

Retirees Marlene Shaw and Judith Townsend

Two retiring USI faculty members were recently honored at the spring 2009 employee retirement reception. **Dr. Marlene Shaw**, professor of biology, will retire effective June 30, and **Judith Townsend**, instructor in mathematics, will retire effective July 1.

Shaw joined USI in 1973. According to **Dr. Jim Bandoli**, she helped form the foundation of the USI Biology Department, along with **Dr. Jack Marr**, associate professor emeritus of biology, and the late **Dr. Mike Denner**. "She taught everything they didn't - microbiology, cell biology, genetics, immunology, and molecular biology," Bandoli said at the retirement reception. "She has taught a dozen different courses to thousands of students."

She won the Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award in 1988 and was the Distinguished Professor in 1991. She has served on virtually all University committees and chaired most of them, including two stints as chair of the Faculty Senate.

"Marlene's real strength is in transforming students," Bandoli said. "She has an unsurpassed ability to detect the often well-hidden potential in a student and nurture that potential with constant yet gentle challenges in scientific thinking in class and, more importantly, in the laboratory. Her courses teach the 'goods', as in good science, good citizenship, and good housekeeping."

"You can always tell those students who have taken her classes - they know that you always return pipetemen where you found them, that gram stain is forever, that the Nobel prizes are announced the first Monday in October, that a large part of success is effort, that you can compare and contrast almost anything, that there are such things as ¼ points, that diet coke makes a good transparency cleaner, and that a letter of recommendation from Dr. Shaw is worth its weight in gold."

In retirement her quest to expand her knowledge will continue. She remains interested in advances in genetics and microbiology and is particularly interested in American and European history as it provides context for understanding the development of biology in the 1800s and 1900s. She plans to tour sites where scientists of that era worked. "It will be great fun," she said.

Retirement plans also include extended visits with family, friends, and a host of alumni.

"I look forward to spending time with book and camera in hand in beautiful and peaceful environs such as the red rock formations in the national parks of the American West and in colorful gardens such as Monet's Giverny," she said.

Townsend joined USI in 1998 after teaching for 10 years at Oakland City University. Prior to that, she worked as a Certified Public Accountant and taught high school mathematics.

Townsend's student evaluations have consistently been among the best in the Department of Mathematics, according to **Dr. Kathy Rodgers**, department chair. "That is not surprising to those of us who know her," Rodgers said. "Judy devotes a lot of time to her students and motivates them to work at a higher level than they thought possible."

Rodgers described Townsend as a dedicated, engaging, and

innovative teacher. "She developed a teaching improvement plan that included minimizing arithmetic errors, in spite of the fact that she was doing a very good job. Unless you have ever tried explaining mathematical concepts while writing on the board, performing mental calculations, contemplating the next question you are about to pose, and trying to see if the students are taking notes or writing text messages, you do not fully appreciate that even the brightest person makes arithmetic errors."

"Judy wanted to empower her students to follow her lectures and to recognize any such errors. She purchased some fake gold coins and if her students caught an arithmetic error prior to her correcting it, she would give them a gold coin. The students could redeem the coins on the next test for one-half of a point. Even though the coins were fake, they were valuable to Judy and she wished to keep them, thus helping her focus on making fewer and fewer errors while lecturing, but more importantly she had found a way to engage her students."

Townsend's retirement plans include traveling, reading, and taking walks with her golden retriever. "I have family in California and will visit them often," she said. "I'm also joining a local book club."

"I will help my husband, Bob, in his farming business and plan to get serious about a flower garden. I also have some home remodeling projects planned as I've been inspired by HGTV. My church is in constant need of volunteers to deliver meals and work on other projects so I'll be doing some of that."

She added, "I may be back to substitute for my colleagues and have not ruled out teaching some math classes as an adjunct."

New campus architecture is visionary UBlog written by Les Nunn

As some of you know, I have expressed my concern at times over the "futuristic" look of the new Business and Engineering Center and tower in the quadrangle. I apologize for being a "doubter" of our new architecture style for these buildings.

Yes, they are different, but at the topping off ceremony, it dawned on me just how hypocritical my views really were.

We are preparing students for the future! The world is changing so rapidly now that the future our students face will likely be vastly different from what we see today.

I am probably the most vocal advocate for innovation and change on campus, but, sadly, I had not thought that way in terms of the new University architecture. I teach innovative thinking in the classroom, but I did not do what I taught when I looked at the designs for our two new buildings! I am sorry for that.

I have repented! True, we cannot blindly disregard the "traditional" in education or life, but we must embrace the future. While much of the future can be planned, we cannot be so dogmatic in our attachment to the past that we limit our thinking about future possibilities. I have caught the "vision" of our new architecture style.

Change is difficult to get used to at times, but change (like death and taxes) does come!

Caution: USI entrance construction begins May 11

Construction will begin at the University of Southern Indiana during the morning of Monday, May 11 (or as soon as possible after May 11 depending on weather) to convert the entrance intersection at University Boulevard and Clarke Lane to a roundabout interchange.

Construction of the roundabout will be done in two phases. For Phase One, which will begin on May 11, the east lanes of University Boulevard will be closed, and the west lanes will allow for two-way traffic.

Clarke Lane east of the campus entrance intersection will be closed to the four-way stop sign and parking lot A will be closed. Traffic will be allowed to cross east lanes of University Boulevard at the entrance to the parking lots along the boulevard, beginning with lot B.

East lanes of University Boulevard will be closed to the Art Studio, where the two-lane section of University Boulevard begins. Directional signs will mark the changes at the entrance and along the boulevard.

Steve Woodall, director of Security, said, "It will be important for all drivers to pay attention to the signs. Slow down when coming on campus and be aware of workers and public safety officers in the construction area." He recommended allowing more time for the morning and evening commutes to help with traffic flow at peak hours. The campus speed limit of 15 mph will be enforced.

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff will help with traffic throughout the summer.

Phase Two will begin as soon as Phase One is complete. Details about road changes for the second phase will be posted before the first phase is completed. The project is expected to be completed by August 21, barring weather-related delays.

If you have visitors or events planned on campus for the summer, plan to caution them to the construction-related traffic changes at the entrance and send them to the USI web site for construction updates (www.usi.edu) and the traffic pattern map.

"USI Day at the Colts"

The Greater Indianapolis USI Alumni Chapter invites you to the USI Day at the Colts on Sunday, September 13.

Join us for the Indianapolis Colts 2009 regular season home opener against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Kickoff time is 1 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Group ticket price is \$84 per person for a seat in the red loge level. Deadline to order tickets is June 1.

Call USI Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 to order tickets by phone with a credit card.

Archaeological field school seeks to uncover Harmonist potter

Archaeological excavations will be conducted jointly by the University of Southern Indiana's archaeological field school and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites at three locations in New Harmony, May 12-June 12.

Excavations will be conducted under the direction of **Dr. Michael Strezewski**, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Southern Indiana, and **Bill Wepler**, curator of historical archaeology for the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

Historic New Harmony will include the archaeological digs on their daily tours which begin at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily at the Atheneum/Visitors Center located at 401 N. Arthur Street. Wepler

and Strezewski will provide on-site interpretation when a visitor is taken to either excavation site. Historic New Harmony plans to discuss and show the finding on the tours and in exhibits, in the future. There will also be an open house at one or more of the sites, available to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6

During the field school, students will be digging at the site the former Harmonist kiln at the corner of North and West street. Christoph Weber, the Harmonist potter, lived at this spot from 1815 to 1824 and had his shop and kiln next to his house. Weber made redware pottery (cups, plates, storage jars, pitchers, and colanders) for the entire Harmonist community

None of the structures related to pottery manufacture is still standing. Strezewski conducted a magnetometry survey in the dig site area last summer to see if the locations of the structures could be determined. Based on the results of the survey, he and his students will test some of these spots for potential findings. They are particularly interested in finding the kiln. It will provide useful information on how Harmonist redware was made.

Excavations initiated in 2008 will continue at Community House No. 2 to document any archaeological resources that might be destroyed or disturbed by ongoing renovations to the building. If time allows, fieldwork will begin at the Fauntleroy Home, located at 411 West Street, where students will try to locate and answer questions about the house's 1840s kitchen.

For more information about the archeological dig or to arrange an interview with either on-site director, contact Strezewski at mstrezewsk@usi.edu or 812/464-1931 or Wepler at bwepler@dnr.in.gov or 317/232-8178.

Teacher and student earn top awards

Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, associate professor of health services/administration, and **Jamie L. Johnson**, a summa cum laude graduate, will receive awards at the University of Southern Indiana Commencement ceremony at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 10. Valadares will be named distinguished professor and Johnson will be presented the President's Medal.

A faculty member since 2001, Valadares is program director of the undergraduate program in health services and the Master of Science in Health Administration program. Both programs are in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

His highly interactive teaching style and commitment to advising are well known on campus. He has been a leader in using technology to enhance student learning activities in classes he teaches on campus as well as online.

Since joining USI, Valadares has written or served as co-author of 10 peer review articles and has an additional 10 articles under review or in process. A co-authored book, *Ethics and Health Care in a Pluralistic Society*, will be published in January 2010 by Health Administration Press. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Health Administration Ethics*.

He earned a doctorate in healthcare ethics from St. Louis University in 2003.

The recipient of the Integra Distinguished Professor Award is chosen by colleagues on the USI faculty. As Distinguished Professor, Valadares will receive a grant from Integra Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name next year, and deliver the address at the fall Commencement in December 2009.

Hoops' last Commencement, first address

The University of Southern Indiana Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Roberts Stadium in Evansville. Over 1,500 students are eligible to graduate. President **H. Ray Hoops**, who is retiring at the end of June, will deliver the

Commencement address.

This will be the last Commencement at USI with Dr. Hoops as president, and the first time he will present the address in his 15-year tenure.

Jamie L. Johnson, a summa cum laude graduate and the outgoing student trustee on the USI Board of Trustees, will receive the President's Medal, the highest honor given to a graduating senior for academic work and service to the university. A resident of Newburgh, she will continue her academic work at the Indiana University School of Medicine in the fall.

Dr. Kevin J. Valadares, associate professor of health services/administration, will receive the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award. A faculty member since 2001, Valadares is program director of the undergraduate program in health services and the Master of Science in Health Administration program. As Distinguished Professor, Valadares will receive a grant from Integra Bank, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name next year, and deliver the address at the fall Commencement in December 2009.

Honorary degrees will be presented to **Robert M. "Robbie" Kent Sr.** and **Dr. James W. Murray, Kent**, a member of the first USI Eagles basketball team, was chairman and chief executive officer of Kenny Kent Toyota Lexus and Kenny Kent Chevrolet. Murray retired in 2007 after 33 years as president of Oakland City University.

SGA recognizes Kalvelage, Bradley, Parrent

Each year the Student Government Association recognizes the outstanding dedication of faculty, staff, and administrators of the University of Southern Indiana by presenting the Faculty, Staff, and Administrator of the Year Awards. Recipients of the Faculty, Staff and Administrator of the Year Awards are people who go out of their way to help students, contributing to the positive atmosphere at USI.

The 2008-2009 Faculty, Staff, and Administrator awards went to:

Faculty Member of the Year Award: Barbara Kalvelage, instructor in biology. In presenting the award, Amy Beard, 2008-2009 SGA president, said, "She truly has a passion for biology, and puts effort and enthusiasm into every lecture and laboratory. She has an enormous amount of energy that helps students to stay focused and interested during each class."

Staff Member of the Year Award: Donna Bradley, a member of the Food Services staff who works at Sub Connection. Beard said, "She takes the time to ask each student how his or her day is going and waits for a reply. She does her job efficiently, exuberantly, and with a constant positive outlook."

Administrator of the Year Award: Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs. Beard described Parrent as "the epitome of student support. As the Vice-President for Student Affairs, this recipient does have an obligation to the students, but he goes above and beyond any expectations. He is one of the most visible administrators on campus, and attends as many University events as possible, which is indicative of his passion for the University and the students."

The awards were presented last month at the Student Leadership Awards and Recognition Ceremony hosted by Student Development Programs.

Any student on campus may nominate a faculty member, staff member, or administrator for the awards. Nominees are voted upon by the Student Government Association's General Assembly.

Also during the ceremony, Beard presented the University Key to 2009-2010 SGA president **Bob Wolfley**. The Passing of the

University Key from one SGA president to the next has been a USI tradition since April 25, 1970.

Alumni Association honors four

Four distinguished members of the USI community will be honored at the Alumni Association's Graduation Celebration Reception and Dinner on Saturday, May 9, in the University Center.

The 2009 Alumni Association Award recipients are President **H. Ray Hoops**, Special Recognition Award; **Dr. Ann White**, Faculty Recognition Award; **Stephanie S. Buchanan '97**, Alumni Recognition Award; and **W. Kerry Jackson '84**, Distinguished Alumni Award.

Special Recognition Award

Dr. H. Ray Hoops, president of the University of Southern Indiana, has overseen the dramatic growth in the University's enrollment, facilities, and academic programs. The annual operating budget increased from \$22 million to \$100 million, new or expanded facilities construction totals \$217 million, and student enrollment has grown by 34 percent to 10,126 students. Undergraduate programs are offered in more than 60 areas, along with 10 master's degree programs, and the first program at the doctoral level, the Doctor of Nursing Practice. With the addition of May 2009 graduates, USI alumni number over 27,000.

In addition to his enviable record of progress, Dr. Hoops is committed to educating students for the regional workforce. In 2000 and 2007, he commissioned studies on workforce development trends to assess how USI programs serve regional employers and the regional economy. Task force recommendations implemented include development of the engineering academic programs; leadership in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) related education, continuing development of co-op and internship opportunities; increasing noncredit and workforce training offerings; developing Connect with Southern Indiana, a regional leadership program; and offering alternate delivery of programs through distance education.

Dr. Hoops will conclude his 15-year presidency when he retires in July. He is married to Linda Hoops and they have one daughter, Victoria.

Faculty Recognition Award

Dr. Ann White, assistant dean for Nursing, professor of Nursing, and director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, is a dedicated educator whose caring personality, combined with her expertise as an administrator and teacher, have gained her the enduring respect of her students and colleagues.

Dr. White is responsible for the leadership and management including coordination, implementation, and evaluation of the undergraduate nursing and the graduate nursing programs. She assumed the lead role in the development and implementation of USI's first doctorate program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). The first DNP classes began in fall 2008 continuing the College of Nursing and Health Profession's commitment to quality nursing education and responsiveness to regional and national healthcare needs.

Since joining USI in 1990, Dr. White has been instrumental in developing the excellent reputation of USI's nursing program. A report from the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse showed that 97 percent of USI students completing the exam in 2008 passed on the first attempt. The pass rate was the second highest of the 49 nursing programs in the Indiana and it puts the program in the top 10 percent of programs nationwide.

She has been appointed the 2009-10 interim dean of the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Alumni Service Award

Stephanie Buchanan personifies the Alumni Association's mission to serve and develop a committed body of alumni dedicated to promoting and enhancing the excellence and reputation of the University.

Buchanan, a 1997 business administration and German graduate, has been an active USI Foundation Board member since 2004, serving as chair of the Alumni Annual Fund Campaign, member of Development Office selection committee, and member of the Alumni President's Associates. Providing leadership to obtain funds for athletic scholarships, she has been a Varsity Club board member since 2007 lending assistance with the Steak Fry and Auction committee. She served as president of the USI Alumni Association 2005-06 and Alumni Council member from 2002-08. Additionally she is a past member of the following alumni committees: scholarship, travel, special events, nominating, and executive. She continues to advance USI and assist students as a career mentor and an advocate for higher education.

Buchanan is an account executive for Kentucky Data Link. She and her husband Jason have four children Katherine, Noah, Benjamin, and Alexander.

Distinguished Alumni Award

W. Kerry Jackson has distinguished himself as a corporate executive and active community volunteer. Jackson, a 1984 accounting graduate, is the executive vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of Shoe Carnival, Inc., headquartered in Evansville. When he joined the company in 1988, Shoe Carnival had seven stores located in Indiana and Kentucky. Today, Jackson oversees the operation of a leading retailer of name brand and private label footwear and accessories with over 300 stores in 29 states in the Midwest, South, and Southeast.

Jackson assists the USI College of Business and its students by serving as chair-elect of the USI Board of Advisors (BOA) and member of the USI Accounting Circle to ensure direct effective communication between the business world and the business classroom. He chairs the BOA's Industry/Education Interaction and Membership committee and was the USI Alumni-in-Residence for the college in February 2009.

Jackson and his wife Teran have three children, Tara, Tyler, and Megan.

Class of 2009 graduates, families and guests, and alumni are invited to attend the Graduation Celebration, held the night before Commencement. Dinner is complimentary to 2009 graduates. For others, the cost is \$12.50 per person.

For more information, contact **Nancy Johnson**, director of Alumni & Volunteer Services, at 812/464-1928 or njohnson@usi.edu.

Career and Technical Center students help USI Children's Learning Center

The USI Children's Learning Center will receive new playground equipment thanks to students at the Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center, parents of some of the center's children, and the USI Foundation.

Students in a class taught by **Andy Beadles**, architectural design/CAD and Project Lead the Way instructor at the Career and Technical Center, were asked to create a diagram of the center's playground area. The class came to the center, took measure-

ments for the drawing, and spoke to the staff about plans to improve the play area.

Pam Buschkill, coordinator of the Children's Learning Center, said, "When we saw the drawing, we were amazed by the quality of what they did. Not only did we have our playground sketch, but they researched the equipment we were looking for, made diagrams of the objects, and included a list of what was needed and how it could be assembled. We also received a list comparing the cost of purchasing to building the equipment ourselves."

Buschkill suggested to **Ginger Ramsden**, director of the Center for Education Partnerships and Services, and **Dr. Ed Jones**, vice provost for Outreach and dean of Extended Services, that parents could assemble the equipment as a volunteer project.

The USI Foundation gave the center a grant to cover the cost of the equipment and other playground needs.

"The cooperation between Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center, USI Children's Learning Center parents and the University will result in an enhanced play area for the children," Buschkill said.

The USI Children's Learning Center is located on Clarke Lane. It is the first right off University Boulevard as you enter campus. You will immediately see the playground on your right.

Work will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 9, weather permitting.

For more information, contact Buschkill at 812/464-1869.

Students apply music and movement to curriculum for young children

USI students enrolled in Music and Movement for Young Children taught by Teacher-in-Residence **David Sandrick** were challenged to design and create interdisciplinary learning centers for preschool children focusing on a music or movement activity while also integrating math, science, social studies, language arts, and/or visual arts.

Preschool children from USI's Children's Learning Center participated in the learning centers when they visited the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services in the spring semester.

"Music is a very important part of our daily lives, but is often set aside during the school day," said Sandrick. USI students have been encouraged to find ways to fit music and movement into their curriculum planning.

The preschool children's favorite learning center was the Peanut Butter and Jelly Center. The children listened to a song that explained the steps involved in making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. They then followed those instructions and made their own sandwich; jelly only, due to a peanut allergy.

Dr. Julie Edmister, dean of the college, said, "This kind of engagement enables our students to gain valuable field experiences through collaboration with USI's Children's Learning Center."

Credit for the idea goes to Cassie Wollrab, Children's Learning Center teacher. "Hopefully, it is a partnership that will continue for a long time," she said.

Announcements

Slavkin to participate in Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators

Dr. Michael L. Slavkin, associate professor of education, has been accepted to participate in the Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators (HITE) June 1-5 at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. The event is sponsored by the

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

Student Health Center summer hours

Beginning on May 11, the USI Student Health Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on August 17.

Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion, and Disability Annual Conference

Doug Goepper, ADA coordinator, presented "More than the ADA: An Inventory of U.S. Disability Rights Laws" at the Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion, and Disability Annual Conference held at Ohio State University in April. Goepper gave an overview of federal laws that have had an impact on disability rights in the United States.

Advisors recognized

Two advisors in University Division were recognized at the 2009 National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Annual Awards Program for Academic Advising. **JoEllen Bush** received a NACADA Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit in the Primary Advising category and **Patty Beagle** was awarded a NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit recipient in the Primary Advising category. They will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception at the annual NACADA conference in San Antonio, Texas this fall.

"Shred Day" offered May 13

Piranha Mobile Shredding will provide the University with free shredding on Wednesday, May 13. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. a Piranha truck will be located in the south parking lot at the new Support Services Center on Bluff Lane. You may also drop your documents off at the parking lot before 10 a.m. that day. Feel free to bring documents from home or the office. There is a limit of 100 pounds (approximately equivalent to three banker's boxes of documents) per individual. Phonebooks, magazines, and newspapers cannot be accepted. Documents will not be shredded on site but taken to Piranha's location on West Franklin Street and confidentially shredded. The documents will be pulverized in the shredding process to about the size of a quarter and ultimately will be recycled into another paper product.

USI Day at Churchill Downs

The Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter invites you and your family and friends to join them for the perfect view of the finish line in the company of fellow USI alumni for USI Day at Churchill Downs on Saturday, June 20 in Louisville. Gates open at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$35 adults, \$23 children ages 12 to 5, children ages 4 & under are free. Price includes admission, reserved seating in Millionaires Row-Level 4, lunch buffet, USI souvenir, race program, and tax and gratuity.

A round-trip motor coach from USI will be offered for an additional \$20 per person.

To make reservations, please respond to this email prior to May 4 to receive advance tickets by mail. For further information, call USI Alumni Services at 812/464-1924 or email alumni@usi.edu.

USPS rates and regulation changes

The United States Postal Service will be adjusting postage rates and fees effective May 11, 2009. The average rate increase for all

mail classes is 3.8 percent. The one-ounce letter rate increases to 44 cents while postcards increase to 28 cents. For a complete list of rates and service fees please access USPS Notice 123 at http://pe.usps.com/PriceChange_May2009/PDF/PriceList/PriceList.pdf.

USI discounted rate bulk mailings will be subject to changes. Each bulk mailing address list must have the addresses move updated current to within a 95-day certification period. Distribution Services can provide this list service for your mailing. It is imperative that all address updates be applied to department mail lists.

Beginning in January 2010, fees will be assigned to incorrect addresses not updated. Effective September 8, 2009, self-mailers and booklets will require new tabbing and physical design changes. Publishing Services is working with Distribution Services to bring USI bulk mail media, as well as business reply mail stationery, into compliance.

Recent information from our local USPS Office is that Evansville, due to USPS restructuring, will be losing its mail piece design analyst and mail acceptance standards specialist. This may affect the bulk mail piece proofing and printing schedules in the future.

Contact Distribution Services at Ext.1823 if you are in need of assistance with USPS compliance.