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# University Notes

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## Westside Improvement Association

Linda Cleek, director of Continuing Education, began a one-year renewable term as president of the Westside Improvement Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the betterment of western Vanderburgh County, on January 1. She replaces Fred Padgett, who was president for four years.

In a statement, Padgett wrote that Cleek "comes to this position with a long history of Westside Improvement Association involvement as well as a high degree of support for the Westside Improvement Association mission, goals and objectives. The membership has made an excellent choice. She'll also have a dedicated group of officers, board members and committee members to help carry the Westside Improvement Association mission to a higher level."

Cleek, who also serves as associate dean of Extended Services, has served as USI's representative on the Westside Improvement Association board for approximately eight years. The University has an automatic seat on the board.

Cleek said that as president, she is still a member of the board, but she would be "pleased as punch" to recruit a new USI member. She said University employees and west side residents have common concerns.

"USI is the 900 pound gorilla on the west side of Evansville," she said. "What is important on the west side of Vanderburgh County is important to campus, and vice versa. The better the communication between the campus and the rest of the community, the better off we're all going to be."

Anyone who lives or works on the west side, or has west side interests, can be a member. Cleek encouraged USI employees to get involved with the Westside Improvement Association whether or not they live on the west side.

"People who live other places have to travel to the west side, so transportation and development issues are especially important for them," she said. "When you work full time you spend half your waking life in and around your work place, so why would you not be concerned with what things are like in the immediate surrounding area?"

The Westside Improvement Association has recently been involved with improving the Kohl's development and thwarting a developer's rezoning proposal.

Cleek said. "At first the Kohl's development looked bad in terms of drainage, but we were successful in getting a great many things improved from the original plan, and feel that Kohl's is a great addition to the west side.

"We also were involved in getting the rezoning stopped for more apartments near the University Parkway. The developer wanted to put high density student apartments in a residential, single-family area, and we worked to get that denied by the county commission."

Cleek said that in its almost 30 years of service, the Westside Improvement Association has developed a good reputation in the

community.

"We get listened to a little more than people who are not part of an organization," she said. "We can go to officials and make a case, and people pay attention. We have a history of doing our homework."

Future issues of concern include the state's proposed plans for changes to the Lloyd Expressway. "We're certainly not opposed to improving the flow of traffic, but the way the plan is now, we think it will cause more problems than it will solve," Cleek said.

For more information, call Cleek at ext. 1932 or go to the Westside Improvement Association Web site at [www.westsideimprovement.org/](http://www.westsideimprovement.org/).

## Berger Lecture

A nationally recognized children's rights advocate, Judge Patricia Walker FitzGerald of the Jefferson Circuit Court Family Division in Louisville, Kentucky, will deliver the Sydney Berger Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 2, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. The lecture is open to the public.

A member of the Board of Trustees of the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) since 2002, FitzGerald has helped affect systemic changes in family courts nationwide to safeguard children's rights to grow up in a safe and protected environment, and has helped make the Jefferson Family Court a nationally recognized model for best practices in cases involving child abuse and neglect. She recently wrote the NCJFCJ's proposal to open all the nation's juvenile courts to the public.

Her lecture will address the evolving rights of children and the responsive changes in family court.

A member of the Jefferson Family Court since her appointment in 1995, she was chief judge from 2000-2002. A panelist or presenter at many national conferences, she was recently a plenary speaker and workshop presenter for the chief justices of the nation's state supreme courts at the 2005 Child Protection Summit.

She served as a consultant for ABC Primetime News on a 2005 program about the Jefferson Family Court, and as a consultant on the PEW Commission on Children in Foster Care DVD "Fostering the Future."

She filed a class action lawsuit challenging the conditions of foster care that led to reforms in foster care in the state of Kentucky. She received the 2004 Child Advocate of the Year award given by the Louisville Bar Foundation for exemplary service in advocating for the rights of children, and the Judge of the Year Award, given by the Kentucky Foster Care Review Board.

Her work in civil rights began as a public advocate in the Kentucky Department of Justice representing persons with developmental disabilities. In private practice she has handled a variety of discrimination cases, most notably a federal civil rights class action suit on behalf of the inmates of Kentucky's maximum secu-

rity prison.

FitzGerald has practiced law since 1978, when she received her juris doctor from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

The lecture is generously underwritten by Charles L. and Leslie A. Berger. It is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts. A reception with the speaker will follow the lecture.

## Alumni in Residence program

**Derek Faughn '84** will present the USI College of Business Alumni in Residence program, "Whose Career is it Anyway?" on Wednesday, February 1.

Faughn has been employed with Mead Johnson since 1977, taking a job as a lab technician right out of high school. Now senior director for information management at Mead Johnson, he never intended to go to college.

"My boss encouraged me to take a class, and I did that for five-and-a-half years at night. Then, I took a year off from work and completed 44 hours in two semesters and a summer session. It was a walk in the park compared to going to work full time and doing nine hours at night," he said.

Faughn finished a bachelor's degree in computer information systems in 1984. When he first enrolled at USI, he was unsure of a major.

"We started to automate the lab, and I just naturally got interested in writing the programs to control lab instrumentation," he said.

After completing the undergraduate degree, Faughn went back to Mead Johnson as a programmer.

As senior director for information management, he is responsible for information management for Mead Johnson on a global basis and for information management for all of Bristol-Myers Squibb in the Asia-Pacific region. He manages one division (Mead Johnson) globally and five divisions (Mead Johnson, worldwide medicines, technical operations, medical imaging, and consumer medicine) regionally. He supervises about 100 employees in 16 countries.

His responsibilities keep him on the go. Faughn is in the Asia-Pacific region four to six times a year, staying up to three weeks at a time.

"It's challenging from a cultural perspective. The countries from Japan to China to Taiwan to Thailand have diverse cultural backgrounds and interesting bureaucracies. The differences from one country to another in Asia-Pacific can be significant," he said.

Faughn said it is becoming more difficult for CIS graduates to find entry-level positions in large multinational corporations due to global sourcing. Entry-level jobs with small or regional companies in metropolitan markets offer good training opportunities. Multinational companies often seek individuals with three-to-five years of experience to handle more senior responsibilities.

"Learn as much as you can, and volunteer for as much as you can. If your track is technical, go back and get an MBA. Then Fortune 500 companies are going to be more interested in you," he advised.

Faughn enjoys working at Mead Johnson because he believes in its mission to extend and enhance human life. "Most people don't know that we're the number-one infant formula company in the United States and that we make special formulas for babies with serious feeding problems and disorders," he said.

He also praised the company for rewarding and recognizing employees. "If you make decisions based on the best interests of

the company and you perform well, you will be rewarded," he said.

Faughn will present the Alumni in Residence program at 9 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 1, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

## "Residence Hall of the Future"

It's no longer enough for a college residence hall to just provide four walls and a bed. The campus housing of today must foster learning and comfort while balancing environmental and technological concerns, and do so in a way that's affordable to both the school and the students.

A group of experts, including **Julie Payne**, director of Residence Life, is convening to design the next generation of campus housing at the 21st Century Project summit February 5-8 in Chicago.

The 21st Century Project is a multi-phased program that will culminate in the construction of a brand new, state-of-the-art college residential facility. Sponsored by the Association of College and University Housing Officers - International (ACUHO-I) and its member organizations, this prototype will show how better to accommodate the ever-changing role residence halls play in the collegiate experience and in higher education institutions.

Payne is president of the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers, a regional affiliate of the ACUHO-I that covers Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan.

She said the 21st Century Project will be a 99-member think tank bringing together housing, student affairs, and food service professionals with students, University presidents, faculty members, vendors, architects, and other experts for four days worth of intense discussions on current issues in the field, including housing styles, technology, sustainability, layout, materials, and more.

She said, "We're a little ahead of our competitors, because we have apartments and suite-style housing. Privatization is what students want, but interaction between students is a primary enhancer of student life, so we don't want to create an environment that isolates students, either. Finding that balance is a challenge."

Federal agencies such as the Department of Energy, Department of Education, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will also be recruited to participate at various stages of the process.

"We are bringing together a wide variety of experts from both the academic and professional side to help us approach the project from every conceivable angle," said Michael Coakley, project coordinator and also assistant vice president of Student Life at Northern Illinois University. "The sustainability and economics of this project will be considered just as highly as sociological and educational factors. Aesthetics and pragmatism will be weighed against each other. It will epitomize all we look for in a quality residence hall."

"The outcome will affect any future construction that happens on any campus that sees the results. We'll have a blueprint that shows us the things that are important," Payne said. "We can tell our architects that we need to infuse these ideas into any long term projects."

Association members are currently collecting and synthesizing data corresponding with ongoing trends in university housing as well as the expanding technological advances within the campus environment. This data, along with the knowledge and experiences of other attendees will be shared at the February summit.

In late spring 2006, the group will present its findings to participating college and university officials as well as to vendors,

development agencies, and architecture firms.

Participating firms will then begin to produce conceptual plans and massing options for the defined facilities. From these, a committee will choose final designs or design components. That building will later be constructed on a college campus.

"This is not simply a group of people brainstorming a wish list of ideas," said Sallie Traxler, ACUHO-I executive director. "When the project is complete, there will be tangible evidence of our work and we fully expect it to serve as a model for the college residence halls to be built around the world for the next generation."

For more information about this project and the summit, go to [www.acuho-i.org](http://www.acuho-i.org) and click the 21st Century Project button.

## Slow down and breathe with Tai Chi

The Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness offers students and employees a mid-week chance to slow down and breathe with a Tai Chi class taught by Ron Weatherford. The class is just one of the offered through the group exercise program at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Weatherford described Tai Chi as practiced in the west as "a moving form of yoga and meditation combined."

"It features a number of so-called forms or 'sets' which consist of a sequence of movements. Many of these were originally derived from the martial arts - and from the natural movements of animals and birds. These movements are slow, soft and graceful, with smooth and even transitions between them."

The class is offered at noon each Wednesday.

**Peggy Harrell**, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, has been attending the class for about three years or so. "It's a great workout, and it's good for stress. It takes a lot of concentration, and you can't be mindless, you have to focus," she said.

"It's a great way to get away because you really have to focus on what you're doing. It's a good physical workout and it's something that almost anybody can do. If you have a physical injury or illness, you can still do it."

In response to disbelief that a form of exercise that is so slow can produce results, she said, "Try to do something really slowly. It's a lot harder than it looks, and there are prescribed moves and you have to remember them. It's a great break in the middle of the day, in the middle of the week."

**Dave Ellert**, instructor in engineering, has been with the university since fall 2003, and he started attending the Tai Chi class the following spring. He even attends during summer months when he is not teaching.

"Especially through the school calendar, it's really nice, because it can get really hairy and it's an oasis in the middle of the week that says, 'alright, breathe.' I tend to actually not breathe during the day."

Ellert said that Weatherford shows the class that most of us take shallow breaths. "He works with us on breathing deeper. You physically remind yourself to do that. You breathe with the movements."

"It's low impact but it does strengthen you, and it's good for balance and tones you physically more than you think it would," Ellert said. "It's a major cog in the gear of what you can do for good health, both physically and mentally."

For more information, call Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness at 812/461-5268.

## RopeWalk Reading Series announced

The Spring 2006 RopeWalk Reading Series has been announced. Readings in the RopeWalk Series are free and open to the public. A book signing will follow each program.

### Ken Smith

Thursday, February 23 - 7 p.m., Kley Meyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center: Smith is UC Foundation Professor of English at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, where he teaches courses in creative writing, American literature and western humanities. He is the author of the story collections *Decoys* and *Other Stories* and *Angels and Others*, as well as dozens of short stories, essays, and works of creative nonfiction. His work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Crazyhorse*, *Sonora Review*, and *Tri-Quarterly*, and has been featured in the collections *Best American Short Stories* and *Best of the West*. He also has been a writer-in residence at Vanderbilt University.

### Michael Waters

Thursday, March 23 - 7 p.m., Kley Meyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center: Waters is professor of English at Salisbury University in Maryland and teaches in the New England College MFA Program in poetry. His books of poetry include *Darling Vulgarly*, *Parthenopi: New and Selected Poems*, and *Green Ash, Red Maple, Black Gum*. He has been the recipient of a Fellowship in Creative Writing from the National Endowment for the Arts, several Individual Artist Awards from the Maryland State Arts Council, and three Pushcart Prizes. His poems have appeared in journals including *Poetry*, *The Yale Review*, *The American Poetry Review*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Kenyon Review*, *The Southern Review*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Georgia Review*, *The North American Review*, and *Ploughshares*.

### Allison Joseph

Thursday, April 27 - 7 p.m., location to be announced: Joseph is the Judge William Holmes Cook Endowed Professor in English at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where she also directs the Young Writers Workshop. She is the author of five collections of poetry: *What Keeps Us Here*, winner of the 1992 Ampersand Press Women Poets Series Competition; *Worldly Pleasures*, 2003 winner of the Word Press Poetry Prize; *Soul Train*, *In Every Seam*, and *Imitation of Life*. Her work also has appeared in numerous anthologies including *American Poetry: The Next Generation*. She was recently featured on NPR's "Morning Edition" reading her poem "Kitchen" from *Sweeping Beauty: Contemporary Women Poets do Housework*.

Presented by USI's College of Liberal Arts, the RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, Southern Indiana Review, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union. For more information, call 812/461-5381.

## RFW speaker

At age 18, after being raped on a date with a fellow student at the College of William and Mary, **Katie Koestner** spoke out nationally and publicly, breaking a long national silence on the most under-reported crime in America. She appeared on the cover of TIME magazine's date rape issue, giving a name and a face to a crime that is recognized as a critical problem currently facing America's students.

Koestner will present her program on sexual assault, "Yes/No," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, in Carter Hall in the University Center. The program is sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, and is open to the public.

**Stephanie Walden-Schwake**, assistant director of



Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, said, "We know that sexual assault is a risk for students, and we want to educate both men and women on how to prevent it, and where they can go for help.

"Katie seems very enthusiastic about telling her story, and helping other students."

#### About Katie Koestner

Koestner's assault, quickly followed by the William Kennedy Smith and Mike Tyson cases, helped bring the contemporary debate over date rape into the national spotlight. She has appeared on Oprah, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, CNN, MTV, Larry King Live, CNBC Talk Live, MSNBC, Later Today, Entertainment Tonight, Italian TV and dozens of other news programs in order to create public awareness of date rape.

Articles about Koestner have been published in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Tribune, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Journal of Higher Education, and hundreds of other publications.

HBO chose Koestner as the subject of its Lifestories Docudrama, "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story." In 2002, she worked with MIT to create "LifeLessons: Sexual Assault 101," an interactive CD ROM for high school and college students. In 2003, she completed two films with national award-winning Top Hat Productions: "Please Write Back: Sexual Assault among America's Students" and "Helping a Sexual Assault Survivor."

Koestner earned degrees in public policy and women's studies, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the College of William and Mary. Since graduation, she has presented in front of hundreds of thousands of students for over a thousand different colleges, high schools, military institutions, youth groups and service organizations throughout North America. Her annual clients include MIT, West Point, the US Naval Academy, Amherst College, Williams College and The Lawrenceville School, among many other universities and high schools.

She is a trained sexual assault peer counselor. At Cornell University, she founded Students Helping Others to Understand Trauma (SHOUT). Koestner is co-author of two books: *Sexual Assault on Campus: What Every College Needs to Know about Protecting Victims, Providing for Just Adjudication, and Complying with Federal Laws and Total Sexual Assault Risk Management Strategies for Colleges*. She also contributed to *Just Sex*, an anthology on the history of the anti-sexual violence movement.

Since founding Campus Outreach Services, Inc., she has dedicated the organization to fighting sexual assault in every possible way. She has taken her efforts to one more level in 2001 with the creation of TKKI: The Katie Koestner Initiative for a World Without Rape, a national charity involved with raising funds for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Programs, Physical Evidence Recovery Kits, and other projects designed to achieve a world without rape. The most significant development for TKKI has been the formation and spread of The I(nitiative) Club, a national high school peer education program on respectful relationships.

## Names in the news

### In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to **Pam Doerter**, coordinator of internships and co-op education, whose granddaughter, **Layla Belle Doerter**, died on Wednesday, January 11. Services were held on Monday, January 16, at Alexander Memorial Park Heritage Chapel.

## Accomplishments

*Socializing Care*, a collection of original articles on the integration of care ethics into social policy and practices, edited by **Maurice Hamington**, assistant professor of philosophy, and Dorothy C. Miller of Case Western University, was just released by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. Leading figures in the field of feminist ethics contributed to the collection. Hamington has an article in the anthology that addresses how the women of Hull House, a Chicago settlement, applied care ethics in their work.

## FYI

### Dancing through the Decades

USI Alumni Association will sponsor the 40th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration following the men's and women's basketball games on Saturday, February 11, in the Physical Activities Center.

Complimentary food from local restaurants, cash bar and entertainment will be available. Those attending must be at least 21 years old.

Discounted basketball tickets at \$3.50 each will be available until Monday, February 6.

For more information contact the Alumni and Volunteer Services office at 812/464-1924.

### Eykamp String Quartet

The Eykamp String Quartet will commemorate Mozart's 250th birthday with a performance on Thursday, January 26, 7 to 8 p.m. at Central Library.

The performance will be held in the library's main lobby entrance and is free and open to the public.

For more information contact David Locker at 812/428-8200 ext. 1461.

### University Core Curriculum

The University Core Council has received a petition to add Geology 151: Geology of America's National Parks to Category C3: Science. Faculty wishing to examine or respond to the petition should contact **John Gottcent**, University Core Director. The Council will act on the petition after ten working days have elapsed.

### Open your home to international students

Academic Year in America (AYA) students ages 15 to 18 want to come to America. They come from many different countries, such as Brazil, Germany, and Japan. They bring with them a desire to share their language, unique customs and perspective, which is a great way for families to experience another culture. Students also bring a genuine curiosity about life to the United States—the nuances of which many of us take for granted.

Host families provide the student with meals, a place to sleep and study, and to treat him or her like a member of the family. Each student has full medical insurance, spending money, and is the best and brightest "ambassador" of his or her home country.

The AYA program is sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that for more than 20 years has helped international students realize their dream of experiencing life in the United States. If you would like to host an international student, or simply learn more about the AYA program, call Tanya Schmitz '02 at 812/985-5613.