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USI PUBLISHES FIRST LITERARY MAGAZINE

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The University of Southern Indiana has released the first edition of *The Southern Indiana Review*, a literary magazine featuring the works of USI faculty, staff, and graduate students and the faculty and students of the University's RopeWalk Writers Retreat, held the past seven years at Historic New Harmony.

This first volume was a joint project of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program at USI and the RopeWalk participants. Karen Kopec, a former MALS and RopeWalk student, served as editor, assisted by other students in the two programs. Financial support came from a grant presented to RopeWalk last year by Mrs. Ruth Lilly of Indianapolis, and from the USI Graduate Studies Program.

Thomas Wilhelmus, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts who served with Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, as advisors for the publication, called it a collection of "creative writing, intellectual history, and art -- an arts and sciences type publication." Included is *Ruining a Story*, a 10-page reminiscence by Michael Martone, Hoosier author, educator, and frequent RopeWalk participant.

Wilhelmus gave particular praise to the artistic and professional efforts of the USI Printing Services staff in the production of the magazine. He said the project was initiated as an annual magazine but they hope to make it a quarterly publication as it develops.

The Review is available at the USI Bookstore. Free copies were presented to contributors, while the general purchase price is $6.

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