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# University Notes

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## **Enrollment over 10,000 students**

Official 2006 enrollment figures indicate that 10,025 students are enrolled at USI this fall. Those students are taking 123,673 credit hours, up 1.7 percent over last year.

Enrollment is up in continuing undergraduate and graduate students. There are 2,105 first-time students in the freshmen class, the third year in a row of over 2,100 students in the entering class.

Female students represent 61 percent of the students, a figure that has been constant in recent years. Traditional-age (25 years of age and under) students are in the majority at 7,826.

Diversity continues as a goal for the University. Of students enrolled, 473 are African American, 98 Hispanic, and 102 Asian.

**Dr. Robert Parrent**, vice president for Student Affairs, said this year's freshman class is better prepared. Freshmen earned 952 departmental scholarships, up from 829 last year. The class has 54 high school valedictorians from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and California including 23 from Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, and Posey counties; 14 are from Evansville high schools. There are 133 students in the class who automatically qualify for the Honors Program.

The freshman class has 204 21st Century Scholars and more students are coming from Kentucky. Two of the students are International Baccalaureate scholars from Apollo High School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

The majority of students, 6,181, continue to come from Vanderburgh and contiguous counties. Students from other Indiana counties number 2,724.

Parrent said, "This year's enrollment figures are a result of the hard work and effort of administration, faculty, and staff. Thanks for your extra effort to get our students admitted, advised, and registered. Special appreciation to all who worked with freshmen to get them oriented to USI and moved into housing. The freshman class, the second largest in USI history, is well prepared for the challenges ahead. And if you think you are seeing double of some students, you may be because there are 16 sets of twins in this year's freshman class."

## **Budget request approved by trustees**

University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved the biennial budget request for 2007-2009 at the regular meeting of the trustees on Thursday, September 7, 2006.

**USI President H. Ray Hoops** told the trustees that the University has budgeted for needs it believes are required to maintain current programs, sustain the current pattern of enrollment and support increases in enrollment, and address critical state and regional needs. The request total is \$78.7 million for 2007-08 and \$83.5 million for 2008-09.

Funding for enrollment change continues to be a component of the University's operating budget request. The enrollment

funding formula has not been fully funded since 2000-01. The University requests funding at \$3,500 per-full-time-Hoosier student based on the four-year rolling average for an additional 260 full-time students.

The difference in state appropriations among the state higher education institutions is significant. USI has drawn attention to the disparity in past budget requests and does so again this biennium. This year's request includes a special appropriation adjustment in each year—\$250 per full-time-Hoosier student in 2007-08 and an additional \$125 per full-time-Hoosier student in 2008-09.

Because plant expansion, which typically is appropriated on completion of a major capital project, was not funded in the past request, plant expansion funding is part of this biennium's request. It is needed to cover the operating costs of the new Rice Library.

Funding also is being sought for two new programs. To serve regional workforce and economic development demands and strengthen the economic future of southwestern Indiana, the University requests \$950,000 for 2007-08 and \$850,000 for 2008-09. With the funding, the University would expand the activities of the University's Center for Applied Research in Innovation Pointe Certified Technology Park in downtown Evansville; develop an entrepreneurship education program; and create a new center for business economic studies.

Establishment of a center to focus on recruitment and retention of students plus professional development programs for teachers in the academic areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is the other initiative.

USI is a leader in STEM education and plays a key role in the recruitment of Indiana students working toward degrees in STEM areas and in professional development of STEM teachers. The request of \$500,000 for 2007-08 and \$750,000 in 2008-09 would fund a Summer STEM Academy for high school students, create an Early Undergraduate Research Program, and develop the Program Leading to Undergraduate Success in Sciences (PLUS).

In other business, the trustees received updates on quad landscaping, completion of the unfinished lower level of the Education Center, and plans for the Physical Plant/Support Services building.

The trustees approved early retirement and an emeritus title for **Dr. Darrel E. Bigham**, director of Historic Southern Indiana and professor of history, effective June 30, 2008, including leave with pay beginning January 2008. Early retirement and an emerita title was also approved for **Sherrianne Standley**, vice president for Advancement, effective December 31, 2007, including leave with pay beginning July 1, 2007.

## **Staff Council officers elected**

Senior administrative assistant **Chris Jines**, Registrar's Office, has been elected chair of the Staff Council for the 2006-07 academic year. Other officers will be **David O'Grady**, library assistant, and **Angela Torres**, senior administrative assistant,

College of Liberal Arts. Three committees operate in the council. **Deanna Engler**, senior library assistant, is chair of economic benefits committee. **Yvonne Floyd**, senior administrative assistant in Office of Athletics, and **Sara Rhoades**, senior administrative assistant, Human Resources, head the employee relations committee. **Linda Lefler**, senior administrative assistant, Human Resources, is chair of the nominating committee.

Council representatives, serving two-year terms, are **Jeri Broshears**, Student Development; **Robert Hudson**, Human Resources; **Rene Koressel**, Career Services; **Frank Nagy**, Physical Plant; **Lisa Staples**, Department of Biology; **Virginia Thomas**, Department of Art, Music and Theatre; **Angela Torres**, and **Julie Weinzapfel**, Procurement and Distribution Services.

Representatives serving the second year of a two-year term are **Karen Anderson**, Physical Plant; **Gail Cummings**, College of Nursing and Health Professions; **Deanna Engler**, Rice Library; **Floyd**; **Jines**; **Linda Lefler**, Human Resources; **David O'Grady**, Rice Library; **Bea Purcell**, Office of Admission; **Sara Rhoades**; and **Lois Stevens**, Physical Activities Center.

Staff Council is an elected group of University employees who represent USI support staff. Officially formed in 1990, the organization was established to provide support to the University and its employees by enhancing the work environment of the support staff; fostering staff involvement in University matters; and upholding and strengthening the mission of the University.

Staff Council makes the support staff budget presentation at the annual budget hearings. Over the years, Staff Council has provided support or sponsored the following:

- Funeral leave policy
- Fall and spring staff meetings
- Merit pay in annual salary increases
- Summer employee picnic
- Student worker appreciation day
- University Savings Incentive Discount Program
- The Giving Tree
- Archibald Eagle's Food Closet/Food Drives

## Archibald Eagle's Food Closet

With help from the USI community and Tri-State Food Bank, Archibald Eagle's Food Closet has been serving USI students and employees since 1992.

The food closet is located in the lower level of the University Center. It can be accessed by visiting the Office of the Dean of Students in University Center Room 007. There is no monetary fee to use the food closet. Individuals need to show valid identification; complete a food closet card; and agree to volunteer two hours of service to any charitable organization.

Both food and non-food items are needed. Some of the most frequently needed items are peanut butter, crackers, Pop Tarts, macaroni and cheese, canned meat, toilet paper, disposable razors, toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, and feminine hygiene products.

For more information about the food closet, call 812/464-1807.

## Cooper award winner Dr. Charles Petranek

USI's 2006 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award recipient, **Dr. Charles Petranek**, believes that students learn through different senses and in a variety of ways. That's why he brings as many teaching methods into the classroom as he can.

"You bring in other things and have a dynamic classroom, and the more senses you involve, the better," Petranek, professor emeritus of sociology, said. "I think as a professor you should examine these things. Some students are verbal, some visual, and some use a hands-on approach to learning."

Focusing exclusively on teaching, the Cooper award honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. In the Core course, Principles of Sociology, Petranek's students learn world geography; participate in social simulations and discussions; write papers about their experiences in the simulations; and read an optional book on which they write a report. In fall 2006, 114 students are enrolled in the course.

"The Core is so much more than teaching your subject matter. The Cooper award reflects people who can bring it together and present in many different ways," he said. "A lot of professors present straight lectures with PowerPoint or overheads, and there's not a lot of great discussion. If you only present information in one mode, you should examine the way you do it. Why are you in the classroom? Students are a resource, they have ideas."

Petranek has visited 51 countries and plans to go to 50 more. Students in his class must be able to identify 60 countries. Each chapter in their text includes a map with statistics on factors such as infant mortality and poverty all over the world.

"Students need to realize how poor other countries are," he said. "First world countries consume 75 percent of the world's resources. We're part of the global community and we're responsible for it. My job is to make these students aware of our global position – where we are in the world."

Petranek is nationally regarded for his scholarship in the field of experiential learning and social simulations. He has created 16 social simulations to enhance his classes, and they have been published and used in high schools, colleges, and businesses. In 1996, the North American Simulation and Gaming Association presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Drinking Game he created encourages students to examine their drinking habits. "If they self-report, they say they are always responsible," he said. But after half an hour of playing the game, a party-like atmosphere in which most students "binge drink" using cards and chips and can wind up in a simulated jail, hospital, or cemetery, the students' actual behavior comes to light

"They learn by playing, an oral debriefing, and writing about the experience," Petranek said. "The pressure to drink is overwhelming, and it comes from the students themselves. After playing the game, they can see it. Social simulations get across very strong points."

Petranek received the Cooper Award to sustained applause from his colleagues at the Fall Faculty and Administrative Staff meeting in August.

"That was one of the greatest days of my life, getting that award," he said. "I feel extremely lucky. It was a great honor to receive this award, because many people at USI are doing many great things."

As this year's winner, Petranek will deliver a presentation to the University community during the fall 2006 semester. Details will be released at a later date.

The Cooper award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, long-time friend and supporter of USI.

## METS campus shuttle bus wrap

A Metropolitan Evansville Transit System (METS) campus shuttle bus is traveling campus, wrapped in graphics displaying USI students with the logo "I Go to USI" along the side of the

bus. A form of outdoor advertising, the bus wrap depicts larger-than-life photos of current students and recent alumni.

The "I Go to USI" students are shown in popular college activities. **Kensington Blaylock** is rehearsing for a theatre production; **Lindsey McGowan, Trinia Mimms, and Cassandra Bowman**, class of 2006, wear caps and gowns for graduation; and **Sarah Storwick** and **Joe Love** are reading the student newspaper. **Jeff Ausenbaugh** is photographed running to catch the bus. Twenty-three students are on the bus wrap. Photos and graphics were created and produced by USI staff. The printing and installation were done by a commercial printing company specializing in wraps.

Through the academic year, two METS buses travel the campus carrying students to and from classes in academic buildings, Rice Library, the University Center, and student housing. The campus shuttle stops at Valley Lot, the Physical Activities Center, Orr Center, Health Professions Center, Eagle Express convenience store, McDonald West recreation center, the intersection of Varsity Lane and Clarke Lane, and the intersection of Rankin Lane and University Boulevard. The shuttle route runs every 15 minutes from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

## **Canada geese pooh-pooh student body**

On the first day of fall classes, students were back and the geese were gone, but evidence of the latter's recent presence was all over sidewalks and parking lots on campus.

A particularly impressive trail on a newly repaved parking lot prompted some employees to wonder if geese were capable of making such a mess. But **Donna Laymon**, senior administrative assistant in the Physical Plant, said the display was no greater than any she has seen on the sidewalk in front of her own building this summer.

Increased activity on campus due to the start of the academic year should reduce the problem. "We're addressing it the best we can," she said. "Now that students are back on campus, there should be fewer geese."

**Miles Mann**, director of the Physical Plant, concurred. "Now that more people are here, a good part of the problem will go away."

He said the geese are on and around Reflection Lake until late at night. Grounds crew staff tackle the messes the geese leave behind first thing in the morning. "We get to it as soon as we can and clean those areas up," Mann said. "We're trying."

The University's policy in regard to the geese is to clean up messes as they occur.

"We appreciate nature, and we don't want to harm the geese," Mann said.

## **Do your students have a Fulbright future?**

The Fulbright Program is offering international study, research, and teaching assistantships for the 2006-07 academic year. The application deadline is Monday, October 9.

The U.S. Student Program awards approximately 1,000 grants annually to over 140 countries worldwide. Fulbright full grants generally provide the funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident insurance, and full or partial tuition.

The Fulbright Program provides recipients with the opportunity to observe political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas, and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. In addition to grad-

uate study and research grants around the world, there also are approximately 250 English teaching opportunities in Argentina, Belgium/Luxembourg, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Korea, Romania, Taiwan, and Turkey.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant.

Past USI Fulbright grantees are:

- **Walter Jermakowicz '03** (chemistry/biology/German) for study at the University of Munich, Germany;
- **Kirt Page '98** (chemistry) for study at the University of Mainz, Germany;
- **Tracy Bee '97** (English/sociology), English Teaching Assistantship to Korea.

Applications are available on the Fulbright U. S. Student Web site at [www.iie.org/fulbright](http://www.iie.org/fulbright).

For information about specific grants or specific countries and for assistance with the application process, contact Dr. Susan Smith Wolfe, USI student Fulbright advisor and associate professor of German, at 812/465-7026.

## **Westside Improvement Association**

The Westside Improvement Association is hosting two events in September: a Candidates Night on Monday, September 11, and a Membership Picnic on Saturday, September 16.

Candidates Night will be held at The Korner, 3911 Broadway. "Meet and greet" will begin at 6 p.m., with formal presentations beginning at 6:30 p.m. All candidates for Vanderburgh County offices, school board, and the state legislature have been invited. The event is co-sponsored with the Mount Auburn Neighborhood Association, Western Terrace Neighborhood Association, Poplar Grove Neighborhood Association, and Hilltop Neighborhood Association. For more information, contact **Paul Farmer** at 963-5153.

The Membership Picnic will be held at Burdette Park's Shelter 13. Activities begin at noon with lunch served at 1 p.m. Members, prospective members, and guests are invited and encouraged to bring their families. There is no charge, but reservations are required by September 8 by contacting **DeAnna Outlaw** at 589-1657.

**Linda Cleek**, director of Continuing Education, is president of the Westside Improvement Association. Anyone who lives or works on the west side, or is a Vanderburgh County resident with west side interests, can be a member. Cleek encourages USI employees to get involved with the Westside Improvement Association whether or not they live on the west side.

She said University employees and west side residents have common concerns. "What is important on the west side of Vanderburgh County is important to campus, and vice versa," she said. "The better the communication between the campus and the rest of the community, the better off we're all going to be."

More information is available at [www.westsideimprovement.org](http://www.westsideimprovement.org).

## **Success Series Workshops**

Academic Skills and University Division Advising are sponsoring the following Success Series workshops in September. These 30-minute interactive workshops are free and open to faculty, staff, and students. Suggest these helpful workshops to students, and note that the workshops are held at various times and in various rooms.

- **Taking Time for Time Management**, 4:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, September 12, Education Center Room 1102. Stressed because you don't have enough time? Take 30 minutes out of your schedule to learn some great time management strategies. Presented by **Dr. Michael Slavkin**, associate professor of Teacher Education and director of Graduate Studies for the Master's of Science in Education program.

- **Taking Notes the Cornell Way**, 4-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, and 4:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, Education Center Room 1103. Do you want to learn an effective system for organizing your notes into a valuable study guide? Interested in increasing your comprehension of class material? The Cornell method, which promotes active learning and critical thinking, is presented and practiced in this workshop. Presented by **Lori Saxby**, reading specialist, Academic Skills.

- **A Six Step Program for Passing Math Classes**, 3-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 20, and Thursday, September 21, Education Center Room 1102. Every college student is required to take at least one math class. If math is not your favorite subject and even if it is, this workshop will help you learn exactly what it takes to pass a math class. Presented by **Nancy Myers**, math specialist, Academic Skills.

- **Amen & Hallelujah! To Discover the Key to Great Presentations, Go to Church**, 3:30-4 p.m., Wednesday, September 27, Education Center Room 1102. The key to good public speaking is to relate the audience's experience to a good, old-fashioned church meeting. Churches long ago discovered the essence of effective public presentations. This workshop will examine the 12 Apostles-Plus-Two formula for presentation success. Presented by **Lisa A. Wiltsie**, Options advisor and lecturer in business.

For more information, contact Academic Skills at 812/464-1743.

## **USI Theatre 2006-2007 season announced**

USI Theatre's 2006-2007 season includes plays by Lee Blessing and William Shakespeare, *A Raisin in the Sun*, which recently returned to Broadway, a musical, and a new theatre faculty member, **Lenny Leibowitz**, directing two shows.

### **Eleemosynary** by Lee Blessing

*Eleemosynary* examines the complicated relationship between three generations of women: the eccentric and strong-willed Dorothea, her brilliant daughter Artie, and Echo, the child Artie has allowed Dorothea to raise. When Dorothea becomes ill, Artie and Echo must reconnect and rebuild their relationship. The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* called *Eleemosynary* "funny, perceptive and eloquently written," and *Variety* said it was "alternately funny and poignant." Directed by Lenny Leibowitz, assistant professor of theatre and the new artistic director of New Harmony Theatre, the play runs October 4-7 and 11-15 in the Mallette Studio Theatre in the lower level of the Liberal Arts Center.

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream** by William Shakespeare

One of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is filled with star-crossed lovers, cases of mistaken identity, fairies, and the "rude mechanicals" presenting their own play within a play. Directed by **Elliot Wasserman**, director of USI Theatre, the play runs November 8-11 and 14-19 at USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Avenue.

### **A Raisin in the Sun** by Lorraine Hansberry

Wasserman also directs *A Raisin in the Sun*, the first play written by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway. Set on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950s, it is a portrait of an African-American family whose "hopes and dreams

are constantly deferred." According to *The Washington Post*, *A Raisin in the Sun* is "one of a handful of great American plays – it belongs in the inner circle, along with *Death of a Salesman*, *Long Day's Journey into Night* and *The Glass Menagerie*." The original Broadway production ran for 530 performances and won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play. USI's production runs February 14-17 and 20-25 at USI Theatre.

The season will end with a "to-be-announced" musical directed by Leibowitz. It will be presented in the Mallette Studio Theatre April 11-15 and 17-22. For ticket information, go to the USI Theatre Web site at [www.usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre/usitheatre/](http://www.usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre/usitheatre/).

Auditions for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be September 18-20 and for *A Raisin in the Sun* will be November 15-16. Anyone is welcome to audition; sign-ups will be posted outside the Mallette Studio Theatre.

## **Names in the news**

### **Welcome to the USI family**

**Krissy Engelbrect**, women's soccer coach, and husband **Jeff** announce the birth of their first child, **Aidan Christian Engelbrect**, born Thursday, August 31. Aidan weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long.

### **Welcome**

**Lorie Manion** has accepted a position as instructor in education in the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services. She holds a master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan.

**Mark McKnight** has accepted a position as assistant professor in business communication in the College of Business. He holds a doctorate degree in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, a Master of Science degree in Corporate and Professional Communication from Radford University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Virginia Tech. McKnight was formerly an instructor in workforce education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

**Yalcin Sarol** has accepted a position as assistant professor in mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. He holds a doctorate degree and Master of Science degree from Purdue University.

**Katherine Sauer** has accepted a position as assistant professor of economics in the College of Business. She holds a doctorate degree from the University of Colorado Boulder.

**John Stenerson** has been named assistant professor in mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering.

He holds a doctorate degree from the University of Kentucky.

## **Accomplishments**

**Jim McGarrah**, assistant professor of English, will have new poems published in a variety of publications, including four in the fall issue of *Verb Magazine*, three in the winter issue of *Unbound Press Magazine*, and one on the murder of Emmett Till in the September issue of *Poetry Southeast*. In addition, McGarrah's new edited anthology *Home Again, Essays and Memoirs from Indiana*, was published in August by the Indiana Historical Society Press.

**Margie Ruppel**, reference and interlibrary loan librarian, has had her work "Tying Collection Development's Loose Ends with Interlibrary Loan" published in the current issue of *Collection Building*, a library science research journal. She also recently joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Web Librarianship*.

## FYI

### **Web tour of the USI Calendar**

Web Services has developed a Web tour of the USI online calendar for those who are unfamiliar with how to use the calendar. There's no better way to get the word out online about an event you're sponsoring than by entering it into the calendar. Events that have been entered into the calendar routinely show up on the "Campus Events" section of the USI home page as well as on a number of other departmental sites - all of which helps spread the word about your event. To take the tour at [www.usi.edu/webservices/calendar/tour.asp](http://www.usi.edu/webservices/calendar/tour.asp).

### **Founders Day program honors 25-year employees**

In 1981, Ruth Cutteridge, Dr. Joseph J. Palladino, Pam Wade, and Katie Waters began their careers at USI. They will be honored for their 25 years of service to the University at the Founders Day program sponsored by the Faculty Senate and Staff Council at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, in Carter Hall in the University Center. A reception with refreshments will follow the program.

### **HLC Accreditation site team visit in September**

The Higher Learning Commission accreditation site team will visit USI on September 25, 26, and 27, 2006. A team of seven consultant-evaluators consisting of administrators and faculty from various colleges and universities throughout the region will hold open meetings with USI groups and individuals across campus. Their goal will be to validate information provided in the self-study report and gain a better understanding of the culture at USI. A complete timetable of meetings and locations will be available closer to the site team visit. The self-study report presented to the Higher Learning Commission is available online at [www.usi.edu/hlc2006](http://www.usi.edu/hlc2006) for faculty and staff to review. The self-study process is valuable in helping USI evolve in new directions, sharpen its planning processes, and establish new and better connections with our constituencies throughout the region, as well as maintain the high standards required for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges.

### **"Institutional Snapshot" is online**

The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment has created an "Institutional Snapshot" that provides an overview of USI between 2001 and 2005 – including student demographics, recruitment and admissions, financial assistance for students, student retention, program productivity faculty demographics, information technology and financial data. This is the first step toward creating an annual USI fact book – a compendium of statistics about the University. The Institutional Snapshot is an excellent resource for basic statistics about the University and is available as a PDF on the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment Web site at [www.usi.edu/dep/instires](http://www.usi.edu/dep/instires).

### **Disclose conflicts of interest**

Under the Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, University employees are required to file disclosure statements stating any financial interest which the individual may have in any University contract or purchase. The responsibility for filing disclosure statements rests on the person with the potential conflict of interest. Copies of the *Conflicts of Interest: Compliance Disclosure Requirements* and the disclosure statements are available in the office of the vice president for Business Affairs, and may be downloaded from MyUSI under Indiana "conflicts of

interest" law found in the Personal Announcements Section. If you have any questions concerning conflicts of interest and the statutory requirements, contact **Mark Rozewski**, vice president for Business Affairs, at 812/464-1849.

### **Alumni Association Alaskan cruise at Cruise Night**

Join the USI Alumni Association aboard the Diamond Princess for an Alaskan journey with family, friends, and classmates in July 2007. The USI travel opportunity includes a seven-night Voyage of the Glaciers cruise with an optional three-night land tour. Alumni and Volunteer Services will host a Cruise Night from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, in Carter Hall in the University Center for those who would like to learn more. Information about the trip also is available at [beckscruises.com](http://beckscruises.com) or contact **Charley Beck '73** at 812/437-4510.

### **Eroica Trio to perform for Core Series**

The University Core Curriculum Speaker Series brings the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio to USI on Thursday, September 14. The three women who make up the trio, pianist **Erika Nickrenz**, violinist **Adela Peña**, and cellist **Sara Sant'Ambrogio**, will treat the University community to an educational performance at 7 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. The performance is free and open to the public. The Eroica Trio performs at USI in advance of their featured performance during the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra's Opening Night Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 16, at the Victory Theatre. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Krahling, director of the University Core Curriculum, at 812/464-1712.

### **Exhibition features Waters' sabbatical work**

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will present an exhibition of the work of **Kathryn Waters**, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, through October 1. "At Home and Abroad" features paintings and drawings from Waters' recent sabbatical, during which she spent a semester in Harlaxton, England, and was artist-in-residence at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Amherst, Virginia, and at The Ragdale Foundation in Lake Forest, Illinois. There is also work in the exhibition that was created in Evansville. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. It is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana. For more information, call 812/682-3156 or go to [www.nhgallery.com](http://www.nhgallery.com).

### **THREADS Thursday event**

Green Bay, Wisconsin-area Christian singer/songwriter **Danen Kane** will perform under the University Center Conference Center ("the bridge") as part of the THREADS Thursday series, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14.

THREADS Thursdays are designed to make students aware of THREADS (Teaching Human Respect and Encouraging Action Diversity Series), the University's diversity initiative. September, Diversity Awareness Month, is the first in a series of THREADS themes that will carry through the 2006-07 academic year.

Kane's most recent release, "She," is available for sale at [www.thejesusunderground.com](http://www.thejesusunderground.com), as are his other CDs: "Transparent," "Live on the Transparent Tour," and "Take Glory from Our Praise."

For more information, go to [www.danenkane.com](http://www.danenkane.com) or [www.myspace.com/danenkane](http://www.myspace.com/danenkane).