

University Notes

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Raske to portray Jane Addams for traditional Independence Day celebration

The town of New Harmony will commemorate its 193rd July 4th celebration in much the same way that it was celebrated during the early 19th century.

The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. at the Rapp-Owen Granary with patriotic speeches, music, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. This event is free to attend and open to the public.

The featured speaker is "Miss Jane Addams," founder of Hull House, the early 20th century settlement house in Chicago. Miss Addams last spoke in New Harmony in 1899. Her appearance is recreated by **Dr. Martha Raske**, associate professor of social work and a resident of New Harmony.

The celebratory festivities will move to Maclure Park in New Harmony where the community picnic and decorated golf cart parade will begin at 11 a.m. Music will be provided by the Red Bank Reunion Band. The picnic will feature a variety of food items for sale, including hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, cobbler, and ice cream. Games for kids of all ages will be available.

In the tradition of New Harmony's founding Harmonists, free (root) beer will be available for all attendees. During their early celebrations of the Fourth of July, members of the Harmonie Society would invite area residents into their community offering locally brewed beer to their guests.

New Harmony's Traditional Fourth of July Celebration is sponsored by the New Harmony Kiwanis, the Friends of the Working Men's Institute, and Historic New Harmony.

USI accounting team wins national competition

A team of accounting students from USI has won first place in the national Student Case Competition sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants.

Other teams in the final round of competition represented Rider University in New Jersey, Wright State University in Ohio, and Western Illinois University in Illinois.

The teams made their presentations in the competition June 15 at the 89th IMA Annual Conference and Exposition in Tampa, Florida.

This was the third straight year for a USI College of Business team to qualify for the national finals. As a competitor in the "final four," the USI team received an award of \$3,000. As winner, the team received an additional \$2,000.

USI team members were accounting majors **Andy Dill** of Princeton, Indiana; **Brad Greene** of Georgetown, Indiana; **Angela King** of Santa Claus, Indiana, and **Amy Oglesby** of Galatia, Illinois. Faculty sponsors were **Dr. Brian McGuire**, chair of the Department of Accounting and Business Law and professor of accounting, and **Jeanette G. Maier-Lytle**, instructor in accounting.

Teams from universities throughout the country entered the first round of IMA competition. To qualify for the finals, each team prepared a 15-minute DVD presentation and submitted it for blind judging. Four teams were chosen to make live presentations in the final round. In the finals, each team's 15-minute presentation was followed by a single common question from the judges.

The case for the 2008 competition required the students to develop accounting processes that would provide the leaders of a nonprofit organization with useful information for decision support, planning, and control. Judges chose the finalists based on technical content and presentation skills exhibited in the video.

Judges were selected from industry and academia across the country.

Three students on the team that competed in Tampa have experience on other award-winning USI accounting teams. Oglesby was a member of the IMA competition team for the second year and also was on the 2006 and 2007 USI teams that took first place in the Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS) Case Study Competition. Greene and King also were on the 2007 team in the INCPAS competition. The USI College of Business team has won that competition four straight years. Dill completed a post-baccalaureate certificate in accountancy in May. He also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in business administration from USI.

The USI team was recognized at IMA's 2008 Academic and Student Awards Recognition Luncheon following the competition and will be honored again at the organization's annual dinner on June 18.

The Student Case Competition is sponsored annually by IMA to promote sound financial/accounting analysis and presentation skills. IMA is an organization for management accounting and finance professionals. It has about 70,000 members worldwide.

A true labyrinth:

Harmonist Labyrinth restored to original design

Historic New Harmony is restoring the Harmonist Labyrinth to a true one-path labyrinth similar to that designed by the founding Harmonie Society around 1820. The labyrinth was recreated as a hedge maze by the New Harmony Memorial Commission at a site adjacent to the original labyrinth in 1939.

According to **Robert Ferré** of Labyrinth Enterprises, a labyrinth is a pattern with a single path that leads circuitously to the center. A maze has multiple paths, intersections, choices, and dead ends.

The labyrinth was one of the earliest projects of the New Harmony Memorial Commission, created by the state of Indiana in 1937 to help preserve and protect New Harmony's history.

The original Harmonist Labyrinth was made of flowers, trees, and shrubs. There was a wooden grotto at its center. The New Harmony Memorial Commission built a small stone grotto at the center of the maze, based on designs from other Harmonist sites. Historic New Harmony renovated the grotto in 2001.

"Nothing was left of the original labyrinth in 1939," said **Connie Weinzapfel**, director of Historic New Harmony. "The New Harmony Memorial Commission had the research and they knew what the Harmonie Society had done, but they made a conscious decision to make a design they perceived to be more interesting."

A maze offers choices in the pathway intended to perplex the visitor, while a labyrinth holds one meditative path to its center. But the many blockades created by the current design have worked to destroy some of the Amur River privet hedges that were planted in 1939, as visitors crossed through the hedges rather than using the pathways.

The Harmonists built a labyrinth at each of their three communities, including those at Harmony and Economy, Pennsylvania. To recreate the

original Harmonist design required removing the hedges currently blocking the pathways, realigning the pathways, reconfiguring some hedges at the entryway, and planting new hedges. Nellis Landscaping completed the work with assistance from Historic New Harmony staff.

Ferré said the Harmonist design is unique in the world of labyrinths throughout history because it solves an interesting problem.

"The oldest labyrinth design is a classical seven-circuit design which is deceptively sophisticated," he said. "In it, the turns are opposite each other, on each side of the entrance, which gives it a very balanced look. However, the labyrinth is not symmetrical. One side has one more path than the other side, plus it is sort of mushroom-shaped.

"When you make the labyrinth circular it becomes symmetrical, but the turns no longer line up, so a very nice visual effect is lost. In the Harmonist Labyrinth it is both circular and symmetrical - the turns line up across from each other in a very elegant way. This was done by intercepting the circles with horizontal lines in such a way as to manipulate where the turns end up on either side of the entrance."

Ferré designed the USI Labyrinth and consulted on the Cathedral Labyrinth in New Harmony. "I was very impressed with the unique solution they found," he said. "I may copy it some day."

Historic New Harmony collected private donations toward the restoration of the labyrinth.

"Body and Spirit" exhibition opens at New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art

USI's New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art presents *Body and Spirit* by artists Phillip Chan and Adam Fleming. The exhibition runs through Sunday, August 3.

Body and Spirit explores the physical body and humanity's spiritual possibilities through sculpture, paintings, and drawings. Chan's *Fallen Angel* series "examines our vulnerability as human beings and the pious state that each of us hopes to realize." Fleming's sculptures "represent the body with its silent longings. Each sculpture's negative spaces, meditative and silent, wait to be filled by the Spirit of God."

Chan lives and works in Akron, Ohio. He is a professor of art at Youngstown State University where he has worked since 1992. He received his Master of Fine Arts degree in drawing and painting from San Jose State University in California. Chan has received numerous grants and awards including three National Endowment for the Humanities grants and a National Endowment for the Arts individual artist grant.

Fleming has a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology from Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana, where he lives and works. He has studied sculpture with Wayne Harshberger since 2002. He has had numerous exhibitions throughout the region and has won juried prizes at many art fairs and shows.

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 812/682-3156 or visit www.usi.edu/nhgallery.

This exhibition was made possible through the support of the University and the Indiana Arts Commission.

Historic Southern Indiana's O'Bannon Award deadline is July 11

Historic Southern Indiana's Frank and Judy O'Bannon Heritage Enrichment Award recognizes an individual who is committed to the distinctive heritage of southern Indiana and works with youths 18 and under.

Judy and the late Frank O'Bannon embody the mission and goals of Historic Southern Indiana in their commitment to, and love of, southern Indiana's heritage. Their belief in the identification, preservation, and promotion of those things that make communities special is most evident in their support of programs benefiting youth.

Volunteers are eligible for the award, as well as paid employees whose programs enrich the lives of young people age 18 or under. It is not limited

to those who work in the schools. Nominees must reside in the Historic Southern Indiana region - the 26 counties of the southern part of the state: Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington.

The award was instituted in 2005. Past winners were Maxine Brown of Corydon (2005), Linda Willis of Mount Vernon (2006), and JoAnne Spiller of Madison (2007).

Interested individuals may nominate themselves. A panel of judges will select the recipient by September 1, 2008. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of Historic Southern Indiana.

The award includes a \$1,000 cash prize, a plaque, recognition at the Annual Meeting of Historic Southern Indiana, an article highlighting the achievements of the recipient in the Historic Southern Indiana newsletter, and a news release featuring the recipient's achievements.

For a nomination form or more information, go to the Web site or call 812/465-7014.

Completed nomination forms and attachments are due by July 11, 2008. Mail to: Historic Southern Indiana, Attention: Jane Reynolds, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712.

Historic Southern Indiana (HSI) is a heritage-based regional outreach program of the University of Southern Indiana. It seeks to identify, preserve, enhance, and promote the historic, natural, and recreational resources of the region for the benefit of visitors and citizens.

Night Flight scheduled for July 19

The USI cross country/track and field program will hold the 31st annual Night Flight Road Run Saturday, July 19, on the USI campus. The Night Flight Road Run will consist of a half-mile run, for kids seven-and-under, well as a four-mile run and one-mile run.

Registration fees are \$15 (\$12 for the seven-and-under half-mile) for entries postmarked or received on or before July 14. Entrants running both the four-mile and one-mile run should add an additional \$5 and include a second entry form.

Late registration will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. July 19 on the USI campus. The late registration fee will be \$20 for one race and \$25 for both races as well as \$15 for the seven-and-under half-mile run.

The race times are 7:45 p.m. for the seven-and-under half-mile race; 8 p.m. for the one-mile run; and 8:30 p.m. for the four-mile run. The awards presentation will follow the four-mile run at the USI Physical Activities Center.

Proceeds from the Night Flight Road Run help fund the USI cross country/track and field programs. The Screaming Eagles' Grass Roots Series, which resumes tonight with the second installment of the five-race series, also helps fund the USI cross country/track and field program. The third race is slated for July 3, while the fourth and fifth races in the Grass Roots Series are July 23 and August 7, respectively.

For more information visit www.usi.edu/sports/mcc/nightflight.asp or contact the USI cross country office and Head Coach Mike Hillyard at 812/465-1232.

Wood is first USI softball player named GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year

USI senior outfielder Kathy Wood (Lynnville, Indiana) was named the GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year for softball in a vote of the league's faculty athletic representatives. Wood is the first USI softball player to earn the honor.

Wood, who was named ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District V for a third time last month and Academic All-GLVC for a fourth time earlier this month, graduated from USI with a 3.96 grade point average in exercise science in May and will be entering graduate school at Indiana

University/Purdue University Indianapolis this fall.

The native of Lynnville, Indiana, finished this past season with a .373 batting average, a career-high six doubles, a GLVC-best seven triples, and 14 RBIs. Wood also was second in the GLVC with 16 sacrifice bunts and led the GLVC in conference-only games with a .440 batting average.

A three-time All-GLVC selection, including a first-team All-Conference selection in 2008, Wood earned first-team Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Great Lakes Region honors as well as second-team Daktronics All-Great Lakes Region honors this past spring. She also was USI's Screaming Eagles Pride Award winner in 2008.

Since 1998, the GLVC selects one student-athlete in each conference sport to be designated the Scholar-Athlete of the Year. This award is based upon athletic accomplishments, both team and individual, and academic performance in the season upon which the award is based. Each conference member has the opportunity to nominate one individual from its team for the award. Nominees must have a cumulative grade point average which meets Academic All-American standards (3.2), and freshmen and first-year transfers are not eligible for the award.

Wood is the 14th USI student athlete to receive the honor with six earning the award twice.

Growing...Building

Work will straighten Bent Twig

While USI employees and students are accustomed to construction on campus, **Steve Helfrich**, director of Facility Planning and Operations, admits that in the coming months there will be more construction than usual.

Last week contractor Blankenberger Brothers, Inc. submitted the winning bid for a road construction project that will straighten the curve in Bent Twig Road at Administrative Services Annex North. The road will be routed toward Reflection Lake in preparation for construction of the new Business and Engineering Center. A groundbreaking for the Business and Engineering Center will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at the southwest corner of the USI Quadrangle near the Technology Center.

Phase 1A of the road project will begin in July, but Bent Twig will remain open while the new section is constructed. Near the end of Phase 1A, in August or mid-September, Bent Twig will be closed south of the University Center pay lot as crews tie the new section into the existing road. For about two weeks at the end of construction, Clark Lane/Bent Twig will be a two-way road leading back to University Parkway.

After Phase 1A is complete, Clark Lane/Bent Twig will revert to a one way street.

Phase 1B of the road construction project will begin in spring 2009, when a roundabout will be constructed at the entrance to campus at Clarke Lane and University Boulevard, and Clark Lane/Bent Twig will be upgraded with a change in the configuration of the entrances into Lots G and H.

After that work is complete, Clark Lane/Bent Twig will be a permanent two-way street.

Other construction projects on the core campus include the Ceramics Center, which is expected to be complete in December (with demolition of the original ceramics building to follow in January 2009), the Recreation and Fitness Center expansion, renovation of the third level of the Science Center, and a new roof for the Wright Administration Building. Renovation and expansion of the University Center into the former library will begin in January 2009.

Projects under construction off of the main campus include the McDonald East Community Building, set to open in August, and the Support Services Building on Bluff Lane on the east side of campus. Scheduled to be completed in December, the Support Services Building will be a new facility for maintenance, mail services, Procurement and Risk Management, and central receiving and warehousing.

Names in the News

Passings

Kinjiro Nishimura, father of **Keietsu Nishimura**, director of Southern Indiana Japanese School, and grandfather of **Ken Nishimura**, museum aide I, New Harmony Operations, died on June 24 in Morioka, Japan. Services were held today.

Welcome

Kourtney Eastham has accepted a position as area coordinator in Residence Life. She holds a Master of Arts degree in education from Western Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations from USI. Eastham was formerly employed as a residence hall director at Western Kentucky University.

Jessica Fields has accepted a position as senior accounting assistant in the Business Office. She was formerly employed as a human resource manager at Lowes Home Centers Inc.

Kim Myers has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Liberal Arts. She was formerly employed as a financial aid specialist at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith.

Accomplishments

The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana will honor two faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts at its annual Arts Award Banquet in September. **Matthew Graham**, professor of English, is the Artist of the Year. **Lenny Dowhie**, professor of art, is Arts Educator of the Year.

Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor emeritus of history and director emeritus of the Center for Communal Studies, will lecture at the first reunion for descendants of members of the Harmony Society on Saturday. The 2008 Harmony Society Family Reunion begins in Harmony, Pennsylvania today. Pitzer will lead the program Saturday by discussing "How the Harmonists Suffered Disharmony." The Harmony Society left Pennsylvania to found New Harmony in 1814.

FYI

University closed July 4

No classes will be held and the University will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Enjoy the three-day weekend!

New Harmony Theatre offers discounts for Posey County residents

New Harmony Theatre has begun a program offering discounted tickets for Posey County residents for one performance of each production in the 2008 season. The program, "Posey County Nights," is supported by a grant from the Posey County Community Foundation. Tickets for Posey County residents are \$8 on the special nights. The Posey County Night for *Crimes of the Heart* will be Thursday, July 17, and the Posey County Night for *My Fair Lady* will be Thursday, August 6. Call the New Harmony Theatre box office at 812/682-3115 and show a valid ID with your address when you pick the tickets up. For more information, go to www.usi.edu/nht.

Eagles hope third time is the charm in Vectren Classic

The Screaming Eagles hope the third time will be the charm when they play the University of Evansville Aces in the third Vectren Community Classic November 1 at Roberts Stadium. The 2008 edition of the USI-Evansville match-up, sponsored by Kenny Kent Toyota Lexus Scion, is the finale of the three games in five years agreement. The exhibition game, which has fast become Evansville's most popular basketball game, will tip-off the season for both the Eagles and the Aces. The Aces won the opener in 2004, 88-75, in front of 12,441 fans. The second meeting in 2006 ended 77-75 in favor of the Aces before a crowd of 11,597. Tickets will go on sale to the public in the fall.