

## Evansville leader to receive honor

A community leader and USI Foundation Board member will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during the 2001 Commencement ceremony at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at Roberts Stadium.

**Mr. James A. Sanders** is being recognized for a major planned gift to the USI Foundation. His gift will endow Presidential Scholarships, a distinguished professorship, and the art collection fund.

As an American antiques expert, the Evansville resident lectures and teaches widely and is a sought-after consultant and appraiser. He received a bachelor's degree in marketing from University of Evansville and a master's degree in business from Indiana State University.

Sanders, who resides in Evansville, began his distinguished career in education, teaching in Kentucky and Indiana. In 1985, he left teaching to become USI's first director of Historic New Harmony, where he was able to combine his marketing knowledge with his interest in historic preservation. Under Sanders' management, the organization's focus shifted from restoration to education. He built the assets of the USI-New Harmony Foundation, developed new educational exhibits, and involved the residents of the town of New Harmony in the University's programs there.

After serving 10 years as Historic New Harmony's director, he accepted a position as director of Corporate Relations at USI. In that capacity, he assisted with public relations and fund raising, playing a key role in the University's successful first capital campaign. He also provided leadership for establishment of the Art Collection Committee and obtained funding to support the teaching collection.

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**Ms. Helen Thomas**, who will deliver the 2001 Commencement address, and **Dr. James S. Vinson**, president and professor of physics at the University of Evansville, also will be recognized as honorary degree recipients at the Commencement ceremony. Their achievements were featured in the March 16 edition of University Notes.

## Commencement 2001 marks anniversary

USI will celebrate Commencement 2001 and the 30th anniversary of its first graduating class at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at Roberts Stadium.

The day and time of the graduation ceremony have both changed. This year, Commencement will be held on a Sunday afternoon instead of a Saturday evening.

On the day of Commencement, faculty should report to the robing area, located in Meeting Room 2 on the stadium's main level, by 2:15 p.m.

The academic procession will begin forming promptly at 2:30.

Faculty who have not informed Special Events and Scheduling Services of their intention to participate in the academic procession are encouraged to respond to the office as soon as possible by e-mailing bbauer@usi.edu or calling extension 1930.



**Sanders**

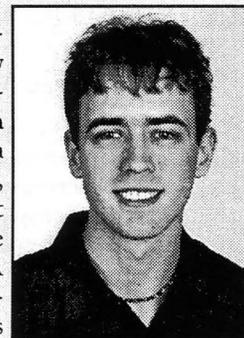
## Future teacher wins President's Medal

**Eric Norton**, 22, is this year's recipient of the President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior at USI.

The Bloomington, Indiana, resident will receive the award at the Commencement ceremony Sunday, May 6, at Roberts Stadium.

Graduating magna cum laude with a major in English, Norton holds a 3.8 grade point average. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta English honorary society, Golden Key national honor society, and Alpha Chi national honor society. For the past year he has been a member-at-large of the Student Honors Council.

Norton has participated in many University committees and co-curricular programs. He has been managing editor of *Aerie*, a student literary magazine, and has acted in student plays produced by the Theatre Department. A Habitat for Humanity volunteer, he also served as vice president of the USI Chapter.



**Norton**

In 1998, he was a summer staff member in the Appalachia Service Project, organizing and overseeing the work of 800 volunteers providing emergency home repair assistance to the poor near Brenton, West Virginia.

The son of Bruce and Rachael Norton, 2152 Bent Tree Drive, he is a 1997 graduate of Bloomington High School South.

After graduation, Norton plans to work for Teach for America, a program for recent graduates who commit two years to teaching in urban or rural public schools. The program encourages the nation's most talented graduating seniors to expand the educational opportunities available to its most disadvantaged students. Norton has requested an assignment in inner city Chicago.

Other finalists for the President's Medal include **Jill Bertke**, Fredericksburg, Virginia; **Ryan Helzerman**, Newburgh, Indiana; **Melissa Lindley**, Orleans, Indiana; **Kimberly Schwindel**, Mount Vernon, Indiana; and **Kelly Sergesketter**, Evansville, Indiana.

## Association to present awards



**Schmidt**



**Arp**



**Sieben**



**Stilwell**

Four members of the University community will be honored as Alumni Association Award recipients at the Class of 2001 Reception and Dinner at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 5, in Carter Hall.

### Richard W. Schmidt – Special Recognition Award

**Mr. Richard W. Schmidt**, vice president for Business Affairs and USI treasurer, began his University career in 1972 and accepted the position of vice president in 1993. He is responsible for USI's accounting, financial reporting, budgeting, purchasing, computer center, and bookstore; holds leadership positions in the USI Foundation and USI/New Harmony Foundation; and is a civic leader serving on the boards of several non-profit organizations.

A graduate of Ball State University, Schmidt received a B.S. in accounting in 1967 and an M.A. in business in 1972. He and his wife Marilyn, director of USI Career Services and Placement, reside in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

### Dr. Larry W. Arp – Faculty Recognition Award

**Dr. Larry W. Arp**, professor emeritus of business education, retired in 2000 after 28 years of distinguished service to his profession and to USI. During his tenure, he served as department chair, as director of athletics, and as a chair or member of all major University and School of Business standing committees. A dedicated and respected educator, Arp received the USI School of Business Distinguished Service Award in 2000. He also was honored as the Indiana Business Education Association's Outstanding Business Educator and the Indiana Association for Career and Technical Education's Outstanding Career and Technical Educator.

Arp earned a B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa, an M.A. from Adams State College, and an Ed.D. from Utah State University. He and his wife Linda reside in Evansville.

### Ms. Nancy J. Sieben '93 - Alumni Service Award

Before graduating with a bachelor's degree in communications in 1993, **Ms. Nancy J. Sieben** was honored with the All Campus Student Achievement Award and the Female Student of the Year Award. At various times since graduation, her service to the University has included work as alumni chair of the Annual Fund Campaign, president of the USI Alumni Association, Alumni Council member, alumni special events chair, USI Foundation Board member, Campaign USI volunteer, and Delta Zeta alumni advisor.

Sieben is executive director of the Deaconess Hospital Foundation in Evansville.

### Rep. Russell L. Stilwell '77 – Distinguished Alumni Award

A 1977 political science graduate, **Rep. Russell L. Stilwell** was elected in 1996 to the Indiana House, where he has served as House Majority Assistant Whip and on the Labor, Elections and Public Policy committees. Continuously striving to spread the USI message to other state officials, he has been instrumental in the continued funding of USI Theatre productions at Lincoln Amphitheatre.

He and his wife Joanna reside in Boonville, Indiana. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes a graduate who has made outstanding public service or career achievements.

## Students qualify for honors

When the Class of 2001 dons caps and gowns on Sunday, May 6, more than 1,300 USI students will be eligible to receive degrees, and roughly 180 of them will have earned Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors.

Nearly 100 of this year's graduating seniors earned the cum laude distinction, a scholarship index of 3.6 to 3.8; about 70 qualified as magna cum laude, 3.8 or higher; and nine as summa cum laude, 4.0.

The students qualifying for summa cum laude Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors include:

- **Ashli B. Blankenship**
- **Mary V. Bruins**
- **Kacie L. Farmer**
- **Sarah L. Grabbe**
- **Kevin V. Hasenour**
- **Kara J. Kavanaugh**
- **Brianne E. Miller**
- **Erin E. Robling**
- **Summer R. Weber**

This year for the first time, USI also will graduate students who have successfully completed the University Honors Program. Those students will receive the designation "University Honors Scholar" on their diplomas.

## Free cookout planned

Wiener Wednesday, a first year event at USI, will be presented from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, outside the University Center. The cookout will provide free hotdogs, chips, cookies, and drinks to students, employees, and alumni.

"The event will give students and employees an opportunity to take a break from their work and study time," said Mrs. Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services. "The food and fun will be a good stress reliever, especially if the weather is nice."

The USI Alumni Association and Student Alumni Association are sponsoring the event.

**Good Luck  
during  
Finals Week!**

## Orientation presented in several sessions

Connections I: Freshman Advising and Registration - the first part of a two-part orientation program - will begin in June.

Hosted by the Office of Student Development, the two-day program is presented to all USI freshmen. Several sessions allow incoming students to meet with faculty, staff, and student leaders; to plan their academic schedules; and to register for fall semester classes.

Students and their family members also will have opportunities to learn about the University community, tour the campus, and meet current students. A social event, encouraging participants to mingle with other new students, is planned on the evening of the first day. Since Connections I is a two-day program, students and their family members may stay overnight in Newman and Governors halls.

The schedule of freshmen Connections I sessions includes:

- Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15
- Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19
- Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23
- Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29
- Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7
- Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10.

Program fees cover the cost of Connections I and Connections II: Welcome Weekend. The fee for family members participating in Connections I is \$10 each. Housing costs \$12 per person, per night. The student fee will be included in the fall tuition bill.

Registration for non-traditional and transfer students is planned for Wednesday, June 27, and Saturday, July 7.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Development at extension 7167 or [connect@usi.edu](mailto:connect@usi.edu).

## NEH fellowship deadline in May

Through its Fellowships and Summer Stipends programs, the National Endowment for the Humanities provides opportunities for individuals to pursue advanced work in disciplines of the humanities.

Projects proposed for support may contribute to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of the humanities. They may address broad topics or consist of research and study in single fields. All eligible faculty and staff may apply.

**NEH Fellowships - Deadline: Tuesday, May 1.**

The program award is for an uninterrupted period of from six to 12 months; however, the earliest fellows may begin a project is January 1, 2002. A stipend of \$40,000 will be awarded to those holding fellowships for a grant period of from nine to 12 months. A \$24,000 stipend will be awarded to those holding fellowships for a grant period of from six to eight months.

**NEH Summer Stipends - Faculty deadline: Friday, September 14.**

**Staff deadline: Monday, October 1.**

The program award is \$5,000 for two consecutive and uninterrupted months of full-time independent study or research, normally between May 1, 2002, and September 30, 2002. USI may submit two nominations.

Faculty interested in the 2002 competition should submit an application to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs by Friday, September 14.

Non-faculty staff members are eligible for the stipends program and may apply without nomination provided they will not be teaching during the 2001-2002 academic year. Their applications should be sent directly to the NEH.

For additional information or application materials, visit the NEH Web site at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/onebook/fellowships.html> or contact **Dr. Peggy Harrel**, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, by calling extension 1126 or e-mailing [pharrel@usi.edu](mailto:pharrel@usi.edu).

## Annual spring concert Sunday

The USI Chamber and Women's choirs will perform their annual free spring concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 29, at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road.

**Mr. Daniel R. Craig**, assistant professor of music, will direct the program featuring music composed by William Billings, John Rutter, Rene Clausen, Robert DeCormier, Ruth Watson Henderson, Patric O'Shea, Eugene Butler, William Lycan, Nina Gilbert, Lee Kesselman, Hans Leo Hassler, Norman Dello Joio, Juan del Encina, and Aaron Copland.

## Notes to adopt summer schedule

*University Notes'* summer publication schedule will begin following distribution of the Friday, May 4, edition.

The newsletter will publish on alternate weeks until Friday, Aug. 10, when the regular weekly schedule will resume.

Summer publication dates include: May 18; June 1, 15, and 29; and July 13 and 27. The submission deadline will fall on the Friday prior to publication. For example, Friday, June 8, will be the deadline for submitting information for the Friday, June 15, edition.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to **Ms. Libby L. Keeling**, staff writer and associate editor in News and Information Services, at [lkeeling@usi.edu](mailto:lkeeling@usi.edu) or by calling extension 5259.

Marketplace items, also due on the Friday prior to *Notes'* publication, may be submitted to **Mrs. Karen Altstadt**, senior administrative assistant in News and Information Services, at [kaltstad@usi.edu](mailto:kaltstad@usi.edu).

## Dental program includes lab

"Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries" will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19, in the Health Professions Center.

The seminar will emphasize principles of x-ray production, radiation safety, film types, techniques, darkroom procedures, common errors, radiographic anatomic landmarks, and panoramic radiography. Individuals must be familiar with adult dentition and basic dental terminology to participate.

Friday, May 18, will be a full day of lectures covering seminar topics. On Saturday, May 19, participants will complete group workshop exercises on film mounting, anatomic landmarks, and identification of common errors.

The registration fee for both the lecture and lab is \$140; \$130 for two or more from the same office. Lecture-only registration is \$75; \$65 for two or more from the same office. Friday, May 4, is the registration deadline. For more information, call Extended Services at extension 1989 or e-mail [extserv@usi.edu](mailto:extserv@usi.edu).

## Names in the news

### Achievements

**Dr. Iain Crawford**, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, had an article, "You Want to Be a What? Transitioning from Chair to Dean," published in the Spring 2001 issue of the *ADE Bulletin*.

**Dr. Michael D. Dixon**, assistant professor of history, presented "Polybios on the Admission of Cities to the Achaian League" at the 97th annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Provo, Utah.

**Dr. Julia Galbus**, assistant professor of English, presented the paper, "Interdisciplinary Narratives: Ethics and Martha Nussbaum's Literary Pursuits," in March at the Northeast Modern Language Association meeting in Hartford, Connecticut.

As part of its celebration of National Volunteer Week, Deaconess/Ohio Valley Hospice Care has recognized **Ms. Cindy Goodwin**, instructor in nursing, for her service as a Hospice volunteer. National Volunteer Week began Sunday, April 22, and continues through Saturday, April 28.

An article co-authored by **Dr. Krishnan Ramaya**, assistant professor of management, with **Dr. V.K. Narayanan**, professor of management, Drexel University; and **Dr. Arun Pillutla**, assistant professor of management, St. Ambrose University, has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Transnational Management Development*, Volume 6, Number 4, 2001.

The Vanderburgh Fetal and Infant Mortality Review, a project under the direction of **Dr. Gayle Roux**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Ms. Julie St. Clair**, instructor of nursing, was recognized April 19 at Leadership Evansville's 2001 Celebration of Leadership.

**Mr. Brian West**, assistant professor of electrical engineering technology, will present the paper, "Innovative Student Projects at the University of Southern Indiana," in June at the American Society of Engineering Education annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For current job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at [www.usi.edu/hr/](http://www.usi.edu/hr/), the Human Resources bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources office, or call the University's job line at 465-7117.

### Welcome



**Branigin**



**Kerns**



**Newton**

New Harmony State Historic Site's former assistant curator has accepted the position of historic preservation coordinator for Historic New Harmony. **Ms. Susan Branigin** earned a B.A. in English at Indiana University and an M.S. in historic preservation at Ball State University. She resides in New Harmony, Indiana.

A USI alumna has accepted the position of financial aid counselor in the Office of Student Financial Assistance. **Mrs. Deborah L. Kerns** of Evansville previously worked as a department head/Medicare lead specialist at Welborn Clinic. She earned a B.S. in elementary education in 1973.

A USI student has accepted the position of maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant. **Mr. Royce Newton**, Evansville, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in management. He holds an associate degree in applied science and was previously employed as a student worker.

### Promotions and transfers

The following University employees have received promotions or transfers:

**Mrs. Janel Allen**, from senior administrative associate in the Office of the President to assistant to the president.

**Mrs. Bettye Hendrickson**, from administrative clerk in the Office of Student Financial Assistance to account clerk in the Business Office.

**Mrs. Janet Johnson**, from administrative assistant in Human Resources to senior administrative assistant.

**Ms. Elizabeth Lopez**, from custodial worker (second shift) in the Physical Plant to custodial worker (third shift).

**Mr. Rodney Miller**, from maintenance mechanic in Golden Towers to maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant.

**Ms. Heidi Oxby**, from administrative assistant (receptionist) in Human Resources, to administrative assistant (employment).

**Mr. William H. Young Jr.**, from security officer in Safety and Security to security sergeant.

## FYI

### Recruitment fair

The University will host a regional Teacher Recruitment Fair from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, April 30, in the University Center's Carter Hall.

The event invites potential employers to recruit teacher candidates from USI, University of Evansville, Brescia University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and Oakland City University.

### Feet first

The 22nd annual Gilles Feet First 5K and 15K Road Runs are set for Saturday, April 28.

All activities, including the start and finish of each race, will be held on campus. Packet pickup and late registration, \$15, will be from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at the Physical Activities Center. The 15K will start at 10 a.m., followed by the 5K at 10:10.

### Bible study

University faculty and staff are invited to attend weekly Bible study from noon to 1 p.m., Thursdays, in the University Center, Room 205. The group does not meet on holidays.

### Lazarus promotion

USI is participating in Lazarus' "Be My Guest" promotion, a special opportunity to use the associate discount between Thursday, May 3, and Sunday, May 6, just in time for Mother's Day. To receive the discount, pick up a discount card in the Human Resources Department.

### Insurance enrollment

The semi-annual open enrollment period for voluntary group term life insurance is scheduled Monday, May 7, through Friday, May 18.

The enrollment period allows benefit-eligible employees to purchase additional term life insurance for themselves, their spouse, and/or dependent children at low group rates through payroll deductions.

An employee may purchase five times his annual salary up to \$500,000 in volume. The life insurance program, offered by TransAmerica Assurance Company, is available through ONB Insurance.

Information about the insurance will be mailed to all employees.

Additional questions may be directed to the benefits area of the Human Resources Department by contacting **Mrs. Angie Brawdy**, manager of benefits and compensation, at [abrawdy@usi.edu](mailto:abrawdy@usi.edu) or **Ms. Jamie Heeke**, senior administrative assistant, at [jlheeke@usi.edu](mailto:jlheeke@usi.edu).

### Trike-A-Thon

The Children's Center will host a "Bring-A-Bike Day" Trike-A-Thon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 27, in the facility's parking lot.

The center's children are collecting donations and lap sponsorships to help fund St. Jude's research, patient care, and education programs focusing on childhood cancers and other catastrophic diseases.

## Grant deadlines approaching

Competition for the 2002-2003 Fulbright Awards is now open. The awards offer faculty opportunities to lecture or conduct advanced research in more than 140 countries.

Each year, grants are awarded at all academic ranks and at all types of institutions. Awards range from two to 12 months. Many are flexible, based on the needs of the grantees.

Deadlines for 2002-2003 special grants include:

■ **Fulbright Distinguished Chairs** - grants with enhanced benefits in 12 European countries and Canada: Tuesday, May 1, deadline.

■ **Fulbright Traditional Worldwide** - grants in nearly 40 disciplines with grant lengths varying from two months to an academic year: Wednesday, August 1, deadline.

■ **Fulbright Senior Specialist** - new short-term grants of two to six weeks in 14 disciplines: Rolling deadline ([www.iie.org/cies/us\\_scholars/](http://www.iie.org/cies/us_scholars/)).

■ **Special Fulbright Summer Seminars** - offered for international education administrators in Germany, Japan, and Korea: Thursday, November 1, deadline.

For additional information or application materials, call **Dr. Peggy F. Harrel**, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, at extension 1126.



**Mrs. Ruth Waller**, director of Intramural and Recreational Sports, gives **Mr. James P. Brown**, retiring golf coach, a congratulatory hug as the Faculty Senate recently honored him and fellow retirees **Mr. Larry D. Goss**, professor of engineering technology, and **Dr. Jackson L. Marr**, associate professor of biology.

## Marketplace

### For sale

**Beautiful Westside home near USI** - for sale by owner, 810 Jobs Lane, three bedrooms, one and one-half baths, living room, dining room, huge kitchen, remodeled throughout, one-car garage, yard barn, fenced backyard, perfect first home. Call 421-8126 or ext. 1736.

**Home close to USI** - for sale by owner, 214 Charity Circle in Heartland Ridge, four bedrooms, two and one-half baths. Call 985-5202.

**1985 Cavalier** - excellent mechanical condition, 126K miles, \$900 OBO. My son can now afford to own a car AND insure it. Call Tom Rivers, 423-7101.

**1995 Ford Ranger XLT** - good condition, dark green, 4WD, standard cab, AM/FM cassette, bed liner and bed cap included, 83,000 miles, \$6,500. Call Mike, 464-1858.

**Five good reasons to play (buy) a flute** - 1) No reeds to replace; 2) It's easier to carry around than a tuba; 3) Even if you wear braces, it doesn't hurt to play; 4) You usually get to play the melody; 5) I have a flute for sale, \$160 OBO. Call Marilyn, ext. 1865 or 838-1557 (evenings).

**Two-weekend plant sale!** - May 4-5, 11-12, locally grown flowering perennials, 30 varieties (hosta, yarrow, coneflower, etc.), 545 Roesner Road - only one mile from USI. Take Eickhoff north, turn left (west) onto Hogue, turn right onto Roesner.

**Round outdoor 42" glass patio table** - white trim, umbrella, \$60. Call 985-2046.

**Art portfolio** - brown leatherette vinyl, two inside pockets, zipper handle, 22" x 18", excellent condition, \$25. Call 421-1187 or e-mail psides@usi.edu.

**Many classical and jazz 33 1/3 records** - valuable album-covers; **Troy-Bilt garden tiller** - 6 HP, \$1,100 new, sell for \$495; **assorted decorative rocks** - \$2-\$5; **gardener's table; stamp collection; Amana refrigerator, Whirlpool washer and dryer** - \$75 each.

**1976 tri-haul ski boat** - for sale or trade, 17' with power tilt, power trim in rear of boat and at driver's seat, 90 horse power outboard motor with power oil feeder, 60 hours on motor, 15 gallon built-in gas tank, open bow with blue bottom/white top, blue seats, blue carpet. Includes Holtsclaw trailer, skis, ski ropes, birtha tube, 10 life jackets, \$2,000. Will trade for convertible automobile, preferably two-seater. Contact shseib@usi.edu.

### Free

**Firewood** - load and haul it yourself. Call Nancy, ext. 7096 or e-mail nmyers@usi.edu.

**Full-blooded brindle Cairn Terrier** - 3-year-old "Rumpole of the Bailey" needs a loving home; neutered, all shots, excellent health, indoor 20 lb. companion. Call ext. 1749.

### Roommate wanted

Professional woman seeks to share home with responsible woman. Neat, quiet, non-smoker; share kitchen, laundry, garage. Ideal for transitional space. Call 423-6741.

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Today is the deadline for submitting information for next week's *Marketplace*. Submissions may be made via e-mail to **Mrs. Karen Altstadt**, senior administrative assistant in News and Information Services, at kaltstad@usi.edu.

## Web tips

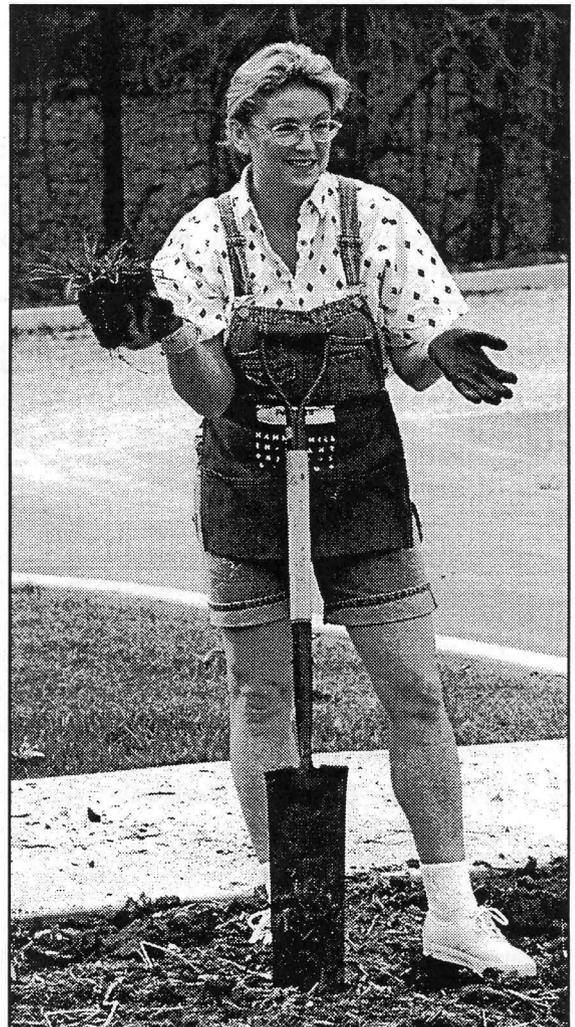
A new USI "People Search" is available on the University's Web site.

The search function draws employee information from a Human Resources' database and student information from a database maintained by the Office of the Registrar.

Employee searches yield an employee's name, telephone number, e-mail address, and office number as well as other general information. Accessible student information includes the student's name and e-mail address.

The "People Search" function may be accessed from the USI home page by choosing "Online Services" from the selections at the left of the page and clicking "e-mail phone directory." The function is also listed as an option under "Online Services" in the site map at the bottom of the home page.

The URL for "People Search" is [www.usi.edu/webservices/people\\_search/](http://www.usi.edu/webservices/people_search/).



**Mrs. Leslie Parker**, director of Printing Services, pauses during a recent bout of spring gardening in the Adopt-a-Spot in front of Publishing Services.