

## Not Your Parents' "University Notes"

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When Wendy and Brandi approached Web Services to help them redesign and rework *University Notes* I knew we were entering a sensitive area. Everyone on campus approaches "UNotes" differently - some read it "cover to cover," others flip through the photos, and still others head straight to Marketplace to find deals on everything from used cars and workout equipment to baby strollers and ride share opportunities. They had done their homework, though. They did plenty of research and had great ideas of their own.

So we're happy to introduce *USI Today*. It's surely different and - as you'll soon understand - better. You no longer have to wait for that virtual paperboy to toss Friday's weekly edition at your doorstep. *USI Today* contains current university headlines updated as the news happens. Campus snapshots will change daily. Announcements, new employee listings, and the calendar of events will reflect the latest university happenings. You'll need to keep tabs on Marketplace, because it'll be changing faster than you can say, "1973 Dodge Dart (like new)."

A couple of new items I'm sure will be extremely popular are the feature article and the UBlog. Each week *USI Today* will feature a fellow employee or faculty member whose life outside the office or classroom just might surprise you. The UBlog represents one more way for you to share your opinions, publicize an event, or highlight the goings-on in your corner of campus. Wendy is already seeking out guest bloggers and she'd be happy to hear from you.

Most everything you are familiar with in *University Notes* is still there. Items such as "FYI," "Accomplishments," and "Names in the News" have been consolidated into "Announcements" and "New Employee Welcome" - accessible via the slide menu on the bottom left hand side of the home page. We intend to continue archiving "issues" on a weekly basis and supplying a printable PDF version for those of you who don't care to drag your computer monitor to your favorite recliner. You'll still receive a weekly reminder email in your inbox just in case the week gets away from you, but you'll also have the opportunity to subscribe to our RSS feed and have the latest employee news delivered to your Outlook inbox or your feedreader of choice.

We hope you take some time to get comfortable with *USI Today* and we're eager to hear your feedback, so that we can continue to deliver university news to you in the fastest and most effective way possible.

## Getting back to Business: Mary Spahn

In the mid-'70s, Mary Spahn was a student worker in the Division of Business while she earned an associate's degree in secretarial administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in office management. She typed out tests on a manual typewriter, made copies on a mimeograph machine, and hand-stapled them for William B. Leedy, one of 10 faculty members in the division, located in the Wright Administration Building.

After graduation, she raised four children with her husband

Frederick in St. Wendel, Indiana. The Spahns both grew up on the West Side of Evansville: Mary is a Reitz High School graduate and Frederick went to Mater Dei.

All of their children - Chris, Angela, Kevin, and Kim, a junior nursing major at USI - also attended Mater Dei. They also have one grandchild in California and another on the way in Evansville.

Spahn returned to USI four years ago and until June worked as a textbook assistant in the USI Bookstore, where she was considered such an asset that a coworker nominated her for Staff Council's annual Support Staff Performance Recognition Award, which she received at the Employee Recognition Luncheon in August.

"Mary's wonderful attitude and friendly disposition really set the tone in the bookstore," her colleague wrote. "She is always dependable and reliable and has a smile on her face. Even though she is very busy, I know I can always approach her for help."

Established last year, the award recognizes "extraordinary professional contributions and quality service of support staff and their integral role in advancing the University's mission and fulfilling its promise in preparing students to live wisely." It includes a \$500 prize and a trophy.

That trophy is now parked on the reception desk in the College of Business office on the Orr Center's third floor. When three of the College of Business's administrative personnel - Mary McGrew, Joyce Babillis, and Arlene Campbell - all retired in spring 2008, Spahn jumped at the chance to return to the college as an administrative assistant.

"I thought it was a golden opportunity to make a change, although I loved my work in the bookstore," she said. "I started in the College of Business, and I'm going to retire in the College of Business!"

But hopefully, not too soon.

## Operating budget request approved

Trustees approved a \$4.5 million operating budget request for 2009-2010 and an additional \$2.2 million for 2010-2011 after reviewing the prioritized needs for enrollment growth, degree completion, on-time degree completion, a special appropriation adjustment, and quality improvement initiatives at the University of Southern Indiana. A capital budget request for a Teaching Theatre, at \$15 million, and a \$2.2 million repair and rehabilitation request were approved at the July meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Funding for enrollment change continues to be a major component of USI's operating budget request. USI will ask the state for funding at \$3,500 per full-time Indiana student based on the four-year rolling average for an additional 155 full-time students.

In 2007-09 Indiana adopted two performance incentive funding formulas, degree completion and on-time degree completion. The average number of baccalaureate degrees conferred at USI increased from 879 to 1,001 from 2001-2002 to 2006-2007. USI is requesting funding at \$4,000 for an additional 122 degrees based on the two-year average. From 2001-2002 to 2003-2004, the number of four-year degrees increased by 4.3 percent. USI is requesting

funding at \$5,000 per baccalaureate degree for an additional 85 degrees conferred. In 2008 a record number of students graduated, exceeding 1,700 for the first time in USI history.

In the special appropriation adjustment, USI seeks an additional \$250 in 2009-2010 and \$125 in 2010-2011 per full-time Indiana student to address disparities in funding. The University also will request funding to maintain current programs and implement new initiatives during the biennium.

Funds requested for two new quality improvement initiatives will support the development of the STEM Teaching Improvement Institute and ADAPT, Affordable Degree Attainment through Professional Training. The institute will provide pre-service and in-service training and professional development opportunities to increase the number of qualified teachers in science, mathematics, and technology disciplines in K-12 schools.

For students most at-risk of failing to complete their degrees, USI will provide intensive academic and career-preparatory services through ADAPT. Among the objectives of the program are to improve the quality and quantity of on-campus work experiences; provide professional training for student workers; provide personalized academic coaching for at-risk students; successfully retain a larger share of working students; and increase degree completion rates for working students.

Trustees reviewed housing rates for 2009-2010 and approved a modest increase of \$50 for students in two-bedroom apartments and residence halls with two students per bedroom. Meal plan rates for the 2009-2010 academic year were approved at \$1,625 to allow for normal increases in food and labor costs.

Trustees met in the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina and Stephen S. Pace Galleries, a new venue on campus for art exhibits. The University is planning a dedication and open house of the facility beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, to which the public is invited.

## Security's bicycle patrol program

You're likely to see security officer **Giles Lovejoy** wheeling around campus as the Security Department's bicycle patrol program has officially began. The program was the brainchild of **Stephen Woodall**, director of security, and Lovejoy volunteered to be USI's first security officer on two wheels.

Lovejoy researched bicycle patrol programs in other communities and sought input from the Evansville Police Department, which began its own bicycle program several years ago. The program supplements automobile and foot patrols as another avenue of contact between Security and the University community, and also has some advantages over other patrol methods.

Bicycles allow access to all areas of campus – not just the roadways – with the speed of an automobile or greater. Lovejoy has found during trial runs that his response time on the bicycle is cut in half.

There's also a public relations benefit. A security officer on a bicycle is more approachable without the barrier created by an automobile. Lovejoy said he's looking forward to strengthening relationships with students and changing their perceptions about Security.

And there are the energy savings. "Security is 'going green' somewhat, and saving on fuel costs," Woodall said. Given our relatively mild weather, Woodall expects that the bicycle patrol will be viable for most of the year.

Though he is beginning with one bicycle, Woodall expects the program to grow. "I think we'll find we can add more bikes in the future, and the program will be welcomed and appreciated," he said.

Lovejoy volunteered for the program because it is innovative. Plus, he acknowledged, bicycling is healthy and fun.

There could be an added benefit, Woodall said. "The program may encourage more bicycling among students."

## Student media to collaborate on news coverage

This semester, the University of Southern Indiana's three student media outlets – The Shield student newspaper, 820 The Edge WSWI radio station, and Access USI, the student-produced television news program – plan to share content and converge talents and resources on new radio and television programs, as well as on the Web.

The convergence program addresses the multitude of skills today's communications professionals need. "Our students will need to know about print, audio, and video, and this will give them that opportunity," said **John Morris**, instructor of radio/TV and WSWI general manager.

**Erin Gibson**, instructor of journalism and faculty advisor for The Shield, said, "We can't equip every student with every skill, but we can teach them the flexibility they will need. Print reporters are now armed with video and still cameras. They have to tell stories in a different way. One of the most exciting aspects of the convergence of student media is that the students are going to learn from each other."

The first program is Issues on the Edge, a radio show that fulfills WSWI's public affairs mission as stated by the FCC. The first episode, a 30-minute interview with USI **President H. Ray Hoops**, will air at 8 a.m. Sunday, September 7, on WSWI. Hoops, USI's second president, will retire in June 2009 after a 40-year career in higher education.

"It's an honor to have Dr. Hoops as our first guest," Morris said. "He truly understands the area of higher education and specifically where USI has come from and where the University is going as it continues to meet the higher education needs of the Tri-state."

Issues on the Edge will air at 8 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Each media outlet will post video or audio of the show on its Web site, and The Shield staff will report on the interviews.

Impact USI is a new television program devoted to subjects of interest to students in which a roundtable of student media will interview a USI newsmaker or discuss a campus issue. Designed to increase student involvement, the program will air in lieu of Access USI twice a semester. Access USI is broadcast live at 9 p.m. Thursdays on Cable Channel 12.

"USI has strong opportunities in mass media for students and we are becoming stronger with these efforts," said David Black, assistant professor of broadcasting and faculty advisor for Access USI. "This is just the start of what should be a permanent working relationship between our student campus media."

## Historic New Harmony to participate in Conservation Assessment Program

Historic New Harmony has been chosen to participate in Heritage Preservation's 2008 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP). Historic New Harmony joins the 2,500 museums that have participated in CAP since the program began in 1990.

CAP provides a general conservation assessment of the museum's collections and historic buildings. In September, professional conservators will spend two days in New Harmony surveying the site and three days writing comprehensive reports that will identify conservation priorities. The on-site consultant will enable Historic New Harmony to evaluate its current collections care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions. The assessment reports will help HNH make improvements for the immediate, mid-range,

and long-range care of their collections and historic structures.

Historic New Harmony's Director, **Connie Weinzapfel** said, "This is a great opportunity to have outside museum and historic site professionals take a look at our operations. This process works well into Historic New Harmony's new strategic plan initiative."

Heritage Preservation's CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify the conservation needs of their collections and historical buildings and recommend ways to correctly improve collections and building conditions. Heritage Preservation is the national organization dedicated to preserving our nation's heritage. Its members include museums, libraries, archives, historic preservation organizations, historical societies, conservation organizations, individual professionals, and other groups concerned with saving the past for the future.

The Institute of Museums and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 15,000 museums. Its mission is to grow and sustain a "Nation of Learners" because life-long learning is essential to a democratic society and individual success. Through its grant making, convening, research and publications, the Institute empowers museums and libraries nationwide to provide leadership and services to enhance learning in families and communities, sustain cultural heritage, build 21st century skills, and provide opportunities for civic participation.

The mission of Historic New Harmony is to preserve New Harmony's utopian legacy by inspiring renewal and fellowship between people and communities through its programs and collections. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

## USI's McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries opens September 7

The University of Southern Indiana's Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries will be dedicated September 7 - almost exactly a year after ground was broken for the 4,800 square foot addition to the Liberal Arts Center - with a ribbon cutting ceremony, docent-led tours, a book-signing opportunity with celebrated artist **Stephen S. Pace**, and a documentary film about the Paces.

The public is welcome and encouraged to join the University community in celebration of the new art center at a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. with USI **President H. Ray Hoops**, the Paces, representatives of the McCutchan family, members of the USI Board of Trustees and USI Foundation Board, and other dignitaries.

Tours of the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will be available from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appropriately, the inaugural exhibition features work from USI's McCutchan and Pace art collections. Pace will sign copies of *Stephen Pace* by **Martica Sawin**. "Stephen Pace: Indiana Painter," a film produced by **Richard Kane** and **Melody Lewis-Kane '73**, will be shown at 2:30 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will provide the space and accommodations for the Student Art Exhibition, student and faculty exhibitions, visiting artist exhibitions, traveling exhibitions, and Senior Art Seminars.

**Dr. David Glassman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said, "Our Department of Art is arguably the best in the state of Indiana in undergraduate excellence and in the professional prestige of its faculty. And now it will have a first-class gallery for exhibition space, a learning environment for our students in curatorial and

gallery management studies, and a new outreach connection of cultural impact to Evansville and its surrounding communities."

In addition to its educational mission, the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will assist the University in carrying out one aspect of its mission: contributing to the cultural awareness of southwestern Indiana.

The construction of the McCutchan Art Center is due in large part to a generous gift from **Kenneth P. McCutchan**, who died in 2002. One of the area's leading historians, he wrote more than a half-dozen local history books. He painted for pleasure and collected the works of Indiana artists. His collection was one of the largest private collections of Hoosier art in Southern Indiana. During his lifetime he gave a large portion of his collection to USI for display and for use as a teaching collection.

Stephen S. Pace was a prominent member of the New York Abstract Expressionists. His work has been exhibited in the nation's most important galleries and museums. The recipient of many honors and recognitions, Pace was awarded an honorary degree from USI in 2002. Pace and his wife **Palmina** retired to Indiana from homes in New York and Maine. A portion of their \$1.5 million gift is establishing the Pace Galleries.

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries was designed by Sarah A. Schuler of VPS Architecture. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Lecture to discuss archaeological dig in New Harmony

There will be a lecture to discuss and show what was found at the archaeological dig, in New Harmony, Saturday, September 25, at 7 p.m. at Thrall's Opera House. The archaeological dig took place outside Community House No. 2 during the months of May and June. The lecture series is free and open to the public.

**Bill Wepler**, historical archaeologist for the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, who was one of the site directors at the archaeological dig site, will be the featured speaker. The lecture will provide an interpretation of the findings at Community House No. 2 and the work that has been completed. Some artifacts and samples found during the dig will be on display. These artifacts represent the total life of the building. Wepler will also answer any questions the public may have.

Wepler will also discuss the archaeological dig from 2001 and 2004. He will also discuss the role that University of Southern Indiana students played during the dig. Photos of artifacts not at the lecture will be on display.

There will be another archaeological lecture on November 20, presented by **Dr. Michael Strezewski**, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Southern Indiana, who was also an on-site director at the dig. On October 30, featured speaker **Ritsert Rinsma**, Owen Maclure scholar from le Havre, France will discuss current Owen/Maclure Community research.

Thrall's Opera House is located at 612 Church Street in New Harmony.

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## USI kicks off partnership with Wesselman Nature Society at Howell Wetlands

The University of Southern Indiana and Wesselman Nature Society and have formed a partnership to collaborate on projects and programs at Howell Wetlands.

"Part of USI's mission is to join with regional partners and contribute to the quality of life in southwestern Indiana," said **Dr.**

**Linda Bennett**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "This partnership with the Wesselman Nature Society reflects that mission and offers a wonderful learning laboratory for faculty and students."

Howell Wetlands is one of several areas managed by Wesselman Nature Society, whose mission is to preserve the natural resources in the Evansville area, provide environmental education experiences, and to promote the enjoyment of these treasures. Howell Wetlands is a 35-acre restored wetland located less than five miles from USI's campus.

**Dr. Scott A. Gordon**, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said, "With only five urban wetlands in the state of Indiana, the Howell Wetlands area is a unique living-learning laboratory and educational gem. The development of the USI/Howell Wetlands partnership, the proximity of this site to USI, and the rich wetlands habitat will result in enriched scientific learning experiences for generations of students."

Under its new executive director, **Kim Meadors**, Wesselman Nature Society is evaluating its master plan and will focus on broadening the exposure and access to the community's natural treasures. USI will help Wesselman Nature Society in this endeavor through the engagement of faculty, staff, and students. In addition to providing technical expertise from the Pott College of Science and Engineering, other colleges and areas of expertise will be able to assist as requested.

For more information about the partnership, USI or Wesselman Nature Society, contact **Elissa Bakke**, USI Center for Applied Research, at 812/454-8946, or **Lauren Preske**, Wesselman Nature Society/Howell Wetlands, at 812/479-0771.

## UCC Speaker Series: Presidential politics, Cuban jazz, the unknown, and evolution

The University of Southern Indiana's 2008-09 University Core Curriculum Speaker Series kicks off this month with the annual Constitution Day Lecture, presented this year by **Randall T. Shepard**, an Evansville native and Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, followed by Debate-A-Palooza, Cuban jazz music, the author of Einstein's Dreams, and the 150th anniversary of the Theory of Evolution.

Here's the schedule:

### September 17

**"Presidential Elections as a Test of the Constitution,"** Constitution Day Lecture presented by Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard, 7 p.m. in Kleymeyer Auditorium in the Liberal Arts Center.

### September 26

**Debate-A-Palooza**, 6 p.m., USI Quadrangle. Debate-A-Palooza is a nonpartisan voter education program that brings citizens together to watch a televised debate and talk about what they learned. The event will kick off at 6 p.m. with a concert by Deaf Megan, and at 8 p.m. the first presidential debate will be shown on two jumbo screens. This event is free and open to the public. Bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic if you like. If it rains, the event will be held in the Health Professions Center. Debate-A-Palooza is sponsored by the Communications Club.

### October 10

**Paquito d'Rivera**, 2 p.m., Forum I, Wright Administration Building. Havana, Cuba native d'Rivera is a multiple Grammy-award winning musician and composer. The National Endowment for the Arts said "he has become the consummate multinational ambassador, creating and promoting a cross-culture of music that moves effortlessly among jazz, Latin, and Mozart. The University Core Curriculum presents this informational performance in coop-

eration with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra.

### October 23

**Fall Lecture by Dr. Alan Lightman**, 7 p.m., Carter Hall, University Center. Lightman is an MIT physicist and English professor and author of Einstein's Dreams and several other books. He is a featured author in USI's Bonding through Books program and Evansville's One Book One Community selection, This I Believe. His essay hails the power of unanswered questions. Lightman's lecture is sponsored by Student Development Programs.

### February 17

**Lecture by Dr. Kenneth R. Miller**, 7 p.m., Carter Hall, University Center. In 2005, Miller, professor of biology at Brown University, testified in *Kitzmiller et al vs. Dover (Pennsylvania) Area School District* on the question of whether intelligent design is a religious belief or a scientific theory. It was ruled in the case that intelligent design is a form of creationism and can not be taught in schools under the first amendment. The University Core Curriculum Lecture Series hosts Miller in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Theory of Evolution.

For more information, contact **Dr. Mark Krahling**, director of the University Core Curriculum, at [mkrahlin@usi.edu](mailto:mkrahlin@usi.edu) or 812/464-1712.

## USI senior on state committee

**Jennifer Eckerle**, Jasper, represented the University of Southern Indiana on a student interviewing committee to recommend a student member for the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI).

Eckerle was one of five Indiana college students to serve on the committee, which met in Indianapolis in August. Staff in Student Affairs recommended her for the selection committee.

The selection committee interviewed five students for the commission and presented their top choices in priority order to Governor Daniels. Students from Ball State University, IUPUI, Trine University, and Martin University served with Eckerle.

**Claudia Braman**, executive director of SSACI, said the student member represents student interests on the commission. It is tradition that students interview candidates and suggest names to the governor.

Eckerle called the committee work a great experience. She said, "Though we only met for a short time prior to the interviews, we worked together forming questions and voicing opinions and suggestions. I'm glad I did it."

A senior at USI, Eckerle is majoring in elementary education with a minor in special education. This will be her fourth year as a resident assistant in Residence Life. She earned the honor of "RA of the Year for 2007-08." She also works in the Student Conduct Office and is on the executive committee of Kappa Delta Pi, an honor society for education.

Eckerle graduated from Jasper High School, and she is the daughter of Raymie and Rita Eckerle of Jasper. She will graduate from USI in May 2009.

SSACI works to make college affordable with need-based student grants and to increase college preparation by giving grants to students graduating from high school with Core 40 and Academic Honors Diplomas and to 21st Century Scholars.

## Announcements

### Join USI's Race for the Cure team

A USI team will participate in Evansville's Susan G. Komen

Race for the Cure on Sunday, September 21. You can pick up a registration form at the Recreation and Fitness Center information desk or sign up online at [www.komenevansville.org](http://www.komenevansville.org). Pre-registration is \$20. The deadline to sign up is Monday, September 8. Registration forms and fees must be dropped off at the RFC by 2:30 p.m. that day. Online sign-up will continue until midnight. USI Team members will receive an official Komen Race for the Cure T-shirt and a USI Team T-shirt. For more information, contact Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness at 812/464-1807.

#### **Alumni Golf Scramble funds scholarships**

The USI Alumni Association presents its 13th annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble on Friday, September 14 at Helfrich Hills Golf Course, 1550 Mesker Park Drive. The event offers the chance to win a trip for two to Scotland or \$12,500 cash for a hole-in-one. There will be prizes for women's, men's, and mixed foursomes, and several contests. Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. The golf scramble begins with a shot gun start at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$70 per person or \$275 per foursome (includes green fee, cart, and lunch). A hole sponsorship is \$175 for hole signage, and includes recognition in USI Magazine. A hole sponsor/foursome package for \$450 includes all green fees, carts, lunch, hole signage, and recognition in USI Magazine. In case of rain, the event will be held Friday, September 19. The registration deadline is Friday, August 29. For reservations and information, contact USI Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924. All proceeds benefit USI Alumni Association scholarships.

#### **Handling University cash**

Pursuant to the directive of the University President, the only authorized agent to control, account for and safeguard cash at the University of Southern Indiana is the Business Office. Specifically, this office is responsible for collecting fees and other income; making all fee refunds; invoicing third parties; preparing bank deposits; issuing petty cash disbursements; issuing change funds to authorized units; and assessing student fees.

Under no circumstances is an employee to accept money in the name of the University without properly recording the income with an official University Receipt. A receipt will be issued by the Cashier's Office for all cash received except for cash received by approved satellite operations. This also includes any payments or plans to receive payments electronically via the World Wide Web. In addition, no University employee or department is to invoice any third party without said invoice being processed first through the Business Office.

Departments that have been approved to accept money are required to issue receipts and make daily deposits. These departments are responsible for maintaining their own receipt subsidiary record on forms that have been approved by the Bursar.

Loss of any funds should be reported immediately to the Cashier's Office and to the University Security Department.

Questions relative to cash control procedures should be addressed to the Bursar at extension 1842.

#### **Fund-raising policy**

All University private fund-raising efforts are to be coordinated through the Office of Development. The Office of Development is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing a comprehensive private fund-raising program for the University of Southern Indiana under the auspices of the USI Foundation.

For purposes of this policy, private funding sources are individuals, alumni, friends, businesses, foundations, and other sources except local, state, and federal governmental agencies supported by

tax-appropriated dollars.

Refer to the University Handbook and the USI Foundation web page for the complete fund-raising policy. Questions about fund-raising and related policy issues should be addressed to the Director of University Development.

#### **Handling of Foundation cash policy**

Pursuant to the directive of USI Foundation and USI/New Harmony Foundation policy, the only agent authorized to control, account for, and safeguard cash for the Foundations is the Business Affairs Foundation Accounting office in the Wright Administration Building WA102. Acceptance of cash by individuals is not recommended; if an individual accepts money on behalf of the Foundations, it must be delivered in person to the Foundation Accounting office immediately during office hours or the following morning if received after hours.

All invoices to third parties must be issued through the Foundation Accounting office. No other individuals or departments are authorized to issue invoices to third parties.

Loss of funds is to be reported immediately to the Foundation Accounting Office. Questions about cash control procedures should be directed to the Manager of Foundation Accounting.

#### **Noncredit fitness courses offered through Extended Services**

Ever wanted to learn how to scuba, sail, or rock climb? Noncredit courses are offered through Extended Services. On the schedule are:

Officiating Basketball, Sept. 17-Oct. 22

Introduction to Rock Climbing, Sept. 2-Oct. 21

Learn to Scuba Dive, Sept. 6-Oct. 11.

Sailing School, Oct. 4-5

The Officiating Basketball course is eligible for a partial employee fee waiver - an employee would have to pay only \$25 to take the course. For more information, contact Rita Brunner in Continuing Education at [rbrunner@usi.edu](mailto:rbrunner@usi.edu) or 812/464-1864.

#### **Administrative assistants and associates meeting**

All USI support staff are invited to the Administrative assistants and associates meeting Wednesday, September 17 from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Grimes Haus. Please see our Web site for more information.

#### **Passings**

**Glen Hettenbach**, brother of **Ross Hettenbach**, lead maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant, died September 1. Services were held September 4 at the Newburgh Lock and Dam.

**Sam Morrison**, brother of **Bryan Morrison**, manager of environmental health and safety in Procurement and Distribution Services, died September 1. Services were held September 5 at Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Centers, 3535 Worth St., Collins Building, Suite 302, Dallas, Texas 75246.

#### **Accomplishments**

**Dr. Katherine A. Draughon**, director of Institutional Research and Assessment and associate professor of sociology, graduated from the 2008 Class of the HERS Bryn Mawr Summer Institute

held at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. The residential professional development program is dedicated to the advancement of women leaders in higher education administration. The 64 participants selected for this year's Summer Institute represented 59 colleges, community colleges and universities from 26 states, as well as Canada and the Marshall Islands.

**Carolyn Roth**, instructor in art, is exhibiting her acrylic painting entitled "Sedentary" in the Jasper Community Arts 15th Annual Juried Art Show at the Krempp Gallery. The exhibit will run through September 29.

### New employee welcome

**Brooke Bolton** has accepted a position as instructional services librarian in the David L. Rice Library. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College and a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University.

**Karen Braselton** has accepted a position as instructor in communications in the College of Liberal Arts. She holds a doctorate in philosophy from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, a Master of Arts degree from Indiana State University, and a bachelor's degree from USI. Braselton was employed as an adjunct instructor at USI.

**Keith Carter** has accepted a position as instructor in mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He holds a Master of Science degree in secondary education and a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from USI and a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University. Carter was employed as an adjunct mathematics teacher in Academic Skills at USI.

**Thuy DaoJensen** has accepted a position as assistant professor of teacher education in the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services. She holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Arizona State University.

**Brandon Field** has accepted a position as assistant professor of engineering in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering, a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering, and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Cynthia Forgie** has accepted a position as assistant professor of engineering in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. She holds a doctorate in industrial engineering and a Master of Science degree in industrial engineering from the University of Louisville and a Master of Science degree in software engineering from Kansas State University. Forgie was employed as a lecturer at the University of Louisville and as an instructor at Kansas State University.

**Elizabeth Hargis** has accepted a position as instructor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She holds a Master of Science degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College. Hargis was employed as a lecturer at Vanderbilt University.

**Mei Jones** has accepted a position as instructor in mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. She holds a Master of Science degree in secondary education from USI and a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and statistics from Purdue University. Jones was employed as an adjunct mathematics instructor in Academic Skills at USI.

**Gregory Justis** has accepted a position as instructor in sociology, anthropology and criminal justice studies in the College of Liberal Arts. He holds a Master of Science degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University. Justis was employed as an instructor at Saint Catharine College.

**Marco Lara Gracia** has accepted a position as assistant professor of engineering in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He holds a doctorate in industrial engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Engineering degree and bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Monterrey Tech. Lara Gracia was employed as an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

**Sarah Phillips** has accepted a position as staff counselor in the Counseling Center. She holds a bachelor's degree in independent studies and human services from Murray State University and a master's degree in education from Lindsey Wilson College.

**Jason Provence** has accepted a position as Web programmer in the Computer Center. He holds an associate's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in visual communications from American Intercontinental University. Provence was employed as a Web programmer at Pinnacle Computer Services.

**Janet Rennels** has accepted a position as instructor in food and nutrition in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics and a Master of Science degree in dietetics from Eastern Illinois University. She was employed as an adjunct instructor at the University of Evansville.

**Edward Rehkopf** has accepted a position as assistant professor of mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He holds a doctorate and Master of Arts degree from the University of California and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

**Keith Saliba** has accepted a position as assistant professor of communications in the College of Liberal Arts. He holds a doctorate in mass communications, a Master of Arts degree in mass communications, and a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from the University of Florida.

**David Sandrick** has accepted a position as teacher-in-residence in Teacher Education. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a Master of Science degree in history and philosophy of education from Indiana University Bloomington. Sandrick was employed as a teacher at Salvation Army in Bloomington, IN.

**Tyson Schnitker** has accepted a position as assistant men's basketball coach in Athletics. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from USI and a Bachelor of Science degree in business education from Indiana State University.

**Lisa Schnur** has accepted a position as bookkeeping assistant in the USI Bookstore. Schnur was employed as a receptionist at Saint Joe Veterinary Clinic.

**Kristina Walker** has accepted a position as admissions and advising coordinator in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in food and nutrition from USI. Walker was employed at the Vanderburgh County Purdue Extension Office.

**Christine Wittmer** has accepted a position as reading instructor in Academic Skills. She holds a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Western Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Science degree in English and secondary education from USI. Wittmer was employed as an English teacher with Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

**Karen Wollin** has accepted a position as literacy instructor in the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services. She holds a doctorate and Master of Arts degree from Southern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia University.