consultant for Keane, Inc., in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jenifer Bryan Gossman '94, business administration, is a software support specialist for Welborn Clinic in Evansville.

Bradley W. Huffman, Jr. '94, political science, is president of ISIS Interactive, Inc., in Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

Susan McGregor Knight '94, social science, is an account representative for Quality Automotive Distributors in Evansville.

Kristopher B. Mowery '94, sociology, is a manager trainee for Citizens National Bank of Old National in Tell City, Indiana.

Brenda Cline Ogg '94, business education, is a realtor for F.C. Tucker/Huber Realtors in Newburgh and was named the Newburgh Associate of the Month for February 1995.

Wendee Ross '94, biology, is a customer service representative for Akzo Nobel Chemicals, Inc., in Chicago.

Lance Stephens '94, accounting, is a staff accountant for Marietta Overbeck in Evansville.

Stephanie L. Boyer '95, business administration, is an account executive for *The Evansville Courier Company*.

Scott D. Buedel '95, civil engineering technology, is a land surveyor for Morley and Associates, Inc., in Evansville.

Keely L. Crews '95, nursing, is a registered nurse at Gertha's Nursing Center in Evansville.

Jill Chonody Denton '95, psychology, is a child care worker for United Methodist Youth Home in Evansville.

Pamela Brackin Duncan '95, health services, is the nuclear medicine supervisor at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Mark R. Emge '95, English, is an assistant editor for Crossroads Publishers in Evansville.

Jenny E. Fritz '95, business administration, is a loan approver for American General Financial Center in Evansville.

Ann Gurley '95, elementary education, is a chapter consultant for the Delta Zeta Sorority.

Tania Schapker Herke '95, accounting, is a staff accountant at American General Financial Center in Evansville.

Curtis A. Hooper '95, mechanical engineering technology, is a maintenance engineer for GE Plastics in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Alan Jones '95, business administration, is a financial representative for American General Auto Finance in Evansville.

Holly J. Kennedy '95, communications, is an account executive for TCI Cable Advertising in Evansville.

Candy M. Kuester '95, accounting, is the director of shareholder relations at National City Bank in Evansville.

Jamie E. Madding '95, nursing, is a clinical nurse for Welborn Baptist Hospital in Evansville.

Daniel C. Mason '95, art, is supervisor of computer relations for Bristol-Myers Squibb in Evansville.

Teresa Montgomery '95, radiologic technology, is a radiologic technologist for Ohio Valley Orthopaedics in Evansville.

Michelle Siesky '95, radiologic technology, is a radiologic technologist for MEC Medical Center in Newburgh, Indiana.

Amy Gardner Simpson '95, sociology, is an account representative for Mansfield Warehousing and Distribution, Inc., in Mansfield, Ohio.

Melanie A. Stroud '95, business administration, is a district manager for ADP in Evansville.

Joseph J. Vidmar '95, business, is an electrician specialist for ALCOA in Newburgh, Indiana.

Shane A. Wessel '95, general science, is a merchandiser for Mid-States Coca-Cola in Evansville.

Marriages

Pamela E. Spindler '75, secretarial administration, and **Brian P. Juncker '88**, marketing

Karen A. Marquis '88, business administration, and **Scott D. Warpenburg '90**, math

Julie L. Prusz '89, science, and Victor L. Davis

Eric R. Williams '89, communications, and Judy Greubel

Julie L. Chipps '90, marketing/management, and Michael J. Morrow

Dawn Downey '90, communications, and Ray Foster

Salome Thomas '90, social work, and Chris LaMarche

Elizabeth K. Bryant '91, communications, and Robert A. Williams

Daryn S. Burgdorf '91, business administration, and Lori Ann Evans

Sherri V. Dawson '91, psychology, and Darrin K. Greubel

Dean A. Happe '91, accounting, and **Laura M. Goedde '94**, occupational therapy

Cheryl Tempel '91, business administration, and James George

Fawn J. Parker '92, political science/history, and Timothy S. Green

Amy J. Petitjean '92, business administration, and Carl Graff

Dorothy L. Wade '92, business administration, and Jerry Jaquemai

Tara A. Appell '94, elementary education, and Christopher M. Kolb

Jenifer Bryan '94, business administration, and Randy Gossman

Jamie Jacob '94, dental hygiene, and Matt Vince

Angela Josey '94, elementary education, and Tom Searl

Carri A. Minton '94, elementary education, and Mark A. Schmitz

Births

Patricia Schutte Harding '81, administrative systems, and husband Robert, son, Logan Patrick

Sara Sutton Stephens '81, elementary education, and husband Scott, son, Samuel

Anne-Marie Kane Putty '83, management/marketing, and husband Robin, son, James Ross

Beth A. Folz '84, history/political science, and husband Ron, son, Joseph Andrew

Marcia Meriwether Irvin '86, business administration, and husband James, son Zakarie Tyler

Becky Deener '88, computer information systems, and husband Keith, daughter, Brittany Danielle

Victoria Sullivan '88, elementary education, and husband Anthony, son, Bryce William

T. Marc Whitfield '88, electrical engineering technology, and wife **Debra Brawner Whitfield '91**, Master of Science in Education, daughter, Ashley Kay Marie

Mi-Ying Wong Francis '89, accounting, and husband **Kenneth D. Francis '89**, accounting, son, Brandon ZhanHon

John C. Pfender II '89, finance, and wife Carrie, son, Kyle John

Rodney Sutherlin '89, elementary education, and wife Sue Ellen, son, Rodney Cole

Maria Bennett Garrett '90, elementary education, and husband Brian, daughter, Allicyn Louise

Andrew J. Igel '90, social science, and wife Diana, daughter, Brittany

Beth Williams Bohnert '91, communications, and husband Mike, son, Brandon Michael

Connie Brawner Winiger '91, elementary education, and husband **Curt Winiger '92**, industrial supervision, son, Drew Austin

Amy Henning Kirby '92, psychology, and husband **Rob Kirby '91**, art, son, Robert Ralph III

Rebecca Owen Reeder '92, communications, and husband Michael, daughter, Ellen Elise

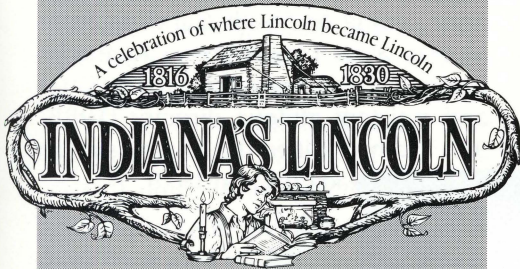
Diane Deem '93, business administration, and husband **Tim Deem '93**, business administration, son, Joshua Adam

Holly Baehl Vidmar '94, health services, and husband **Joseph J. Vidmar '95**, business, daughter, Lauren Michele

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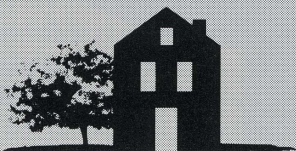
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Steve Newton, a Terre Haute native who was assistant athletic director at the University of South Carolina, became the USI athletic director on June 1.

USI President H. Ray Hoops, in announcing the appointment, said University officials were pleased with



Steve Newton named USI athletic director

the range of candidates who applied for the post and especially pleased to have recruited someone with Newton's experience and ability. "He has a proven track record in athletic

At the press conference announcing his appointment, Steve Newton said he wants to develop USI as a model program in Division II. "I want to sustain the success you have had and continue to build moral character that reflects well on USI, build on the good financial standing, recruit fine student athletes, and encourage ethical conduct on and off the playing field."

administration and fund raising," Dr. Hoops noted, "and will make an excellent addition to the USI staff."

Newton completed the 1994 Sports Management Institute in the Executive Management Program, University of Southern California. He has been the assistant athletic director at South Carolina since 1993. He was head basketball coach there the two years prior, going to South Carolina from Murray State University in Kentucky where he was head coach (1985-91) and assistant athletic director (1988-91). He had joined the Murray staff as associate head coach in 1978.

Newton received his B.S. in physical education and M.S. in education from Indiana State University. He was a Hoosier high school coach (1963-69) before moving into the college ranks and has been an assistant coach at Louisiana State in New Orleans (now University of New Orleans) and Mississippi State at Starkville.

Soccer and volleyball to start 1995-96 action

The USI men's soccer team comes back to the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 1995 and will be hungry for its tenth league title after spending three seasons at the NCAA Division I level. USI is led by second team All-Mid East Region performer Adam French, a senior from Essex, England. The Screaming Eagles will kick off action in 1995 with two exhibition games (Alumni Game on August 20 and DePauw University on August 27) before starting the regular season on Monday, September 4, at the Univer-

sity of Wisconsin-Parkside. The first home game at Strassweg Field will be on Saturday, September 9, versus Oakland University.

The USI women's volleyball team will be looking to improve upon a 15-14 overall record and a seventh-place finish in the GLVC with a 3-6 record when they open the 1995 season on Friday, September 1, versus Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. USI is led by senior out-



side hitter Michelle Welp, who ranks third all-time at USI in kills, and sophomore Jamie Roth, who led USI in kills last year.

Women's basketball and softball win GLVC titles; both reach the NCAA Tournament

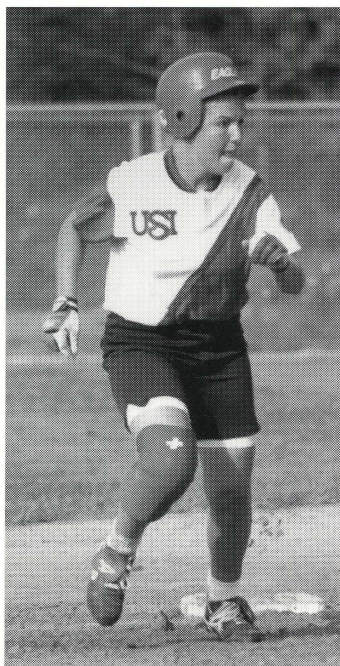
The University of Southern Indiana women's basketball team and the fast-pitch softball team won Great Lakes Valley Conference titles in 1995.

The women's basketball team began the record setting season with a 15-0 run, finished 1994-95 with a team record 22-7 overall, gained its first GLVC title (tying with St. Joseph's College) and a 14-4 league record, and earned its first trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

The Lady Eagles lost in the first round of the Great Lakes Regional to Oakland University, 88-69.

Individually, USI was led by the College Sports Player of the Year, sophomore forward/center LeAnn Freeland (Sims, Ill.), USI's second female basketball player to be named Kodak/Women's Basketball Association All-American. Freeland, who also was named the GLVC Player of the Year, was a force offensively with a school record 24.4 ppg (658 points) and defensively with a school record of 69 blocked shots.

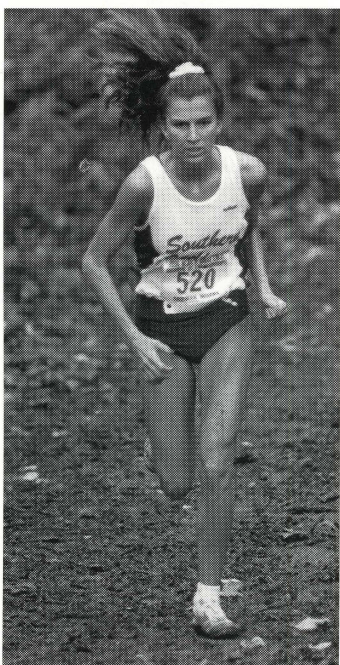
Freeland was joined on the All-GLVC squad by freshman forward Eileen Weber (Washington, Ind.), a USI Presidential Scholar. The second team All-GLVC performer averaged 14.2 ppg and 7.5 rpg in her first season with the Lady Eagles.



The Lady Eagles set 22 team and individual records this year.

The softball Eagles finished 1995 with a school record 38-19 overall, their second GLVC title in three seasons and their first ever NCAA II Mid-Atlantic Regional bid.

Amber Huse, the first female athlete in USI history to repeat as an All-American, also was named All-Great Lakes Valley Conference, the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-District V, and first team All-Mid Atlantic Region this year.



Junior Jennifer Galbraith was named a women's cross country All-American after finishing 14th in the NCAA Division II National Championships in Kearney, Neb. Galbraith qualified for the nationals after winning the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional which was hosted by USI.

The Eagles finished fourth in the regional.

USI swept through the GLVC, going 8-0 in the regular season and then rolled through the GLVC Tournament hosted by Kentucky Wesleyan College. The Eagles set a USI school record with its ninth consecutive win.

The softball squad was led by the GLVC Player of the Year in senior pitcher/first baseman Karianne Osowski (South Milwaukee, Wis.). Osowski became USI's first 20-game winner and set the USI career and single-season records for innings pitched, complete games, shutouts, strikeouts, and wins and set the single-game record for strikeouts with 21 versus the University of Indianapolis. In 1995, the Academic All-District performer was 20-9 with a 1.04 ERA and 230 strikeouts in 202.0 innings.

Amber Huse (Anderson, Ind.) a junior first baseman/centerfielder, and Lori Leonard (Bloomington, Ind.), a freshman third baseman, were named National Softball Coaches Association All-Americans. Named to the second team as an outfielder, Huse was second on the team in hitting with a .382 average while leading the team with 42 RBIs, 13 doubles, and 11 triples. Voted onto the third team, Leonard led the team with a .426 average, 41 runs scored, 80 hits, and 40 stolen bases.

The trip to the NCAA II Regionals capped off five years of work by Head Coach Tom Rupert, who was named the GLVC Coach of the Year and ranks second all-time in wins at USI with a 113-108 record.

The Eagles set 34 new individual and school records in 1995.

Alumni Calendar

July 15

Indianapolis Alumni Chapter
Indian's Baseball Outing

August 12

Dubois Alumni Chapter
Picnic and Big River
Theatre Outing

August 20

USI Day at the Races
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