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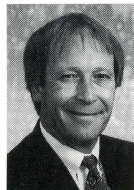
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Dr. David Rice, left, who retires as USI's first president in June, 1994, leads a campus tour for Dr. H. Ray Hoops, who will become USI's new president July 1. Dr. Rice shared his farewell thoughts with students in the summer issue of *Transitions*, the student magazine. They seem appropriate for USI alumni and friends and are reprinted on page 3. Thanks to Jude Wolf, *Transitions* editor, who gave permission to reprint the farewell.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

USI is soaring to new heights! Whether it is the accomplishments of USI's students, or the faculty, or my fellow alumni, I take pride in their many achievements which individually and collectively add to the stature and progress of our University.

USI, in its 29 years, has progressed from a small branch campus to the state's fifth baccalaureate institution and its fastest growing university. Recently USI exploded onto the national scene in basketball, thanks to the success of the men's basketball team in the NCAA Division II national tournament in Massachusetts.

The more than 11,000 alumni, with two-thirds living here in the Tri-State, add to the good reputation of the University through their success. These graduates reflect the solid academic preparation they earned as undergraduates at USI. Our productive and qualified faculty reach beyond the classroom to assist with community projects and services.

It has been the imaginative yet realistic leadership of President David Rice that has shaped USI into a dynamic institution. He has built a legacy of leadership and commitment to which all of us can aspire.

We look forward to the talent of a new leader, Dr. H. Ray Hoops, who brings impressive credentials to the USI presidency. President-elect Hoops will need the support of our students, faculty, and alumni as he makes his transition. A chapter in USI's book is about to close, but a new chapter in our history is about to begin. We invite your continued support in these exciting times.

Sincerely yours,

Rita H. Joest '84
President, USI Alumni Association

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Men's basketball has dream year; elevated to national spotlight

by Ray Simmons
Sports Information Director

The USI men's basketball Eagles won the Great Lakes Valley Conference title, their first Division II regional title, and played in the Elite Eight for the first time in USI history, finishing second in the nation and winners in the hearts of their fans.

Nearly 300 USI fans were on hand in Springfield, Massachusetts, while thousands more were glued to TV sets at home and throughout Indiana and the country, cheering the Eagles on. During that historic week in March, the USI Screaming Eagles beat the University of South Dakota and New Hampshire College to meet Cal State-Bakersfield in the Division II championship game.

The Eagles had started 1993-94 with great expectations, having returned all five starters from a team which was 22-7 the previous year, finished second in the GLVC with a 14-4 mark, and finished third in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional. The team was ranked preseason fifth in the *NCAA Basketball Preview*, sixth in the *Division II Bulletin*, and eighth in *Sports Illustrated*, while senior forward/center Chris Bowles and senior guard Tyrone Tate were named preseason All-Americans by *Street and Smith*.

The Eagles started the season in spectacular fashion, defeating Graceland College in the season opener 130-79, and Campbellsville, 118-100, but curiously, were left out of the first NCAA Division II Top 20 poll and ranked sixth in the region.

After the poll, the Eagles hosted the Kenny Kent Toyota Executive Inn National Shootout. They defeated Southwest Baptist University, 105-73, in the first round of the tournament but lost the championship game to Missouri Southern State College, 103-95.

The team awoke from this loss to become invincible for the next 14 games (a school record). The Eagles screamed through the GLVC with a sweep (9-0) for the first half of the league season.

The Eagles hit the road and defeated Ashland University and Indiana Uni-

versity/Purdue University-Fort Wayne, returning home to face one of their toughest stretches, five games in ten days. They met the challenge, winning all five. After jumping into top 20 ranking the previous week, the Eagles were ninth-ranked when they easily defeated 20th-ranked Quincy University, 106-82, in a game broadcast live by WFIE-Channel 14. They then defeated 13th-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan College, 102-88, and in the next week cruised past the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 112-75, Belarmino College, 97-80, and Kentucky State University, 106-71.

Back on the road, the Eagles convincingly defeated St. Joseph's College, 92-66, before the winning streak came to an end at Lewis University, 79-75.

USI's big two—Chris Bowles and Tyrone Tate—had been joined by sophomore forward Stan Gouard to make it the "Big Three," a nickname dubbed by the media. If opposing teams tried to guard Bowles heavily, Gouard would explode for points and rebounds. If Gouard was double-teamed, Bowles would roam free in the middle and create havoc for the opponents. This was all triggered by Tate, who set a USI single-season record for assists with 270.

The Eagles were ranked first in the Great Lakes Region all season and ranked as high as fourth in the NCAA II Top 20 poll and third in the Don Hansen Basketball Gazette/USA Today Top 25 Poll.

The Eagles accomplished one of their preseason goals by taking the GLVC championship with a 112-83 win over Northern Kentucky University, the first outright league title for the Eagles since 1981. USI also set a school record for league wins in a season with a 16-2 record.

In voting by coaches, USI swept the top awards when Bowles was named Player of the Year; Gouard, Newcomer of the Year; and USI Head Coach Bruce Pearl, Coach of the Year. Bowles, Gouard, and Tate were named to the All-GLVC first team.



USI senior Tyrone Tate goes up for two. He was named to the All-Tournament Team and set a Division II tournament record with 49 assists in five games. Photo by Fred LeBlanc.

This was the first time in the GLVC's 16-year history that one school had three players on the first team or swept the top three awards. It was the second consecutive Coach of the Year honor for Pearl.

USI played host for the second straight season to the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament, which also included Kentucky Wesleyan College, Oakland University, and 1993 regional champion Wayne State University. The Eagles won a hard victory over KWC, 78-67, setting up a showdown with Wayne State. Tartars' fans were screaming "Wayne's World," but USI made it the "Eagles' World" in a 112-84 championship victory. It was the first regional title in USI history and sent the team on to the Elite Eight in Springfield. Bowles was named the Most Outstanding Player of the regional and was joined on the All-Tournament team by Gouard and Tate.

At Springfield, USI started slowly in its first game against the University of South Dakota. After trailing by nine early, the Eagles rebounded to lead by as many as 21 points three different

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The University of Southern Indiana in transition

by David L. Rice, President

Transition is a distinctly apt word to describe the University of Southern Indiana. In reality each week, month or year of the University has brought it numerous transitions. The University experienced humble beginnings in 1965 in the abandoned Centennial School at 111 North Illinois Street built 100 years after the establishment of our great country. Transitions to the modern institution we view today as we enter the 1400-acre Mid-America University Center established by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. in 1967 are welcome and pleasing.

The transitions came about because many people have contributed their time, talent, and efforts to translate dreams and ideas into reality. Creative and productive faculty and administration have played a key role in the transitions. And the dedicated and talented support staff have made invaluable contributions to the success of the University. The quality of these contributions is reflected in the respect the University has earned through the achievements of prior students, now

alumni, numbering over 10,000 including the Class of 1994. More than two-thirds of our alumni reside in the immediate tri-state area, and their performance has spoken well for the education they earned through the University of Southern Indiana. This was very predictable as one observed USI students learn and participate in University programs and activities.

Community and state leaders likewise have given yeoman service to the task of developing public higher education opportunities for the people of this part of the state and nation. They have continuously joined forces to give bi-partisan support to the important goals of increasing opportunities to develop the human resources of the area. They have been joined by numerous individuals who have contributed their time, talent, and financial support to the many endeavors of the University.

One of the realities I have faced as president of the University is that while I received credit for the results of the effort of the many people who have

made these achievements happen, the developments were really the result of people working as teams, and that my good fortune was to be a member of a great team for some 27 years.

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Come July 1, the presidential baton will pass to H. Ray Hoops, and the gainful activity of alumni, students, faculty, administration, support staff, and area leaders developing the University of Southern Indiana will move forward with the dedicated enthusiasm and support of the great people who have worked so diligently to make USI the great institution it is.

And I'll bask in the glory and recognition all will be receiving for their continuing transitions.

Rice Plaza to be lasting tribute

A landscaped gathering place in the heart of the USI campus will serve as a lasting tribute for 27 years of leadership and service to the University of Southern Indiana by Dr. David L. Rice and Mrs. Betty Rice. The tribute will be known as the David and Betty Rice Plaza and will be located in front of the David L. Rice Library and the University Center.

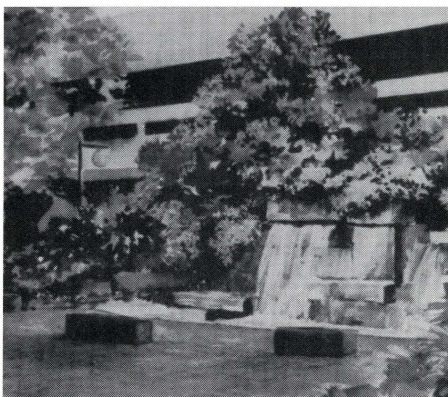
As students and visitors walk from the parking lots up the gently sloping hill to the University Center, the Rice Plaza will emerge on three levels, containing a fountain which will bubble water over a granite waterfall, several large shade trees, a variety of flowering trees, and seasonal blooming plants. Boulder block walls around landscaped gardens have been designed for seating.

An estimate by Steve Meyerholtz, landscape architect who designed the plaza, puts total cost at \$90,000.

Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE) underwrote the design fee.

Alumni and friends who wish to contribute to the Rice Plaza may do so by sending a tax deductible check payable to the USI Foundation to 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712.

The Rice Plaza will be dedicated on August 22, 1994.



Betty Rice Scholarship to honor her dedication

Eight close friends of USI's First Lady Betty Rice have established a scholarship in her name as a lasting honor for her personal friendship and to her 27 years of service to the Evansville community and USI. Leadership gifts have been received from Carol Baker, Genevieve Bootz, Rebecca Couch, Susan Enlow, Ruth Kleymeyer, Trudy Mitchell, Judy Morton, and Aline Renner. Persons wishing to make a donation to the scholarship fund can do so through the USI Foundation Office.

The Betty Rice Scholarship fund will be a living legacy to Betty Rice for all she has accomplished with community and University organizations. It will provide yearly financial assistance to a worthy USI student.

H. Ray Hoops appointed President of USI

H. Ray Hoops, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), has been named president of the University of Southern Indiana.

In January his appointment was approved by the USI Board of Trustees. He will be the second USI president, succeeding Dr. David L. Rice whose 27-year tenure ends with his retirement at the end of June. Hoops, 54, will assume the position July 1.

Bruce Baker, chair of the USI Board, said the trustees were impressed with the qualifications of the finalists who visited the campus. "The overall quality of the pool of applicants, the diligent work of the 23-member search and screen committee, and the careful assessment of the finalists by campus and constituent groups in the community all were important components of the process which led the board to its decision," Baker said.

"From the beginning," he added, "when the search and screen committee helped to draft the qualities sought in the next president, we have been mindful in our assessment that we find the candidate with the greatest strengths for the campus at this point in its development. In Dr. Hoops we have found the skills, leadership, and management experience we need to lead the University and continue its remarkable development."

"Dr. Hoops met each of our criteria in academic leadership, management, shared governance, resource development, student life, and community relations," Baker continued. "We feel fortunate to have attracted a field of such talented candidates, and to have found an excellent match between USI's needs and Dr. Hoops' abilities."

Dr. Hoops has indicated a priority will be finding private and grant funding to supplement the University's state support, having noted that higher education has been on a "collision course with financial reality" for decades. He said colleges must find ways to increase efficiency, explore additional ways to deliver education, and look to expand all possible support for the schools over the next decade.



An act of passage: President-elect H. Ray Hoops, center, is introduced to Old National Bank President Mike Hinton, left, by Dr. David Rice, who is acquainting Dr. Hoops with community leaders in southwestern Indiana. Dr. Rice will retire as USI's president on June 30, 1994, and Dr. Hoops will become the second president of the campus. Photo courtesy of The Evansville Courier.

Dr. Hoops said also that USI does not need much in the way of change, that the University "is known across the country as an institution in a growth mode . . . one of the institutions that enjoys the greatest community support in the nation." These are two assets a university can't buy, even with unlimited funds, Dr. Hoops said, adding "I want to continue the progress and hopefully accelerate it by building on past success."

The new president has been vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at Ole Miss since 1988. It is a state university with schools of medicine, law, engineering, and pharmacy and offers a broad range of doctoral programs. He previously served three years as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE).

He also was president of South Dakota State University and vice president for Academic Affairs at North Dakota State University. In the mid-70s he was dean of the Graduate College at the University of Northern Iowa and before that, was associate

director of the Office of Grants and Contracts Administration and professor of communicative disorders at Wayne State University.

Dr. Hoops gained national recognition for his work as chair of Committee '95, a 35-member committee of educators from elementary, secondary, and higher education institutions that looked at graduation standards, higher education admissions standards, enhanced minority access, enhanced cooperation between the three educational systems, development of alternative funding sources, and development of alternative education strategies. The committee developed Project '95, a blueprint for education in the State of Mississippi for the 1990s. It received praise within and beyond state boundaries and was awarded the State Council of Governments' Innovations Award in 1991.

Dr. Hoops' record for cultural and racial diversity at Ole Miss has been documented by a 50 percent increase in the number of minority faculty,

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Carters give USI its first \$1 million gift

by Janice Perkins

Jennings D. "Nick" and Jo Carter of Evansville, Indiana, and Vero Beach, Florida, have given the University of Southern Indiana its first \$1 million gift. Their record-setting charitable contribution to the USI Foundation will endow the Jennings D. and Josephine K. Carter Scholarships for worthy USI students. The scholarships will target Evansville area students who are working their way through college.

"Many ambitious and deserving young people are not financially able to continue their education," Mr. Carter said in explaining what prompted their generous gift. "It is our wish to assist them by providing the money to pay their college tuition. We hope to help those who have family or other obligations which require their full- or part-time employment and who therefore are unable to maintain a full academic schedule," he said.

The retired Evansville businessman and his wife, both Indiana natives who worked their way through college, share a strong desire to provide college financial assistance for worthy students. Reflecting on their college days, Mr. Carter said, "It would have been very helpful to Mrs. Carter and me if there had been a friend to help pay our college expenses. As it was, we both worked at a variety of jobs, day and night. It took me five years to graduate."

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Jennings "Nick" Carter

As long-time Evansville residents who owned and managed the Carter Mortgage Service Company from 1946 until 1960, when it was sold to Old National Bank in Evansville, the Carters want to assist students from Evansville and the immediate area, the majority of whom are being trained for the Evansville work force.

"We want to help young people from this area. They have their whole life before them and they can make a better world," the Carters explained.

"There is no more important need at USI than providing scholarships for worthy and deserving students..."

*Ted C. Ziemer, Jr.
USI Foundation Chairman*

USI President David L. Rice noted "a majority of USI students today are walking down the same paths the Carters followed in working their way through school. The Carter Scholarship Endowment will be a tremendous boost for today's working students," he emphasized.

Dr. Rice said the Carters' plans focus on students accepted at USI after having completed two-year college programs, such as those in the Indiana Vocational Technical colleges "will be an excellent addition to initiatives by USI to encourage graduates of IVY Tech and other two-year colleges to obtain their baccalaureate degrees. These students can start on second base and head for home plate without going back to the batter's box."

The Carters credit Joseph E. O'Daniel, retired Evansville businessman, long-time USI supporter, and a member of the USI Board of Trustees, with directing their thinking about a major contribution to the USI Foundation. "We have been in a close circle of friends for many years," Mr. Carter explained. "Joe's enthusiasm about supporting talented college students who have financial need sparked our interest."

O'Daniel responded, "This successful businessman and his wife, who have warm feelings about the business success they experienced in the Evansville area, are making this gift to the USI Foundation to provide a proper education for students of the '90s. Unless you have a college edu-



Jennings D. "Nick" and Jo Carter

cation today, you are likely to live a minimum-wage lifestyle."

Ted C. Ziemer, Jr., USI Foundation chairman, in thanking the Carters said, "The marvelous generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Carter in providing this \$1 million contribution will encourage major gifts by others. There is no more important need at USI than providing scholarships for worthy and deserving students, and there is no more important work for the USI Foundation. We will strive to continue to merit the confidence which the Carters have placed in us as an institution of higher learning."

The Carters' generosity and foresight were acknowledged by USI at the 1994 Commencement Exercises as honorary doctoral degrees were bestowed on each of them. The degrees were conferred *in absentia* because Mr. Carter had emergency surgery in Florida in late April.

Charitable trusts are easy to arrange

A charitable remainder unitrust is a tax-wise way to increase your current income while you provide a generous gift for the future.

A trust works like this:

1. You transfer money, stock, or other property to a trustee such as the USI Foundation or the bank of your choice.
2. The trustee then pays you and/or your spouse income for life; or other individuals during their lifetime, if you wish.
3. After the lifetime income payments have been made, the trustee transfers the amount left in the fund to the designated fund. If it is a gift to the USI Foundation, the money would be specified for the particular purpose the donor designated upon creation of the trust.

Donors are considering the advantages of charitable remainder trusts. In addition to lifetime income, trusts offer a number of benefits. They are:

1. The donor receives a substantial federal income tax deduction upon the creation of the trust.
2. No capital gains tax liability is incurred upon the transfer of appreciated property to fund the trust.
3. The beneficiaries receive the benefit of professional investment management.
4. The creation of the trust reduces the property which must be administered in the donor's estate, and results in favorable estate tax treatment.

New President (continued from page 4)

appointment of the first female dean in the history of the institution, and a program which has increased the number of full-time minority graduate students from seven to 366 in a four-year period.

Dr. Hoops received a Ph.D. in audiology and speech sciences from Purdue University in 1966, an M.B.A. from Moorhead State University in 1985, an M.S. from Purdue University in 1964, and an undergraduate degree at Eastern Illinois University in 1962.

He began his career as an educator at Wayne State and during his eight years there, received a Master

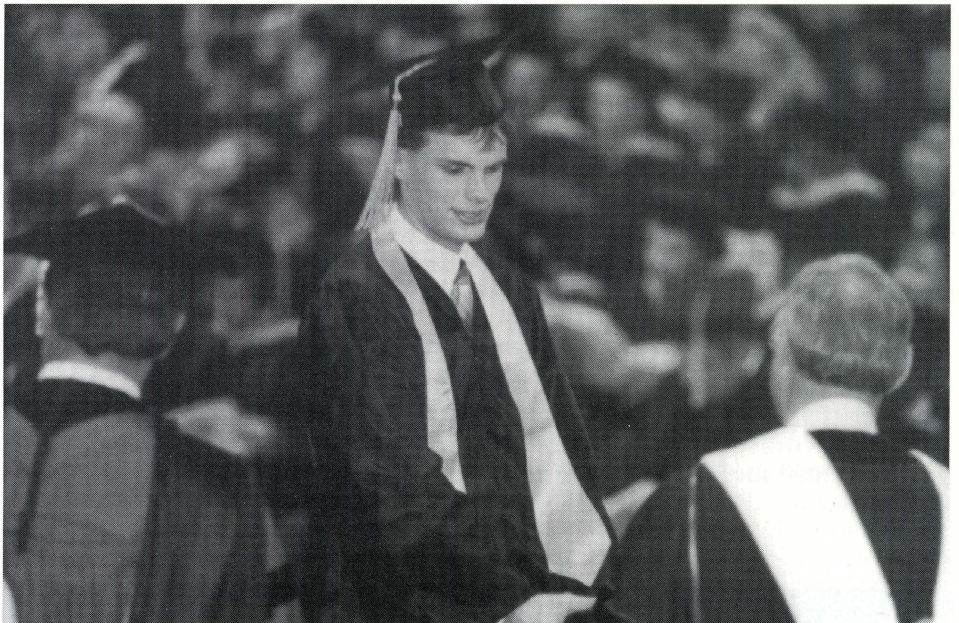
Teacher Award from the students and was promoted to associate and full professor within a six-year period. He held three appointments in addition to the professorship-director of the Office of Education Division of Marketing with the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Senior Fulbright-Hays research scholar for the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines; and associate director of the Wayne State Office of Grants and Contracts Administration.

Dr. Hoops and his wife Rosalinda, a hotel and restaurant management consultant, are parents of a daughter, Victoria Elize, a finance major at Ole Miss.

USI Foundation director dies

E. Donald Elliott, vice president of personnel at Mead Johnson and Company for 27 years and one of the founding directors of the USI Foundation, died April 2. He became chairman of the board in 1968, holding the post longer than any other Foundation chairman.

Campaigns to raise funds for furnishing the University Center, adding spectator seating for the Physical Activities Center (PAC), and building the University Home were some of the programs accomplished while he was chairman. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from USI in 1979. Contributions in memory of Mr. Elliott are being used to establish a scholarship.



Duane L. Keitel, one of four 1994 class members to graduate summa cum laude with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, received congratulations from President David Rice during Commencement Exercises in May. Keitel has been accepted by the Indiana University School of Medicine. Others graduating with highest honors include Amber F. Lucas, elementary education major; Patty Winiger McClellan, elementary education major; and Nicole R. Wilson, communications major. Some 950 students were eligible to receive degrees during the ceremony.

Alumnus earns national award for drug-free cause to educate today's youth

by Eric Williams '89

While working security at Roberts Stadium, Lieutenant Brad Ellsworth '81 saw a youth who had been in a local school Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, a program Ellsworth helped initiate in Evansville.

The youth was with his friends, but left the group to talk with Ellsworth. The officer noticed the youth's friends were amazed that he would voluntarily talk to a cop. When the youth returned to the group, they asked what he was doing. "I heard him say, 'That's my DARE teacher!'," Ellsworth reported.

Such acceptance of the DARE teacher by Evansville youth makes Ellsworth believe the program has had a positive effect on young people in Vanderburgh County.

A first-hand look at the seriousness of the drug problem through work with the narcotics unit in the sheriff's department prompted Ellsworth's interest in drug abuse education. He received training and became certified as a DARE instructor.

DARE was started in Los Angeles in 1983 by a group of police officers and educators. The program's success and popularity grew dramatically and it spread across the country. Through the efforts of Ellsworth, DARE made its first appearance locally in 1991, when it was sponsored by the sheriff's department in four Evansville-Vanderburgh schools.

With the blessing of Sheriff Ray Hamner, Ellsworth was able to make DARE a success. In two years, it spread to 20 inner city, parochial, private, public, and rural schools with a youth-oriented message for the drug-free cause.

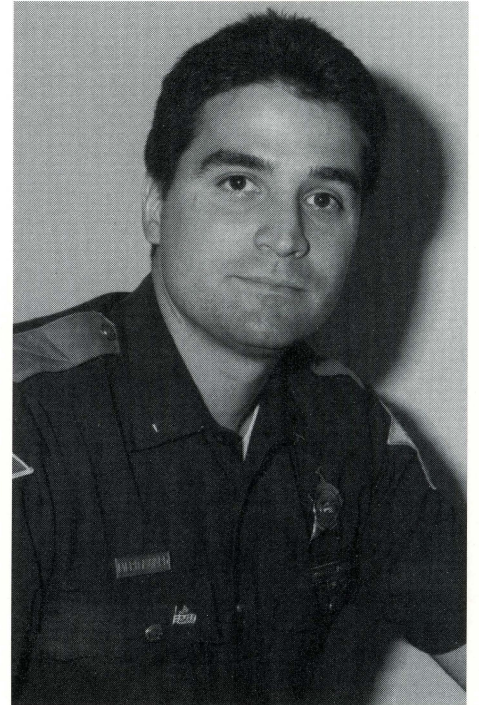
Ellsworth says children look for three things from their friends—recognition, affection, and a sense of belonging. He feels that if they cannot find these, they may turn to drugs. He said, "I tell them there are a lot of alternatives to drugs."

One particular child made an impact on Ellsworth. A seemingly uninterested boy sat in the back of a classroom in which Ellsworth was teaching. He appeared to have a bad attitude toward the DARE program. During the DARE sessions, Ellsworth took the opportunity to play on the boy's basketball team and to sit by him at lunch.

"I was afraid I had lost him until graduation day, when I met his mother. She thanked me and said that her son would come home every day and tell her verbatim what he had learned in the DARE program. She said he listened very closely to everything and recited it word for word at dinner every night. It taught me to never give up, because you don't know who you are going to reach."

Ellsworth received a local and a national award as a result of his outstanding achievements in working with area young people through the DARE program. Last September the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa education honorary presented him with the "Friend of Education" award for his ability to relate to kids and carry the drug-free message.

The national recognition came by way of the FBI's 1993 Director's Community Leadership Award, to recognize local efforts in the pursuit of a drug-free America. The award is presented annually to an individual or organization in each of the FBI's 56 field areas.



Lt. Brad Ellsworth

According to Ellsworth only one award is given per state. He said, "This is the first time this award has been given to any program south of Indianapolis."

Other 1993 recipients around the country were actor Denzel Washington, Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway of the Orlando Magic basketball team, and the San Francisco '49ers football team.

A 1981 USI graduate, Ellsworth is completing work on a master's degree at Indiana State University by doing research on the long term effects of DARE.

Eric Williams is a 1989 graduate of USI and a former member of the USI Board of Trustees. He is the public affairs officer for the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and serves on the USI Alumni Council.



Byron Wright recalls career highlights at USI

by Sherrienne Standley

Byron Wright never travels to Louisville that he doesn't think of the early days of ISUE, now USI, when he was the designated high school recruiter for Jasper, Loogootee, and Shoals. The recruiter hat was just one of many Mr. Wright wore, and wore well, in his 27 years at the University of Southern Indiana.

When he joined David Rice at ISUE in 1967, the new Evansville campus was just getting started. Mr. Wright had been a high school business teacher and a fiscal officer at Ball State University before coming to USI. Both of those experiences served him well as he undertook the important tasks of recruiting employees and establishing sound business practices for the newest of Indiana's regional university campuses.

As he retires, he has fond memories of the highlights of his career. Among them is the move to the new campus in 1969, surely a welcome change after two years in the Centennial Elementary School. Involved in the planning and execution of the master plan for campus buildings, he remembers the excitement and anticipation that designing and building each new structure brought. He also remembers the joy of achieving status as a separate state university in 1985 after many years of advocacy. And the most recent challenge from which he derived satisfaction was the successful presidential search and screen process, to which he gave principal staff leadership.

Mr. Wright admits that 27 years is a long time at one institution. "There was one time in 1967 when things were pretty low. Dr. Rice and I projected that maybe we could hold on for ten years, long enough to give the campus a good start. But we both stayed, and there were good reasons why. There are not too many jobs with the variety we've had; there are few with so many opportunities to learn."

The variety included building the physical plant operation, developing the personnel base, establishing a bookstore, and setting up departments such as purchasing, accounting, housing, and security. "Creating the focus of



Joanne and Byron Wright

each new area was not only challenging, it also was enjoyable," he says.

Wright says that one of the greatest challenges was in 1969 when the campus moved to its present location. "We enlarged our staff tremendously. Just finding the personnel was difficult because the move came at a time when the labor pool was scarce. It was hard to attract people who had to relocate, especially when our salaries were comparatively low. So, we invested in good people who learned the jobs and became successful in them. As we found people available—people like Paul Grimes, John Klingelhofer, and Steve Helfrich who all have directed the physical plant—we hired them in any niche possible, then moved them up.

It must have been Mr. Wright's adeptness as a teacher that made such transitions possible. He has been a careful mentor of many staff members who now direct important University functions. Richard Schmidt, who was named vice president for Business Affairs last year when Mr. Wright assumed responsibility for the presidential search, was recruited from Ball State, where he had been trained in fiscal matters. He was Mr. Wright's right hand.

And Mr. Schmidt concurs that Mr. Wright's teaching experience served

the University well. "Byron was always first and foremost a teacher. Even after he left the formal classroom, he continued to practice the teacher's art. Byron could inspire you and make you believe that you were capable of becoming better than you were. He could encourage you to always put in a little more effort to ensure that your best work and ideas would be even better. After the lesson was finished, he could step back into the shadows and allow you to realize that you had become better than you ever thought you could be.

"One of Byron's most effective teaching methods was to emphasize principles. By his own example, he taught others the leadership tenets of establishing a purpose, then instilling a sense of pride while maintaining patience in the face of inevitable frustration, yet persistently moving toward the goal without losing perspective of fundamental ideals and ethics," Mr. Schmidt says.

Mr. Wright says that he and Dr. Rice shared the philosophy that an educational institution ought to encourage people to learn, improve, move up, and move on. And even though many employees have moved on, Mr. Wright says, "I am amazed at the number of people who have stayed with the institution. I think it is because it has been—and is—a good working environment. It is hard to beat working for a university. Being with the faculty of a variety of disciplines and backgrounds makes it interesting work.

Rolland Eckels, a retired Bristol Myers executive who spent many sessions at the Indiana General Assembly with Mr. Wright, understands why Mr. Wright enjoys the university setting, saying of him, "He is an extremely well read person, very knowledgeable on many subjects, but especially American and English literature, of which he has a wonderful knowledge." Eckels also says that Mr. Wright was the perfect lieutenant for President Rice. "Byron had a wonderful rapport with Ball State, where he worked previously, and knew all the

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personalities in the other universities. His quiet reassuring manner engendered trust among the people at the universities and in the legislature," says Eckels.

That trust has resulted in careful attention to USI's budgetary needs by officials in the state legislature and in state agencies. Wright senses satisfaction in having USI's budget on track as he enters retirement. "Over the years, on different issues such as the enrollment formula, we've been the voice — sometimes the only voice. But we have been able to work with legislators and the Commission for Higher Education, to help them understand that the funding formula did not work well for regional campuses and campuses which were in a growth mode. We have been well received." Like President Rice, Mr. Wright is grateful not only for the acceptance of USI at state levels, but for its acceptance in southwestern Indiana. In many University communities where a university has existed a while, the University is taken for granted. "Here, the community looked to us to help improve things."

At its May meeting, the USI Board of Trustees voted to name the Administration Building honoring Mr. Wright for his service in building the administrative units of the University. It will be named the Byron C. Wright Administration Building.

Mr. Wright plans "to spend lots of time at Barkley Lake" where he and his wife Joanne, who retires this year from Indiana Vocational Technical College - Southwest, have a home. A trip to Italy is also on their calendar. But he won't leave USI entirely until next year. He and Dr. Rice will share an office in the historic Neef House in New Harmony, working on special projects for the University.

As Dick Schmidt summarizes, "He leaves big shoes to fill. However, because it has been his style to lead and teach by example, the footprints left by those shoes will provide a clear path for those who follow."

Subscriptions to publications available

Yearly subscriptions, which include 66 issues of *The Shield*, the student newspaper, and 6 issues of *Transitions*, the student magazine, are \$25. Send your name, mailing address, and check made payable to 6 at USI.



Alumni Association Awards In an era of record numbers all around the University, the Alumni Association's 1994 Senior Recognition and Awards Dinner was no exception. The four annual awards honored six people who have made major contributions to the University. Special recognition went to four others who are leaving their positions, including University President David L. Rice, Betty J. Rice, and Byron C. Wright, long-time vice president for Business Affairs and legislative liaison, who have touched virtually everyone in their 27 years at the USI helm. Pictured with Rita Joest '84 (front row left), association president, are the '94 honorees: (back row, left to right) 'Honorary membership' Byron Wright, 'Alumni Service Award' Douglas Claybourn '77, Citizens National Bank assistant vice president 'Past President's Award' Wm. Michael Schiff '75, partner with Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn law firm (middle row, left to right) 'Faculty Recognition Award' Timothy B. Mahoney, Southern Indiana Labor Management Education Forum coordinator and economics instructor 'Honorary membership' Betty Rice, David Rice (front row, left to right) Rita Joest, 'Special Recognition Award' C. Wayne Worthington, retired Evansville banker who has long been active with the USI Foundation and its fund drives, and Betty Worthington (second from right) 'Distinguished Alumni Award' Connie Datt Romain '74 and Ronald Romain '73 (right), officials of United Leasing and and Romain Automotive Group

Apartments named for two local men

In their May meeting, the USI Board of Trustees honored two Evansville leaders who were instrumental in the creation and continuing development of the University by renaming the student housing complexes that were built by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE). The original section, Mid-America Student Housing (MASH), will become the Joseph E. O'Daniel Apartments. The section north of Clarke Lane, known as Campus Apartments, will become the Frank Freeman McDonald Apartments.

Both men played instrumental roles in the establishment and development of public higher education opportunities in southern Indiana. McDonald, then mayor of Evansville, convinced Indiana State University to open the branch campus here and enlisted the support of community leaders to assure the success of the school. He and O'Daniel were active members of SIHE from its founding in 1966 and of the USI Foundation from its founding in 1968. O'Daniel, among other activities, oversaw the development of the apartments which were transferred to University ownership at the Board meeting.

The apartments house 1,400 students. They will be officially dedicated on July 7, 1994.

ALUMNI TODAY

1970s

Charles A. Beck, Jr. '73, social science, is the marketing director for Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

Ruth Zimmerman Baize '74, elementary education/mathematics, will be listed in the June 1994 issue of *Mirabella* magazine as one of the 1,000 most influential women in America. She teaches fifth grade at Lodge School in Evansville.

Gilbert K. Johnson '75, political science, is supervisor of payroll services for Martin Marietta Utility Services in Paducah, Kentucky.

Roger E. Duncan '76, communications, has been named the outstanding job placement professional by the Indiana Rehabilitation Association's Job Placement Division. He is an associate minister at Liberty Baptist Church in Evansville.

John W. Miller '77, sociology and history, has been promoted to Air Force lieutenant colonel at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois.

James R. Maurer '78, accounting, has been elected vice-president in the consumer lending division at Mid-West Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Libby Culiver '79, elementary education, has been named the Elementary Teacher of the Year by the *Evansville Courier*. She teaches fifth grade at Hebron Elementary School.

1980s

Debbie Poelhuis '80, health services, was promoted to associate professor of radiography with tenure at Owensboro Community College.

David K. Ogg '81, marketing, is an assistant underwriting manager for Lincoln Service Mortgage Corporation in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Blake W. Bammer '82, communications, is a project manager for Don Wood, Inc. in Orlando, Florida.

David A. Cullison '82, accounting, is an associate pastor for the First Southern Baptist Church in Evansville. His wife, **Kimberly Marx Cullison '82**, elementary education, is a student teaching supervisor for USI.

Don C. Dailey '82, biology, is an assistant professor of biology at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Donald R. Ingle '82, management, is an administrator for Evergreen Corporation in Clarksville, Tennessee.

John L. Schutz '82, business administration, has been promoted to vice president at Hilliard Lyons in Evansville.

Brenda Baehl Wallace '82, accounting, is a certified public accountant-manager for Harding, Shymanski and Company in Evansville.

Larry G. Weinzapfel '82, accounting, is a manager specializing in tax and small business consulting for Marvin J. Wright Certified Public Accountants in Evansville.

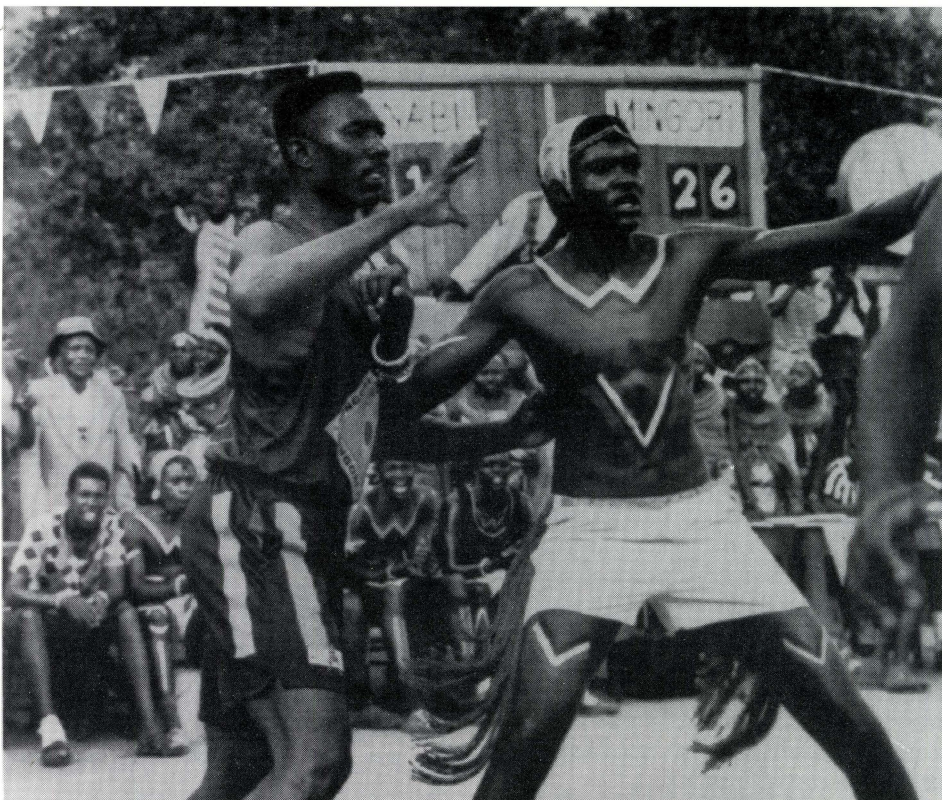
Joycelyn Winnecke '82, communications, has been named deputy metro editor at the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Mark B. Gerst '83, business administration, is an investment broker with Hilliard Lyons in Evansville.

Lawrence A. Nall '83, accounting, is a financial planner for Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

Terry F. Rexing '83, marketing, is an inspector for Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville.

Sandra D. Byers '84, accounting, is a bookkeeper for R.G. Trucking in Shawneetown, Illinois.



In a high stakes game of basketball, the villainous Mifundo (Ilo Mutombo, left) squares off against young Winabi warrior Saleh (Charles Gitonga Maina) in the Hollywood Pictures film *The Air Up There*. (photo courtesy of Hollywood Pictures)

USI graduate makes Hollywood debut

by Mike Roeder '89

The Air Up There describes where University of Southern Indiana graduate Ilo Mutombo has spent much of the last seven years of his life.

Airplanes and opportunities have taken the 1991 USI graduate, a former Eagles basketball standout, from Zaire, Africa, to USI in Evansville, to Washington, D. C., back to Africa, and back to Washington, D.C.

His recent journeys landed him in the middle of a major motion picture, the Buena Vista Company release, *The Air Up There*, starring Kevin Bacon. Mutombo's role as a villain in the movie added a new chapter in the life of a man of many experiences.

"It was a dream come true," he said. "To be in a motion picture was one of the best things I could dream about. Working with a movie cast is truly exciting."

The native of Kinshasa, Zaire, came to America on a basketball scholarship

in September 1987. He also was searching for an education that could help him be a leader in his native country. After graduation, he landed a full-time job with Comsat Video Enterprises, editing promotional tapes for movies and distributing satellite services for in-room hotel movies.

A dream of acting began taking shape when Mutombo's younger brother, Dik'embe, a former Georgetown star who now plays center for the Denver Nuggets, told him of the movie. A screen test was to be held at nearby Howard University. Dik'embe explained the movie would be shot in Africa; he thought Ilo would be a natural.

"He knew I wanted to be an actor, but I didn't know where to start," Mutombo explained. He joined 35 others in auditioning for a small part as the estranged brother of the movie's basketball star.

"I forgot all about it after the first try-

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out," Mutombo said. A few weeks later, however, he received a callback for a screen test, along with 14 other dreamers.

In December 1992 — four weeks after the birth of his son Kazel — Mutombo heard from Hollywood. He was to leave in early January for Africa and two and a half months of shooting. His wife Kyrese agreed he should pursue his dream.

The movie personnel meanwhile had recast Mutombo into the more prominent role of the villain. He called the change one of his best memories of the whole experience.

"I was fortunate to change to the villain, to play a bigger role," the rookie actor said. "I was the first one to start the shooting. I had five days to memorize my script with Kevin (Bacon). I felt comfortable. Kevin was supportive and others were supportive. They told me, 'Be Ilo.' People told me I was a natural. I learned a lot about timing and other disciplines."

Most movie stars gain notoriety from their big-screen experience and Mutombo was startled when he was recognized in a South African supermarket while on location. "Little kids came up to me and said, 'Hey, aren't you Ilo?'"

Mutombo later learned that many Zairians had moved to South Africa in search of a better life. "There is no peace in Zaire. It is civil war," he explained. He said he feels he owes the people of Zaire. "I plan to go there and show people what I learned," he added. "I am a messenger and must take it to the Zairian people. And I want to take my family and show them where daddy grew up."

He is not homesick, however. "Home is home," he said. "All my childhood was left in Africa. I would like to return there but they are in big trouble right now. I have a family to take care of."

Mutombo is hoping for an early return to the big screen, however. "I am working with my agent to find out what is next," he said. "I am looking for the big one. I would like to work with Sean Connery, Sylvester Stallone, or Mel Gibson in my next picture."

Mike Roeder is a 1981 USI graduate. He is a communications specialist with Indiana Association of Cities and Towns in Indianapolis.

Dan Durbin '84, communications, was chosen the high school Teacher of the Year through a program sponsored by Mead Johnson Nutritionals and the University of Evansville.

Steven D. Boyer '85, marketing, is a sales engineer for Mosler, Inc. in Newburgh, Indiana.

Eric M. Walker '85, history, is supervisor of human resources services at Amoco Oil Company's Whiting Refinery in Whiting, Indiana.

Marc S. Duhe '87, communications, is a communications adjunct instructor for USI.

Jeff Kniese '87, finance, has been promoted to vice president/general manager at Indiana Old National Insurance Company in Evansville.

Denise J. Lofton '87, radiologic technology, is an x-ray technician for Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Alvey Albin '88, marketing, is the dairy/frozen foods manager for Schnucks North in Evansville.

Dennis R. Guthery '88, accounting, is a controller for Jasper Plant Foods in Jasper, Indiana.

Doug McWilliams '88, business administration, is a claims representative for Cincinnati Insurance Company in Jasper, Indiana.

Gretchen Wallace '88, communications, is a database coordinator for Datamax in St. Louis, Missouri.

David A. Davis '89, accounting, is an assistant professor of accounting at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana.

Amy C. Hilgeman '89, art, is a computer graphics artist for Keller Crescent Company in Evansville.

Karla K. Johnson '89, sociology, is the social services director at Medco North in Evansville.

Stephen J. Rode '89, master of science in education, is a teacher at Mater Dei High School in Evansville. His wife, **Gwendolyn Heneisen Rode '91**, social work, is a case manager with Posey County Rehabilitation Services, Inc. in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Lee Ann Roeder '89, communications, has established a desktop publishing/editing/writing service in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Timothy VanCleave '89, computer information systems, is a microcomputer specialist for Systems and Computer Technology in Evansville.

1990s

Julie Esslinger Blum '90, electrical engineering technology, is an instrumentation technician for Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, Indiana.

Lori Miller Hermann '90, elementary education, is an administrative assistant at Welborn Children's Center in Evansville.

Tracy Shurig Maxwell '90, nursing, is a registered nurse at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Suzie Fox Pace '90, communications, is special events planner for All-In-One Rental in Evansville.

Margot Denman Tiedt '90, social work, is a social worker for Mercy Center for Outpatient Rehabilitation in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dawn Whalen Burghard '91, psychology, is a third-year law student at the University of Louisville Law School.

Susan Rogers Craig '91, elementary education, is a teacher at Otwell Elementary School in Otwell, Indiana.

Meg Farmer '91, accounting, is a staff accountant in the general services department for Harding, Shymanski and Company in Evansville.

Constance Hopf Goebel '91, business administration, is a collections supervisor for American General Finance in Evansville. Her husband, **John V. Goebel '92**, political science, is a youth care worker for the Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home in Evansville.

Erin Donovan Helfrich '91, secretarial administration, is a secretary at St. Theresa School in Evansville.

Matthew P. Kaluza '91, computer information systems, is a teller for Citizens Bank Eastland Mall Office in Evansville.

Ronald J. Paul '91, marketing, is a customer service coordinator for Kimball Office Furniture Division in Jasper, Indiana.

Patrick A. Titzer '91, art, is working towards a master of fine arts at the University of Notre Dame.

Timothy W. Alford '92, psychology, is an instructional assistant for Welborn Baptist Hospital in Evansville.

Kendyl Albin Ashworth '92, elementary education, is a teacher for Helfrich Park Middle School in Evansville. Her husband, **Jason T. Ashworth '93**, sociology, is a correctional officer with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff Department.

Elizabeth Kuebler Elpers '92, elementary education, is a lead teacher for St. Mary's Medical Center Child Development Center in Evansville.

J. Robert Howell '92, accounting, has been promoted to accounting services manager at USI.

Susan L. Jarboe '92, communications, is an assistant to the public information officer in the Department of Metropolitan Development in Indianapolis.

Linda Haase Lucas '92, nursing, is a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Michael G. Brown '93, accounting, is a financial accountant with Kimball Office Furniture in Jasper, Indiana.

Joyce A. Deutsch '93, nursing, is the medical program coordinator for Indiana Business College in Evansville.

Tess Libbert Fleming '93, business administration, is a major accounts assistant for Contel Cellular in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Donna M. Gish '93, master of science in education, is a business instructor for Indiana Business College in Evansville.

Kirk W. Knight '93, business administration, is an assistant credit manager for Citizens National Bank in Evansville.

Lori B. Kostbade '93, political science, works in sales for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Gregory D. Moore '93, master of business administration, is an accountant for Dempsey, Wilson and Company in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Mark R. Palmer '93, business administration, is an administrative coordinator for research systems corporation in Evansville.

Leah Parsons '93, business administration, is a human resources clerk with Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Amy King Robertson '93, psychology, is a mental health technician for the Mulberry Center in Evansville.

Jennifer Payne Wigginton '93, communications, is a sales representative for United States Cellular in Vincennes, Indiana.

Chad Williams '93, is an inside retail advertising sales executive with *Topics Newspapers* in Indianapolis.

Victor Aydt '94, accounting, is a staff accountant for Geo. S. Olive and Co. in Evansville.

Jeffrey M. Sickman '94, accounting, is a staff accountant at USI.

Marriages

Lori Goodman Clouser '84, marketing, and Eddie Kissinger.

Deidra R. Conner '87, accounting, and Ron Althof.

Alvey Albin '88, marketing, and Paula Pritchett.

Margot L. Denman '90, social work, and Jeffrey J. Tiedt.

Melanie Douglas '90, social work, and **Blake Krueger '93**, business education.

Julie R. Esslinger '90, electrical engineering technology, and Robert K. Blum.

Suzie L. Fox '90, communications, and Brent Pace.

Tracy A. Shurig '90, nursing, and Glenn A. Maxwell.

Erin E. Donovan '91, secretarial administration, and Brian Helfrich.

Patrick Kelly '91, psychology, and Stephanie Loehlein.

Susan D. Rogers '91, elementary education, and Brent Craig.

Dawn M. Whalen '91, psychology, and Troy Burghard.

Kendyl Albin '92, elementary education, and **Jason T. Ashworth '93**, sociology.

Timothy W. Alford '92, psychology, and Lynn G. Wilkinson.

Linda T. Haase '92, nursing, and Kenneth D. Lucas.

Elizabeth L. Kuebler '92, elementary education, and Bradley F. Elpers.

Cynthia L. Pancake '92, English, and Scott A. Wandel.

L. Janel Ferguson '93, elementary education, and David Ramsden.

Amy King '93, psychology, and Todd Robertson.

Kirk W. Knight '93, business administration, and Susan R. McGregor.

Tess Libbert '93, business administration, and Richard Fleming.

Gregory D. Moore '93, master of business administration, and Tracey J. Davis.

Jennifer L. Payne '93, communications, and Richard C. Wigginton.

Kimberlee A. Yates '93, elementary education, and Jason B. Powell.

Births

Jane Goedde Amos '76, chemistry, and husband, Gordon, daughter, Julianne Marie.

Christine R. Kell '81, accounting, and husband, Jeff, daughter, Megan Rae.

Eric Bitter '84, marketing, and wife, Jean, daughter, Mary Catherine.

Michael M. Yon '84, communications, and wife, **Mary Bauer Yon '86**, communications, daughter, Julia Elizabeth.

Lee Ann Roeder '89, communications, and husband, **Michael F. Roeder '89**, communications, son, Johnathan Michael.

Lynn Meyer Arteberry '90, master of science in education, and husband, Alan, son, Jordan Reed.

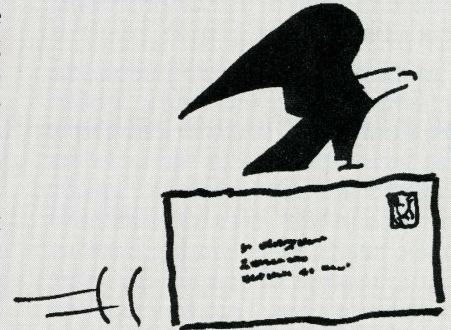
Lori Miller Hermann '90, elementary education, and husband, Scott, son, Tyler Neil.

Wendy Winkleman Blair '91, finance, and husband, Thomas, daughter, Emily Jaene.

Alumni Directory to be released in 1995

Attention USI alumni!

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times in the second half, propelling the squad into the final four.

USI faced New Hampshire College and repeated the slow start of the South Dakota game. Down by nine early, the Eagles used 11 three-pointers to lead by as many as 25 three different times and earned their chance at the title in the national spotlight of CBS Sports.

USI jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the championship game, but it would be their only lead. In the first half, the Eagles were down by as many as 18 and trailed at halftime by 15, 45-30. In the second half, they showed how big their hearts were, roaring back to only a four-point deficit, 57-53, with 13 minutes to play. That was as close as they would get. The game ended at 92-86.

Gouard was named Most Outstanding Player in the Elite Eight; he had scored 22 points against New Hampshire and 30 against Cal State. He was joined on the All-Tournament team by Tate, who had 49 assists in the five games, a Division II tournament record. USI also set an NCAA II Tournament team record, averaging 97.0 points a game. The Screaming Eagles had broken 33 individual, school, and NCAA records for the season, including the school record for wins, now 28-4.

Bowles was named Player of the Year in the *NCAA Division II Bulletin*, first team All-American by *Basketball Times*, and third team All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He became the first player in school history to score over 2,000 points and grab over 1,000 rebounds. He holds the USI career record for rebounds, 1,129, and the GLVC record for rebounds in league games, 723, and rebounding average, 10.0 rpg. His 2,169 career points rank second at USI. He led the team for a fourth straight year with a 19.5 ppg and 9.7 rpg average.

Tate, who averaged 15.8 ppg and 8.4 ag, rewrote the assist records at USI by handing out 17 in a game against Indiana/Purdue-Ft. Wayne, giving out 270 in the season, and ending his career total of 431. This goes along with his NCAA II tournament record. He also was named second team All-American by the *NCAA Division II Bulletin*.

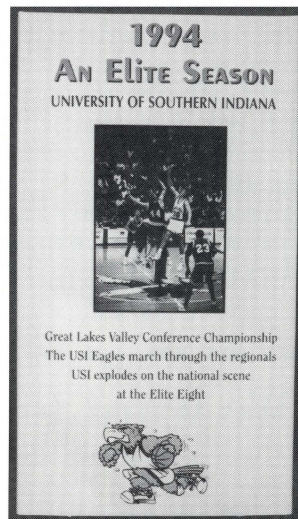
Senior guard Craig Martin established a career record for games played, 115, while senior forward Todd Jones set a career record for three-point field goal percentage, 44.0 percent (114-259).

Gouard, who was second in scoring with a 19.1 ppg and rebounding with 7.7 rpg, set a single-game record with eight steals vs. Bellarmine.

Junior guard Brian Huebner, who averaged 11.2 ppg, battled with Jones

all season and finished with the team lead and school record in three-point field goal percentage, 55.8 percent (29-52).

With all of the athletic awards, another statistic is impressive. Five team members — Bowles, Martin, sophomore forward Neil Coyle, sophomore forward Scott Taylor, and senior forward Jeff Doyle — were named Academic All-GLVC.



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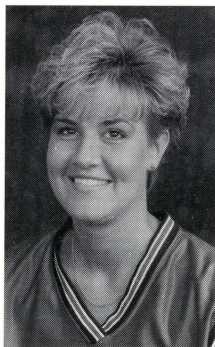
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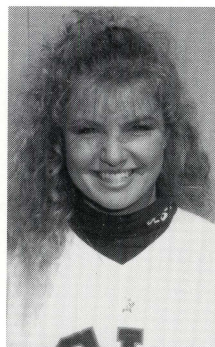
The Lady Screaming Eagles also had a record-breaking season with a team which returned ten players and had just one newcomer.

Head Coach Chancellor Dugan and the Lady Eagles broke the USI record for wins in a season, 17-10. They also broke the USI mark for wins in the GLVC with 12, which broke their own record of nine set the previous season.

The Eagles also broke individual school records. Kodak All-American Kathy Lauck, a senior forward/center, became the USI career leader in points (1,573), rebounds (791), points per game average (16.3 ppg), and field goals (622), and set the single-season scoring record (544 points). She also set a USI mark with 31 consecutive free throws.



Kathy Lauck



Amber Huse

To go along with her All-American award, Lauck was named GLVC Player of the Year and first team All-GLVC, a first for any USI women's player.

Softball All American selected

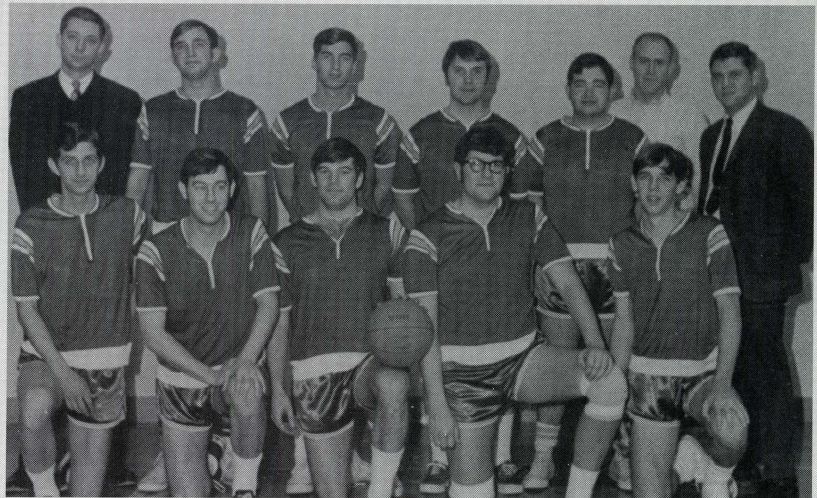
USI sophomore Amber Huse, center-fielder, was selected as first team All American in NCAA Division II, becoming the first USI softball player to gain such recognition. She is a graduate of Pendleton Heights High School in Anderson, Indiana.

The women's softball team ended the season 34-17-1. Tom Rupert, who completed his fourth season as head coach, has directed the USI softball program into the regional spotlight for the first time in five years.

Then and Now

Members of the first USI basketball team celebrated a 25-year reunion during half-time of a USI men's basketball game in March. Members of the 1968-69 team (top photo) are (front row, from left) Greg Wezet, Mike Meyer, Dwayne Zehr, Bill Joergens, and Byron Sanders; (back row, from left) Assistant Coach Jack Engelke, Dale Fehd, Dave Senning, Robbie Kent, Skip Courter, Statistician Bill Brandsasse, and Head Coach John Deem. Abe Krause was not present for the picture.

The 1968 team, adhering to NCAA guidelines and requirements, scheduled teams from Lockyear Business College, Indiana Technical College, Henderson Community



College, Paducah Community College, and Harrisburg Community College. The team recorded a .500 season, a six win-six loss record. Coach Deem recalls the season was "a very respectable and appropriate beginning for hatching the Eagles".

Team members pictured at the reunion are (from left) Mike Meyer, Greg Wezet, Dwayne Zehr, Byron Sanders, USI President David Rice, Bill Joergens, John Deem, and Jack Engelke. The team presented Dr. Rice with a plaque commemorating the reunion.

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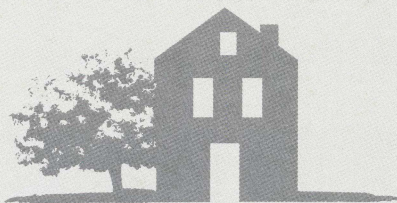
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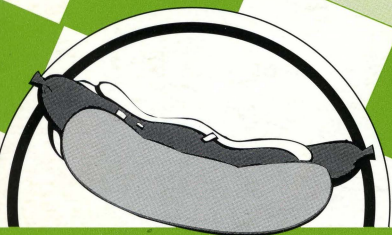
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