



# University of Southern Indiana UNIVERSITY NOTES

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## President's Medal to be Awarded

**Lisa Amiano**, of Boonville, Indiana, a senior elementary education major, has been selected by the Student Academic Affairs Committee to receive the 1998 President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior. She will receive the President's Medal during USI Commencement exercises at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, at Roberts Stadium.

Amiano was one of five finalists for the award. Other graduates nominated were **Dennis A. Dahlen**, Jasper; **Krista K. Elpers**, Haubstadt; **Jenny R. Medcraft**, Evansville; and **Ann M. Zenthoefer**, Evansville.

Amiano graduated valedictorian from Boonville High School in 1994, qualifying her to apply for the USI Presidential Scholarship which she was awarded as a freshman. She is a Dean's List student and was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She will graduate with high honors. Other honors she received as a USI



*Lisa Amiano*

student are the Freshman English Portfolio Award, intramural softball Most Valuable Player, intramural Co-ed Player of the Year, and the intramural Sportsmanship Award.

She served as administrative vice president for Academic Affairs in the Student Government Association, treasurer of the Collegiate Democrats, and secretary of Student Alumni Association. Ms. Amiano also participated on the Computer Center Advisory Committee. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa sorority and the student orientation staff.

Ms. Amiano will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education with a middle school endorsement and a minor in mathematics.

Mr. Dahlen's academic honors and awards include the Joe Aaron Memorial Scholarship, and the Sigma Tau Delta scholarship. He was on the Dean's List throughout his academic career at USI. He participated in the USI Honors Symposium and is a member and served as historian of Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society.

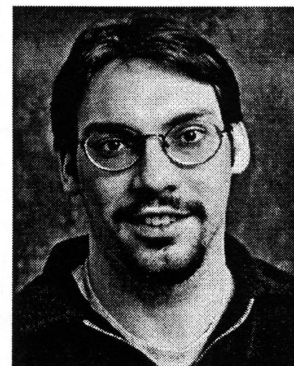
Mr. Dahlen will graduate with honors with

## USI Fulbright fellowship recipient to study in Mainz

Senior **Kirt Page**, of Henryville, Indiana, will enroll at the University of Mainz in Mainz, Germany next academic year on a Fulbright fellowship. He is the second USI student to earn a Fulbright award. Last year, Tracy Bee, a 1997 graduate, studied in Korea under the exchange program.

Through this federal educational exchange program, Page will study chemistry and German in Mainz from August 1998 to July 1999.

Page will graduate cum laude on May 9, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry and minors in math and physics. An American Chemical Society Scholar, he received the Kentucky/Indiana Border Chemistry Award, the O. John Logsdon Chemistry Award, and the D. J. Angus Sciencetech Award. He is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and was selected for the Golden Key National Honor Society. Page is president of the Physics Club at USI, a member of the American Chemical Society, and a member of the Honors Symposium.



*Kirt Page*

While a student at USI, he participated in a small research group (supervised by Dr. Howard Dunn) which successfully synthesized more than 40 new compounds.

a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with teaching certification and middle school endorsement. Currently, he teaches remedial classes at South Ridge High School in Jasper, Indiana.

Ms. Elpers is a member of Alpha Chi, Golden Key, and Sigma Zeta national honor societies. A Presidential Scholar, Elpers earned the Freshman Chemistry Student Award and was a consistent Dean's List student. She will graduate with highest honors. Elpers was selected for Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges and served as parliamentarian in the Student Government Association. Active in the Science and Ecology Club, she also served as treasurer, fund-raising director, and committee chair for the Student Alumni Association.

Her undergraduate research activities included one project involving DNA sequencing and another concerning enzymatic activity in PCB-contaminated paddlefish. She presented the latter work at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology.

She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and plans to further her education in physical therapy.

Ms. Medcraft will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in both computer information systems and German with a minor in mathematics and graduate with honors.

In 1996, she won the Award of Excellence Scholarship from the Association of German Students. She participated in the USI Honors Symposium in 1996 and 1997 and has achieved consistent Dean's List honors. Her academic affiliations include treasurer of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, and membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society and Pinnacle Non-Traditional Honor Society. She has served as president and vice president of the Association of German Students, treasurer of the International Student Club, and treasurer and secretary of the Tri-State Genealogical Society. Medcraft is active in the Evansville Audubon Society and has served as newsletter editor, field trip coordinator, board member, and historian in that organization. She is also a member of the Association of Information Technology Professionals/student chapter.

Ms. Zenthoefler will receive an associate

degree in nursing. She plans to continue her education and eventually obtain a master's degree. Her goal is to do in-service teaching in long-term care facilities to "improve the care of our elderly population in nursing homes through increasing the knowledge of others."

In 1997, she received the Deaconess Hospital Medical Staff Scholarship and a USI Alumni grant. She is a member of the Golden Key and the Alpha Chi national honor societies, the USI chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and the Eastminster Presbyterian Church. She served as president of the USI Association of Nursing Students in 1996. Zenthoefler is currently participating in a research project, "Health Promotion and Prevention of Illness in the Elderly of Vanderburgh County."

She also donates much of her time fund raising for the Arthritis Foundation and serving meals to the homeless at the Evansville Rescue Mission.



*The University will be closed Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12 for Easter holiday.*



## *Names in the news*

On Friday, March 20, **Professor Sherry B. Darrell**, professor of English, with expertise and help from **Dana Willett**, director of the Vision Athena Project, presented a paper titled "Motherless Daughters, Daughterless Mothers" to a group of about 100 in the YWCA's *Personally Speaking* series. Professor Darrell's presentation included about 25 paintings of Shakespearean characters and discussion of eight plays: *Titus Andronicus*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Hamlet*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, and *The Winter's Tale*. Dr. Darrell acknowledges Mr. Willett's knowledge of PowerPoint as a great enhancement to the presentation.

Basketball coach **Bruce Pearl** participated in a recent NCAA Free Youth Basketball Clinic. He joined other collegiate basketball coaches and student athletes on Saturday, March 28, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, to conduct a basketball clinic for boys and girls ages 10-18 as part

### **Amanda Cates Chosen February Student Leader of the Month**

**Amanda Cates**, a 1996 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in Anna, Illinois, was selected February's Student Leader of the Month in the O'Daniel Leadership Academy program. This program started in 1996 to honor the students who provide leadership for student and University programs.

Ms. Cates was nominated by Keri Stein, president of the Activities Programming Board (APB) on campus.

As a member of APB, Ms. Cates was appointed director of Homecoming 1998. She organized events for both the USI community and Evansville community during Homecoming Week February 1 to 7. Ms. Cates solicited businesses for support, promoted King and Queen selection, and worked closely with other students, faculty, and staff to arranged a very organized and successful Homecoming 1998. Ms. Cates is also a member of the Students of Occupational Therapy Association.

Ms. Cates is a USI sophomore majoring in occupational therapy with a minor in psychology. Her goal is to obtain a master's degree in occupational therapy.



*Amanda Cates*

of the NCAA Youth Education through Sports (YES) program. This mentoring program focuses on academics, goal-setting, developing mental skills, and transferring all of this knowledge to other areas of their lives.

**Dr. Munir Quddus**, professor and chair of the Department of Economics and Finance was on a panel discussing trends in economic development in the Tri-State economy. The program was taped by and shown on NBC 14 as a part of the "Making it in America" production. Other participants included Dean Terry Mullins of the University of Evansville, Bob Quick of the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce, Ken Robinson of Vision 2000 and Jerry Yezbick of Private Industry Council. David James and Ann Komis conducted the panel interviews.

**Carolyn Roth**, special part-time instructor in art, is currently exhibiting her watercolor entitled "Dreams in Orbit" in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas. The exhibition began March 27 and runs through May 1.

## FYI

### **Transfers/promotions:**

**Jean Devine** - from administrative assistant, Office of Advancement to staff accountant, Business Affairs, April 1.

### **Lab holiday hours:**

Orr Center third floor labs (OC 3066, OC 3068, OC 3073, OC 3076) will be open Saturday, April 11, noon - 6 p.m. and on Sunday, April 12, noon - 10 p.m.

### **April 14 deadline for Eagle Awards:**

The Spirit of the Eagle honors students and faculty of USI who bring state or national recognition upon themselves and the University. Everyone in the USI family is eligible to nominate someone by picking up a nomination form in the Student Life office, UC front desk, and OC front desk.

Nomination forms must be returned to Linda Harmon, administrative secretary, in the Student Life office by 4 p.m., April 14. For additional information, call 812/464-1873.

## USI Spring Theatre!

### *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*

opens Thursday, April 16 and runs through Sunday, April 26.

Curtain times are Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for USI family (students, faculty, staff) and seniors (60 and over). USI Theatre is located at 3001 Igleheart Avenue. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 812/422-3970 or 812/465-1668.

### **Laptop alert:**

It seems that members of the faculty and staff are checking out laptops from the Computer Center and allowing students to take them home. While this is a kind gesture, please remember that this equipment is the property of the University and is for faculty and staff use only. You and your department are responsible for any damage or loss of equipment and the replacement cost for a laptop is currently \$3,300. Because of this liberal usage, students may no longer pick up or return laptops and a faculty or staff member must show valid USI ID to sign out any equipment. If you have questions, please call Pamela Hurley, administrative secretary, Computer/Telecommunication Services, at 812/464-1899 or Debbie Butler, computer operations manager, Computer/Telecommunications Services, 812/464-1897.

### **Marriott merged:**

Marriott Management Services has merged with another existing company to become Sodexo Marriott Services.

### **RopeWalk scholarship deadline:**

If you or any of your students intend to apply for a RopeWalk scholarship, the deadline is April 15. Send a letter of application with relevant biographical information and a writing sample (max. of three poems or 20 pages of fiction) to: Ropewalk Scholarship, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana, 47712.

### **Artist Stephen Pace lecture:**

New York artist **Stephen Pace** will provide a free public lecture Friday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium. Long active in the New York art world, Mr. Pace is currently

showing some of his abstract expressionist paintings of the 1950s at the Katharina Rich Perlow Gallery in Soho.

### **Historic Southern Indiana selects top sites; Culbertson Mansion interpreter recognized**

Three southern Indiana attractions and a site interpreter at Culbertson Mansion received top awards in Historic Southern Indiana's Awards for Excellence in Interpretation program.

Angel Mounds State Historic Site received the Best Information Media for the exhibit, "The World from Turtle Mother's Back." The multicultural exhibit examined how mankind holds traditions and beliefs of ancestors in a diverse world. The honor included a \$200 cash award.

The 1997 Candlelight Tours of Historic New Harmony received the Best Interpretive Program with a \$250 cash award. Historic sites were decorated in a style befitting the early 1800s while period music was performed. The Vincennes State Historic Site received The Best Overall Interpretive Services of 1997 and a \$500 cash award. Special events, an aggressive outreach program, and strong involvement in the community led Vincennes State Historic Site to receive the award.

**Judi Foreman**, an interpreter at the Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site in New Albany, Indiana, was awarded Outstanding Interpreter of the Year. She was responsible for organizing, writing, and producing a Culbertson Mansion murder mystery that gave two sold-out performances. The award included a vacation package to the southern Indiana attraction of her choice.

Over fifteen entries participated in the competition now in its sixth year. The winners were selected by a committee from Historic Southern Indiana, a University of Southern Indiana project that promotes the historical, natural, and family attractions of southern Indiana.

### **Communal studies lecture:**

Professor Yaacov Oved, professor of history emeritus at Tel Aviv University and executive director of the International Communal Studies Association, will speak about "The Israeli Kibbutz Movement in a Time of Change" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in Forum I, Wright Administration

Building as part of the USI Center for Communal Studies Speaker Series. For further information, call Dr. Donald E. Pitzer, director of the Center for Communal Studies, 812/464-1727.

## Sports

**Men's Tennis** - IU Southeast at USI, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9; Indianapolis at USI, noon, Friday, April 10; IPFW at USI, 5 p.m., Friday April 9; USI at Vincennes, 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 14

**Softball** - USI at GLVC Cluster in Highland Heights, Kentucky, Friday, April 10; USI at GLVC Cluster in Highland Heights, Kentucky, Saturday, April 11; IUPUI at USI, 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 14

**Baseball** - USI at IPFW, 1 p.m., Friday, April 10; USI at Indianapolis, 1 p.m., Saturday, April 11; Kentucky Wesleyan at USI, 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 15

**Women's Golf** - USI at Kentucky Wesleyan Spring Invitational, Friday, April 10; USI at Kentucky Wesleyan Spring Invitational Saturday, April 11

**Men's Golf** - USI at Bradley Invitational, Sunday, April 13; USI at Bradley Invitational, Tuesday, April 14

## Vacancies

*The following is a list of vacant positions available as of April 10, 1998. Additional information regarding current vacancies is located on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources office in the Wright Administration Building, the bulletin board located in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building, and on the USI Job Line (812/465-7117). The University of Southern Indiana is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and is an Affirmative Action Employer. Interested individuals should contact the Human Resources office, Wright Administration Building, FWA 166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.*

### CLERICAL/SUPPORT

**Grounds Worker/Vehicle Maintenance - B8016 - Physical Plant - F050B/\$7.32/hr. - OP: 4/6/98 - AD: 4/17/98**

**Senior Secretary - B8017 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - F040B/\$6.82/hr. - OP: 4/6/98 - AD: 4/17/98**

## Marketplace

**Home for sale** -- 7166 Locust Tree Lane. Walking distance to USI, off Schutte Road. .8 acres of woods. Colorado contemporary. Must see. \$163,500. 422-3346.

**Downtown home** - 216 Chandler, 2-story, 3-bedrooms, large living room, dining room, central air. Call 429-1094.

**'89 Nissan 240SX** - 5-speed, loaded, new brakes. Must see. \$3,900. Phone 424-4900, evening hours.

**'95 Ford Explorer** - cruise, tilt, AC, pwr windows/locks, AM/FM w/tape, 2-wheel drive, \$17,400 or best offer. Call 1136 or 985-5355

**'96 Explorer LXT** - 4-dr, 4.0-ltr, V-6, leather, stereo AM/FM w/tape, AC, pwr seats/windows, remote key lock, moon roof, 21,000 miles, excellent condition. Call 468-3505.

**Four Indianapolis 500 tickets** - on the start/finish line, all four are together, will sell in pairs. Race date is Sunday, May 24. Call Annie at 464-1930.

**Steel tool box** - white enamel, fits in back of standard-size pickup truck, includes lock/key. Asking \$40. Call 422-4288 after 5 p.m. or e-mail LCLEEK.

**GE Washer/elec. dryer** - white, excellent condition, 3 years old. \$350. Electric stove - 3 years old. \$250. Call 464-1840 or 424-8547 after 5 p.m.

**Mobile phones** - 2 brand new Motorola digital phones w/1 car-lighter plug-in jack; highest offer. Call 465-1136 or 985-5355.

**Orion 19-inch color TV** - w/remote control; never used; has many nice features including closed captioning, sleep timer, others. Contact Pauline Schuler at 464-1936 or 473-0737.

**Pine trestle table, six captain's chairs** with like-new deep red leatherette and hobnail trim, **colonial warm pine buffet**, and **hutch**. \$1,500 for all. Please call 985-3877.

**Butcher-block table w/shelves and two stools** - paid \$550, asking \$250 or best offer.

**Full-size wooden futon frame with mattress** - oak finish, \$100. **Sofa table** - w/glass top, \$50. A **220-volt window air conditioner** - \$40. Call 465-7197 or 471-8677.

**Administrative Assistant - B8018 - Instructor in Physics - F8011 - School of Advancement - F080B/\$9.06/hr. - OP: 4/6/98 - AD: 4/17/98**  
**Science and Engineering Technology - OP: 3/30/98 - AD: 5/1/98**

**Computer Teaching Aide - H8031 - School of Business - G060B/\$7.86/hr. - OP: 4/6/98 - AD: 4/17/98**  
**Assistant Professor of Physical Education - F8012 - School of Education and Human Services - OP: 4/6/98 - AD: 5/15/98**

### FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

**Assistant/Associate Professor of Health Services - F8009 - School of Nursing and Health Professions - OP: 3/23/98 - AD: 5/31/98**

**Assistant Professor of Physics - F8010 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - OP: 3/30/98 - AD: 5/1/98**

**Happy  
Easter**