

Alumni Association honor for Sherrienne Standley

Sherrienne Standley, retiring senior vice president for Advancement, was honored with a special recognition from the USI Alumni Association at the Graduation Celebration Dinner on May 4.

Standley was given the Alumni Association's first Honorary Alumna status, along with the announcement of an annual \$1,000 scholarship in her name. The award is for an individual who is not a USI graduate but who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the University and the Alumni Association.

Nancy Johnson, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, said the award was presented to Standley "in grateful recognition of her tireless dedication to and always enthusiastic support of the University and its alumni, her unflagging commitment to excellence in every endeavor, and her stellar representation of the University to the community."

The Sherrienne Standley University Service Scholarship will be given to a USI student who demonstrates commitment to University and community service activities as well as to academic achievement.

SGA officers announced

Kristine Pelly, a senior political science and pre-law major, is Student Government Association (SGA) president for 2007-08. A Long Island, New York native, Pelly is the daughter of Lydia and Michael Pelly of Fishers, Indiana, and a 2004 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School.

She served as executive clerk for SGA in the 2006-07 academic year and was an associate justice on the University Court. She is a member of the National Honor Society; an active member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority; was Homecoming chair for Activities Programming Board; and a 2007 Homecoming Court Princess. She also served as a Resident Assistant.

SGA serves as the liaison between students and the administration; sponsors Welcome Week and many other events; and hosts spring semester Town Halls for each college at which students can ask the deans questions.

"Students have so many questions, and sometimes we can't answer them," Pelly said. "The purpose of the Town Halls is for them to come and get answers to their questions."

She plans to get more students involved by offering incentives to join SGA and promoting the organization. The group has an updated Web site at www.usi.edu/sga.

SGA officers recently attended the American Student Government Association conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they learned about parliamentary procedure and how to run effective meetings and communicate with administrators. Pelly wants to bring greater formality to the organization. "I think students should be able to look up to us as a role model organization," she said.

Other officers for the 2007-08 academic year are:

- Executive vice president - **Kelli Becher**
- Attorney general - **Erin Ennes**
- Administrative vice president for business and finance - **Shalonda Newcomb**
- Administrative vice president for academic affairs - **Jamie Johnson**
- Administrative vice president for research and development - **Jennifer Graham**
- Administrative vice president for student affairs - **Matt Lee**
- Representatives for College of Nursing and Health Professions - **Elizabeth Hess** and **Ashley Bouchie**
- Representatives for College of Liberal Arts - **Josh Bobb** and **Katie Wright**
- Representatives for College of Education and Health and Human Services - **Kelly Clem** and **Nicholas Schneider**
- Representative for College of Science and Engineering - **Heather Keefer**
- Representative for College of Business - **Amanda Kloeppel**
- Member at large for Housing students - **Allyssa Myers**
- Member at large for University Division - **Jordan Fultz**

Vacancies include:

- Representative for College of Business
- Representative for College of Education and Health Services
- Administrative vice president for social and cultural issues
- Administrative vice president for University affairs
- Administrative vice president for external relations
- Member at large for commuter students
- University Court associate justice

To apply for one of these positions, pick up a vacancy application outside of the SGA office in the lower level of the University Center, or email SGA at sga@usi.edu.

SGA meets at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays in Room 1004 of the Liberal Arts Center.

Mastroianni named GLVC Player of the Year

USI junior second baseman **Darin Mastroianni** (Huntersville, North Carolina) was named the GLVC Player of the Year in a vote of the conference head coaches. Mastroianni, who also was named the first team All-GLVC second baseman, was joined on the first team by senior outfielder **Hunter Slade** (Newburgh, Indiana).

The USI duo also was named to the first team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V by the College Sports

Information Directors of America. The District V award covers student athletes with at least a 3.2 grade point average from NCAA Division II, III, and NAIA in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ontario, and Manitoba.

Mastroianni, a business administration major, and Slade, a business major, advance to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division ballot. USI's Matt Keener was named Academic All-American twice while a member of the Eagles' baseball team (1994, 1995).

In leading a resurgence of the USI baseball team this season, Mastroianni leads the team and the GLVC with a .397 batting average and 49 stolen bases (a USI single season record). The two-time GLVC Player of the Week also ranks second nationally in stolen bases and ranks in the top five of GLVC in 16 offensive and defensive categories.

Slade, who also has been named GLVC Player of the Week twice this year, is second on the team with a .344 batting average and ranks first on the team and in the GLVC with 55 RBIs. The 55 RBIs are nine short of the USI single-season record of 64 set by Jason Krack in 1994.

Slade also ranks in the top five of four GLVC offensive categories.

Tutors in Academic Skills earn CRLA certification

The University Division held an Academic Skills Recognition Ceremony in April to recognize student tutors who earned College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) certificates.

There are three levels of certification. USI awarded 21 Level I (regular), and two Level II (advanced) certifications. The first level requires 10 hours of training and 25 hours of experience. Additional levels require an additional ten hours of training and 25 hours of experience.

Stephanie Hamington, director of the University Division, said, "The purpose of this program is twofold. First, it provides recognition and positive reinforcement for tutors' successful work from an international organization, the College Reading and Learning Association. Second, its certification process sets a standard of skills and training for tutors.

"CRLA Tutor Program Certification offers many benefits for individual tutors, and the Academic Skills department. Using CRLA guidelines can help staff organize separate training sessions into a coherent curriculum and secure greater student and faculty confidence and respect for the tutorial staff and department. Tutors can add CRLA Tutor Certification to their resumes and talk about their training and experience in job interviews."

In study skills, Level I certification was awarded to **Allison Byerly, Alison Eaton, Blaine Furrer, Kathryn Gnagey, Vicci Green, Megan Hillstrom, Jennifer Schlatter, Robert Spaeth, Jason Stepro, and Brittany Weiss**; and Level II was presented to **Ashley Bell, Alison Eaton, and Cindy Orange**.

In math, Level I certification was awarded to **Kimberly Davis, Sara Elpers, Annette Hall, Jennifer Hancock, and Dawn King**.

In writing, Level I certification was awarded to **Erica Bozarth, Janis DuBois, Amanda Eck, Matt Kolley, Mallory Majors, and Kevin Rutherford**.

A "Trip to Valhalla" offered in summer 2008

Eric vonFuhrmann, associate professor of English, along with **Mike Whicker '98**, executive director of the USS LST Ship

Memorial and author of *Invitation to Valhalla*, will lead a private tour of famous World War II sites in Europe July 17-30, 2008.

VonFuhrmann expects many World War II veterans to sign up for the tour, which also is open to USI faculty, staff, alumni, and anyone interested in World War II. The tour will include famous sites in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria.

Sites include but are not limited to the House of Parliament, Big Ben, and St. Paul's Cathedral in London; the Champs-Elysees, Eiffel Tower, and Opera House in Paris; Omaha Beach and the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial; the site of the Battle of the Bulge; the Berlin Wall, Third Reich sites, Nuremberg and Dauchau, Germany; and Hitler's hideout, as well as settings from "The Sound of Music," in Austria.

"This is a first-class, customized private tour," vonFuhrmann said. "Portage is completely taken care of. That allows older people to go and not worry about carrying things."

All travel and half of meals are covered by the cost of the trip, about \$3,500 per person.

Reservations and deposits must be made by January 30, 2008. The balance will be due in April. For more information, call 812/464-1747 or email evohnfuhr@usi.edu.

One Admission - Two Universities clears the path for students

Shelby Thompson graduated from Vincennes University with honors in 2006. After graduation, she transferred to USI, and she is working to complete a baccalaureate degree in elementary education. Along the way, she dealt with uncertainties many college students face.

"I would have liked knowing I had a clear path from VU to USI," Thompson said.

Officials at Vincennes University and USI have cleared that path for qualified students through a new collaborative enrollment program entitled One Admission. Two Universities.

The admission process is simplified as students apply only once to be admitted to both universities. Students with a 2.5 high school grade point average (GPA) or higher who enroll in one of 40 selected academic programs at Vincennes University, will earn an associate degree while having the confidence of knowing that they are meeting the requirements to continue into their third and fourth years at USI.

Thompson said, "Being with other Vincennes University students in the program and feeling more of a part of USI by receiving USI communications and attending USI events will be advantageous for the students enrolled in the dual program."

Dr. Ron Davis, provost and vice president for Instructional Services at VU, agrees that the program offers significant advantages. "These students will no longer have to be concerned about the transition from a two-year program to a four-year program. Students who maintain the standards will have the same support and expectations as students who began at USI. This program is about facilitating student success," Davis said.

The partnership includes majors in business, science, liberal arts, nursing and health services, social work, and education. Student success is the goal of faculty members from both institutions as they work together to establish a smooth transition from the VU associate degree programs to the USI baccalaureate programs.

"This will be a benefit to our students collectively," said **Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at USI. She said, "The seamless nature of the program maximizes the resources of the two institutions. The program

will promote the State's goal of institutional cooperation to provide a wider range of educational opportunity for Indiana's students."

Students in the first two years of the program not only have the support of faculty and advisors at VU but also will meet periodically with a USI academic advisor with office hours each week at VU.

Trustees approve tenure date revision

The USI Board of Trustees, during the May 2007 meeting, approved synchronizing an effective date of tenure with an effective date of promotion. Following that approval, the effective date of tenure will move to August 20, 2007 for the following faculty members:

From Bower Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Dr. Omowale Akintunde

Dr. Iris Phillips

From College of Business

Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar

From College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Maurice Hamington

Dr. Folke-Christine Moeller-Sahling

Dr. Chad Tew

Dr. Steve Williams

From College of Nursing and Health Professions

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

Dr. Martha Brown Sparks

Dr. Kevin Valadares

And in other business, retirement requests were approved for **Eric L. vonFuhrmann**, associate professor of English, effective July 1, 2008; and for **Marjorie O. Labhart**, instructor in mathematics, effective July 1, 2008. The early retirement for **Dr. Sherry B. Darrell**, professor of English, has been changed to May 10, 2009 upon her request.

USI Trustees select architect for University Center expansion

In the regular meeting of the USI Board of Trustees on Friday, May 4, 2007, the Trustees approved the recommendation of the Board's Construction Committee to have the architectural firm of Holzman Moss Architecture design the University Center expansion and renovation project. The project will include design of the space occupied by the library before construction of the current Rice Library.

Holzman Moss Architecture of New York will collaborate with the local firm of Hafer and Associates of Evansville. The New York firm is known for its pioneering use of stone by the firm's principal **Malcolm Holzman**, who has been an innovator in the use of stone for decades.

The Trustees were told Holzman is an accomplished architect with more than 100 building projects completed over the course of his professional career. Indiana projects he has worked on include the Mt. Healthy School and the Columbus Occupational Health Center in Columbus, Indiana, and the

Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Notre Dame campus. He served on the planning study for the Fort Wayne Museum of Art in Fort Wayne. The firm designed the Student Union Building at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, among other university buildings across the nation.

In 2001 Holzman was the recipient of the first James Daniel Bybee Prize from the Building Stone Institute, which recognizes a body of work over a sustained period of time distinguished by excellence in design. He was honored especially for his work with Indiana limestone.

His advocacy of architectural excellence extends to education and publications alike. In 1992 he became the first John R. Emens Distinguished Professor of Architecture at Ball State University. He has held similar faculty positions at City College of New York/CUNY, Syracuse University, University of Texas at Austin, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and others.

As a writer, Holzman has been the American contributor to the Art Book and a member of the editorial board of the Mac Journal of the Mackintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow, Scotland, in addition to numerous articles for various national publications.

He has completed commissions in 25 states, which represent some of this country's most notable architecture. His work shows a diversity of design solutions, reflecting a wide range of building types and the application of materials unique to the region of each project.

In other business, the Trustees passed a resolution of appreciation for **Lauren C. Fultz** of Seymour, Indiana. She is the student trustee on the board and graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During her tenure on the board Fultz served as secretary and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. She is the 11th student to have served on the USI Board of Trustees.

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to **Andy Black**, distance learning producer/director in distance education, whose father, **Myler Black** died Saturday, April 28. Services were held May 5. The family has requested that donations be made to Zenobia Shrine Center, Transportation Fund, 1511 Madison Avenue, Toledo, OH 43624.

The University community extends sympathy to the family and friends of USI student **Stephen Jeremy Diekmann**, who died Saturday, May 12. Diekmann was a Senior Cadet in ROTC and actively involved in USI Theatre. Memorial contributions may be made to TTT Ministries, 13000 Hwy 41 N, Evansville, IN 47725 or Teen Missions International, 885 E. Hall Road, Merritt Island, FL 32953.

The University community extends sympathy to the family and friends of USI student **Keith Michael Libbert**, who died Monday, May 7. Libbert is the grandson of **Dr. Phyllis Toy**, associate professor of English, and his stepfather, **Kerry Jackson**, serves on the USI College of Business advisory board. The family has requested contributions in his memory to Special Olympics Indiana, 6100 W 96th St, Ste 270, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

The University community extends sympathy to family and friends of **George R. (Dick) Mills**, who died Thursday, April 26. Before retirement, Mills served the University for 23 years as a media services technician.

In appreciation

"Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy, care, and concern for me and my family after the recent death of my mother." - **Phyllis J. Oeth**, manager, conference and meeting planning, Special Events.

Welcome to the USI family

Julie Stevens, administrative assistant in the College of Liberal Arts, and husband **Brett Stevens**, announce the birth of their son, **Elliott Reid Stevens**, born on April 26 in Newburgh.

Welcome

Melissa Buller has joined USI's Historic New Harmony as manager of development and public relations. A New Harmony native, Buller returns to the area after several years in student recruitment for Washington University in St. Louis and as assistant director of The Fundraising School at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. She is a graduate of New Harmony School, University of Evansville (B.S. in Business Administration), and Washington University in St. Louis (M.A. in Human Resources Management).

Amy L. (Frey) Smith '01 has been named assistant director of Development, athletics and corporate giving. She is a USI graduate with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and was formerly employed as a client account executive with Card Management Corporation.

Accomplishments

A World Without End, the third book of poetry by **Matthew Graham**, director of Creative Writing and associate professor of English, was published by River City Publishing in April 2007 and is available for purchase in the USI Bookstore.

Elliot Wasserman, director of USI Theatre, will direct a production of "A Few Good Men" starring film actor Lou Diamond Phillips ("Young Guns," "La Bamba") and television actor Jensen Ackles ("Smallville," "Dark Angel," "Supernatural") this summer. The play opens June 5 at the Casa Manana Theatre in Fort Worth Texas and runs one week. Wasserman, a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, saw Phillips in the Broadway revival of "The King and I" and said, "He was brilliant. I am very excited to work with him."

FYI

Additions to the USI family

Photos of newborn babies and grandbabies of USI faculty and staff will run in University Notes. Send a photo and baby's name and names of baby's parents and/or grandparents. You can include information from this list: baby's birth date, city of birth, height and weight of baby, and siblings of the baby. Send information and photo to **Brandi Schwartz** at blschwartz@usi.edu.

Enjoy USI Day at Churchill Downs

The Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter invites you and your family and friends to join them for USI Day at Churchill Downs on Saturday, June 30, in Louisville. Gates open at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$25 adults; \$20 children ages 12 to 4; and children ages 3 and under are free. Price includes admission; reserved seating in Millionaires Row-Level 6; lunch buffet; USI souvenir; race program; and tax and gratuity. Make reservations prior to May 23 in order to receive advance tickets

by mail. For more information, call Alumni Services at 812/464-1928 or email alumni@usi.edu.

Fiscal year Banner requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services after Friday, June 8, 2007. These requisitions must be entered into Banner as fiscal year 08 using the order date and transaction date of 01-Jul-2007. Requisitions entered not using the date above for the 08 fiscal year will be deleted. The requisition will then need to be re-entered in correct fiscal 08 year using the proper date.

Procurement Services will begin processing these requisitions in an effort to issue the purchase orders on or as soon after Monday, July 2, 2007.

Banner purchase requisitions for the 2006/2007 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services through Friday, June 8, 2007. This deadline is necessary to allow Procurement Services ample time to complete the processing of your Banner requisitions and issue the purchase orders prior to the end of the fiscal year, Saturday, June 30, 2007.

All Banner requisitions entered after June 8, 2007, must be entered as fiscal year 08 requests by entering the order date and transaction date as 01-Jul-2007.

The staff is ready and willing to help with your Banner requisition questions. If necessary, a Procurement Services staff member will visit your department for one-on-one training. For answers to your Banner requisition questions or to schedule training, call **Michelle Herrmann** at 812/464-1847.

Report gifts-in-kind

Donors of gifts-in-kind (gifts other than cash) to the University are important and should be recognized as generous friends of USI in the Honor Roll of Donors. If your college or department has received any gifts-in-kind during the 2006/07 fiscal year, notify the Development office by Friday, June 29. Call 812/461-5317 for more information.

Christian group to meet

The Office of Religious Life is sponsoring a Christian faith sharing group at noon Wednesdays in Room 214 of the University Center. Faculty and staff are invited to bring lunch and a friend and come for an hour of prayer, reading, reflection, and sharing. Contact **Jeff Sickman**, assistant controller in the Business Office, at jsickman@usi.edu or ext. 7163 for more information.