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## **USI Alumni Association to honor Bruce and Carol Baker, Howard Dunn, William Joergens, and William Fisher.**

University of Southern Indiana will honor a graduate, a chemistry professor, and special friends at the 1998 Senior Reception and Dinner on Friday, May 8. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 in Carter Hall at USI. Honorees include:

### **Special Recognition Award**

**Carol and Bruce Baker** are special friends of the University who have been more than supportive of USI and its mission. Together, Carol and Bruce have been partners in providing major gifts and volunteer service to USI. They have been the mainstays of almost every project initiated recently. Many times throughout the years, they set the pace for others to follow to assure USI's growth and success. Both are active on the USI Foundation Board of Directors, Carol since 1986 and Bruce since 1991. Carol skillfully coordinated many Foundation special events and is chair of the University Home decorating committee. Besides being chair of the Campaign USI Friends Division, Bruce has been a member of the USI Board of Trustees since 1989 and served as chair from 1992 to 1997. He has also been a member of the USI/New Harmony Foundation since 1990.

### **Faculty Recognition Award**

**Howard Dunn**, distinguished professor of chemistry, joined the USI faculty in 1969 after working for Phillips Petroleum Company as a research scientist. A dedicated educator, Dunn integrates the results of his research into the classroom creating enhanced learning and enthusiasm among USI students. Dunn holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from University of Illinois. He holds seventeen patents, among them water purification by chlorinating, holding, and aerating; nickel complex catalyst compositions; and several dealing with olefines and polyolefins. He has also co-written many research papers published in national science journals and presented several papers at professional meetings. Research being conducted by his current undergraduate group has attracted the attention of investigators at major university research institutions creating lucrative offers to graduate schools for the group. These undergraduate students, under Dunn's supervision, synthesized 40 new chemical compounds, some with possible commercial value.

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### **Alumni Service Award**

**Bill Joergens'** service to USI athletics and the USI Varsity Club personifies the Alumni Association's mission to serve and develop a committed body of alumni dedicated to promoting and enhancing the excellence and reputation of the University. Joergens attended this University as a business student when classes were held at old Centennial School. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1970 and today is co-owner and president of Data Business Group, Inc., in Evansville. A member of the USI Varsity Club Board of Directors since 1994, Mr. Joergens held several officer positions. He was a member of the University's first basketball team, first president of the University's business fraternity, and the 1968/69 outstanding male student. He coordinated the twenty-fifth anniversary recognition of the first men's basketball team and, after USI won the 1995 USI National Men's Basketball Championship, he initiated the formation of the USI Letter Winners Association, which unites all student athletes after their intercollegiate careers end.

### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

This award recognizes a graduate who makes outstanding achievements in career or in public service. This year's recipient, **William Fisher**, distinguished himself as a corporate executive and entrepreneur in the global electronic funds transfer market. A 1973 USI management graduate, Fisher is chief executive officer of Transaction Systems Architects, Inc. (TSA) and of its subsidiary company Applied Communications, Inc., based in Omaha, Nebraska. TSA dominates the high-end electronic payments software market with one-fifth of the top 500 banks worldwide. Company sales are in 68 countries and it was recently listed among *Forbes Magazine's* "most dynamic" companies in the U.S. In 1990, Fisher accepted the "Price E" award for innovative exporting on behalf of Applied Communications from President George Bush. Fisher is a former USI School of Business Board of Visitors member, USI's Silver Anniversary Alumni-in-Residence for the USI School of Business, and his recent Campaign USI contribution to the School of Business is the largest alumni gift in USI's history.