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In a roundabout way: USI's new entrance

USI's new entrance - with a roundabout traffic interchange, signature entrance sign, and water feature - will be safer, greener, and more efficient, according to **Mark Rozewski**, the University's vice president for Business Affairs.

"The roundabout achieves two goals simultaneously," Rozewski said. "First, is it slows traffic down, and second, it achieves greater throughput through an interchange of higher volume at slower speeds. And because it is a relatively unique traffic feature in this area, I suspect people will approach it with more caution. It will be a major contribution to safety, especially at that intersection."

Stephen Woodall, director of Security, said there is less potential for a serious accident in a roundabout because vehicles travel in the same direction around the center island. "Head-on and left-hand collisions are basically eliminated because of that. The accidents you do have are less severe because of low travel speeds, typically less than 20 miles per hour."

The roundabout is more environmentally friendly because it replaces stop-and-go traffic at a four point stop - eliminating idling, decreasing fuel emissions, and saving gas. It's also less costly than a stoplight because of the lack of maintenance and electrical costs. It will be visually appealing as well, with a design that echoes campus motifs and materials.

The water in the 15-geyser fountain will be 100 percent recycled, as in the fountain near the USI quad. The roundabout also will feature native grass, turf, and annual plantings, to be installed soon after entrance construction is complete - expected by Friday, August 21, barring weather-related delays. Rozewski said work is making "excellent progress."

An online tutorial on negotiating a roundabout is available at www.usi.edu/roundabout.

Fall classes begin Monday, August 31.

Biology major named student trustee at USI

Lauren K. Raikes of Speedway, Indiana, is the student trustee recently appointed to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees by Governor **Mitch Daniels**. A biology major with an emphasis in optometry, Raikes will serve a two-year term.

She holds the James J. and Sally H. Giancola Endowed Presidential Scholarship at USI and carries a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of the Honors Program and serves as a student ambassador and a member of the Pott College of Science and Engineering Advisory Board. She also is a member of the Pre-Professional Health Club, a student organization at USI, and was a participant in the USI Honors Symposium. She plans to graduate in May 2011.

Raikes is a 2007 graduate of Speedway High School, where she was valedictorian. She also was the president of her class and president of the National Honor Society. She is active in church youth groups and traveled with them to El Salvador on a medical team and to Costa Rica as part of a community redevelopment team.

She is the daughter of **Gary and Lori Raikes** of Speedway. Her sister **Lyndsay Raikes** is a senior at USI who plays on the softball team.

New Harmony Theatre presents staged reading of "The Master Builder"

New Harmony Theatre will continue its Summer Play Reading Series with a reading of "The Master Builder," the classic story by Henrik Ibsen. The reading will feature not only members of the New Harmony Theatre professional acting company, but also members of the community. It will be directed by Chicago-based theatre artist and noted New Harmony favorite, **Joe Bowen**.

Amy Estes, New Harmony Theatre managing director, called Ibsen's "The Master Builder" a "provocative drama in which Ibsen explores the struggle of an artist balancing work and private life. Solness, an architect, has clawed his way to the top of his profession, but even at the top of his game, he constantly feels the pressure that younger architects will overtake his achievements. Then Hilda arrives to remind him of a promise he made to her as a girl, when he built a church in her small town. It is unclear whether this new inspiration will revitalize Solness, or be his demise. I am thrilled to be presenting this rarely-performed masterpiece."

The reading will take place in the Mallette Studio Theatre in the Liberal Arts Center on campus at USI on Wednesday July 15, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling the New Harmony Theatre box office at 1-877-NHT-SHOW or at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Rousing American musical "Guys and Dolls" opens July 31

New Harmony Theatre, the Tri-State's only professional Equity theatre, plans a stirring finale to its 2009 season with the popular American musical, "Guys and Dolls." It runs July 31 through August 16 at Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony. According to **Lenny Leibowitz**, artistic director, "Guys and Dolls' sparkles and fizzes with optimism and romance."

"Guys and Dolls" premiered on Broadway in 1950 and ran for three years. Based on a story and characters created by **Damon Runyon**, it has been revived on Broadway many times, most recently this spring. In a show filled with wise-guys and gamblers, Nathan Detroit is the wisest. Despite the protestations of his showgirl girlfriend, Miss Adelaide, he heads up "the oldest permanent floating crap game in New York," and with a convention of high-rollers in town, he is on the look-out for a location for the upcoming game. The best location requires a security deposit of one thousand dollars, which Nathan does not have. To get the money, Nathan bets Sky Masterson, an unrepentant gambler, that he can't get Sarah Brown, "a mission doll" heading the Save-A-Soul Mission in the heart of Broadway, to have dinner with him. "Guys and Dolls" hinges on the bet that Sarah and Sky will fall in love.

Leibowitz called "Guys and Dolls" "the most perfect American musical - an exuberant urban fairy tale about saints and sinners rolling for souls." He continued, "Every number is a show stopper, from 'Luck Be A Lady' to 'Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat,' and

from 'Adelaide's Lament' to 'I'll Know."

The cast of "Guys and Dolls" includes **Mark Fisher** as Sky Masterson, **Michael Iannucci** as Nathan Detroit, **Erin Stewart** as Sarah Brown, **Eileen Ward-Cutts** (seen as Blanche in "A Streetcar Named Desire" earlier this season) as Miss Adelaide, **Bob Ader** (currently playing Judge Omar Gaffney in New Harmony Theatre's production of "Harvey") as Arvive Abernathy, **Gene D'Alessandro** as Lieutenant Brannigan, **Jon Dolton** as Big Jule, **Billy Vitelli** (currently playing Dr. Chumley in New Harmony Theatre's production of "Harvey") as Benny Southstreet, and **Reji Woods** as Nicely Nicely. All are members of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the U.S. The ensemble includes several non-Equity performers, including Evansville native **Brandon Sears**.

The production features choreography by **Katie Ostrowski**, musical direction by **Sarah Brett England**, scenic and lighting design by **Craig A. Young**, costume design by **Shan Jensen**, and sound design by **Robert Dagit**.

"Guys and Dolls" plays at Murphy Auditorium at 419 Tavern Street in New Harmony. Tickets are \$29 for adults, \$27 for seniors (60 and over), and \$12 for anyone 25 or younger. Show times are as follows: Friday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 2 at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 9 at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 16 at 2 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the box office at 812/682-3115 or toll free at 1-877-NHTSHOW (648-7469), or visit the theatre's web site at www.newharmonytheatre.com.

Learn how to live long and well at Institute on Aging

The University of Southern Indiana's second annual Mid-America Institute on Aging, "Living Long, Living Well," will provide practical tools and groundbreaking information related to successful aging. Presented by the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions and the Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging (SWIRCA), with additional support from St. Mary's Medical Center, the event will be held Wednesday-Thursday, August 12-13, in the Health Professions Center at USI.

The target audience for the conference is older adults, family members, caregivers, nurses, social workers, employees working in long-term care settings, nursing home administrators, occupational therapists, dental professionals, and case managers.

On Wednesday, August 12, **Dr. Karen Wolfe**, an international speaker, author, and wellness coach, will present the keynote address, "Successful Aging - Scientific Discoveries for Increased Longevity and Enhanced Quality of Life." **Mark Laker**, an educator with the Indiana Department of Health, will present the plenary session, "Wellness and Humor: Let's Get Personal."

The keynote address on Thursday, August 13, will be presented by **Bob Hornyak**, director of the Office of Core Programs within the U.S. Administration on Aging. Hornyak will present "Modernizing the Older Americans Act: Partnerships and Opportunities." International speaker and author **Abby Shields** will present "Life Happens! Embracing Life's Inevitable Changes," in the plenary session that day.

Each day, participants will choose from morning and afternoon sessions in six categories: living well, care-giving, activity, environment, legal, and healthcare. Topics include living your best life, legal tips for care-givers, long-term care planning, yoga, Tai Chi, caring for persons with Alzheimer's, elder-friendly communities, living with diabetes, aging in a faith community, home modifications, and much more. There also will be an exhibit hall with representatives from more than 30 area organizations.

The cost of registration by July 29 is \$140 for both days and \$75 for one day. Retirees and students may attend at a cost of \$50 for both days and \$25 for one day. After July 29, registration increases to \$160, \$85, \$60, and \$30, respectively. For more information or to register, go to health.usi.edu/cont_ed/conferences.asp or call 800/467-8600 or 812/464-1989.

Education leaders to talk with faculty about P-12 education changes

Leaders from the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation and the Indiana Department of Education will speak to faculty involved in teacher preparation programs at the University of Southern Indiana at 9 a.m. July 28 in Carter Hall of the University Center.

The Distinguished Speakers Symposium will feature **Dr. Vince Bertram**, EVSC superintendent, and **Patrick W. Mapes**, director of the Office of Educator Licensing and Development for the Indiana Department of Education. They will speak on changes in preschool through high school education that will impact higher education. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentations. The symposium also will include a videotaped presentation prepared especially for the event by **Dr. Tony Bennett**, Indiana superintendent of public instruction.

Dr. Julie H. Edmister, dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, said the changing landscape in P-12 education will impact teacher education programs.

"Faculty understanding of the changing needs and requirements at the local and state levels is essential to offering programs and services that meet our stakeholder needs," she said. "This will be an excellent opportunity for us to discuss how we can work together to improve student success."

Bertram joined EVSC in his present position in 2007. Mapes assumed his present position in March after more than 20 years in K-12 education. He was most recently superintendent of the Delaware Community School Corporation in Muncie, Indiana.

USI faculty involved in teacher preparation programs in the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, Pott College of Science and Engineering, College of Liberal Arts, and College of Business will attend the symposium, which is sponsored by the Department of Teacher Education.

Ride the new Pilgrim's Plunge at USI Day at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

The USI Alumni Association invites USI alumni and friends to USI Day at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari on Saturday, August 29, in Santa Claus, Indiana. Experience the new Pilgrim's Plunge water ride and rollercoaster The Voyage. USI Day at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari includes admission to the park, a "Grand Buffet" picnic, free unlimited soft drinks, free parking, sunscreen, and inner tubes at the water park.

The Grand Buffet picnic will include Moonlight BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers and fixings, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, brownies, and cookies.

Tickets are \$33 for adults \$28 for children 3-6 and free for children age 2 and under. Season pass holder cost is \$11 for adults \$6 for children 3-6 and free for children 2 and under. Holiday World is open from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Splashin' Safari is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Grand Buffet will be held from noon to 2 p.m.

For more information or reservations, call Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924, email alumni@usi.edu, or go to www.usi.edu/alumni.

Fitness Center temporarily closing

The Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center at USI will be closed beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 24 and all day Saturday, July 25 to allow specialized renovation work to be completed. Please use this information as you make plans for the remainder of this week. We appreciate your patience during this period of facility enhancement and share your enthusiasm about the new and improved RFWC that opens this fall.

President Linda L. M. Bennett to speak at Women's Equality Day

President Linda L. M. Bennett is the keynote speaker for the annual Women's Equality Day breakfast celebrating women's right to vote. The event will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday, August 20, in the Centre's Ballroom A in downtown Evansville. Dr. Bennett will discuss "Women, Education, and Community."

Cost for the event is \$15 per person by August 10 \$20 after. Nonprofit tables for eight reserved by August 10 are \$150. Make checks payable to Greater St. James (CREC) Center and mail to: Ivy Tech Community College, Attn: Mary Murphy, HR director, 3501 First Avenue, Evansville IN 47710. Include your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address. Email Mary Murphy for more information at mmurphy@ivytech.edu.

Sponsors for Women's Equality Day are Old National Bank, Alcoa, The Evansville Courier & Press, Deaconess Women's Hospital, Bank of Evansville, Evansville Commerce Bank, Gerling Law Office, Harding & Shymanski, the Human Relations Commission, Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, Toyota, and Vectren.

Announcements

Post your fall events on the USI online calendar

To get wide exposure for your fall semester events, load your information to the campus online calendar. The calendar is a USI web resource widely used by faculty, staff, students, and web visitors to reference and publicize campus events.

The full calendar appears at https://www.usi.edu/web-services/calendar_03/. The menu across the top of the page has a Sign In icon and a How to Use icon for your use. You'll be prompted for your My USI login username and password to submit the event title; the time, date, and location of the event; and background on a speaker, purpose of the event, sponsor of the event, and who can attend the event. You can load a web address, if you have a web site related to the event. The form provides space for information about cost to attend the event and has a place to check if the event is free.

The daily campus events which appear on the front page of the USI web site and on several college and department web pages throughout the site are pulled from the main calendar. You'll get top placement of your event if you load it to the online calendar. If many events are scheduled on one day, the events appear according to the time of the event, with early-in-the day events appearing first. Events on the daily calendar are removed throughout the day, once an event is over, so events scheduled later in the day can appear. Take a look at the daily calendar at www.usi.edu.

Questions about the online calendar can be answered by web team member **Ed Scharf** at elscharf@usi.edu.

Name changes for two departments

Two departments at USI have new names. The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment is now the Office of Planning, Research, and Assessment. Housing and Residence Life titles have been used interchangeably and now, for clarity, the

department name is the Office of Housing and Residence Life Operations. These new titles are effective immediately.

Join Alumni Association for "USI Alumni & Entering Student Picnic"

The USI Alumni Association invites alumni, employees, students, and friends of USI to "USI Alumni & Entering Student Picnic" at the Indianapolis Indians baseball game Saturday, August 8, at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis Indians baseball team will play the Charlotte Knights at 7 p.m. that evening. The USI Alumni Association will have a picnic from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the Left Field Picnic Area with BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad, baked beans, fruit salad, cookies, and beverages.

Reserved seat tickets are \$25.50 per person. Children age 2 and under will be admitted free. Reservations are required by July 30.

For more information, call the USI Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924.

Volleyball games twice a week

A group of USI employees and students meet for a friendly game of volleyball from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Players are of all ages, sizes, and skill levels – male and female, faculty, staff, and students. If you would like to join the game, just show up in your gym shoes with your USI photo ID at the Recreation and Fitness Center. For more information, contact **Susie Kempf** at 812/464-1793 or skempf@usi.edu.

Screaming Eagles' Grass Roots Series

The University of Southern Indiana cross country program is sponsoring the fourth annual "Screaming Eagles' Grass Roots Series." The series, which is a family-friendly event open to competitors of all age groups, is comprised of five races through August 20.

Each race will be four-kilometer run the will take place at the USI Broadway Recreational Complex. The course is entirely grass and consists of two loops on flat-to gently rolling terrain.

To get to the Broadway Recreational Complex, go south on Schutte Road and turn right onto Broadway. The complex will be on the right-hand side.

The start time for each race will be at 7:30 p.m., with races on July 30, August 6, and August 20. Registration is from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on race day only. Registration costs are \$5 per race and \$20 for the series. All proceeds benefit the USI cross country/track and field programs.

Awards will go to the top five male and female competitors in each race and results will be available on the internet at www.gousieagles.com and www.tristaterunner.com.

Overall series awards to age group winners are in the following divisions: 14-under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-over. Overall series awards will be determined by adding the total time from your best three races in the series. To be eligible, competitors only have to run three of the fives.

For more information, email USI Head Cross Country/Track and Field Coach **Mike Hillyard** at mhillyar@usi.edu.

Mahoney quoted in Howey Politics Indiana daily wire

Tim Mahoney, instructor in economics, was quoted in "2,400 Hoosiers Working Due to Stimulus," an article in the Tuesday, July 21 edition of the Howey Politics Indiana daily wire.