

Record enrollment! Full-time student count continues to climb

This fall, USI continues enrollment growth with 9,012 students registered for classes, with 72 percent full-time students taking 12 credit hours or more. Last year 8,695 students enrolled. Recent enrollment growth is charted below.

USI Enrollment

Year	Total	Full-time
2000	9,012	6,535
1999	8,695	6,303
1998	8,415	5,903
1997	8,300	5,743
1996	7,763	5,017
1995	7,666	4,611
1994	7,443	4,298

"We are pleased with the enrollment increase, especially with the continued increase in full-time students," said **Dr. John Byrd**, vice president for Student Affairs. "The figures point to the continuing change in the student profile from a commuter to a residential campus."

This year USI opened Governors Hall, a second residence hall and companion to Newman Hall, which opened last year. Apartments on campus are another option for the more than 2,500 students who live at USI.

The majority of students continue to come from Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, and Gibson counties with 4,983 students (55 percent) coming from those southern Indiana counties. Most of the remaining 4,029 students come from other counties in Indiana. Each of Indiana's 92 counties is represented in the student population, as are 31 other states and 28 foreign countries.

"Students and families tell me they like the modern classroom

buildings and the suite-style residence halls. In addition to the modern physical structures, students want close contact with teachers. Our faculty are accessible beyond the classroom and available to help students," said **Mr. Eric Otto**, director of Admission. He added, "Faculty, not teaching assistants, are in the classroom at USI."

Adult learners increased to 2,084 students over the age of 25.

Some adult learners were attracted to USI through the scholarship program TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood INDIANA which offers assistance for adults to study toward an associate degree in child development and early childhood education through the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services. Thirty-eight students are participating in the program which helps increase the educational level of child-care providers. Head Start teachers are pursuing the degree to meet new federal standards which require Head Start teachers in center-based programs to have an associate, baccalaureate, or advanced degree in early childhood education or a degree in a related field, with pre-school teaching experience, by September 2003.

This fall 60 percent of the student population is female. Minority and international students represent nearly five percent of the student population.

Breakdown by classes

First-time freshmen	1,885
Continuing freshmen	1,940
Sophomores	1,371
Juniors	1,326
Seniors	1,588
Non-degree	429
Graduate	473
Total	9,012

USI Founders Day will honor six

Six people will be recognized for 25 years of services to University of Southern Indiana during the ninth annual Founders Day program at 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, in Carter Hall. The University community is invited to the program.

The six employees who reach the quarter-century mark this year are: **Mr. Timothy K. Buecher**, director of Career

Counseling and lecturer in Academic Skills; **Mr. Leonard M. Cook**, associate professor of mechanical engineering technology; **Mr. Larry D. Goss**, professor of engineering technology; **Ms. Y. Susie Kempf**, senior computer operator; **Mr. John R. McPherson Jr.**, custodial worker; and **Dr. Robert L. Reid**, vice president for Academic Affairs.



Mr. Timothy K. Buecher earned a B.A. from DePauw University and an M.A. from University of Evansville. He was a rehabilitation counselor at The Rehabilitation Center and an admission counselor at University of Evansville. In 1975, he came to USI as director of the Counseling.

Over the years, Mr. Buecher has held several positions at USI including sports information director, director of Admission, and dean of Enrollment Services.

Mr. Buecher said, "I believe in this institution, and am proud to have been a witness to some of its greatest moments. The one enduring reason for our success and growth has been the concern for and genuine interest in students shown by the employees. My hope is that, as we continue to grow and hire new employees, we will maintain that commitment to our students."

Mr. Buecher is a member of the American Counseling Association, American College Counseling Association, and the American School Counselor Association. His community involvement includes membership in the USI Varsity Club, the West Side Nut Club, and Scottish Rite. Mr. Buecher has coached youth baseball, softball, football, and basketball in the Evansville community for over 20 years.

"I have spent nearly half my life here at the University," said Mr. Buecher, "and I have enjoyed working with some wonderful people over the years."



Mr. Leonard M. Cook was hired as assistant professor of mechanical engineering technology and became associate professor of mechanical engineering technology in 1980. He earned a B.S. from Pennsylvania State University and an M.S. from University of Pittsburgh. Before coming to USI, Mr. Cook was supervisor of technical services at PPG Industries, Inc. in Creighton, Pennsylvania.

Of the Founder's Day recognition and 25 years of service, Mr. Cook said, "It is hard to believe that I have arrived at this juncture in my career. I guess when you enjoy what you are doing, time really flies."

Over the years, Mr. Cook offered consultation services on such topics as weld shear tests, ring connected rod capacity, and fiberglass connection tests. He is a member and past secretary and treasurer of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

"Review of my tenure at USI is tied with astonishment as to its growth and current prestige," said Mr. Cook. "I am blessed and very proud to be a small part of this accomplishment. In reflection, in those early days I knew almost all the faculty at

ISUE, whereas presently I do not personally know some of the faculty in my school. I guess that is one of the negative aspects that accompanies increased size. However, in review of my career, I am completely satisfied and unconditionally happy that I made the decision to leave industry for this institution in 1975. In looking to the future, I hope I can continue to be of service to USI."

Mr. Larry D. Goss earned a B.S. from Illinois Institute of Technology, an M.S. from Purdue University, and an M.S.+24 from Purdue's College of Graduate Studies. He was assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Oklahoma State University and project engineer for the Bendix Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri. Before coming to USI, he was assistant professor of engineering graphics and chair of the Engineering Graphics Department at the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He was hired at USI as an associate professor of engineering technology and became a full professor of engineering technology in 1982.



"When I talked to colleagues at Purdue about accepting a contract to teach at USI in 1975, some of the faculty there warned me against the move," said Mr. Goss. "In their opinion, the University did not have the critical mass or political backing to survive, and accepting an appointment here would be professional suicide. I came anyway because I saw what I thought was an opportunity to continue a career in teaching engineering and engineering technology-related topics. At some point during the last 25 years, the University has in fact exceeded the critical mass in all aspects - students, faculty, programs, physical plant, budget, political liaison. Regardless of what yardstick you use to measure the accomplishments of the institution, USI has exceeded the minimum necessary for continuing to thrive and accomplish its mission."

His University service includes multiple years with the Faculty Senate including chair of the Promotions Committee, chair of the Student Retention Committee, vice chair of the senate, and chair of the senate. He has served over 10 years on the Graduate Council and he was a member of the committee for the Inauguration of President Hoops. He has served as marshal of the faculty for USI Commencements since 1993.

Besides responsibilities at the University, Mr. Goss is computer genealogy editor for the Tri-State Genealogical Society. He is a member of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Ms. Y. Susie Kempf began her career at Indiana State University - Terre Haute as a keypunch operator and later held the position of data processing technician and console operator. She transferred to USI in 1980 as a computer operator and became a senior computer operator in 1997. Ms. Kempf earned an undergraduate degree from USI this spring.

Mr. John R. McPherson Jr. began employment with USI as a custodial worker. He is the second custodial worker to reach 25 years of service. He spent 12 years working in the University Center, the next 11 years in Rice Library, and the past two years in the Physical Activities Center. Although he has kept the same position over the years, his job and the cleaning industry have changed.

"I have seen five new buildings go up and every time a new one opens, the custodian's job changes," said Mr. McPherson. When hired in 1975, USI employed 10 custodians; the University now has 40 custodial personnel.

In addition to the growth of enrollment and the expansion of buildings and facilities, Mr. McPherson has experienced considerable changes in the methods, equipment, and procedures used in the cleaning industry. Custodial Services switched from the cloth bag vacuum cleaners to HEPA filtered, twin motor machines with on-board tools and from bonnet and canister/wand carpet cleaners to self-contained battery powered carpet-cleaning machines. The industry was revolutionized by such government agencies as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on such matters as indoor air quality.

Mr. McPherson said, "I really appreciate the staff at USI. I've worked with a lot of nice people."



Dr. Robert L. Reid earned a B.A. from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Early in his career, he was assistant dean of Arts and Science at Miami University while serving as assistant director of programs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Dr. Reid was dean of Social Science at University of Illinois

at Springfield before coming to USI in 1975 as vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of history.

Reflecting on the quarter century of service, Dr. Reid said, "I have a standard line that I use when interviewing faculty: 'USI epitomizes the concept that the only constant is change.' I have been privileged to work with an outstanding faculty and staff that understands that teaching and learning are what we are about."

Dr. Reid has held numerous leadership roles in professional associations and currently serves as the Indiana liaison representative for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Academic Affairs Resource Center (AARC). He is a member of the AARC Planning Committee. From 1991-1994, Dr. Reid served on the National Advisory Committee for the Academic Leadership Academy, a three-year leadership development project for women and minorities sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Reid is a member of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and serves on several committees including the Accreditation Review Council. He is a past president of the

Association of Schools and Colleges and serves on the Academic Vice Presidents' Advisory Committee to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Dr. Reid has published several books on local and North American history including *Pilgrims On the Ohio: The River Journey and Photographs of Reuben Gold Thwaites, 1984*; *Picturing Texas: The FSA-OWI Photographers in the Lone Star State, 1935 - 1943*; and *A Good Neighbor: The First Fifty Years of Crane*.

Founders Day is observed each year to honor employees who have accumulated 25 years of service to the University. It is usually held on September 15 the date in 1965 when the University offered its first classes at the Centennial Campus. The 2000 observance was moved to September 14 to accommodate employee schedules.

Great books will be discussed

The Great Books Discussion Group begins a new literary focus in the third year of meeting. The group will cover literary biographies, meeting approximately every eight weeks at Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Evansville. Discussions will begin at 6:30 p.m. A schedule follows.

Thursday, October 12 - *The Autobiography of Mark Twain*, edited by Charles Neider.

Thursday, December 7 - *Dickens*, by Fred Kaplan.

Thursday, March 1 - *Robert Frost*, by Jay Parini.

Thursday, May 3 - *Kerouac*, by Ann Charters.

The University community is invited to any and all of these discussions. Barnes and Noble Booksellers will provide a 30 percent discount on discussion group books. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Given, instructor in English, at ext. 1222, or mgiven@usi.edu.



(from left) Suzanne Nicholson, Cynthia Haydon and Sherrienne Standley pose for a photo at the President's Associates Dinner.

Names in the news

"Electronic Resources and Academic Libraries, 1980-2000: A Historical Perspective" by Ms. Ruth H. Miller, director of the library, was published in *Library Trends*, vol. 48, no. 4. The issue is devoted to collection development in an electronic environment.

Dr. Ronda Priest, assistant professor of sociology, presented "The Construction of Liveness: Turning the Mediated to the Immediate in TV News" at the annual Pacific Sociological Association Meeting. She also was an invited panelist for the session "Preparing and Presenting Yourself as a Good Teacher on the Job Market" at the same conference.

Dr. Stephen Zehr, associate professor of sociology, has received a National Science Foundation grant of \$89,053 to conduct an analysis of economic expertise in U.S. global climate change policy deliberations. The project builds upon his previous work in the sociology of science. The research will address several issues: the construction of social and cultural boundaries between economic expertise and non-expertise; the reproduction or closing off of intellectual controversy as economic expertise is produced in policy settings; the construction and management of economic uncertainties in policy settings; and social and cultural features of attempts to standardize economic-based policy initiatives (such as emissions permit trading). Both archival and interview data will be gathered. Much of the research will be conducted this year while Dr. Zehr is on sabbatical leave.

Congratulations:

The University community congratulates Ms. Lori Huck, senior administrative assistant in Advancement, and her husband Robert in the birth of their son Ryan Anthony Huck on Saturday, September 2.

FYI

Correction to September calendar:

The USI /New Harmony Foundation board meeting on Friday, September 22, will be held at noon.

Correction to University Notes:

Archaeology Week correction - Artifact Identification Day will be held at the Workingmen's Institute in New Harmony, not Alexandrian Public Library.

Varsity Club:

The Varsity Club Steak Fry and Auction will be held Thursday, September 21, at Burdette Park Pavilion. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be obtained by calling Ms. Sandy Hatfield, administrative assistant, 464-1973.

Stratford Shakespeare Festival:

Two openings are still available for group trip to the world-famous Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario. For more information, or to make reservations, call Dr. Sherry Darrel, professor of English, at 464-1754 or Mr. Eric vonFuhmann, assistant professor of English, at 464-1749.

Welcome:



Dr. Marvin Albin has accepted the position of professor of computer information systems and chair of the Information Systems and Business Education Department. He was director of Sioux Falls Programs at Dakota State University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Albin received a bachelor's degree from Murray State University, a master's degree from University of Kentucky, and a Ph.D. from Arizona State University. He resides in Evansville.

The University community welcomes Dr. Soku Byoun as assistant professor of finance. He received a bachelor's degree from University of Suwon, Suwon, South Korea; a master's degree from University of Illinois; and a Ph.D. from University of South Carolina. Dr. Byoun resides in Evansville with wife Eunsook.



Dr. Daniel Friesner has accepted the position of assistant professor of economics. He received a bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and a Ph.D. from Washington State University. Dr. Friesner resides in Evansville with wife Angelina.

Panel to look at Evansville's past as a segregated town

A panel of present or former Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation administrators will offer an informal look at Evansville's past as a segregated town at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, at the Evansville Museum. "The African-American Experience in Evansville, 1945-1975," sponsored by the Vanderburgh County Historical Society and offered in connection with the museum's photo exhibit, "Little Rock Revisited," is open to the public.

Ms. Joan Finch, Mr. William Lyles, Ms. Mattie Miller, Mr. Ira Neal, and Ms. Jackie Neal are members of the panel. They will offer personal comments about when "white" and "colored" water fountains were present in Evansville, when blacks sat in theatre balconies, and students were bused from throughout the Tri-State to Lincoln School. Mr. Lyles was the first black teacher assigned to a white school and Ms. Miller was among the first. Ms. Finch walked on the first floor of the Victory Theatre for the first time a couple of years ago. Mr. Neal handled integration planning and implementation.

Ms. Patricia Swanson, education reporter for *The Evansville Courier and Press*, will moderate.

USI Art Department to offer tour of new art installations

The Art Department will conduct tours of four new art installations beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 24. The tours will originate from the Art Studio located south of the campus next to the Technology Center. A reception will be open to participants.

"As the University grows, we are continuing our tradition of exhibiting faculty and student art across campus, both indoors and out," said **Dr. Margaret Skoglund**, chair of the Art Department. "We also will exhibit private collections on loan or donated to the University's permanent collection. As a thriving University, we are acquiring some very important art and feel it is our responsibility to make these wonderful exhibits available to the community. We plan to do more of this in the future."

The tours include a textile exhibit in the Kenneth McCutchan Gallery located in the Wright Administration Building, a digital photo exhibit in the Galleria located on the first floor of the University Center, a geometric sculpture in front of Governors Hall, and an outdoor sculpture south of the Technology Center.

The textile exhibition covers the textile tradition of Guatemala and Mexico as well as ancient paper makers of the state of Veracruz. The works, from the USI collection and the private collection of **Michael and Patricia Aakhus**, are part of the ritual paper cut images of the Otomi Indians and represent seed, bird, and other spirits. This tradition began in 1,000 B.C. and continued into the classical period (250-850 A.D.) where it was used again in rituals and book-making. The textiles include examples of traditional huipils (women's blouses) from Oaxaca, Mexico; Nahuala, San Juan Scatepequez, Chajul, and Santiago Atitlan,

Reservations available for educational tour of Greece

Mr. Eric L. vonFuhrmann, assistant professor of English, will lead an educational tour of Greece from March 1 to March 10, 2001. Cost is \$1,600 for persons under 25 years of age; \$1,800 for persons ages 25 and over. The fee includes airline flights, accommodations, travel expenses in Greece, and most meals. Deadline for registration is Friday, December 1.

Mr. vonFuhrmann, in his ninth year of leading educational tours abroad, said, "The tour offers an opportunity for students and others to experience world travel, other cultures, and to briefly live in the same environment as such historical figures as Homer, Oddeuseus, and Socrates."

The 10-day trip begins with tours of Athens and Delphi, home of the mystical oracle; followed by Patras, capital of the Peloponnese; Olympia; Tolo; Mycenae, founded by Perseus and Cyclops and where Agamemnon began his campaign against Troy; and Corinth, where Oedipus spent his childhood, to name a few. Included will be stops at Hadrian's Arch; the Temple of Olympian Zeus; the Temple of Poseidon; and Epidaurus, famous for its well-preserved open-air theatre dating from the 4th century B.C.

Mr. vonFuhrmann alternates the tour of Greece with a tour of Italy each year. For reservations, or more information, call vonFuhrmann at 464-1749.

Guatemala. The work is done on back strap looms and traditional European floor looms. The huipils in some cases take as long as six months to make and are noted for their fine craftsmanship and remarkable color.

The digital photo exhibition records a spring educational tour of Guatemala led by **Michael Aakhus**, professor of art, and **John Gibson**, lecturer in English. The black and white and color photographs document the colorful highlands with the indigenous people in their towns and markets. They also include the colonial capital of Guatemala, Antigua, a remarkable town known for its architecture. It is surrounded by towering volcanic peaks, some of which are still active. The tour continued to the ancient archeological sites of Copan, Honduras, and Tikal in the Peten region of Guatemala.

The student-designed geometric sculpture that welcomes students to Governors Hall was installed on August 26. A 10' sculpture of cor-ten steel alloy and mild steel, it was designed during a summer workshop by USI students **Damon Dawson**, **Peter Fehrenbacher**, **Jon Hittner**, and **Brandon Kight**. The project was supervised by **Mr. John McNaughton**, professor of art. "Processing Component" is the name of the sculpture, which consists of a bundle of individual square tubes. The sculpture sits at a 45-degree angle on its point on a three-foot steel cube.

The outdoor sculpture at the southeast corner of the Technology Center is being relocated from inside the Technology Center. "Untitled" by **Eric Nelson** was made between 1976 and 1977. Nelson was the first art workshop supervisor at USI. The sculpture, 9' tall x 5' wide x 4' deep, is constructed primarily of structural steel elements.

New Harmony Kunstfest 2000

In celebration of the German Harmonists who settled in New Harmony, the New Harmony Business Associates will hold the annual Kunstfest German heritage festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 - 17. Events are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 40 booths and businesses in New Harmony will participate in the festival. Several of them will feature demonstrations of crafts like cider making, bee keeping, quilting, and rug hooking with items for sale. Other locations will offer traditional German foods and other refreshments.

Entertainment will be offered throughout the weekend in several locations. For a detailed schedule of all the demonstrations, musical events, and craft booths, call 682-4488.

Events this week

Tuesday, September 12

USI fall film series:

Films are shown at 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Forum I. Admission is free and open to the public. A discussion led by **Mr. Eric Braysmith**, lecturer in English, will immediately follow the film.

Any Given Sunday (1999) - directed by Oliver Stone; starring Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid. A behind the scenes look at the life and death struggles of modern-day gladiators and those who lead them.

Distinguished Professor lecture:

Dr. John Gottcent, professor of English and University Core coordinator, will deliver the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Lecture at 3 p.m. in Carter Hall. Dr. Gottcent's lecture, "What Does it Mean to be Educated? Six Maxims," will be followed by a reception.

Thursday, September 14

Founder's Day reception - 3 p.m., Carter Hall.

Friday, September 15

Fifth annual USI Alumni Fun Golf Scramble - Clearcrest Pines Golf Course, check-in is at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided. Proceeds will benefit the USI Alumni Association scholarships. Call USI Alumni and Volunteer Services at 464-1924 for more information.

Sports:

Saturday, September 9

USI volleyball tournament, USI vs. Oakland City University, 1 p.m. at USI.

Men's soccer vs. Missouri Valley College, 1 p.m. at USI.

Women's tennis vs. Indiana University/Purdue University-Ft. Wayne, 9 a.m. at USI.

Women's tennis vs. University of Indianapolis, 3 p.m. at USI.

Women's soccer vs. Southern Oregon University, 4 p.m. (CT) in Hawaii.

Sunday, September 10

Women's soccer at Hawaii Pacific University, 3 p.m. (CT)

Monday, September 11

Women's golf hosts USI Invitational at Helfrich Golf Course.

Tuesday, September 12

Men's golf hosts USI Invitational at Helfrich Golf Course.

Thursday, September 14

Founder's Day reception - 3 p.m., Carter Hall.

Volleyball at Oakland City University, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 15

Men's and women's soccer vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at USI.

GLVC men's tennis Fall Invitational.

Women's tennis at Lewis University, 3 p.m.

Men's and women's cross country at Indiana Intercollegiate.

Marketplace

For sale

Condo in Polo Run - east side, loft style, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, landscaped back yard, new tile in kitchen. Call 454-8766.

9023 Jillian Court - 1997 brick/vinyl home, 3 minutes from USI, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage, 1 1/2 stories, privacy fence, approx. 2,000 sq. ft., gas fireplace, cathedral ceiling, balcony overlooking living room, large kitchen, breakfast nook, range/oven, dishwasher, microwave/hood, www.hfsbo.com/141170k/list1.html; \$167,000. Call 985-5213.

5812 Twickingham Court - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, tri-level, hardwood floors, new windows, 2 1/2-car garage, carport, private back yard, \$129,900. Open house on Sundays, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. Call 963-9338.

1995 Ford Contour SE - excellent condition, red, all-power, cassette, 2.5 DOHC, 65K miles, \$9,100. Call Jim, 491-3995.

1986 VW Cabriolet convertible - red with white top, 4-cylinder, standard transmission, power steering, air, new CD, engine in excellent condition, \$3,500 o.b.o. Call 434-0314 or 423-6453.

One white and one brown pet rabbit - about 8 months old, rabbit cage with water bottle, \$60 value plus rabbit food for a month, \$25. Call Munir at ext. 1745.

Inventory reduction sale - Power King lawn tractor with 48" mower, 14 horse Kohler engine, \$600. Cub Cadet 1415 with 46" mower, 14 horse Kohler engine, \$500. Cub Cadet 1015 with 32" mower, 10 horse Briggs engine \$500. Cub Cadet tiller, 40" wide, 3 point Category 0 hitch, with 8 horse Briggs engine, \$300. Brinly plow, 10" moldboard, 3 point category 0 hitch, \$100. Various walk-behind lawnmowers, \$25 to \$35 each. Prices negotiable; delivery can be arranged. If you need a lawnmower, let's talk. Contact Goss at ext.1087 or 963-0918.

Digital cell phone - Nec 2100 Talk MAX (for use with Bell South contract only) including home and car charger. Paid \$130, asking \$50. Call 424-5541.