

## *The Shield* looks back to look forward

UBlog written by Erin Gibson

*The Shield* alumni will gather in Carter Hall on Saturday to reflect on 40 years of a free press at the University of Southern Indiana.

As I meet the former editors, writers, photographers, copy editors, advertising managers, and advisors, I plan to thank them for their involvement with the student press and for contributing to the lofty mission of this young university.

After sifting through *The Shield* archive, I can testify to their dedication to providing an outlet for information and opinions relevant and valuable to students.

Throughout the pages of *The Shield*'s 854 issues the students reflected the campus' social and political landscape, traced the university's growth in enrollment and building construction, and reported on campus conflicts and controversies.

The editors didn't realize it at the time, but the product of their late nights in *The Shield* office would become a record of the university's history.

But the student newspaper is more than a historical record – it is a training ground for student journalists.

Although *The Shield* is not directly affiliated with the journalism program (we are funded through advertising dollars and student services), it is a laboratory for our journalism students – a very public laboratory.

When a chemistry student breaks a test tube or miscalculates a formula, only the lab instructor and a few classmates bear witness. When an editor at *The Shield* makes a mistake, the error is magnified – it appears in the 2,500 copies of the newspaper distributed across campus for anyone to see.

I'm often asked why, as the advisor, I don't try to prevent those errors by copy editing or approving the paper before it goes to press.

When given the opportunity (such as this one), I explain that student journalists at public universities are protected by law from prior review from administrators and – to the surprise of many – from the publication advisor.

This point was underscored in 2005, when **President Hoops** signed a statement declaring *The Shield* a designated public forum. The move was a response to the Hosty vs. Carter decision by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, which opened the door for university administrators to exert more editorial control over student publications.

As a journalism instructor I teach students how to report, write, and copy edit; how to make news decisions that are both legal and ethical; and how to respond to criticism of their work.

As the newspaper advisor, I stand on the sidelines, coaching, encouraging, and making suggestions, but ultimately leaving every decision up to them. When they do something well, they get the credit, and when they do something wrong they take the responsibility.

So if you see something you like, or something you don't, let them know. *The Shield* is your public forum. You can write a letter to the editor, leave a comment on the web site ([www.usishield.com](http://www.usishield.com)), or, if you're a student, you can get involved.

As *The Shield* celebrates its 40th anniversary, I celebrate my first anniversary as its advisor. I could not be more proud of the talent, intelligence and courage of USI's student journalists.

Thanks for reading *The Shield*.

## Miles Mann: Passing it forward

Throughout the season, **Miles Mann** and fellow junior football league coach **Eric Wytovak** pull the kids on their team aside, one by one, and give them The Talk.

"We tell them things are going to happen, good and bad," Mann said. "Some friends will be good and some won't. Some will ask them to do things that might not seem right, and when that time comes, they need to call someone they trust. If they don't feel comfortable calling mom or dad – even if it's 10 or 20 years later – they can call us."

Mann, assistant director of Facility Operations, has coached in the junior football league for 10 years. It's a talk that he received from his coaches, who included **Mike Duckworth** and **Ronald D. Romain**, a 1973 USI graduate and member of the USI Board of Trustees.

"I still see Mike Duckworth as an 18-year-old, trying to teach me at nine years old," Mann said. "He told me, 'If anybody asks you to drink or do drugs, you call me.' I hope to have a positive effect on these kids the way my coaches had on me. And I'm sure that's why Ron Romain, who played college baseball at USI, did it, because there might be a snot-nosed kid named Miles Mann he's going to teach a life lesson to."

Mann and his wife **Andrea** have three children. He coaches youngest son Scrappy, a third-grader at Corpus Christi, in basketball and did the same for Lindsay and Daniel (both at Mater Dei) in basketball, softball, and all the other sports they played.

In addition to coaching, Mann has umpired four high school baseball state championships and has been Indiana's top-rated umpire for the last two years. The previous 15 years he was rated in the top 10.

Mann has taught a lot of kids over the years, but there is one he will never forget.

Hambone, a fourth-grader in the junior football league, couldn't tie his shoes, but he wanted to play football, so he came to practice and tried hard.

"He wasn't very good, but we worked with him every day," Mann said. "He didn't know how to run with a football. He didn't know anything. We worked with him for three weeks on how to hold a football."

Hambone's moment came when his team was down by four points late in the game. "We put him out there to run the football. Every kid on our team knew that Hambone wasn't going to

be a football player. But on that play, every kid did what they had to do so that Hambone would score."

Hambone made the winning touchdown.

"I can still picture him standing in the end zone. He's got that football in his hands, and the referee just signaled that he scored a touchdown. He's just looking around. He has no idea what he just did. But the other 10 kids on that play are jumping up and down, hugging him. The kids on the other team are jumping up and down. The referees are patting him on the back."

Mann still gets choked up when he thinks about it. "I couldn't look at the head coach because he was bawling, and as I looked on the sidelines every one of our parents was crying," he said.

It was a moment Hambone, now in high school, still brags about.

"Fifty years from now, no matter what my win-loss record is as a coach, I'll always remember that one day when Hambone scored that touchdown," Mann said. "And that's enough."

Mann has been with USI for 20 years. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Evansville.

### Roadway open

Bent Twig Road from Clarke Lane to University Boulevard is open for traffic.

Crews have finished the construction to re-locate the road. The road will be a two-way drive.

Deputies will no longer be at the campus entrance to direct traffic.

**Steve Woodall**, director of Security, alerts staff and students to consider taking the route around campus to avoid traffic delays at the Clarke Lane and University Boulevard intersection, especially at peak times. He also reminds drivers to follow suggested speed limits as they travel campus for the safety of pedestrians and drivers.

### Indiana's sixth Health Education Center established in College of Nursing and Health Professions at USI

The Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (SWI-AHEC), the sixth health education center in Indiana since 2001, is a workforce development program to assure an adequate and diverse healthcare workforce in the future. The center is concerned with the development of future generations of health care professionals, accessibility of continuing education for health care professionals, and accessibility of health care for the underserved populations of SWI-AHEC's service area.

The center's service area includes the counties of Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick. The center is located in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Indiana.

**Jennifer Craig**, the program development specialist for SWI-AHEC, developed a network of individuals and agencies within the region to help identify and address workforce and health care needs. An advisory council will grow from that network.

The inaugural meeting, held in early October, brought together partners within the region to determine direction and oversight of the center.

Information about the center is online at <http://health.usi.edu/swiahec/>.

### Telehealth partnership announced

Local Hadi Shriners and the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Indiana announced a partnership and demonstrated real-time video consultation in the Telehealth Clinic of USI's Health Professions Center on October 13, 2008.

During the demonstration, the USI faculty and Evansville patients connected with the medical team at Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati using the interactive video conferencing equipment. Various camera angles help the medical team in Cincinnati to see and visually examine the patient.

The Shriners are furnishing the technology and the University of Southern Indiana is providing the facility. Children treated at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Cincinnati will be the first patients to use the telemedicine equipment. Prior to the availability of telemedicine at USI, local Shriners transported the child and a family member to Cincinnati to receive follow-up care. In the near future, children treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago and St. Louis also will be seen in the USI Telehealth Clinic.

"The technology is a way for patients to save time and transportation costs, but still provide follow-up expert care by the team in Cincinnati and in other Shriners Hospitals for Children," said Frank Nolte, a volunteer with the Hadi Hospital staff.

**Dr. Nadine Coudret**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "This telehealth partnership is a wonderful opportunity for our college to support the care provided by the expert clinicians at Shriners Hospitals. It will also provide our nursing and health professions students the opportunity to learn and participate in telehealth, a rapidly expanding health care delivery system."

Telemedicine uses a combination of video cameras, computers, and video-conferencing technology. The communication is in real time, allowing patients to receive immediate care from specialists.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is an international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs. The Shriners Hospital for Children-Cincinnati provides acute and rehabilitative care for pediatric burns.

The College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Indiana prepares students to become expert clinicians and health care leaders.

### USI Chamber Choir fall concert is October 26

The University of Southern Indiana Chamber Choir will perform its fall concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 26, in the second floor reading room of USI's Rice Library. The concert will include works by Mozart, Bernstein, Copland and many others.

The USI Chamber Choir, under the direction of Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music, represents the University of Southern Indiana to audiences throughout the Tri-state and has toured in Europe, most recently Ireland in May 2008.

The USI Chamber Choir's fall concert is free of charge and open to the public.

### Fourth International Symposium will focus on "Cultural Towns"

The Fourth International Symposium will be held in New Harmony, November 12-14 with presentations and symposium events at the Barn Abbey, Thrall's Opera House, the

Atheneum/Visitors Center and the Rapp-Owen Granary.

Sponsors of the event include the University of Southern Indiana, Historic New Harmony, the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation, the New Harmony Artist's Guild, the American Planning Association, and the US/International Council on Monuments and Sites.

The focus the presentations throughout the three days will be "Cultural Towns."

Some of the featured speakers include:

- The keynote address given by **Susan Witt**, executive director for the E.F. Schumacher Society, who will speak about "Community Economics: As If People Mattered."

- **John Connell**, founder of the Yestermorrow Design/Build School will speak about "New Harmony: I can do it: you can do it."

- **James Macaulay** from Glasgow, Scotland will discuss the Robert Owen community's identity.

- **James Kienle**, president of the Institute for Preservation and Contemporary Design will moderate a panel session on Developing New Design Guidelines for World Heritage Cultural Towns.

Panel participants will be **Ian Begg**, architect from Edinburgh, Scotland; **Jeff Soule** of the American Planning Association State; **Ben Nicholson**, New Harmony resident and professor of architecture at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and **Roger Clark**, professor of architecture for North Carolina State University and author of "Precedents in Architecture."

New Harmony residents may attend the educational sessions and presentations free of charge. A conference registration fee of \$350 per person will be charged to anyone who resides outside of New Harmony and wishes to attend the symposium. Registration fee does include all meals. Conference guests may reserve a single or double occupancy room at the New Harmony Inn for \$104 per night, by calling 800/782-8605.

For more information or questions about the symposium, contact **Kent Schuette**, symposium coordinator, at [schuettk@purdue.edu](mailto:schuettk@purdue.edu) or visit [www.newharmony.org](http://www.newharmony.org) to download the entire symposium schedule and to learn more about New Harmony.

## Connect with Southern Indiana deadline extended

The application deadline for the 2009 class of Connect with Southern Indiana has been extended to Friday, October 17, 2008. The citizenship-building program is open to Indiana residents from nine counties.

Citizens from Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties who want to improve the quality of life in their community can apply.

The selection committee is looking for individuals who have the desire to develop a better understanding of active citizenship engagement. The program offers an opportunity to connect with other individuals who want to learn the skills to be active citizens. Critical thinking, presentation planning, government relations, and project management are some of the topics in the program, which is free to participants.

Funded by Lilly Endowment, Connect with Southern Indiana is led by University of Southern Indiana faculty and staff and community leaders. A year's residence in the region prior to January 2009 is required.

Participants provide their transportation to and from sessions and volunteer time to attend sessions and work on proj-

ects. Because the program is free and openings are limited, applicants must indicate their willingness and ability to participate in all sessions and out-of-class assignments.

January 8 and 9 (overnight required), January 30, February 13, March 6 and 27, April 17, May 8 and 29, and June 12 are the session dates. Connect with Southern Indiana accepts 24 people for the six-month program. The program began in 2007.

Applicants will be notified of the decision of the selection committee by November 7, 2008. An application form is available online at [www.usi.edu/extserv/outreach/connect.asp](http://www.usi.edu/extserv/outreach/connect.asp).

Contact **Charmaine McDowell**, director of the Center for Human Resource Development at USI, 812/465-1629 or [camcdowell@usi.edu](mailto:camcdowell@usi.edu) for information and details about the program.

## USI to play new opponents next year

The USI Screaming Eagles will be seeing new opponents on the conference schedule next year with the admittance of Maryville University and the University of Illinois at Springfield by the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC). The GLVC Council of Presidents at their October 7 meeting unanimously approved their admittance.

"The Great Lakes Valley Conference is pleased to welcome both Maryville University and the University of Illinois at Springfield to the league," said **Jim Naumovich**, GLVC commissioner. "Both institutions boast outstanding academic and solid athletic programs and are well positioned to make a successful transition to NCAA Division II."

The two institutions will begin regular season competition in the GLVC during the 2009-10 academic year. UIS will be eligible for postseason competition in 2010-2011, while Maryville will compete for postseason championships in 2011-2012.

The delay in postseason eligibility coincides with the institution's eligibility for NCAA Division II championships as each is completing reclassification. UIS, previously affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), is in its second exploratory year in Division II, while Maryville is currently in its first exploratory year as it makes the transition from Division III.

With the addition of Maryville and UIS, the GLVC also announced the change from two to three divisions for basketball in 2009-10. USI will move to the South Division that will include traditional rivals Bellarmine University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, the University of Indianapolis, and Northern Kentucky University.

Maryville is located in St. Louis, and along with the University of Missouri-St. Louis, will be one of two GLVC institutions in the St. Louis area. Maryville sponsors 13 sports including all seven of the 'core' sports (men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball) currently sponsored by the GLVC. The Saints also sponsor men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's cross country, each of which are sponsored by the conference.

UIS is located in Springfield, Illinois. The athletic department was established in 1977 and the Prairie Stars competed in the NAIA as an independent until the 2002-03 academic year when they joined the America Midwest Conference (AMC). UIS built a strong athletic foundation in the NAIA and captured three national championships in men's soccer, while producing a national presence in several other sports. The University sponsors 10 sports, all of which are sponsored by the GLVC. The Prairie Stars offer men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, softball, and volleyball. They are expected to



add baseball by the 2010-11 academic year to fulfill the GLVC 'core' sports requirement.

The GLVC was established in 1978 and is one of the largest NCAA Division II conferences in the country. The GLVC last expanded in 2005 with the addition of Drury, Rockhurst and Missouri S&T. The league began in 1978 with six members and had previously expanded to 14 members in 2005, prior to SIU Edwardsville's departure in 2008. The addition of Maryville and UIS will mark the first time in its history the GLVC has had 15 members.

### **SABIC CFO is College of Business Executive in Residence**

**Tim Stonesifer**, the USI College of Business's 2008 Executive in Residence, will give two presentations, one at 9 a.m. and another at 11 a.m. Friday, October 24, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Stonesifer is the chief financial officer (CFO) of SABIC Innovative Plastics. SABIC Innovative Plastics, a business unit of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), was founded in September 2007 with the acquisition of GE Plastics and is headquartered in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Prior to his position with SABIC Innovative Plastics, Stonesifer served as the chief financial officer of GE Plastics, beginning in January 2007. He began his career with General Electric as a member of the Financial Management Program in 1989.

A GE Corporate audit staff graduate, he has held a variety of leadership roles, including European CFO of GE Equipment Services and Manager of Finance for the Financial Services Group. He also served as GE Equipment Services' Interim European CEO.

Stonesifer earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 1989.

### **Nursing educator conference focuses on innovative teaching strategies**

**Dr. Mona Newsome Wicks**, professor and associate dean for research at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing in Memphis, Tennessee, is the keynote speaker at the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions 13th Annual Nursing and Health Professions Educator Conference on Wednesday, October 22.

The conference will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center and focuses on innovative teaching strategies for health professionals in academic and healthcare settings to provide the attendee with a variety of session options focusing on innovative instructional methodology and current issues in education.

Wicks received her Associate of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Memphis, her Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and the Ph.D. from Wayne State University. She has served on the faculty at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing for 21 years.

Wicks's research interests include minority, family caregiver, and women's health within the context of chronic illness and health promotion/risk reduction. She is author and co-author of five book chapters and 34 peer-reviewed manuscripts. She currently advises Ph.D. nursing program students and supervises the Office of Research and Grant Support staff. She has received institutional, regional, and national awards for her

teaching and mentoring skills and was recently selected as a finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Leader Program.

In her keynote, "Creating Opportunities for Collaboration in Inter-professional Education," Wicks will provide a synthesis of the literature related to inter-professional education in terms of current realities and describe the importance of inter-professional education as a strategy to enhance health outcomes in complex health systems. Wicks also will examine barriers that impair inter-professional practice as well as review successful strategies and recommended actions to create inter-professional learning systems. The afternoon sessions will address a variety of issues from educators throughout the region.

For the schedule and registration information contact **Peggy Graul**, coordinator of Continuing Education for the College of Nursing and Health Professions, at 812/465-7092 or [pgraul@usi.edu](mailto:pgraul@usi.edu).

In other College of Nursing and Health Professions news, the USI Nursing Alumni Society holds its Seventh Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 21, in Carter Hall. Nursing alumni are invited to attend. Tickets are \$25. The event includes a reception, dinner, and the presentation of the USI Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award. Register through the online registration form. For more information, contact Victoria Pigott at 812/465-1148 or [vpigott@usi.edu](mailto:vpigott@usi.edu).

### **Alan Lightman to deliver Fall Lecture**

Theoretical physicist and award-winning novelist **Alan Lightman** will deliver the Fall Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday October 23, in Carter Hall in the University Center at the University of Southern Indiana. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Lightman was selected for this lecture based on an essay he wrote for *This I Believe*, the 2008 selection for Bonding through Books, USI's freshman reading program. *This I Believe* also is Evansville's One Book, One Community selection this year.

The lecture will be based on Lightman's novel, *The Diagnosis*, in which a man contracts a strange, debilitating illness for which no doctor can find the cause – a physical manifestation of the emotional effects we experience when we sacrifice human contact for speed, information, and money. *The Diagnosis* was a finalist for the 2000 National Book Award in fiction.

The author of 20 books, he is perhaps best known among readers as the author of *Einstein's Dreams*, which was translated into 30 languages and has been the basis for more than two dozen plays, dance productions, and musical compositions.

He has held positions at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. As the first professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology to receive a joint appointment in science and the humanities, he co-founded that institution's graduate program in science writing. He is currently an adjunct professor of Humanities at MIT.

The Fall Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of Student Development Programs. For more information, call 812/465-7167.

### **Grants offered to Southwestern Indiana communities**

The Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center, one of six regional health education centers in Indiana, is now accepting project proposals for mini-grant funding of up to \$5,000.



Ideal applicants will present innovative and detailed proposals to assist communities in Southwestern Indiana to promote careers in the healthcare professions and offer continuing education for healthcare professionals in these communities.

The regional center is located in the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Indiana. Aligned with the goals of the Indiana Area Health Education Center, the regional center is a workforce development program for the healthcare profession whose goals are to improve the distribution, diversity, and quality of the health professions workforce.

Proposals should address these specific objectives of the Indiana AHEC program:

- Offer career programs about healthcare professions for high school and college students, school counselors, and parents in medically underserved communities, with special emphasis on underrepresented minority and disadvantaged pre-college and college students.
- Introduce health professions students to medically underserved communities and other disciplines in health professions.
- Enhance access to continuing education and clinical information resources for professionals caring for medically underserved communities.

The funds will be awarded as mini-grants to applicants that meet the intention of the grant guidance. There is no fixed amount of each award. The amount will be based on proposed activity, with awards up to \$5,000.

The Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center service area includes the counties of Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick. The deadline for grant applications is Friday, November 14, 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by December 5, 2008. Project funds must be expended with major activities completed before July 31, 2009.

The SWI-AHEC is the newest center in the Indiana network. The state has established six centers since 2001. The newly established center will bring partners within the 10-county region together with representation on an Advisory Council soon to be announced.

More details about the funding is available online at [health.usi.edu/swiahec/](http://health.usi.edu/swiahec/).

## The Repertory Project season announced

New Harmony Theatre and University of Southern Indiana Theatre continue their nationally-acclaimed Repertory Project in 2008 with productions of William Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and Clifford Odets' stirring Depression-era drama, *Waiting for Lefty*. The Repertory Project season begins November 6 and runs through November 23 at the Mallette Studio Theatre on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

According to **Lenny Leibowitz**, artistic director of New Harmony Theatre and assistant professor of theatre at USI, "The Repertory Project will continue its mission of presenting two plays of substance and beauty in the classic theatre model of rotating repertory, featuring a company of professional Equity actors and USI's top theatre students. The national theatre community has taken note of this unique program." The Equity acting company features Broadway and Rep Project veteran **Phillip Clark**, New Harmony Theatre veteran **Eileen Ward**, and newcomers **Estes Tarver** and **Jerome Bethea**. Over 40 USI students, including actors, musicians, designers, technicians, and theatre managers are participating in the 2008 Repertory Project.

Leibowitz said, "*Much Ado About Nothing*, a comic and poignant meditation on the risks and rewards of romantic love, is one of Shakespeare's most beloved plays. At once sunny and soulful, it celebrates the little lies that bring the deeper truth to light. In the merry war of wit between Beatrice and Benedick, Shakespeare found his ideal lovers. Their courtship stands mount to all the ages."

Clifford Odets' *Waiting for Lefty* remains a seminal exponent of American social realism. The play unfolds during a heated labor meeting moving toward strike. Radical and rousing, this Depression-era drama is infused with the energy of social protest and the desperation of the common man struggling to defy the corporate machine. **Elliot Wasserman**, chair of the Department of Performing Arts, directs. Along with the acting company, he is developing a Living Newspaper to be performed as a prologue to the play. The Living Newspaper features stories taken from newspapers of the time performed by members of the company.

In addition to Leibowitz and Wasserman, the artistic team for The Repertory Project includes USI students **Paige Scott** as musical director, **Brandon Sears** as choreographer, and **Amelia Dalto** as assistant choreographer; USI Department of Performing Arts faculty members **Doug Hubbell** as scenic designer for *Waiting for Lefty*, **Craig A. Young** as scenic designer for *Much Ado About Nothing* and as lighting designer for both productions, and **Shan Jensen** as costume designer; USI alumnus **Robert Dagit** as sound designer; and Equity member **Michele Fugate** as production stage manager.

The Repertory Project is supported by the USI Foundation, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission, New Harmony Theatre, and the College of Liberal Arts.

Performances for The Repertory Project are as follows:

*Waiting for Lefty* will play at 7:30 p.m. November 6, 7, 15, and 20 and 2 p.m. November 16. *Much Ado About Nothing* will play at 7:30 p.m. November 8, 13, 14, 21, and 22 and at 2:30 p.m. November 9, 15, and 23.

Tickets for Repertory Project productions range from \$8 to \$18, with discounts for purchasing tickets to both productions. For more information about The Repertory Project, contact the box office toll free at 1-877-NHT-SHOW (648-7469), or visit [www.newharmonytheatre.com](http://www.newharmonytheatre.com).

## Tailgate party will precede Vectren Community Classic

University of Southern Indiana students, alumni, and fans are invited to take part in the pre-game festivities leading up to the Vectren Community Classic which features one of the biggest exhibition basketball games to be played at Roberts Stadium - Screaming Eagles versus the Purple Aces.

The match-up, November 1 at 7:05 p.m., will be the third time ever that the two teams have played on the hardwood. The Eagles are hoping the third time will be the charm against the Aces, losing 88-75 in 2004 and 77-75 in 2006.

The tailgate party - sponsored by the USI Alumni Association, the USI Varsity Club, the USI Staff Council, Student Government Association, Activities Programming Board, Lewis Bakeries, and Wesselman's - begins at 5 p.m. in the Hartke Pool parking lot. Grilled hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided free of charge to tailgating fans. Alcohol is prohibited.

Tickets for the Vectren Community Classic are available during normal business hours at the USI Athletic Department (465-7165), the Roberts Stadium box office (476-1383, ext. 25), the UE athletics department ticket office at Carson Center (479-

ACES), or through any TicketMaster outlet or TicketMaster.com. Tickets are \$18 and \$13, with a \$3 discount on the \$13 tickets for those 17 and younger or 65 and older.

## Announcements

### Priority Registration

Faculty, please announce to your classes that priority registration for Spring and/or Summer 2009 will be November 3-14. While additional periods of registration will also be available (beyond November 3-14), please encourage your students to register early. Students register online via MyUSI ([www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp](http://www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp)). Priority registration begins at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 3, and progresses according to the schedule found on page four of the class schedule and at [www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp](http://www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp). Students register according to the total of their earned plus currently enrolled hours, and are encouraged to register on their first day of eligibility.

All continuing and readmission students are eligible to register online, but are urged to first meet with their academic advisor to review their course selection prior to registering. Contact your advisor to schedule an appointment (subject to availability).

Degree-seeking undergraduate students with less than 32 earned hours (freshmen) will have a registration hold placed on their record, and will be eligible for registration only after meeting with their academic advisor to review their course selection and remove the registration hold.

Degree-seeking undergraduates who began at USI in summer 1995 or later should review their Degree Evaluation (through MyUSI) prior to registration to check their progress toward degree completion and verify acceptable course options.

Students who sign up for spring classes during Priority Registration will not be billed until December 10, and expected to settle their account with the Bursar's Office by December 20. Students who sign up for summer classes during Priority Registration will not be billed until May 11, and expected to settle their account with the Bursar's Office by May 20.

### CAR fellowship deadline is November 3

The Offices of Sponsored Research and Extended Services will award two \$4,000 grants to faculty for summer 2009 research projects. The deadline to apply for the Center for Applied Research Faculty Outreach and Engagement Fellowship is November 3, 2008. Applications will be considered from faculty for projects that demonstrate a propensity to enhance faculty research while supporting economic development, community development, or quality of life improvements in southwest Indiana. For more information about the award go to [www.usi.edu/extserv/CAR/CARfellowship.asp](http://www.usi.edu/extserv/CAR/CARfellowship.asp) or call **Elissa Bakke** at 812/454-8946. Applications should be submitted to Bakke in Extended Services/Center for Applied Research OC1070.

### SIJS receives Students' Literature Contest School Award

Japan Overseas Educational Services, a subsidiary of the Japanese government's Ministry of Education and Science, has awarded USI's Southern Indiana Japanese School (SIJS) with its Students' Literature Contest School Award for the third year in a row. The award is given to 16 schools among 300 Japanese schools abroad. USI opened the school in September 1997 at the request of Japanese companies locating in southwestern Indiana. SIJS enables students to smoothly integrate back into Japanese schools when their families return to Japan. The

school's principal is **Keietsu Nishimura**.

### USI faculty in art show

Artwork by **Michael Aakhus, Chuck Armstrong, Joa deJong, Lenny Dowhie, Joseph D'Uva, Xinran Hu, David Huebner, Robert Millard-Mendez, Carolyn Roth, Katie Waters**, and other USI art faculty, will be exhibited in the "East/West/North: A Collaboration" exhibit at the Evansville Museum. The exhibition will run through Sunday, November 30.

### Call for proposals for Bigham Fellowship

The deadline to apply for the Darrel Bigham Faculty Engagement Fellowship for summer 2009 is November 3, 2008. The fellowship provides one \$4,000 salary stipend to support scholarly work in the areas of consulting, research, service learning, or creation of workshops/institutes by USI faculty. Priority will be given to projects which benefit Historic Southern Indiana and its constituents. Historic Southern Indiana is an outreach and engagement program of the University of Southern Indiana with the goals of identifying, preserving, protecting, enhancing, and promoting the historical, natural and recreational resources of the region. It seeks to implement those goals through programs in historic preservation, history education, heritage tourism, community development, and scenic byways. For more information visit [www.usi.edu/hsi](http://www.usi.edu/hsi) or call **Leslie Townsend**, director of Historic Southern Indiana, at 812/465-7013.

### Passings

**Doris Eicher** died October 12. A former president of the Westwood Garden Club, Eicher helped establish the USI Bent Twig Outdoor Educational Center, including the Virgil Eicher Barn (named in honor of her husband), Breckenridge Cabin, Grimes Haus, and Westwood Lodge, and Bokelman School. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 18, at Salem (Heusler) United Church of Christ. Memorial contributions may be made to University of Southern Indiana Foundation, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712, for the benefit of Bokelman School Restoration.

**Tom Topper, M.D.**, a former chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors (2006-08), died October 12, 2008. Topper, a surgeon with The Heart Group, was also involved with Wabash College, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, and the West Side Nut Club, among others. Services will be held at noon Saturday, October 18, at St. Benedict Cathedral. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Southern Indiana Foundation, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712, Wabash College, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352, or the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra Permanent Endowment, 530 Main Street, Evansville, IN 47708.