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USI Board of Trustees approves budget

At the USI Board of Trustees meeting September 5, the trustees approved the University's operating budget request of \$61,486,799 for 2003-04 and \$62,856,192 for 2004-05. The budget will be submitted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the State Budget Agency, and the Indiana General Assembly. The budget is funded through a combination of student fees and state support.

Cindy Brinker, vice president for Governmental Relations, said the budget request was developed in response to the state's primary concerns and objectives of increasing access to higher education, maintaining affordability, expanding the use of technology, improving educational quality, and developing a strong highly-skilled workforce.

The University will seek support from the state to fund current programs and services, growth in enrollment, operating costs for approved projects, and quality improvement initiatives to respond to regional workforce needs.

The University is requesting a 2-percent increase in the expenditure base each year of the biennium for personal services and student assistance, and a 1-percent increase for supplies and expenses. USI will request \$1,023,408 in 2003-04 and \$1,042,593 in 2004-05 to fund current programs and services.

Funding for enrollment change is a major component of the University's operating budget request. An all-time high of 9,675 students enrolled at USI this fall. In 2003-04, \$1,564,500 is requested to fund increases in enrollment, and \$969,607 is requested for operation of the new Science and Education Center scheduled for completion in July 2003.

The request under quality improvement initiative focuses on the need for funds to restructure and expand engineering laboratory space, acquire modern laboratory equipment, add laboratories to implement expanded offerings, and meet recurring programmatic needs. The University is seeking \$253,100 in 2003-04 and \$326,800 in 2004-05 in quality improvement funding.

USI's request also includes \$29.1 million for one capital project, the Library/Classroom Expansion and Renovation, and bonding authorization, but no state funds, for University Center Expansion.

It also includes appropriations for Historic New Harmony and Lincoln Amphitheatre, two outreach programs of the University. The request is a continuation of the funding appropriated by the Indiana General Assembly in prior years.

"The request for operating appropriations for the 2003-05 biennium is necessary for USI to carry out its mission to better serve the southern Indiana region and to help achieve the goals of the state," Brinker said.

"More than 18,000 students have graduated from USI. Two-thirds of USI students come from an 11-county area in southwestern Indiana, where the University has made significant progress in advancing the college-going rate of residents. Since

1985, the percent of public high school graduates from this region who have pursued postsecondary education has risen from 33 percent to 74 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Education."

Surveys of the graduating classes of 1991 through 2001 reveal that 78.9 percent of USI graduates remain in Indiana, and of those, 83.5 percent remain in southwestern Indiana.



USI posts record enrollment

The enrollment of 9,675 students at USI this fall set a record at the campus. This is a 3-percent increase over the 9,362 students enrolled last fall.

Increases were identified in all undergraduate classes and among graduate students. The breakdown is:

- Freshmen 3,739
- Sophomores 1,613
- Juniors 1,606
- Seniors 1,704
- Graduates 677
- Non degree 336
- Total 9,675

The majority of students (5,155 or 53 percent) continue to come from Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, and Gibson counties, and another 1,126 students are from area counties. All Indiana counties are represented among USI students. Students also come from 37 other states and 33 nations.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said the increase fits the pattern the University has projected of a 3-percent to 5-percent increase in enrollment yearly. He said USI is an institution characterized by reasonable costs and a high level of student/faculty interaction, where emphasis is placed on the learning community and on leadership training of students.

He added that the addition of high-demand academic programs such as engineering, special education, e-business, and graduate programs in public administration, occupational therapy, and health administration meet the needs of the region and the state.

Dr. Rob Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, said 8 percent of the total students enrolled this fall are readmission students. He said that fits with the changing profile of today's college student, who may stretch getting a degree over five or six years and stop attending because of family responsibilities, a change in career goals, or other factors, and then return to finish a degree.

Other characteristics of USI students:

- More students are enrolling as full-time students. This fall 7,146 of the students are taking 12 credit hours or more.
- Female students continue to be the dominant gender on campus. There are 5,898 women and 3,777 men enrolled.

- Minority and international students represent nearly 6 percent of the student population. Black students represent 4 percent of the students, making them the largest minority population with 371 students.
- Enrollment in graduate programs increased by 7 percent to 677 students.
- There are 2,243 adult learners at USI 25 years of age or older.
- Students who reside at USI number 2,792, providing a 93.4-percent occupancy rate. Residents on campus live in apartments and suite-style residence halls.

Enrollment growth over the last five years is charted below:

Year	Enrollment
2002	9,675
2001	9,362
2000	9,012
1999	8,695
1998	8,415



USI to recognize longtime employees

USI will honor eight employees for 25 years of service to the University at its Founder's Day Program September 17.

"Twenty-five years of loyal service to one's employer is remarkable! Founder's Day gives the entire University an opportunity to express appreciation to employees who have given 25 years to USI," said Sherrienne Standley, vice president for Advancement.

"Through the personal tributes of the presenters, we are able to learn how each of these employees has contributed to USI's growth and development. As USI enters its 37th year, we are mindful of how much has been accomplished by employees of long tenure."

The free event, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Carter Hall, is open to the public. This year's honorees include:

- Mike Aakhus, professor of art, joined the University August 22, 1977, as an associate professor of art. He holds an MFA in printmaking from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
- Debbie Clark, library associate in Library Services, joined the University September 27, 1977, as a library clerk II. She holds a BA in Christian education from Lincoln Christian College.
- Dr. Walter Everett, professor of English, joined the University August 22, 1977, as an assistant professor of English. He holds a PhD in English from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- Dr. Jane Johansen, associate professor of business education, joined the University August 1, 1977, as an assistant professor of English and Academic Skills coordinator. She holds a PhD in American literature from University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- Courtney Klingelhofer, administrative associate in the Pott School of Science and Engineering, joined the University May 9, 1977, as a secretary I in Security.
- Carol Mann '90, senior accounting supervisor in the Business Office, first joined USI December 2, 1970, as an administrative tech in campus administration. She later returned to the University and holds an AS in business from USI.
- Jack Naghdi, assistant professor of civil engineering, joined the University August 22, 1977, as an assistant professor of

civil engineering technology. He holds an MS in civil engineering from University of Illinois, Urbana.

- Eric Sprouls, chair of the Department of Engineering and associate professor of engineering, joined the University August 22, 1977, as an assistant professor of mining engineering technology. He holds an MS in civil engineering from University of Illinois, Urbana.



University observing 9/11

With the singing of the national anthem, USI students will open a ceremony of remembrance marking the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The observance will begin at noon Wednesday, September 11, on Rice Plaza.

Flags of the countries affected by the attacks and represented by USI students will be displayed. The flags will surround the gathering area at the plaza, and more than 26 countries will be represented.

Mary Beth Weber, staff counselor in the USI Counseling Center, will share some of her memories of serving as a crisis counselor in the aftermath of the attacks. Weber traveled to New York City October 3, 2001, to assist people who had lost family members and to counsel New Yorkers uprooted by the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Britney Gentry, president of the Student Government Association, will lead the "Pledge of Allegiance," and Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, will read a reflection. USI's ROTC Color Guard; Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music; Sandi Migonis, president of the Staff Council; Rick Reed of the Evansville Police Department; and a representative of the Islamic Center in Evansville also will participate in the observance.

Religious Life is organizing the event, which is open to students, faculty, staff, and the public.



USI hosting hospitality days

The University will host three fall visitation days, called Southern Hospitality Days, for high school students and their families. The dates are Saturday, September 14; Saturday, October 19; and Saturday, November 16.

Admission counselors and current USI students will be available to answer questions about admission requirements, the college application process, fees and other costs, financial aid, scholarships, and housing options. Tours of housing and campus facilities will be offered, and faculty will discuss the major areas of study.

"It is important for high school juniors and seniors to know what majors are offered and what requirements must be met to attend USI," said Eric Otto, director of Admission. "Touring the campus and meeting current students and faculty will help in the decision process."

Interested individuals can register for a Southern Hospitality Day or schedule an individual visit to USI by calling the Office of Admission at 812/464-1765 or 800/467-1965.



Workshop to explain NAFTA certificates

"The ABCs of NAFTA Certificates of Origin," a workshop featuring Louisa Elder, director of the state of Illinois NAFTA Opportunity Center, will be presented from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. September 19 at University of Southern Indiana.

The North American Free Trade Agreement gives the buying customer a reduced import duty, and the incentive is to buy NAFTA. Canada and Mexico are the No. 1 and No. 2 trading partners of the United States, and the Canadian Importers and Exporters Association estimates more than 50 percent of NAFTA Certificates of Origin are completed incorrectly. The cost is time and money with hold-ups at the border.

Presented by the Tri-State World Trade Council, USI, Indiana Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Commercial Service, "The ABCs of NAFTA Certificates of Origin" will provide hands-on information outlining the certificate process from beginning to end.

Elder, who has served as director of the Opportunity Center since 1998, will lead the workshop in a concise, easy-to-understand format. She holds a Master in International Management from Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management, is a self-appointed advocate for U.S. manufacturing, and has successfully taken member companies through custom audits with significant financial savings.

The workshop is for those who complete export documentation as well as management who should understand the legal implications and difficulty, engineers who assist in the proper export classification numbers, and members of purchasing departments. It is specifically designed for manufacturing exporters and third-, second-, and first-tier suppliers to exporters or manufacturers.

Since the NAFTA Certificate of Origin is a legal and binding document, the signatory bears the liability, not the shipping company that rarely is aware of the operations and qualifications of its customer's manufacturing process.

The workshop will be presented in Carter Hall. Registration is \$29 for Tri-State World Trade Council members and \$39 for non-members registering by Friday, September 13; \$39 members, \$49 non-members after September 13. To register, call extension 1864 or e-mail extserv@usi.edu.



Names in the news

Achievements

Susan G. Ahmad, MS, OTR/L, assistant professor and director of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, co-wrote the book, *A Guide for the Occupational Therapy Assistant: An Overview and OTA Exam Guide*.

Paulette Roeske Reid, adjunct, will have an essay, "The Basement," published by Indiana University Press in the forthcoming *In the Middle of the Middle West: An Anthology of Creative Non-Fiction*. In October, she will give public readings from her work at libraries in Peoria and Bloomington, Ill., and at the College of Lake County.

Welcome

Dr. Laura Ruhala has accepted the position of assistant professor of engineering. The new Evansville resident previously worked as manager of product safety and testing at Pride Mobility, assistant professor at Lafayette College, safety and crashworthiness engineer at General Motors Truck, and as a graduate fellow and teaching assistant at Pennsylvania State University, where she earned a PhD in engineering science and mechanics. She also holds a BS in mechanical engineering from GMI Engineering and Management Institute, received a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, was a National Science Foundation Engineering Education Scholar, and was a Society of Automotive Engineers Doctoral Scholar, a

GE Forgivable Loan Fellow, and a Graham Fellow. She has 15 refereed journal or conference articles and is a member of the American Society for Engineering Education, the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the Society of Women Engineers.

Dr. Richard Ruhala has accepted the position of assistant professor of engineering. The new Evansville resident previously worked as a project engineer at General Motors, a graduate fellow/research assistant and graduate teaching assistant at Pennsylvania State University, and as an acoustical engineer at Lucent Technologies/Agere Systems. He holds a PhD in acoustics from Pennsylvania State University and a BS in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University. A member of the Acoustical Society of American, he held an Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship with the U.S. Department of Transportation for three years.

Mary C. Simmons has accepted the position of instructor in geology. The Evansville resident holds a BS and an MS in geology, both from University of New Mexico.

In memoriam

One of the University's earliest business faculty, William B. "Bill" Leedy, 66, Evansville, died August 31 at St. Mary's Medical Center. He joined the University in 1969 and taught accounting and marketing.

At the time of his passing, Leedy was a self-employed stock trader. He also had worked as manager of Stouder Drilling Co. of Evansville and as a real estate developer with Heugel Realty and Paul Neville & Associates. A 1959 graduate of Ohio State University, he earned an MBA from Indiana University in 1961.

He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and was involved with the Lions Club and the Jaycees.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 44 years, the former Mary Lou Stouder; two sons, David S. Leedy and Jeffrey P. Leedy; a daughter, Rebecca Nichols; four grandchildren; and a sister.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science.



FYI

Historic tours

Historic New Harmony tours are free to USI students, faculty, and staff. Interested members of the University community should present a valid Eagle Access Card at the Atheneum/Visitors Center.

Students, faculty, and staff are eligible for discounts on many special tours and events. For more information, call 812/682-4488.

Reading series

The RopeWalk Reading Series will feature novelist Lee Martin September 19 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Presented by the School of Liberal Arts, the free reading will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a book signing.

Graduation application

The formal application deadline for 2003 graduation is Friday, September 13. For more information, e-mail aogrady@usi.edu.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, September 6, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the "Marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

Job openings

For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.



Volunteers needed

Angel Mounds State Historic Site needs volunteers for its 20th annual Native American Days celebration September 27 and 28.

The event provides the community with an opportunity to experience the life of American Indians years ago as well as contemporary Native American culture. Performances and demonstrations by skilled artists and craftspeople will be presented. Hands-on activities and a children's area also will be available.

Without the help of volunteers, community events like this would not be possible. Volunteering is a wonderful way to show support for both Angel Mounds and the community. Volunteers may assist with event sign-in, the children's area, at the gate, and as multi-task volunteers.

For more information regarding specific volunteer assignments, contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at extension 1215.



Conflicts of interest

Under the Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, University employees are required to file disclosure statements stating any financial interest the individual may have in any University contract or purchase. The responsibility for filing disclosure statements rests on the person with the potential conflict of interest. Copies of the *Conflicts of Interest: Compliance Disclosure Requirements* and the disclosure statements are available in the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs. If you have questions concerning conflicts of interest and statutory requirements, contact Robert Ruble, vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer, at extension 1849.

Marketplace

For sale

10333 Newburgh Road - newly remodeled two-bedroom, one-bath brick home with two-car garage. New roof, tile in kitchen and bath. Situated on large lot with privacy-fenced backyard. Located in Newburgh, five minutes from eastside shopping. Call 812/477-7276 for appointment.

2835 Elmridge Drive - quiet northside subdivision, approximately 20 minutes from USI. Three-bedroom, two-bath home,

two-car garage, 1,455 sq. ft., ceramic tile and carpeting throughout, vaulted ceilings in great room and master bedroom, privacy-fenced backyard, excellent condition, 6 years old: \$123,800. Call Chris, Ext. 1298 or 473-5397 after 5 p.m. for more information or to arrange showing.

14-foot C-Lark sailboat with trailer - excellent condition: \$1,000 OBO. Call 985-3727.

1997 Monte Carlo LS - low miles, new tires, white, two-door: \$7,700 OBO. Call 867-7219.

1999 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT - still under warranty. Metallic red, full towing package, spray-in bed liner, new aluminum cargo box, power everything, EXTRAS. If it doesn't have it, you don't need it: \$16,000. Call Tom or Nathaniel Rivers, 423-7101.

White 1999 Chrysler 300 M - 57,000 miles, sunroof, tinted windows, leather, excellent condition: \$14,500. Call 449-6488.

1979 Honda 750 - black, great running condition, includes one helmet: \$1,500 OBO. Call 424-1614 after 5 p.m.

Two Papasan chairs with ottomans - green cushions for both: \$125; solid brass antique oriental table lamp with silk shade - \$80; Pfaltzgraff dishes - filigree pattern in white, eight place settings (plates, salad plates, mugs, cereal/salad bowls, two serving bowls), never used: \$80; girl's bike - \$15; regulation table-tennis table - folds, has wheels: \$50; folding table - great for computer (has keyboard release area): \$20; two oak stools - \$20 (will separate). Contact 985-7696 or smstandl@usi.edu.

Fifty-five gallon aquarium - includes filter, heater, lights, and other accessories; excellent condition: \$150. Contact kaltstad@usi.edu, 465-1192, or 424-0478.

Sofa and loveseat - floral pattern with white background: \$275 for both. Call 985-5454 after 5 p.m.

Kimball upright piano with bench - nice beginner piano, good sound: \$100. Contact 838-3228, 455-2530, or s.londt@att.net.

Twenty-nine gallon aquarium - includes stand and all accessories: \$125. Call 424-1614 after 5 p.m.

Moving sale - new furniture: big-screen TV - 48" RCA: \$800; china hutch - \$400; dining room table and chairs - \$500; two matching bar stools - \$100; portable dishwasher - \$75; plus much more. Call 425-3285.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Marketplace," a free service available to the University community, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

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