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Oldest USI organization celebrates 40 years

The University of Southern Indiana organization with the longest history is celebrating this fall. The Administrative Assistants and Associates will mark four decades at USI with a luncheon on September 16, 2009.

Mary Lou Russler, the club's second president, talks enthusiastically about the years she was a member of the Secretaries of ISUE, the first name of the organization. Russler joined the University in June 1969. That fall she was part of "Operation Move," the name used to describe the effort to move the USI offices from the Centennial campus to new facilities on the current University site.

Shortly after the move, the support staff, with endorsement from the administration, organized as the Secretaries of ISUE and planned social time and opportunities to develop skills, plus raised money for scholarships.

"We did so many interesting things," said Russler. "We learned crafts and had our handwriting analyzed, faculty members gave presentations on their areas of expertise, and we observed Halloween and then Thanksgiving, exchanged gifts at Christmas, and topped it off with the yearly bosses' luncheon. We established a family atmosphere, felt good about ourselves, and always had so much fun."

Russler will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Her passion for the University and the support staff will be evident as she recalls her work with the members during the first two decades, including the effort of the club to have administrators approve women wearing pants in the workplace.

Cash for college

Raising money for scholarships was a major goal of the organization. During the late 1970s and the early 1980s, when the University held a fall campus-wide open house, the members made and sold apple butter to raise money. They peeled and cut up bushels of apples and cooked the apples and other ingredients in copper kettles over an open fire near the Grimes House on campus. Members took turns stirring the apples. The apple butter was poured into pint jars and sealed. It sold out each season garnering several hundred dollars for the coffers.

Bosses' luncheons were a popular event for support workers and supervisors. In 1990, the 25th anniversary year of USI, the club held the luncheon at Western Sizzler Restaurant (now Tumbleweed). An illustration of what the future campus of USI would look like in another 25 years was unveiled at the luncheon meeting. Members told **Ray Walker**, who drew the future campus, what they envisioned. The drawing included a Rice Rotunda and a cone-like tower.

The drawing proved to be prophetic as the Rice Library has a rotunda-like façade and the University Center's conical-shaped structure is under construction.

New name

The organization evolved over the years. The name was changed to Administrative Assistants and Associates to include male counterparts and to better reflect the membership. Earlier fundraisers

were replaced with a Valentine's Day Gift and Bake sale, where members donate or bake candy, cookies, and other treats or bring Valentine-related items for sale.

The core mission, to bring support staff together for friendship, education, and fun remains.

Technology has changed the way the AA&A circulates announcements and minutes and a new web site, including a calendar of events, will be unveiled at the luncheon meeting.

Twenty-eight women have served in the role of president of the organization, some serving two-year terms. The current officers are **Terri Alvey**, president; **Jeanne McAlister**, vice president; **Rebecca Ball**, treasurer; and **Debbie Whiteside**, secretary.

An invitation to join

Alvey invites all members and prospective members from support staff to attend the September 16 meeting. It will be a carry-in luncheon held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Education Center Room 3104 and no reservations are needed. "Hopefully everyone will show up with food in tow," said Alvey. Membership is \$10 a year which gives a person voting privileges. Alvey said, "We welcome all support staff if they want to attend the monthly meetings."

Starting at dawn

A 1979 newspaper article carried this detail of the apple butter sale:

"You start before dawn. You peel, slice, and core nine bushels of apples.

The mixture cooks over an outdoor fire and is poured into 230 pint jars. By afternoon you've raised funds for two college scholarships!"

Like the apple butter effort, the club started at the dawn of the University. With hard work, a united effort, and lots of love, the AA&A can boast about its endowed scholarship and being the oldest organization on campus.

Preparing for the H1N1

The University of Southern Indiana wants students, faculty, and support staff to be prepared for seasonal and H1N1 flu season. The poster, H1N1 Information and Precautions (PDF), offers actions to stay healthy and lists symptoms of the flu. It can serve as a good reminder for your office, residence hall room, or apartment and is available as a PDF to print and post. Go to www.usi.edu/newsinfo/images/articles/h1n1poster.pdf to download the poster.

Self-report symptoms

In an effort to monitor how many students, faculty, and staff have symptoms of the flu, the Student Health Center asks you to self-report if you experience flu-like symptoms. The self-reporting form is on the Student Health Center web site at www.usi.edu/studenthealth/. The short form takes little time to complete but the information it provides is important as the University continues to assess the health of the campus community.

September is National Preparedness Month. One of the most cost-effective weapons in fighting influenza is information and

being prepared. The USI Emergency Preparedness web site at www.usi.edu/emergency/ will have current campus information.

Self report flu-like symptoms

Dr. Nadine Coudret, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, requests students and employees who develop flu-like systems self-report through the Student Health Center web site, www.usi.edu/studenthealth, so incidences on campus can be monitored.

Students and employees with influenza like illness (fever, cough and/or sore throat and muscle aches) are advised to stay home and not return to class or work until their temperature stays below 100 degrees for 24 hours without the need for fever-reducing medications.

Visit www.usi.edu/emergency for a list of resources with up-to-date information about the H1N1 flu virus. This web site will have the latest H1N1 information for the campus community.

Print exhibit and alumni show open at Art Center

Two new exhibitions will open at the University of Southern Indiana's Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina and Stephen S. Pace Galleries on Sunday, September 13. A reception for the 2009 Mid-America Print Council Juried Exhibition and Ten Artists/Four Decades, an exhibition of work by USI art alumni, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. that day and is free and open to the public.

The Mid-America Print Council is an educational organization whose goal is to promote awareness and appreciation of the art of making original prints, books, handmade paper, and drawings. The annual exhibition is co-sponsored by the Print Council and USI. The entries were reviewed by juror **Janet Ballweg**, professor of printmaking at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, who selected 75 original prints for the show. Best of Show, Honorable Mention and Purchase Awards will be announced at the reception on September 13.

Ten Artists/Four Decades features the artwork of USI art alumni from the 1970s to the 2000s. The artists are **Daryl Booth '08**, **Bob Brandt '86**, **Mark Brendel '03**, **Jennifer Crowell '06**, **Gena K. Daniels '07**, **Adam Egenolf '01**, **Matthew Gehring '98**, **Jonathan Hittner '01**, **Christine Reising '79**, and **Jane Case Vickers '89**. The alumni exhibit is part of a week of activities surrounding the inauguration of **President Linda L.M. Bennett**, October 10-16. Dr. Bennett will greet alumni at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 11, at the Art Center.

The exhibits run through Friday, October 30. Art Center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact **Kathryn Waters**, professor of art and gallery director, at 812/464-1933.

More students at USI

Enrollment continues to climb at the University of Southern Indiana. The student count reached 10,516 this year, an enrollment record for the university. The count was recorded at end of day on September 4, 2009, the last day of registration for the semester. Enrollment was 10,126 in 2008.

For fall 2009, 9,648 undergraduates are enrolled and 868 graduate students. Freshman enrollment is at 2,093. Freshman class quality is demonstrated by the average SAT scores of 2022 for Presidential Scholars and 2062 for B/MD scholars. Overall, the traditional-aged freshman's grade point average exceeds the 3.0 level on a 4.0 scale. Departmental scholarships increased from 1,018 to 1,068. There was a four percent increase among first year students

who automatically qualified for the USI Honors Program.

The enrollment increases are seen in the number of students who are continuing at USI and students who are transferring to USI.

"The retention of students continues to be a priority for the faculty. Through their efforts, more students are continuing at USI," said **Dr. Nadine Coudret**, interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Transfer students increased by 23 percent, another growth mark for USI.

"The state and national competitions won by accounting students, the high pass rate of nursing students on the licensing exam, the success of students applying for medical school and graduate study, and the national and international recognition received by faculty continue to enhance the USI reputation among college-going students," said Coudret.

She also noted that more than one of every seven transfers to USI is coming from Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville. "The concurrent admission program combined with the work of **Nancy Dauby**, the USI assistant director of admission who retains an office at Ivy Tech Community College, is beneficial for learning the educational opportunities available beyond a two-year degree," Coudret said.

The ROTC program and veterans are also impacting the increase. The USI ROTC program, now in its ninth year, has 60 cadets in the program and 25 are entering freshmen. Veterans enrolled at USI are up by 20 percent plus. USI was recently named a military-friendly school by a national magazine for doing the most to embrace America's veterans.

Coudret said, "As veterans leave the military and look to further their education, USI is helping to make the transition easier. These students bring experiences and maturity to our classrooms that benefit all of our students."

Minority and international students represent over 10 percent of the student population, and African American students, the largest minority population at USI, represent five percent. International students come from 63 countries.

Over five thousand students come from Vanderburgh County and contiguous counties.

The percentage of full time students of the total student population increased to 77 percent and 60 percent of the students are female, a figure that has remained constant in recent years.

Twenty-four percent of the students are adult learners over 25 years of age.

This year's students are from 91 Indiana counties and 41 other states.

USI Theatre holds auditions for A Christmas Carol

University of Southern Indiana Theatre seeks young actors for several roles in its upcoming production of *A Christmas Carol*, the beloved Christmas classic by Charles Dickens, which will be adapted by **Lenny Leibowitz**, USI assistant professor of theatre and artistic director of New Harmony Theatre, USI's professional Equity stage. Ebenezer Scrooge is haunted by the ghost of his old business partner, Jacob Marley, who warns him that he will be visited by three ghosts but still has a chance and hope of escaping the same fate that Marley has suffered. Auditions will be held on Wednesday September 16, starting at 6 p.m. in the South Annex on campus at USI.

Leibowitz will direct *A Christmas Carol*, which runs November 12-22. Rehearsals will begin the week of October 12. Leibowitz seeks both male and female actors, 7 to 15 years old, to play lead-

ing and ensemble roles. Actors auditioning for these roles should prepare a poem, monologue, song, or combination not exceeding 90 seconds. For directions, rehearsal, and performance schedule information, or any other questions, contact **Jasmine Ruckriegel**, assistant director of the play, at 812/465-1668.

OTA students and faculty to lighten burden of backpacks

The University of Southern Indiana and St. Mary's Rehabilitation Institute are partnering with the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) to conduct a backpack awareness day on Wednesday, September 16 to educate children, parents, school administrators, teachers, and communities about the serious health effects on children from backpacks that are too heavy or worn improperly. This local event is part of the National School Backpack Awareness Day, being held in schools and community centers across the country.

A Backpack Awareness Day "Weigh-In" of 4th and 6th grade students and their backpacks will take place at participating parochial schools. Ninety-five occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant students along with eight faculty members from USI and five occupational therapy practitioners from St. Mary's will weigh backpack-wearing students at St. Theresa, St. Benedict, Holy Redeemer, St. Phillip, Good Shepherd, St. John, St. Joseph, St. Wendel, Resurrection, Corpus Christi, and St. Matthew. Weigh-In times vary for each school throughout the day.

"We began this community educational outreach program in 2003, partnering with the USI OT program and the parochial school system," said **Janet Raisor**, the director of Physical Medicine and Community Outreach at St. Mary's. "To date, St. Mary's occupational therapists and USI students and faculty have screened approximately 1,000 children, while educating them on proper backpack guidelines."

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported more than 23,000 people were taken to emergency rooms in 2008 with injuries from backpacks and book bags. Children and young adults returning to school is a reminder that more than 79 million individuals in the U.S. will once again be carrying heavy loads back and forth to school every day. Experts estimate that about 55 percent of children will be carrying too much weight. Research also shows children carrying overloaded and improperly worn packs are likely to experience neck, shoulder, and back pain adverse effects on posture and the developing spine and compromised breathing and fatigue.

AOTA recommends that school backpacks weigh only 15 percent of a child's weight. The growing awareness of potential long-term problems to children has resulted in increased medical research, and more coverage of the issue in mainstream publications as well as medical journals.

Sherri Mathis, chairperson of the event and assistant professor of occupational therapy assistant at USI, is an expert on school ergonomics and the healthy growth and development of school-age children. She will be coordinating the "weigh-in" activities at the area parochial schools and will be available to answer questions. Her office phone is 812/461-5420.

Berry Plastics CEO is College of Business Executive-in-Residence

Ira G. Boots, president and CEO of Berry Plastics, will address students in the College of Business as the 2009 Executive-in-Residence on Wednesday, September 16. He will speak to students at 9 a.m. and again at 10 a.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Boots graduated from the U.S. Department of Labor's tool-making program in 1975 and studied at the University of Michigan's Executive Business School. He has also served as plant manager and executive vice president of operations during his 30 years at Berry Plastics. Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Boots to the USI Board of Trustees in 2008.

Berry Plastics is a leading manufacturer and marketer of plastic packaging products, including open top and closed top packaging, polyethylene-based plastic films, industrial tapes, medical specialties, packaging, heat-shrinkable coatings and specialty laminates. The company's 17,000 plus customers range from large multinational corporations to small local businesses. Based in Evansville, the company has 68 manufacturing facilities worldwide and nearly 14,000 employees.

The primary purpose of the College of Business Executive-in-Residence program is to provide opportunities for students to gain insights into the business world and into the thoughts and lives of business executives.

For more information about the program, call **Michelle Simmons**, administrative assistant in the College of Business, at 812/464-1718.

UCC Speaker Series brings notable scholars, musicians to USI and the community

The University of Southern Indiana's 2009-2010 University Core Curriculum Speaker Series builds on its tradition of bringing notable scholars and musicians to the campus and the region. The series begins with USI's Constitution Day Lecture presented by **Gene Policinski**, vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center.

Policinski will present "The State of the First Amendment in 2009" at 2 p.m. Friday, September 18, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Policinski is a veteran journalist whose career has included work in newspapers (he was a founding editor of USA Today), radio, television, and the web. He oversees operations and programs of First Amendment Center, which works to preserve and protect First Amendment freedoms through information and education. The center serves as a forum for the study and exploration of free-expression issues, including freedom of speech, press, and religion, and the rights to assemble and to petition the government. With offices at Vanderbilt and at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., the First Amendment Center is an operating program of the Freedom Forum.

Policinski is co-author of the weekly syndicated newspaper column, "Inside the First Amendment," and executive producer/host of the touring multimedia stage production, "Freedom Sings." He also serves as an adjunct professor at Winthrop University in South Carolina and is a member of the journalism alumni board at Ball State University. He is a Ball State graduate and attended the Nashville School of Law.

October 23, 2009

The series continues with an informational performance by concert pianist **Nino Cocchiarella** at 2 p.m. Friday, October 23, in Rice Library's Grand Reading Room. Cocchiarella, an Evansville native, will perform for the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra's "Night with Nino!" on Saturday, October 24.

February 24, 2010

Global economist **Dr. Noreena Hertz** will lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, in Carter Hall in the University Center. In her best-selling book *The Silent Takeover*, Hertz predicted that

unregulated markets and massive financial institutions would have serious global consequences, impacting the ordinary citizen. Following the financial meltdown and recession of 2008-09, many commentators have described Hertz as "a visionary."

March 19, 2010

At 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, also in Carter Hall, flutist **Kelly Sulick** and harpist **Megan Stout** will present an educational performance in advance of their "Beauty and Grandeur" concert on Saturday, March 20, with the Evansville Philharmonic.

April 23, 2010

Finally, the College of Liberal Arts will present the 2010 Distinguished Scholar Lecture by acclaimed author Alan Cheuse at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. Cheuse is the author of four novels, three collections of short fiction, and the memoir *Fall Out of Heaven*. He is a regular contributor to National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" as a book commentator. He teaches in the writing program at George Mason University and the Squaw Valley Community of Writers.

All programs in the UCC Speaker Series are free and open to the public. For more information, call **Dr. Mark Krahling**, director of the University Core Curriculum, at 812/464-1712.

Founder's Day Program honors four

The University of Southern Indiana will honor four long-serving USI employees at its annual Founder's Day Program at 3 p.m. Monday, September 14, in Carter Hall in the University Center. **David Cousert, Matthew Graham, Deborah Strueh, and Deborah Weigand** will be honored for 25 years of service to the University.

When **David Cousert** joined the University in 1984, he was the sole social work faculty member, and social work, sociology, and anthropology were under the Social Sciences Division. The following year, he was made chair of the newly created Social Work Department, and continued in that role until July of this year. Cousert, associate professor of social work, is currently on sabbatical pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership. He holds degrees and certifications from the University of Louisville (MS, ACSW, LCSW, MSSW) and Indiana State University (MS, BA). He and his wife Donna have four grown children: **Bryan Knipe, Eric Knipe, Lauren Cousert, and Kristen Cousert**, and five grandchildren.

Matthew Graham, professor of English, is director of Creative Writing and co-founded the RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the annual writers' conference in New Harmony, Indiana, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. He also is poetry editor of *The Southern Indiana Review* and has written and published three collections of poetry: *A World Without End*, *New World Architecture*, and *1946*. He is the recipient of an Academy of American Poets Award, a Pushcart Prize, a Maryland State Arts Council First Book Award, two literary fellowships from the Indiana Arts Commission, and a fellowship from the Vermont Arts Studio. Graham holds degrees from The State University of New York, Binghamton (BA), The Johns Hopkins University (MA), and the University of Iowa's Writers Workshop (MFA). He is married to **Kathryn Waters**, professor of art.

Deborah Strueh, accounting supervisor in the Business Office, joined USI in 1982 as a temporary employee, calculating tuition for incoming students on a hand-held calculator. She also worked in the Cashier's Office, Continuing Education, and Purchasing before joining General Accounting as an accounting assistant in 2002. She has been married to her husband Harris for 37 years. Their

children **Ben Strueh** and **Shelley Patton** are both USI graduates. The Struehs also have six grandchildren.

Deborah Weigand is assistant director of Procurement Operations in the Office of Procurement Services. Until 2007, she was a purchasing agent. She holds an associate degree in business and a bachelor's degree in sociology from USI. Her daughter **Heidi Fraser** is senior distribution services clerk in Distribution Services and son **Zachary Weigand** is a graphic artist in Publishing Services. She and Zach sat side-by-side at the 2002 Commencement, when they both received bachelor's degrees. Weigand and husband **Darrell** also have three grandchildren.

Founders Day is held annually on or near September 15, the day the University opened in 1965.

The University community is invited to attend the program and a reception to follow. The event is sponsored by the Faculty Senate and Staff Council.

New Harmony Gallery seeks feminist art for juried exhibition

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art invites professional and amateur artists to submit entries for *Feminist Art of Indiana*, a juried exhibition highlighting Indiana's premier contemporary feminist artists.

The exhibition, which will run February 27 through April 3, 2010, is open to artists of all media working within the genre of feminist art. The juror for the exhibition is **Esther Adler**, curatorial assistant in the Drawings Department at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). She was formerly with Tina Kim Fine Art in New York City and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.

Artists who work in sculpture, installation, performance, and new media are encouraged to apply. Artists are not limited by media, however, size of work must be reasonable and images/description of work must accurately depict size of work. Artists must have a current mailing address located in Indiana. There are no entry fees.

The deadline for submitting work is October 1, 2009. Go to www.nhgallery.com or call 812/682-3156 for more information.

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is sponsored by University of Southern Indiana and made possible through the generous support of USI, the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Call for health education proposals

A healthcare profession's workforce development program is announcing grant opportunities today. Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (SWI-AHEC) is offering grants for institutions and agencies located in the SWI-AHEC 10-county region of Southwest Indiana and includes the counties of Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick. SWI-AHEC works to improve the distribution, diversity, and quality of the health professions workforce. SWI-AHEC is located in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Indiana.

Grant applications should address the following objectives of the Southwest Indiana AHEC program:

- Offer career programs about healthcare professions for K-12 and college students, school counselors, with special emphasis on underrepresented minority and disadvantaged pre-college and college students.

- Introduce health professions students to medically under-

served communities and promote interdisciplinary education.

- Enhance access to continuing education and clinical information resources for professionals caring for medically underserved communities.

Dr. Nadine Couret, interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at USI, said, "These grants offer area institutions and agencies an opportunity for funding to support the development of a high-quality, diverse health care workforce for the Southwest Indiana region."

The deadline for grant applications is Friday, October 30, 2009. Successful applicants will be notified by November 23, 2009. Project activities must be completed and funds expended by July 31, 2010. Questions about the grants should be directed to **Jennifer L. Craig**, 812/461-5446 or email jlraig3@usi.edu. More details about the funding is available online at health.usi.edu/swiahc/.

New employee welcome

Philip Gentry has accepted a position as assistant professor of dental hygiene in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. He holds a doctorate in dental surgery. Gentry was employed as a dentist at Gentry Family Dentistry.

Rick Hudson has accepted a position as assistant professor of mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He holds a doctorate (ABD) from Indiana University, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Louisville, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from USI. Hudson was employed as an associate instructor at Indiana University.

Karen Huseman has accepted a position as area coordinator in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. She holds a Master of Science degree in college student affairs from Eastern Illinois University. Huseman was employed as a residence life coordinator at Texas Tech University.

Andrew Kosten has accepted a position as assistant professor of art in the College of Liberal Arts. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of South Dakota and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Kosten was employed as an instructor in art at the College of Sequoias.

Bryon Martin has accepted a position as assistant professor of physical education in the College of Education and Human Services. He holds a doctorate in health and human performance from Middle Tennessee State University. Martin was employed as an adjunct instructor at Belmont University.

Benjamin O'Dell has accepted a position as instructor in English in the College of Liberal Arts. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Miami University and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh. O'Dell was employed as a visiting instructor at Gettysburg College.

Risa Ok has accepted a position as instructor in English in the College of Liberal Arts. She holds a Master of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in anthropology from California State University-Northridge and Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies and anthropology from the University of California-Berkeley. Ok was employed as an adjunct instructor at Moorpark College.

Susan Todd has accepted a position as administrative clerk in the Office of Admission. She holds an associate's degree in secretarial accounting from Delta School of Business. Todd was employed as an admissions clerk at Ivy Tech Community College.

Amanda Wildeman has accepted a position as cashier in the Business Office. She holds an Associate of Science degree from USI. Wildeman was employed as a teller at Integra Bank.

Stephanie Young has accepted a position as assistant professor of communications in the College of Liberal Arts. She holds a doc-

torate and a Master of Arts degree from Ohio University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University. Young was employed as an instructor at Ohio Dominican University.

Announcements

Seasonal and H1N1 flu precautions

University of Southern Indiana offers these precautions against seasonal and H1N1 flu to its faculty, staff, and students.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also are effective.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- If you get the flu, its recommended you stay home from work or school for seven days after symptoms begin, or until you are symptom free for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

- If you experience flu-like symptoms, go online to the Student Health Center at www.usi.edu/studenthealth and self report your illness so the occurrence of the flu symptoms at USI can be monitored.

Fund-raising policy

All University private fund-raising efforts are to be coordinated through the Office of Development. The Office of Development is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing a comprehensive private fund-raising program for the University of Southern Indiana under the auspices of the USI Foundation.

For purposes of this policy, private funding sources are individuals, alumni, friends, businesses, foundations, and other sources except local, state, and federal governmental agencies supported by tax-appropriated dollars.

Refer to the University Handbook and the USI Foundation web page for the complete fund-raising policy. Questions about fund-raising and related policy issues should be addressed to **David Bower**, director of University Development at 812/465-7039.

Handling of USI Foundation cash policy

Pursuant to the directive of USI Foundation and USI/New Harmony Foundation policy, the only agent authorized to control, account for, and safeguard cash for the USI Foundations is the Business Affairs Foundation Accounting office in the Byron C. Wright Administration Building, Room WA102. Acceptance of cash by individuals is not recommended; if an individual accepts money on behalf of the foundations, it must be delivered in person to the foundation accounting office immediately during office hours or the following morning if received after hours.

All invoices to third parties must be issued through the Foundation Accounting office. No other individuals or departments are authorized to issue invoices to third parties.

Loss of funds is to be reported immediately to the Foundation Accounting office. Questions about cash control procedures should be directed to the manager of foundation accounting.

Veteran's Award

The Evansville Chapter of Veterans for Peace, co-founded and chaired by Gary May, associate professor of social work, received the Veteran's Award for best veteran's unit or themed entry in the 123rd Labor Day Parade held in Princeton, Indiana on September 7. An event organizer will present the trophy to the chapter on Monday.