



University Notes

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College of Business student volunteers offer free tax help

USI senior accounting students provide annual free tax assistance through the USI College of Business Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

In VITA programs, the Internal Revenue Service partners with national and local organizations to provide tax services to individuals with low-to-moderate income at no cost to the taxpayer. Accounting students will interview and prepare the taxes of other students and relatively low-income taxpayers who make an appointment for this service. This site will not prepare Schedule C business forms or Schedule E rental forms. Your federal and state tax returns are prepared while you wait and all taxpayers must be available to sign their returns. Preparation of returns typically takes up to two hours to complete.

This year, tax help will be available at 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays starting February 6 by appointment only. The sessions will be held in Room 2039 in the Orr Center on the following Wednesdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 19, 26; and April 2 and 9.

No appointments will be available on Wednesday, March 12 during Spring Recess.

"This is a good opportunity for people who have reasonably simple income tax returns and want to avoid having to pay for professional tax preparation services," said **Brett Long**, associate professor of accounting and business law. "It is also a great experience for our accounting students."

Long said the students ordinarily prepare 100 to 150 tax returns each year.

Individuals are required to bring tax information, photo identification cards, Social Security cards for themselves and their dependents, and copies of 2006 tax returns if they are available. The IRS encourages electronic filing and returns will be filed electronically for those who are eligible. Paper returns will be prepared for those taxpayers who do not qualify for electronic filing.

To make an appointment, call the College of Business at 812/464-1718.

Atheneum receives 2008 American Institute of Architects Twenty-five Year Award

New Harmony's Atheneum, designed by **Richard Meier**, has received the 2008 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Twenty-five Year Award, intended to honor architectural design that has stood the test of time for 25 years. The building and architect will be honored at the American Architectural Foundation's Accent on Architecture gala in Washington D.C. in February.

The Atheneum serves as the Visitors Center for Historic New Harmony, a unified program of USI and the Indiana Division of State Museums and Historic Sites. It is the starting point for tours and a center for visitor orientation and cultural community events, and houses exhibits on the communal history of New Harmony, a

large theater, and the Museum Shop. The Atheneum's galleries also accommodate frequent receptions and meetings, allowing the structure to participate in the vitality of the community.

According to the AIA, the Atheneum "was conceived in terms of the linked ideas of architectural promenade and the historic journey of one of America's most significant utopian communities." The Atheneum has received numerous design awards including the Progressive Architecture Award for 1979 and an AIA Honor Award in 1982.

"The Atheneum is one of Richard Meier's seminal works of architecture," said nominator **Peter Eisenman**. "The design elements in this important work are evident throughout his career, having been further distilled to their most essential expression. While one of his earliest buildings, it is a wonderfully pure example of the recurring themes among his substantial oeuvre; it is a classic 'Meier' design."

Mark Rozewski, vice president for Business Affairs, said, "The Atheneum is known worldwide as a landmark work of modern architecture, and it is a great honor for the University to be the steward of this important building." Rozewski will attend the gala this month, along with **Connie Weinzapfel**, director of Historic New Harmony; **M. Edward Jones**, dean of Extended Services and associate vice president for Academic Affairs; and **Cindy Brinker**, vice president for Governmental Relations.

When the Atheneum opened in 1979, **Ada Louise Huxtable**, architecture critic for The New York Times, wrote, "On the banks of the Wabash River, not far from the corn fields of Indiana, stands a dramatically handsome new building representing architecture's most advanced frontier. This gleaming white structure is as radical an addition to the rural American heartland as Le Corbusier's Villa Savoie was to the French countryside at Poissy half-a-century ago."

Meier was the youngest architect to receive the Pritzker Architecture Prize, his profession's highest accolade. Shortly after receiving that honor, he was awarded the design of The Getty Center in Los Angeles. He also designed the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia; the Museum of Decorative Arts in Frankfurt, Germany; and an addition to the Des Moines Art Center in Iowa, among other commissions around the world.

Pott Foundation Tri State Science and Engineering Fair registration deadlines approaching

Deadlines to register science and engineering fair projects for the 2008 Pott Foundation Tri State Science and Engineering Fair are February 7 for senior division projects and February 21 for junior division projects; the fair will be held March 10 through March 12 at USI. Registration can be done online at www.usi.edu/science/fair. Organizers of the fair encourage students to register soon to meet the deadline.

The junior division is for students in grades six to eight; the senior division is for students in grades nine to 12. Students from area middle schools and high schools within a 75-mile radius of Evansville are eligible to participate in the fair.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering at USI, said, "The Pott Foundation Tri State Science and Engineering Fair is the largest celebration of science in the Tri-

State and offers an exciting opportunity for students to display their research projects and receive recognition for their work."

This year marks the 59th year for the science and engineering fair in Evansville. This is the second year it will be held at the University of Southern Indiana.

The event will serve as the qualifier for the state and International Science and Engineering Fair (this year in Atlanta, Georgia). Awards will include six \$1,500 renewable USI scholarships in the senior division, cash awards, and plaques for winners. In addition, cash awards will go to classrooms with the most participants at the junior and senior divisions and to the classrooms of the winners, plus other awards.

There are 12 categories plus a team projects category. The categories are behavior and social sciences; botany; chemistry and biochemistry; computer science; earth and space sciences; engineering; environmental science; mathematics; medicine, health, and gerontology; and microbiology, physics, and zoology.

Rules for the competition are available on the Web site at www.usi.edu/science/fair. The site also offers ideas on how to come up with an idea for a project, key aspects of a successful project, how to prepare a scientific paper, what science fair judges want to see, and more.

Projects will be set up beginning at noon on Monday, March 10, with judging to take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. that day. A free public exhibition of the projects will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11. An awards ceremony and reception will be at 6:30 p.m. March 12 in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center at USI.

The co-directors of the fair are **Dr. Shelly Blunt**, associate dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering and associate professor of chemistry, and **Dave Ellert**, instructor in engineering.

You can help the University comply with the Clean Water Act

Editor's note: The following information about the University's efforts to comply with the federal Clean Water Act is from the Physical Plant's **Fred Kalvelage**, MS4 coordinator. For more information, go to www.usi.edu/phyplant/MS4.asp.

The University of Southern Indiana is situated on approximately 300 acres of beautiful rolling hills in southwestern Indiana just a few miles north of the Ohio River. The campus has grown, over the last 39 years, from a few buildings to over 75 buildings. Careful planning has enabled this growth to take place while maintaining large forested areas, open green spaces and the construction of two large lakes. Storm water from buildings, paved parking areas and undeveloped areas is collected in a storm sewer conveyance system which is directed to the original natural drainage system. The natural drainage of storm water is divided into three watersheds as it leaves the campus. Each watershed flows through unnamed tributaries to Bayou Creek.

Congress enacted the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments in 1972. The Act was amended in 1977 and this law became commonly known as the Clean Water Act. In 1990 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established Phase I which covered medium and large Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s). The Storm Water Phase II Final Rule was the next step under the Clean Water Act which covers MS4s in urbanized areas, universities, and prisons.

USI is included in Phase II MS4s and has implemented a program to assure compliance with regulations promulgated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The information presented here is intended to help the students, faculty, and staff of USI to understand the MS4 Program and the importance of reducing the pollution entering our storm water conveyance sys-

tem.

At USI, the storm water conveyance system consists of road ditches, curb inlets, storm drains, the two campus lakes, one pond and several intermittent streams that drain into Bayou Creek which then empties into the Ohio River.

Storm water runoff flows across planted areas and pavement into ditches, storm drains, or curb inlets. This runoff picks up animal waste, debris, chemicals, dirt, oil drippings from vehicles, and other pollutants which are carried into the conveyance system and eventually to the Ohio River.

Treating storm water runoff would be difficult and very expensive. Stopping pollutants from entering the system in the first place will be more effective, but it requires that all users of the USI campus join the effort. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution.

Properly dispose of hazardous materials such as used oil, paint, and other chemicals. DO NOT POUR them on the ground or into any part of the storm water conveyance system. Report misconduct to the offices named below.

Place trash in proper containers and prevent it from entering the conveyance system and plugging drains.

Use fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and road chemicals properly to prevent excessive runoff.

Look for and report any signs of pollution such as discolored soil, debris and chemical residue. Also report any discharge from storm water outfalls during dry weather which could be a sign that there is a problem with the conveyance system.

Store all chemicals and other materials that can pollute storm water indoors. Any storage container that is used outdoors should not rust or leak.

Report any illegal dumping of trash, chemicals, or other waste immediately.

Report mud, debris, or other material in runoff from construction sites. Also report mud or any material being tracked onto roadways by construction vehicles.

Make reports of any observed pollution problem to one of the following: Physical Plant, 812/ 464-1729; Security, 812/464-1845; MS4 coordinator **Fred Kalvelage**, 812/464-5266.

There are other ways for you to get involved to reduce pollution in storm water runoff and assist in the MS4 program:

Volunteer to assist in marking existing storm drains which will help prevent dumping into those drains.

Participate in and volunteer to help with Earth Day activities. You can find more information about Earth Day at www.earthdayindiana.org or www.epa.gov/superfund/students/earthday.htm.

Participate in recycling programs for metal cans, plastic products, and paper products.

Recycle used oil through existing drop-off centers.

Properly dispose of hazardous materials such as paint and household chemicals during publicized collection days in each area county.

Properly maintain vehicles to reduce oil and gasoline dripping.

For more information, go to www.usi.edu/phyplant/MS4.asp.

Homecoming 2008 resurrects "The Week of the Beak"

The February 8, 1989 issue of the *University Notes* reveals that Homecoming that year was dubbed "The Week of the Beak," and that theme has been resurrected for Homecoming 2008, February 4-9.

Nineteen years ago, "The Week of the Beak" included a week of

student activities, including "Soap Opera Bingo," "USI Beak Trivia," a fashion show, and entertainment by comedian Tom Anzalone. A reception for faculty and alumni featured music by Electric Larry and The Brown Sisters, while students enjoyed a Homecoming dance with The Rave. The USI Alumni Association honored the graduating classes of 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1988. The Homecoming game pitted the Screaming Eagles against the Missouri Baptist University Spartans. Sheila Leistner and Kevin Swords were crowned Queen and King.

Homecoming 2008 will again include many student activities. Events of particular interest to USI employees this year are:

Tuesday, February 5

Office Decorating Contest

Show your USI spirit to students by decorating your department's office. Judging will be based on the use of the Homecoming theme, use of red and blue, and the use of USI's name and/or images. The winner of the contest will receive a trophy that travels among winning departments from year to year. Judging for the Office Decorating Contest will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, go to www.usi.edu/homecoming/office.asp.

Friday, February 8

Spirit Day

Show your USI spirit by wearing red and blue or USI attire on Friday, February 8, and join the USI community for Lunch in the Loft. Students, faculty, and staff wearing red and blue or USI attire will receive a free beverage with any combo meal purchase. Combo meals include: Charleston Station with two sides, sandwich/wrap and chips, or salad bar. The Loft will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and accepts Visa and MasterCard.

Saturday, February 9

Homecoming Tailgate

You are invited to attend the Tailgate Party on Saturday, February 9 from noon to 3 p.m. On your way to the basketball games, stop by the tent in front of the Physical Activities Center to enjoy free food, games, and entertainment.

Homecoming Game versus the University of Indianapolis

The women play at 12:30 p.m. and the men at 3:15 p.m. in the Physical Activities Center. The Spirit Competition and Craziest Fan Contest winners will be announced during the women's halftime, and Homecoming King and Queen will be coronated during the men's halftime. For information about purchasing tickets, go to www.usi.edu/sports/tickets.asp# or call 812/465-7165.

Alumni Homecoming Party

What could be nicer after a day of cheering on the Screaming Eagles than relaxing at the Alumni Homecoming Party? Reconnect with old classmates while enjoying entertainment and complimentary food provided by local restaurants. The Alumni Homecoming Party will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Room 200 at the Physical Activities Center. For more information call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office at 812/464-1924.

Go to www.usi.edu/homecoming. There you will find information about all of this year's Homecoming activities, as well as images from Homecomings past.

Names in the news

Passings

Bernice Isabelle Woodall, mother of **Steve Woodall**, director of security, died January 29. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 2 at Browning Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to VNA Charlier Hospice Center, P.O. Box 3487, Evansville, Indiana 47734-9983.

Welcome

Michael Murphy has accepted a position as manager of business information systems in the Business Office. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree and Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Indiana University. Murphy was formerly employed as an adjunct faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College.

Mary Vanover has accepted a position as admissions clerk in the Office of Admissions. She holds an associates degree from Olney Central College. Vanover was formerly employed as an A/P coordinator at Atlas Van Lines.

Accomplishments

April Vasher Dean, director of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, has been elected president of the New Harmony Business Associates (NHBA) for 2008. NHBA is a member organization comprised of New Harmony business owners and dedicated to enhancing the community through sponsoring educational and artistic activities as well as encouraging tourism through marketing endeavors. New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is sponsored by USI.

Dr. Robert L. Reid, provost and vice president emeritus of Academic Affairs and professor emeritus of history, will introduce the exhibit, "Afloat on the Ohio, 1894," at the opening reception held at the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. on Friday, February 1. The exhibit, which Reid and Dan Fuller of the Wisconsin Historical Society prepared, is co-sponsored by USI and the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science. It will be on display through May 31, 2008.

Paulette Roeske Reid, a former lecturer in English at USI, conducted a series of poetry workshops in the Chicago area and served as judge for the Northwest Cultural Council's annual international poetry competition in December and January. Her work appeared in the anthology *The Movable Nest: A Mother/Daughter Companion*, just released by Helicon Nine Editions, as well as in *Zone 3*, *Crab Orchard Review*, and *Poetry East*.

FYI

www.usi.edu Home Page Gets a Makeover

Web Services has launched a new and improved USI home page. The new look emphasizes the beauty of campus and highlights recent improvements such as the new quad, labyrinth, and fountain.

The site has also been streamlined to help visitors to the site find the information they need as quickly as possible.

An extensive explanation of the redesign and its elements can be found at <http://www.usi.edu/newlook.asp>.

Faculty Senate to hold forum on Presidential Search

The Faculty Senate will host a forum on the presidential search process at 3 p.m. Friday, February 29, Education Center Room 0139. The forum is designed to gather insights about leadership qualities desired in the next president of USI. Faculty also will be asked to provide perspectives on the short and long term planning needs of the major university divisions. The forum will update faculty on the

process for selection of faculty representatives on the Presidential Search and Screen Committee, and share the timetable for the search process. Faculty members who are unable to attend the forum may email comments and feedback to **Dr. C. Christy Baker**, Faculty Senate chair.

Open Enrollment for USI Summer Camps

USI offers full-time summer child care to USI and community families, starting Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, August 1. Children entering kindergarten or first grade are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten Camp, housed at the USI Children's Center. Children entering second through fifth are eligible to enroll in the Summer Enrichment Camp, housed at Messiah Lutheran Church on Middle Mt. Vernon Road, just a mile from campus. To learn more about the camps or to view photos, visit the Web site for Kindergarten Camp or Summer Enrichment Camp. To receive an enrollment packet or for more information, contact **Jaclyn Dumond**, program coordinator, Family, School, and Children's Programs, at 812/465-1274.

University of Southern Indiana Fact Book is online

The USI Fact Book is a comprehensive reference about the institution. The Fact Book provides 10 years of statistical information regarding USI at the university, college, and academic department levels, as well as information on various other departments on campus. The Fact Book can be the source for information about USI that is frequently requested by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and others. The reference was compiled by staff in Institutional Research. The first edition is available in electronic form at www.usi.edu/ir/fact_book.asp, and it provides a convenient source of information on many aspects of the University. Plans are to update the material yearly.

Graham will read poetry for RopeWalk series

Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, will read his poetry at the first RopeWalk Reading of the spring 2008 semester at 5 p.m. Thursday, February 7, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Graham is the author of three books of poetry, *A World Without End* (2007), *1946* (1991), and *New World Architecture* (1985). He has received a number of awards and fellowships from the Academy of American Poets, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the Vermont Studio Center. He is USI's director of Creative Writing, codirects the RopeWalk Writers Retreat, and serves as poetry editor for the University's literary magazine, *Southern Indiana Review*. For more information, call Nicole Reid, assistant professor of creative writing, 812/464-1916.

IU Soul Revue concert is tonight

The IU Soul Review will bring its high energy, impeccable musicianship, and soulful delivery to USI this evening, Friday, February 1. Sponsored by the Multicultural Center in honor of Black History Month, the Soul Review will perform at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center. Founded in 1971, the IU Soul Revue is one of three performance ensembles of Indiana University's African American Arts Institute. The concert will feature a wide range of selections from the group's repertoire of traditional rhythm and blues, soul, funk, and contemporary black popular music styles. For more information, contact the USI Multicultural Center at 812/465-7188.

Adult literacy tutor training offered

Interested in improving the basic literacy of adults in our community? The Literacy Center is offering a free tutor-training session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 2, for those interested in

tutoring adults in reading. The session will be held at The Literacy Center office at 3411 A First Avenue on the Ivy Tech campus in Evansville. **Dr. Susanna Hoeness-Krupswa**, associate professor of English, and **Lori Saxby**, reading specialist in Academic Skills, will lead the training session. For more information about becoming a tutor, contact Saxby at 812/464-1743 or visit The Literacy Center website at www.litcenter.org.

Take your USI spirit on the road

This year it's easier than ever before to tag your car with a red, white, and blue USI license plate. Now you can ask for your USI license plate at your local Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Beginning January 1, BMVs state-wide began collecting the \$25 tax-deductible contribution in support of the USI Alumni Scholarship Endowment and forwarding it to the University. A separate authorization form from the University is no longer required. When you purchase or renew your USI license plate, you will pay the state assessed fees, a \$15 BMV processing fee, and your \$25 scholarship contribution directly to the BMV. You may request your USI plate from the BMV by mail, at your local license branch, or online through the BMV Web site at www.state.in.us/bmv. As a result of the BMV change, the purchase of a USI plate will no longer qualify alumni for active member status in the USI Alumni Association. (For more information about membership in the Alumni Association, go to www.usi.edu/ALUMNI/membership.asp.) For information about the USI license plates, call the Alumni Association at 812/464-1924 or your local license branch.

CareerLINK is for all students

The spring CareerLINK Internship/Co-op, Full-Time, and Graduate School Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, in Carter Hall in the University Center. CareerLINK connects seniors and graduates with employers and graduate school and undergraduates with employers seeking summer and fall internships and co-ops. For a list of recruiters that will be on campus, go to www.usi.edu/careersv. For more information, contact Rene Koressel, recruiting supervisor in Career Services, at 812/464-1865.

Museum exhibit includes USI's early years

"Evansville in the 1960s," an exhibit currently on view at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science, includes a section dedicated to USI's early years. The exhibit will run through February 3, 2008. It examines key happenings in Evansville during the turbulent decade and highlights topics including education, commerce, and city infrastructure of the period, as well as successes in athletics. For more information, go to www.emuseum.org/history/history.html.

AAA selling sweet treats for Valentine's Day

The Administrative Assistants and Associates (AAA) is sponsoring its third annual Valentine's Day bake sale from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 14, in the Orr Center Atrium. For more information, contact Bonnie Scheller, library assistant, at 812/465-1276 or Kathy Mitchell, senior administrative assistant, Rice Library, at 812/464-1824.