

Biology professor, USI students spent summer semester in Europe

Dr. Jeanne Barnett, professor of biology, and 17 USI students – most of them B/MD Scholars and Presidential Scholars – spent five weeks at the University of Evansville's Harlaxton College in Grantham, England this summer. The group left in mid-May and returned in June.

"The main reason for doing this was that science majors wanted to study abroad," Barnett said. "Most of the curriculum at Harlaxton is in liberal arts. When science students study abroad, they fall behind in completing courses required for the major. If they take one semester of liberal arts courses, that means they must double-up on science classes to complete the major on time."

Barnett taught Virology, a class that ordinarily takes 15 weeks. "It was a rigorous class," she said. "I did not cut any corners. They had exams almost every week."

The staff at Harlaxton was impressed with her students. "They said they'd never seen more hard-working students."

Class was scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, allowing them to spend their weekends traveling around Europe. "The schedule is such that students can travel and experience other cultures – a major part of studying abroad," Barnett said. "They all took advantage of it."

Senior Rajeev Singh, a B/MD Scholar with a double major in biology and history, traveled to Ireland; Barcelona, Spain; and Brussels and Bruges, Belgium. "I would give most of my limbs to go back and study there for another summer or semester," he said.

Harlaxton's proximity to the University of Warwick allowed students the opportunity to visit the labs of Drs. Keith Leppard and Andrew Easton, the authors of their text, *Introduction to Modern Virology*.

"That gave the students the opportunity to see an active research program in virology," Barnett said. "Students said it was a highlight. They saw the connections between what they were learning and what went on in the lab."

The course was taught in Harlaxton's Gold Room, a formal drawing room with a lot of gilt, cherubs, mirrors, a fireplace, and a mural. The awed students expressed concern that they wouldn't be able to concentrate in such grand surroundings.

Barnett said, "Living in the manor was unbelievable. It was sort of like Harry Potter. There were so many different staircases it took a week to figure out where they all went." She was impressed with the teaching facilities as well. "There was nothing I needed that wasn't provided."

Singh said, "The manor was amazing. I've never visited, let alone lived in, such an impressive castle. From day one, we saw non-stop beauty and breathtaking sights."

Barnett would like to return to Harlaxton for a full semester. "There is a lot of opportunity for faculty development," she said, citing interaction with faculty; proximity to campuses such as Oxford and Cambridge, healthcare-related research centers, and other educational facilities; and the historical setting.

Harlaxton College is owned and operated by the University of Evansville. USI is one of Harlaxton's 13 partner colleges. Faculty interested in teaching at Harlaxton should contact Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of International Programs and Services, at 812/465-1248.

37th Annual Employee Recognition Program for Support Staff Personnel is August 14

The 37th Annual Employee Recognition Program will be held Tuesday, August 14, during the annual summer luncheon for support staff. Employees and retirees will be honored for their years of service to the University.

Retirees to be honored at the luncheon are:

Thirty years

Courtney S. Klingelhofer, administrative associate, Pott College of Science and Engineering

Carol A. Mann, senior accounting supervisor, Business Office – Accounting

Twenty-five years

Pamela L. Wade, accounting associate, Business Affairs – Budgeting and Foundation

Twenty years

Karen L. Anderson, lead custodial worker, Physical Plant

Fifteen years

Larry D. Rogers, dispatcher, Security

Doris J. Coon, administrative assistant, Residence Life Operations

David H. Barton, security sergeant, Security

Deborah Gribel Schmuck, senior administrative assistant, Alumni and Volunteer Services

Gigie L. Hyneman, technology support assistant II, Instructional Technology Services

Bonnie Daly Gwaltney, senior administrative associate, Governmental Relations

Sylvia J. Dillworth, administrative assistant, Admission

Jeffrey W. Flener, senior grounds maintenance worker, Physical Plant

Ten years

Barbara Jean Goodwin, administrative assistant, News and Information Services - Photography

Donald T. Andrews, lead grounds maintenance worker, Physical Plant

Christy E. Nolan, administrative assistant, College of Business

Cynthia L. Crews, part-time custodial worker, Physical Plant

Elna F. Mattingly, administrative assistant, Communications
Shirley Ann Eaves, administrative associate, Admission
Linda F. Edwards, document imaging technician, Computer Center
Mary Beth Rush, bookstore clerk, USI Bookstore
Lucy Schenk, administrative assistant, Career Counseling
Marilyn Jean Maroni, custodial worker, Physical Plant
Rodney D. Wasson, maintenance/custodial worker, New Harmony Plant Operations
Sheila J. Smith, administrative assistant, Telephone Services
Dave R. Patton, HVAC operator, Physical Plant

Five years

Julie M. Bordelon, administrative assistant, International Programs and Services
Shannon Marie Hoehn, administrative assistant/scheduling clerk, Distance Education
Terri J. Alvey, computer technician, Library Services
Larry R. Green, maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant
Kynan W. Glover, HVAC operator, Physical Plant
Tami Lyn Turney, medical tech sergeant, Security
Roberta Ann Drone, staff accountant, Student Financial Assistance
Zachary A. Weigand, graphic artist I, Publishing Services
Melissa Ann Memmer, administrative assistant, Business Affairs
Jean Carolyn Broyles, administrative clerk, Admission
Stephanie L. Dodson, senior administrative assistant, Student Financial Assistance
Virginia E. Thomas, administrative assistant, Art
Todd F. Bridgewater, computer maintenance technician, Computer Center
Kim Elaine Schauss, administrative clerk, Registrar
Wendy L. Lemons, Scheduling Services supervisor, Special Events
Natalie Faye Alves, custodial worker, Physical Plant
Jason M. Guerin, data applications systems technician, Instructional Technology Services
Julie Christine Kercher, senior distribution services clerk, Procurement and Distribution Services
Sheila R. Griggs, accounting assistant, Business Office
Kenneth D. Rice, grounds maintenance worker, Physical Plant
Brad A. Robb, lead grounds maintenance worker, Physical Plant

The luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, August 14, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Look for features about staff who have served the University for 20 years or more in the August 10 issue of *University Notes*. If you are a support staff member and would like to attend, call 812/464-1930 by August 8.

USI in the News: Archuleta continues winning ways

By Anthony Arroyo

Journal-Advocate sports reporter

STERLING, COLORADO – Last time that most of us had heard about Tracy Archuleta, he had just received the Great Lakes Valley Conference coach of the year honors back in 2004 as the head baseball coach of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside team.

In 2007, guiding the University of Southern Indiana (USI) in his first year, he led his Screaming Eagles to their first NCAA Division II North Central Regional Championship, their first appearance to the NCAA Division II Baseball Championships, finishing in the final four, and setting a school record with the most wins in school history.

All that was after a 2006 season that consisted of nothing but bad luck. The Eagles, a team that had compiled a miserable 18 wins the year prior, finished fourth nationally in '07 with their 43-23 overall record, a 25-win improvement.

"Once I took the job here at Southern Indiana and had a chance to view the team, I immediately knew that we would be competitive," Archuleta said during a phone interview. "We got hot at the right time and probably accomplished more goals and went much farther than most of us imagined possible."

The reason for the move after tallying a 148-124 overall record at Parkside was because it was more southern than his current home at the time, something that suited his wife and three children much better. It also gave Tracy more opportunities and control in both coaching and teaching and it was at a bigger school with a lot of tradition and history.

After taking over, it was time to execute the game plan and begin the season. Archuleta's Screaming Eagles team began the season in up-and-down form, but still managed to start off the season at 16-9 through March. It wasn't until April that the team hit the first of two hot streaks.

Southern Indiana won 10 more games than they had lost in the month of April. The month also consisted of a 10-game winning streak in the midst of collecting 16 wins.

Then May came along and with it came three straight losses. The team would follow the end of the regular season with a 1-2 performance at the conference tournament. It wasn't until the regional tournament where USI, as the fifth seed, defeated Ashland, Saginaw Valley State and Grand Valley State twice to be crowned as regional champs.

"It was a great accomplishment, especially in my first year as head coach," Archuleta said.

Tracy was a 1992 graduate of Caliche High School in Iliff and still visits his parents, Les and Chris, at least once a year. Archuleta has taken in lots of attributes from growing up in a small town that he still uses in his successive coaching style today.

The main one: Establishing a family environment.

"In small towns like Iliff and small schools like Caliche, you have to get to know everyone around and eventually it becomes like one big family," Archuleta explains. "I think allowing the players to get close, understand each other's backgrounds, allows them to trust each other more and overall play better."

Tracy has learned a lot before taking his first head coaching position at Wisconsin-Parkside. It was actually at Wayne State and Central Missouri State where he gained a lot of experience as an assistant that translated into confidence - an aspect in his coaching game that allows him to be successful at the Division II level.

At Wayne State, he was the infield coach, hitting coach and recruiting coordinator. At Central Missouri, he was the outfield coach and recruiting coordinator. This allowed him to develop an all-around feel for the game.

"I thank the coaches that gave me the chance to come in and prove myself as a new comer and to do it at a high level," Archuleta said.

Now, slowly, Tracy is building a resume that shows him developing average teams and turning them into championship contenders. Although the success is bluntly noted, he doesn't allow the success to get to his head.

"I really don't look to build my reputation as a coach that can turn around a program in a year like I have," Archuleta said. "It hard to keep it going at such a high level year in and year out and that is what I want,

to continue winning ways for many years to come.”

Graduating just seven seniors from last year's team and bring a solid freshman class who can compete right away, the challenge to stay on top should be that much easier for head coach Tracy Archuleta.

Editor's note: This story appeared July 12, 2007, in the Sterling, Colorado *Journal-Advocate*.

USI receives IDEM grant for recycling program

USI has been awarded a \$45,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to establish a recycling program in campus housing.

Greg Wagoner, assistant director of residence life (facilities), has been trying to increase recycling in housing since he joined the University in 2002. His military background instilled in him an ethic of conservation. “There is value in conserving resources,” he said.

He developed an expanded recycling program along with a committee made up of Residence Life and Physical Plant staff, and applied for the IDEM grant with assistance from Jim Daniels, recycling coordinator for the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District, and Larry Haag, IDEM's southwest Indiana regional representative.

“Housing and Residence Life is proud that we are able to continue with our recycle program,” said **Laurie Berry**, director of Housing and Residence Life. “It has been a dream of Greg Wagoner's for some time to be able to expand our recycling efforts. The IDEM grant will allow us to build a recycling program that will benefit the residents and our community. We are excited about the advent of what we see as a progressive campus residential recycling program.”

The grant will be used to purchase trailers, containers, and a utility vehicle to collect recyclables from residence halls and campus apartment communities. Area coordinators and resident assistants will develop collection methods specific to their units. Residence Life will promote the program through education efforts targeting students who live on campus.

Photo collection from '37 flood on display at Rice Library

A year after the grand opening of the new Rice Library, a collection of photos from the 1937 Ohio River Flood is again on display. The permanent exhibit, hung in recent weeks, can be viewed just outside the University Archives and Special Collections offices on the library's third floor.

Martha Neimeier, associate director and collection development librarian, said, “Some people may remember seeing them in the lower level of the old Rice Library. There was a lot of interest in them. People were fascinated by them. We wanted to put them back up and let people be fascinated by them again.”

Most of the 48 photos are from the University's Tom Mueller Collection; others were independent gifts. “Most are of Evansville sites, but a few are from Mount Vernon and surrounding communities,” Neimeier said. The collection was assembled for the 50th anniversary of the flood in 1987.

Laura Pinhey '90, visiting the new library for the first time, was so impressed with the exhibit that she said she would return with family members, who relate the tale of her grandfather, 20 years old at the time, delivering groceries by canoe.

2007-08 Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarships announced

USI announces the recipients of the 2007-08 Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarships.

The B/MD Scholarship is awarded annually to six exceptional stu-

dents who are residents of Indiana; entering in the fall as USI freshmen; scoring at least a combined score of 1800 (including writing) or 1200 (excluding writing) from one test date on the SAT or 27 composite score on the ACT; and earning a high school GPA of at least 3.5.

The scholarship offers a full tuition waiver and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine. The B/MD Scholarship program is sponsored jointly by USI and the Evansville Center for Medical Education, Indiana University School of Medicine, located on the USI campus.

The 2007-08 B/MD Scholars are:

Delores and Charles Browning and Jennifer and Mark Browning B/MD Scholarship

Ashish Arshanapalli, the son of Bala and Vidya Arshanapalli of Crown Point (Lake County). Ashish graduated first in his class from Merrillville High School, where he served as vice president of his class for three years; played varsity tennis all four years; was a member of National Honor Society; and served as production assistant for the student-operated television station. He was recognized for his leadership skills and represented the school as a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar Ambassador. His sister Priyanka is a 2005-06 B/MD Scholar.

Dr. William C. H. Grimm, Jr. and Phyllis R. Grimm Endowed B/MD Scholarship

Sonali Gandhi, the daughter of Arvind and Jayshree Gandhi of Schererville (Lake County). Sonali graduated from Morgan Park Academy in Chicago. She was lead editor and business manager for the literary magazine; business manager for the yearbook; and a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Model United Nations, among others. She captained the varsity tennis team and played varsity tennis and soccer all four years. She earned academic and athletic accolades, as well as a perfect score in the Illinois High School Association piano competition. Her sister Sheiphali is a 2004-05 B/MD Scholar.

Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship

Kyle Kopatich, the son of Janice and Tom Kopatich of Mount Vernon. Kyle excelled academically and athletically at Mount Vernon High School. He was captain of the football and basketball teams as well as an honor roll student who served on the National Honor Society, Student Athletic Council, Leadership Conference, and other student organizations. He lettered in football and basketball, received the Newcomer Basketball Award and was nominated as WEHT Channel 25's Football MVP.

Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship

Julie Loza, the daughter of Mary and Jerald Loza of Kouts (Porter County). Julie was salutatorian at Kouts High School. She created a device that measures glucose levels with a laser beam and won the Kouts High Science Fair and the Regional Science Fair President's Award, and she participated in the International Science Fair. She played varsity volleyball for four years and was runner-up for the Cosmogirl Magazine “Cosmogirl of the Year” scholarship.

Victor V. Schriefer, Jr. Endowed B/MD Scholarship

Steven Miller, the son of Thomas and Laurie Miller of Boonville. A Castle High School graduate, Steven was a member of student council, National Honor Society, French Club, marching and concert band, and the track and field team. He won the Scholastic “C” Award at Castle and his team took first place in French at the USI Modern and Classical Languages Academic Bowl.

Henry and Hazel Bennighof B/MD Scholarship

Andrew Walker, the son of Holly and Tom Stratman of Evansville and the late Dennis Walker. Andrew graduated magna cum laude from Mater Dei High School, where he was active in student government; captain of the science and math academic bowl teams; co-captain of the cross country team; and received the Academic All-City and St. Maria Goretti awards.

A total of 24 B/MD Scholars are enrolled at USI every year. For more information about the B/MD Scholarship program, go to www.usi.edu/science/biology/bmd.asp.

Wabash Heritage Paddlefest returns for third year

The third annual Wabash Heritage Paddlefest will be held Saturday, August 18. Hundreds of canoe and kayak enthusiasts have participated since the inaugural Paddlefest in 2005. The event includes a 9.7 mile canoe float beginning in Grayville, Illinois, and ending in New Harmony, with special events for the entire family.

Transportation from New Harmony to Grayville is included in the registration fee. Participants are welcome to use their own canoes or kayaks and additional canoes are available for rent. Quick-start classes will be available for novices.

In addition to the river trip, there'll be breakfast available from 7 to 10 a.m. and quick-start canoe classes in Grayville, and lots of food and fun activities in New Harmony throughout the day.

Registration begins in New Harmony at 7:30 a.m.

Wabash Heritage Paddlefest is presented by Historic New Harmony with sponsors and partners Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Canoe Evansville, the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau, Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, Warrick County, the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation, the Allen Gray Cemetery Trust, Grayville, Illinois, and University of Southern Indiana Extended Services.

Online registration, information on sponsors, canoe rental, lodging partners, and day-of-event logistics can be found at www.usi.edu/paddlefest. You also may register by calling USI Extended Services at 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600 during business hours. Those who complete their registration by 4:30 p.m. Thursday August 16 will receive a free Paddlefest T-shirt.

Three women's golfers named All-American Scholars

Three members of the USI women's golf team - sophomore **Kayla Roark** (history) and freshmen **Renee DeCaro** (psychology) and **Kara Waggoner** (business administration) - were named National Golf Coaches Association 2006-07 NCAA Division II All-American Scholars.

The criteria for selection to the Division II All-American Scholar team are some of the most stringent in college athletics. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.50 and student athletes must have competed in at least 66 percent of the college's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year.

Roark was third on the team with an 82.8 strokes per round average (spra), playing in all 21 rounds this year. Her best rounds of the year came at the Laker Fall Classic and the NKU Spring Invitational when Roark shot a 76. She posted one top 10 finish this season, tying for eighth in the Lewis Aviator Classic.

DeCaro posted the fourth-best average on the team, finishing the year 0.1 behind Roark with an 82.9 spr. She posted her best round of the year at the GLVC Tournament with a second-round 76.

Waggoner completed her first year with an 86.6 spr that ranked sixth on the squad. She had her best round at the Bulldog Golf Invitational with a second-round 79.

All three were named to the Academic All-GLVC team in June.

Nominate Volunteer of the Year, Student Volunteer

The Volunteer USI Advisory Council seeks recommendations of individuals to be considered for the 2007 Volunteer of the Year. In addition, a new award will be presented to the Student Volunteer of the Year to acknowledge an outstanding student or organization who

has contributed significant service to USI or within the community.

Faculty, staff, and community organizations may submit nominations until Wednesday, August 15, 2007. The Volunteer Recognition Committee will select the award recipients from the following criteria: number of volunteer service hours contributed during the fiscal year; exceptional dedication and leadership; and extraordinary service exhibited by the volunteer, student, or student organization. Printed nomination forms are available in the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services, Wright Administration Building Room 104.

Awards will be presented during the Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner on Thursday, September 27, 2007. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215, lschaefer@usi.edu.

The New Harmony Theatre wraps up 20th anniversary season with "I Do! I Do!"

The New Harmony Theatre, a professional Equity theatre produced by USI, wraps up its 20th anniversary season with "I Do! I Do!," a musical about marriage by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, the team who penned the hit musicals, "The Fantasticks" and "110 in the Shade." According to **Lenny Leibowitz**, artistic director, "I Do! I Do!" "evokes the flush and blush of first love and the warmth of mature love all at once. It is a perfect synthesis of story, song, dance, and dialogue."

He continued, "All the elements of musical theatre and vaudeville are perfectly harmonized and harnessed in this show. It has an old-style charm that is all but lost in modern musicals." The production runs July 27 through August 12 at Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony.

"I Do! I Do!" follows Michael and Agnes through 50 years of marriage. They experience wedding day jitters, the joy of being newlyweds, and their first fight in a song called "Nobody's Perfect," when Agnes sings "You chew in your sleep," and Michael responds, "You're always late." They raise children together as they sing "Love cannot pay for milk or put the satin ruffles on her party dresses...but love is what makes it sorta fun." When things get tough, Agnes threatens to leave as an "emancipated lady" in the showstopper, "Flaming Agnes," but the couple reconciles and looks forward to having the kids out of the house in "When the Kids Get Married." As they age, Michael and Agnes reflect that "Marriage is a very good thing, though it's never easy." Life magazine called "I Do! I Do!" a "love duet to a happy marriage."

"I Do! I Do!" is based on a play called "The Fourposter" by Jan de Hartog. It premiered on Broadway in December, 1966. It was an instant hit and ran for 560 performances with Mary Martin as Agnes and Robert Preston as Michael.

The cast of "I Do! I Do!" features **Susan Derry** as Agnes and **Darrin Baker** as Michael. Both are Broadway veterans; they performed together in the Broadway production of "Wonderful Town." Baker's Broadway credits include "Tarzan," "Footloose," "Sunset Boulevard," "The Scarlet Pimpernel," and "Laughing Room Only." Derry recently completed a successful run as Gwendolen in The New Harmony Theatre production of "The Importance of Being Earnest."

The artistic team for "I Do! I Do!" includes Leibowitz; Tijana Bjelajac, scenic designer; Melissa Panzarello, costume designer; Craig A. Young, lighting designer; Laura Gnagey, sound designer; and Sherrie Dee Brewer, production stage manager.

Tickets for "I Do! I Do!" are \$20 for USI employees.

Regular ticket prices are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, \$10 for anyone 25 or younger, and \$5 for Posey County high school students. Group discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. For more information about The New Harmony Theatre's 20th anniversary, contact the box office at 812/682-3115 or toll free at 1-877-NHT-SHOW (648-7469), or visit the theatre's new Web site at www.newharmonytheatre.com.

Names in the News

In sympathy

The University extends sympathy to **Cathy Coomes**, administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions, whose father **Edward Steinhauer** died on Monday, July 9. Services were held on Thursday, July 12 at Alexander West Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 1615 North Fulton Avenue, Evansville, IN 47710.

Janet (King) Wyatt Berkey, former instructor in psychology, died Friday, July 6, 2007. Services were held Tuesday, July 10 at Alexander East Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Deaconess/Ohio Valley Hospice, 600 Mary Street, Evansville, IN 47710 or Reitz Home Preservation Society, 224 SE First Street, Evansville, IN 47708.

Welcome

Elyse Rench has accepted a position as admission counselor in the Office of Admission. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising from USI. Rench was formerly a sales associate at Kohls.

Lance Woods has accepted a position as operations manager in Instructional Technology. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Evansville. Woods was formerly a technology coordinator at Southern Indiana Education Center.

Accomplishments

Dr. Guillermo Latorre, professor of Spanish, is the principal editor of a new edition of *Diario de un viaje a California 1848-1849 (Diary of a Journey to California 1848-1849)* by Vicente Perez Rosales (Chile, 1806-1886) published by Tajamar Editores of Santiago, Chile. Latorre's preliminary research was supported by two USI funding sources: a Faculty Research and Creative Work Award (FRCWA) and a College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Award (CLAFDA). He collaborated with Dr. María Ester Martínez, professor of literature at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

Conferences

Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, is attending the Institute for Educational Management (IEM) at Harvard University (July 22-August 3). The two-week program is sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Education. IEM provides an opportunity for senior-level administrators to examine critical leadership challenges facing higher education. The program examines four themes: senior leadership, the contexts of leadership, the changing industry of higher education, and mobilizing for change.

Bryan Morrison, manager of environmental health and safety in Procurement and Distribution Services, attended the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) annual conference on Campus Health, Safety and Environmental Management in July in Boston. Morrison interacted with other campus health, safety and environmental professionals. They learned what programs are successful in the following focus areas: emergency management, safety, health, environment, management systems, and other critical and timely issues.

FYI

Nora is companion to *I do! I do!*

The New Harmony Theatre presents the last in its summer play reading series. Ingmar Berman's *Nora* will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 1 in the Mallette Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$10. Bergman's stark retelling of Ibsen's *A Doll's House* lays bare the play's

hot core. This adaptation of the classic reveals Bergman at his most tender, lyrical, and impassioned. *Nora* is a potent companion play to *I Do! I Do!*, which opens at The New Harmony Theatre July 27. For more information, call The New Harmony Theatre box office at 877/648-7469 or visit www.usi.edu/nht/.

University faculty to tour area industry for "Day on the Bus"

On Thursday, August 9, faculty members from USI, University of Evansville, Ivy Tech State College, and Vincennes University will visit local industries for Old National Bank's third annual "Day on the Bus." The event allows faculty to visit prominent industries in southwest Indiana and to network across universities. They will travel by motorcoach to GE Plastics, Keller Crescent, Red Spot, and Old National Bank. The day will conclude with a regional overview from Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana Executive Director Greg Wathen. For more information, contact Sue Ellspermann, director of USI's Center for Applied Research and Economic Development, at 812/461-5407.

Alumni & friends summer fun

Saturday, July 28, is USI Night at the Otters at Bosse Field. USI alumni and friends will gather from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a picnic in the Left Field tent. Game time begins at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$6.50 for children ages 4 to 8. Cost includes reserved seating and a picnic dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and beverages. On Saturday, August 25, head to Santa Claus, Indiana, for USI Day at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari with the USI Alumni Association. Tickets are \$33 for adults; \$28 for children 3-6; and free for children age 2 and under. Cost includes admission to the park; Grand Buffet (Moonlight BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers and fixings); and free unlimited soft drinks, parking, sunscreen, and inner tubes at the water park. For more information or reservations, call Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1928 or email alumni@usi.edu.

Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception

The USI Multicultural Center will host a Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, August 23, in the University Center Room 201. Students of color and their families are invited to enjoy a variety of appetizers and connect with the USI community. RSVP to **Kacheyta McClellan**, senior administrative assistant in the Multicultural Center, at kkmcclella@usi.edu. For more information, check out the USI Multicultural Center online at www.usi.edu/mcc/.

Do I smell espresso?

Faculty, staff, and students who were disappointed to find the Starbucks in Rice Library closed for the summer will be pleased to learn that they can once again get their caffeine fix. Starbucks reopened Wednesday, July 25, with hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Retail manager **Rebecca Robb** said, "We've had a lot of requests to get it open," in the form of emails and comments from faculty and staff. Welcome Week hours are to be determined, but Starbucks will return to normal hours when fall classes commence on Monday, August 27. Those hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday; and 4 to 11 p.m. Sunday (closed Saturday).