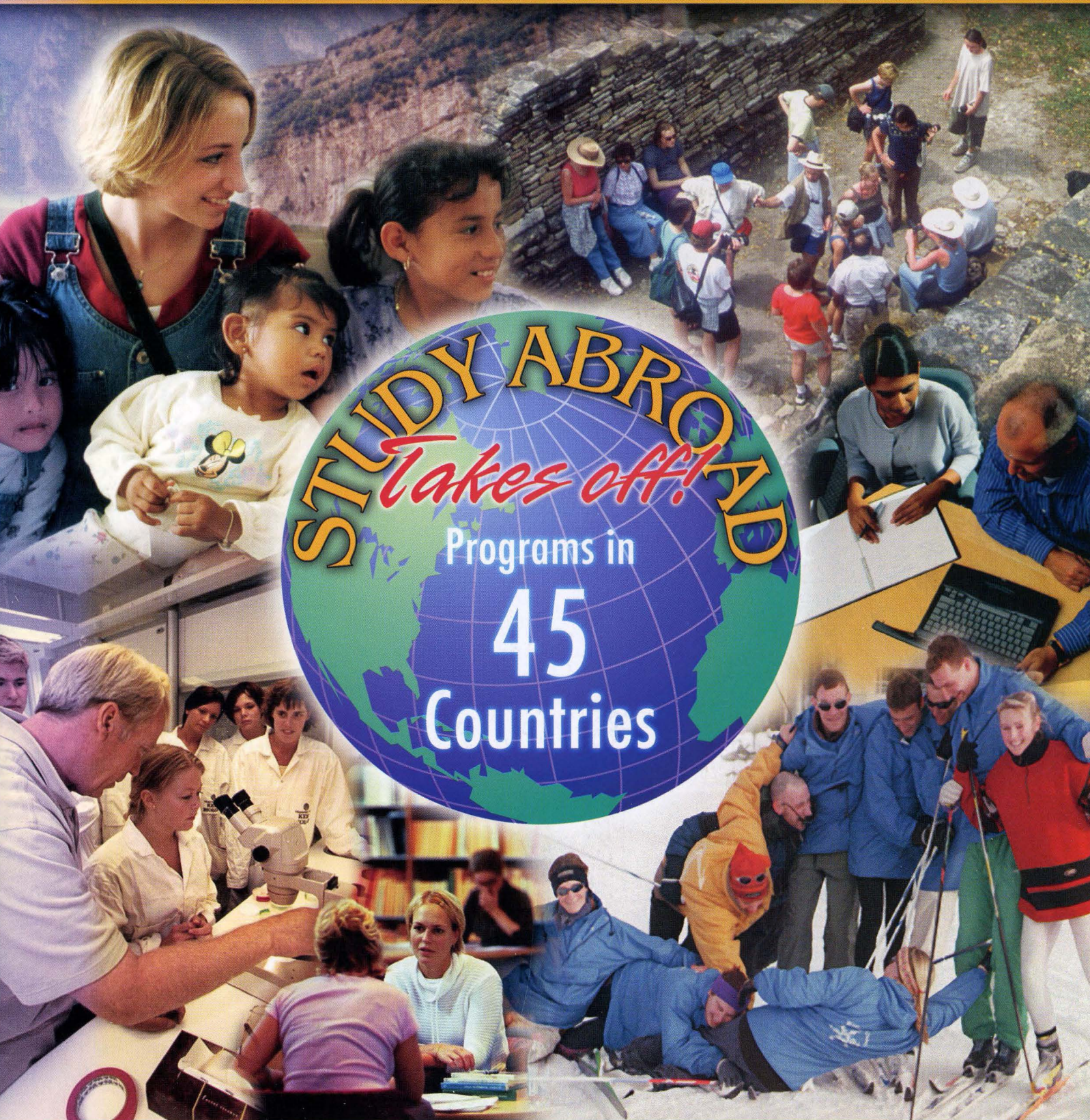


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Connecting USI

As our alumni know, we often remind them to stay connected to the University. Even the name of the quarterly alumni newsletter, *Connect Online*, reinforces the point.

But connection goes beyond that one relationship. The University of Southern Indiana continues to bolster its ties to the region and the world as it looks for ways to offer opportunity to students and be of service to others.

In this issue of *USI Magazine*, you will read about two new degree programs: special education and engineering. In the fall 2000 issue we told you that the USI President's Task Force for Workforce Development had identified a need for these programs. Now they are becoming a reality.

We also report in this issue about the Southwest Indiana Network for Education, chaired by our own dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services. USI is involved in this program whose goal is to create a "culture of learning" for the region. And some of the students involved in faculty-guided research (page 4) will travel to other cities to present their findings at professional meetings; more students are studying abroad (page 6) through expanded programs.

Yes, administrators, faculty, and students find plenty of ways to stretch their expertise and learning beyond campus boundaries. And, no doubt, these connections will open new doors for everyone involved.



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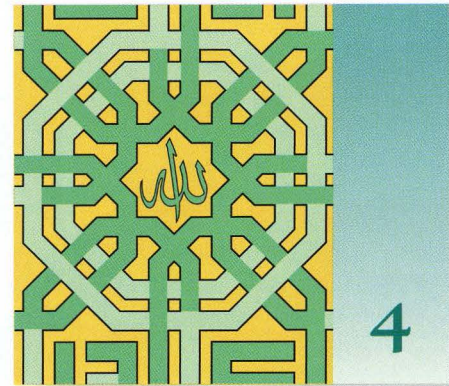
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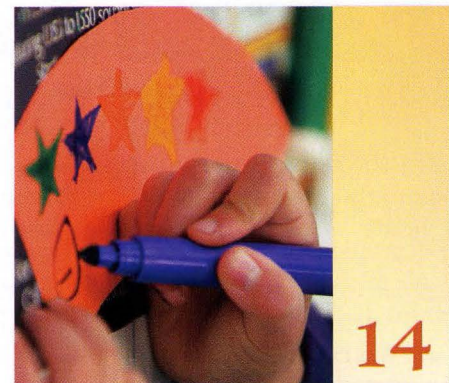
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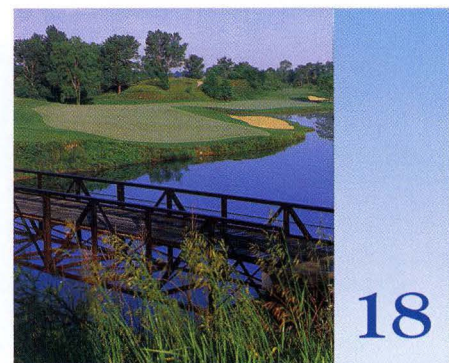
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Art speaks for children



Teeing up at Victoria National

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USI students can choose from study-abroad opportunities around the world.
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USI to offer major in special education

Job growth fuels demand for qualified teachers

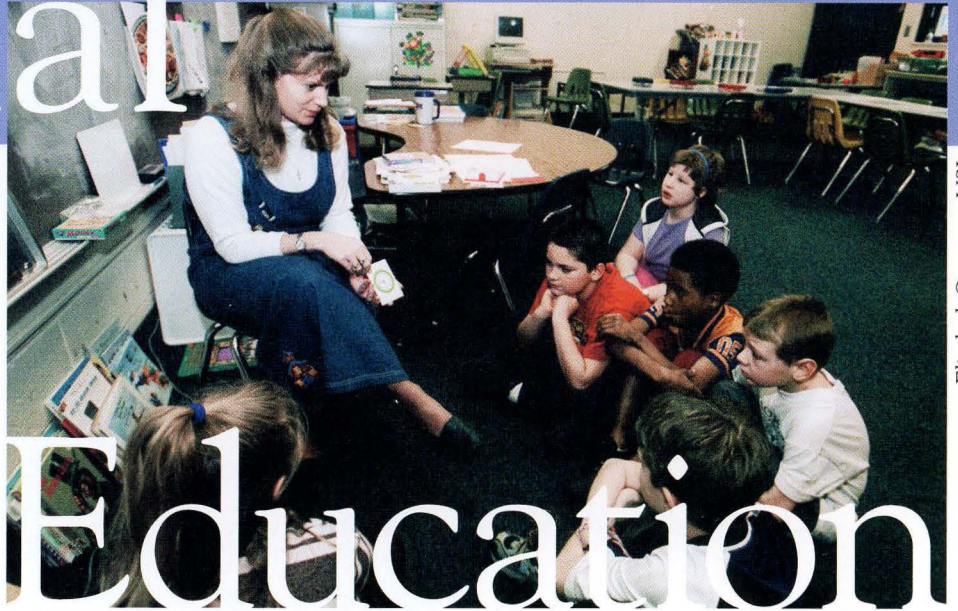
Special

A new major in special education offered by the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services will meet a demand to prepare more qualified teachers for children with special needs.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved the new major for the University of Southern Indiana at its December meeting. The program offers two tracks: a major in special education with emphasis on grades one through eight, or a major in special education with emphasis on grades five through 12.

Dr. Marlaine K. Chase, USI associate professor of education, said that an increased number of special needs teachers has been identified as a need throughout the state. In 2000-01, Indiana had a total of 1,656 teachers on limited licenses. Most of those—1,460—were teaching in the area of special education. (The terms “special education” and “special needs” are used interchangeably.)

The USI President’s Task Force on Economic and Workforce Development published a report in summer 2000, which indicated that the job of special education teacher was one of six occupations for which USI provided no



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Helene Hunter Blum has completed USI courses in the field of special education to understand how to meet the needs of her students at Vogel School.

academic preparation and which would grow dramatically from 1996 to 2006. More than 100 openings were projected for that time period in the 11-county southwestern Indiana region.

Chase said that the new major will be offered in the fall.

The Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services will continue to offer a minor in special education. The first seven students in this program completed requirements in May. The program provides a major

in elementary education and a minor in exceptional needs. Graduates earn dual licensure in elementary education and special needs: mild intervention.

Anne Maier '02, one of the first seven to graduate with the dual licensure, completed her student teaching in spring semester in an inclusive fifth-grade classroom at Cedar Hall Elementary School in Evansville. She said the job opportunities in the special education field played a part in her decision to choose teaching as a career ■

ICHE approves engineering program

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has approved a revised engineering program to begin fall 2002. The existing engineering technology programs will be converted into a single program which will lead to a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree.

The ICHE also approved a 2+2 program calling for the University of

Southern Indiana to work with Purdue University to offer a bachelor’s degree, either jointly or by one or both of the institutions. The two universities will develop a curriculum that will allow students to take two years at USI and then transfer to Purdue or the University of Evansville for specialized engineering courses.

USI President H. Ray Hoops called

the move the most important action for this region since USI was created. He said, “The University of Southern Indiana believes that the provision of additional engineering education is essential to the continuing economic development of the southern region of the state. We are committed to providing that service ■”

S.I.N.E. is good sign for southwest Indiana

USI dean chairs organization promoting 'culture of learning'

The book baskets are brimming over in Kelly Buttrum's first-grade classroom at Corpus Christi School in Evansville.

The first graders have new books on weather and butterflies that relate to their science units. They are reading about Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. They are learning about culture and traditions with new books about holidays.

And that's not all. Their teacher has spent only part of the \$1,000 she has for new books this year. The children will be helping Buttrum open more shipments as she continues to expand her classroom library with the funds she received from the Southwest Indiana Network for Education (SINE).

"The children's eyes are glowing," Buttrum said. "This has allowed me to purchase books that I would never have had the resources to buy."

Buttrum '92 received the grant from SINE after completing a continuing education course in the "four-block method" of teaching language arts, a method widely credited with improving the skills of elementary students.

SINE, an organization that includes nine counties in Southern Indiana, has received a Lilly Endowment grant for \$19.9 million for education programs. The SINE initiative grew out of the Community Foundation Alliance, also an initiative of the Lilly Endowment.

Dr. Thomas Pickering, dean of the University of Southern Indiana's Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, was appointed by the Community Foundation of Vanderburgh County to represent Vanderburgh County for the education initiative and now chairs the nine-member SINE board.

Pickering said the overriding purpose of the project is to increase the value that people in the nine-county area give to education.

"The goal is to make lifelong learning more of a priority in the lives of the citizens in southwest Indiana," he said.

Before receiving the grant from Lilly Endowment, developers of the



Kelly Buttrum and her first graders at Corpus Christi School delve into new books in their classroom library during a special time after lunch each day.

Elizabeth Courtney—USI

project held a town hall meeting in 1999 and followed up with focus-group research to determine how to improve education for southwest Indiana. The grant was awarded in December 2000 for a time period that continues through December 2003.

To develop what it calls a "culture of learning" in southwest Indiana, the SINE initiative has defined four major thrusts:

- to promote professional development for teachers
- to help each county develop, coordinate, and/or consolidate literacy services for adults
- to work with at-risk students and to help schools work with them more effectively
- to improve communication among various constituencies that influence education, including businesses, schools, and policy makers.

One of the first SINE programs to go into effect is the grant to help teachers improve their classroom

libraries. Teachers who have had at least 18 hours of training in four-block methodology qualify for the money.

In fall 2001, SINE made its first awards, handing out \$667,000 to elementary teachers who qualified.

In the first group to receive the \$1,000 each to purchase books, 167 of the classroom teachers were alumni of the University of Southern Indiana.

Mary K. Smith, a former Tell City banker, is executive director of SINE. She expects another 700-800 elementary teachers in the nine-county area to be eligible for the awards by fall of this year.

Smith said that to accomplish each of its four major thrusts, SINE will work directly with the counties to fund programs that are specific to their needs.

In addition to Vanderburgh, counties in the network include Daviess, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, and Warrick. Betty Rice, former first lady of the University of Southern Indiana, represents Posey County on the SINE board ■

Take a

RISC



Undergraduates receive grants for research

Wool from a sheep, the hair of a goat — how do they compare? Seven students in the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services are preparing curriculum materials relating to the petting zoo exhibit at Mesker Park Zoo in Evansville. Teachers in elementary schools throughout the area will have access to these materials to reinforce concepts their students learn on a field trip to see the animals.

The University of Southern Indiana students received a grant for the Mesker Zoo curriculum project through a new USI program called RISC (Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity). The faculty-guided research project is one of 37 funded in the first round of grants announced in February.

Dr. Scott A. Gordon, associate professor of biology and chair of the RISC committee, said response to the program was overwhelming. The committee received 43 proposals from 75 students. The RISC Committee distributed a total of \$13,500 in grant money with projects receiving up to \$500 each.

Dr. Charles F. Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said the program is funded jointly by Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. Much of the funding was made possible through the USI Foundation, in part due to the generosity of Campaign USI donors.

Gordon said, “The students at USI are ready for this kind of program. It is going to enhance their undergraduate experience. It is preparing them for graduate and professional schools and for job interviews.”

Some students are working individually with a faculty member; others are working in groups.

Anna Green and Andrea Daub, both seniors in accounting, are researching a hot topic in their profession—the internationalization of the accounting field.

Green said that Dr. Eva Jermakowicz, associate professor of accounting, sparked the idea for their research.

“She knew that this issue would be relevant to us as soon-to-be graduates,” Green said.

She and Daub will find out how local practitioners feel about the Global Business Credential, a license similar to the CPA license, as they complete their project.

One of several projects funded in the School of Liberal Arts is that of Erich Shelton, who will be studying Islamic patterns.

Having lived and studied in several countries that are predominantly Muslim, he has developed an appreciation for the culture—in particular, the language and art.

Shelton said, “In the humanities courses, we are taught that to study the



Samples of animal fibers were prepared by members of the Ohio River Valley Fiber Arts Guild.

art of any culture is to uncover its history, its religion, and its people. The art within Islam gives us a window into the lives of these people, and in light of recent events in America, we would all benefit from such reminders, that Islam and terrorism are not synonymous. On the contrary, the art of Islam represents a unique and highly civilized culture.”

Through his RISC project, Shelton wants to enhance his understanding of pattern design and lay the groundwork for advanced research he hopes to pursue in an M.F.A. program.

The project that involves Mesker Zoo was initiated by Dr. Julia Galbus, USI assistant professor of English and a member of the Ohio River Valley Fiber Arts Guild. Hoping to perpetuate a regard for fiber arts, members of the guild have provided knitted and crocheted samples of various kinds of animal hair. Dr. Robert Boostrom, associate professor of education, and Dr. Jeff Thomas, assistant professor of education, are guiding the students’ research. The curriculum they develop will cover topics such as the dyeing of fabrics, the strength of different types of animal hair, and the cultural aspects of clothing.

Thomas said the zoo curriculum project is exciting for both USI faculty and students because it is not just an exercise. The student researchers will



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Erich Shelton is visiting the Indianapolis Museum of Art and studying other exhibits and collections as he pursues his interest in Islamic patterns.

produce materials that can be used at all elementary grade levels. “It’s a very professional thing to do as an undergraduate,” Thomas said.

More than half of the RISC projects in progress involve students from the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology. Ryan Jones, a senior majoring in geology, is studying the rates of channel migration and bank erosion along the Wabash River with the guidance of Dr. James M. Durbin, assistant professor of geology. John Kuntz has entitled his research “Delaying the

Senescence (Aging) of Cut Floral Arrangements.”

Gordon said that all students who received grants account for their expenditures just as professional researchers do. They exhibit their research in a RISC Showcase. Open to all students, the RISC Showcase features a keynote speaker followed by individual student and panel presentations. The first was held April 20.

Grant awards are determined by the RISC Committee. In addition to Gordon, members are Karen Bawel, instructor in nursing; Dr. Hilary Bray-Smith, associate professor of art history; Dr. Daniel Friesner, assistant professor of economics; Matthew Graham, associate professor of English; Dr. Peggy Harrel, director of graduate studies and sponsored research; Dr. Leigh Anne Howard, assistant professor of communications; Dr. NiCole Keith, assistant professor of physical education; and Dr. Kent Scheller, assistant professor of physics.

Funding decisions are based on a project’s ability to enhance the student’s development, impact learning, and correlate with educational goals.

Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity are ongoing at USI. The next deadline to apply for RISC grants is September 20 ■

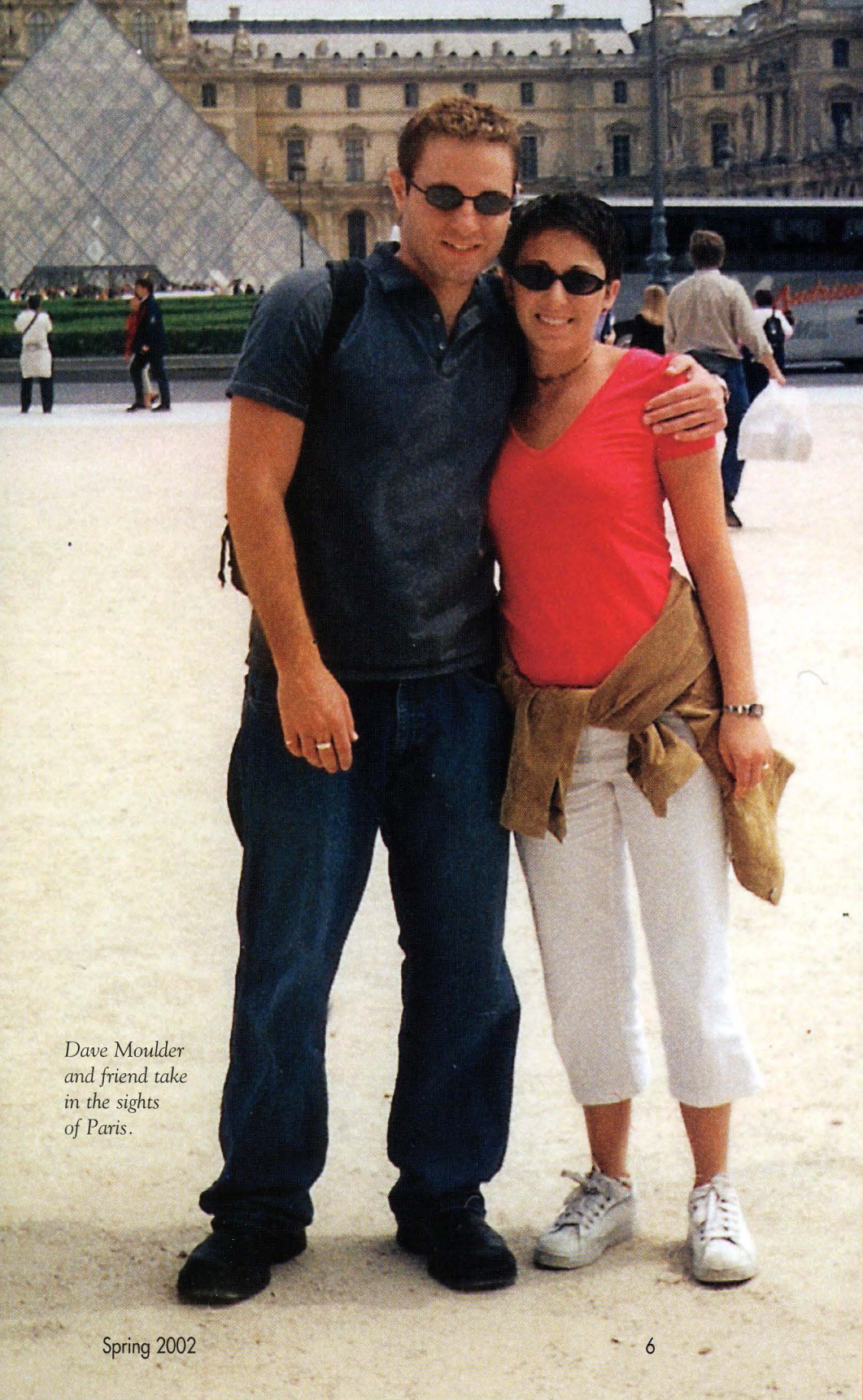
Acclaimed muralist keynotes first RISC Showcase



Chicana muralist Judith F. Baca was keynote speaker April 20 for the first RISC Showcase. Baca is best known for large-scale public art works, including *The Great Wall of Los Angeles*, a representation of the history of ethnic peoples of California from their origins to the

1950s. She has taught studio art at the University of California since 1980 and is the founder/artistic director of the Social and Public Art Resource Center in Venice, California, a center committed to public art that reflects the lives and concerns of America’s diversity.

Study Abroad



Dave Moulder and friend take in the sights of Paris.

A ticket to learning, personal growth, and the experience of a lifetime

Diana Fischer thinks it's fun to be a foreigner. "You learn all about the people of the country. Your language skills improve daily, and you don't even know it."

A senior majoring in French and Spanish, Fischer was somewhat of a pioneer for the University of Southern Indiana. In the 1999-2000 academic year, she was the first USI student to study abroad through the University's new membership in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), a network of 100 institutions in 30 countries throughout the world.

Fischer had dreamed of studying or traveling abroad since her high school days in Jasper, Indiana. Faculty in the foreign language department at USI reinforced the importance of doing so for students majoring in foreign language. ISEP's program at the University of Angers in Angers, France, fit her needs. She took some classes geared toward

foreign students like herself. She attended other classes with French students. She also studied beginning Italian.

Heidi Gregori-Gahan, who joined the University in 1998 as director of International Programs and Services, said the ISEP membership offers affordable study-abroad opportunities. ISEP programs are available to USI students at USI costs. Since participants pay USI tuition, they can continue to apply scholarships and other financial aid toward those fees.

The University continues to widen the choices for study abroad with membership in another international organization that offers 60 programs in 29 countries. Earlier this year USI joined the Council on International Educational Exchange, a New York-based organization with many programs that appeal to U.S. undergraduates. CIEE programs are generally more expensive than ISEP and cost varies with the program, but USI scholarships and financial aid do apply.

Though ISEP and CIEE greatly increase the number of study-abroad choices for USI students, the University has had students studying in other countries for many years through longstanding opportunities. Some USI faculty members sponsor direct exchange programs at universities in other countries. Most are specific to the faculty member's field, such as business or foreign language. England's Harlaxton College also is a popular choice. USI has an arrangement with the University of Evansville, which owns and operates Harlaxton, for USI students to study there.

While Fischer studied at the university in the Loire Valley, she took advantage of opportunities to travel in Europe. She went to Paris twice, spent the December break with a classmate who lived in Spain, and traveled to Amsterdam for a weekend visit. Since returning to USI, she also has completed a summer study program in Mexico. During that opportunity she stayed with a host family. In France she lived in a dormitory.

Gregori-Gahan said that students almost always come back from their overseas experience with a broader view of the world, more confidence, and a



Classroom studies in the humanities came alive for Shirley Flannery, left, when she toured Greece while studying abroad.

desire to see the rest of the world. She said that, with proper planning, students in almost any major can work a study-abroad experience into their schedule. Not every program is offered in every location, so students need to be flexible in choosing a destination.

The variety of programs also accommodates a student's language skills. Many programs offer courses taught in English while others allow total immersion into the language. Students also should assess their traveling experience and level of comfort with various types of living situations before choosing a program. Students receive USI credit for study abroad. Programs are available for a semester, academic year, or the summer.

Adam Goode, a senior philosophy major from Shelbyville, Indiana, spent a semester at the University of Helsinki in Finland. "I knew I wanted to go somewhere that had courses in folklore and mythology," he said. "I thought about Scandinavia because I wanted something different. Most people go to Western Europe. Still, I needed courses in English."

Goode lived in a seven-story apartment building in downtown Helsinki. Classes were a 20-minute walk or a short tram ride. During his semester abroad, he attended the Joint European Conference on Religion and

Nationalism in Estonia and took a two-week course in Wales on sustainable agriculture. As an American abroad, he said he often was confronted with questions about Americans being wasteful and having a disregard for environmental issues.

During her time abroad and in her contact with international students at USI, Fischer also has found herself having to explain the American way of doing things. Once she was asked to clarify when Americans deem it appropriate to give a hug in greeting someone.

Christina Taylor echoed the feeling that travel and study abroad open students to seeing their own culture with new eyes. "By studying abroad, I actually got to see the culture and really learn about the country I lived in. But even more so, I learned a little bit more about myself as I found myself usually the only American in a class and having to be the 'American expert' on everything."

Taylor completed an ISEP program at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England.

For her international experience, Christina Whoolery wanted total immersion. Having studied Japanese for three years at USI, she chose Tsukuba University, in Tsukuba, Japan.

Whoolery said the Japanese university, which is about a two-hour bus ride



northeast of Tokyo, had a good support system for international students.

“They assign a student to be your tutor and help you with daily life, like going to the grocery with you the first time, setting up a bank account, and using the transportation system.”

She chose to live in an apartment because she wanted to be included in the culture.

Dave Moulder, a senior communications major from Carmel, Indiana, chose a program at the University of Osnabrück in Germany. He and six roommates—four from Germany, one from Finland, and one from England—lived in student housing located about a 15-minute walk from campus.

Moulder, who had four years of high-school German, took one class in German and the rest in English. He said the Germans are “obsessed with everything British.” He particularly enjoyed a journalism class about the British press.

Jamie Burch, a senior majoring in advertising, and Shirley Flannery, a junior majoring in psychology, both chose fall 2000 for a semester of study at Harlaxton, where U.S. students from many universities live and learn together with classes taught by American and British faculty.

Burch found the college in Grantham, England, to be a good base for other travel. “You just need to take a taxi or the college shuttle to the train station,” she said.

She plans a return trip to England to visit friends she made during her study abroad.

Flannery said the time at Harlaxton was “like a fairy tale dream come true.” She became interested in study there as a high-school sophomore when a USI admission counselor mentioned it during a presentation at her school. Flannery is from Akron, Indiana.

Classes at Harlaxton are Monday through Thursday, making long weekends available for travel. Flannery said she and her friends planned many of their trips using Internet resources available at the college.

She especially enjoyed Greece because a USI humanities course taught by Dr. Eric vonFuhrmann was still fresh

in her mind. “Everywhere I looked there was something to see,” she said.

USI students have a widening array of opportunities to study and travel abroad. Gregori-Gahan urges them to visit her office to learn about the programs available and to talk with their academic advisor early in their planning to discuss how to fit the experience into their overall schedule ■

Countries where USI students can study abroad

Argentina	Indonesia
Australia	Israel
Austria	Italy
Bangladesh	Japan
Belgium	Jordan
Brazil	Kenya
Canada	Latvia
Chile	Malta
China	Mexico
Colombia	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Philippines
Cuba	Poland
Czech Republic	Puerto Rico
Dominican Republic	Russia
Estonia	South Africa
Fiji	Spain
Finland	Sweden
France	Switzerland
Germany	Thailand
Ghana	Tunisia
Hungary	Turkey
Iceland	United Kingdom
India	

Special awards help students study abroad

Prospective USI students who qualify for a Departmental Scholarship may be awarded funds to use for study abroad. These students should check "Study Abroad" on the interest inventory they receive in mailings from the USI Office of Admission. They **MUST** indicate an interest in study abroad before they apply for admission.

Departmental Scholarships

Departmental Scholarships promote academic and creative excellence.

Awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 a year and are renewable if certain requirements are met. Students may qualify for these awards in different ways. All recipients must be initially matriculating freshmen, Indiana residents, and graduates of high schools commissioned by the Indiana State Department of Public Instruction. They must meet certain additional criteria regarding either class rank and grade-point average, class rank and attainment of the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma, or class rank and achievement in theatre or art.

Other scholarships

These special scholarships or awards support study abroad and/or related expenses.

Two awards—the **James R. and Barbara Blevins Student Development Award** and **USI Society for Arts & Humanities Student Development Grants**—provide scholarships for students in the School of Liberal Arts to attend study-related workshops, conferences, theatre productions, musical performances, and arts exhibits relating to the field of study.

The **Donald S. Wolfe Foreign Language Travel Scholarship** is awarded to students planning to teach a foreign language. Recipients must be recommended by the USI foreign language faculty.

The **Elizabeth Zutt Art Student Enrichment Program** provides travel scholarships for art students to study in an international location. Students are selected by the Art Faculty Travel Committee.

The **Walter Jermakowicz Memorial Scholarship for International Studies** is awarded to sophomore, junior, or senior business or economics majors with priority to support study abroad in a formal exchange program or for travel or other expenses related to such study.

The **Robert D. Orr Scholarship for Global Business Study** is awarded to outstanding students in the School of Business to assist with expenses for study internationally. Preference is given to a student choosing Singapore as a study-abroad location.



Christina Whoolery, second from right, relaxes with friends in Japan.



For more information

USI Office of International Programs and Services
www.usi.edu/ips/intlstud.asp

International Student Exchange Program
www.isep.org

Council on International Educational Exchange
www.ciee.org/index.cfm

USI Direct Exchange Programs
www.usi.edu/ips/study1.asp

Harlaxton College
www.ueharlax.ac.uk

Another record year for number of graduates

Five with Tri-State roots receive honorary degrees

Commencement set a record again this year with the number of degree candidates reaching 1,438. Students were awarded their diplomas May 5 in ceremonies at Roberts Stadium.

The number of students completing an associate, baccalaureate, or master's degree topped last year's total by almost 50. In 2001, the Board of Trustees approved 1,390 degree candidates.

Honorary doctoral degrees were bestowed upon Rosemarie Albers of Anderson, Indiana; Dr. Z. Olen Pumphrey and Inez G. Pumphrey of Fort Branch, Indiana; Stephen Pace of New York City and Rockport, Maine; and Edward G. Boehne of Devon, Pennsylvania, who was the Commencement speaker.

The five honorees all have roots in Southern Indiana. Albers and Boehne are natives of Evansville and graduated from Bosse High School. The Pumphreys are lifelong residents of Fort Branch, and Stephen Pace grew up in Posey County and studied art in Evansville during his late teens.

Albers is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and worked as a medical technologist in California, New Jersey,



Albers

and Indiana before retiring in 1978. A community volunteer, she has worked with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the American Red Cross. She was a member of the Madison County Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, serving as chairman from 1988 to 1990. She also has served as an instructor in water safety and advanced first aid emergency care for Red Cross programs. Along with her late father W. Paul Torrington, she supports the science program at USI.

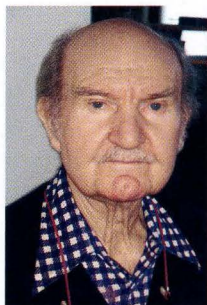
Dr. Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey, president and vice president respectively of the Dr. Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey Family Foundation, provide scholarships for 20 USI students. Through a gift to the Gibson County Community Foundation, they endowed the first two Deans Scholarships at the University. Dr. Pumphrey graduated from veterinary school at Kansas State University and began practice in Ft. Branch, Indiana in 1947. Mrs. Pumphrey is a graduate of Oakland City University and taught for 20 years in Gibson County.



Inez and Olen Pumphrey

She also worked with her husband in his veterinary practice. The Pumphreys established the first veterinary clinic in Fort Branch and served the Tri-State for more than 40 years. He retired in 1988.

Stephen Pace is an American painter who in the 1950s became a prominent member of the New York group of Abstract Expressionists. In the



Pace

1930s he studied in Evansville with Robert Lahr, an accomplished artist who helped Pace achieve a high degree of mastery in drawing and watercolor. Pace studied at the Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico, Art Students League in New York, and in Paris and Florence. His work has been exhibited in the

A record 1,438 graduates awarded USI diplomas at Roberts Stadium

nation's most important galleries and museums. A *New York Times* review hailed his work for its highly sophisticated use of color and its bold, joyous composition. USI has two of his significant paintings. One hangs in the University Center and the other in the Liberal Arts Center.

Dr. Edward G. Boehne is the retired president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.



Boehne

His nephew, Jason N. Rouser, of Newburgh, Indiana, received a B.A. degree in business administration during the Commencement ceremony. Boehne was active in determining the nation's monetary policy through membership on the Federal Open Market Committee. He is a graduate of Indiana University, earning undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from that institution. A civic leader, Boehne has served in many capacities and is former chairman of Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Hospital, founded in 1751 and known as the nation's oldest hospital. He has served as a trustee of the Baldwin School and Thomas Jefferson University ■

Marie Hankins named Distinguished Professor

Making science appealing to students of all ages is a priority for Dr. Marie Hankins, the Integra Bank 2002 Distinguished Professor at the University of Southern Indiana.

The award, announced March 18 at the Honors Program for the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology, was presented May 5 at Commencement.

Hankins is chair of the Chemistry Department, a post she has held since 1987. Her passion is to teach junior high, high school, and college students that science is fascinating, understandable, and fun. Through involvement in the Indiana/Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society, Hankins has organized chemical



Hankins

demonstrations and hands-on activity for school-age children during National Chemistry Week each year for the last decade. The last two years she has been instrumental in bringing 100 Girl Scouts to USI for a National Chemistry Week overnight, which includes career talks, chemistry demonstrations, science movies, and pizza.

In 1998 she secured a grant from the Alcoa Foundation to fund Kids and Chemistry, an outreach program delivered to 86 elementary schools in southwestern Indiana.

At USI she teaches chemistry to majors and non-majors from freshman level through senior level, and graduate classes.

Hankins has a record of continuous accomplishment in promoting the chemistry profession as she encourages

young people to think about and work toward preparing themselves for a career in chemistry, informing the community about the significance of chemistry in everyday life, and promoting the chemistry program at USI. She earned an undergraduate degree at King College in Bristol, Tennessee, and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

She has served as advisor to the USI award-winning student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society.

The Distinguished Professor Award is made possible by a generous gift from Integra Bank. As Distinguished Professor, Hankins will receive a grant from Integra Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in her name, and deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during the next academic year.

The award recipient is chosen by faculty colleagues ■

Rick Hudson, SGA leader, awarded President's Medal

Rick A. Hudson of Patoka, Indiana, is this year's recipient of the President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior at the University of Southern Indiana.

Hudson received the award during the Commencement ceremony May 5 at Roberts Stadium. He was chosen because of his commitment to academic excellence and his service to the University and the community.

Hudson graduated *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics. He holds a 3.9 grade point average.

For the past two years, Hudson has served as president of the Student Government Association. He has been a member of the Student Alumni Association, serving as treasurer and chair for several programs. He also has served on many University committees, including the University Center Coordinating Council, the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee, and the USI

Foundation Student Relations Committee. As an AMIGO orientation leader, Hudson has assisted incoming students in making the transition to college life at USI.



Hudson

National Honor Society, and Golden Key National Honor Society. He also is a member of the Student Education Association and the Mathematical Association of America. He is the recipient of the Trustees Distinguished Merit Award, the All-Campus Student Achievement Award, the Kinsey

He has been a consistent Honors List student, a participant in the Honors Symposium, and has been named to Sigma Zeta Math and Science Honorary, Alpha Chi

Memorial Scholarship, and the USI Alumni Association Scholarship. He has worked in several USI offices, including the Mathematics Department and the Office of Career Services and Placement.

Active beyond the campus borders, Hudson has been a volunteer judge for high school speech tournaments, a participant in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a speaker for National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, a volunteer for the Princeton Music Classic, an active member of Patoka United Methodist Church, and a volunteer for the USI Alumni Phone-a-thon.

With the hope of ultimately becoming a university professor, Hudson has prepared himself to teach secondary school mathematics. He plans to enter the University of Louisville to earn a master's degree in mathematics and then to obtain a high school or middle school teaching position before pursuing a Ph.D. ■

USI Foundation investments outperform 2001 indexes

By Charles A. Liles
Assistant Director
Oxford Financial Group, Ltd.

The USI Foundation's assets are managed by a seasoned and diverse group of investment professionals encompassing a broad range of investment classes and styles including bonds, large and small company stocks, and international companies. Their performance is consistently above the median returns for their peer groups and compares favorably to benchmark indexes. As a consequence of the structure of the portfolio and the performance of the managers, the USI Foundation's overall return for the year 2001 outperformed the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the total performance index for the Foundation.

The equity markets had a particu-

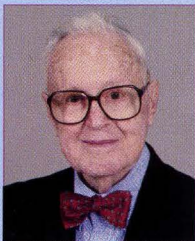
larly challenging 2001, reflecting investor concern over the effects of the recession on corporate earnings and the continuing retreat of technology and telecommunications shares from the dizzying levels of the late 1990s. The S&P 500 Index, the broad gauge of large company stocks, was down 11.9 percent for the year while the Russell 2000 Index, which represents smaller company shares, edged up 2.5 percent. The stock market, however, rebounded over the last quarter of 2001 as investors looked beyond the economy's weakness to an anticipated recovery in the latter half of 2002.

Oxford Financial Group, founded in 1981, was engaged in October 1999 to provide comprehensive investment consulting services for the Foundation's invested assets, which totaled \$18 million as of December 31 ■

Paul Torrington endowed scholarships, lab equipment funds

Generous USI friend and donor W. Paul Torrington, of Evansville, a Mead Johnson and Company executive who managed virtually every part of the company's operations during his career from 1942-1972, died April 3 at age 94.

Torrington, who rose to executive vice president and vice chairman of the Evansville nutritional and pharmaceutical firm's board of directors, joined the company as assistant to the president D. Mead Johnson. Earlier Torrington had specialized in the design, construction, and erection of experimental pilot plants to prove commercial feasibility. He personally held 24 patents.



Torrington

In 1998, Torrington provided leadership gifts during *Campaign USI* to fund state-of-the-art equipment for the Torrington Developmental Biology Research Laboratory and the Torrington Chemistry Research Laboratory and continued to make annual gifts. He also established the W. Paul and Mildred Torrington

Endowment through a charitable remainder trust to perpetually underwrite ongoing equipment purchases for USI's Biology and Chemistry Departments. In addition, Torrington established the W. Paul and Mildred B. Torrington Endowed Presidential Scholarship in 1998 to benefit students who major in medical and scientific fields. The Torrington Trust also establishes the Rosemarie T. Albers Scholarship endowment to benefit students in the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology.

Torrington received an honorary doctorate in 1998 and was elected director emeritus of the USI Foundation in 2001. The science wing of the new Science and Education Center will be named in his honor.

Survivors include his daughter Rosemarie Albers, of Anderson, Indiana, who received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at Commencement this year ■

Recent Gifts

The USI Foundation appreciates the following generous charitable gifts:

- **Rosemarie T. Albers**, of Anderson, Indiana, and her late father **W. Paul Torrington**, of Evansville, each have contributed \$29,000 in securities to help provide state-of-the-art equipment for the Torrington biology and chemistry research laboratories. The gifts provide for equipment not made available through the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology's University budget.

- **Olive Carruthers Clifft**, of Evansville, has endowed a second Presidential Scholarship in her name with a \$150,000 gift. A retired teacher, she also has established the Homer L. and Olive Carruthers Clifft Endowed Presidential Scholarship and the Homer L. and Olive Carruthers Clifft Liberal Arts Scholarship.

- **Robert E. and Judith E. Griffin**, of Newburgh, have established an endowed Presidential Scholarship in their names with gifts of nearly \$75,000 in securities toward their \$150,000 commitment. They previously endowed the Dr. John A. and Grace Helfrich Eisterhold Scholarship in honor of Mrs. Griffin's parents. Mr. Griffin, 1998-2000 USI Foundation chair, was elected a Life Director of the Foundation in May.

- The Rice Kello Memorial Scholarship has been established by **Jack and Mary Beth Weber** to provide \$1,000 in financial assistance to a junior or senior social work major with a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Kello had been Mr. Weber's mentor. Mr. Weber graduated from USI in 1972 with a

degree in social work and is an adjunct professor. Mrs. Weber is staff counselor in the USI Counseling Center.

● **Father Bernie Lutz**, who started the Campus Ministry at USI in 1971, serving until 1985, has created the Bernie Lutz Chair of Roman Catholic Theology at the University of Southern Indiana. Having worked on college campuses for 25 years, Father Lutz believes “it is important that college students are offered these courses...” The endowment also will fund the Sister Sheila Mary Griffin Service Programs in memory of his colleague in the early years of USI Campus Ministry, assuring that the campus ministry office can offer thought-provoking public events.

● **Dr. Winston and Marjoria Ogilvy**, of Evansville, have established a scholarship in their names with a gift of \$10,000 in securities, which qualifies for an additional \$10,000 in corporate matching funds. Mrs. Ogilvy has been involved in women’s civic organizations which previously endowed scholarships for USI students.

● **Stephen and Pam Pace**, of New York City, have established a second \$25,000 charitable gift annuity to provide income for life and then to endow the Pace Art Scholarship. Artist Stephen Pace, a Posey County native who first studied art in Evansville, has gifted the University with several of his abstract paintings for which he is widely recognized.

● **Henry Ruston**, of Evansville, USI Foundation board member, has increased his lifetime giving to \$1.6 million with recent gifts totaling \$437,000 in charitable gift annuities. The proceeds of the annuities will come to the University as unrestricted gifts. He previously established the Henry and Helen Ruston Endowed Presidential Scholarship and the Helen Ruston Terrace at the Liberal Arts Center.

In Memoriam

Aline Renner remembers USI with \$1.8 million bequest

Aline Nunn Renner, USI Foundation director for 20 years and life director since 1996, died January 18 at age 92. She left an initial bequest of \$500,000 in addition to naming the Foundation the sole remainder beneficiary of her estate, a second gift with an estimated value of \$1.3 million. “My heart’s at USI,” the generous booster often commented.

Her primary focus has been to help USI students by providing scholarships for business and education majors. Her sister Rebecca Nunn Couch shares that focus. Never forgotten were the times when the sisters were young women of college age who went to work for the family’s Nunn Milling Company because money was tight and college was not an option.

Of Renner’s \$500,000 bequest, \$400,000 was earmarked for the Aline Nunn Renner Scholarship fund and \$100,000 for the Couch-Renner Auditorium in the new Science and Education Center. The estate’s remainder also will go to the Renner scholarship endowment. Fully endowed, the Renner scholarship initially will underwrite \$80,000 in scholarships each year. She also established the Aline Nunn Renner Endowed Presidential Scholarship.

Renner received three honors from the University: Distinguished Alumni Award in 1980, honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1983 recognizing her fund-raising efforts for the University Home, and membership in The President’s Circle in 1995.

Endowed Presidential Scholarship donor Stanley Atkinson dies

Stanley B. Atkinson, the donor of one of the first endowed Presidential Scholarships, died March 17 at age 88. He established the Stanley B. and Ruth C. Atkinson Endowed Presidential Scholarship in 1995, now one of 15 fully funded endowed scholarships which help attract Indiana valedictorians and salutatorians to USI. Founder and retired chief executive officer of Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Evansville, Atkinson was active in church and civic affairs. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, he was awarded service medals for the American, European, and Asian theaters of war.

Edward Harrison supported pre-med, nursing students

Edward F. Harrison, who was a generous friend to many young people throughout his life, died March 17 at his home in Evansville. A U.S. Army veteran who attended college on the G.I. Bill, Harrison focused on groups which supported youth, especially those which helped provide financial assistance to college students. The Edward F. Harrison Scholarship, which he established in 1991, supports pre-med and nursing students. Harrison took enthusiastic interest in the Harrison Scholars, never missing the opportunity to attend a donor function to meet his students. He described these meetings with his students, saying, “I drive out to USI and fly home!” His students energized him and he was devoted to following their careers.

A retired research scientist at Mead Johnson, Harrison was one of the chemists who researched and developed the first birth control pill and Metracal, a 1960s diet drink. The USI Foundation was named one of two remainder beneficiaries of Harrison’s estate. The bequest will substantially endow the Harrison Scholarships.

USI REMEMBERS

Build a better résumé with online workshop

Learn how to transform your résumé into a powerful tool that will have employers contacting you for interviews.

An online workshop on writing a résumé is available through the Online Instruction Center, a new service of the Center for Human Resources Development in the Extended Services Office at the University of Southern Indiana. The course consists of 12 lessons, and all materials are available over the Web.

The six-week non-credit course helps participants learn about the technical aspects of today's job search and how to write an effective résumé.

The course was created by Stephanie Donaldson, a member of the National Résumé Writer's Association. She said, "Employers can advertise to more job candidates than ever, and those prospective employees can locate employers anywhere in the world. In order to be competitive today, people post their resumé on Internet home pages, in online resumé banks, and on news groups."

Visit www.ed2go.com/usi for additional information. Click on Online Courses and then Personal Enrichment Courses to find "Resumé Writing Workshop" in the list of courses. Start dates for the coming months are July 10, August 14, and September 18.

Resumé Writing Workshop is one of many personal and professional development courses available through the Online Instruction Center ■

Cuts in state funding hinder higher education

State universities form Alliance for Indiana's Future

The Indiana General Assembly ended the 2002 legislative session without passing legislation to address deficits in the state budget or restructure the state's tax system. Legislation to increase cigarette, gaming, and other taxes to generate additional revenue did not pass.

The budget deficit has a direct impact on the University of Southern Indiana. The 2001-03 biennial budget decreased USI's funding for repair and rehabilitation projects and technology. During 2001-02 the University expects to receive about one-half of the funds appropriated for repair and rehabilitation projects and none of the funds appropriated for technology.

Cynthia S. Brinker, USI assistant vice president for business administration, said that in 2002-03 it is likely there will be no funding for repair and rehabilitation projects and that operating budgets will be reduced.

During the session, the seven public universities joined with groups representing business, education, agriculture, labor, and local government to form the Alliance for Indiana's Future. The group's purpose is to encourage and support the state's governmental leaders in their efforts to deal with Indiana's fiscal situation and long-term economic health.

USI President Ray Hoops said, "While the University is well positioned to handle some budgetary reductions in the short-term, there is concern about the long-term impact of decreased funding for technology, for repair and rehabilitation projects, and in operating budgets. At a time when enrollment continues to increase, loss of revenue from the state will have a substantial impact on the University's ability to deliver services to students ■"

Saturday is for art



laVerne Jones-USI

Dr. Joseph Uduehi encourages children to express their feelings through art.

Saturday is all about creativity for children ages six through 14 who attend the Saturday Art Workshop in the Technology Center at the University of Southern Indiana.

Dr. Joseph Uduehi, assistant professor of art education, said the students discover different types of art materials, learn about drawing, and interpret happenings in the world around them with their artwork.

The Saturday Art Workshop is a part of the continuing education program offered by USI's Extended Services. Participants meet for two-and-a-half hours on Saturday mornings for six weeks in the fall and spring semesters. Children are divided into four age groups. A summer art program will be offered July 1 and July 8 for children ages six and seven ■

General Assembly lauds Schmidt

Richard W. Schmidt has been honored by the Indiana General Assembly upon his retirement and for “his many years of unselfish service to the citizens of Indiana as the vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer of the University of Southern Indiana.”



Schmidt

Schmidt joined USI as chief accountant in 1972 after working at Ball State University and as an auditor in the U.S. Air Force. He subsequently served as controller and assistant vice president for Business Affairs until 1993, when he was appointed vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer.

Schmidt will continue to serve the University as executive vice president until June 30, when his retirement becomes effective. He and his wife Marilyn, director of USI Career Services and Placement, who also will retire in June, reside in Mount Vernon, Indiana, but plan to retire in North Carolina.

Dr. Robert W. Ruble, former associate vice president for Fiscal and Physical Affairs, assumed his appointment as vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer March 1 ■

Jermakowicz wins Merit Award, Goldwater Scholarship

Walter Jermakowicz III, a junior majoring in biology, chemistry, and German, recently was selected for two honors—a top campus award and a prestigious national scholarship.



Jermakowicz

He received the 2002 Trustees Distinguished Merit Award, the highest recognition bestowed on a student during Honors Week at the University of Southern Indiana. The award recognizes outstanding achievement not only in the student’s major but also in the liberal arts and sciences that form the core curriculum of a college education.

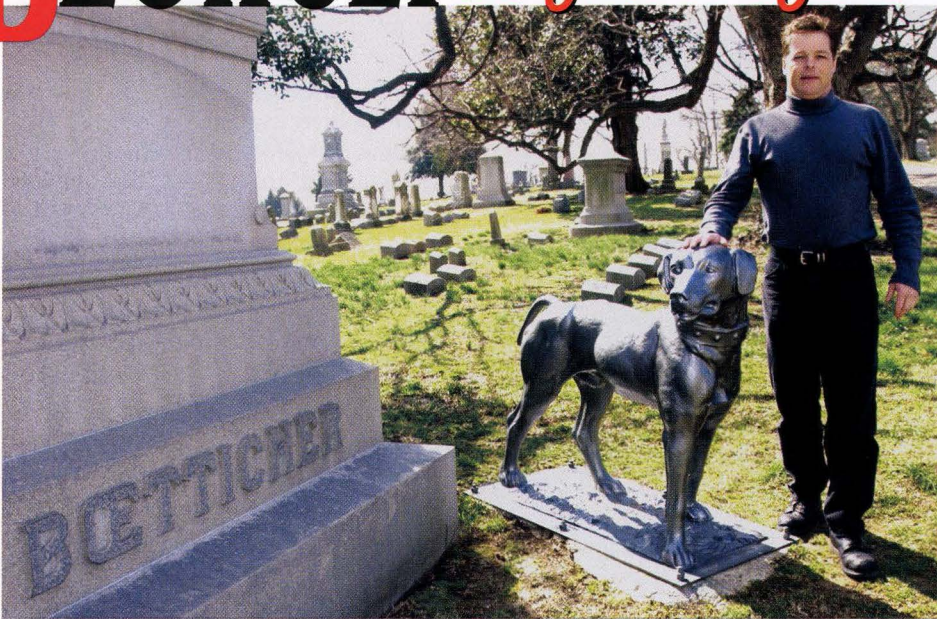
Jermakowicz was named a Goldwater Scholar by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, which chose 309 scholars for the 2002-03 academic year from a field of 1,155 sophomores and juniors nominated by university faculties throughout the nation. Recipients are majoring in mathematics, science, or engineering. They receive one- and two-year scholarships to cover cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 a year.

Jermakowicz presented a paper in March at the British Society for Developmental Biology in York, England, and will complete a research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota this summer.

He is student trustee on the Board of Trustees and serves on the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board of Directors, USI Athletic Board, and Student Government Association.

He is the son of Dr. Eva K. Jermakowicz, associate professor of accounting, and the late Dr. Walter W. Jermakowicz, who also taught at USI ■

BEOWULF *on guard again*



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

David Huebner, art workshop supervisor for the University of Southern Indiana, has restored the zinc sculpture of a dog that was placed in Evansville’s Oak Hill Cemetery in 1897 and removed in the 1940s due to deterioration. Known as Beowulf, the sculpture went through a series of ownerships and further decay before a member of the Boetticher family re-purchased it and placed it in Huebner’s hands for restoration. Much of the sculpture’s head and other parts were missing. Relying on old photographs as a guide, Huebner put Beowulf back in shape and created a steel armature to support the figure. A dedication for the restored sculpture was held at the cemetery in February.

USI students tutor Hispanic children

Four University of Southern Indiana students are helping Spanish-speaking students at Caze Elementary School in Evansville be more successful in the classroom.

Mary Williams, parent coordinator for the school, said that the USI students, all with advanced skills in Spanish, have tutored the elementary students in a one-on-one relationship and have served as role models.

"It's a win-win situation," Williams said. "It gave our students a boost, and it helps the USI students translate their classroom learning into a practical situation."

USI students who have participated include Rachel Byerley, Stephanie Gerhardt, Jeff Stephens, and Sarah Weinzapfel.

In the 2000-01 school year, USI students translated the elementary school's emergency card, school rules, and enrollment forms for parents of Spanish-speaking students. Caze has shared these materials with other schools in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. Dr. Oscar Ozete, USI professor of Spanish, coordinates the USI involvement with the needs at Caze ■



Rachel Byerley, a USI Presidential Scholar, tutors a fourth-grade student at Caze Elementary.

Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Abbas Foroughi presented community service award

Dr. Abbas Foroughi, professor of computer information systems, has received the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award for his work in the community. The award was presented in March during the School of Business Honors Program.

Working toward the benefit of young people is the main focus of Foroughi's community work. He is chair of the Rotary Club's Education Committee.

In that capacity he collaborates with public and private schools to implement enrichment programs to benefit the schoolchildren. He earned the distinction of Rotarian of the Decade, 1987-97.

Foroughi was a member of the Board of Directors of the Raintree Girl Scout Council, a member of the School Improvement Team for Plaza Park Middle School, and is active with the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce's Tri-State Workforce Initiative.

He earned a Ph.D. in 1990 from Indiana University. He is widely published on topics related to e-business and the Internet. He is coordinator of an e-business initiative for the School of Business, a member of the graduate faculty, and a member of the Faculty Senate.

The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son Charles and his wife, Leslie. The award is presented by the Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee ■

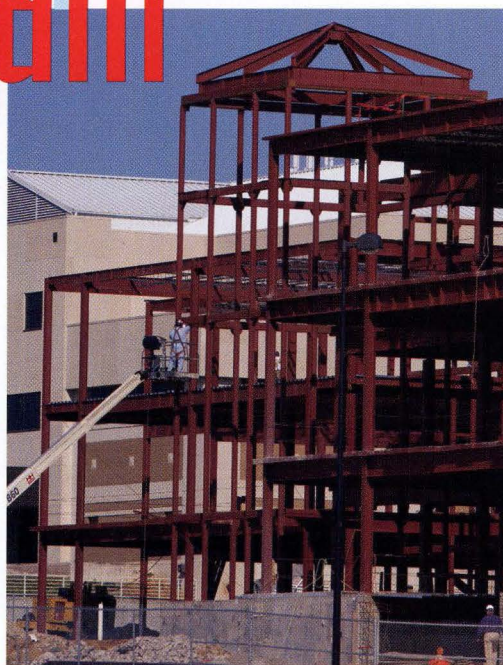


Foroughi

WEBCam

Keep tabs on construction

Follow progress on the new Science and Education Center by viewing live Web cam photos at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/sci-edubuilding.asp. A new snapshot is taken every 30 minutes. Construction of the \$23.1 million facility is scheduled for completion in July 2003.



LaVerne Jones—USI

AWARD

Campus welcomes nationally known speakers

Students and faculty had the opportunity to hear a number of nationally known experts during spring semester. Guest speakers included the following;

- Lesra Martin, the attorney who championed the exoneration of mid-lewight boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, spoke February 26 during Black History Month. His program was presented with support from USI's Multicultural Center, USI Foundation, and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.

- An acclaimed author, activist, journalist, and scholar delivered the 2002 Sydney Berger Lecture March 13. In a program titled "The Justice Boomerang." Dr. Scott Christianson discussed the nation's punitive policies and what can be done to promote positive change. The Berger Lecture is sponsored annually by the School of Liberal Arts to honor the memory of the late Sydney Berger, an Evansville attorney and an instructor in constitutional law at USI.

- Teja Arboleda presented "Gene Therapy: Healing Racism" March 25 during the University's Diversity Week.



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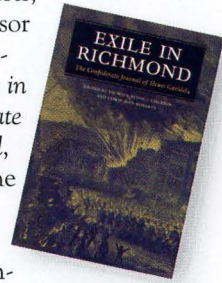
British Columbia attorney Lesra Martin is welcomed to campus as the featured speaker during Black History Month by USI students Anteia Greer, left, and Lakiasha Singleton.

Arboleda is the author of *In the Shadow of Race: Growing Up as a Multiethnic, Multicultural, and "Multiracial" American*. USI's Activities Programming Board sponsored his appearance.

- Gari-Anne Patzwald presented "Reflections on Community from the Nun Study" March 21 as part of the lecture series sponsored by USI's Center for Communal Studies. The Nun Study is a study of aging and Alzheimer's disease. Patzwald, a member of the research staff, discussed how religious communities endure and are impacted by an aging membership ■

Roberts translates Confederate diary

Dr. Leslie J. Roberts, associate professor of French, is co-editor of the book *Exile in Richmond: the Confederate Journals of Henri Garidel*, published in 2001 by the University of Virginia Press.



Garidel was a French-Catholic man who served as a clerk in the Confederate capital of Richmond after being exiled from Union-occupied New Orleans. Roberts learned of the diary's existence from a former colleague who had met a descendant of the journal writer. Through family members she tracked the diary to the Huntington Library in Pasadena, California, and obtained a copy.

Roberts translated the 800-page manuscript from French to English. Written from March 1863 through May 1865, the journal reveals a picture of domestic and political life. The diary had not been translated previously or available to the public in annotated form.

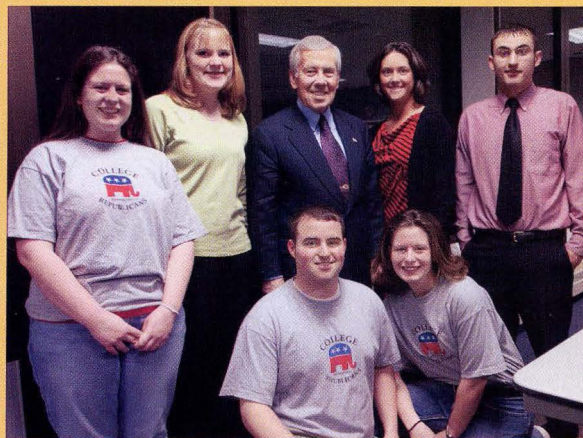
Roberts' co-editor was Michael Chesson, a professor of history at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. A 1998 grant from the USI Foundation helped support the project ■

Concepts prepared for new library

Preliminary design plans and projected costs for a \$29.1 million building to replace the existing Rice Library will be submitted in June to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

The new library will double the space in the existing library building, which will be renovated into additional University Center space in a separate \$9.75 million project. Bonding authorization from the state of Indiana will be sought for the Library project, the University's only capital request to be presented to the 2003 legislature. The University Center expansion will be funded through student fees ■

Hostettler, Lugar meet with USI Young Republicans



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

U.S. Rep. John Hostettler (left photo) and Sen. Richard Lugar visited campus March 8 as guests of the USI Young Republicans. The Indiana congressman and senator encouraged students to be active in the political process.

University friends make leadership gifts to golf tournament at Victoria National

Friends of the University are assuring that the 2002 Victoria National Memorial Endowment Tournament, which will benefit USI's athletic scholarship endowment, will be a success. Insight Communications and Media Mix have pledged a Super Gold Sponsorship with combined gift and in-kind contributions of \$25,000.

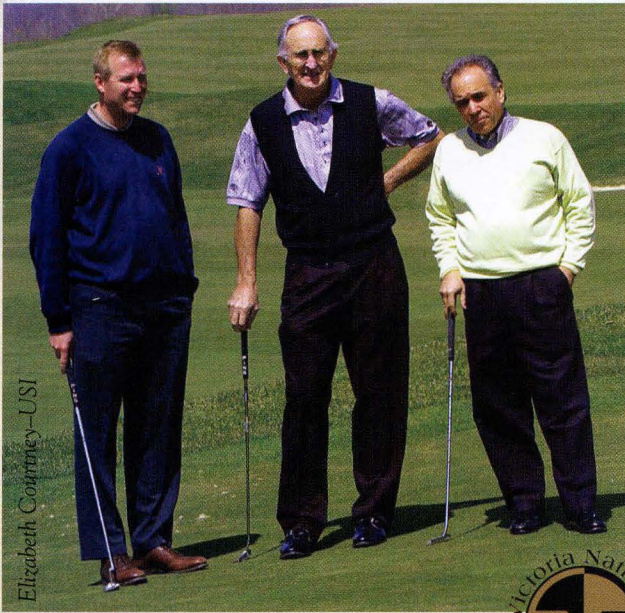
In addition, there are six Gold Sponsors at \$10,000 each and 14 teams have signed up at the \$5,000 Silver Sponsor level. The Gold Sponsors are Orthopaedic Associates, United Leasing, Kenny Kent Lexus, Vectren, Tri-State Orthopaedic Surgeons, and Integra Bank.

The tournament will be held Sunday and Monday, July 14 and 15. A limited number of Silver Sponsor teams, which will play their own ball on Sunday and the scramble on Monday, remain.

There are still several Bronze Sponsor opportunities, playing in the Monday scramble at \$3,000 per team.

There also are opportunities for individuals to play the Monday scramble. Friends of USI who are not golfers are assisting with silent auction gifts and underwriting costs of the tournament.

Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh is one of the country's top 100 new courses and is rarely open to play for non-members. For information or to reserve a place for a team, call the USI Foundation, 812/464-1918 ■



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Dr. Ed Brundick, center, longtime team physician for the Eagles, chairs the steering committee for the tournament at Victoria National. Tom Rose, left, pro at the course, and sponsor Gary Jossa of Media Mix also are involved in plans for this unique event.



Women's basketball picks up four All-GLVC selections

University of Southern Indiana women's basketball team had four players listed on the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference teams. The Screaming Eagles had two first-team selections and a pair of honorable mention selections. Sophomore forward Jessica Stuckman (Quincy, Illinois) and senior guard Jasmine Moore (Chicago, Illinois) were selected to the first team while senior forward Casey Hughes (Bicknell, Indiana) and junior forward/center Africa Sherrod (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) were named honorable mention ■

Women make it two straight GLVC championships

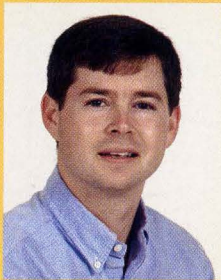


Elizabeth Courtney-USI

The University of Southern Indiana women's basketball team celebrated at Roberts Stadium after winning its second consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament Championship. The team beat Northern Kentucky University 89-79 on March 2 to cinch the title. From left are April Williams, Bethany Miller, Erin Wall, Jessica Stuckman (with back to camera), and Kim Witkowiak.

Jay Newton named assistant director of athletics

The University of Southern Indiana has named Jay Newton as assistant director of athletics to fill the position open when Jon Mark Hall was named director of athletics earlier this year.



Newton

Newton will direct game management activities for 13 Division II athletic programs; oversee ticket operations; monitor and ensure compliance with all NCAA, Great Lakes Valley

Conference, and University rules and regulations; and work in conjunction with the faculty athletics representative in completing eligibility and certification forms for the University and the Athletics Department.

Newton comes to USI from the Southern Conference in Asheville, North Carolina, where he was the championships and compliance assistant. His duties included assisting the associate commissioner of external affairs, ensuring compliance with league and NCAA rules and regulations by the conference members.

"Jay is an outstanding person who will bring a great deal of energy and expertise to our department," Hall said. "He has been working with an outstanding staff at the Southern Conference. I am excited to have him as a member of a staff that I believe is one of the finest in all of Division II athletics."

The University of South Carolina graduate received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1996 and earned a master's degree from Murray State University in public administration in 1998. In 2001, Newton earned a law degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis ■



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Basketball arena flies new flag

Even before the events of September 11, Bettie Engelbrecht had determined that PAC Arena, home of the USI Basketball Eagles, needed a large American flag suspended over the playing floor. A life director of the USI Foundation, she is pictured here with Jon Mark Hall, USI director of athletics, as the flag is lowered during the playing of the national anthem.

PAC
Arena

Statistics crew puts up the numbers



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Home basketball games are a student and alumni outing for longstanding members of the statistics crew and qualify as a family get-together for some of them. Seated, from left, are Julie Meyerholtz Fegan '96, a statistician since 1996; Brent Churchill, a crew member for 12 years; and Ryan Fetscher, a senior, who brought the number of Fetscher brothers to three when he joined the crew in 1998. His brother, Mike '96 (back row, left), has been a statistician since 1992, and Chad '00 has worked the games since '96 ■

1970s

Stephen S. Markin '76, finance, has been promoted to assistant cashier at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

1980s

Michael R. Koressel '82, business, has joined Old National Bank Insurance Group, Inc., as vice president of the personal insurance division in Evansville.

Lisa C. Newton '82, administrative systems, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Donald R. Breivogel '83, accounting, has been promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer at American General Finance in Evansville.

Robert F. Shipman '83, social science, is a captain with the Evansville Fire Department.

Russell E. Hill '85, political science, has joined the sales staff of Western-Southern Life in Evansville.

Deidra R. Conner '87, accounting, has been appointed director of finance at Evansville ARC.

Sharon Sherwood Monroe '87, radiologic technology, is a homemaker and mother of three in Oro Valley, Arizona.

David A. Caputo '88, electrical engineering technology, has joined Basye & Associates, Inc., as head of the systems engineering department in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sheldon R. Pontaoe '89, marketing, is a senior trademark counsel with GlaxoSmithKline in North Carolina.

Pamela S. Schneider '89, marketing/management, has been promoted to vice president of electronic commerce at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

1990s

Lynell Breivogel Walton '91, accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president/senior financial analyst-investor relations at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.



Calendar of Events

June 9	Alumni Family Picnic, 4 to 6 p.m., USI University Center Mall
June 11	Alumni Council Meeting and Orientation, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
July 9	Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard, Indianapolis
July 14-15	2002 Memorial Endowment Tournament to benefit USI Athletics, Victoria National Golf Course, Newburgh, Indiana
July 16	Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
August 8	Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m., USI Carter Hall
August 23	Greater Indianapolis USI Scholarship Golf Scramble, noon, The Links Golf Course, New Palestine, Indiana
September 10	Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
September 20	Alumni Fun Golf Scramble, 11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville
October 22	Return to the Heart of Nursing: Second Annual Nursing Alumni Society Gathering, USI Carter Hall

All alumni are welcome to attend these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924. Check out the Alumni Web site at www.usi.edu/alumni ■

Brian D. Cherry '91, political science, is a graduate program director for Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan.

Connie M. Goebel '91, business education, has been promoted to director of client contracts at Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

Donald F. Gregory '92, business administration, is an Indiana State Trooper with the Indiana State Police. He resides in Seymour, Indiana.

Emily Koressel Morrison '92, social work, '00, Master of Social Work, has been named director of community services for Family & Children's Service, Inc., in Evansville.

Brian K. Williams '92, political science, is a district sales manager for Reliant Pharmaceuticals. He resides in Newburgh, Indiana.

Jeff H. Bosse '93, communications, has been named manager of Old National Trust's office in Bloomington, Indiana.

Jarit W. Kidwell '93, business administration, has been promoted to vice president of central processing at Banc One in Indianapolis.

Taunya Nicely Kirsch '93, elementary education, is a Gibson, Pike, Warrick program assistant for Yankeetown Elementary. She resides in Newburgh, Indiana.

Shannon Wendt Marshall '93, accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president with Old National Trust Company in Evansville.

Mark W. Miles '93, accounting, was promoted to vice president and controller of Berry Plastics Corporation in Evansville.

Diana Lemp Brown '94, social work, '96, Master of Social Work, has been promoted to director of human services for the Evansville Housing Authority.

Kevin Fritts '94, communications, has joined Lafayette Elks Golf Course in Lafayette, Indiana, as head golf professional.

Holly Wade Kidwell '94, elementary education, is the assistant director of The Goddard School in Indianapolis.

Rachael Wilhite Parks '94, communications, has been appointed corporate service coordinator with Visiting Nurse Association of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., in Evansville.

Scott A. Derr '95, social science teaching, is outreach representative for Vanderburgh County at the Southwest Indiana Network in Evansville.

Heather Tripp Fleetwood '95, communications, is a growth account manager for Sprint in St. Louis, Missouri.

Danny J. Schneider '95, business administration, is an inspector in vehicle performance at Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Indiana.

Ryan M. Seidl '95, business administration, is an independent manufacturer's representative for Best Chairs, Inc., in Ferdinand, Indiana.

Susan Lutz Tromley '95, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher at Good Shepherd School in Evansville.

Ruth Burris Bruder '96, occupational therapy, has been selected as Ms. Indiana Woman in the Ms. Ambassador Pageant. She competed in the National Pageant held in April in Evansville.

David Frasier writes book about celebrity suicide

Celebrities have found all sorts of reasons and ways to end their lives. David Frasier '76 covers 840 self-inflicted deaths in his new book *Suicide in the Entertainment Industry*.

Among the many striking stories is that of Nikolai Semenov, former dance master of the Imperial Theater of Moscow, who threw himself into Niagra Falls in Buffalo, New York, on July 6, 1932, as a protest against the influence of modern dance on traditional ballet.

Pro-wrestler Fritz "The Iron Claw" Von Erich lived to see three of his sons (all pro-wrestlers) commit suicide.

Helen Jean Moyer, an assistant organist at a New York City silent film theatre, jumped to her death from a 12-story building on June 11,

1929, two days after being informed that the movie house was converting to sound motion pictures. Frasier calls it "death resulting from a technological advancement."

Another spectacle was the suicide of Peg Entwistle, an actress who jumped to her death in 1932 from the "H" in the Hollywood sign.

A reference librarian at the Main Library at Indiana University, Frasier first became interested in show biz suicide as a teenager when he read the book *Hollywood Babylon* by filmmaker Kenneth Anger. Years later while working as a librarian for the Institute of Sex Research (now the Kinsey Institute) at IU, Frasier met the filmmaker/author, who was a long-time friend of famed sex researcher Alfred C. Kinsey. Anger wrote the

forward for Frasier's new book.

Recalling his college days, Frasier said several "first-rate" USI faculty members served as mentors to him. In particular, he credited William H. Sands of the English faculty as instrumental in inspiring in him a love of literature, research, and writing.

The 440-page *Suicide in the Entertainment Industry* was published this year by McFarland & Company, Inc. Other books by Frasier are *Russ Meyer — The Life and Films: A Biography and a Comprehensive Illustrated and Annotated Filmography and Bibliography* and *Murder Cases of the Twentieth Century: Biographies and Bibliographies of 280 Convicted and Accused Killers* ■

Michael Head is Alumnus-in-Residence



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Michael Head '80, president of First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville, talked with students about changes in the banking industry as Alumnus-in-Residence for the School of Business in February.

Tracy L. Claxton '96, communications, has been promoted by Keller Crescent Co., to client services representative in Evansville.

Ann Kirsch Gregory '96, radiologic technology, is in private practice with her own company called Milestones. She resides in Seymour, Indiana.

Liz A. Jackson '96, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president/human resources information systems at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Chad S. McCombs '96, elementary education, is assistant computer coordinator at Warrick County School Corporation in Boonville, Indiana.

Lori A. Newman '96, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Brandon S. Nicholson '96, business administration, was promoted to area account manager for Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceutical. He resides in Michigan City, Indiana.

Matt W. Potter '96, English, has been named marketing director and financial services coordinator for Davis/Bays & Associates in Evansville.

Claude (Dusty) Burns '97, psychology, was ordained in May as a transitional deacon at his home parish of Holy Trinity Church in Evansville.

Misty Kiger Duncan '97, mathematics, is a teacher for Bartow Middle School in Bartow, Florida.

Mark E. Shell '97, business administration, owns a private e-business in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Christopher D. Beehn '98, psychology, recently graduated from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. He resides in Wayne City, Illinois.

Ross A. Emerson '98, mechanical engineering technology, is a manufacturing engineer with Cub Cadet in Brownsville, Tennessee.

Jason L. Shrodes '98, political science, has been promoted to on-premise sales representative for the Kentuckiana West Division of Pepsi Americas. He resides in Evansville.

Allyson R. Singer '98, political science, is an associate attorney for Campbell Kyle Proffitt in Noblesville, Indiana.

Chasity Otto Coy '99, business administration, was recently promoted to employment recruiting manager at Integra Bank in Evansville.

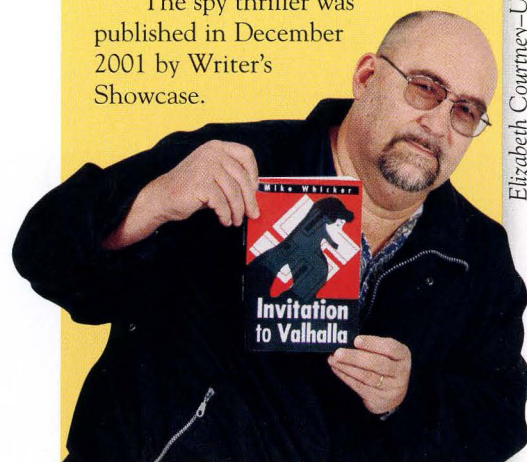
Jennifer Hough Dunn '99, sociology, has completed a Master of Science/Criminal Justice and Urban Affairs from the University of Louisville. She lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

Farah J. Jones '99, accounting, is an accounting manager at Tri-State Medical Management in Evansville.

Michael Whicker writes spy thriller

Evansville's World War II shipyards, P-47 aircraft plant, the McCurdy Hotel, and Henderson's Trocadero help set the stage for much of the first novel, *Invitation to Valhalla*, by Michael L. Whicker '98.

The spy thriller was published in December 2001 by Writer's Showcase.



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Whicker receives a percentage of the profits from sales and has pledged half of the 2002 proceeds to an effort to refurbish Landing Ship Tank 325, a ship like those built at Evansville's shipyards, and bring it to the city's riverfront.

Whicker is a founding member of the Evansville LST Committee that hopes to have the WWII-era ship visit Evansville next year. He is a teacher and assistant football coach at Reitz High School in Evansville.

Jesse R. Poag '99, English, is a law student at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.

2000s

Michelle Koressel Addington '00, nursing, is a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

David A. Dunn '00, business administration, is a sales representative for Bassett Furniture in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dave S. Freeman '00, accounting, has been promoted to senior accountant at BKD, LLP in Evansville.

Ruth Murfin Fuchs '00, health services, is marketing director for Ameri Care in Evansville.

Brian K. Gibbons '00, psychology, is a medical surveyor for the Indiana Department of Health in Indianapolis.

Stephanie A. Hauschild '00, art, is a client representative for Ticketmaster in Indianapolis.

Thomas J. Jones, Jr. '00, electrical engineering technology, is an electrical engineer at Western Kentucky Energy in Henderson, Kentucky.

Wanda L. Krodel '00, occupational therapy, has joined the organization's therapy services team at Visiting Nurse Association of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., in Evansville.

Jamie M. Lane '00, elementary education, is a teacher with Marietta City Schools in Marietta, Georgia.

H. Larkin Lottes '00, business administration, is a sales representative for Valor, LLC. He resides in Evansville.

Anita D. Llewellyn '00, health services, is a financial coordinator for Beth Saacks, DDS in Mandeville, Louisiana.

Lacey Knollman Poag '00, interpersonal-organizational communications, is a coordinator of volunteers for Carbondale Public Library and a minister of youth with University Baptist Church in Carbondale, Illinois.

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Lana Blackard Richardt '00, science teaching, is a sixth-grade science teacher at Mount Carmel Middle School in Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Amanda Rainey Roth '00, elementary education, is a customer service/sales representative with Brucken's in Evansville.

Amanda Ranard Smith '00, history, is curator at the Native American Museum in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Jay A. Smith '00, biology, is an industrial training specialist for Lewellyn Technology in Linton, Indiana.

Tonya J. Strahle '00, elementary education, is a teacher with the Middle School District of Wayne Township in Indianapolis.

Karen K. Townsend '00, nursing, is a perioperative nurse at Deaconess Women's Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana.

Tiffany Small Wroe '00, nursing, is a registered nurse at Tampa Children's Hospital in Tampa, Florida.

Ashli B. Blankenship '01, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana.

Amy J. Buiter '01, accounting, is a staff accountant for BKD, LLP in Evansville.

Jason D. Cash '01, computer information systems, is working in membership development for Lifetime Fitness in Indianapolis.

Joel D. Easton '01, journalism and computer publishing, is a sales consultant for Gordon Volvo in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Gabrielle Morlan Emerson '01, radiologic technology, is a radiologic technologist with Jackson-Madison Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.

Crystal Virgin Fisher '01, advertising and public relations, recently has been promoted to marketing manager at Downtown Evansville, Inc.

Jodie L. Foster '01, radiologic technology, is working as a radiologic technologist at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

Alumni volunteers host Metro State



The USI Alumni Council and Varsity Club played team host for Metropolitan State College of Denver during the NCAA Division II Elite Eight tournament in Evansville. As host, the group welcomed Metro State at the airport, served a meal, cheered the team, and celebrated its 80-72 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan to win the national championship.

Greg E. Geis '01, finance, has joined Northwestern Mutual Financial Network as a financial representative in Evansville.

Zachary Q. Jackson '01, economics, is a graduate assistant with the Indiana Economic Development Council in Indianapolis.

Jeremy D. Kiger '01, political science, is an inside sales specialist for Roche Diagnostics Corporation in Indianapolis.

Jacqueline (Sheli) Laughbaum '01, exercise science, is a health fitness specialist with Ford Motor Company in Sharonville, Ohio.

Neil A. Laughbaum '01, exercise science, is head athletic trainer for Campbell County High School in Alexandria, Kentucky.

Nicholl Bender Luse '01, nursing, is a registered nurse at Southern Indiana Pediatrics in Bloomington, Indiana.

Jeremy D. Melton '01, radio and television, is a lead mental health technician with Deaconess Cross Pointe in Evansville.

Brittany M. Miller '01, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher in the Indianapolis Public School Corporation in Indianapolis.

Natalie D. Peach '01, health services, is a human resource coordinator at Progressive Health Rehabilitation in Evansville.

Nicole M. Pilarski '01, Master of Social Work, is a staff therapist for Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Libby J. Schenk '01, public relations and advertising, is a workforce development coordinator at Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce.

Lee Ann Ulrich '01, Master of Liberal Studies, has joined Wright Consultants as a financial services associate in Evansville.

Tait D. Wagner '01, history/sociology, is a case manager at Ladoga Academy in Ladoga, Indiana.

Jessica L. Campbell '02, public relations and advertising, has joined Tucker Publishing Group as an advertising coordinator in Evansville.

Marriages

Donita F. Carson '83, accounting, and Donald Wolf, December 1, 2001

K. Michelle McDaniel '92, English, and Arthur Hammontree III, January 5, 2002

Michelle R. Denu '96, mathematics, and Jason Arthur, December 29, 2001

Sarah R. Huey '98, communications, and Rick Schuppan, September 8, 2001

Rebecca A. Jost '98, social work, and Eric Kieffer, August 18, 2001

Jaymi L. Babb '99, elementary education, and Jason Johnston, December 1, 2001

Lori A. Kaetzel '99, health services, and Tyler Brubaker, January 12, 2002

Jennifer L. Waninger '99, and Allan Outlaw, March 14, 2002;

Shawnetta J. Davis '00, geology, and Kevin Compton, May 12, 2001

Ryan W. Graber '00, accounting, and Amy Mattingly, May 19, 2001

Kimberly A. King '00, health services, and Michael Wigginton, February 2, 2002

Reanda J. Kirchner '00, communications, and **Christopher S. Hartman '00**, art/communications, September 15, 2001

Sarah J. Moyes '00, respiratory therapist, and Michael Bratcher, June 23, 2001

Brooke L. Swanson '00, health services, and **Matthew R. Lemming '00**, psychology, August 25, 2001

April Y. Weadick '00, business administration, and Kyle Winterheimer, October 27, 2001

April M. Winkler '00, communications, and Rick Vindhurst, April 21, 2001

Daniel J. Eager '01, communications, and Olivia Tucker, September 22, 2001

Rebecca Knepp '01, accounting, and Dustin Wittmer, July 14, 2001

Kent A. Starnes '01, mathematics, and Katrina Barnes, February 23, 2002

Rebecca M. Tichenor '01, psychology, and Ryan Anslinger, September 8, 2001

Births

P. Michael Bernier '83, psychology, and Shelly, son, Matthew Michael, March 13, 2002

Ken S. Veilands '87, communications, and Anna, daughter, Ansley Rehn, November 16, 2001

Catherine Helfert Nickens '88, management/business administration, and Ron, daughter, Jessica Catherine, November 14, 2001

Maria Bennett Garrett '90, elementary education, and Brian K. Garrett '98, social science teaching, son, Rafe William, November 15, 2001

Karen Hicks McDonald '90, psychology, and Eric, son, Matthew Eric, September 11, 2001

Suzie Fox Pace '90, communications, and Brent, daughter, Brooklynn Elizabeth, January 25, 2002

Candace Conley Beidl '92, communications, and Jeff, daughter, Gabrielle Helena, October 11, 2001

Heather McDaniel Fender '93, business administration, and Matt, daughter, Ashleigh Elizabeth, January 29, 2002

Jana Taylor Miles '93, elementary education, and Randy, son, Zebulun Wayne, May 7, 2001

Lori Klueh Persohn '93, elementary education, and Bradley Persohn '94, civil engineering technology, son, Caiden Joseph, February 1, 2002

Christina Brown Braun '95, elementary education, and John, son, Zachary Ryan, February 23, 2002

Misty Deen Coleman '95, biology, and Ryan, son, Elijah Thomas, March 18, 2001

Teresa Jester Crissup '95, elementary education, and Joe, son, Lucas Matthew, May 29, 2001

Lady Eagles gather at Homecoming



Former members of the USI women's basketball team held a reunion in February during Homecoming festivities. From left are Jennifer Donner, Mindy Gingerich '00, Leah Mercer, Liz Prewitt, Becca Tichenor Anslinger '01, LeAnn Freeland '98, Erika Nance '99, Randa Gatling '99, Angi Linkter, Angie Cacello '98, Casey Nations, Kristin Miller Mitchell, and Eileen Weber '98. Two of the alumni, Freeland and Gatling, are now assistant coaches for the team.

2001-02 USI Annual Fund as of April 30, 2002

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$157,000	\$287,000
Actual	\$81,892	\$59,205	\$150,197	\$291,294

Gifts to the Annual Fund may be made through June 30, 2002

Angela Cooper Spicker '95, communications, and Rob, daughter, Rylie Paige, son, Blake Robert, June 29, 2001

Jennifer Smith Hannon '96, social work, and William, daughter, Taylor Annabelle, April 13, 2001

Danielle Slaughter Ward '96, physical education, and Scott, daughter, Madison Lauren, January 19, 2002

Michelle Snyder Cave '97, accounting, and Dustin T. Cave '97, accounting, daughter, Madison Nicole, August 17, 2001

Stacie Matheis Devine '97, English, and Chris, daughter, Avery June, January 14, 2002

Leslye Harlan Kassenbrock '98, communications, and John, son, Lucas J., November 29, 2001

USI 5K run/walk

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Beautiful clear blue skies greeted participants the morning of April 6 for the start of the annual 5K Alumni Run/Walk. This year's event attracted 260 runners/walkers ages 9 through 82 to campus.

LaVerne Jones-USI

Jennifer Taylor Lintzenich '98, elementary education, and Steven, son, Taylor Lawrence, December 9, 2001

Mykeal Malone Wigger '98, business administration, and Charles Wigger '98, accounting, daughter, Caylin Marie, February 15, 2002

Emily Stansberry Fehrenbacher '99, health services, and Marc, daughter, Hannah Lou, October 18, 2001

Ann M. Nelson '99, civil engineering technology, and Andrew, son, Nathaniel Orion, January 11, 2002

Kristen Reeder Tucker '99, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, and Todd, son, Jackson Carter, August 28, 2001

Angie D. Lillpop '00, nursing, and Todd, son, Levi Christopher, December 10, 2001

Sarah Wood O'Daniel '00, elementary education, and Jeff, daughter, Madison Elizabeth, February 4, 2002

Lisa Tolley Shelton '00, elementary education, and Ernie, son, Evan David, September 25, 2001

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Alumni Association presents four awards

The Alumni Association has recognized a friend of the University, a faculty member, and two alumni for their outstanding achievement or service. The awards were presented in May at the Class of 2002 Reception and Dinner

Special Recognition Award Henry W. Ruston

Henry Ruston has provided \$1.6 million in contributions to benefit the University. His contributions include charitable gift annuities with the proceeds to be used for the University's greatest needs; an endowed Presidential Scholarship for USI students; and, in memory of his late wife, the Helen N. Ruston Terrace at the Liberal Arts Center.

Ruston has been a member of the USI Foundation board of directors since 1995 and was an active volunteer for *Campaign USI*. The Foundation honored him last year with life membership on its board of directors. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University in 1995.

For more than three decades Ruston managed a thriving Evansville florist business. He and his wife, Betty Jane, live in Evansville.

Faculty Recognition Award Charles F. Petranek

Dr. Charles Petranek, professor of sociology, began teaching at USI in 1973 and has been responsible for helping shape the University's sociology program. He is nationally regarded for his scholarship in the field of experiential learning and social simulations.

Dr. Petranek earned a bachelor's degree from Aquinas College, a master's from Western Michigan University, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Florida State University. Believing that students

learn by experiences, he has created 14 social simulations or games to enhance his courses. Three simulations have been published and are used in high schools, colleges, and business. In 1996, the North American Simulation and Gaming Association presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award.



Petranek

Dr. Petranek has conducted more than 40 major community research projects to assist organizations in assessing and meeting public needs. Areas of concentration are mental health, medical, youth, addiction, abuse, welfare, and family.

In 1995, the USI Faculty Senate honored him as the Integra Bank Professor of the Year. He received the USI Student Government Association's Spirit of the Eagle Award for Faculty in 1997 and was voted the Teacher of the Year in 1999 by USI students.

With his wife Diana, he wrote a book, *Inside Marriage: You, Me and Us*.

Alumni Service Award Harolyn G. Torain

Harolyn Torain '71, a member of the University's first graduating class, is a member and past chair of the USI Board of Trustees.

Torain completed undergraduate work at USI with a major in biology and earned a master's from Indiana University in secondary education. For the past 30 years, she has been a teacher, department chair, and an assistant principal in several Indianapolis schools. Currently, she is an assistant principal at Ben Davis Junior High



Torain

School in Indianapolis.

Appointed to the USI Board of Trustees in 1990, Torain has served as a trustee during USI's most rapid period of growth — both in enrollment and in physical facilities. She served on the 1993 USI Presidential Search Committee and is a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, serving as committee chair from 1996-97. She was elected vice chair of the Board from 1996-97 and chair from 1997-98. Torain was the first alumna, first woman, first African-American, and the first person living outside the immediate Evansville area to hold the post of trustee chair.

She lives in Indianapolis with her husband Stephen and son, Stephen, Jr.

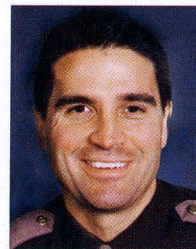
Distinguished Alumni Award J. Brad Ellsworth

Brad Ellsworth, a 1981 USI sociology graduate, was elected Sheriff of Vanderburgh County in 1999 in his first attempt at elective public office.

Beginning as a patrolman in 1982, Ellsworth has risen through the ranks to his present leadership position. While a sergeant supervising the Narcotics Section, he instituted the first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Evansville-Vanderburgh County public and parochial schools.

He has been honored by many civic organizations for his work and volunteer activities. He was selected the president of his Indiana Law Enforcement Academy class, received the FBI Community Director's Award, and twice received the Sheriff's Silver Merit Award. He is president-elect of the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

Ellsworth, his wife Beth '80, and daughter Andrea live in Evansville ■



Ellsworth

In Memoriam

A. Ben Wingert Jr. '72, marketing, died February 25 in Evansville. He was a past treasurer of TAU Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He owned and operated the family business, Food Market Supply.

Michael K. Campbell '75, accounting, died April 29 at his home. He had been chairman and chief executive officer of Powerway, Inc., an Indianapolis-based software company that specializes in products that help automakers monitor quality processes online. Campbell formerly was president of Hurco Companies and had worked at Coopers & Lybrand public accounting firm. He was active in the Greater Indianapolis chapter of the USI Alumni Association.

Deborah Work Hansen '78, elementary education, died February 21 in Evansville. She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, landscaping, dulcimer, animals, music, and flea markets.

Betty P. Humphrey '86, elementary education, died December 26 in Evansville. She retired this year after 38 years as a kindergarten assistant.

Carla G. Christian '88, sociology, died February 8 in Atlanta, Georgia. She had worked at Jerusalem House and the Atlanta Dialysis Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Joseph F. Sayyah '98, social work, '01, Master of Liberal Studies, died February 3 in Denver, Colorado. He was an avid boater and creative writer. The Creative Writing program at USI has established the Joe Sayyah Screenplay Writing Award in his honor. This award is presented to a deserving student during Honors Week in March.

Faculty

Dr. Lomberto Diaz, 87, professor emeritus of Spanish, died February 28 in Miami, where he had lived since retiring from the University. He held a Ph.D. from Florida State University and taught at USI from 1969 to 1980, when he was instrumental in the formation of the University's Foreign Language Program.

Josephine Elliott, 90, archivist emerita, died April 28, in New Harmony, Indiana. As a member of the library staff from 1972-1978, she established the University archives and developed a Department of Special Collections. She was awarded an honorary doctorate by USI in 1979.

Jeffrey Scott Landon, 30, campus minister, died April 7. He served as campus minister at the University of Evansville and Oakland City University as well as at USI. He was the college and career director of Christian Fellowship Church.

Dr. Michael D. Waitman, 57, associate professor of English, died April 27 in Evansville. He had been on the faculty since 1968. Waitman took special interest in researching and teaching about the life and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. He also taught in the graduate program.

Kenneth D. Owen dies

Kenneth Dale Owen, 98, geologist and philanthropist, died April 28 in New Harmony, Indiana. He was the great-great-grandson of Robert Owen, who established a utopian community in New Harmony in 1825.

A graduate of Cornell University, Kenneth Owen was one of the pioneers of the oil industry in West Texas. He had a continuing interest in New Harmony, restoring the David Dale Owen Laboratory, which was his home. He also restored the Rapp-Maclure-Owen Mansion and was instrumental in the preservation and restoration of the Rapp Granary.

He received an honorary doctorate from USI in 1987 ■

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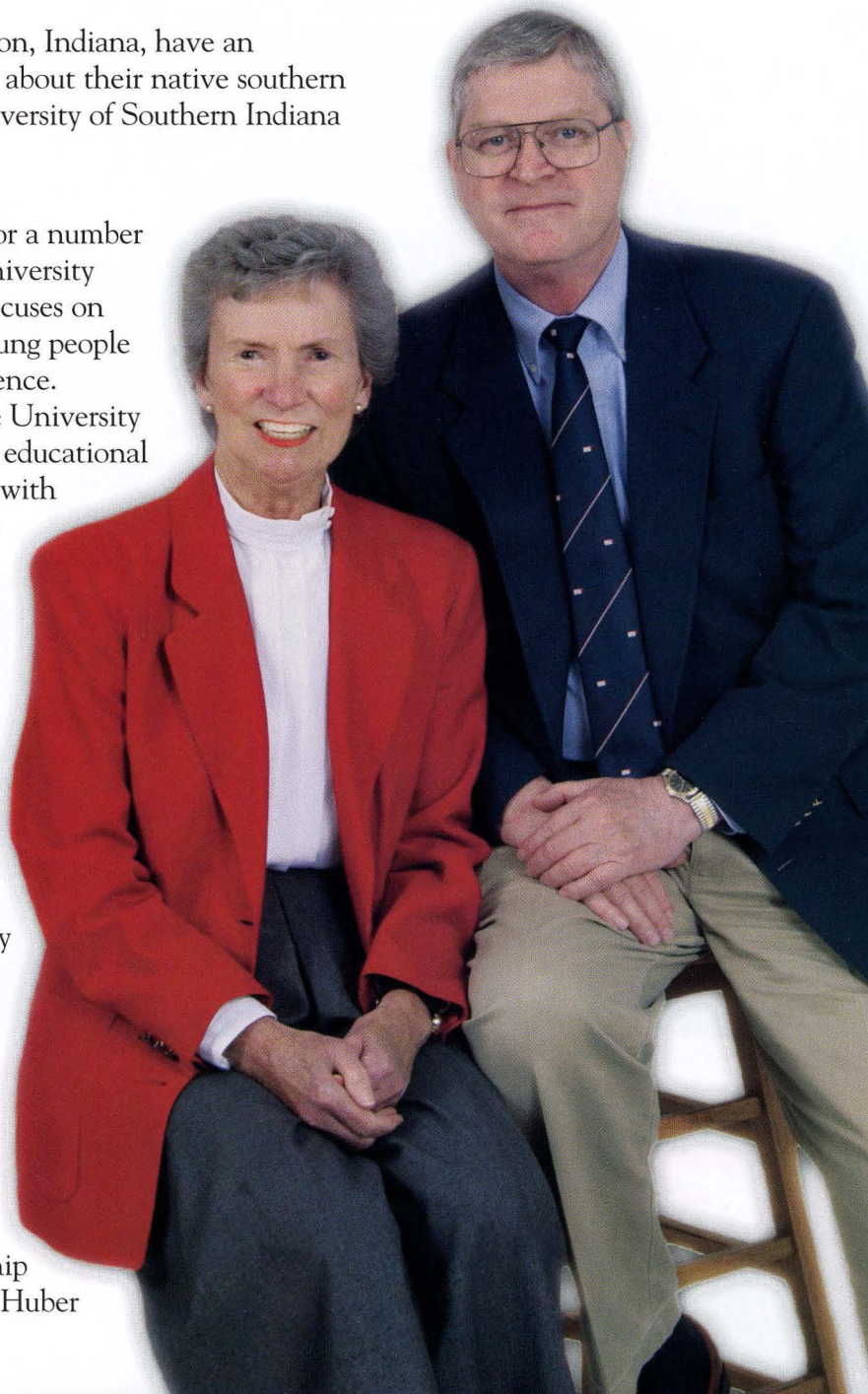
The Hubers: enthusiastic and supportive

David and Sarah Huber of Cannelton, Indiana, have an unmistakable sense of excitement about their native southern Indiana and the role that the University of Southern Indiana plays in the area's continued growth.

A member of the USI Board of Trustees for a number of years, David is proud of the way the University has fulfilled that part of its mission that focuses on providing educational opportunities to young people from families without prior college experience. He looks forward to a bright future for the University as it continues to broaden and strengthen educational opportunities for all. David is an attorney with the firm of Zoercher, Huber and Goffinet in Tell City. He serves on the Advisory Council of the USI Foundation. Both he and Sarah are devoted followers of the fast-paced Screaming Eagles basketball.

Sarah has given generously of her time and leadership to support Historic New Harmony. She chairs the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board this year. A lover of "everything old," she has watched the progress of the New Harmony restoration and feels that it will continue with the support of USI and the dedication of the staff at the historic site.

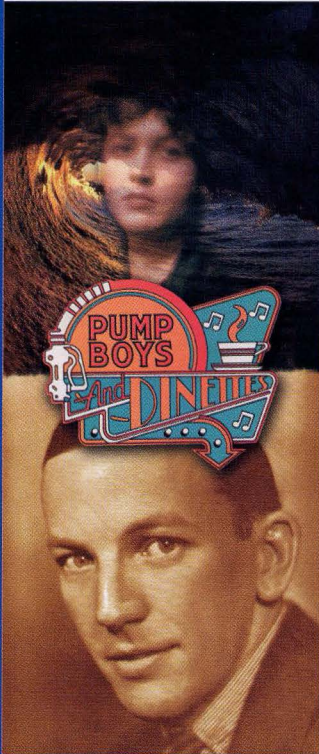
The Hubers will have a lasting impact on higher education in the Tri-State through the USI Foundation. They have established a charitable gift annuity trust which will endow a Presidential Scholarship in their names, the J. David and Sarah K. Huber Presidential Scholarship.



Sarah and David Huber



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