

**USI RECEIVES DESIGNATION**

**AS BICENTENNIAL CAMPUS**

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The University of Southern Indiana has been named a Bicentennial Campus by authority of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution in Washington, D.C.

Word of the designation was received this week by Dr. Darrel Bigham, USI professor of history and Evansville area coordinator for Bicentennial activities. Dr. Bigham said he believes the University is the first in Indiana to earn the official designation.

Mark Cannon, staff director for the Bicentennial commission, said the recognition allows the local committee to use the official Bicentennial logo and to approve the use of the logo by campus organizations. In addition, USI may use the logo on its stationery and official publications, Cannon stated.

"We are committed to making the Bicentennial commemorations in the years 1987-1991 a rewarding educational experience for all Americans," Cannon said. "The Nation's colleges and universities have an important role in leading this effort."

USI has participated in two major events this year that are Bicentennial commemoratives. The University was the host in April for the Magna Carta exhibit, becoming one of only two Indiana communities visited by the traveling exhibit. USI will be the host for a mock constitutional convention on Saturday, September 19, that is being co-sponsored by the University and the Evansville Bar Association as a Bicentennial commemoration. More than 30 area persons have applied as delegates to debate proposals for amending the U.S. Constitution.

The Evansville Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution is based on a model proposed by the Jefferson Foundation of Washington, D. C., a non-profit organization established to promote informed, rational discussion of the fundamentals of the American system of government and to facilitate public understanding of how the Constitution was made. A similar meeting was held in 1986 in Indianapolis, sponsored by the Indiana Committee for the Humanities which is making materials available to communities or organizations interested in sponsoring a mock convention.

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