

# University Notes

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## Academic Skills coordinator retiring



**Ms. Carolyn Smith**, coordinator and lecturer in Academic Skills, will retire after 10 years employment at USI. A reception in her honor will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 31, in Carter Hall.

When Carolyn came to work in July 1989, Academic Skills was located in three rooms on the second floor of Rice Library with one secretary, about 10 tutors, and a few part-time instructors. This year, the office has two locations with six full-time employees, 34 part-time employees, 70 tutors, and a secretary.

Ms. Smith said, "I have been very fortunate to have the support of a true team of dedicated individuals in Academic Skills and the confidence and support of supervisors and administration. The accomplishments of Academic Skills can be directly traced to the dedication and hard work of this team and the unwavering support of the administration. Like Academic Skills, USI's greatest asset is its people."

In the community, Ms. Smith has been active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church acting as a lay reader and chairing several committees. As a member of the College Reading and Learning Association, she served as leader of Learning Assistance Center Management Interest Group and as chair of the Learning Assistance Design and Development Task Force.

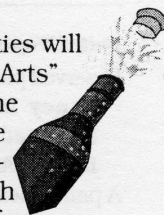
**Ms. Sandra Hermann**, director of University Division, said, "Carolyn organized the department from one that offered services to under-prepared students to a comprehensive collection of programs to support the academic success of all students. Under her leadership, Placement Testing has moved from a four-hour, paper/pencil ordeal to a time frame and a computerized format that serves students' needs. A satellite office has been opened to serve students in housing during evenings and weekends. This list could go on and on. Carolyn is a person of conviction who stands her ground, but she's also a great road-trip companion, an inveterate traveler, a voracious reader, and a sharp wit. I'm losing a thorough professional, and I'm also losing a friend who's listened to me, laughed with and at me, and always kept me thinking. Where Carolyn is, it will never be dull. And wherever she is, she'll always be planning for a new destination."

Ms. Smith is relocating to southeastern Missouri to be near her grandchildren. She also has plans to write. "I have had modest success with short stories, but I want to focus on the novel. In addition to writing, I will travel, play tennis, do some hiking and fishing, paint and sketch, and probably become involved in the community," said Ms. Smith.

**Ms. Nancy Myers**, mathematics specialist in Academic Skills, said, "Carolyn Smith and Academic Skills are synonymous terms. Aca-

## Toast the arts

The USI Society for Arts and Humanities will hold the ninth annual "A Toast to the Arts" at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 4, at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science in downtown Evansville. The formal dinner and auction benefits the Society, which provides four full-tuition scholarships for majors in USI's School of Liberal Arts every year. Also, the Society covers expense money, transportation, and scholarships for students to attend workshops and exhibits. It also funds grants to The New Harmony Theatre, RopeWalk Writers Retreat, and the *Southern Indiana Review*, a literary magazine published by the USI School of Liberal Arts.



Following cocktails and dinner, "A Toast to the Arts" auction will feature artistic work from USI faculty, including **Mr. Michael Aakhus**, professor of art; **Mr. Lenny Dowhie**, professor of art; **Mr. David Meyers**, assistant professor of graphic design; **Ms. Kathryn Waters**, professor of art; and others. Guests also will bid on items donated by area artists and art collectors, and dinners at the homes of various people including that of **Dr. James Blevins**, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, and his wife Barbara.

Reservations are due by Thursday, January 27, and cost is \$100 per person, which includes a \$40 charitable gift. Interested parties may call **Ms. Jean Brubeck**, assistant director of development for annual giving, at 464-1997 for details or to request an invitation which lists the selection of auction items.

## United Way 2000 campaign was great success

Over \$39,000 was raised in this year's USI United Way Campaign with 118 employees contributing at the fair share level, reflecting nearly a 15 percent increase of fair share giving over last year. **President H. Ray Hoops** thanks the campaign committee members **Angie Brawdy, Joyce Hamon, Ingrid Lindy, Terry Martin, Jeff Seyler, Jeff Sickman, and Diane Suggs** for their efforts and the entire University community for their contributions. The winners of the campaign prizes follow.

New Harmony getaway weekend - **Tom Dieter, Amanda Heidrich, Jeff Sickman, Mary Ann Bernard**  
Vacation day - **Nancy Joyce, Pat Jordan, Susie Nicholson, Charmaine Meyer**  
\$100 gift certificate for travel, bookstore, or library - **Bettye Polivick, Wayne Rinks**  
United Way apron - **Kathy Rodgers, Janel Allen**



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demic Skills has grown to what it is today because of Carolyn's vision and understanding of the needs of the students. I learned a lot from Carolyn over these past 10 1/2 years and I hate to see her leave."

Reflecting on her experience with the University, Ms. Smith said, "I'm amazed by the growth of the University. Growth of this magnitude ignites an excitement and enthusiasm throughout the campus community, making USI the place to be. I feel very fortunate to have played a part in this segment of USI's history."

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Reserved parking space - **Tim Lockridge, Jayne Tang, Paul Allison, Nancy Myers, J. R. Compton, Charles Harrington, Judy Halstead, Emily J. Cobb, Janice Meliska, Gretchen Young, Dennis Avery, Sandy Hermann**

A pair of season tickets to The New Harmony Theatre - **Jeff Seyler**

A pair of tickets to *Young Abe Lincoln* - **David Bower, Jean Devine**

A pair of tickets to *The Music Man* - **Peggy Shields, Theresa Pittman**

A pair of season tickets to USI men's and women's basketball - **Carolyn Roth**

Bookstore gift - **Margaret Graul, Keith Benedict**



### *Names in the news*

The chapter, "Silver Stars," by **Mr. Jeremy Dennis**, instructor in English, was published in the book *Children of the Dream* (New York: Pocket Books/Washington Square Press, 2000).

**Dr. Ronda Priest**, assistant professor of sociology, was the featured guest on "Live Sunday at Noon," a WTLC-talk show in Indianapolis. The topic was "Y2K and the Media: Is it all Hype?" Dr. Priest was interviewed by the host and answered audience questions.

Two articles by **Dr. Munir Guddus**, chair of the Economics and Finance Department, and Dr. Salim Rashid, professor of economics at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, were accepted for translation and publication in German in 2000. The articles "Traite d' Economie Politique, 1803, Jean Baptiste Say" and "Six Lectures on Political Economy, 1862, William Whewell" are to be published in the lexicon *Wirtschaft und Finanzzen* that aims to introduce about 400 important works in economics from ancient times to the present.

### **Welcome:**

The University community welcomes **Mr. Steve Dunmire** as security officer. He was a jailer for the Posey County Sheriff's Department and a Deputy Town Marshall for the Poseyville Police Department. Mr. Dunmire resides in Evansville. (No photo available)



**Mr. Richard Gish** has accepted the position of maintenance mechanic. He was a residential contractor. Mr. Gish resides in Evansville.

The University community welcomes **Mr. David LeRoy** as distance learning producer/director in Instructional Technology. He was a news photographer for FOX 7. Mr. LeRoy received a B.A. from USI. He resides in Henderson with wife Sarah Farrales.



**Ms. Kathleen Linderman** has accepted the position of senior library assistant in Rice Library. She was curator at Lanier Mansion State Historic Site in Madison, Indiana. Ms. Linderman received a B.A. from Franklin College. She resides in Evansville with husband Mike.

### **In sympathy:**

The University community extends sympathy to **Ms. Jean Brubeck**, assistant director of development for annual giving, in the death of her mother Ms. Anne Brubeck on Saturday, January 15, in Mount Carmel, Illinois.

The University community also extends sympathy to **Ms. Carol Hermes**, program director and instructor in Health Services, in the death of her mother Doris Wheeler on Friday, January 14.

### **Farewell:**

The staff in the Human Resources Department invites the University community to a farewell reception in honor of **Ms. Debra Jochim**, manager of Employee Services, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, January 28, in the Human Resources conference room in the Wright Administration Building, FA 166. Ms. Jochim has accepted the position of corporate benefits specialist for Berry Plastics Corporation. Ms. Jochim has been employed with the University since 1992.

## F Y I

### **USI cheer and dance teams compete in Orlando:**

In January, the USI co-ed and all-girl cheer teams and the dance team competed at the Universal Cheerleading/Dance Associations' National competition held in Orlando, Florida. The co-ed squad missed the finals by 20 points and placed 8th in Division II. The all-girl team missed finals by 50 points and placed 10th in the Open Division. The USI Dance Team competed in nationals and placed 7th in the Open Dance Division. The cheer teams are coached by Roland Vera and **Dr. Gregory Valentine**, assistant professor of Business Education. The dance team is coached by Ms. Jamie Cummings.

### **Red Cross sends a thank-you:**

Kudos to USI staff who coordinated a fundraiser with the American Red Cross during a USI basketball game on January 8. The event raised \$2,536 for Owensboro residents who suffered losses from the recent tornado. Contributions will be used to provide rental assistance, food, clothing, and household items.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

Ms. Janas Knox, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield account representative, will respond to questions or problems relating to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, February 1, in room FA 170 of the Wright Administration Building. Call 464-1781 to arrange an appointment.

### SAT tests scheduled for this weekend:

The Counseling Center will administer the National SAT test on Saturday, January 22, to over 200 students. For further information, contact the Counseling Center at 464-1867.

### Auditions for *Young Abe Lincoln* and *The Music Man*:

USI will host the first of three open auditions for the summer musicals at Lincoln Amphitheatre from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18, in the Helen Mallette Studio Theatre in the Liberal Arts Center. Auditions are open to anyone age nine and older. Paid roles are available for actors, singers, and dancers with a special need for local child actors between the ages of nine and 13 for the roles of young Abe (male) in *Young Abe Lincoln* and Winthrop (male) and Amaryllis (female) in *The Music Man*. Lincoln Amphitheatre will also be seeking personnel for the box office and concessions on these dates.

Requirements for acting auditions include a 90-second contemporary monologue and 24 bars or one stanza of a Broadway musical, which demonstrates vocal range and ability. Actors and singers are requested to bring piano accompaniment on a standard cassette tape. Dancers are required to perform a five-minute routine demonstrating ability.

The Lincoln Amphitheatre offers unpaid apprenticeships for aspiring actors and singers as well as for backstage personnel. Those interested in these positions should audition and/or interview on these dates. All positions will begin work in late May through early June. The Lincoln season runs June 23 through August 19. A current resume and an appointment are recommended for all auditions and interviews.

*The Music Man* opens July 6. The two shows will run in repertory through August 19.

The Lincoln Amphitheatre, located in Lincoln State Park in Lincoln City, Indiana, is produced by USI in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources. For more information or to schedule an audition or interview call 464-0029 or e-mail [lincoln@usi.edu](mailto:lincoln@usi.edu).

### IHRG prospectus deadline:

January 19, 2000, is the deadline for the mandatory prospectus for Indiana Heritage Research Grants, available for up to \$3,000 in matching funds. The deadline for the final proposal is March 15; projects may occur between June 1, 2000 and May 31, 2001. These grants are offered jointly by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Humanities Council. For more information, contact **Dr. Peggy Harrel**, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, SA 10, 465-7015.

### TEA deadline is February 4:

The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) reminds all full-time and part-time USI instructors that the Teaching Enhancement Awards (TEA) program deadline for spring 2000 proposals is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 4. The guidelines are available on the Web at [www.usi.edu/ctle/CTLE.htm](http://www.usi.edu/ctle/CTLE.htm)

and any questions may be directed to **Dr. Timothy Schibik**, acting director of CTLE, at 464-1880 or [tschibik@usi.edu](mailto:tschibik@usi.edu). For assistance in preparing the proposal, applicants may contact **Dr. Peggy Harrel**, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, SA 2 Room 10, at 465-7015 or [pharrel@usi.edu](mailto:pharrel@usi.edu).

### Theatre "Lunchbox Hour"

During the Friday lunch hour, USI Theatre will hold bi-weekly gatherings of theatre faculty and staff, theatre students, and others interested in theatre. To join the lunch group, bring a lunch to the Helen Mallette Studio Theatre at noon. The theatre office will provide beverages. The meetings will include guests, presentations, and discussions on January 21, 28, February 4, 18, March 24, 31, April 14, and 28.

For more information, call **Mr. Scott LaFeber**, associate professor of theatre, at 465-1130 or **Mr. Steven Renner**, managing director of Lincoln Theatre and manager of Southern Indiana Theatres, at 465-7068.

### Sports:

The USI/Kentucky Wesleyan College basketball double-header, scheduled for Saturday, January 22, at the Physical Activities Center, has been sold out.

The USI/KWC women's game will begin fifteen minutes early at 5 p.m. The men's basketball game against Kentucky Wesleyan will be broadcast live on WEHT, the local ABC affiliate, beginning at 7 p.m.

## MARKETPLACE

### For sale

**House** five miles from USI at 3300 Stacey Court - quiet 1.25 acres with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal living room, two-car attached garage, one-car detached garage, and more, \$199,900. Call Phyllis Hipsps at 963-6713 or 465-7104 for more details.

**House** - east side, near Plaza Park School, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, tri-level. Cathedral ceilings, large fenced yard, attached 2.5-car garage, \$109,000. Call Ginger Ramsden, 464-1989.

Brass/glass **dinette set with 4 chairs**, \$275; beige contemporary **sleeper sofa**, \$250; both in excellent condition. Call Carolyn ext. 1640 or 1743. After 6 p.m., call 421-0536.

**Bedroom suite** - yellow with white accents, dresser, nightstand, twin bed frame, \$100. Call Robert Reid at 464-1817.

Six walnut **dining chairs** with sienna fabric seats, \$150; four wooden **bar stools** with red fabric seats, \$30; **coffee table and two matching end tables** (contemporary style), \$30; new full/queen **comforter set** including shams, sheets, and throw pillows (southwestern motif), \$50; 10 x 11 lime green **carpet**, \$25. Call Robert Reid, 464-1817.

**Pine bunk beds** - like new, \$75. Call Jane, 464-1999.



**Twin bed on six-drawer pedestal** - barely used, \$125. Call Jane Below, 464-1999.

General Electric 1929 console **antique radio**, \$250. RCA 1929 console **antique radio**, \$250. Both work. Call Phyllis Hipps 963-6713 or 465-7104

**Sofa** - medium blue, good condition, \$150. Call 985-5865.

**Blueprint machine** - Arrow Expiditer, uses external developing tube, good condition, several owners, \$100. Call Michael at 434-0314.

**Power-lift recliner** - mauve, motorized recliner which lifts the occupant out of the chair with just a push of a button, \$375. Call Laura Hendricks at 985-9163 or ext. 1269.

## V A C A N C I E S

The following is a list of vacant positions available as of January 17, 2000. Additional information regarding current vacancies is located on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources office in the Wright Administration Building, the bulletin board located in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and on the USI Job Line (812/465-7117) or visit our web site at [www.usi.edu/hr](http://www.usi.edu/hr). The University of Southern Indiana is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and is an Affirmative Action Employer. Interested individuals should contact the Human Resources office, Wright Administration Building, FWA 166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.

### CLERICAL/SUPPORT

**Grounds Worker/Vehicle Maintenance - B0002 - Physical Plant** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 1/21/00 - MS2/\$8.30/hr.

**Medical Research Technician I - B0003 - Medical Education** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 1/21/00 - CT3/\$9.61/hr.

**Distribution Clerk - H0001 - Distribution Services** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 1/21/00 - MS1/\$7.16/hr.

**Account Clerk - H0002 - Business Office** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 1/21/00 - OP1/\$6.66/hr.

**Call-In Clerks - H0003 - Human Resources** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 1/21/00 - G001/\$6.50-\$7.00/hr.

### FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

**Financial Aid Counselor/Special Programs Coordinator - A0001 - Financial Assistance** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/09/00.

**Assistant Director of Human Resources - A0002 - Human Resources** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/09/00.

**Marketing/Group Sales Coordinator - A0003 - Liberal Arts** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/09/00.

**Assistant Professor of Sociology - F9054 - Liberal Arts** - open: 1/17/00 - deadline: 2/16/00.

**Assistant Professor of Marketing - F9056 - Business** - open: 12/16/99 - deadline: 1/14/00.

**Instructor of Psychology - F0001 - Liberal Arts** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/08/00.

**Nursing Faculty - F0002 - School of Nursing** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/08/00.

**Instructor of Sociology - F0003 - Liberal Arts** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/08/00.

**Instructor of Psychology - F0004 - Liberal Arts** - open: 1/10/00 - deadline: 2/08/00.

**Assistant Professor of Theatre - F0006 - Liberal Arts** - open: 1/17/00 - deadline: 2/16/00.

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