

University Notes

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President's Associates are inspired to serve

Stephanie Buchanan '97 and John Schutz '82 have a lot in common.

They're both USI graduates with a record of involvement as students and alumni.

They're both former presidents of the USI Alumni Association.

And they're both members of the President's Associates, the University's most prestigious giving society.

Buchanan, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in business administration and German, is an account executive with KDL, Inc., a bandwidth provider for the Midwest. She and her husband Jason have two small children, Katie, 2, and Noah, 3 months, and also own Business Communications Solutions.

As a student, Buchanan was a member of Kappa Ki, a Christian service fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

Her involvement increased after graduation, when David Herrenbruck '76 asked her to join the Alumni Council in a bid to diversify the group by attracting younger members.

Now, she said, "I do a million things and it's all with USI." After her terms as president of the Alumni Council and as a Foundation board member expired, she looked for more opportunities for involvement. She was recommended for the Varsity Club board, and her term on that board will keep her busy until 2010.

"Once you get involved, it's an infectious university," she said. "I am more involved, and have attended more basketball games than I ever did as a student."

She was recently elected to another three-year term on the Foundation board. In the future she hopes to get more involved with students in the College of Business.

Schutz is senior vice president of Hilliard Lyons, Inc. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from USI.

As a student, he was involved in many organizations, including the Student Union board, Student Government Association, Amigos, Mid-America Singers, and Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. In 1980, Schutz spoke before the state legislature on behalf of USI students in the University's bid for independence.

As an alumnus he has served USI in multiple capacities. In addition to ongoing involvement with the Alumni Association, he helped found the USI Center for Economic Education and has supported Athletics as a USI basketball season ticket holder for 25 years.

He was recognized for his generosity to the University as the 1993 recipient of the Alumni Service Award.

Schutz has been a member of the President's Associate for several years. "When I went to school in 1977, someone who didn't even know me donated money to the University for scholarships and buildings for me and a lot of other people," he said. "If someone else doesn't take the same attitude they took, how is the University going to grow and prosper as it has since the time I

graduated?"

"So many volunteer hours and volunteer dollars - that's what fueled the growth of the University into regional exposure. In some ways, I feel like I'm repaying a debt."

Buchanan concurs. "I appreciate what the University provided for me," she said. "I want to give back, to help the University grow."

She and her husband are in their second year as members of the President's Associates.

"Our participation in the President's Associates has several motivations. As my involvement with the University has become more extensive, I have a deeper appreciation for USI. As my career continues to develop, we have the financial resources to attain that level. I understand the need the University has for the financial support, to continue its growth and its commitment to education."

As business owners, the Buchanans benefit from interaction with other members of the business community at University functions. "We see their desire to be involved and feel it's important for us to be involved as well."

In the future, Buchanan said, she will know she was a significant part of making the University grow. "My involvement made an impact."

Social work professor to speak at Independence Day program

Gary May, associate professor of social work and director of the USI/Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies, will present the keynote address at the Friends of the Working Men's Institute Independence Day celebration in New Harmony, Indiana.

The program begins at 10 a.m. July 4 at the Rapp-Owen Granary on Granary Street. The Declaration of Independence will be read aloud, the local Boy Scout troop will present the colors, and the community choir will sing patriotic music.

Cosponsors are Historic New Harmony and the New Harmony Kiwanis Club, which hosts a community picnic in Maclure Park after the hour-long program at the Granary.

In previous years the event was held at Thrall's Opera House. "It is always well-attended," said Bonnie Arndt, president of the Friends of the Working Men's Institute. "One of the reasons we are in a new location this year is because we were bursting at the seams at our previous location. People love it because it is a true acknowledgement of what the day means."

The celebration traces back to New Harmony's Utopian past and The Harmonie Society. "On Independence Day, they let outsiders come and spend the day and gave them free beer. It was a day of opening the society to the community and acknowledging the independence of our country."

In tribute to that past, the Kiwanis Club offers free root beer at the picnic in Maclure Park. There will be music provided by a Dixieland jazz band; grilled burgers and hotdogs for sale; children's games; and the annual golf cart parade, which included 50 participants last year.

"Some people go all out decorating their golf carts," Arndt said. "It's pretty awesome."

The New Harmony Theatre seeks volunteer ushers for its 2007 season

The New Harmony Theatre seeks volunteer ushers for its 2007 season. Ushers are not paid, but receive a complimentary ticket to stay and watch the performance for which they usher. According to **Melissa Panzarello**, house manager, usher spots are still available for many performances.

The New Harmony Theatre season begins June 8 and runs through August 12. All performances take place in Murphy Auditorium at 419 Tavern Street in New Harmony.

Ushers take tickets, hand out playbills, and help patrons find their seats before the play begins. Just before the play starts, ushers take their seats and watch the show with other audience members.

This season's productions include *Amadeus* running through June 24; *The Importance of Being Earnest* running July 6-22; and *I Do! I Do!* running July 27-August 12. Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

To volunteer, please call The New Harmony Theatre administrative office at 812/465-1668.

Mastroianni named All-American, drafted by Blue Jays

USI baseball junior second baseman **Darin Mastroianni** (Huntersville, North Carolina) was named College Division third team Academic All-American by *ESPN The Magazine* and the College Sports Information Directors of America. Mastroianni is the second USI baseball player to be named Academic All-American, following **Matt Keener**, who was named to the first team in 2004 and 2005.

The College Division half of the Academic All-American program includes NCAA Division II and III and NAIA institutions in the United States and Canada. Student athletes must be in their second year of competition at an institution and have maintained a 3.2 grade point average.

Mastroianni helped lead the resurgence of the Screaming Eagles that concluded with a final four appearance at the NCAA Division II Baseball Championships. The Eagles (43-23) bowed out of the tournament after losing to both of the national tournament finalists.

USI finished the year 25 games better than in 2006 and became the NCAA II North Central Region champions.

The award adds to Mastroianni's resume for 2007 that includes being named first team All-American, North Central Region Player of the Year, first team All-North Central Region, North Central Regional Most Outstanding Player, North Central Regional All-Tournament, GLVC Player of the Year, and first team All-GLVC.

Statistically, the business administration major led the GLVC and team in 15 offensive and defensive categories. He had a team-best .409 batting average and set the USI single-season record with 97 hits and 64 stolen bases in 66 games. He also had 43 RBIs, 13 doubles, seven triples, and two home runs (one an inside the park slam).

Nationally, Mastroianni led the nation in stolen bases per game.

Mastroianni joins USI's previous Academic All-American honorees **Sheri Kaiser** (Volleyball, 1993 third team); **Amber Huse** (Softball, 1995 third team); **Karianne Osowski** (Softball, 1995 first team); **LeAnn Freeland** (women's basketball, 1996 third team and 1997 first team); **Andrew Majxner** (men's tennis, second team); **Duncan Bray** (men's soccer, second team); **Kristina Kavanaugh** (volleyball, first team); and **Keener** (baseball, first team 2004 and 2005).

Mastroianni was chosen in the 16th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays on June 8. He was the 21st pick in the 16th round, 505th overall, and the 21st player selected by the Blue Jays. He is the fourth player in USI baseball history to be drafted. He will sign with the Blue Jays and will know on June 18 where he will be playing in the minor leagues.

Former USI standout Kevin Brown was taken in the second round (56th overall) by the Texas Rangers in 1994, while Todd Niemeier was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 36th round (986 overall) in 1995. Jeff Schulz was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 23rd round (586 overall) in 1983.

"It is great recognition for Darin and our program to be chosen in the 2007 draft," USI Head Coach **Tracy Archuleta** said. "I'm very happy for him and his family and wish him the best of luck in whatever he chooses to do."

Historic Southern Indiana's O'Bannon Award deadline is July 13

Historic Southern Indiana's Frank and Judy O'Bannon Heritage Enrichment Award recognizes an individual who is committed to the distinctive heritage of southern Indiana and works with youths 18 and under.

Judy and the late Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon embody the mission and goals of Historic Southern Indiana in their commitment to, and love of, southern Indiana's heritage. Their belief in the identification, preservation, and promotion of those things that make communities special is most evident in their support of programs benefiting youth.

Volunteers are eligible for the award, as well as paid employees whose programs enrich the lives of young people age 18 or under. *It is not limited to those who work in the schools.* Nominees must reside in the Historic Southern Indiana region — the 26 counties of the southern part of the state: Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington.

Interested individuals may nominate themselves. A panel of judges will select the recipient by September 1, 2007. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of Historic Southern Indiana.

The award includes a \$1,000 cash prize, a plaque, recognition at the Annual Meeting of Historic Southern Indiana, an article highlighting the achievements of the recipient in the Historic Southern Indiana newsletter, and a news release featuring the recipient's achievements.

For a nomination form or more information, go to the Web site at www.usi.edu/hsi/obannon.asp or call 812/465-7014.

Completed nomination forms and attachments are due by July 13, 2007. Mail to: Historic Southern Indiana, Attention: Jane Reynolds, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712.

Screaming Eagles' Grass Roots Series begins June 21

The USI cross country program is sponsoring the third annual "Screaming Eagles' Grass Roots Series." The series, which is a family-friendly event open to competitors of all age groups, is comprised of five races, beginning June 21 and ending August 9.

Each race will be a four-kilometer run that will take place at the USI Broadway Recreational Complex. The course is entirely grass and consists of two loops on flat-to gently rolling terrain.

To get to the Broadway Recreational Complex, go south on Schutte Road and turn right onto Broadway. The complex will be

on the right-hand side.

The start time for each race will be at 7:30 p.m., with races on June 21, July 5, July 12, August 2, and August 9. Registration is from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on race day only.

Registration costs are \$5 per race and \$20 for the series. All proceeds benefit the USI cross country/track and field programs.

Awards will go to the top five male and female competitors in each race and results will be available on the internet at www.usi.edu/sports, www.tristaterunner.com, and at www.gerwc.com.

Overall series awards to age group winners are in the following divisions: 14-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-over. Overall series awards will be determined by adding the total time from the best three races in the series. To be eligible, competitors only have to run three of the fives.

For more information, email USI Head Cross Country/Track and Field Coach **Mike Hillyard** at mhillyar@usi.edu.

USI News Stand

The spring issue of In Harmony can be accessed at www.usi.edu/hnh/newsletter.asp

This issue covers:

- Church Street Commons where Neo-Harmonist style homes are being built
- Paddlefest on August 18
- Honor Roll of Donors
- Andy Warhol's Silver Clouds exhibit coming in November
- and more

Read the spring 2007 issue of USI Teacher Educator at www.usi.edu/educ/pdf/TeacherEducatorSp07.pdf.

This issue covers:

- After-school programs serve as field placements for students
- College leadership changes
- Stephanie Steckler '00 earns national award
- Faculty awards and promotions
- Evansville Area Reading Council Fall Conference

The Connect Online alumni newsletter is available at www.usi.edu/ALUMNI/connect/index.asp.

This issue covers:

- alumni events including golf scrambles, Night with the Otters, and more
- nominations being accepted through August 1 for 10th annual Volunteer USI awards
- Stegemoller remembered
- 2007 Alumni Association award recipients
- private tours of WWII sites in Europe in 2008
- and more. Read it today.

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University extends sympathy to **Deborah Fisher**, custodial worker in the Physical Plant, whose son **Nicholas Fischer** died on Thursday, June 7. Services were held on Tuesday, June 12 at Saint

Matthew Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital.

Welcome

Natalie Lindy has accepted a position as administrative judicial assistant in Residence Life. She is a 2005 USI graduate with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Accomplishments

President H. Ray Hoops has been elected chair of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Council of Presidents in a vote by the league's presidents and chancellors on June 7.

Hoops has served on the GLVC Council of Presidents since becoming USI's president in July 1994. His two-year term begins immediately, while his first meeting as chair will be in October 2007.

Created with the inception of the GLVC in 1978, the Council of Presidents has final authority and responsibility for control of intercollegiate athletics within the conference. The Council of Presidents, which meets twice annually, also has full and final responsibility for the determination of all policies of the GLVC.

"We are proud to have President Hoops lead the conference in this role," USI Director of Athletics **Jon Mark Hall** said. "Universities need the involvement of their presidents to ensure the vitality and integrity of their programs. President Hoops always has been in the forefront of supporting the USI athletics program and knows the value of athletics for our students and those throughout the conference. His election as chair affirms his commitment and involvement, not just to USI, but to the entire NCAA Division II program and our conference," he said.

FYI

Volunteers: report hours

The Office of Alumni & Volunteer Services urges volunteers to turn in their volunteer hours so that they may be recognized for their service to the University. All volunteer service hours from July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 are due by July 2, 2007. A volunteer is anyone who has provided a service to the University and has not received financial reimbursement. Examples of volunteer service include board/committee members, speakers, tutors, office assistance, theatre ushers, and special event and program assistance. To ensure you are recognized at the annual volunteer dinner on September 27, send volunteer hours to the Office of Alumni & Volunteer Services, Wright Administration Building Room 104. If you have questions or need time sheets, contact Lisa Schaefer, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

2006/2007 purchase orders and payment requests

Purchase orders

Invoices should be sent directly from the vendor to Accounts Payable. If your department receives an invoice, forward it to Accounts Payable as soon as possible.

Accounts Payable is currently notifying vendors of the impending closure of all 2006/2007 purchase orders and to submit their 2006/2007 invoices by June 15.

Payment requests

Payment requests should be completed for products or services when purchase orders are not required. To be considered for payment within this fiscal year, payment requests must be received in the Accounts Payable office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 22.

Payment requests received from June 25 through June 29 may be delayed until Tuesday, July 3 and will be charged against the new fiscal year.

Questions about purchase orders and payment requests may be directed to **Karen Tuley**, accounts payable coordinator, at 812/464-1885.

The Alhambra Theater presents "Fourth Friday Film Classics"

The Alhambra Theater presents "Fourth Friday Film Classics" in the Haynie's Corner Arts District. The public is invited to come to the Arts District and watch classic films from the forties and fifties on the fourth Friday of the month through September. Films will be screened outdoors, on the west side of the Alhambra Theater, and projected on to a 12 foot screen provided by Anchor Industries. The series begins June 22 with "Touch of Evil," a 1958 thriller written and directed by Orson Welles. Welles, Charlton Heston, and Janet Leigh star in a "stark, perverse story of murder, kidnapping, and police corruption in a Mexican border town." On July 27, look for Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest" (1959), starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint. "A hapless New York advertising executive is mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies, and is pursued across the country while he looks for a way to survive." August 24 brings Billy Wilder's timeless romantic comedy "Sabrina" (1954) starring Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, and William Holden. The series concludes September 28 with "Lady Eve" (1941). Returning by ship from an Amazonian adventure, rich but naive Charles Pike (Henry Fonda) meets and falls in love with a beautiful con artist (Barbara Stanwyck). Films begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the restoration of the Alhambra Theater. Bring chairs, snacks, family, and friends.

Fiscal year Banner requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services after Friday, June 8, 2007. These requisitions must be entered into Banner as fiscal year 08 using the order date and transaction date of 01-Jul-2007. Requisitions entered not using the date above for the 08 fiscal year will be deleted. The requisition will then need to be re-entered in correct fiscal 08 year using the proper date.

Procurement Services will begin processing these requisitions in an effort to issue the purchase orders on or as soon after Monday, July 2, 2007.

Banner purchase requisitions for the 2006/2007 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services through Friday, June 8, 2007. This deadline is necessary to allow Procurement Services ample time to complete the processing of your Banner requisitions and issue the purchase orders prior to the end of the fiscal year, Saturday, June 30, 2007.

All Banner requisitions entered after June 8, 2007, must be entered as fiscal year 08 requests by entering the order date and transaction date as 01-Jul-2007.

The staff is ready and willing to help with your Banner requisition questions. If necessary, a Procurement Services staff member will visit your department for one-on-one training. For answers to your Banner requisition questions or to schedule training, call **Michelle Herrmann** at 812/464-1847.

USI Children's Center has openings

The USI Children's Center has an opening in the 2-year-old class for a child enrolled full-time. There will be several more openings in July. The Center is open first to University families but community children are accepted if the spots are not filled. There also

are several spots open for the summer in the 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old classrooms. For more information, contact **Pam Buschkill**, coordinator of the USI Children's Center, at 812/464-1869.

Office Depot and Office Max orders

The deadline for 2006/2007 fiscal year purchases for Office Depot and Office Max (Boise) will be Tuesday, June 19, 2007. Items must be ordered and delivered by June 19, 2007 to be posted against this fiscal year. Anything purchased after this date will be posted against 2007/2008 fiscal year. If you have any questions please contact **Michelle Herrmann** at 812/464-1847.

Report gifts-in-kind

Donors of gifts-in-kind (gifts other than cash) to the University are important and should be recognized as generous friends of USI in the Honor Roll of Donors. If your college or department has received any gifts-in-kind during the 2006/07 fiscal year, notify the Development office by Friday, June 29. Call 812/461-5317 for more information.

Staff Council award deadline is end of June

Staff Council has announced a new award program for all support staff employees. The Support Staff Performance Recognition Award recognizes extraordinary professional contributions and quality service of support staff and their integral role in advancing the University's mission and fulfilling its promise in preparing students to live wisely. The award includes a \$500 prize, recognition in the University Notes, and on the Staff Council Web site, and a "traveling" trophy. Only full and part-time benefit-eligible support staff are eligible to nominate a support staff member for the award, which will be presented once a year at the fall support staff meeting. Staff Council members cannot nominate a staff member or receive the award. This year, voting will take place through the end of June. In future years, voting will take place April through June. For rules and a nomination form, go to the Staff Council Web site at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/staff%20council/index.asp. For more information, contact **Chris Jines**, chair of Staff Council, at 812/464-1865.