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From the editor

A legacy of nurturing—
a master plan in the making

Quite a few years have passed since students first started pounding the pavement and enjoying the grassy open spaces of the University of Southern Indiana campus. On any weekday the parking lots are brimming, and the faculty and students are making their way afoot from building to building in a purposeful way. There's a constant stream of visitors to our athletic events, conferences, and other activities, and there's a steady flow of deliveries to keep the campus going for 8,300 students.

Yes, that's the way we know our campus today. But the recent death of Cynderella McDowell Miller causes us to reflect upon the time when this land was not a university campus but a family farm. Miller's grandparents were once owners of 120 acres that make up the core of the campus, and Miller herself inherited the land which is now the Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community adjacent to campus. She died March 15 at age 91.

Her ancestors' ties to what is now the USI property go back to 1852. A plaque on the University Center explains in more detail the succession of owners.

Dr. David L. Rice, USI president emeritus and a longtime friend of Miller, said Miller was pleased that her grandparents' farm became the site on which the University was developed. She referred to the portion of the land which was hers as the "white elephant" because of its rolling terrain, brambles, and undergrowth. "She was very proud that she had nurtured that white elephant and that it became the beautiful Solarbron project," Rice said.

Miller and her husband Elder made their home in a cottage that still stands across the lake from the retirement facility, and after his death in 1966 she continued to live there until just a few years ago when the yard work became too overwhelming. She carefully raked the wooded area in the fall and tended the property throughout the year. "It kept her young," Rice said.

As you read this issue of *8600 University Boulevard*, you will notice that the vigorous USI environment continues to evolve. On pages 6 and 7, we tell you about the Master Plan. The developers call for the continuation of a people-friendly campus with a coherent land-use pattern.

We look back in gratitude to Cynderella McDowell Miller and her family for caring for this land, and we look forward to watching the Master Plan shape the campus for the coming years.

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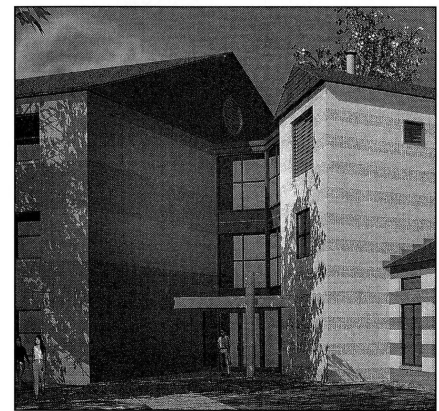
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ON THE COVER

As a home child care provider, Stacey Immel '92 cares for, from left, Jacob Fuchs, her own daughter Natalie, and Chase Elpers. See story, page 2.

Quality child care is good for children, good for parents, good for business

Caring

Justin can arrive in his pajamas and get dressed later. Jennifer can bring along her half-eaten breakfast. When children attend day care in a private home, they have certain privileges that a child care center does not offer.

Representatives of the University of Southern Indiana, as members of the Vanderburgh County Child Care Symposium Team, are working to improve the quality of child care available in Vanderburgh County. USI's role is to offer a certificate program for individuals who offer or would like to offer child care in their homes. The first 13-session course, which began in March, covers topics such as nutrition, positive guidance, growth and development, communication, first aid, health and safety, licensing, and business operation. Fourteen students are enrolled.

Ginger Ramsden, manager of family, school and children's programs for USI's Extended Services, said the program also involves identifying an experienced home care provider to serve as a mentor for each student in the course.

The Vanderburgh County effort, part of a statewide initiative, has received \$100,000 from the state. The project coordinated by USI will use \$17,624 of that total to accomplish the certificate and mentoring program.

Other aspects of the team effort include a program to increase the number of center-based child care slots, the development of a web page (<http://www.child-care.org>) and a child care handbook for parents, increased resources in a lending library for parents and caregivers, and a campaign to raise

community awareness about the importance of high caliber child care. The lending library is available from Community Coordinated Child Care (4C), a local agency which administers the Vanderburgh County Child Care Initiative.

Ramsden said, "When former Governor Evan Bayh began this initiative, he felt the need to educate the business community that investing in child care is a good business practice."

In Vanderburgh County, the percentage of women in the workforce has increased from about 20 percent in 1940 to more than 50 percent in 1990. Nationally, research indicates that stress accounts for 17 percent of all work-related absences. "A comfortable feeling about the quality of their children's care can reduce stress for working parents," Ramsden said.

Many parents prefer in-home day care, especially for their infants and toddlers. According to Erin Ramsey, executive director of 4C, "Family day care that has a well trained and loving provider is an ideal setting for children. It can foster a secure 'home-away-from-home' feeling for children, while exposing them to social experiences."

Ramsden encourages young professional women who want to stay home with their own children to consider offering child care in their homes.

"Some might look at it as a career for a five-year span, and then they will move on to other professional careers as their own children grow older," she said. As in-home providers become better qualified,

parents should expect to pay more for their services.

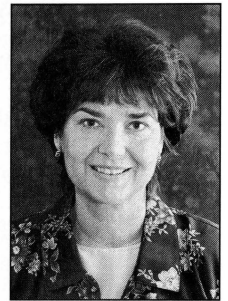
Ramsden said the best kind of teaching is "provider to provider." The 14 mentors selected for the certificate program are experienced providers available to consult with, visit, and serve as partners to those who want to get started offering child care in their homes.

Ramsden plans to develop a corporate home care network called Caring Connections, which will include some of the certificate students and mentors as well as other high quality home care providers in the area.

"For this network, we're looking for the best-of-the-best in home care providers," Ramsden said. "We want to be able to tell parents and sponsoring employers that we've been to the homes of these providers, and we know that they offer quality care."

All homes in the network will meet minimum licensing standards, and the participating providers will be involved in ongoing training and networking.

Symposium dollars may become available for the development of the network, but corporate support is needed to assure continuing success, Ramsden said. She hopes to develop employer support for Caring Connections and will be contacting area businesses interested in establishing and maintaining work/family initiatives for their employees.



Ramsden

Connections

Corporations interested in serving as financial sponsors in exchange for priority slots for children of their employees may contact Ramsden at 812/464-1989. Corporate support might fund programs such as these:

- A home computer so a family child care provider could access information on the Internet, network with other providers, and allow children computer exploration activities
- A substitute caregiver once a month while the provider attends a training program or networking event
- A preschool teacher to make home visits to enhance the learning environment

Other USI staff members serving on the symposium team include Pam S. Buschkill, children's center coordinator; Dr. Sherry L. Boyd, associate professor of education; Dr. Jane E. Meyer, assistant professor of education; and Marci Liz Tabor, USI graduate student in education.

Working mom works at home

Five days a week, Stacey Immel offers children a warm family setting as a home day care provider

When Natalie was born in October, 1995, Stacey Dormeyer Immel '92 began looking around Evansville for appropriate day care so she could continue working as an admission counselor at the University of Southern Indiana.

What she found instead was a waiting list of six to 12 months for

an infant slot at a quality day care center or in a private home. She had been thinking about staying home with her child and that clinched it. Now Immel, who worked for four years at USI's Children's Center while pursuing her degree in elementary education, is an in-home child care provider herself.

In addition to Natalie, she cares for one other child full-time. Two others come on a part-time basis. Immel said, "The parents were looking for somebody they could trust. I have their children about 10 hours a day, and it's rewarding to me that they have confidence in the care I'm giving."

She advises new caregivers that one of the most important aspects of good child care is to develop a routine with each child. "You have to establish a bond. I find that it takes at least a month to get to know the child."

Immel maintains age-appropriate toys and provides meals for the children once they graduate to solid food. She has a fenced outdoor play area and often takes the children on outings to the zoo, the library, or other places of interest.

As a caregiver herself, Immel is interested in the advantages of the Caring Connections network now being developed. Not only will the child care network provide referrals for parents and corporations, but the communication among caregivers will be beneficial. "Right now I do not know anyone else providing care in their home," she said. "It will be helpful to discuss situations that come up with others who have had the same experience."

The primary demand for child care in the home is for infants through age 3. Many parents are interested in a preschool situation after that point.

Immel plans to continue her role as a family child care provider at least until Natalie, now well past two-years-old, goes to school, and then she hopes to continue to work in some form of child care. Her husband Thad, also a USI alumnus, is a mathematics teacher at Evansville's Perry Heights Middle School.

Stacey Immel lends helping hands to Chase Elpers.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Setting the pace for partnership

Jack Danks thinks the end is a very good place to start

The City of Evansville from 1992 through 1997 realized more than \$4.8 million in savings through public-private partnership contracts to operate wastewater and sewer systems for the city. Savings resulted from use of better technology, economy of scale, and other efficiencies. The private partner is responsive to the city's demand for cost savings, greater efficiency, and overall better service.

The person who put together and continues to maintain this management program which cuts costs and improves services for Evansville and its utility customers is Jack J. Danks '94 M.B.A., general manager of the City of Evansville Water and Sewer Utility since 1992. He was recognized nationally in October for breaking new ground in public-private cooperation when he received the 1997 Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships at the organization's annual meeting in St. Louis.

His success in implementing the partnership has other municipalities looking at the Evansville example. *Council Insights*, a publication of the National Council for Public Private Partnerships, says in its June 1997 issue "many eyes are focused on the City of Evansville, Indiana."

"The ultimate goal in the public sector for managers such as myself is to maximize public services but minimize costs," Danks said. "The phrase that I like to use is 'try to begin with the end in mind.'"

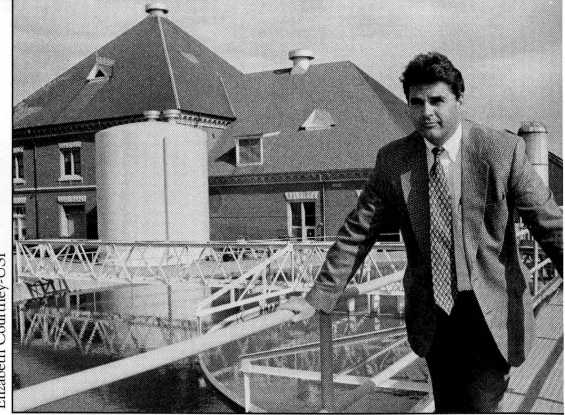
From his days as a USI graduate student, Danks recalls the Strategic Management course which was taught by Ernest H. Hall, associate professor of management.

"You go through a lot of strategic planning and a lot of discussion and research with regard to mission statements and vision statements," Danks said. "I think that assisted me in my endeavor to look at the utility in terms of having a vision of where we wanted to be in five or six years."

Since receiving the award, Danks has made presentations at the Indiana Metropolitan Mayors Conference in Evansville, at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Urban Water Council Conference in Washington, D.C., at the Center for Business Intelligence U.S. Water and Wastewater Summit in Washington, D.C., and at the American Water Works Association Annual Conference in Indianapolis. He will speak later this year at other professional meetings in Indianapolis and Chicago. An article explaining the partnership and its benefits has appeared in *Council Insights* and in two other professional journals.

The wastewater treatment system was the first aspect of the Evansville Utility Board's responsibilities to be involved in the partnership with Environmental Management Corporation (EMC) of St. Louis. The five-year contract, which began in 1992, guaranteed the city at least a half million dollars each year in savings. After three years, EMC also began to manage the sewer collection system, guaranteeing an additional \$200,000 savings annually.

In 1996, the partnership concept was expanded again when Evansville became one of the first cities in the nation to take advantage of new regulations allowing long-term private contracts. A



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Danks

contract for water management is projected to save 19 million dollars over a 10-year term. Evansville water customers benefitted in 1997 when the proposed water rate hike was cut from 17.5 percent to 11.6 percent.

City officials point out that the partnership gives the city a "wide range of management talent and technical experts." Improving quality for customers and creating savings for the city make the public-private partnership a growing trend in government, and Evansville is in the forefront of that trend with USI's M.B.A. graduate Jack Danks at the helm.

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Master of Social Work receives accreditation

USI program one of two recognized in Indiana

The Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program at the University of Southern Indiana has received initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education, an organization that accredits baccalaureate and master's degree programs in the United States.

The USI program is one of two accredited social work programs at the master's level in Indiana. The other is at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI).

The primary objective of the program is to prepare graduate-level students for entering advanced social work practice. The program currently offers a clinical concentration, and students are educated to practice in a variety of clinical settings. USI offers full-time and part-time tracks for completion of the degree.

The M.S.W. program has more than 80 graduates. It has been in candidacy status for accreditation since its inception three years ago. The accreditation process included three site visits and close scrutiny of the faculty and academic program, potential student demand, and social agency community support availability.

Dr. David J. Westhuis, associate professor of social work and director of the program, and David C. Cousert, associate professor of social work and director of the Bachelor of Social Work degree program, headed the accreditation effort. "The accreditation is important for our students," Westhuis said. "It will allow them to be licensed as clinical social workers in Indiana and other states."

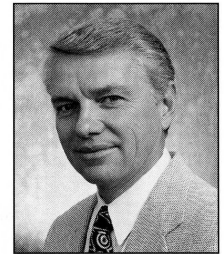
USI President H. Ray Hoops praised the efforts by the faculty

and community agencies to make this accreditation possible. He said, "The commitment to bring the finest education possible to the people of this region is reconfirmed with this accreditation for the Master of Social Work. The faculty in the social work department have worked diligently to gain this endorsement and community agencies have supported the effort. It will serve our students well."

The B.S.W. degree program was re-accredited for eight years in 1995.



Cousert



Westhuis

In the workplace Social workers help us even out life situations

Jean Wilson is out to help people. She knows that the world is not fair and never will be. But, working with one person at a time, her chosen field of social work allows her, as a professional, to make the world just a little more fair.

"I don't have all the answers," said Wilson, who received both the B.S.W. ('95) and M.S.W. ('97) degrees from the University of Southern Indiana. "But sometimes for some people, the answer is having someone to listen and show empathy."

In October, Wilson was named director of social services at East Pointe Health and Rehabilitation Center on Washington Avenue in Evansville. She works with basic needs of the clients and helps them with their emotional and spiritual well-being. East Pointe serves patients who need physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.

The center also offers long-term care.

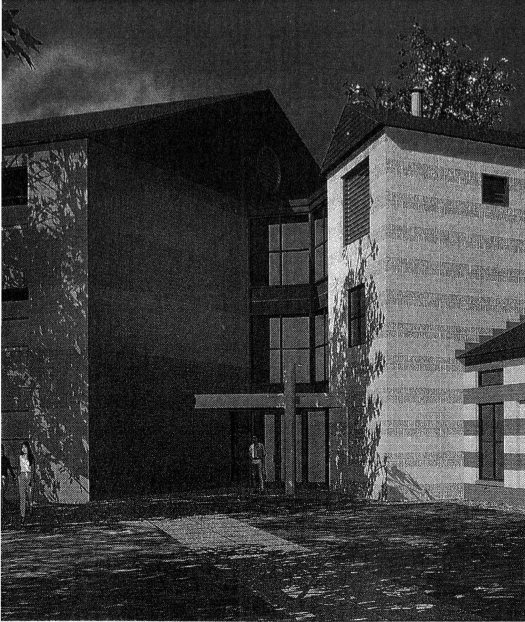
As a social worker in a facility that cares for many elderly clients, Wilson says that it is important "not to take things personally." Her studies at USI taught her that the changes which come with aging affect people in different ways. The diagnostic and statistical tools she learned to use as a student help her understand people's behaviors and systems and how to deal with them professionally.

Wilson completed the part-time advanced standing track to earn the Master of Social Work and was an intern with Catholic Charities Bureau in Evansville.



Charles (Eddie) Jones, a resident at East Pointe Health and Rehabilitation Center, reminisces with social worker Jean Wilson.

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Students in new residential units will access their apartments from interior corridors.

New apartments have something in common

The construction of two 54-unit student residence buildings south of the Physical Activities Center heralds the development of a new type of housing for students at the University of Southern Indiana. The buildings will open in fall 1999.

The new housing combines apartment-style living with some of the best elements of dormitory living, said Richard W. Schmidt, vice president for business affairs. Each three-story building includes a central entrance with interior corridors, a central lounge and reception area for common use, a computer laboratory on each floor, a laundry facility, and a multipurpose room on the main level. Each building will have 42 two-bedroom apartments and 12 one-bedroom apartments. Each apartment has a kitchenette, a common living area, and technological enhancements for computer networking.

"This type of building is designed to help students, especially freshmen, develop friendships and find connections on campus," Schmidt said. The new design was accepted after a thorough study which included visiting other campuses and conducting focus groups to accumulate various perspectives about the future of campus residential life.

Current campus housing is apartment style with exterior corridors.

Tomorrow's campus

More than the sum of its parts

The Campus Master Plan of the University of Southern Indiana is designed to guide future development in a manner that will make the campus serve, not as a mere collection of buildings, parking lots, open space, and roads, but as a community that meets in a carefully planned way the needs of students, faculty, and all who use the facilities.

Richard W. Schmidt, vice president for Business Affairs, said the campus has a special character from its situation on a bluff above the Ohio River and surrounded by ravines and rolling terrain. The University Center is on one of the highest points in the Evansville area. Future development of the USI property and adjacent land owned by Southern Indiana Higher Education will take advantage of this physical environment with academic disciplines clustered on the bluffs and other growth organized along the ravine system.

Proposals in the Master Plan include the following:

• Building and Land Use Organization

Academics. Academic buildings would be clustered in a traditional quadrangle to give the campus a focus. The Liberal Arts Center is being constructed southwest of the University Center, and a multipurpose classroom is proposed between the Science Center and the University Center. An academic node on the north side of campus could accommodate future science-related facilities, and another academic node to the south, clustered around the existing Technology Center, could contain a performing

arts space and other facilities for the performing, fine, and applied arts.

Support and student services.

An addition to the existing David L. Rice Library would accommodate growth for that facility. A new residence hall dining facility would support new housing on the south side of campus and provide space for certain student life activities.

Residential space. Most additions to campus housing would be on the south side of campus where the first two buildings of a new type of apartment-style residence are under construction. The area along Bluff Lane on the east side of campus could allow development of specialized housing for students with children or those with special interests.

Athletic space. The Wellness Center will be constructed south of the Physical Activities Center (PAC). Space for athletic fields is available near the PAC and on the south side of campus.

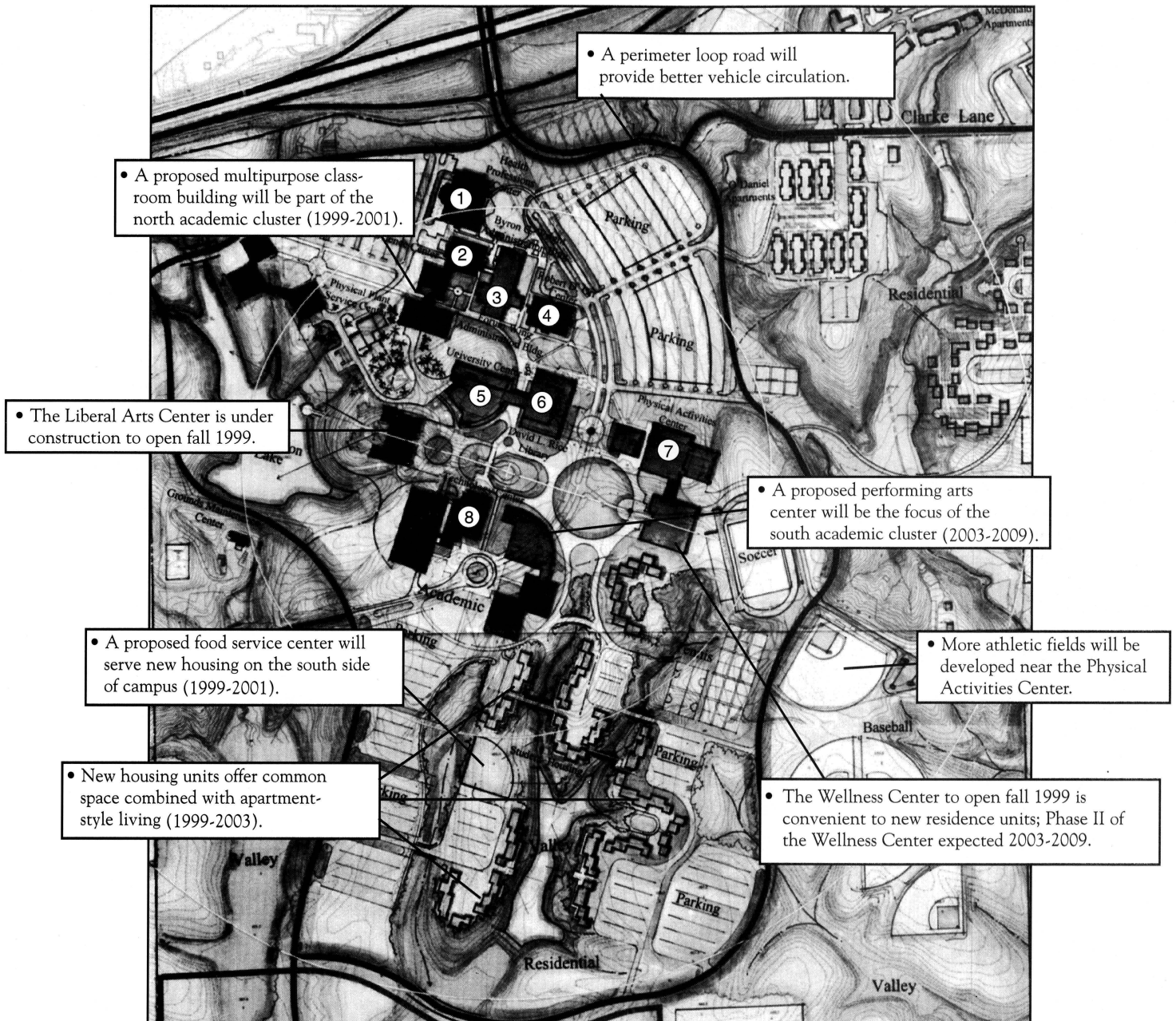
• Vehicular Circulation and Parking

A perimeter loop road would make the campus more pedestrian friendly, eliminating vehicle/pedestrian conflicts. Drivers would enter the campus from the Lloyd Expressway/State Route 62 to University Boulevard and then access a loop road. Other proposed entrances onto the campus and the loop would be provided by Clarke Lane, the west portion of University Boulevard, a new road west of Reflection Lake, and a new road from Broadway Avenue on the south. Parking would be accessed from the loop, and it would become the primary route for the campus shuttle bus service.

Campus Master Plan

Today's Campus

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| 1. Health Professions Center | 5. University Center |
| 2. Science Center | 6. David L. Rice Library |
| 3. Byron C. Wright Administration Building | 7. Physical Activities Center |
| 4. Robert D. Orr Center | 8. Technology Center |



• A perimeter loop road will provide better vehicle circulation.

• A proposed multipurpose classroom building will be part of the north academic cluster (1999-2001).

• The Liberal Arts Center is under construction to open fall 1999.

• A proposed performing arts center will be the focus of the south academic cluster (2003-2009).

• A proposed food service center will serve new housing on the south side of campus (1999-2001).

• More athletic fields will be developed near the Physical Activities Center.

• New housing units offer common space combined with apartment-style living (1999-2003).

• The Wellness Center to open fall 1999 is convenient to new residence units; Phase II of the Wellness Center expected 2003-2009.

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• Pedestrian circulation

A hierarchy of walkways would guide pedestrian movement. The goal is that major destinations within the academic core should be no more than a 10-minute walk.

• Open space

Internal open space areas would be enhanced with landscaping, sculptures, plazas, and sitting areas for function and visual appeal.

The Master Plan Committee was headed by Schmidt. The plan is slated to be implemented in phases over a 10-year period.

Accounting for growth

Campus comes into its own as years go by

Richard W. Schmidt walked into his office at the University of Southern Indiana in 1972 on his first day of work as chief accountant and asked to review the files. The secretary laughed and pulled open one file drawer with folders less than a foot thick.

It didn't take the young accountant fresh from Grissom Air Force Base in north-central Indiana and Lackland Air Force Base in Texas much time to evaluate the policies and procedures, but he was off and running in his job with the growing young University.

When Schmidt, now vice president for Business Affairs, joined USI, the campus was associated with Indiana State University in Terre Haute. In fact, accounting and payroll functions were still handled there. Schmidt remembers when employee time sheets were sent by bus to Terre Haute and paychecks came back by bus. Occasionally, the paychecks might miss the bus, which ran on a limited schedule. Then, someone from Evansville would get in a car and drive toward Terre Haute while someone from Terre Haute would get in a car and drive toward Evansville. The two would meet in Vincennes, and paychecks were never late.

"This was before the days of direct deposit," Schmidt laughed.

Schmidt was named controller in 1975, assistant vice president for Business Affairs in 1987, and vice president in 1993. Over the years he has steered the development and evolution of sophisticated accounting and budgeting functions for USI, now a separate state university.

In his current job, Schmidt's responsibilities include accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, computer center, purchasing, and the

bookstore. He also oversees the physical plant, human resources, safety and security, legislative services, internal audit, debt management, and bonding.

His leadership has been instrumental in bringing major advancements to the University, including funding for the Liberal Arts Center now under construction, renovation of the Science Center and Health Professions Center, development of on-campus housing, and improvements to the base budget.

Reflecting upon the growth and development of USI and its support from the state, Schmidt said, "Our message has been heard because we've been so persistent." He credits southwestern Indiana with a strong, unified delegation to the legislature.

Schmidt has helped direct the formation of a Master Plan designed to accommodate the future needs of the University. (See pages 6-7.)

As the campus makes plans for the new millennium, Schmidt, a zealous golfer, is looking a few years ahead to retirement. He and his wife, Marilyn, director of career services and placement for USI, recently bought some land on a golf course in Hendersonville, North Carolina. They plan to start looking at designs for a house.

Schmidt said that Hendersonville, population 7,000, is comparable in size to Mount Vernon, where he now lives, and just about the same distance from Asheville as Mount Vernon is from Evansville.

"I won't be retiring from life but going to start a new life," he said. A Fort Wayne native, Schmidt has spent time in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and hopes to hike all the trails there. He also is interested in the Center for Creative Retirement, an outreach of the University of North Carolina at Asheville which involves the people it serves in putting together trips, courses, volunteer opportunities, and other programs.

Another factor that helped Schmidt decide that the western side of North Carolina was the next stop for him was a visit to the Asheville home of writer Thomas Wolfe. As he sat in a rocking chair on the big front porch with the mountain breezes cooling the August night, he could think of no better place to be. Maybe Wolfe "can't go home again," but the Schmidts plan to make North Carolina their new home.



Richard Schmidt doesn't mind playing golf in the rain when friend Ted Ziemer, chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, shelters him with a big umbrella.

Partners in conversation

Japanese-American friendships blossom with alliances that build language skills for new Tri-State residents

For Mayumi Hyodo, handling the English language is the most difficult thing about coming from her native Japan to live in Evansville. And the best thing about her American experience is making new friends.

The University of Southern Indiana has developed a program that helps Hyodo and other Japanese women in the Tri-State both with their language skills and with developing friendships. As an outgrowth of the English as a Second Language (ESL) course offered by Extended Services, the Japanese women are linked with an American conversation partner. The partners get together about twice a month.

Hyodo's husband Nobushige is coordinator of production planning for Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc., which will begin producing T150 pickups at its new plant near Princeton this fall. The Hyodos and their daughter Noriko, a student at the University of Evansville, arrived in the United States in August. Another daughter Takako visited in April. In Japan, the family lives in Toyohashi, a city southwest of Tokyo.

Hyodo's conversation partner is Mary Pelle Goebel, president of the Evansville chapter of PEO, a philanthropic and educational organization which became involved with the partnership project at the suggestion of member Cynthia S. Brinker, USI assistant vice president for Business Affairs. Currently, 12 members of PEO and of the USI community are paired with Japanese friends.

To help the partners get better acquainted, Kay Loewer, USI's ESL coordinator, arranged a picnic at Evansville's Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve with participants bringing favorite foods—American or Japanese. Goebel made a pumpkin chiffon pie, a recipe she since has shared with Hyodo. Hyodo prepared green beans with a sauce of peanuts, soy sauce, and sugar and

also offered pickles made from a melon similar to American watermelon. The pickled melon was "hot," Goebel said.

Together Goebel and Hyodo have visited a garden center, a collectibles shop, a seafood restaurant, and other places of interest. While a guest in Hyodo's home for tea, Goebel was impressed with oil paintings and ceramics created by her friend. Hyodo hopes to pursue her artistic interests in Evansville.

that would improve language proficiency and help the Japanese families adjust to the community.

The new Tri-State residents are becoming acquainted with American culture through a variety of field trips, the first of which was to a grocery store where they learned the store layout and found out when certain kinds of fresh seafood are available. They also discovered what the "paper or plastic" question at checkout was all



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Mayumi Hyodo admires antique porcelain collected by her conversation partner, Mary Pelle Goebel.

On a visit to Goebel's home, Hyodo toured the carefully tended yard and enjoyed seeing a collection of antique glassware, noting that some was labeled "Nippon" indicating it was imported from Japan.

As a member of the ESL class, Hyodo and her classmates have additional opportunities to improve their listening and speaking skills. They meet with Loewer and another teacher, Mary Lou Howard, for an hour and a half two times a week during each seven-week term. Another optional class meeting concentrates on grammar.

Loewer joined USI in August 1997 when the University initiated the ESL program in response to community need. As Toyota came in, USI realized the value of a class

about, Loewer said.

The ESL students choose their field trips from a list of suggested topics. An outing to the police department and sheriff's office helped them understand why law enforcement vehicles and uniforms are different colors. They visited St. Mary's Medical Center and the Reitz Home Museum. With the help of the Cooperative Extension Service, they cooked a Thanksgiving dinner, and the Raintree Quilters Guild introduced them to the art of quilting.

Loewer said, "Our ESL students are a delight to work with and a delight to know as individuals. They are open and eager to learn about and understand American culture."

Taking the classroom to the tropics

USI students experience ecosystems, culture of Belize

Snorkeling in the blue waters of the Caribbean Sea is a much more engrossing way to learn about coral than reading about it in a textbook.

Students from the University of Southern Indiana can experience firsthand the terrestrial and marine wonders of a tropical environment through a field biology course offered by the School of Science and Engineering Technology.

The course is a 10-day trip coordinated by Dr. Deke T. Gundersen, assistant professor of biology. Students fly to Belize, a small Central American country on the southeast coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, and explore the ecosystems and bio-diversity of this untouched tropical area.

Twenty-two students made the trip in 1997, the first year it was offered, and another 10 went this spring. Gundersen and Dr. Scott A. Gordon, assistant professor of biology, led the experience in late May after preparing students with lectures and assignments relating to the sights they would see. Students were assigned a specific research project or experiment and kept a field notebook or journal during the trip.

After landing in Belize City, the students and their faculty sponsors on the 1997 trip took a small plane to Ambergris Caye, where they visited the Belize Marine Tropical Research Education Center. Activities included snorkeling and scuba diving, lessons in coral reef ecology, and a look at an underwater spring.

"I'm really glad I got certified in scuba diving before I went," said Amy Mischler, senior. "The water

is so clear there. And when we were diving, we knew the kinds of coral and fish we were looking at because of our preparation for the trip."

The group boarded a ferry, actually more of a rowboat, back to the mainland for a half day guided tour of the Belize Zoo, where they saw a tapir, a fox-like animal called a tayra, howler monkeys that make a sound unlike any other monkey, exotic snakes, birds native to the country, and other unusual species. The travelers spent the remainder of the day at Jaguar Paw, where they floated on tubes through a network of caves as guides pointed out evidence of Mayan ruins and told legends along the two-and-a-half-mile route. The Jaguar Paw resort is owned by former Evansvillians Cy and Donna Young.

The USI group also visited Mayan ruins at Tikal in Guatemala. Mischler said the way of life in Guatemala was an eye-opener for the students. "We saw people walking and sitting by the side of the

road, but no one really working," she said. "The people lived in little shacks or sheds." Gundersen and Gordon said it was common to see young boys as part of the military operation in that country.

During the trip students also visited a butterfly-breeding facility and toured the Panti Medicine Trail. Eligio Panti was a Mayan medicine man who collected and cataloged plants with medicinal properties.

Gundersen may alternate the trip to Belize in future years with a study in the keys off the Florida coast.

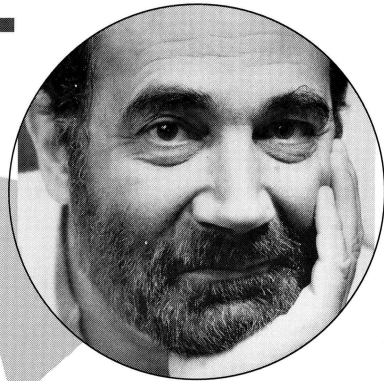


Jay Donosky '97 swam with the sting rays during the 1997 trip to Belize.

New Harmony Theatre season attracts talent coast to coast

The name of New Harmony Theatre is fast becoming known in the theatre havens of New York and Los Angeles. Scott LaFeber, artistic director for the USI-sponsored professional summer theatre program, said more than 2,000 New York actors indicated interest in trying out for roles in this season's productions. Of that number, LaFeber auditioned 300 and will choose 15 to appear in the shows at Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony, Indiana.

Another four actors and a director will come from the Los Angeles area, giving the summer productions a true bi-coastal flavor. Set and lighting designers for this year's productions have worked on- and off- Broadway and in television.

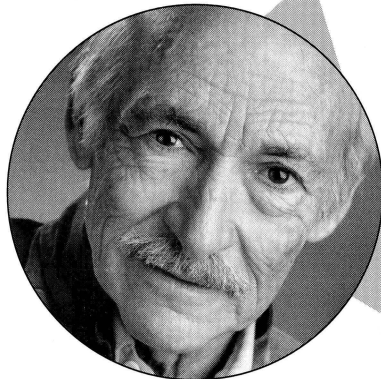


Tom Markus, left, and Jack Axelrod will play Willie and Al, respectively, in *The Sunshine Boys* at New Harmony Theatre. Markus has been featured in more than 50 roles on Broadway and in regional theatre, working with such noted theatre artists as E.G. Marshall and Tammy Grimes. His credits also include appearances on "Touched by an Angel," "Dark Shadows," and "Crossroads" with Robert Urich. Axelrod is based in Los Angeles. Among his television and film credits are "Dynasty," "Hill Street Blues," "Dallas," Woody Allen's "Bananas," and the continuing role of Victor Jerome on the daytime drama "General Hospital."

About 25 percent of the company is composed of USI students and Tri-State residents.

LaFeber underscored that last season was New Harmony's most successful, both artistically and financially, and he wants to continue to build the USI program into a theatre venture with national prominence.

The 1998 season is a triangle of variety—a musical, a drama, and a comedy, responding to audience research which indicated that ticket holders preferred a three-play schedule. LaFeber said playgoers will find the quality of the shows higher this year since the production money will go into three shows rather than four, as in last year's season.



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USI received a \$400,000 grant from the state's Department of Natural Resources to upgrade the lighting and sound at the facility which opened in 1987. Steve Renner, managing director of Lincoln Theatre, said the sound will be much fuller and faster than in years past. Sixteen players will wear body microphones, compared with only four in the past. New lighting also will enhance the productions.

The two shows, *Young Abe Lincoln* by Billy Edd Wheeler and Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*, will rotate performances during the season which opens June 19 and runs through August 15.

Renner said that the story of Abe Lincoln's formative years brings history a little closer to home. "Everyone learns about Lincoln in school," he said, "but in this play we realize that Lincoln grew up right in our own backyard."

Young Abe Lincoln is in its twelfth year of production at the theatre 60 miles east of Evansville. This is the second and final year for *Oklahoma!*, the tale of two farm girls and their cowboy suitors.

The amphitheatre productions attract many young families, senior citizens, and groups. Several area corporations find their employees enjoy an outing at Lincoln State Park or nearby Holiday World combined with one of the plays.

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Campaign USI— momentum still going

Contributions to *Campaign USI*, the first capital campaign in the history of the University of Southern Indiana, continue to mount, thanks to donors who realize that their gifts can make possible new programs and facilities that otherwise would not be funded. By May, donations had reached \$13 million. The campaign continues through June.



**Education.
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Campaign USI receives gifts for Liberal Arts Center

Lecture hall funded by Ruth Klymeyer;
Music studio named for Anna Lee Hamilton

Two important leadership gifts to *Campaign USI* will provide funds to finish space in the new Liberal Arts Center and will equip those spaces with state-of-the-art instructional technology, a featured objective of the University's first capital campaign.

The Liberal Arts Center is now under construction and scheduled to open in fall 1999.

Ruth Klymeyer has made a gift to complete the Clifford A. and Ruth M. Klymeyer Lecture Hall. Her gift will allow the completion of the 130-seat facility and the installation of state-of-the-art instructional equipment.

"I wanted to make this gift in honor of my husband," said Klymeyer, who from grades one through seven attended Centennial School, where the University of Southern Indiana held classes before the current campus was developed. Her mother taught at Centennial School before she married, and her father, Robert Mueller, was pharmacist and co-owner of the Currey and Mueller drug store at the corner of Franklin Street and Eleventh Avenue for many decades.

Clifford Klymeyer was the third generation of his family to lead the Standard Brick and Tile Corporation, which was located on the west side of Evansville. He also was president of Early American Life Insurance Company, an incorporator of Consumers National Life Insurance Company, and incorporator and former president of Diversified Development Corporation. Klymeyer was director emeritus of the USI Foundation and held an honorary doctorate from USI. He died in 1990. The Klymeyers and their three sons—Clifford Jr.,

Charles, and Robert—are longtime friends of the University.

The William E. Schmidt Foundation will fund the finishing and equipping of the Anna Lee



Klymeyer

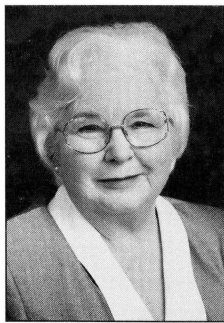
Hamilton Music Studio, named in honor of Schmidt's sister. The completion of the music studio will signal the first dedicated space for music instruction and rehearsal on the USI campus.

Schmidt is head of William E. Schmidt and Associates in Evansville. Hamilton is a former voice instructor at Butler University and continues to maintain a private voice studio in Indianapolis. She was vocal coach and assistant conductor of the Indianapolis Opera Company from 1979-85 and vocal coach, musical director, and performer for the Indianapolis Opera Theatre from 1986-93.

Hamilton's family moved to Evansville while she was in college, and she attended the University of Evansville during her sophomore and junior years before completing her bachelor's in music at DePauw University. Hamilton also lived in Evansville from 1969-74 when her husband Richard was the minister at Methodist Temple.

She and Schmidt have collaborated on a number of musical projects including the Youth Division of the Schmidt/MacAllister Vocal Competition in Indianapolis. Hamilton serves as director of the competition which has provided monetary awards to outstanding

high school vocalists since 1990. In Evansville, both Schmidt and Hamilton were involved some years ago when the Indiana Opera Theatre brought a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" to Evansville and other cities throughout the state. Hamilton conducted the performance, and her brother sang in the chorus. They also have been associated with a fine arts and concert series at Trinity United Methodist Church.



Hamilton

The gifts from Ruth Kleymeyer and the Schmidt Foundation augment that of Helen Mallette, who made the first gift to the Liberal Arts Center to create the Helen M. Mallette Studio Theatre.

"These gifts are especially important because the University has requested a major grant from the Kresge Foundation to complete this building, and Kresge's decision will be based, in part, on how successful we are at securing other major gifts," said H. Ray Hoops, president of the University.

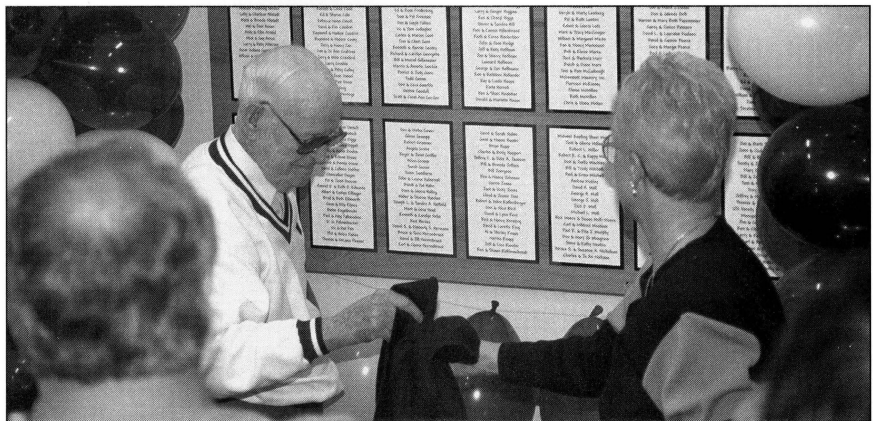
President Hoops also called attention to other areas of the Liberal Arts Center which remain to be funded. In addition to a need for electronic wiring and equipment throughout the building, estimated to cost more than \$1 million, gifts are being sought to complete the foreign language laboratory (\$150,000), the television studio and classroom (\$680,000), and the radio studio and classroom (\$250,000), campus multimedia control center (\$100,000) and audio-visual enhancements for 20 classrooms.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Luncheon recognizes scholars and donors

Presidential Scholar Alena L. Richards meets Wayne and Betty Worthington, who have endowed a Presidential Scholarship through *Campaign USI*. Scholars and donors dined together recently in Carter Hall of the University Center at a special luncheon in their honor. USI's most prestigious scholarship program attracts qualifying valedictorians and salutatorians from Indiana high schools. The selected students, chosen on the basis of high school record, performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and personal interview, receive a four-year scholarship which provides tuition and fees, books, and room and board. A graduate of New Washington High School in Clark County, Richards is a senior majoring in art. She is one of six USI students chosen recently to design sculptures for the Pigeon Creek Greenway in Evansville. Wayne Worthington is a life director and a past chairman of the USI Foundation Board.



Greg Byrante-USI

New Varsity Club Room opens

Bernie Powers, left, and Kathy Moutoux Vonderahe participate in opening ceremonies for the New Varsity Club Room in the expanded Physical Activities Center. *Campaign USI* Leadership gifts from Powers, the late William J. Moutoux (Vonderahe's uncle), and the Varsity Club Promo Fund combined with individual pledges from club members to cover the cost of the room and its furnishings. All donors to the project, which was completed in time for the 1997-98 basketball season, are listed on the plaque. The New Varsity Club Room is used for pre-game, half-time, and post-game activities during basketball season, as a meeting room for the Varsity Club board of directors, and for special athletic events.

CAMPUS NEWS

H. Lee Cooper speaks at commencement

Cooper, Torrington, Suhrheinrich receive honorary degrees

Evansville business and banking leader H. Lee Cooper, chairman of the board of CNB Bancshares, Inc., was the speaker May 9 for the University of Southern Indiana's 1998 Commencement. He underscored for the graduates the importance of setting and attaining high goals.

At the event honorary degrees were conferred upon Cooper and two other Evansvillians—W. Paul Torrington, former Mead Johnson & Co. executive, and Dallas Bower Suhrheinrich, Evansville civic leader and former educator. Cooper was with Citizens National Bank and its holding company,

enzymes in an unaltered form. He joined Mead Johnson as assistant to the president the following year. He shortly established an engineering department and began a long-term modernization program for buildings, utilities, and manufacturing.

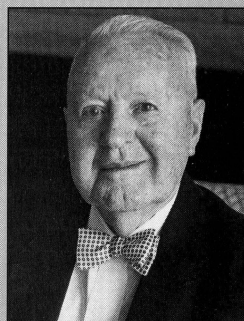
Torrington eventually became executive vice president and vice chairman of the board of directors at Mead Johnson and managed virtually every part of the company's operations over his 30-year affiliation. To assist USI students majoring in medical and scientific fields, he created the W. Paul and Mildred Torrington Endowed

The gift will underwrite the William H. and Dallas B. Suhrheinrich Presidential Scholarship, make possible professional development opportunities and applied research for faculty in the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, and provide seed money for special projects designed to help guarantee that teaching excellence is provided not only for USI students but also for area elementary and secondary teachers.

Graduate Lisa Amiano received the 1998 President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior, and Dr. Mehmet Kocakulah, professor of accounting, was recognized with the National City Bank Distinguished Professor award.



Cooper



Torrington



Suhrheinrich

CNB Bancshares, Inc., for 30 years. He is chairman of the board and continues with the bank as a consultant.

His community activities include being a member of the USI Foundation Advisory Council. Cooper was Executive-in-Residence for the USI School of Business in fall 1985.

Torrington, as a consultant, installed a pilot plant at Mead Johnson & Company in 1941 for a process he developed to recover vitamin B complex and proteolytic

Presidential Scholarship in memory of his late wife.

Suhrheinrich is a former public school teacher who has become Evansville's leading philanthropist, making generous gifts to many local charities and establishing an endowment fund in the Vanderburgh Community Foundation. In December, her \$1 million contribution to USI's capital campaign was announced. In recognition of her generous gift, the School of Education and Human Services bears her name.

Robert Griffin elected USI Foundation chair

Robert E. Griffin, president and chief executive officer of Escalade, Inc., has been elected chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors. A former chair and member of the School of Business Board of Visitors, Griffin served as chair of the Boards Division, one of four divisions of *Campaign USI*. Other officers selected include John M. Dunn, chair elect; Carol A. Baker, vice chair for development; James J. Giancola, vice chair for planning; James R. McKinney, secretary; and Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76, treasurer.

CAMPUS NEWS

Eileen Weber earns Trustees Merit award

Eileen Weber, a USI senior chemistry major and standout on the Lady Eagles basketball team, has received the 1998 Trustees Distinguished Merit Award.

Presented in March during Honors Week ceremonies for the School of Science and Engineering Technology, the \$1,000 award recognizes a junior or senior for academic merit and the value that liberal arts brings to a student's education. One student is nominated from

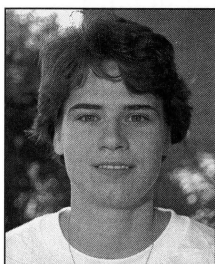
each of the five schools.

A Presidential Scholar who has consistently made the Dean's List at USI, Weber is a 1994 graduate of Washington

(Indiana) Catholic

High School. As a key player with the Lady Eagles basketball team for four years, her many honors include being named to the Kodak Division II All-America team, Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Player of the Year, and recipient of a NCAA postgraduate scholarship. She finished her career at USI as the school's second all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

Weber is a member of Sigma Zeta science honorary and the student American Chemical Society chapter. With other members of a USI undergraduate chemistry research group, she will be presenting her work at the national American Chemical Society meeting in Boston in August.



Weber

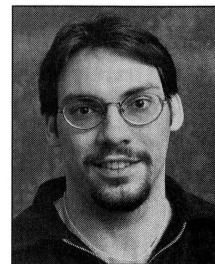
Kirt Page selected as Fulbright winner

Kirt Page '98 has received a Fulbright fellowship to study at the University of Mainz in Mainz, Germany. Through this federal educational exchange program, Page will study chemistry and German from August 1998 to July 1999.

The Fulbright recipient, an honors graduate, earned a B.A. degree in chemistry with minors in math and physics. An American Chemical Society Scholar, he received the Kentucky/Indiana Border Chemistry Award, the O. John Logsdon Chemistry Award, and the D. J. Angus Sciencetech Award. He is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American

Universities and Colleges and belongs to the Golden Key National Honor Society. Page is president of the Physics Club at USI, a member of the American Chemical Society, and a member of the Honors Symposium.

While a student at USI, he participated in a small research group, supervised by Dr. Howard Dunn, which successfully synthesized more than 40 new compounds. Page is the second USI student to earn a Fulbright award. Last year, Tracy Bee, a 1997 graduate, studied in Korea under the exchange program.



Page

Board approves five new majors in communications

The Board of Trustees has approved a proposal from the School of Liberal Arts to convert its present communications major from one with several emphasis areas to five new majors:

- interpersonal-organizational communications
- journalism and computer publishing
- public relations and advertising
- radio and television
- theatre arts

Dr. Dal M. Herring, chair of the Communications Department, said, "We are preparing students for a digital world and for future careers that don't yet exist."

The interpersonal-organizational communications major prepares

graduates to enter corporate work, particularly in areas in the human resources field where interviewing and interpersonal skills are required. Students interested in becoming professional journalists and/or performing desktop publishing tasks will select the major in journalism and computer publishing; public relations and advertising majors will prepare for professional careers in promotion and publicity; and the radio and television major will prepare students to enter the field of broadcast communications. Theatre majors will prepare for positions in corporate, commercial, and community settings in which musical or dramatic productions are staffed, promoted, designed, or produced.

Pending approval by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the new majors will be in effect for the fall semester.

CAMPUS NEWS

Eagle 5K Run brings out competitors

The first annual USI Eagle 5K (3.1-mile) Run/Walk stretched the legs of more than 325 participants. Sponsored by the USI Alumni Association, the event was held April 4. Race t-shirts and 126 trophies were awarded in 5K run, 5K competitive race walk, and 5K health walk events on campus roads. Alumni winners were Keil Kaiser '97 with a time of 14:39 and Amy Roll '96 whose time was 17:17.



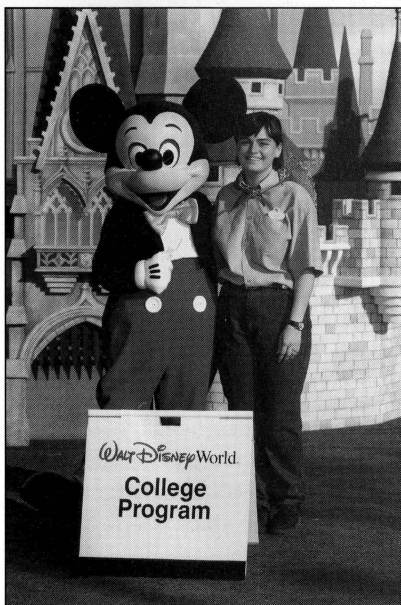
Participants from ages 5 to 75, including Archibald Eagle, ran the 5K.

Greg Byrant-USI

Disney recruits on USI campus

Five USI students worked at Walt Disney World for the spring 1998 semester as interns:

- Angela M. Archibald, junior business education major



Mickey Mouse welcomes Cheryl Rickey, senior, to an internship at Disney World.

- Thomas P. Leggett, sophomore communications major
- Nicole B. McCluskey, freshman leaning toward a communications major
- Cheryl A. Rickey, senior communications major
- Bradley D. Sims, business administration junior

McCluskey interned in the Garden Grill, a revolving restaurant in Epcot Center, where she handled reservations. "Disney is a world-wide corporation," she said, "so I thought this would be a good experience." McCluskey said she improved her skills in customer service and enjoyed watching the restaurant patrons meet those two famous mice, Mickey and Minnie, and those two mischievous chipmunks, Chip and Dale, who are regulars at the Garden Grill.

Disney utilizes the USI campus as a regional recruitment site. During spring recruitment, 68 students from seven campuses interviewed for internships at the Florida entertainment complex.

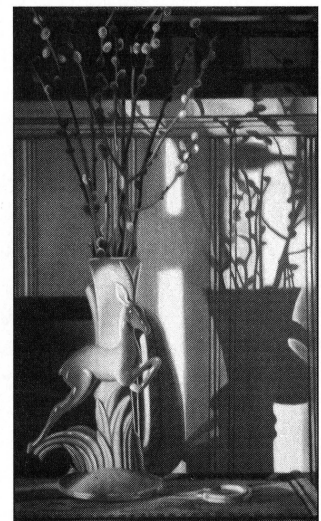
For information on Disney and other internship programs, contact Pam S. Doerter, USI internship coordinator, 812/464-1865.

Gallery sponsors Art Tour '98

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will sponsor a tour of the studios and homes of five Evansville artists and collectors from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. October 18. A reception at the University of Southern Indiana art department will follow the event.

Participants will view the studios, homes, and collections of three local artists: Katie Waters and John McNaughton, both professors of art at USI; and Les Miley, chair and professor of art at the University of Evansville. Art Tour '98 also will feature the homes and art collections of Carol Carithers and Thomas and Mary Topper, all of Evansville.

Tickets are \$15. Tickets including shuttle service are available for \$20. Proceeds benefit the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art. For more information contact Blake Cook, director of the gallery, at 812/682-3156.



"February" by Kathryn Waters from the collection of Dr. Tom Topper.

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Area leaders to recreate Minerva Society debates

A special exhibit highlighting the impact of women on the two utopian communities and the post-communal period of New Harmony, Indiana, continues through November 1 at Historic New Harmony.

Titled "Beyond the Sphere: New Harmony Women Challenge Tradition, 1814-1900," the exhibit includes artifacts and photos that tell the stories of several community leaders, including Gertrude Rapp, musician; Frances Wright, early feminist and publisher; Madame Marie Louise Duclos Fretageot, educator; Constance Fauntleroy Runcie, women's club organizer; and Bella Golden, actress. Tours of the exhibit are \$6 per person and are available at The Atheneum visitor's center in New Harmony.

Tickets are available for two special presentations related to the exhibit:

- Meet the Women of New Harmony—Mary Griggs, New Harmony interpreter, will portray Marie Fretageot, who arrived in New Harmony in 1826 and took charge of the Infant School. Katherine Kunst, historian, will portray Frances Wright, speaking her mind on topics such as abolition and women's rights. The program is at 7 p.m. July 17 in Thrall's Opera House. Tickets are \$3.
- The Minerva Society Debates—In 1859, Constance Fauntleroy founded one of America's first



Wright

organized women's clubs, the Minerva Society. Eight Tri-State women will recreate the Minerva Society debates in Murphy Auditorium at a date to be announced. Tickets are \$10.

Located 30 miles west of Evansville, New Harmony was the site of two 19th century communal societies. Historic New Harmony is administered by the University of Southern Indiana.

Historic Southern Indiana to organize workshop for rural communities

The University of Southern Indiana through Historic Southern Indiana (HSI) has been selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to produce a "Your Town: Designing Its Future" workshop for the Midwest.

Designed to increase awareness of the role of planning in rural communities, the event will be held November 11-14 in New Harmony, Indiana. Thirty participants including mayors, planning commissioners, city planners, business leaders, heads of community development corporations, and opinion leaders from throughout the Midwest will be invited to learn tools and techniques they can use to identify, protect, and enhance their towns and landscapes.

HSI will be joined by other historic, development, and outdoor agencies in Indiana to organize and present the workshop. An outreach program which helps to develop and promote the historical and natural resources of 26 counties in southern Indiana. HSI is directed by Darrel E. Bigham, USI professor of history.



USI President H. Ray Hoops, right, welcomes Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan to campus.

Lt. Gov. Kernan boosts global trade

Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan called attention to the many companies in Indiana that are engaged in international trade and their positive impact on the state's economy when he visited the University of Southern Indiana in April to address the Tri-State World Trade Council.

Approximately 115 state and city elected officials, leaders in economic development, banking officials, representatives from chambers of commerce, and others interested in international trade from throughout the area attended the presentation.

The Tri-State World Trade Council meets on the USI campus each month.

What happens before and after the buzzer?

Campaign USI seeks to fund team rooms

There's more to varsity athletics than playing the game. University of Southern Indiana coaches and players get together off the playing field to review film, to plan their strategy, and to scrutinize the game just played.

New team rooms which will give all men's and women's varsity athletes and their coaches a gathering place outside the locker room setting are a featured objective as *Campaign USI*, the University's first capital campaign, moves toward its challenge goal of \$16 million.

Donations totaling \$60,000 will be necessary to make possible the team rooms, one each for men's and women's athletics. Many former athletes and alumni have contributed to this fund through the Alumni Division of the campaign as an investment in a strong USI athletic program.

The rooms will provide a special place for team meetings, for breaking down film, and for quiet study.

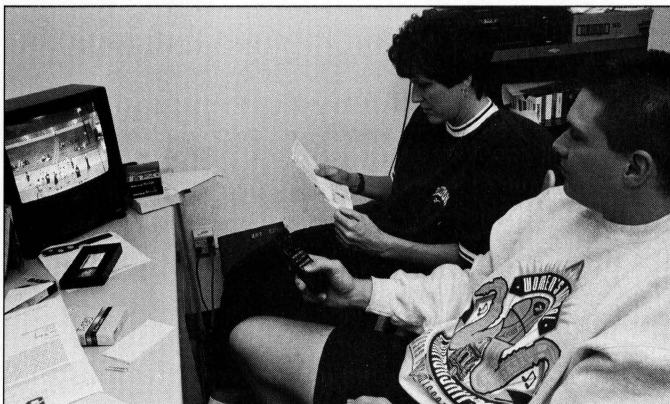
Each team room will adjoin newly renovated varsity locker rooms which are scheduled for completion in the fall.

The athletic department also will use the team rooms when talking with prospective athletes. The space will provide a setting where coaches can introduce recruits to USI sports, enabling the University to attract top athletes for intercollegiate programs. USI competes in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, recognized as one of the top Division II leagues in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Plans call for the proposed team rooms to be decorated with wall hangings and team trophies and

furnished with comfortable sofas and chairs. Each room will offer a kitchenette and will have a 50-inch television, a video cassette recorder, stereo equipment, and a state-of-the-art computer editor machine to assist the coaches and players in breaking down film for scouting and game preparation.

For more information about team rooms and other featured objectives of *Campaign USI*, call 812/464-1755.



Chance Dugan, women's head basketball coach, and Rick Stein, '92, her assistant, will view tape on a 50-inch screen when team rooms are completed.

Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Pearson earns spot on GLVC first team

In men's basketball, senior forward Jeremy Pearson of Apex, North Carolina, was named to the Great Lakes Valley Conference first team, while teammate senior forward/center Wayne Houston was named to the second team. Juniors Leighton Nash, a forward, and Rod Gatson, a guard, were named honorable mention.

Pearson led the team with 17.1 points per game, while Houston is second on the team with 16.8 points per game and led the team with rebounds at 6.9 per game.

The men's basketball team finished 1997-98 with a 27-6 overall record, 14-4 GLVC, third in the GLVC regular season, second in the GLVC Tournament, and made it to the Great Lakes Regional championship game for the fourth time in its six consecutive trips to the NCAA II Tournament. The Eagles have won a school record 20-plus games in six straight seasons.

Softball team wins GLVC; Watson is Coach of Year



The University of Southern Indiana softball team won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship and Head Coach Beth Watson was named Coach of the Year.

Watson directed the Eagles to a 47-15 overall record in 1998 and a number 15 national ranking. In three seasons at USI, Watson has a record of 99-63. Six USI players were named to the two All-Conference teams. On the first team, the Eagles were led by sophomore second baseman Trisha Poling, senior third baseman Lori Leonard, and junior pitcher Amy Stetler. Sophomore rightfielder Andrea Strange, freshman centerfielder Nicole Vine, and freshman pitcher Katie Roberts were named to the second team.

Chance Dugan repeats as GLVC Coach of the Year

Weber is top conference player, named to 2 All-America teams

USI's Women's Basketball Head Coach Chance Dugan and senior forward Eileen Weber received the top women's honors as the Great Lakes Valley Conference announced its post-season awards. Dugan was named Coach of the Year for a second straight year, while leading the Lady Screaming Eagles to a 26-1 overall record, their fourth consecutive NCAA II Tournament appearance, and the second straight GLVC title. USI is 56-3 in the last two seasons and in 1997 made it to the finals of the NCAA II Tournament.

Weber, who averaged 17.8 points per game and eight rebounds per game, was named Player of the Year, marking the second consecutive season and the fourth in five years for a USI player to be given the award. Weber, the first USI player to be named to the All-GLVC team all four years, joins former USI players to be named Player of the Year—Kathy Lauck, 1994, and LeAnn Freeland, 1995 and 1997.

The Washington (Indiana) Catholic graduate also was named All-America by two groups, the Eastman Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association and Daktronics/The Division II College Sport Information Directors of America.

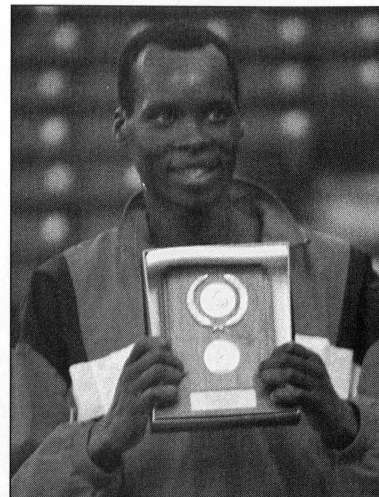
Weber was joined on the All-GLVC team by senior guard Ericka Nance, and junior guard Adrienne Seitz, who both were named honorable mention. Seitz became USI's all-time leader in assists during the GLVC Tournament.

Hall named GLVC tennis Coach of Year

Jon Mark Hall, head coach for men's tennis, was named the GLVC Coach of the Year for the second straight season, and three players were named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference team for 1998.

Hall directed the Eagles to a 15-4 overall record, an undefeated GLVC regular season at 10-0, and a second place finish at the GLVC Tournament. In the last two seasons, Hall's Eagles were 19-1 against their GLVC opponents in the regular season. In three seasons, Hall's record is 44-25 overall, 23-6 GLVC.

Named to the All-GLVC team were sophomore number one player Jeff Durham, freshman number two player Andrew Majxner, and sophomore number three player John Benedyk (Billings, MT). Majxner also was named the GLVC Freshman of the Year.



Rono

Elly Rono wins second national championship

Elly Rono, junior, displays his award for winning the NCAA Division II individual national championship with a time of 13 minutes, 56.44 seconds in the 5K race. The event was held in March at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The award was the second NCAA national championship for the USI runner. He won the Division II cross country title in November.

Women's cross country ranked as number two All-Academic Team

The University of Southern Indiana women's cross country team has received word that hard work in the classroom pays off.

The squad is ranked second nationally among the 49 schools in the 1997 All-Academic Team for the NCAA Division II. USI senior

Crissy Carlson (Evansville), junior Christy Moore (Nashville, Indiana), and sophomore Jessica Decker (Washington, Indiana) were named NCAA Division II Cross Country 1997 All-Academic.

Head Coach Mike Hillyard, '94 expresses pride in the team's accomplishments. "The team members are as hard working academically as they are athletically. They realize it is only a select few who will go on to run after college, so class work is a priority," he said.

ALUMNI TODAY

1970s

Dean Perigo '77, accounting, has been recognized by Agri-Labs of St. Joseph, Missouri, as one of 20 top salesmen in the United States in 1997. He is a sales representative for National Animal Health Service in Evansville.

1980s

Nancy Briggs '81, accounting, has been promoted to employee benefits manager with Old National Bank in Evansville.

John R. Gaustad '82, mechanical engineering technology, is the technical service manager for Fina Oil & Chemical Co. in Deer Park, Texas.

Juli McKnight Healy '82, marketing, was promoted to assistant vice president at Citizens Bank in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Todd Pickelheimer '82, business, has been promoted to manager of deposit services at Old National Service Corp. in Evansville.

Anthony W. Schmitt '82, health services, is a respiratory therapist at Welborn Hospital in Evansville.

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

David B. Creech '84, art, is a director/writer for Liberty Entertainment in Los Angeles, California.

Jeffery S. Johnson '84, communications, is a supervisor at T.J. Maxx in Evansville.

Susie Sarver Mattingly '84, management, is a branch manager for Manpower in Evansville.

Moulton Cato '85, communications, is the director of the school-to-work program with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Eric Edwards '85, communications, is a news photographer with WDRB FOX TV in Louisville, Kentucky.

Cathy Gray '85, elementary education, has been named the Outstanding Education Administrator of the Year by *The Evansville Courier*. She is the principal of Cedar Hall Elementary School in Evansville.

Tammy Barton '86, computer information systems, has been promoted to manager of marketing research at Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Evansville.

E. Kyle Bennett '86, accounting, has been named vice president of finance at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Kenneth Will helps keep Indiana clean

Kenneth R. Will '74, owner/president of VIM Recycling, Inc., in Goshen, Indiana, was presented the Sustainable Development Award by Lt. Governor Joe Kernan in October during a ceremony at the Statehouse.

The Lieutenant Governor's Sustainable Development Award was created and awarded for the first time in 1997 to recognize Indiana companies and organizations that have exhibited leadership and success in the areas of energy efficiency, use of Indiana's own energy resources, or recycling business development. One company is chosen from the northern, central, and southern portions of the state, according to a press release from the Indiana Department of Commerce.

Established in 1990, VIM recycles industrial waste—gypsum wall-board, wood, polyvinyl chloride, cardboard, paper, and plastics. The company recorded \$2.5 million in sales in 1997 and diverted 46,000 tons of waste from landfills in Elkhart City.

Will was invited to be a featured speaker in April at a governor's conference entitled "Keeping Indiana Clean."

The award recipient majored in accounting at the University of Southern Indiana.

Alumni Calendar of Events

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| June 14 | Brunch & New Harmony Theatre, Dubois County Chapter |
| June 19 | Annual Alumni Picnic, 5:30 p.m., USI Campus |
| June 20 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble, 8 a.m. shotgun, Quail Crossing Golf Club, Boonville, Indiana |
| June 20 | Class of 1973 Twenty-Fifth Reunion Cookout, 6 p.m., USI Campus, Committee members are Charley Beck, Dave Gunn, Jennifer Laval, and Mike Weber. |
| July 16 | Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Benchwarmer's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Union Station |
| July 18 | Dubois County Chapter Outing to the Dubois County Dragons Baseball Game, 7 p.m., League Stadium, Huntingburg, Indiana |
| August 4 | Dubois Chapter Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., China's Best, Jasper, Indiana |
| August 28 | Greater Indianapolis Golf Scramble, 1 p.m. shotgun, The Links, New Palestine, Indiana |

For information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924.

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Susan Durachta '86, marketing, is an associate practice administrator at Tri-State Medical Management, Inc., in Evansville.

David S. Burke '87, marketing, was promoted to consumer loan officer at Citizens Bank in Princeton, Indiana.

Don Gentry '87, communications, is the traffic manager for Docusource, Inc., in Van Nuys, California.

Julie Houchin Robertson '87, accounting, has joined the Accounting Services Plus department at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Gregory W. Franklin '88, finance, is the branch manager of First Union Home Equity Bank in Evansville.

Walt Hatfield '88, marketing, is the vice president and general manager of Young Construction Group in Memphis, Tennessee.

Troy Stoll '88, accounting, is the secretary/treasurer/chief financial officer for AmBank Corp. in Vincennes, Indiana.

Ann Wilson Gerteisen '89, finance, has been promoted to senior loan review officer at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Jeff Jackson '89, business administration, '96, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to vice president of corporate banking at Citizens Bank in Evansville.

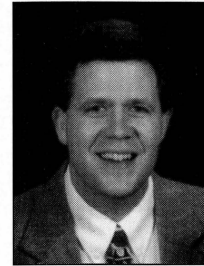
Amy Hilgeman Kisner '89, art, is a production artist at Fire House, Inc., in Evansville.

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Hometown students— special people to Alumni Association chapters Your gifts can pay for scholarships

Meet Brandi McCarty, a senior psychology major from Huntingburg, Indiana. She is the 1997-98 recipient of the Dubois County Alumni Scholarship, made possible by generous gifts from University of Southern Indiana graduates in her home county. McCarty is a graduate of Southridge High School.

In 1998-99, she will receive an Alumni Association Scholarship, one of 12 awarded each year. McCarty is a member of USI's Social Work Club, which recently promoted Disability Awareness Day on campus. She is the mother of Christian, age 2, and she works at Heichelbeck's restaurant in Jasper. Her goal, after completing requirements for a B.S. degree in fall 1998, is to pursue a graduate degree in psychology or social work.



McCarty

Scholarships attract outstanding students to the University of Southern Indiana. To find out how you can invest in USI's best young people through the Chapter Scholarship and Alumni Association Scholarship programs, contact the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services.

Troy Mann '89, management, has been promoted to manager of retention at Ameritech Cellular in St. Louis, Missouri.

Daniel C. Phillips '89, marketing/management, is the president of Loans Unlimited, Inc., in Evansville.

1990s

Kevin Hammett '90, accounting, is the accounting manager at SMC Pneumatics, Inc., in Indianapolis. His wife, **Michelle Clark Hammett '90**, marketing, is the owner of Gloria V's Exclusive Bridal & Formal Wear in Indianapolis.

Dana R. Ledford '90, finance, has been named branch and relief manager at Citizens Bank in Princeton, Indiana.

Victoria R. White '90, accounting, '96, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to full-time instructor in the business division at Ivy Tech State College in Evansville.

Rob Zigenfus '90, management, has been promoted to administrator at Health Care Associates in Evansville.

Michael P. Ficker '91, business administration, is the manager of Hat World, Inc., in Clarksville, Indiana.

Donna Gish '91, business education, '93, Master of Science in education, is the assistant director of adult formation with the Catholic Diocese of Evansville.

Brad Miller '91, social science, is the assistant to the president for Focus on the Family Ministries in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Rick Piscitelli '91, communications, is a producer/director for Team One Productions in Louisville, Kentucky.

Michael Wiederkehr '91, accounting, has joined the tax department at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Brian A. Moore '92, psychology, '96, Master of Social Work, is a program therapist/social worker with Valle Vista Health System in Greenwood, Indiana.

Karen Kopec Wilson '92, English, is the director of communications/marketing for the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce.

Melissa Daves Scheessele '93, social work, is a vocational specialist for Goodwill Industries in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lisa M. Berfanger '94, political science, is a second year law student at the University of Tulsa in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Amber LaBaw '94, business administration, is a customer service agent with Schultheis Insurance in Evansville.

Dianna Tindle Moore '94, business administration, is a sales automation consultant with Bitwise Technology in Louisville, Kentucky.

Anna Phillips '94, communications, is a continuity coordinator with WDRB FOX TV in Louisville, Kentucky.

Terri Johnson Piscitelli '94, elementary education, is a primary teacher with Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Kentucky.

Randall J. Russell '94, economics, is an accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick in St. Louis, Missouri.

Darren Spainhoward '94, business administration, is a commercial loan officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Tina Deal Spears '94, business administration, has been promoted to branch officer and manager of Citizens Bank Oak Plaza office in Evansville.

Stephanie Yager '94, occupational studies, is the creative director of marketing for Edison, Inc., in St. Louis, Missouri.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Trustee Tina Kern, third from left, meets students from the School of Business.

Kern gives 'one woman' career presentation

Tina M. Kern '86, president of Kern Bros. Office Environment Products and Services in Evansville, talked with students recently about "How One Woman Reinvented a Business Named for Two Men." Her insight on career development was presented during an Alumni-in-Residence program for the School of Business. The Kern Bros. Company offers the following components: contract office furniture, design and reconfiguration of office environments, off-site records management, and client asset and project management.

Kern is a member of the USI Board of Trustees.

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Farley D. Heldt '95, business administration, is a pro shop associate for American Golf Corporation in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Valerie Jones '95, math, is a seventh grade math/eighth grade science teacher at Princeton Community Middle School in Princeton, Indiana.

Jeannie Klooz '95, nursing, has joined the electrophysiology department at The Heart Group in Evansville.

Tony Walker '95, communications, is a programmer/analyst with State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Illinois.

Sandra K. Arnold '96, social work, '97, Master of Social Work, is an in-home therapist and the program director for family preservation and child welfare services at Lincoln Hills Development Corporation in Tell City, Indiana.

Kevin M. Bayer '96, communications, is an assistant dispatch supervisor for Professional Transportation, Inc., in Evansville.

Lori Dow '96, accounting, is a staff accountant with St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Layne D. Foote '96, communications, is an associate manager with O'Charley's Restaurant in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bryan Harper '96, communications, is a corporate account manager for The Columbus Crew of major league soccer in Columbus, Ohio.

Lisa Forston Kershaw '96, business administration, is a human resources representative with American General Finance in Evansville.

John B. Phipps '96, business administration, has been promoted to branch officer and manager of Citizens Bank North Side office in Evansville.

Tim Prather '96, social science, is a career counselor/assistant college program director at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Illinois.

Megan Roney '96, elementary education, is the media development coordinator for IDG Books Worldwide in Indianapolis.

Staci Bufkin '97, elementary education, is an instructor in education services with Micro Computer Solutions, Inc., in Evansville.

Ryan T. Dearth '97, communications, is a copywriter/producer at Nienaber Marketing Group in Evansville.

Nancy Sieben to head Alumni Association

Nancy Sieben '93, executive director of the Deaconess Hospital Foundation, will become president of the Alumni Association July 1. She will succeed Kirk Knight '93, assistant vice president/area manager, National City Bank.

Others to take office in July include president-elect Robert Woosley '92, certified financial planner, Umbach Financial Group; treasurer Ronald Hurm '87, senior financial analyst, Bristol-Myers Squibb; and secretary Lori B. Wood '93, area manager/officer, National City Bank.

All reside in Evansville except Wood, who lives in Henderson, Kentucky.



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Julie Davis Hall '97, elementary education, is an early childhood instructor with the Even Start program at Cedar Hall Elementary School in Evansville.

Jason W. Hopf '97, business administration, is a cash management specialist with Conseco, Inc., in Carmel, Indiana.

Rayna Kieffer '97, English, teaches seventh grade English at Albion Grade School and tenth grade English at Edwards County High School in Albion, Illinois.

Sonya Leeds '97, accounting, is a staff accountant with St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Wynn Mitchell '97, social science, is a world geography/economics teacher at Mater Dei High School in Evansville.

William Moore '97, computer information systems, is an instructor in the business division at Ivy Tech State College in Evansville.

Monique A. Van Namen '97, elementary education, is a primary teacher at East View Elementary School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Brian Gilles '98, accounting, is a staff accountant with Gaither Rutherford & Co. in Evansville.

Jennifer Kempf '98, accounting, is a staff accountant with Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Kendra Reisz '98, accounting, is a staff accountant with Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Marriages

Karen Kuester '79, elementary education, and Michael L. Stormont

Mark A. Jones '89, management, and Gina L. Kitten

Audra K. Stephens '91, dental assisting, and **Chris E. Brown '94**, history

Matthew C. White '93, business administration, and **Ellen L. Hay '94**, nursing

Angela M. Kleaving '94, communications, and Bill Gilliland

Craig Martin '94, business administration, '97, M.B.A., and **Nicole Voegerl '97**, psychology/occupational therapy

Ann M. Gurley '95, elementary education, and **Brian C. Morrow '95**, political science

Susan M. Lutz '95, elementary education, and Patrick A. Tromley

Juliana L. Hardesty '96, communications, and Chad W. Bennett

Richard W. Husky '96, art, and Margaret A. Lyon

Diane M. Filbert '97, occupational therapy, and Brian J. Murphy

Wendy L. Kell '97, elementary education, and Michael J. Doninger

Steven M. Greulich '98, business administration, and Kimberly E. Gerbig

Births

Mary Weidner Rosek '87, business administration, and husband, Gene, son, Brendan Mitchell

Chris Siesky '88, marketing, and wife, **Michelle Siesky '95**, radiologic technology, son, Clay Christopher

Melanie Douglas Krueger '90, social work, and husband, **Blake Krueger '93**, business education, son, Cal Rawlings

Dawn Whalen Burghard '91, psychology, and husband, Troy, son, Justyn Edward

Melissa Daves Scheessele '93, social work, and husband, Jeff, daughter, Madilyn Ann

Julie Elkins Neukam '94, elementary education, and husband, Keanyn, daughter, Kennedy Emilia

Laura Gerald '95, art, and husband, Corey, son, Skyler Christian

Valerie Jones '95, math, and husband, Scott, daughter, Keela Marie

Kevin M. Bayer '96, communications, and wife, Rubi, daughter, Elizabeth Marlene

Terri Blume Bell '96, elementary education, and husband, Mike, son, Collin Michael

Christine Cernik '97, nursing, and husband, Randy, daughter, Marina

Christine A. Jarrett '97, psychology, and husband, Jeffrey, daughter, Gracen Layne

In Memoriam

Renee E. Tanner '96, communications, died April 26, 1998, in Evansville, Indiana. She was the distance learning producer/director at USI. The Renee Tanner Memorial Scholarship was established in her memory.

Faculty death

Walter W. Jermakowicz, professor of management, died April 30. He joined the USI faculty in 1985. A consultant in world banking and privatization issues, Jermakowicz received the 1997 Faculty Recognition Award from the USI Alumni Association. He served as chair of the Board of Directors for the Pomorski Bank in Szczecin, Poland, 1991-96; the Polish-American Investment Advisory Group, Inc., 1991 to present, and the Polish American Economic Forum, 1993 to present, both in Chicago, and as a board member for the Polish Development Bank in Warsaw,



Attending the Greater Louisville alumni gathering were, from left, Jean Ann Edwards, Eric Edwards '85, Michael Ficker '91, Janna Ficker, Terri Piscitelli '94, Rick Piscitelli '91, Dianna Moore '94, Lea Ann Vaal '84, and Bruce Vaal.

Greater Louisville Chapter organizes

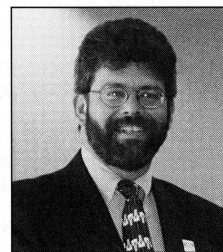
Alumni in the Greater Louisville area held an Alumni Association organizational meeting recently at TK's Pub in Louisville. The group plans to develop chapter activities for the 134 USI graduates who reside in the area. Contact Dianna Tindle Moore '94 at 502/493-9514 for chapter information.

1991-94. After graduating from Warsaw Technical University in 1974, Jermakowicz pursued an academic and political life, eventually becoming an integral part of the Polish Trade Union, Solidarity, serving as the acting president of the Social Committee on Economic Reform. After the introduction of martial law, he edited two underground journals and helped write the "Trade Codex" which became the constitution for the free economy to be introduced after the pending revolution. In addition, he was an economic advisor to Lech Walensa. He wrote many books and articles on emerging economics and worked as a consultant to the Harvard Institute for International Development of the World Bank and under the United Nations Development Program in Poland, Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. His wife Ewa is assistant professor of accounting at USI. Memorials may be made to the Walter Jermakowicz Memorial Scholarship through the USI Foundation.

Haas speaks as Alumni-in-Residence

Dr. Louis B. Haas '80, assistant professor of medieval and early modern history at Duquesne University, recently presented an Alumni-in-Residence program for the School of Liberal Arts. He talked with students about his career path and teaching duties.

Haas earned the master's degree from Ohio State University and the doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is author of the book, *The Renaissance Man and His Children: Birth and Infancy in Florence 1300-1600*, which will be released this year.



Rob Worman-USI

Haas

ALUMNI TODAY

Alumni Association announces awards

The Alumni Association bestowed honors upon five members of the University of Southern Indiana community recently at the annual Senior Reception and Dinner.

- Carol and Bruce Baker received the Special Recognition Award. Both are active on the USI Foundation Board of Directors, Carol since 1986 and Bruce since 1991. Carol has coordinated many Foundation special events and is chair of the University Home decorating committee. Bruce, a member of the USI Board of Trustees since 1989, served as chairman from 1992 to 1997 and has been a member of the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board since 1990. He is chair of the *Campaign USI* Friends Division.



Bruce and Carol Baker

- **Dr. Howard Dunn**, professor of chemistry, received the Faculty Recognition Award. He joined USI in 1969 after working for Phillips Petroleum Company as a research chemist. Dunn holds 17 patents, among them water purification by chlorinating, holding, and aerating; nickel complex catalyst compositions; and several patents dealing with olefines and polyolefins. Over the past 27 years, he has co-written many research papers published in national science journals and has presented

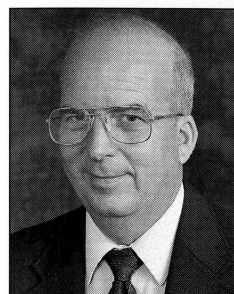
numerous papers at professional meetings. Dunn has held an Extended University Lilly Endowment Grant and a Research Corporation Grant.

Recognized for his commitment to undergraduate research, he will take several USI students and graduating seniors from his research group to Boston in August to present their findings at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

- **William J. Joergens**, Centennial Campus alumnus, was accorded the Alumni Service Award for his outstanding service to USI Athletics and the USI Varsity Club. Joergens attended the University as a business student when classes were held at old Centennial School. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1970, and today he is co-owner and president of Data Business Group, Inc., in Evansville.

A member of the USI Varsity Club Board of Directors since 1994, Joergens has served as treasurer, co-chairman, and chairman. As co-chair of the Varsity Club Steak Fry Auction and Varsity Club Golf Outing, he and his committee members developed these activities into meaningful fund raisers.

Joergens was a member of the University's first basketball team, first president of the University's business fraternity, and the 1968/69 outstanding male student. He coordinated the twenty-fifth anniversary recognition of the first men's basketball team. After USI won the 1995 USI National Men's Basketball Championship, he initiated the formation of the USI Letter Winners Association, which unites all student athletes after their intercollegiate careers have ended.



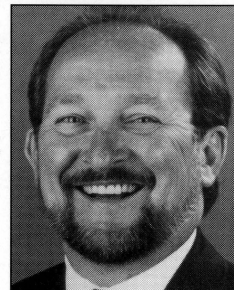
Dunn



Joergens

- **William E. Fisher '73** received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes a graduate who has made outstanding achievements in career or in public service.

Fisher is chief executive officer of Transaction Systems Architects, Inc. (TSA) and of its subsidiary company Applied Communications, Inc., based in Omaha, Nebraska. TSA develops software products and services to process transactions involving credit cards, debit cards, automated teller machines, point-of-sale terminals, wire transfers, and automated clearing house functions. The company dominates the high-end electronic payments software market with one-fifth of the top 500 banks world wide.



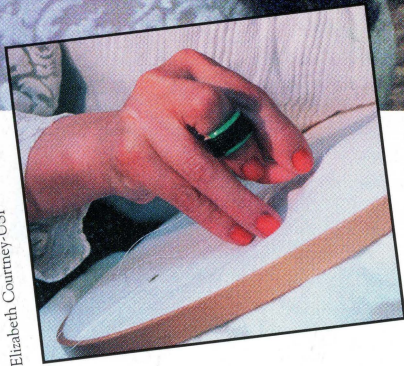
Fisher

In 1990, Fisher accepted from President George Bush the "Price E" award for innovative exporting. Fisher is a former USI School of Business Board of Visitors member and has participated in the Alumni-in-Residence program. Honorary chair of the Alumni Division of *Campaign USI*, he made a leadership contribution to the School of Business which is the largest alumni gift in USI's history.



Threads of culture

A lesson in language and an introduction to American culture often come together for students in the new English as a Second Language class. In a recent session, Opal Hartley of Raintree Quilters Guild taught applique quilting techniques to Miyuki Nozoe, left, and Yukie Ikeda. The students brought their own needles and thimbles to learn the quilting art, and Nozoe (detail photo) demonstrated how Japanese needleworkers use their leather thimbles. For more about newcomers from Japan getting acquainted with life in the Tri-State, see page 9.



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