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“Body Farm” founder to give keynote address at Vectren RISC Showcase

William Bass, a world-renowned scientist in the field of forensic anthropology, will give the keynote address at the Vectren RISC Showcase at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in the University Center’s Carter Hall.

Bass has been called the “father of CSI.” He created the world’s first laboratory devoted to human decomposition, the Anthropology Research Facility at the University of Tennessee, which was immortalized in Patricia Cornwall’s best-selling book, *The Body Farm*. He lectures to audiences around the world and recently completed a book entitled *Death’s Acre: Inside the Legendary Forensics Lab - the Body Farm - Where the Dead Do Tell Tales*.

The “body farm” was created to study the decomposition rate of corpses. On three acres surrounded by razor-wire and a wooden fence near the University of Tennessee Medical Center, about 40 bodies rot away at any given time. The bodies are unclaimed, donated, or willed to the facility. They’re stuffed into car trunks, left lying in the sun or shade, buried in shallow graves, covered with brush, or submerged in ponds.

Bass arrived in Knoxville in 1971 to take over what was an undergraduate department with three staff members. It is now comprised of 21 staff and graduate doctorate level students. Forensic experts trained at UT make up about half of the practicing anthropologists working in human identification. Beyond the classroom, Bass works with medical examiners’ offices worldwide and has identified nearly 1,000 remains of crime and accident victims.

Each year, the Showcase features a prominent keynote speaker. Previous speakers have been musician/producer Nile Rodgers, Virtual Reality pioneer Jaron Lanier, and muralist Judy Baca.

The Vectren RISC Showcase is a symposium that provides an arena for undergraduates of all disciplines to present, demonstrate, or display their academic works to fellow students, faculty members, and the public. Student presentations and demonstrations will begin at 10:45 a.m. A complete list of student participants and their research will be available in next week’s University Notes.

For more information, contact Scott Gordon, associate dean, Pott School of Science and Engineering; associate director, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence; and associate professor of biology, at 812/ 465-7137.



RopeWalk Reading Series features Joy Harjo during National Poetry Month

Joy Harjo, poet, musician, and enrolled member of the Muskogee Tribe, is the featured poet in the RopeWalk Reading Series this month, which is National Poetry Month. She will perform a reading and some of her music at 8 p.m. Thursday, April

21, in Forum II in the Wright Administration Building.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma native studied painting and theater, not music and poetry, at the Institute of American Indian Arts in New Mexico. She started writing in response to what she saw as a political need for more American Indian writers and speakers. Her most recent book is the best-selling *How We Became Human: New and Selected Poems*.

Harjo took up the saxophone while living in Denver, Colorado, because she wanted to form a band that would combine poetry with elements of tribal music, jazz, and rock. She was recently nominated for three Native American Music Awards.

She lives in Hawaii and teaches at UCLA and the University of Hawaii.

For more information, go to Harjo’s Web site or contact **Jim McGarrah**, assistant professor of English, at 812/461-5208 or visit www.joyharjo.com.



University Q & A: Pamela F. Hopson

Pamela F. Hopson is director of the Multicultural Center and has been employed by the University since 1979. She received a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration from IU, and a Masters in Public Administration from Indiana State University. She and her husband, Wayne, have two children: Alisha, a financial analyst for Morgan Stanley in New York, and Matthew, who will graduate from Harrison in May. Her family also includes a niece, Shea’Lynn, who will graduate from Washington University with an M.B.A. in May.

What was your first job?

Working in the kitchen at Red Lobster.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Caring.

What is your greatest strength?

Multi-tasker.

What is your principle defect?

The ability not to say no.

What is your dream of happiness?

Peace of mind and a healthy family.

What to your mind would be the greatest of misfortunes?

The loss of a loved one.

Where would you like to live?

Where it's warm all the time.

Where would you like to visit?

Paris.

Who are your favorite poets?

Langston Hughes.

Who are your favorite composers or musicians?

Luther Vandross and Yolonda Adams.

Who are your favorite artists?

Jacob Lawrence.

Who are your heroes in real life?

My mother, Ora Mundy (1932-2004,) and my father (1926-2004).

What was the last book that you read and loved?

"The Purpose Driven Church," by Rick Warren.

What was the last song that you heard and loved?

"Dance with My Father" by Luther Vandross.

What is your hobby and what about it gives you joy?

Cooking.

If you could change one thing about your appearance, what would it be and why?

Nothing.

If you'd like to be featured in University Notes Q & A, or would like to recommend a faculty or staff member, contact the editor at wkbredhold@usi.edu.

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USI Senior is 500 Festival Princess

USI senior **April Dawn Williams**, of Lyons, Indiana, has been selected as one of the 500 Festival Princesses who in May will help celebrate the 2005 500 Festival and the 89th running of the Indianapolis 500. She was one of 33 princesses chosen among 193 applicants.

The young women are selected based on communication skills, poise, academic performance, and community and volunteer involvement. This year, the princesses are from 11 Indiana colleges and universities and 24 Hoosier cities and towns.

Williams is the daughter of Mike and Dee Williams, also of Lyons. She is a graduate of White River Valley High School.

She will graduate summa cum laude in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in accounting and professional services. She attends USI as the David S. Deering Endowed Presidential Scholar and has been on the dean's list every semester. She is president of Beta Alpha Psi honorary, a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honorary, a member of the Honors Program,

and a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Council for the School of Business. She was an accounting intern for Harding, Shymanski & Company.

Williams was a student athlete for the women's basketball team in 2001 to 2004. She was on the Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Team for 2002 and 2003.

One of the 33 princesses will be selected as the 2004 500 Festival Queen and receive a \$2,500 scholarship. The queen will be crowned May 21 during the Indianapolis Life 500 Festival Mayors Breakfast at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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Little Shop of Horrors opens Wednesday

"Little Shop of Horrors," the Broadway musical that features a down-on-his-luck florist, a sadistic dentist, and a bloodthirsty plant bent on world domination, is the final production of USI Theatre's 2004-05 season. The production opens Wednesday, April 13, and runs through Sunday, April 24, at USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Avenue in Evansville. Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, the team who wrote music and lyrics for the Disney films "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast," wrote "Little Shop of Horrors." USI's production is directed by **John Berst**, assistant professor of theatre.

"Little Shop of Horrors" blends romantic comedy with a spoof on campy horror films, as Seymour, a meek florist, discovers an exotic plant that promises to make him a celebrity. As the plant grows, so does Seymour's fame. His dreams begin to come true when his secret love, Audrey, finally notices him, but the plant has a bloodthirsty secret that threatens the entire planet.

The play is based on a 1960 Roger Corman film of the same title, featuring Jack Nicholson as the dentist. The musical stage version premiered Off-Broadway in 1982. In 1986, a movie version featuring Rick Moranis and Steve Martin was released. A stage revival opened on Broadway in 2003.

The USI Theatre production features **Austin Lipking** as Seymour, **Kensington Blaylock** as Audrey, **T. Scott Parnell** as the sadistic dentist Orin Srivello, **Nathan Burgdorf** as Seymour's boss Mr. Mushnik, and **April Underhill**, **Camille Ruckriegel** and **Paige Scott** as the doo-wop girls Crystal, Ronette and Chiffon. **Jeannine Gamble** provides the voice of the plant, Audrey II, and **Stacey Smith** is the puppeteer who brings the plant to life onstage. Other cast members include **Amy Breeze**, **Katelyn Farmer**, **Chris Glynn**, **Amanda Grubb**, **Clifton Mominee**, **Monica Muller**, **Lauren Tait**, **Dustin Williams**, and **Cara Wilson**. All are USI students.

"Little Shop of Horrors" features scenic design by **Doug Hubbell**, associate professor of theatre. USI students hold key design and production positions, including lighting designer **Dustin Held**, costume designer **Emily Stephens**, and production stage manager **Stephanie Weinzapfel**. University of Evansville student **Ben Goetzinger** is the sound designer.

"Little Shop of Horrors" runs April 13-17 and April 19-24 with performance times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Single ticket prices are \$11 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors 60 and over, and \$5 for USI students. Tickets may be purchased by calling the USI Theatre box office at 812/422-3970, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or online at www.usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre/USITheatre. Tickets also may be purchased at the door; the box office will open one hour before each performance.

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University to offer paralegal program online

Extended Services is partnering with the Center for Legal Studies to offer an online Paralegal Certification program beginning May 2, 2005. The program is taught and monitored by legal professionals and includes 84 hours of intensive curriculum, WESTLAW training, and a voluntary internship program for top graduates. Students prepare homework assignments and take regularly scheduled quizzes. Online participants interact with other students through an online discussion board, and assignments and exams are emailed to the instructors for critique and grading. Course tuition is \$989.

The paralegal profession has been ranked as one of the most stable and fastest growing careers for 2005 and beyond. Due to the increasing number of case filings and expanding client demands, paralegals are performing more challenging duties and are assuming greater responsibilities in law firms. Paralegals have become virtually indispensable in the cost-effective delivery of legal services. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the number of paralegal positions will increase 62 percent by 2008, making it the sixth fastest-growing occupation in the country. Currently, the national average salary for paralegals is \$37,950. The average salary for an entry-level paralegal in the Evansville area is about \$36,778, according to the Center for Legal Studies.

To register or for more information, contact the Center for Legal Studies at 800/522-7737, or visit www.legalstudies.com. You also may contact Rebecca S. Deeg, program coordinator for Extended Services, at 812/464-1816.

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Names in the news

Welcome

Dan Chesterfield has accepted a position as a maintenance mechanic with the Physical Plant.

Stephen Rayner has accepted a position with the Office of Safety and Security. He is a former member of the U.S. Air Force Security Police and served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Michael D. Schaeffer has accepted a position as a maintenance mechanic with the Physical Plant.

In sympathy

Sandra S. Dever, mother of **Jennifer Kellams**, director of career services and placement, passed away on Saturday, April 2. Services were held Wednesday, April 6 at DeBaun Springhill Chapel in Terre Haute.

Accomplishments

Susan Metcalf, instructional services librarian, **Phil Orr**, distance learning librarian, **Joanne Artz**, reference services librarian, and **Kevin Valadares**, assistant professor of health services, made a joint presentation at the Indiana Library Federation Conference in Indianapolis on March 24. Titled "Beyond Door Number 1: Offering Multiple Opportunities for Library Instruction," the multimedia presentation described and demonstrated the results of collaborative efforts between USI librarians, faculty, and administrative staff to develop, promote, and assess online library instruction. Several pilot projects, attempting to address multiple issues (content, pedagogy, access, technology, audience, and assessment), were discussed with an audience of academic and public librarians.

Sherry Bevins Darrell, professor of English, presented a paper entitled "A Place at the Table: Shakespeare's Tragic Feasts" at the National College English Association Conference in Indianapolis on April 1.

In appreciation

"Thanks to my USI family for their kind expressions of support and sympathy on the recent illness and death of my mother, Irma Huber. Also, for the support given me during the subsequent extended illness of my Dad. Thanks to all who donated blood in the name of my Dad to help replenish the supply used from the Red Cross."

— **Janet Duncan**, senior administrative assistant in Procurement and Distribution Services.

Congratulations

Nancy Main (nee Hall), senior associate in the Eagle Access Card Office, was married to Glen Main on April 1, 2005.

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FYI

Breakfast with the President

The Student Alumni Association invites the University community to have Breakfast with the President from 8 to 9 a.m., Thursday, April 21, in the University Conference Center, Room 201.

This annual event features a buffet breakfast with **Dr. H. Ray Hoops**. The breakfast includes scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage links, orange juice, coffee, water, and mini muffins. A panel of student organization representatives will ask Hoops a series of questions addressing their campus concerns.

The event is free to students, who may reserve a ticket at the Student Development Office in the lower level of the University Center. Students must show a valid ID to receive a ticket.

Faculty and staff may reserve tickets, \$5.50 each, by calling Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924. Reservations are required. The reservation deadline is Monday, April 18.

Fraud policy

The University has instituted a new policy enabling members of the University community to report behaviors which may be fraudulent or unethical. The Fraud Policy Statement defines fraud and responsibilities in reporting suspected fraudulent activities; defines a whistleblower and explains whistleblower protection; and describes the mechanisms available to report fraud. It is important to read the policy before making a report. All claims of fraudulent activities must be made in good faith, and all claims will be investigated by the Internal Audit Department. The policy can be viewed on the Business Affairs web page at www.usi.edu/busaff. Click the link that says "Fraud Hotline." For more information about the Fraud Policy Statement, call 812/465-1605.

Register gifts-in-kind ASAP

Gifts-in-kind, or charitable gifts of non-cash property, include such things as library books, oriental rugs, paintings and other fine art gifts, computer software, and laboratory equipment. Real estate and gifts of appreciated stock also are considered gifts-in-kind. There are substantial tax benefits to be derived from such gifts. If your department has received a gift-in-kind since July 1, 2004, contact the Foundation Office at 812/464-1918 to obtain a

form so the gift can be properly recognized and claimed as a tax deduction.

Relay Indiana

Relay Indiana, a telephone accessibility service for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired, is available at USI. The service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and processes over 1 million calls every year. Specially trained communication assistants connect the call and remain on the line to assist in the conversation. To access Relay Indiana on campus, dial 9 for an outside line and then dial 711. An operator will answer. Dial 800/743-3333 for text telephone (TTY) service.

Indiana Telephone Relay Access Corporation (InTRAC) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1991 by a law passed by the Indiana State Legislature. Its purpose is to provide telephone relay service for people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech impaired. InTRAC's responsibility is to coordinate the efforts of the 42 Indiana telephone company members to comply with the laws of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) concerning telephone relay service. Relay Indiana is the name of the service managed by InTRAC. For more information go to www.RelayIndiana.com.

Graduating employees

Graduating employees and family members of employees who would like to be recognized in *University Notes* should send their names to **Penny White**, senior administrative associate in Advancement, at pjwhite@usi.edu, no later than April 22. If the graduate is a USI employee's family member, specify the individual's relationship to the employee.

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Marketplace

1994 Acura Integra GS-R

White with black leather interior. 169,000 miles, VTEC 4 cylinder engine, 5-speed manual, moon roof, power windows, power locks, 4 wheel disc/ABS brakes. New shocks, struts and tires. Dual front airbags. \$3,900 OBO. Call 985-3855 or 431-6021. Call 812/431-6021 or email primus462@aol.com.

Condo for rent

Located in Coco beach Florida. Available April 24 to May 1, 2005. Sleeps six people. Two full baths, small kitchen, electric hot plate and skillet, microwave and refrigerator. Does not have a stove. All dishes and linens furnished and cleaned each day (if needed). Rent \$550 for the week. Call 812/473-1965 or 812/760-4574. Call 812/760-5599 or email gcurry@usi.edu.

Donations needed

Board games suitable for children ages 7 to 11 years old. The games will be used at USI's Summer Enrichment Camp. Games may be dropped off at Extended Services, located on the first floor of the Orr Center. Call 812/465-1274 or email jdcline@usi.edu.

East side home

Located at 2501 Bellemeade Avenue. Cape Cod style with 2,500 square feet. Four bedrooms, two baths, finished basement, and hardwood floors throughout. Built in 1946. Has 1,000 square feet of additional storage throughout. New roof, hot water heater, air and furnace. Lots of other amenities. Call 812/483-4273, or visit www.fctuckeremge.com/search/index.htm. (MLS #120319)

House for Sale

Ranch style, three bedroom and three bath. Ten years old on 0.77 acre wooded lot. Located ten minutes from USI on Evansville's west side. Available for immediate occupancy. Over 2,885 square feet of living space. Attached three car garage. High-speed internet available. Call 812/426-9020 or visit www.realtor.com/Prop/1042988135.

Love seats

Two bright yellow love seats. Only two years old. \$175 for both or \$100 each. Call Ext. 1840 or 812/424-8547 after 5 pm.

Miscellaneous items

Standing black halogen lamp, \$5. Slightly oversized plaid chair, \$40. Cherry red book shelf, \$75. Small storage bench, \$10. Email me if you would like digital photos. Call 812/461-5224 or email jathomas@usi.edu.

Nordic Track Aerobic Skier

The high end Achiever Model in excellent condition \$600 new, asking \$150. Call 812/423-7101 or email trivers@usi.edu.

Rocker and Couch

Very large and comfortable red plush rocker. Recently professionally shampooed. \$100.00. Brown couch, very used. Free. You pick up. Call 812/568-0411 or email jyancey@usi.edu.

Sail boat

Twelve foot sail boat - sail fish type for two. White with yellow and white sail. \$325. Call 812/985-3877.

WalkAmerica 2005

Teams for WalkAmerica 2005 are currently forming. Walk with co-workers or with your family. Walk for someone you love. Games for kids, prizes to be won, and entertainment including music and a "mini animal encounter" provided in part by Mesker Park Zoo. Lunch provided in part by Chick-fil-a. Registration at 9 a.m., April 30 at Sunrise Park. Call 812/473-3300 or visit www.walkamerica.org.

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Friday, April 8, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.

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