



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 31, 1991

CONTACT: Kathy W. Funke
News and Information Services
812/465-7050

**USI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
TO SPONSOR ALUMNI PICNIC;
BALLOON GLOW SCHEDULED**

An all-campus picnic sponsored by the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association will be held on the USI campus front lawn from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 21. The picnic will be followed by the Evansville Freedom Festival's Hot Air Balloon Glow, which will be held at 9:00 p.m. on the campus.

This year's picnic, which is expected to draw over 600 people, will include numerous activities for an evening of family fun. Several celebrity chefs, including USI President David Rice, will grill hot dogs and hamburgers for present and past USI students, while WGBF radio will play music during the evening. Picnickers will also have the chance to win a free tethered ride in the Schnucks hot air balloon.

"We're excited to have the alumni on campus again," said Nancy Johnson, USI director of Alumni affairs and a 1983 alumnus. "This picnic is a great opportunity for the faculty, staff, and alumni to visit."

Johnson said that members from the USI Student Alumni Association will help with parking, as well as a series of children's activities, including games, clowns, and face-painting. "We felt the children's activities would entertain the children and give our alumni time to relax and talk with old friends," said Johnson.

The cost of the picnic is \$2 for adults, and \$.50 for children. Interested persons should call the Alumni Affairs office at 464-1924 to make reservations and receive necessary I.D.'s for parking. Those who wish to see the balloon glow will need Freedom Festival buttons, which may be purchased at any Freedom Festival sponsored location.

-30-