

# University Notes

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## Athletics faculty award honors Davis-Brezette

The Department of Athletics honored 55 of its top student athletes at the annual Screaming Eagle Scholars Luncheon on April 2. The annual luncheon was established in 2002 to recognize student athletes with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

As a department, the more than 250 USI student athletes have a cumulative GPA of 3.074. Eight of the varsity programs – men's basketball, men's tennis, women's basketball, women's cross country, women's golf, women's soccer, softball, and volleyball – have a 3.0 GPA or better as a team.

The student athletes were not the only people honored at the luncheon. **Dr. Jane Davis-Brezette**, acting dean of Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services and chair of the Physical Education Department, was presented with an inaugural faculty award that will bear her name in future years. The award recognized Davis-Brezette for outstanding contributions to Athletics in areas of teaching, advising, and mentoring.

Nominations for the annual award will be made by student athletes, coaches, and staff members, and voted upon by the department.

## Author and transplant surgeon will discuss mortality

**Dr. Pauline Chen** will offer a free public program Tuesday, April 29, at USI. Chen is a transplant surgeon and author. Her particular concern is end-of-life, or palliative, care.

In her book *Final Exam: A Surgeon's Reflections on Mortality* (Knopf, 2007), Chen investigates why we are so bad at taking care of the dying. The answers she found are a powerful mix of factors: a professional culture that, despite being intimately familiar with death, shrinks from discussing it with patients; the systematic training of young doctors to compartmentalize and dehumanize the patient; and the patient's indefatigable hope for recovery.

She will discuss her book from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in Rice Library Room 0017.

Chen attended Harvard University and the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University and completed her surgical training at Yale University, the National Cancer Institute (National Institutes of Health), and UCLA, where she was named Outstanding Physician of the Year in 1999.

Her first nationally published piece, "Dead Enough? The Paradox of Brain Death," appeared in the fall 2005 issue of *The Virginia Quarterly Review* and was a finalist for the 2006 National Magazine Award. She is a recipient of the Staige D. Blackford Prize for Nonfiction and Yale University's George Longstreth Humanness Award, and she was a finalist for the 2002 James Kirkwood Prize in Creative Writing.

She lives near Boston with her husband and children.

Chen's visit to USI is sponsored by the Vista Care Hospice Foundation in memory of Evelyn and Leonard Lottes. Students are encouraged to attend. She will be available to sign copies of her book after the program.

## Recycled prizes part of the fun at USI's Earth Day Celebration

International Programs and Services and Residence Life are hosting an Earth Day Celebration for the USI community at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Ruston Hall multipurpose room. The event will place a particular emphasis on the importance of recycling.

Everyone in attendance will receive a "Recycle USI" water bottle. Participants will pot herbs in recycled tin cans, play Earth Day Recycling Trivial Pursuit, and snack on trail mix and "dirt pudding."

There will be give-aways and prizes including recycled rice bag totes, recycled candy wrapper bracelets, recycled aluminum bottles, and books about recycling.

**Andrea Barnard**, program coordinator in International Programs and Services, said, "We decided to celebrate Earth Day because it is one thing that applies to all of our students. Taking care of the earth and preserving it is something we all have in common."

The event is supported by a portion of an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) grant Residence Life received last year to establish a recycling program in campus housing. Areas near apartments and residence halls will soon be equipped with large bins for aluminum, plastic, and paper.

**Greg Wagoner**, assistant director of Residence Life (facilities) and coordinator for the recycling program, has ensured that the 2008-2009 Student Handbook will include information about the benefits of recycling, such as conserving resources like trees and water, and keeping materials out of landfills.

"Ultimately, the University will see a decrease in costs because of the amount of material not going into the dumpsters," he said.

The entire USI community, family, and friends are invited to attend the Earth Day Celebration, and children are welcome. Come learn what you can do to preserve the environment.

For more information, contact Barnard at 812/465-7183.

## Jamie Johnson is a 2008 Goldwater Scholar

USI junior chemistry major **Jamie Johnson** is among 321 college students nationwide and 11 Hoosier students to be named a 2008 Goldwater Scholar. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation selected the award winners on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,035 mathematics, science, and engineering students nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities throughout the country.

Sophomores and juniors are eligible for nomination. The one- and two-year scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

Johnson maintains a 4.0 grade-point average. She plans to pursue a career as a physician.

In 2007, she was appointed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels to serve a two-year term as the student representative to the USI Board of Trustees.

"I cannot express how much I've enjoyed learning about the inner workings of the University," she said, regarding her service as student representative, "but the people I've met mean the most."

Johnson has conducted undergraduate research with Dr. Cindy M. Basinski, an Evansville obstetrician/gynecologist, since summer 2007. Under Basinski's supervision, she completed research related to the Essure method of female sterilization, a method that requires no incision and no general anesthesia. Johnson has prepared a paper on her findings for submission to a professional journal.

Johnson also served as a research assistant to **Dr. Kenneth E. Walsh**, assistant professor of chemistry. She presented findings of a study relating to carbohydrates at a local meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) and will make a presentation in August at the ACS National Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia. She also is presenting the research at the RISC Showcase.

**Dr. Mark D. Krahling**, director of the University Core Curriculum and associate professor of chemistry, nominated Johnson for the Goldwater Scholarship. He said she has excelled in a rigorous technical curriculum.

"Jamie was one of the standouts in chemistry seminar," he said. "She demonstrated superior writing ability, and particularly excelled at presenting technical seminars. Many students find these presentations unnerving, but Jamie demonstrated knowledge, poise, and self-confidence, even under a barrage of questions from faculty."

Johnson is a member of the USI chapter of the American Chemical Society and co-founder and president of the USI Pre-Health Professions Club. She has been elected to serve a third term next year as administrative vice president for academic affairs for the Student Government Association.

The Goldwater Foundation was established by Congress in 1986. The Goldwater Scholarship was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering.

## **USI College of Business programs reaccredited by AACSB**

The College of Business at USI has again earned accreditation of its undergraduate and graduate business programs and separate accreditation of its accounting programs by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

USI received initial AACSB accreditation for its undergraduate and graduate business programs in 1997. The accounting program achieved separate accreditation in 2003. Accredited schools must be re-evaluated every five years to maintain accreditation.

As of April, 458 institutions in the United States hold AACSB business accreditation, of which 163 have additional specialized accreditation for their accounting programs.

**Dr. Mohammed Khayum**, dean of the College of Business said, "Extension of accreditation by the AACSB International is a clear affirmation of the high quality of business and accounting programs offered by our University. We have established that we are among a distinctive group of business schools worldwide with both business and accounting accreditation. Of the more than 7,600 business schools in the world only 7 percent have AACSB business accreditation.

"Extension of accreditation demonstrates that our programs have attained a high level of overall quality, that we have a culture that is committed to continuous improvement, and that we are providing educational experiences that lead to measurable student learning outcomes. These outcomes suggest that our students are well positioned to respond to the challenges and opportunities of a dynamic and competitive global economy."

**Dr. Linda Bennett**, USI provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "USI's College of Business has a growing reputation for excellence and AACSB accreditation confirms the outstanding work by the college's administrative team, faculty, and staff. I'm certain that even with this achievement, the faculty in the college are already thinking about ways to develop new initiatives and new partnerships in the region."

To achieve accreditation, business programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

During the reaccreditation process, the USI College of Business was visited in February by a team of evaluators with detailed knowledge of management education, applying accreditation standards that are widely accepted in the educational community.

AACSB International is an association of more than 1,100 educational institutions, businesses, and other organizations in 70 countries. The organization is the longest serving and largest global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

## **Retirement reception will honor three from College of Business**

The College of Business will be a lonely place on the afternoon of Thursday, April 17, as more than half of the college's administrative personnel will be honored at the spring 2008 Employee Retirement Reception.

**Mary McGrew**, **Joyce Babillis**, and **Arlene Campbell** are all retiring from the University.

McGrew, senior administrative assistant, joined USI in April 1978. Babillis, administrative associate, joined in April 1990. And Campbell, administrative assistant, has been with the University since November 1990.

**Dr. Mohammed Khayum**, dean of the College of Business, said, "This poses a tremendous challenge and will be a test of our resiliency in the College of Business. With a combined 59 years of service within the College of Business these three individuals have been integral to the creation and refinement of many of the processes and procedures used by our College - particularly those related to interaction with students, parents, members of the community, and the rest of the University. They will be remembered because of their contributions.

"We hope that they will come back to visit and wish that they realize their retirement plans and aspirations."

Wish these retirees well at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in Carter Hall.

## **Growing...Building: Recreation and Fitness Center expansion work begins soon**

A groundbreaking ceremony for a 44,000 square foot addition to the University of Southern Indiana's Recreation and Fitness Center will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, on the Recreation and Fitness Center outdoor courts (inside if there is rain).

This second phase of construction, planned before the original building opened in 2000, will double the square footage and transform the Recreation and Fitness Center into a community spa with two new lounge areas, including a quiet area for studying.

In addition, the improved facility will include a rock climbing tower surrounded by glass walls, enabling climbers to be viewed from all three floors, and an 8-foot-tall bouldering wall.

(Bouldering, a branch of rock climbing, requires technical skill and provides a challenging workout.)

There will be two group exercise rooms that will allow for more classes; a game room with pool, foosball, air hockey tables, table tennis, and television sets for game systems; rooms dedicated to stretching (including a stretching area along side the existing track); larger cardio room; a combative room with punching bags, wrestling mats and the like; a health assessment room; two locker rooms; and new and additional office space.

Most of the cardio machines and weight training equipment will be replaced with new, and more fitness equipment will be added. The current cardio and weight training areas will be converted into a third basketball court with a new wooden floor.

The addition will be constructed on the hillside area between the current building and the Recreation and Fitness Center parking lot and should not disrupt operations at the facility. Total costs for the project are about \$7.75 million, with the debt to be paid by student fees.

The groundbreaking will include various demonstration stations introducing the Recreation and Fitness Center's new features and including an architect's rendering of the features. Light refreshments will be served.

Contractors are Arc Construction, Peyronnin Construction, and Mel-Kay Electric. The architect is Jack R. Kinkel & Son Architects. Work is expected to be complete by fall 2009.

## Names in the news

### Passings

**Louis Bauman Leich**, mother-in-law of **Dr. Abbas Foroughi**, chair of the Management, Management Information Systems, and Applied Computer Science Department, died April 7. Services were held April 10 at First Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE 2nd Street, Evansville, IN 47713, the Evansville Museum of Arts, Science and History, 411 South East Riverside Drive, Evansville, IN 47713, or the Vanderburgh Humane Society, 400 Millner Industrial Drive, Evansville, IN 47710.

**Carroll Meuth**, husband of **Paulette Meuth**, call in clerk in Human Resources, died April 5. Services were held April 8 at Resurrection Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Institute of Integrated Rural Development, a missionary program founded by Carroll's good friend, **Father Bill Christensen**, at 9005 Greenridge Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63117.

### Welcome

**Christina Bartlett** has accepted a position as senior administrative assistant in Human Resources. She was formerly employed as a human resource manager at Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary.

**Hannah Liddle** has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the Office of Special Events. She holds a bachelor's degree in public relations from USI. Liddle was formerly employed as a surgery scheduler at Deaconess Hospital.

**Ronetta Smith** has accepted a position as supervisor of the Copy Center in Publishing Services. She was formerly employed as a sales and marketing manager at Krieger-Ragsdale Incorporated.

### Accomplishments

USI received the 2008 Program of Excellence Award for Innovations in Outreach and Engagement from the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) at its annual confer-

ence in New Orleans in late March. The award was given for Connect with Southern Indiana, the regional leadership development program. The award recognized the innovative approach used by USI to promote faculty participation in regional outreach. It was awarded to **Dr. Darrel Bigham**, **Charmaine McDowell**, and **Dr. Edward Jones**. McDowell, CSI program director, accepted the award for the University.

## FYI

### Percy RopeWalk Reading postponed

The RopeWalk Reading Series featuring **Benjamin Percy** has been postponed until Monday, April 14, due to a death in Percy's family. Percy teaches creative writing, composition, and literature at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is the author of the short story collections *Refresh, Refresh* (2007) and *The Language of Elk* (2006). Percy is the recipient of the 2007 Plimpton Prize, awarded annually by the editors of *The Paris Review*. He also received the Pushcart Prize Fellowship and the John Gardner Fellowship in Fiction from the Breadloaf Writer's Conference in 2007. He will read his work at 5 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Presented by the College of Liberal Arts, the RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the *Southern Indiana Review*, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union. For more information, contact **Nicole Reid**, co-director of the reading series, at 812/464-1916.

### Dashboard Confessional ticket price will double for employees

If you want to purchase tickets for the USI Springfest 2008 Dashboard Confessional concert on Saturday, April 19, at the Physical Activities Center, you'd better purchase tickets before Friday, April 18. Advance ticket sales end and the price for USI employees and alumni will double from \$20 to \$40. The price for USI students will increase from \$10 to \$15. Advance tickets are available for purchase in the Orr Center lobby on weekdays through Thursday, April 17.

### APB sponsors "Homosexuality, Morality, and Diversity"

APB presents **Dr. John Corvino's** "Homosexuality, Morality, and Diversity," at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, in Carter Hall in the University Center. In the program, Corvino discusses how to foster respect for people's diverse relationships while also respecting deeply held moral and religious convictions - all while trying to avoid an attitude of "moral mushiness," as he calls it. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Texas and is currently associate professor of philosophy at Wayne State. An award-winning teacher, he is the recipient of the 2004 Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit City Council for his work on behalf of GLBT rights. Corvino's appearance is co-sponsored by the Departments of Biology, Philosophy, Psychology, Modern and Classical Languages, International Programs and Services, and the Study Abroad program.

### Student Alumni Association hosts 19th annual Breakfast with the President

The 19th annual Breakfast with the President will be held from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Thursday, May 1, in Carter Hall in the University Center. This annual tradition, created by the Student Alumni Association, brings students together with the president as well as with members of the administration and faculty.

All students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to gather for this informal breakfast with **President H. Ray Hoops**. Breakfast is



free to all students who attend. A panel of six USI students will ask Hoops a series of questions about the University and campus policies. This year's panel will include a representative from each of the following organizations: Student Government Association, Activities Programming Board, Emerging Leaders Living Learning Community, Black Student Union, Alpha Kappa Psi, and Student Housing Association.

Students with a valid Eagle Access Card may pick up a free ticket at the Student Development Office, located in the lower level of the University Center. Others may call 812/465-1215 to make reservations for the breakfast. Tickets are \$6 for non-students. Reservations are required. For more information, contact **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

#### **USI Day at Churchill Downs is June 21**

The Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter invites you and your family and friends to join them for a perfect view of the finish line at USI Day at Churchill Downs on Saturday, June 21 in Louisville. Gates open for the Stephen Foster Stakes at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$31 for adults, \$22 for children ages 12 to 4, and children ages 3 and under are free. Price includes admission, reserved seating in Millionaires Row-Level 4, lunch buffet, USI souvenir, race program, and tax and gratuity. A round-trip motor coach from USI will be offered for an additional \$20 per person. To make reservations, email [alumni@usi.edu](mailto:alumni@usi.edu) before May 15 to receive advance tickets by mail. For more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1928.

#### **Pluralism Panel will discuss "Many Faiths, One Community"**

The Pluralism Panel, a local group focused on religious diversity, will hold a discussion about the diversity within faith and religious traditions from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 14, in Carter Hall in the University Center. The event, called "Many Faiths, One Community," is free and open to the public.

Panelists include Paul Leingang (Catholic), Dr Maqbool Ahmed (Muslim), Rabbi Barry Friedman (Jewish), Rev. David Niednagel (Evangelical Christian) and Rev. Shane O'Neill (Protestant).

For more information, contact **Christine Hoehn**, director of USI Religious Life, at 812/464-1871.

#### ***The Threepenny Opera* runs through April 20**

*The Threepenny Opera* runs April 10-13 and April 15-20 in the Mallette Studio Theatre on the lower level of the Liberal Arts Center at USI. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for non-USI students and for seniors 60 and over, and \$6 for USI students. *The Threepenny Opera* contains adult language and themes. Tickets may be purchased by calling the USI Theatre box office at 812/422-3970 or at the door. The box office opens one hour before each performance.

#### **Priority registration**

Faculty: Please announce to your classes that Priority Registration for Fall 2008 will run through April 18. While additional periods of registration will also be available (beyond April 18), please encourage your students to register early.

Students register online via MyUSI. The priority registration schedule found on page four of the class schedule can be found 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 classes during Priority Registration will not be billed until Monday, August 10, and expected to settle their account with the Bursar's Office by Wednesday, August 20.

#### **Opening and lighting ceremony for Mooney installation is Wednesday**

An opening and lighting ceremony for the John David Mooney art installation on the USI Quadrangle will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in front of the Liberal Arts Center. Mooney, a major artist and urban designer known for his large-scale public sculptures, is artist-in-residence in the College of Liberal Arts and created the installation with USI students. While at USI, Mooney also presented the 2008 College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Scholar Lecture. Mooney will return in fall 2008 for a third phase of the installation and to work with students at USI and in New Harmony.

#### **USI Day at the Zoo is April 19**

The USI Alumni Association and the USI Student Alumni Association invite employees, alumni, family, and friends to Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden for a day of fun, crafts, refreshments, and animal encounters on Saturday, April 19. Children will enjoy making crafts at the booths located at the Lion's Plaza. Refreshments and animal encounters will take place at the large outdoor tent – just follow the signs at the zoo. Zoo hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the entrance group admission charge is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 and up. Here is the schedule of activities:

USI Tent: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Craft booths with mask-making, animal puppets, and pinecone bird feeders at Lion's Plaza: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Animal encounters at the USI Tent: 11 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 2:30 p.m.

For reservations and more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924.

#### **Volunteers needed for Heritage Artisans Week**

Historic New Harmony seeks volunteers to assist with the 23rd annual Heritage Artisans Week scheduled for April 21-26, 2008. Volunteers would meet at the Athenaeum/Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. and be done by 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact **Jan Kahle**, education coordinator for Historic New Harmony, at 812/682-4488.