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USI appoints new vice president

A college administrator with experience in enrollment services, student services, and financial assistance has been appointed vice president for Student Affairs at USI. He is **Dr. Robert W. Parrent** of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Parrent has 21 years experience in college administration. He was associate vice president for Enrollment Management at Southeast Missouri State University from 1997 to 2000, responsible for such offices as Admissions, Financial Aid Services, and Registrar. He supervised new student programs, pre-collegiate programs, minority recruitment, testing services, and gave leadership to the university's Enrollment Development Task Force.

Both Southeast Missouri State University and USI have more than 9,000 students. They both offer access to higher education in an underserved region. Other similarities Dr. Parrent noted were the schools' commitment to education and imparting knowledge, and the outstanding faculty for each university, whose main objectives are teaching and developing new knowledge.

Parrent moved to corporate management in 2000 to become chief operations officer for Sheldon Management and Consulting in Kentucky.

He returns to higher education with the USI appointment. Parrent said, "I'm coming back to higher education because of my passion for serving students, my love and joy of the higher education environment, and the impact one can have toward making students successful."

He was attracted to USI for multiple reasons. He said, "USI is an exciting campus because it is such a young institution. It has done a lot of things right the first time because it learned from other institutions. And USI is absolutely where you want to be with residence life. Community dorms are out and apartments and suites are what students want."

Prior to his work at Southeast Missouri State University, Parrent was vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services at Midway College in Midway, Ky. He also has worked in admissions offices at University of Louisville, where he was director for seven years, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Western Kentucky University.

He earned his Ed.D degree in higher education administration from Indiana University. His undergraduate work and master's degree were completed at Western Kentucky University.

Parrent and his wife **Joanie** have two children, **Lauren**, 17, and **Cody**, 11. The date they will be moving to Evansville has not yet been established.

John Deem will continue in the position of acting vice president for Student Affairs for the spring semester.



Alumni to celebrate Mardi Gras

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Come to Mardi Gras at USI, and let the good times roll! Harvey & the Blue Tones will kick off the

Homecoming 2002 Mardi Gras Party at 9:30 p.m. February 2 in the Physical Activities Center.

Tickets, \$10 per person, include appetizers, entertainment, and a cash bar. Reserved tables for six are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$75, and the alumni group with the greatest attendance will win \$100 for its organization.

USI's Mardi Gras Party, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will continue until 12:30 a.m. Interested persons must be at least 21 to attend.

Before the party, the Screaming Eagles will take on University of Missouri-St. Louis at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Eagles will face off with UM at 5:15 p.m., and the 15th Annual Alumni Game will take the floor at 3 p.m.

Respond by Friday, January 25, to receive advance discounted basketball tickets, \$3.50 (bleacher seats). There is no charge to attend the alumni game. Mardi Gras Party tickets also will be sold at the door.

For tickets or information, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office at extension 1924.

"Game Show Mania" is this year's theme for student Homecoming Week activities, sponsored by the Activities Programming Board. The schedule includes:

- **Monday, January 28 - Pep Rally in Carter Hall, 4:30 to 7 p.m.** The cheer team, dance team, men's and women's basketball teams, and Homecoming candidates are tentatively scheduled to participate.
- **Tuesday, January 29 - "The Price is Right," 9 to 11 p.m., Carter Hall.** An interactive game with the audience. Prizes for participants.
- **Wednesday, January 30 - Juggler Mark Nizer, 9 to 10 p.m., Carter Hall.**
- **Thursday, January 31 - Tailgate Party and Pie-eating Competition,** between the men's and women's basketball games.
- **Friday, February 1 - Game Show,** similar to Jeopardy, 9 p.m., Carter Hall.
- **Saturday, February 2 - Coronation of Homecoming Queen and King,** during halftime of the men's game.



Program to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

The Multicultural Center will present a program in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 11 a.m. Monday, January 21, in Carter Hall. "Dreams: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" will be the theme of the event.

Local businesswoman **Constance Robinson-Blair**, the first African-American woman to serve as president of the Evansville City Council, will be the guest speaker.

The program also will include several student participants and a performance by the University's Gospel Choir.



History expert to discuss 'Gentlemen & Rebels'

Dr. Nancy Rhoden, associate professor of history and chair of the History Department, will be featured in the University's Liberal Arts Colloquium at 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 25, in the University Center, rooms 203 and 204.

"Gentlemen & Rebels: Elite Self-Perceptions and Aristocratic Attitudes of Virginia's Gentlemen During the American Revolution" will be the topic of Rhoden's presentation, which is based on her manuscript that shares the same working title.

"I am particularly interested in the transition elite gentlemen made from an acceptance of deference, which assured their social and political position, to an embrace of revolutionary values such as popular sovereignty," she said.

"Through their interaction with rebels of lesser social orders and due to the rise of various revolutionary ideas, patriot gentlemen reformulated their self-image and their justification for holding power."

Rhoden, who joined the faculty in 1994, holds a Ph.D. in colonial-American history from Princeton University and is an expert in early-American religious history and the history of the American Revolution.

Her major publications include *Revolutionary Anglicanism: The Colonial Church of England During the American Revolution* (Macmillan U.K. and New York University Press, 1999) and the co-edited anthologies, *The Human Tradition in Colonial America* and *The Human Tradition in the American Revolution*.



Women's soccer scores academic honor

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America has recognized USI's women's soccer team as a College Team Academic Award-winner.

The team's cumulative grade point average of 3.125 in 2000-01 ranked it among 229 institutions of higher learning whose soccer teams earned minimum GPAs of 3.0 during the academic year.

An awards presentation was held at the NSCAA 2002 Convention January 17 in Philadelphia.



'Managing Personal Growth' focus of series

Academic Skills will present its annual Brown Bag Seminar Series February 11 through 14 in Room 206 of the University Center. The theme of the series is "Managing Personal Growth."

Each free seminar will be presented from noon to 12:45 p.m. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend, and participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. The schedule follows:

- **Monday, February 11** – "Managing Money" presented by Dr. Greg Valentine, associate professor of business education
- **Tuesday, February 12** - "Managing Life's Choices" presented by Renee Rowland, program director, First Year Initiatives
- **Wednesday, February 13** – "Managing Your Job Search" presented by Marilyn Schmidt, director of Career Services and Placement

■ **Thursday, February 14** – "Managing Conflict" presented by Mark Chaszar, area coordinator, Residence Life



Film series continuing through April

USI's spring 2002 free Film Series, presented in conjunction with ENG 285: Intro to Film, will continue through April 23. Screenings will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 and 6 p.m. in Forum I, except where noted. The following schedule is subject to change:

- **January 22** - *Run Lola Run* (Germany 2001)
Written/directed by Tom Tykwer. Starring: Franka Potente.
- **January 29** - *The Matrix* (1999) Written/directed by "The Wachowski Brothers." Cast: Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne.
- **February 5** - *6 p.m. only - *Lyrical Nitrate* (Netherlands 1991) Directed by Peter Delpeut.
- **February 7** - *1:30 p.m. only - *Lyrical Nitrate* (Netherlands 1991) Directed by Peter Delpeut.
- **February 12** – TBA.
- **February 19** – TBA.
- **February 26** - *Carmen Jones* (1954) Directed by Otto Preminger. Cast: Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge.
- **March 5** - *No film (Spring Break).
- **March 12** - *Bedazzled* (1967) Directed by Stanley Donan.
Written by/starring: Dudley Moore, Peter Cook.
- **March 19** - *No film.
- **March 26** - *Women from the Lake of Scented Souls* (China 1993) Written/directed by Fei Xie.
- **April 2** - *Dogma* (1999) Written/directed by Kevin Smith.
Cast: Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Jason Lee.
- **April 9** - *Bamboozled* (2001) Produced/written/directed by Spike Lee. Starring: Daman Wayans.
- **April 16** - *Moulin Rouge* (2001) Directed by Baz Luhrman.
Starring: Nicole Kidman, Ewan MacGregor, John Leguizamo.
- **April 23** - *O' Brother Where Art Thou?* (2001)
Written/directed/produced by "The Coen Brothers." Cast: George Clooney, John Turturro, Tim Blake Nelson.



Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Charles T. Barber, professor of political science, delivered a talk about Afghanistan to the Evansville Morning Rotary Club January 10.

Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar, assistant professor of economics and finance, received University of Cincinnati's Department of Economics' 2001 Valentine Prize, an annual award presented to the writer of the year's outstanding Ph.D. dissertation. In relation to the honor, Mujumdar was described as "one of the best Ph.D. students in the history of the Economics Department," and his originality in choosing to write about international trade and corruption, his technical competence in economic theory and econometrics, and his helpfulness to faculty members, fellow

graduate students, and department staff were applauded. The honor carries a \$1,000 cash award.

Grants

■ Indiana Commission for Higher Education, through the Eisenhower Professional Development Program, \$10,827 to Dr. Jeff Thomas, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Henri Maurice, associate professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department, for "Using Wisconsin Fast Plants and Indiana Science Standards to Promote Authentic Science Learning."

■ John A. Hartford Foundation/Council in Social Work Education, \$30,000 to Dr. Iris Phillips and Kathy Elpers, associate professors of social work, for "Geriatric Enrichment Program."

Welcome

A former student/temporary worker in the Business Office has accepted the position of Scheduling Services supervisor. Wendy Lemons, Evansville, also previously worked as a morning and weekend producer at ABC-25. She is a 2000 graduate of USI.

A former adjunct in the Department of Economics and Finance has accepted the position of instructor of economics and finance. Kalyani Seetharaman, Evansville, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Madras University, India.

In appreciation

Ron Harvey, who retired from his position as senior maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant January 2, sent the University community a thank you card: "Your kindness is warmly appreciated. Beautiful arrangement! I sincerely thank you all."

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Debbie Bookout, Student Affairs and Instructional Services coordinator in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, whose mother-in-law Betty Bookout died last week in Wheatland, Wyo.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of George Curry, lead custodial worker, whose father-in-law James Ditterline, 77, Evansville, died January 9.



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Cooper lecture

Craig McCarron, instructor in mathematics, will deliver the first H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award Lecture at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, in Mitchell Auditorium.

"Clouds and Silver Linings: The Importance of Failure" will be the topic of his discussion. A reception will follow McCarron's presentation.

Book giveaway

Louis Schewe, 95, will host a book giveaway for USI students January 30, on campus.

The free book giveaway will take place from 10 a.m. to noon

at the south end of the University Center's first level. Schewe, a resident of Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community, is eager to meet and talk with students as he shares the books he has collected over the years.

Poetry reading

Paulette Roeske Reid, lecturer IV in English, will read from her fourth collection of poems, *Anvil, Clock & Last* (Louisiana State University Press, 2001), at 4 p.m. Thursday, January 24, at University of Evansville in Hyde Hall, Room 126.

Book signing

Michael Whicker, a 1998 graduate, will hold a book signing for his novel, *Invitation to Valhalla*, at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 26, at Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Whicker holds a B.S. in English. He is a teacher at Reitz High School, where he also serves as assistant football coach.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, January 18, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the "Marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.



Marketplace

For sale

Oak Meadow Condo - 2,700 sq. ft., three levels, three bedrooms, three and one-half baths, two fireplaces, appraised at \$132,000. Will consider a fair offer. Call 812/429-3723.

1995 Grand Prix - two-door, red exterior, black interior, 110,000 miles, relatively new tires, new tune-up, \$4,000. Contact Ken, 618/384-5641 or Karen, 812/421-0825.

Wedding dress, veil, and slip - size 14, sleeveless, never worn, sequins on top, full tulle skirt, \$250. Call Ext. 7056.

Weight bench with barbell and weights - has attachment for leg extensions and curls, \$30. Call Ext. 1897 days or 858-5174 after 4 p.m.

Nordic Track Classic Ski Exerciser - beautiful natural oak finish and solid steel construction, perfect condition, have care manuals, \$200. Contact Laura, 465-1269 or lhendric@usi.edu.

Kenmore washer and dryer - good condition, \$150. Call Chris, Ext. 1298 or 473-5397 after 5 p.m.

Quarter horse - bay mare, 12 years old. Excellent horse for any rider. Western English, 4-H project, boarding possibilities available, \$1,100. Call 423-7101.

Full-size extra-long pillow top mattress, box spring, frame, and sheets - used for one year, excellent condition, \$300. Call 491-3467 after 5 p.m.

Friday, January 18, is the deadline for submitting information for next week's "Marketplace." Submissions may be made via e-mail to kaltstad@usi.edu.