

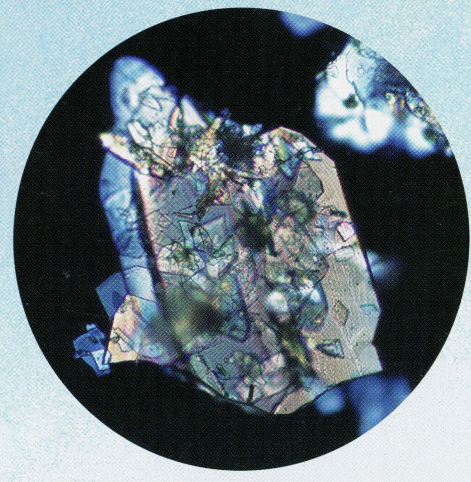
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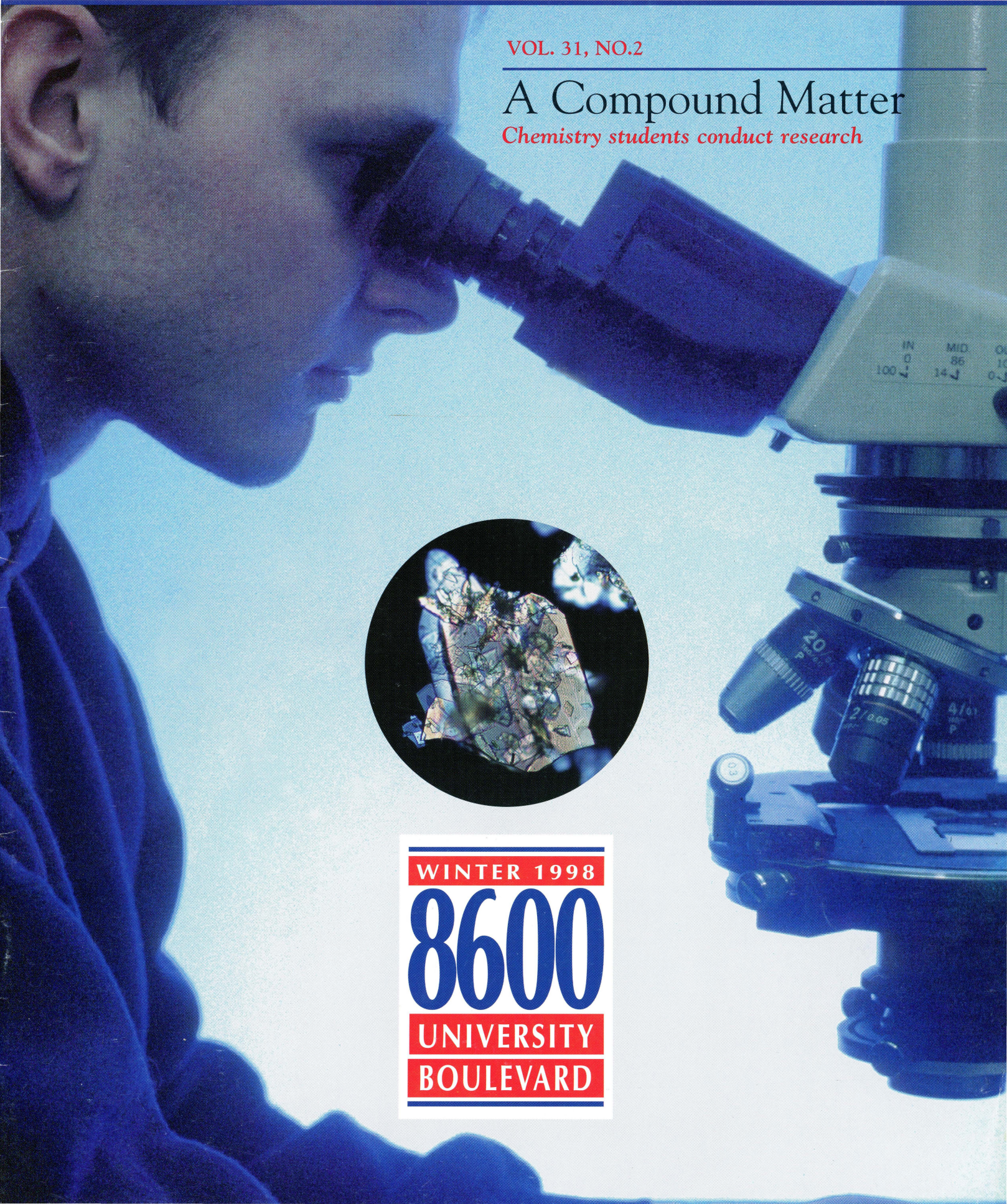
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From the editor

Learning Network goes the distance statewide

The Learning Network is the new nomenclature for USI's distance education program. And that network is becoming an ever-growing web of learning. In January, the USI Board of Trustees gave the go-ahead for the School of Nursing and Health Professions to offer its Bachelor of Science in health services and its Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees through the network statewide.

The primary mode of delivery for the courses will be the Internet as well as computer mediated instruction, teleconferencing, and videotapes. Through the exclusive use of telecommunications, students anywhere in the state will be able to earn a degree from the University of Southern Indiana.

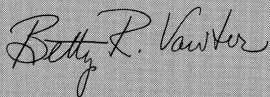
The Board also approved a new baccalaureate degree program. The Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science for students planning careers in the fields of wellness and fitness. The program will be implemented in the fall following approval by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE).

ICHE also must approve the extension of the health services and nursing programs on The Learning Network.

In other January business, trustees reviewed plans for a new type of student housing on campus — a plan that combines the best of residence hall living with the popular apartment style living that USI offers. We'll have more on that for you in the next issue.

I must give a tip of the hat to Janice Perkins, a contributing editor on our magazine staff. Often, reports of USI events you have heard and read about in the media have been inspired by news releases that originated from Janice's computer terminal. Since she joined USI in 1984, she also has been responsible for preparing *University Notes*, the weekly employee newsletter. But Janice's name will soon be missing from our masthead at right. She intends to retire March 27.

Before joining USI, Janice spent 27 years in the newspaper business, working as a reporter and editor for *The Evansville Press* and then *The Evansville Courier*. She also knows her way around the political scene, having served as press secretary for U. S. Congressman Joel Deckard from 1980-82 and then as campaign coordinator for David A. Koehler, Sr. in his 1983 bid for mayor of Evansville. We'll miss Janice's thorough professionalism and we wish her well as she gives the deadlines a rest.



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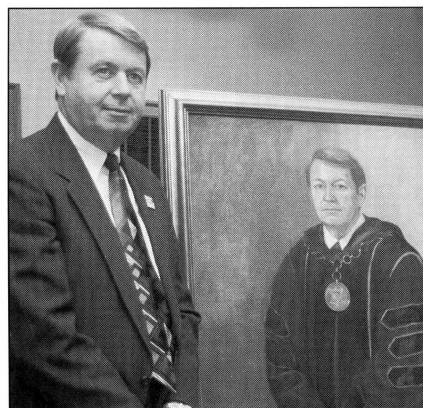
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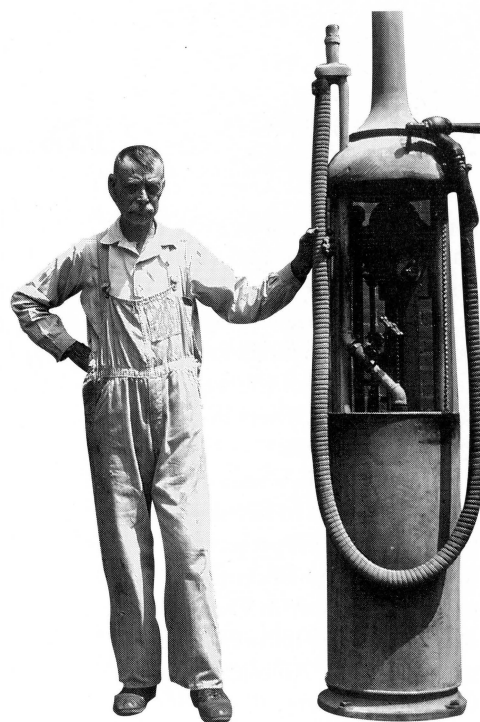
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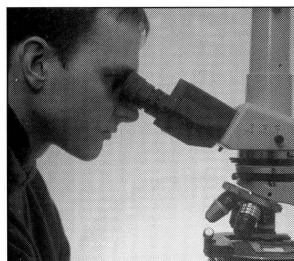
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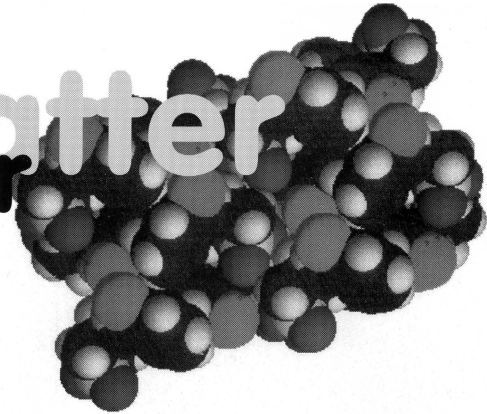
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ON THE COVER

Scott Greenfield, senior chemistry major, peers into the microscope at crystals of a new compound he created. See story, page 2.

A compound matter



When USI students go into the chemistry lab, they may come out with a substance never made before—a material that others want to know about and use

With 12.5 million chemical compounds in the world, it's not easy to make a new one. But undergraduate students in a research group supervised by Dr. Howard E. Dunn, professor of

plish takes a back seat to how many people know about it.”

She said that the opportunity to spread the word about this research project has brought recognition to the University of Southern Indiana.

“The professionals at the meeting were impressed by the scope of our research, impressed by the professional quality of our presentation, and impressed that we had this opportunity as undergraduates.”

Dunn said that as a result of the presentations by Smith and others (Clay Bigham, Scott Greenfield, and Kirt Page) in the 1996-97 research group, researchers at two other universities are doing further work with the compounds.

A professor at Kansas State University is studying what he believes are unique melting properties of some of the compounds and also is analyzing the precise crystal structure. Dunn said that the non-linear optical properties of some of the compounds could have potential uses in new-age computers, making it possible

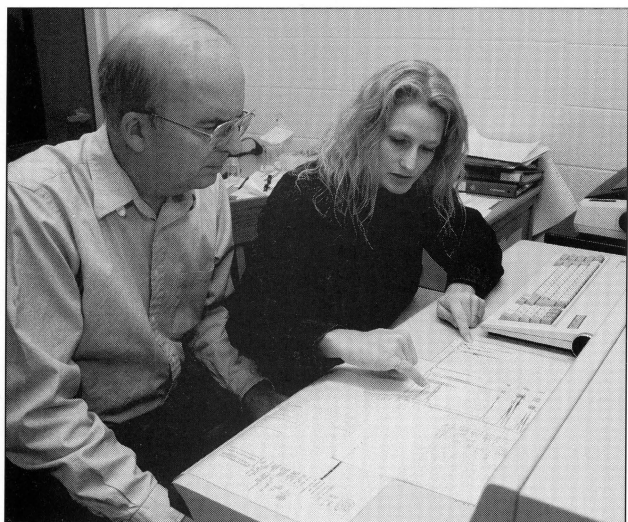
for computers to work on light waves rather than by electrons flowing down a wire.

Professors at Creighton University are performing fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy on the compounds which contain fluorine to help confirm the chemical structure of the molecules.

The tests being conducted at Kansas State and at Creighton are expensive, but the schools are bearing the costs because of the faculty's excitement and interest in the research, Dunn said. The work at USI is supported by a USI Foundation student/faculty research and creative work award.

Scott Gordon, assistant professor of biology at USI, has begun trial experiments with some of the compounds to determine their effects on various types of plants.

Dunn hopes to take the current research group to Boston in August to present papers at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society. In addition to Smith, the group includes Chris Hogue, Cassandra Harris, Brian Mullen, Brian Pauley, and Eileen Weber.



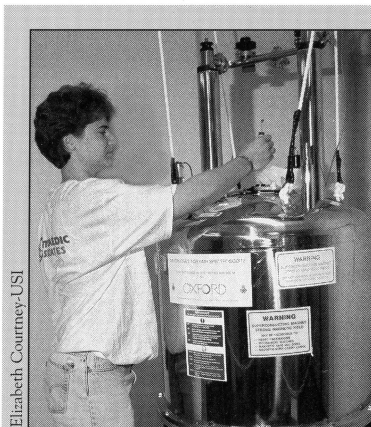
Dr. Howard Dunn and Dianne Smith review research results.

chemistry, have synthesized more than 40 new ones, and they're still going.

Some of the new compounds hold potential as stabilizers for outdoor carpets because of the way they react to light. Others may be plant growth stimulants.

Dianne Smith, a senior mathematics major, is in her second year with the research project and serves as group leader. Recently she presented a paper in Osage Beach, Missouri, at the midwest regional meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Following that meeting she reported to the USI Board of Trustees, “Since the start of this project in spring 1996, we have been overwhelmingly successful. Sometimes how much you accom-



Weber

Making points—on and off the court

Which is harder—making a free throw at a crucial point in the game or making a new compound?

That's the question posed by Thomas F. McKenna, USI Board of Trustees, to Eileen Weber, Presidential Scholar and leading scorer for the Lady Eagles basketball team.

“There's more pressure making the free throw, but it's more rewarding to make a compound,” she answered.

School of Business earns accreditation

USI joins select group nationwide with AACSB approval

The baccalaureate and master's degree programs in business offered by the University of Southern Indiana have been approved for initial accreditation by the AACSB-The International Association for Management Education, the premier accrediting agency for academic programs in business administration and accounting. The announcement was made in November.

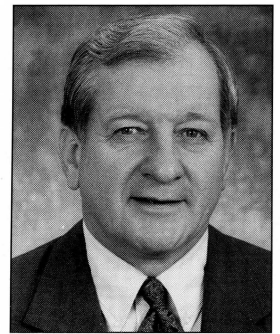
Dr. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the USI School of Business, said, "Gaining AACSB accreditation has made us a much stronger school. It required us to meet tough standards

we exist to provide employers in this region with competently trained management trainees, accountants, computer information specialists, and people who not only are going to succeed in their jobs but also will be the future leaders of the business community in southwestern Indiana.

"We also write in our mission and our goals that we want to be recognized beyond southwestern Indiana. We want to be the school of choice for the most able high school graduates in southwestern Indiana and beyond, and we want to be a known and respected source of employees for firms outside the Tri-State area—throughout the Midwest."

Fisher said that attaining accreditation required an increased investment by the university of more than \$800,000 for more faculty and improved technology and about \$300,000 in contributions by

With regard to faculty research, the accrediting agency requires that at least 80 percent of the faculty in every field—



Fisher

finance, marketing, management, accounting—publish at least two articles within a five-year period and that at least 50 percent in every field publish in refereed journals. Fisher said the USI School of Business faculty exceeds those standards for research.

Fisher said the AACSB approval should improve job opportunities for students because employers can be assured that the USI School of Business meets the most rigorous standard for business accreditation. The endorsement also should mean that undergraduate and graduate students will be able to transfer credits into any business school in the country.

USI joins a select group of 335 AACSB-accredited programs among the more than 1,200 college and university business programs nationwide. The accreditation is for a 10-year period with an interim report due to the accreditation agency in five years.

The AACSB-The International Association for Management Education was formerly known as the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. The organization adopted the new name in July to reflect its international membership.

"Gaining AACSB accreditation has made us a much stronger school."

for the quality of our faculty, our curriculum, and our technology. It also required us to demonstrate that we are managing for continuous improvement."

AACSB evaluates a school's physical facilities, the technological resources, the faculty, the curriculum, and the quality improvement process.

In seeking accreditation, Fisher said one of the first concerns was to establish a clear mission for the school. He said, "We exist to educate young men and women for professional business careers, and

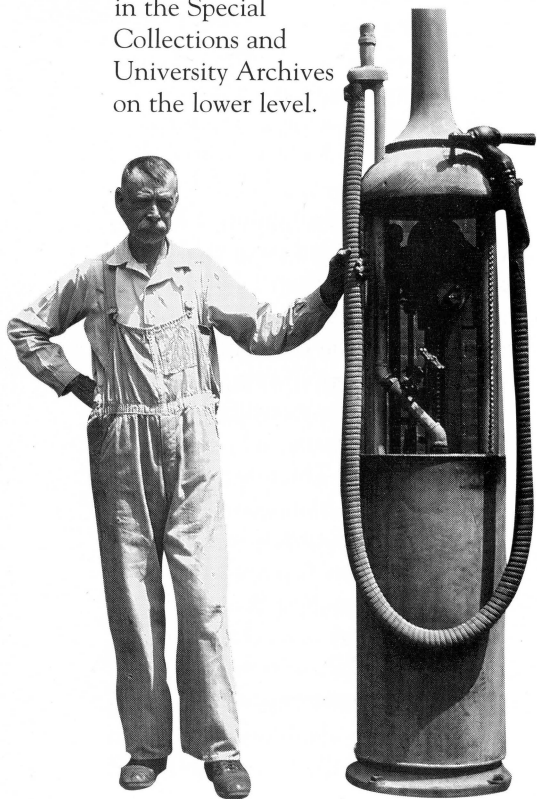
alumni and area businesses for faculty development.

One of the strengths which the visiting committee noted in USI's program was the use of technology in the curriculum. The committee also reviewed the school's teaching objectives. In the School of Business, clearly defined objectives require that faculty members engage their students in activities which build skills: learning to write reports, problem-solving activities, using the computer, working in teams, and making in-class presentations.

From glass negative **to CD-ROM** *New Harmony photos* **in high-tech focus**

The first hundred photographs in an extensive collection depicting life in New Harmony, Indiana, from the mid-1880s to 1940 are now on CD-ROM and available for viewing in the David L. Rice Library.

Gina Walker, library assistant, said the CD-ROM makes the photographs more accessible to library patrons than the early glass and film negatives. Copies of the images can be printed on glossy paper. The collection is located in the Special Collections and University Archives on the lower level.



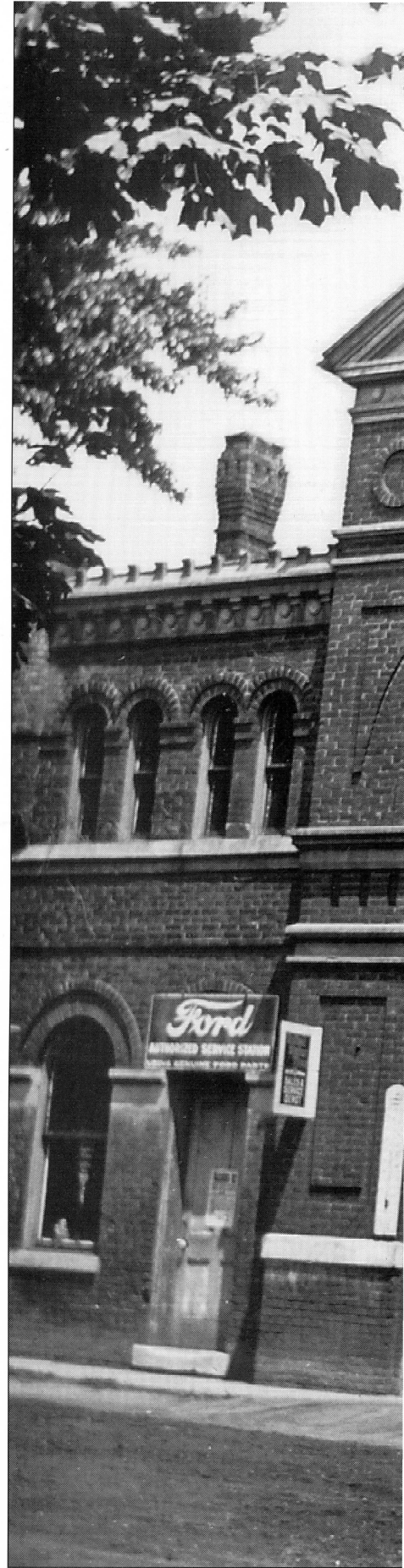
The photos were taken by W.F. Lichtenberger and Homer Fauntleroy of New Harmony. They were presented to the University of Southern Indiana by Don Blair, a New Harmony resident who had acquired them from Fauntleroy's sister, Mary Emily Fauntleroy.

Blair for many years supervised the bridge over the Wabash River for the White County (Illinois) Bridge Commission. As an amateur historian, he was interested in saving the town's artifacts, and his association with Dr. Donald E. Pitzer, chair of the history department, was instrumental in his leaving the photo collection to USI. Blair died in 1992.

Work to transfer more of the photos continues. The project is made possible by an Indiana Heritage Research Grant from the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Humanities Council. The Harmonie Associates of New Harmony received the grant in 1994 to preserve and index the collection of almost 2,000 negatives.

New Harmony was settled in 1814 by the Harmony Society and sold in 1824 to reformer Robert Owen and philanthropist William Maclure, who made it a center for scholars, scientists, and educators. Today visitors to Historic New Harmony, operated by USI, learn about the two Utopian endeavors.

July 12, 1920—Richard Wardelmann stands ready to pump gas.



July 12, 1920—The Wardelmann Garage was located for a thespian organization and as a laboratory before.



ed in the old Opera House. Originally a dormitory, the building served over the years as home becoming a mechanic's shop in 1910. Now the building has been restored as a meeting place.



July 14, 1934—Participating in the dance of the nymphs are (from left) Mary Elizabeth Holliday, Prudence Ford, Helen Ford, Jenny Mae Harris, Virginia Wiley, and Emma Jane Miller.



September 20, 1934—The Minerva Club celebrates its 75th anniversary. Standing (from left) are Mrs. Homer Fauntleroy, Mrs. Fred Lichtenberger, Mrs. John Cartwright, and Miss M.E. Fauntleroy, hostess, who is cutting the cake. Seated (from left) are Mrs. Ernest M. Bryant, Mrs. Louis Heckmann, Mrs. K.C. Fitzgerald, Mrs. W.V. Mangrum, Mrs. C. Ehrman, and Mrs. Arthur E. Jaquess. The literary organization, founded in 1859 by Constance Fauntleroy, is thought by some to be the oldest woman's club in the United States.

Photos supplied by University Archives, Blair Collection

Lilly Endowment funds grant for student retention

New programs will help students focus on progress toward degree

If a student can learn how to be successful in one course, then that success will carry over to other courses.

That's the strategy behind one of the several initiatives in a \$1.5 million grant awarded to the University of Southern Indiana by the Lilly Endowment Inc. The funds from the largest grant ever received by USI will support programs to increase the number of students who continue in a degree program through graduation.

One of the first initiatives to be implemented is called "supplemental instruction." The program is designed to improve retention by



Supplemental instructor Jeanie Nunn reviewed notes with USI student Joe Ramsey, who will be a group leader in supplemental instruction.

increasing the number of beginning students who successfully complete key courses in the curriculum. These are commonly taken courses that have the greatest cognitive shift from high school studies.

Upper-level students who have received grades of A or B in these courses will receive extensive training as student supplemental instruc-

tion group leaders. Then they will attend classes, take notes, and prepare structured study sessions for students in the class. Rather than re-teach the material, the student leaders will help students develop effective study strategies.

Supplemental instruction begins in one course this semester with more courses being added over the five-year grant period.

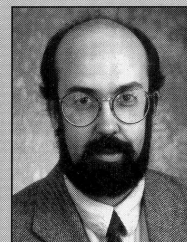
While the programs involved in implementing the grant will improve the level of excellence for all students, they are particularly targeted at the beginning student with a 2.0 to 2.9 grade-point average. These are students who have proven they can succeed but who may be at risk for not returning for their second year.

Dr. John H. Gottcent, professor of English and University Core coordinator, chaired the task force which wrote the grant proposal. He said, "Retention is not a single-diagnosis phenomenon. We found that there are a variety of reasons why students leave campus before they graduate. Some reasons are within our control, and some are not."

One of the things that the University can affect is the sense of community life on campus. "We sensed that we didn't have enough of a communal atmosphere," Gottcent said. "Too many students just come to campus to attend classes and leave. Even residential students may go to class and then zip downtown to their jobs."

Several programs—some social and others academic—are designed to foster student life. For instance, the Activities Programming Board will sponsor more campus-wide programming, bringing speakers and events to campus to promote fellowship and build community. New academic support programs will be based in student housing.

Other initiatives will improve the orientation process, extending it throughout the freshman year to make the transition from high school to college life as smooth as possible. Freshmen will have new opportunities to meet other freshmen and participate in community



Creating a culture of excellence

Our philosophy is to affect the continuum of the student's university experience. We want to give students all the steps they need to be successful. We're not just trying to get people to stay in school. As we continue to create a culture of excellence, we will get better students and keep better students.

—Dr. Timothy J. Schibik
Coordinator of Lilly Endowment retention grant

service projects. A peer mentoring program will link selected high-risk students to junior and senior students for advice, friendship, and other support.

The grant also addresses the need for faculty development. Dr. Timothy J. Schibik, associate professor of economics and coordinator of the retention grant, has been named acting director of a new teaching/learning center which will provide resources to help faculty keep up to date with the latest technology and pedagogical methods.

Other features will provide for automated telephone-assisted class registration, automated access to student records information, and a computer-based system to track progress toward degree requirements.

In addition to Schibik, members of the coordinating committee for the project are Gottcent; Sandra J. Hermann, director of the University Division; and Dr. Charles F. Harrington, director of institutional research. They will work with Dr. Robert L. Reid, vice president for Academic Affairs, and Dr. John W. Byrd, vice president for Student Affairs.

From the spring of 1996 through the end of 1997, the Lilly Endowment gave nearly \$76 million to Indiana colleges and universities to recruit more Indiana students, develop retention programs, and help place graduates in good jobs in Indiana.

History lays out lessons

Pictures express what a thousand words cannot

History has a way of crossing all disciplines. No matter what your interests, they all have a past that can be explored and interpreted for greater understanding. History is a wonderful way of keeping a broad range of enthusiasms going, said Dr. Robert L. Reid, vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of history.

While Reid has served in his administrative role since joining the University of Southern Indiana in 1975, he continues to search out the people and the experiences of the past that impact the way we live today. His research has led to the publication of 10 books.

Just out is *Pilgrims on the Ohio*, published by the Indiana Historical Society. The book is a chronicle in photographs of an 1894 journey down the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers by Reuben Gold Thwaites, a Wisconsin historian.

The seed for this research was implanted about seven years ago through Reid's work on another book, *Always a River: The Ohio River and the American Experience*. In editing one of the essays for that book, the USI vice president studied *Afloat on the Ohio*, the account by Thwaites of his six-week summer vacation on the river. Reid said, "I found in the original narrative that the author would say he clamored up a hill and took a snapshot."

Reid located the photographs through the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and has published them with excerpts from Thwaites's travel journal. Thwaites used none of the photographs when his original report on the trip was published.

The book includes several photos taken in what we now call the Tri-State area. In Owensboro, Kentucky, Thwaites photographed the Bethel, a boat which beckoned folks by the ringing of a bell to come aboard for church services. Other photos show government dredges building a dike near Scuffletown, Kentucky, logging near Evansville, and a trader's boat above Mt. Vernon with bacon, hardware, and women's straw hats among its merchandise.

The most recent book is a continuation of Reid's interest in using visual images to help understand and interpret the past. He is the author of four books that depict the work of photographers for the Farm Security Administration during the New Deal era. While the photographers were employed to document how the agency was helping farmers, the resulting images have broader scope.

The photographers shot scenes of farm work and life, but they

connected farm life to the community and to the urban areas. Their photos of baseball games on Sunday afternoon or children eating ice cream captured the times.

Revisiting many of the places photographed by the Farm Security Administration, Reid found it striking to discover some places persisting through the years. In Texas he discovered a migratory worker's camp built in the 1930s still operating as such while almost nothing was left of a boisterous lumbering town in Minnesota.

Reid also is one of the editors of *The Great Flood of '37*, published in 1987 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of that event in Evansville and the Tri-State.

Reid's responsibilities at USI encompass all the degree-granting programs of the University. He works with faculty and deans to deliver instruction and move students through their academic programs from the beginning of their college experience through graduate studies.

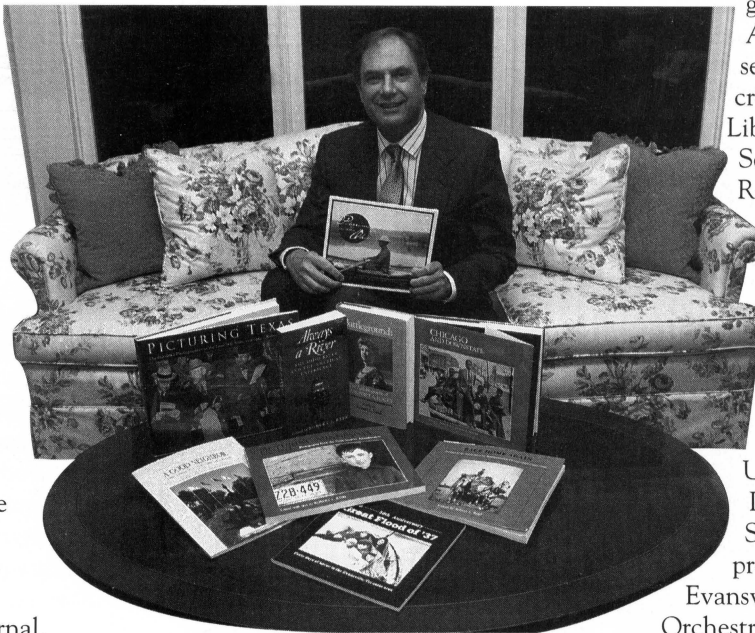
Academic Affairs oversees both credit and non-credit programs as well as Library and Media Services, Institutional Research, and Extended Services.

Reid is a leader in a number of professional, cultural, and civic organizations, including the American Association of State Colleges and

Universities and the Indiana Historical Society. He is a past president of the

Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra board of trustees and past chair of the Indiana Humanities Council.

Elizabeth Courney-USI



Robert Reid signed copies of his new book recently at a reception at the University home.

Christy Berry goes to Washington

USI student serves on national council for Student Education Association

From 46,000 members nationwide, the Student Education Association (SEA) chooses eight for its National Advisory Council. This year one of those is the University of Southern Indiana's own Christy Berry, a senior elementary education major from Rockville, Indiana.

The National Advisory Council meets three times a year in Washington, D.C.

Berry also serves as president of the USI chapter, the second-largest in the state, and as president of the Indiana Student Education Association. As state president, she is on the board of directors for the Indiana State Teachers Association. Two other USI students are state officers: Denise Wilson, vice president, and Bruce Skaggs, Region Four representative.

The local and state organizations are connected at the national level to the National Education Association (NEA).

Involvement in the professional organization has given her skills which will help her when she becomes a teacher, Berry said. "I have attended workshops and heard speakers on everything from

teacher/parent relations to classroom management and behavior issues.

"I have been able to network with teachers, principals, and superintendents from throughout the state and nation."

SEA is open to students majoring in elementary, secondary, or physical education. Janet Greer, instructor in teacher education and advisor for the SEA chapter at USI, says the purpose of the organization is to help students develop professional skills. The group at all levels promotes public education and is involved in a number of community service projects.

This semester the SEA will hear a presentation by faculty members from Helfrich Park Middle School, which recently received from the Association for Teacher Educators Indiana Unit an Outstanding Middle School Award as a partner school with USI. Dr. Ruth Tompkins, associate professor of education, works with the faculty and students at Helfrich Park and supervises many USI students who complete field experiences there.

One of the SEA traditions at USI is an annual picnic for children at Hillcrest Washington Youth Home. Club members solicit donations from local merchants and treat the boys and girls to a cookout and then activities such as time in the gym, an autograph session with USI basketball players, or a chance to see the Eagle Gran Prix bicycle race.

Students also serve as peer advisors for freshmen and sophomores in the education department.

"Education is a service profession," Greer said, "and these students are helping others feel good about themselves."

Berry hopes some of the national community service projects will be incorporated into the Indiana program. When she and Eric Carson, a senior from Evansville, were in Atlanta last summer for the NEA Representative Assembly, they participated in the Outreach to Teach program, working with almost 80 other students to renovate a public school.

On an SEA trip to San Antonio, Berry and Denise Wilson joined the Green Eggs and Hamlet Read-In. They took books, crayons, and other materials to a school and



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Janet Greer, left, and Christy Berry review a professional portfolio prepared by a student majoring in education.

spent the afternoon reading and interacting with the children.

Berry is the first USI student to serve in SEA at the national level and the second to be state president. Todd Slagle '94, now a Title I math teacher at Delaware Elementary School in Evansville, was state president in 1994.

Teacher tags

Students from the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services who go out to the schools for field experiences wear official name badges. The tag project was spearheaded by Tammy Elpers Angermeier '94 when she was president of USI's Student Education Association in 1993-94. The badge identifies students as representatives of USI and gives them recognition in the schools.

Angermeier is now a fourth-grade teacher at Good Shepherd School in Evansville.

The RopeWalk Writers Retreat for aspiring and established writers offers an expanded format this year in celebration of its tenth anniversary. The retreat will be held June 6-13 in New Harmony, Indiana.

Sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana, the conference begins a day earlier than usual with a Saturday program and picnic. Another special event will be a Tuesday presentation by Matthew



hemp, stretching it out to dry along the rope walk that stretched 1,100 feet from North Street to Steammill Street. Then they put the hemp on stretchers at either end of the walk and twisted it together to make rope.

RopeWalk conference directors are Tom Wilhelmus, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts; Matthew Graham; and Linda Cleek, associate director of extended services.

RopeWalk ties writers to their craft

Retreat secures expanded programs for 10th anniversary

Graham, USI associate professor of English, and David Broza, an Israeli singer/songwriter now living in New Jersey. Broza sets contemporary American poetry, including that of Graham, to music. In their workshop Broza and Graham will show how poet and musician work together to develop a song from a poem. Selected CDs featuring Broza's work are available in Evansville at Barnes and Noble.

The expanded conference also includes readings and presentations on Saturday and Sunday by the following writers:

- Barry Hannah—writer-in-residence at the University of Mississippi
- Andrew Hudgins—professor of English at the University of Cincinnati, author of four books of poems
- Erin McGraw—assistant professor of English at the University of Cincinnati, author of two books of fiction
- David St. John—professor of English/creative writing at the University of Southern California, author of four collections of poetry

In honor of the anniversary, two writers will be reading during each evening of the conference.

The staff includes the following:

- Stephen Dobyns, poetry—professor of English and director

of the creative writing program at Syracuse University. He has written more than 15 books of poetry and fiction.

- Pam Houston, fiction—author of the collection of short stories *Cowboys are My Weakness*.
- Heather McHugh, poetry—core faculty member of the M.F.A. program for writers at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina
- Richard Powers, fiction—Swanlund Professor of English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and author of six novels
- Bob Shacochis, fiction/creative nonfiction—author of two collections of short stories, a novel, and a nonfiction book.
- Ellen Bryant Voigt, poetry—faculty member at Warren Wilson College and author of several volumes of poetry, including *Claiming Kin*, *The Forces of Plenty*, *The Lotus Flowers*, *Two Trees*, and *Kyrie*.

Each faculty member will conduct a workshop for up to 12 writers and will meet with each of those writers individually during the week.

New Harmony was the site of two nineteenth century utopian experiments. The name of the conference, RopeWalk, recalls one of the major products made by early inhabitants. The Harmonists grew

Summer shorts

While the RopeWalk conference attracts those interested in the written word, there's more to summer at the University of Southern Indiana. Here are other events that may fit into your summer agenda:

55 and counting? Try Elderhostel

If you've passed birthday number 55, you are eligible to attend Elderhostel, an international program. USI will offer a residential program July 19-25 with participants studying "Cult or Community? American Utopias from Sabbathday Lake to Heaven's Gate" and "Utopia on the Wabash: New Harmony, Indiana." Write Elderhostel, 75 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110 for a catalog of programs offered at more than 1800 educational institutions around the world.

Curious about cathedrals? Take the European tour

Jay Fredrich, associate dean of the School of Science and Engineering Technology and originator of USI's popular continuing education course on cathedrals, will lead a tour of European cathedrals June 17-29. The first stop is Brussels, and then it's on to Chartres, Paris, and London.

Want more?

USI also offers summer programs for children and a variety of programs on the arts, fitness, computers, and professional development. Call Linda Cleek, associate director of extended services, at 464-1863 or 800/467-8600 for more information about RopeWalk and other summer events. A schedule of noncredit summer programs will appear in the May 3 issue of *The Evansville Courier*.

Campaign USI
 Donor recognition
 for featured objectives
 (as of January 19, 1998)

Endowed Presidential Scholarships

- Harold W. Ashley Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Citizens Bank of Evansville Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Rebecca Nunn Couch Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Susie & Richard A. Gumberts Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Louis & Anne Harpole Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Donald & Allene Hazeltine Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Aline Nunn Renner Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Marvin & Joan Smith Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- William H. & Dallas B. Suhrheinrich Endowed Presidential Scholarships (two)
- W. Paul & Mildred Torrington Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Wayne & Betty Worthington Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Named Four-Year Presidential Scholarships

- Robert and Marguerite Kent Presidential Scholarship
- Henry W. and Helen N. Ruston Presidential Scholarship

Student Life Enrichment

- Josephine K. Carter Hall, University Center expansion
- NBD Bank Student Conference Room, University Center
- Joseph E. O'Daniel Student Leadership Academy

Faculty Enhancement

- Blair Chair in Marketing Sciences Bower-Suhrheinrich Faculty Enhancement Endowment Fund
- John and Cynthia Fehrenbacher Faculty Enhancement Fund for the School of Science and Engineering Technology
- Kenneth E. and Elizabeth J. McCoy Faculty Enhancement Endowment Fund
- William E. and Trudy Mitchell Faculty Enhancement Fund for the School of Nursing and Health Professions
- USI Faculty Enhancement Fund in the Vanderburgh Community Foundation (a gift of Mary Koch and the George Koch Sons Foundation)

Instructional Technology

- The Helen M. Mallette Studio Theatre

Campaign USI

tops base goal, reaching toward challenge goal

Campaign USI, the first capital campaign in the history of the University of Southern Indiana, has surpassed its base goal and is now aspiring to meet the challenge goal. As of mid-January, *Campaign USI* had reached \$11.7 million, 112 percent of the \$10.5 million base goal and 74 percent of the \$16 million challenge goal. The campaign continues through June.

Mallette makes first gift to new Liberal Arts Center

Helen M. Mallette of Evansville has donated \$150,000 to finish the studio theatre in the Liberal Arts Center, a \$15.2 million classroom building now under construction.

The contribution to *Campaign USI* is the first major gift to the Liberal Arts Center and makes possible the complete interior finishing of the studio theatre, an area that would have remained unfinished because construction costs exceeded the bonding authorization.

In recognition of the gift, the studio theatre will be called The Helen M. Mallette Studio Theatre. Mallette is a patron of The New Harmony Theatre, a professional summer theatre produced by USI. She is a member of the board of the USI Society for Arts and Humanities.

In announcing the gift, James Blevins, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, said, "Through her

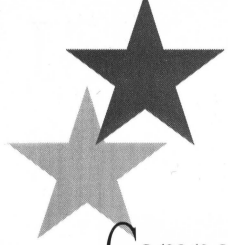
friendship and generosity, Helen has long supported the arts at USI. We are proud to be able to show our appreciation by naming this important facility for her."

In the Friends Division of the campaign, the principal focus will be to raise more than one million dollars to fund technology for the new Liberal Arts Center and to complete other instructional areas of the building. In addition to the theatre studio which Mallette's gift will finish, other areas in need of donations are a radio/television studio, music studio, language laboratory, and large lecture hall. The Liberal Arts Center is expected to open in fall 1999.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

James Blevins thanks Helen Mallette for her gift.



Campaign leadership gifts endow 12 new Presidential Scholarships

Current and deferred gifts to *Campaign USI* are ensuring the future of the Presidential Scholarship program at USI. Twelve Endowed Presidential Scholarships have been committed during the current campaign.

Generous leadership gifts from Don and Allene Hazeltine, Dallas Bower Suhrheinrich, and W. Paul Torrington will endow the newest Presidential Scholarships. These new endowments bring the total number of endowed Presidential Scholarships to 19. Several are in the process of being funded. A minimum gift of \$125,000 is required to endow these merit scholarships.

The Hazeltines, formerly of Evansville and now living in Sarasota, Florida, are underwriting the Donald and Allene Hazeltine Endowed Presidential Scholarship. The retired president of Southern Indiana Operating Co., Hazeltine is on the USI Foundation's advisory council. Allene Hazeltine was instrumental in developing student life programs on campus in USI's formative years.

Suhrheinrich, Evansville philanthropist whose generous \$1 million gift to the School of Education and Human Services included funding for two William H. and Dallas B. Suhrheinrich Endowed Presidential Scholarships, is designating her scholarship for bright students in the education and social work fields.

Torrington, who is a retired Mead Johnson executive vice president and vice chairman of the board, has

targeted his scholarship for "talented students in scientific and medical fields." Given in memory of Mildred Torrington, The W. Paul and Mildred Torrington Endowed Presidential Scholarship was awarded for the first time during the current academic year.

In addition to the new scholarships being funded with current gifts, donors also have made commitments to endow Presidential Scholarships through deferred gifts. These include the Susie and Richard A. Gumberts Endowed Presidential Scholarship and the Marvin and Joan Smith Endowed Presidential Scholarship. A major bequest from Anne Harpole is underwriting the Louis and Anne Harpole Endowed Presidential Scholarships. (A complete listing of all new Presidential Scholarships created since the beginning of the campaign is listed on page 10.)

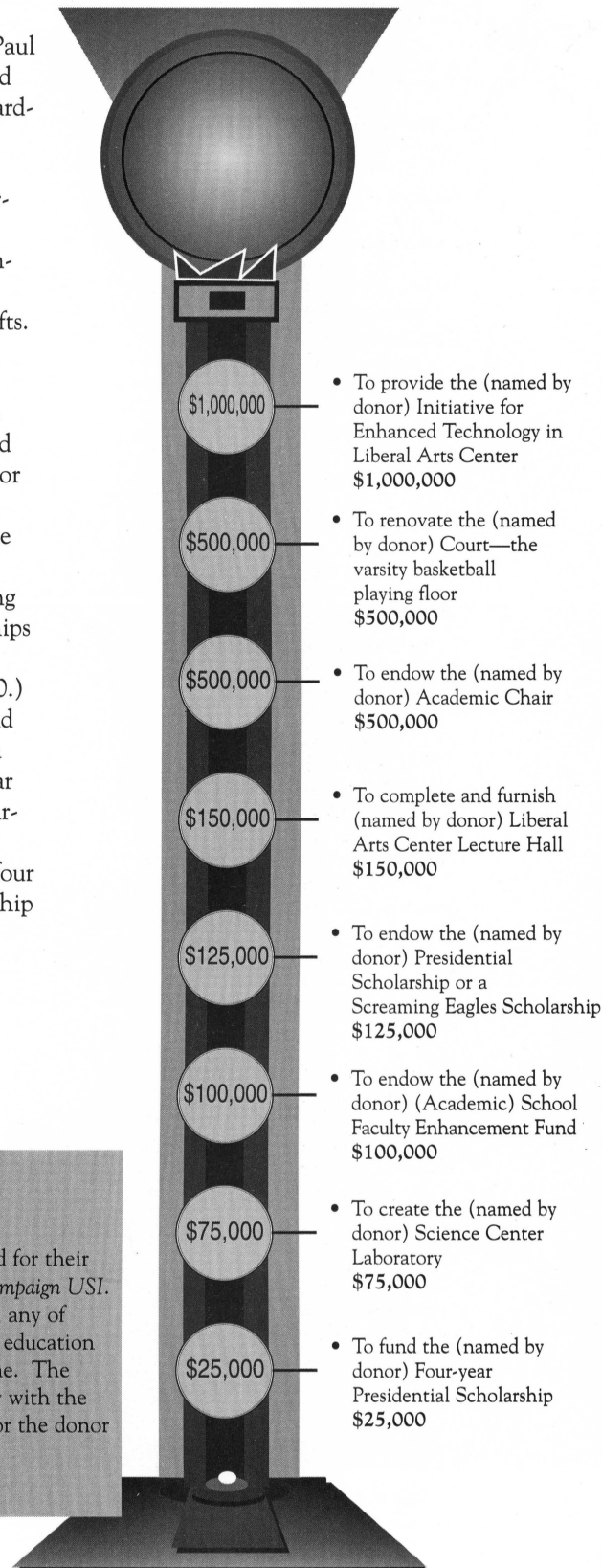
Ten talented valedictorians and salutatorians of qualified Indiana high schools are chosen each year for these prestigious merit scholarships, which provide tuition and fees, books, room and board for four years. The Presidential Scholarship program is a Featured Objective of *Campaign USI*. The USI Foundation's goal is to attract a total of 40 endowed Presidential Scholarships.

You name it!

Many donors are being recognized for their support of the University during *Campaign USI*.

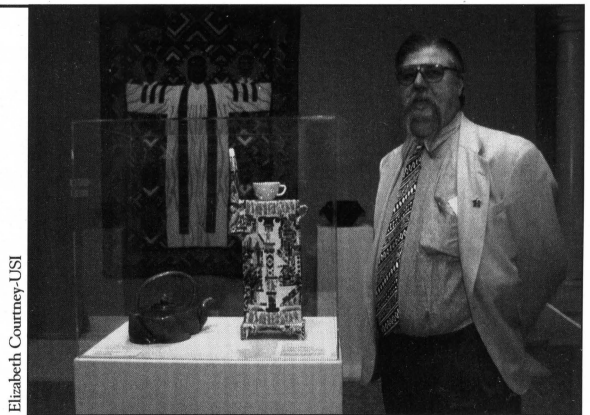
Here is a list of gift opportunities, any of which will help the University take education to a higher level in the years to come. The donor will be recognized perpetually with the naming of the scholarship or fund, or the donor may prefer to honor a loved one.

CAMPAIGN USI



Art professor claims prize

Leonard E. Dowhie, professor of art, claimed the Herman Moore, Geo. S. Olive, and Jeanne Bowman Ellenstein purchase award of \$1,500 in November at the Evansville Museum's 35th Mid States Craft Exhibition for his work, "Cheesy T-Pot Historically Thinking." The piece of cast whiteware with decals will become part of the museum's permanent collection.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Leonard Dowhie received a purchase award for his teapot, shown at right in glass case. (See photo back cover.)

McNaughton art on cover of *American Craft*



McNaughton's furniture series was featured recently on this magazine's cover.

A mahogany and poplar cabinet created by John McNaughton, professor of art, was featured on the December 1997/January 1998 cover of *American Craft*, a national magazine published by the American Craft Council.

The cover piece is "The Gingerbread House", a Victorian fantasy house adorned with intricate woodwork popular around the turn of the century. McNaughton's cabinet was shown along with the work of 31 other American artists at The Furniture Society's exhibit at the Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase College, State College of New York, where staff of the magazine saw it and chose it for the cover. The Furniture Society is an organization of studio furniture makers and their advocates.

Carving of the mahogany doors was done in Mexico City when McNaughton, while on an exchange program through the National Endowment for the Arts, was demonstrating his technique to university students. The functional cabinet is appropriate for storing sweaters and other garments.

The piece gives an illusion of layers of painting and re-painting to depict how homes of the Victorian period have been painted and re-painted in refurbishing efforts.

McNaughton said the cabinet seems to have no defined top or bottom and balances on its roof line to show the uncertainty of life.

A New York art collector has purchased the cabinet for his collection.

A sister piece was named a prize winner recently at the 35th Mid States Craft Exhibition at the Evansville Museum. (See photo back cover.)

University unveils portrait of Hoops

An oil portrait of USI President H. Ray Hoops now hangs in the University Suite of the University Center.

Unveiled in November, the portrait is the generous gift of the Walter and Mary C. Beyer Fund, established through a bequest by W. Earl Beyer, an Indiana artist, in memory of his parents.

For 15 years the Beyer Fund has donated oil portraits to Indiana's accredited colleges and universities. Jan Royce, a highly regarded Indianapolis artist and faculty member at both the Indianapolis Art Center and Herron School of Art, received the commission for this portrait and was a special guest at the unveiling and reception in the University Center.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

President H. Ray Hoops views his portrait along with Jan Royce, artist, and Thomas E. Cunningham of the Walter and Mary C. Beyer Fund.

Bigham book explores life on Lower Ohio

Towns and Villages of the Lower Ohio, the latest book by Dr. Darrel E. Bigham, USI professor of history, examines Lower Ohio towns and villages from the 1790s, when the first settlements appeared, to the 1920s, when the modern pattern of life associated with automobiles, economic upheaval, and mass culture emerged.

The book is the seventh volume in University Press's Ohio River Valley Series. Bigham is director of Historic Southern Indiana and also the author of *An Evansville Album: Perspectives of a River City*.

Series co-editor Lynwood Montell said the book "provides wonderful insight into the development of towns, cities, and counties along the Lower Ohio, as well as describing the people who occupied these historic entities." Bigham reveals the complex forces that shape the little places in America.



Bigham

The new book is available in the USI Bookstore and in other stores along the Ohio River.

USI Theatre presents play by Brecht

University of Southern Indiana Theatre will present *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* by Bertolt Brecht beginning April 16 with performances continuing through April 26. Scott LaFeber, director of theatre for USI, will direct the suspenseful classic about war and justice.

USI Theatre is located at 3001 Igleheart Avenue. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 812/465-1668.



CAMPUS NEWS

Doing the classroom shuttle

Students in campus housing can now leave the driving to shuttle bus drivers who will take them to classroom buildings. Implemented in the fall, the service is convenient for housing residents and leaves more parking spaces close to academic buildings free for commuting students. The equipment and drivers are under contract from METS (Metropolitan Evansville Transit Systems).



Rob Worman-USI

Students get a lift to class.

Children show off new space in center

Harolyn Torain '71, chair of the USI Board of Trustees, and other Board members toured the Children's Center recently in its new campus location west of the Health Professions Center. The Children's Center, relocated to make way for the new Liberal Arts Center now under construction, serves 40 pupils ages three to seven. In the move the facility gained office space for teachers, a teacher workroom, an isolation space for sick children, restrooms accessible by the handicapped, and other features such as new carpets and windows.



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

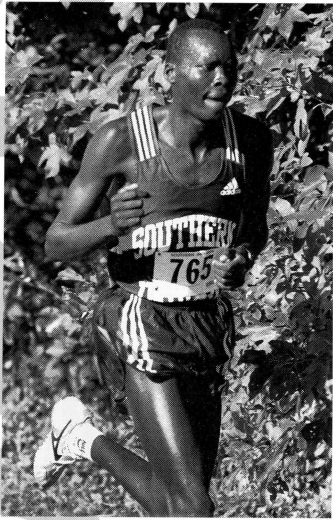
Harolyn Torain '71 tours Children's Center.

Whirlpool official 'in-residence'

Al Holaday, Whirlpool Corporation division vice president for Evansville since 1995, served recently as Executive-in-Residence for the School of Business.

During the all-day program, the guest executive made several presentations centering on the theme, "Lessons for Survival in a Highly Competitive Industry."

Holaday is a central Indiana native and 1971 industrial management graduate of Purdue University. He joined Whirlpool in '71 at the Findlay, Ohio, distribution center. He has worked numerous assignments for the company, including four in Ohio and three at Whirlpool's Michigan headquarters. Prior to coming to Evansville, he was at the Fort Smith, Arkansas, plant.



Rono

Rono wins cross country national championship

Runner is USI's first individual to reach crest

University of Southern Indiana junior Elly Rono (Rift Valley, Kenya) became the first individual National Champion at the University by winning the 1997 NCAA Division II Cross Country Nationals in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The nationals were hosted by University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Rono won the 10K race with a time of 31:13.9, which was 40.1 seconds faster than that of second place finisher Vladimir Golias of Central Missouri State University, who had a time of 31:54.0. In two seasons, Rono has won every cross country race USI has entered except the 1996 national championship when he finished second.

"Since I lost last year, I did not lose my head and set winning as my goal," said Rono, who was named the NCAA Division II Cross Country Runner of the Year for the second straight season.

"Last year, I ran with the group and gradually pulled away. This fall, I would shoot out and take the lead and no one could close on me," said Rono. "I won all of my races this year by at least 40 seconds, including the national championship. If runners were going to beat me this

year, they were going to have to beat me with my own style."

With one more season to go, Rono has finished first in 15 races, second in one, won two consecutive individual NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Championships, been the NCAA II Individual Finalist, and won the NCAA II Individual National Championship to go along with the two runner-of-the-year awards.

Overall, the men's team finished eighth of 17 teams, with the University of South Dakota winning the team championship. USI was making its 12th appearance in the NCAA II Nationals. Its best finishes were third in 1982 and fifth in 1983.

USI Head Coach Bill Stegemoller, who has coached the team since its creation in 1979, is retiring as cross country coach at the end of the year. He has led USI to 12 national appearances, three Great Lakes Regional titles, 12 Indiana Intercollegiate "Little State" championships, and 11 Great Lakes Valley Conference crowns.

"Having the individual national champion is right there with winning the team championship," said

Stegemoller. "It is great exposure for the program.

"After last year, Rono knew who his competition was and what it was going to take to win this time," continued Stegemoller. "In the race, he had two surges in the first two miles that put the race away. You have to be good to do that and win."

In the women's race and their first national meet appearance, the Eagles finished 12th of 17 teams. The top finisher for USI was sophomore Nicole Shepler (Fishers, Indiana), who placed 35th with a time of 19:00.6 over the 5k course.

Mike Hillyard ('94), the women's cross country head coach, said, "This was a breakthrough season for our program. The obvious highlight was qualifying for the nationals for the first time as a team."

Hillyard continued, "With national meet experience and the continued development of our younger runners, our sights are set on a top four finish in the 1998 nationals."

The women's team championship was won by Adams State College with 37 points. The GLVC's Lewis University tied for second with 106 points.



Minor

University of Southern Indiana freshman forward Stephanie Minor (Evansville) was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year and to the second team 1997 National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Central Region team.

Minor was 11th in the GLVC and led the Eagles in scoring with 26 points on 10 goals and six assists.

She is the second USI player in two seasons to be named to an All-Region team. Last year, midfielder Megan Russell was named second team All-Region by the Division II sports information directors.

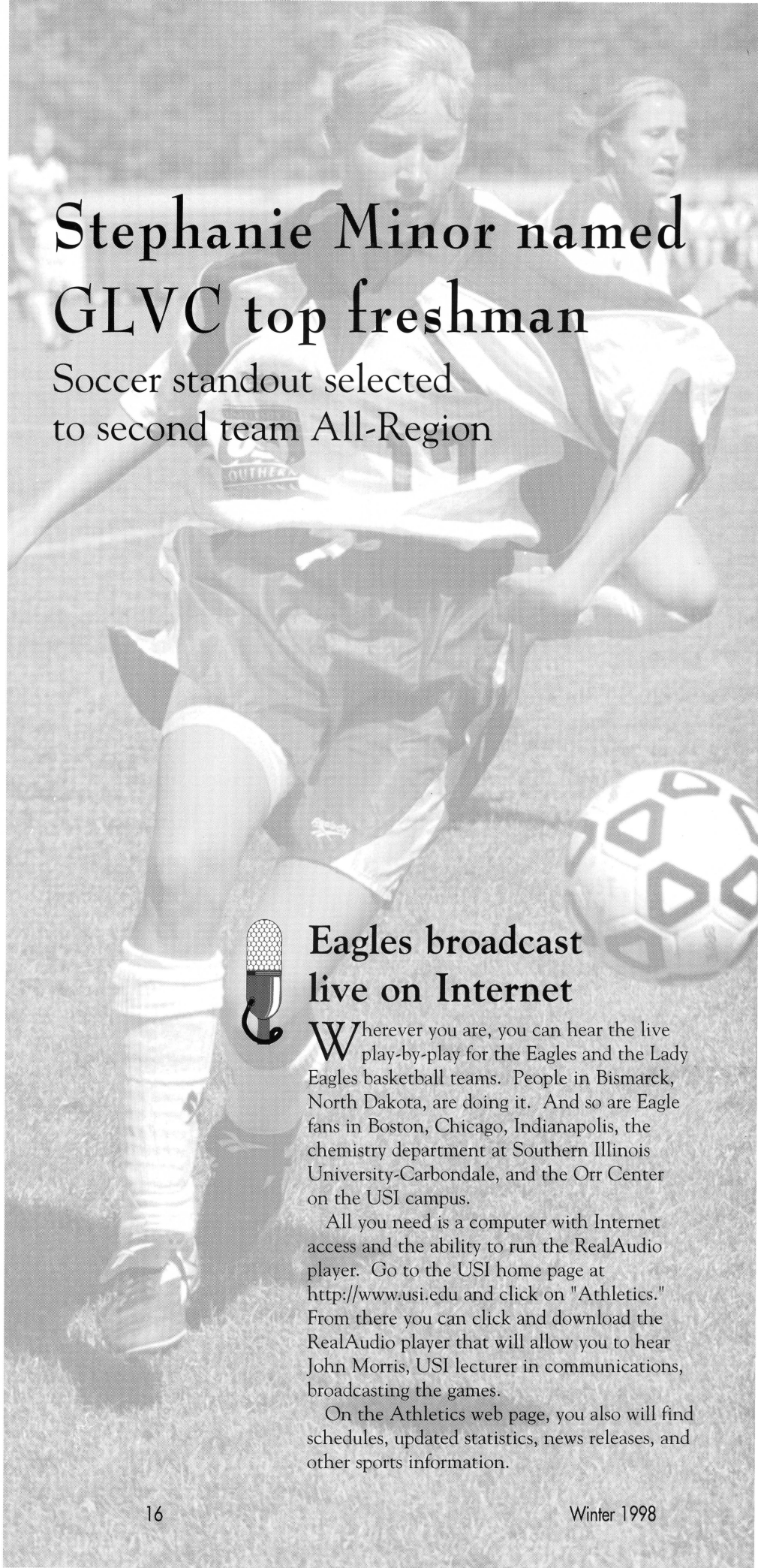
"What has happened in my freshman year is exciting and amazing," said Minor. "A lot of the credit goes to my teammates and Coach (Greg) Stone, because without them none of this would have happened."

Minor already is looking forward to next year. She said, "I am going to have to step up my game and work hard to live up to what I have accomplished this season."

In the two years of the USI women's soccer program, Head Coach Greg Stone and the Eagles have made two consecutive appearances in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, finishing tied for third this year. The Eagles, who were fifth of 11 teams in the conference regular season, had an overall record of 13-6 in 1997, the first winning season.

Stephanie Minor named GLVC top freshman

Soccer standout selected to second team All-Region



Eagles broadcast live on Internet

Wherever you are, you can hear the live play-by-play for the Eagles and the Lady Eagles basketball teams. People in Bismarck, North Dakota, are doing it. And so are Eagle fans in Boston, Chicago, Indianapolis, the chemistry department at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and the Orr Center on the USI campus.

All you need is a computer with Internet access and the ability to run the RealAudio player. Go to the USI home page at <http://www.usi.edu> and click on "Athletics." From there you can click and download the RealAudio player that will allow you to hear John Morris, USI lecturer in communications, broadcasting the games.

On the Athletics web page, you also will find schedules, updated statistics, news releases, and other sports information.

ALUMNI TODAY

1970s

Thomas E. Field '72, biology, is the owner and primary physician of the minor emergency center, Medical of Dubois, in Jasper, Indiana.

Peter Helfrich '77, art, formerly director of the Evansville Visitors and Convention Bureau, is now marketing director at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Gregory A. Folz '78, art, has been promoted to vice president for sales and marketing at Collaborative Clinical Research, Inc., in Evansville.

Fred Dougan '79, history, works for Ice Products, Inc., in Evansville.

Daniel S. Hermann '79, accounting, has been promoted to president and chief operating officer for Black Beauty Coal Co. and Black Beauty Resources, Inc., in Evansville. He recently was elected to Citizens Bank's board of directors.

Scott Smith '79, biology, is a corporate health manager for Glaxo Wellcome, Inc., in Westlake, Ohio.

1980s

David Garrett '80, accounting, has been promoted to executive vice president at Pacific Press Technologies in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

Linda Rohlfer Shekell '82, marketing, has been promoted to buyer at Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville.

John Helfert '83, civil engineering technology, is an associate principal at Three I Engineering in Evansville.

Timothy Wagner '83, accounting, is vice president and controller at Village Housing Corp., a subsidiary of United Fidelity Bank in Evansville.

Kent Payne '84, social science, is a regional director for Excel Communications in West Chicago, Illinois.

Debora Ballard '85, communications, is an employment consultant with the Evansville Association for the Blind.

Donald R. Neel '85, accounting, has been named to the board of directors of Fidelity Federal Bancorp. He is the executive vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of the company as well as executive vice president and chief operating officer of United Fidelity Bank in Evansville.

Cindy Cannon Smith '85, allied health, is the administrator of SpectraCare Home Health in Cleveland, Ohio.

Chastain named top art teacher



Chastain

Corliss Chastain '78, art, has been honored as Art Educator of the Year by the Maine Art Education Association. She is an art teacher and humanities division chair at Maranacook Community School in Readfield, Maine.

Alumni Calendar of Events

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| March 14 | Maintaining Life Balance Alumni Seminar, 8:30 a.m., USI Carter Hall |
| April 4 | USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk, 10 a.m., USI Campus |
| April 7 | Dubois Chapter Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Fiesta Restaurant, Jasper |
| April 16 | Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Benchwarmers Restaurant, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Union Station |
| May 8 | Association Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall Senior Reception & Dinner follows Annual Meeting |
| June 2 | Dubois Chapter Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m., Dutchman Inn, Huntingburg |
| June 19 | Alumni Picnic, USI Campus, children's games and petting zoo |
| June 20 | Alumni Golf Scramble, Quail Crossing Golf Club, Boonville, Indiana |
| June 19-20 | Class of 1973 Twenty-Fifth Reunion |
| July 16 | Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Benchwarmers Restaurant, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Union Station |
| August 22 | Indianapolis Golf Scramble, The Links, New Palestine, Indiana |

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

ALUMNI TODAY

Trudy Stock '86, accounting, has been promoted to vice president of accounting services at Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Randy Agent '87, business administration, has been promoted to resource analyst with the U.S. Postal Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Sharon Rothrock Gieselman '87, political science, is principal of Fordsville Elementary School in Fordsville, Kentucky.

Marlene Hirsch '87, English, is a technical writer with Keller Crescent Co. in Evansville.

Mark Isaac '87, accounting, has been promoted to chief financial officer at United Fidelity Bank in Evansville.

David A. Caputo '88, electrical engineering technology, is a senior systems engineer with Ross & Baruzzini in St. Louis, Missouri.

Marshall Harris '88, computer information systems, is corporate manager of management information systems for Berry Plastics in Evansville.

Scott Schenk '88, marketing, is the branch manager of the Washington and Kentucky branch of Old National Bank in Evansville.

Steve Bridges '89, accounting, '95, Master of Business Administration, has been elected president of the Indiana Association of College and University Business Officers. He is controller at USI.

Scott Emery '89, finance, is a senior business analyst for Alltel Information Services in Glasgow, Scotland.

Sharon Thomas Sartore '89, accounting, was promoted to vice president of finance with Rogers Jewelers in Evansville.

1990s

Vickie Alcorn '90, accounting, is supervisor of Accounting Services Plus at Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Greg Brown '90, is assistant controller for United Fidelity Bancorp in Evansville.

Tom Gunnison '90, electrical engineering technology, was promoted to senior systems engineer with Siemens Energy & Automation in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Dolli Kight '90, management, has been promoted to executive director of the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glenn Kingsbury '90, business administration, is branch manager of the Red Bank branch of Old National Bank in Evansville.

Julie Johns Schapker '90, accounting, works at Advantage Payroll Services in Evansville.

Shelley A. Holland '91, accounting, is a supervisor in the tax division of Riney Hancock & Company in Evansville.

Donna Wilson Beasley '92, business administration, is advertising coordinator with GFI Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., in Evansville.

Double your dollars! Alumni Chapter Scholarships

Alumni donations to the Greater Indianapolis and the Dubois County Alumni Chapter Scholarship Endowments will be matched dollar for dollar until June 30. Alumni Council members approved the match to be transferred from the Alumni Scholarship Endowment fund, established in 1987.

Chapter scholarships will assist a deserving senior graduating from high school in the chapter's area to attend USI. Donations will support the chapters in their efforts to encourage students to improve their skills and to further their education.

Send your doubly valuable gift to support your chapter scholarship to USI Foundation, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712.

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

ALUMNI TODAY

Stephanie Gerbig '92, communications, is a communications specialist at St. Mary's Health Care in Evansville.

Amy Petitjean Graff '92, business administration, is general manager of Ad Spec Inc., in Evansville.

Gayle Stratton '92, business administration, has been promoted to network administrator at Keller Crescent Co. in Evansville.

Tom Titus '92, marketing, is marketing manager at Specialized Assays in Nashville, Tennessee.

Michael G. Brown '93, accounting, is a senior consultant for Ernst & Young Consulting in Indianapolis.

Daniel Garrett '93, business administration, has been promoted to electronic banking officer with Citizens Information Systems, a subsidiary of CNB Bancshares, in Evansville.

Peggy Sander Jacobs '93, accounting, is an accountant in the Accounting Services Plus department at Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Jenny Sherry McWilliams '93, biology, is a dentist with Dentasafe Dental Group in Evansville.

Lauree L. Miller '93, communications, has been promoted to supervisor at T.J. Maxx in Evansville.

Mark R. Palmer '93, business administration, is a broker associate with Southern Indiana Realty and Auction Co. in Ferdinand, Indiana.

AmyLu Rice Riley '93, communications, is public relations manager for KFS & Associates in Evansville.

Lisa Alexander '94, nursing, '97, Master of Science in Nursing, is a family nurse practitioner with the Wabash County Health Department in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

Naomi Deal '94, communications, is physician recruiter for Tri-State Medical Management, Inc., in Evansville.

James K. Tooley '94, elementary education, is with Delco Remy America in Anderson, Indiana.

Sharon Beckman '95, communications, is a publishing manager for Jostens Printing in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Amy Hurt Blanford '95, elementary education, is a primary teacher at A.B. Chandler Elementary School in Corydon, Kentucky.

Kellie N. Epley '95, communications, is a pharmaceutical representative for Whitehall Robins in Evansville.

Melanie Stroud Hahn '95, business administration, is a mortgage loan officer at the Orange County Bank in Paoli, Indiana.

Amy Preske '95, communications, is a public relations and advertising assistant with GFI Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., in Evansville.

Rebecca Dages Albright '96, social work, '97, Master of Social Work, is a psychiatric social worker at Samaritan Center in Vincennes, Indiana.

Sandra Burkhardt Arnold '96, social work, is program director of family preservation and child welfare services at the Lincoln Hills Development Corporation in Tell City, Indiana.

Jennifer Schuetter Bromm '96, social work, '97, Master of Social Work, is staff therapist with the Southwestern Mental Health Center in Evansville.

Sharyl Threet Brown '96, early childhood education, is lead child care teacher at Learning Time Preschool in Indianapolis. She also assists with kindergarten at Hazel Dell Elementary School in Noblesville.

Erin Johnson '96, communications, is a public relations specialist at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Kristi Herrenbruck Krack '96, business administration, has been promoted to assistant manager, East Side office, at United Fidelity Bank in Evansville.

Lisa Mills '96, art, is an assistant account executive at Keller Crescent Co. in Evansville.

Tricia Stocks '96, math, is teaching 7th grade math at Harwood Middle School in Evansville.



Bob Gwatney-Courtesy of The Evansville Courier

Derk family bigger by four

Kimberly Husk Derk '93 and her husband Jim traveled in the fall to Hungary where they adopted four young siblings. The family is shown here with Ava in walker, Kim holding William, and Jim holding Ava's twin brother, Adam, and older brother Kristian. The Derks have two other children from previous marriages: Kim's daughter Colleen, 17, and Jim's son Brandon, 6. Kim is a communications specialist with GE Plastics in Mount Vernon, and Jim is computer research editor for *The Evansville Courier*.

ALUMNI TODAY

Amber Huse Tooley '96, psychology, is with Delco Remy America in Anderson, Indiana.

Mary Beth Bealmear '97, Master of Science in Education, is an English teacher with the Henderson County Board of Education in Henderson, Kentucky.

Shannon Brewer '97, accounting, is an accountant in the general services department at Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Craig Carpenter '97, physical education, is a manufacturer's representative for Duhart Company in Richmond, Virginia.

Judy Davis '97, English, is a staff writer with *The Evansville Courier*.

Matthew Deckard '97, social science, is a teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Corporation in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Warren Fleetwood '97, English, is a teacher at North Middle School in Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

Anita Flynn '97, communications, is an admissions counselor at USI.

Laura Freese '97, Master of Social Work, is a behavior specialist with River Valley Behavioral Health in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Jennifer Holcombe '97, accounting, earned the fourth highest score in the state on the CPA exam. She is employed at Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Daniel Jochum '97, accounting, is an assistant manager with Sherwin Williams in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Jeanna Kaper '97, art education, is an art teacher with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Desiree Khayum '97, accounting, is with Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Amy Koch Kirsch '97, respiratory therapy, works at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Lisa Kissinger '97, communications, is a production assistant at WFIE-TV in Evansville.

Kent Kleiman '97, political science, is an auctioneer with Curran Miller Auction/Realty, Inc., in Evansville.

John Mullen '97, English teaching, is an English teacher at Harrison High School in Evansville.

Shawn Otto '97, accounting, is with Harding Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Sorority members recall 25 years

Members of Delta Kappa chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority recently celebrated 25 years since the chartering of the chapter. The April events included a reception and a luncheon featuring Lori Scott, ASA national vice president for extension. Participants reviewed a scrapbook depicting Delta Kappas throughout their first quarter century, toured the growing USI campus, and saw a slide presentation during the two-day reunion.



Terri Higgs Sauter '77 and Rita Johnson Reynolds '74, first president of Delta Kappa chapter, Alpha Sigma Alpha, reminisce at reunion.

Melisa Patton '97, social work, is a family case manager in the Vanderburgh County Office Division of Family & Children in Evansville.

Kimberly Riley '97, sociology, is a habilitation trainer at the Rehabilitation Center in Evansville.

Amy Rivers '97, elementary education, is a teacher with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Michelle Sargent '97, respiratory therapy, is working at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis.

Sandra K. Schnellenberger '97, English, is an advanced English and speech teacher at New Palestine High School in New Palestine, Indiana.

Justin Shofstall '97, civil engineering technology, is with Easley Engineering in Evansville.

Shelly Nelson Titus '97, radiologic technology, is working at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

R. Michael Webb '97, business education, is a teacher at FJ. Reitz High School in Evansville.

Jessica Wells '97, psychology, is a customer service representative with Permanent Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Nicky Zazzetti Whann '97, elementary education, is an admissions counselor at USI.

Kelly White '97, respiratory therapy, works at the Greene County General Hospital in Linton, Indiana.

Marriages

David L. Albin '84, finance, and Teri Hollander

Joy A. Nurrenbern '87, computer information systems, and David W. Pfingston

Susan E. Wargel '88, communications, and Kevin D. Young

Tom Gunnison '90, electrical engineering technology, and Lisa R. Krueger

Debra K. Schultheis '92, nursing, and Robert E. Goedde

Dana S. Gries '93, nursing, and Scott C. West

Lisa R. Loechte '93, business administration, and Keith Witte

Michael R. Hillyard '94, physical education, and Kelly A. Schmidt

Julie Jenkins '94, Spanish, and Bernie Eder

James K. Tooley '94, elementary education, and Amber L. Huse '96, psychology

Sherri Arhelger '95, elementary education, and Kyle Rapp

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Brent A. Auberry '95, political science/history, and Natalie Marquette

Chad E. Miller '95, biology, and **Leslie A. Schmitt '96**, dental hygiene

Dawn Norrick '95, biophysics, and Dale Thene

Amy R. Slaubaugh '95, communications, and Michael R. Perry

Melanie A. Stroud '95, business administration, and John Hahn

Cathie Bische '96, business administration, and Andy Thomas

Mary M. Judd '96, communications, and Alan R. Wirtz

Shelly Nelson '96, radiologic technology, and **Tom Titus '92**, marketing

Thomas J. Bealmear '97, physical education, and Cheryll J. Tomlinson

Nancy Brownell '97, elementary education, and Gregory Gorbett

Jennifer Chumley '97, dental hygiene, and Marc Fitzgerald

Jennifer Fox '97, communications, and Joseph Kennedy

Kristen Wilhelmus '97, sociology, and Darrin Burns

Births

Theresa Townes Vincent '91, elementary education, and husband, Jim, daughter, Audrey Marie

Scott Graber '92, business administration, and wife, **Barbara Mitchell Graber '93**, business administration, son, Seth Thomas

Amy Petitjean Graff '92, business administration, and husband, Carl, daughter, Allison Nicole

Lisa R. Meek '92, physical education, and husband, Bill, son, Christian Hunter

Anita Lengacher Miller '92, elementary education, and husband, Bruce, son, Corey Brevin

Shanon Creek DeLong '93, accounting, and husband, Scotty, son, Samuel Ray

Jason Ahlbrand '94, physical education, and wife, Susan, daughter, Elisabeth

Julie Butler Brown '94, elementary education, and husband, Mark, son, Luke Dalton

Amy Hurt Blanford '95, elementary education, and husband, Jim, son, Adam Everett

Sabyn Jamison Rudolph '95, elementary education, and husband, Nathan, son, Ian Connor

In Memoriam

Ray Griffin '76, accounting, died October 21, 1996, in Henderson, Kentucky.

USI alumni present programs

Five alumni participated in Alumni-in-Residence programs during the fall. A panel of Evansville teachers debated "The Realities of Teaching Today's Physical Education" and a communications graduate discussed life as a corporate communicator and writer.

The panel discussion featured Kim Bell '89, Memorial High School; Scott Ferguson '95, Reitz High School; Tad Powless '92, Washington Middle School; and Keri Spahn '92, Corpus Christi Elementary School. The panelists applied their experiences to the topics "Role Conflict," "Discipline," and "Perception (classroom theory) vs. Reality." This program was co-sponsored by the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services and the USI Alumni Association.

Alpha Chi honor society joined the Alumni Association in co-sponsoring the visit of Scott Saalman '87, manager of internal communications at Kimball International, Jasper. His topic was "Will Communicate for Food: Reflections on corporate communications, humor columns, and short story writing" -- plus the horror of booksignings ("How to Lower Your Self Esteem in 45 Minutes or Less").

Prior to entering the world of corporate communications, the 32-year-old Saalman was a feature writer for various newspapers, including *Newport News Daily Press* in Virginia and *Dubois County Herald*, Jasper. His short stories have appeared in *The Southern Indiana Review*, *Aerie*, and *The Flying Island*, and his columns and essays have appeared in *The Louisville Courier-Journal's Scene* magazine, *Editors Workshop*, *Country Magazine*, and *The Perry County News*. His book, *Break the Ice: 200 Fun Questions to Help Break the Ice at Business Meetings, Training Sessions, and Other Gatherings*, was published in 1995 by Cornerstone Press.

Saalman was a member of the first group of resident student managers in USI housing.

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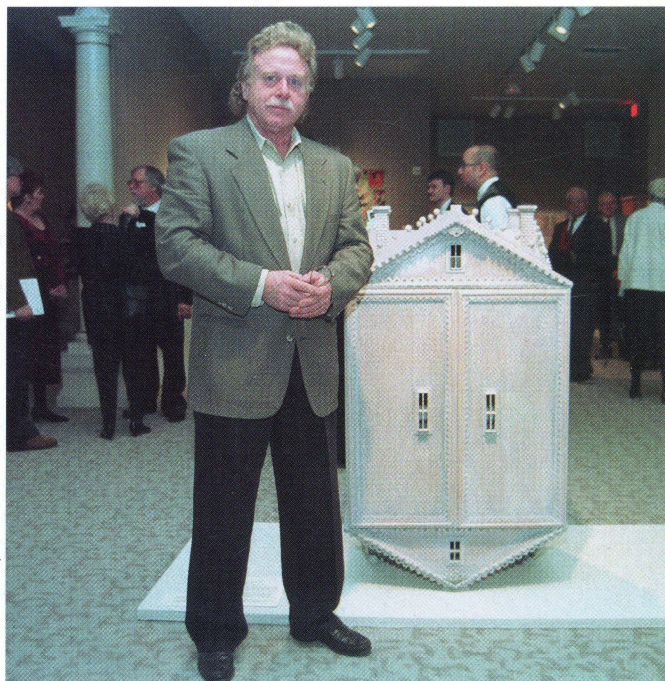
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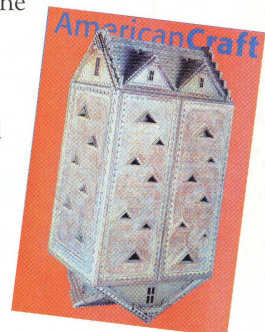


Elizabeth Courtney-USI

McNaughton

Furniture to flip over

John McNaughton (above), USI professor of art, calls his functional cabinet of stained poplar "Have It Your Way." Flip it over and the bottom becomes the top. The piece took the \$250 Martha Ryan Merit Award at the 35th Mid States Craft Exhibition in November at the Evansville Museum. Ryan, a former Evansville resident and a past member of the museum's board of trustees, presented the award in memory of her son Sam. A similar piece in McNaughton's furniture series was featured recently on the cover of *American Craft* magazine.



"Cheesy T-Pot Historically Thinking" (left) is the prize-winning work of Leonard E. Dowhite. (See stories page 12.)



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