

Kim Schauss receives first Support Staff Award

Kim Schauss, administrative assistant in the Chemistry Department, is the recipient of the first Support Staff Performance Recognition Award. Angela Torres, chair of Staff Council, announced the award at the Support Staff luncheon on August 14. Twelve support staff members were nominated for the award.

Established earlier this 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, recognition in the *University Notes* and on the Staff Council Web site, and a trophy.

Schauss, formerly administrative clerk in the Office of the Registrar, was awarded the Student Government Association's Staff Member of the Year award in 2005 and again in 2007. She joined USI in 2002.

Only full and part-time benefit-eligible support staff are eligible to nominate a support staff member for the award. Staff Council members cannot nominate a staff member or receive the award. Voting takes place April through June.

Also nominated for the award were John Bush, Carolyn Campbell, Kathy Carr, Kristy Dedmond, Christopher Hogue, Terry Martin, Elna Mattingly, Kimberly Reddington, Kim Shelton, Mary Spahn, and Diana Utley.

For more information, go to the Staff Council Web site at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/staff%20council/stafcrecognitionaward.asp.

Many changes this fall in Liberal Arts

The fall 2007 semester begins with many changes in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Department of Art, Music, and Theatre becomes two departments: the Department of Art and the Department of Performing Arts. The Department of Foreign Languages officially becomes the Department of Classical and Modern Languages. And seven out of nine departments have new or new acting chairs:

- **Dr. Julie Evey-Johnson** will serve as acting chair of the Department of Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration. In addition, Evey-Johnson, associate professor of psychology, is assistant dean of the college effective this fall.

- **Joan Kempf deJong** will chair the Department of Art.
- **Elliot Wasserman** will chair the Department of Performing Arts.

- **Dr. Silvia Rode**, a new faculty member and associate professor of German, will chair the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

- **Dr. Ronda Priest** will chair the Department of Sociology.

- **Dr. Betty Hart** will chair the Department of English.

- **Dr. Wayne Rinks** will chair the Department of Communications.

Dr. Tamara Hunt will continue as chair of the History Department and **Dr. Joseph Palladino** will continue as chair of the Psychology Department.

Laura Bordelon '06 helps unearth "super-croc"

[Editor's note: **Laura Bordelon '06** is the daughter of **Dr. Thomas Bordelon**, associate professor of social work, and **Julie Bordelon**, administrative assistant in International Programs and Services. The following article was written by *The Salt Lake Tribune's* Mark Haynes and published in that newspaper on August 4.]

KANAB, UT - You could call Utah's latest dinosaur discovery the big chomp. But you wouldn't dare call it the big chump. This 30-foot-long super-crocodile - packing a snout full of jagged 5-inch teeth - rivaled a T-rex when it cruised prehistoric waterways, snacking on 10-foot sturgeons and devouring large land-dwelling dinosaurs that ventured near the shores for a drink.

"The fish were like a sushi appetizer to tide it over before the steak," said Alan Titus, the paleontologist for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. "It was just as big as *Tyrannosaurus*, but lived in water."

At an announcement here Friday, August 3, Titus said he discovered about a quarter of the creature's upper snout in the fossil-rich area of the Kaiparowits Plateau in Kane County in late June. He said preliminary inspection indicates that not only does the 75.5-million-year-old fossil fragment represent a new species, it also may require a whole new genus to categorize it.

"It is the biggest crocodile fossil ever found in Utah," Titus said. "People have found teeth of crocodiles before so we knew they were out there, but nothing this big. This is a super-duper fossil."

The discovery marks the latest addition to the fossil menagerie unearthed on the monument's Kaiparowits Plateau. It was removed by Titus with the help of two graduate students. Titus and one of the students plan to write a paper on the find and submit it for peer review and publication. Titus said the croc's size is evident from fossilized sockets 1.75 inches in diameter that once sprouted the ferocious teeth, which have long since disappeared. The animal's skull probably reached four feet in length. The teeth's position and the jaw's shape, he added, suggest the croc is something never before identified. It does not fit into the two known genres for prehistoric crocodiles.

Laura Bordelon, a 2006 USI graduate with a bachelor's degree in geology who is now working on a master's degree in biogeology at the University of Southern Illinois, and **Michael Kanell**, a doctoral student in geology at the University of Montana, helped Titus remove the fossil. And it wasn't easy.

"The rock was like concrete and required cutting with a rock saw," Bordelon said. "It probably weighed 250 pounds [once encased in plaster] and took three days to get out."

Said Kanell, who will assist Titus on the paper: "It was 'ginormous'."

Bordelon and Kanell have been cleaning sand from the fragile fossil and stabilizing it with injections of glue at the monument's paleontology lab in Kanab. Eventually, it will be sent to the Utah Museum of Natural History in Salt Lake City for further study.

Titus said the fossil was found in a part of the Kaiparowits that already has yielded new species of horned dinosaurs, plant-eating hadrosaurs and a bizarre birdlike species called a hagrphus. The super-croc, he said, is "another piece of the puzzle we're putting together here."

Millard-Mendez's "large toys" on display

Rob Millard-Mendez, assistant professor of art, was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, a city "with an incredible industrial past," he says. "From an early age, I was enthralled with mechanics, motion, and the wonders born of fertile, no-nonsense Yankee minds."

An exhibition of his work, "Masks and Figures," opens with a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, August 25 at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

"Masks and Figures" is a mixed media installation that combines contemporary woodworking and design. Millard-Mendez's sculptures are "large toys" which make humorous statements about human interactions. Although the work has an interactive, toy-like quality, Millard-Mendez infuses his creations with dark humor.

Before moving to Evansville, Millard-Mendez taught at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. He has exhibited extensively throughout the United States, including shows in Duxbury and Salem, Massachusetts; Goldsboro, North Carolina; Tallahassee, Florida; and Laredo, Texas.

He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and is a member of the College Art Association, International Sculpture Center, New England Sculptor's Association, and American Craft Council.

The reception will be held in conjunction with New Harmony's Summer Art Stroll and is free and open to the public.

The exhibition runs through October 7. New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 812/682-3156 or visit www.nhgallery.com.

President's Task Force report released

The USI 2007 Presidential Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development, appointed by **President H. Ray Hoops** in October 2006, recently released its report examining the University's leadership and responsiveness in regional economic development and recommending academic and training programs that will meet the future workforce and economic development needs of Southwestern Indiana.

The members of the Task Force were **M. Edward Jones**, chair, associate vice president for Academic Affairs; **Michael Aakhaus**, associate dean, College of Liberal Arts; **R. Scott Anderson**, instructor in computer science; **Christy Baker**, associate professor of social work; **Linda L. M. Bennett**, provost and vice president, Academic Affairs; **Nadine Coudret**, dean, college of Nursing and Health Professions; **Katherine Draughon**, director, Institutional Research; **Sue Ellsperman**, director, Center for Applied Research and Economic Development; **Kathy W. Funke**, director, News and Information Services; **Scott Gordon**, dean, Pott College of Science and Engineering; **Joyce Hamon**, associate chair of Teacher Education Department; **Mohammed Khayum**, dean, College of Business; **Annie Krug**, vice president, Advancement; **Charmaine McDowell**, manager, Marketing and Business Development; **Sudesh Mujumdar**, assistant professor of economics; **Phil Parker**, director, Career Services and Placement; **David E. Schultz**, associate professor of engineering; **Sherianne M. Standley**, vice president emerita, Advancement; **Herman Thomas Jr.**, program advisor, Multicultural Center; and **Michelle White**, associate, Institutional Research.

The Task Force used existing and new sources of data, polled employers and regional leaders, and compared its findings with those of governmental agencies that measure economic development and employment patterns. A summary of its findings follows.

USI's economic impact

USI's construction projects, business acquisitions, and spending by students, employees, and visitors boost the regional economy, with direct spending of nearly \$150 million annually and a total employment impact of nearly 2,600 jobs. The total economic impact on business activity is estimated to be just over \$218 million.

USI employees make important contributions to the region through volunteerism. In a survey of employees, in which 324 responded, there were 32,652 volunteer hours reported annually. Calculated at the national volunteer wage of \$18.77 per hour, the annual monetary value of USI volunteer activity is \$612,878.

There is an increasing expectation for USI to be a significant driver of economic and workforce development in the region. The USI Center for Applied Research and Economic Development has responded to more than 80 requests for assistance from business and other agencies since its inception in 2006.

Responsive to needs

USI has made measurable progress in implementing the recommendations of the first Presidential Task Force in 2000, continuing development of co-op and internship opportunities; increasing non-credit and workforce training offerings; developing Connect with Southern Indiana, a regional leadership program; and offering alternate delivery of programs through distance education, which has grown by 180 percent since the first report.

Of the 13 suggested academic programs in the 2000 report, only one has yet to be implemented – physical therapy assistant, currently in the academic plan for future implementation. The Bachelor of Science in Engineering program is exceeding projected enrollments and employer demand is high.

Anticipating future needs

Employers asked for a string of academic programs that closely parallel USI's planned new programs through 2011, including specialties within the baccalaureate engineering program; a four-year major in criminal justice/law enforcement; and more graduate-level studies in sales management, communications, maintenance management, clinical nursing, and other health-related programs.

Healthcare professionals expressed a need for development of a health informatics program and continued graduation of registered nurses. Employers also expressed an interest in undergraduate programs in business economics, a blended business/engineering degree, manufacturing technology, environmental sciences, and degrees in logistics/transportation.

Overall, there is a desire for USI to push STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education; develop an entrepreneurial culture in the region; and continue the strong emphasis on the core curriculum, which emphasizes communication skills, critical thinking, leadership, and collaboration.

Impact of alumni

Graduates report success in the workplace, believe their education at USI has been critical to their career accomplishments, and say they would choose USI again for their undergraduate preparation. Twenty-five percent of alumni surveyed have a graduate degree or are pursuing one. Another 30 percent indicate they plan to enter graduate school.

Recent economic growth literature has given attention to the notion of a Creative Class, consisting of individuals whose occupations place a great demand on their creative abilities. Occupations using computers, mathematics, architecture, engineering, arts, entertainment, sports, and management are found in categories of the

Creative Class. The alumni survey revealed that a significant proportion of USI graduates are joining the ranks of the Creative Class in the region and enhancing the region's high-end growth potential.

A regional effort

Community Advisory Panel members represented communities in Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties in Indiana and southern Illinois and western Kentucky.

The complete report is available on the USI Web site at www.usi.edu/president/2007taskforce/.

Art Center is a dream to be realized

The dream of an on-campus art gallery is closer to reality with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/ Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Art Galleries, to be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 5.

The University community is invited to attend the ceremony on the west side of the Liberal Arts Center, and anyone is welcome to take a turn at the shovel after the initial groundbreaking. Refreshments will be served.

In the event of rain the ceremony will be held on the second floor foyer of the Liberal Arts Center.

Designed by architect **Sarah Schuler** of VPS Architecture, the 5,000 square foot addition to the Liberal Arts Center will be located on the ground level, with a view of Reflection Lake. Schuler is the daughter of **Ken Schuler**, a USI grounds maintenance worker.

Exhibition areas with movable wall partitions will allow the galleries to be utilized as one large display area or a combination of two or three galleries. An entry gallery will serve as an additional display area and as a foyer for opening events.

"It has long been the dream of the art faculty and all of those in the USI community who love the visual arts to have art galleries on our campus," said **Kathryn Waters**, professor of art. "Our art program, excellent though it is, is truly incomplete without permanent campus display spaces to exhibit the work of students, faculty, and visiting artists, and to showcase the University's growing art collection."

The construction of the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries is due in large part by the generous gift of **Kenneth P. McCutchan**. A portion of a \$1.5 million gift of the artist **Stephen S. and Palmina F. Pace** is establishing the galleries.

For more information, contact Special Events at 812/464-1930.

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **James Bridwell Igleheart**, who died August 12. Igleheart, a descendant of one of the founding families of Evansville, served as president and CEO of the International Steel Company for 33 years and was a lifelong advocate for education and social justice. He received an honorary doctorate from USI in 1993. He was recognized for positively influencing the state of higher education in Indiana and for his wisdom and compassion in seeking justice for all citizens. A memorial service was held on August 18 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Evansville. Memorial donations may be made to Evansville Day School, First Presbyterian Church, or the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Brent M. LaGrange**, a USI student majoring in Business Administration from Bedford, Indiana, who died August 11. Services were held August 15 at First Assembly of God, with burial in Green Hill Cemetery.

The University community extends sympathy to **Dr. Robert Parrent**, vice president for student affairs, whose father, **Homer Parrent Jr.**, died on August 21. Services were held Friday, August 24 at J.C. Kirby & Son Funeral Home in Bowling Green, KY.

The University community extends sympathy to **Lee Ann Wambach**, academic programs coordinator and advisor in Extended Services, whose son, **Thomas Walls**, died August 13. A memorial celebration was held August 18 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, with burial at Oak Hill Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Thomas F. Walls Memorial Fund at Old National Bank or to Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

Welcome

Andrea Barnard has accepted a position as program coordinator in International Programs and Services. She holds a Master of Science degree from Indiana State University.

Sherry Bejarano has accepted a position as administrative clerk in the Office of the Registrar. She holds an Associate in Applied Science degree from Ivy Tech where she was formerly employed as an administrative assistant.

Jennifer Blackstone has accepted a position as academic advisor in the University Division. She holds a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Dayton where she was formerly employed as a learner enrichment workshop instructor.

Kathy Jones has accepted a position as program advisor in Student Development. She holds a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Central Arkansas where she was formerly employed as a Business Vocations Initiative coordinator.

Sherry Tynes has accepted a position as information systems associate in Development. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Marshall University. Tynes was formerly employed as a branch manager at Dillard's.

Pamela Wrucke has accepted a position as senior administrative assistant in Human Resources. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Indiana State University. Wrucke was formerly employed at Northern Wells Community School.

Soccer teams welcome new assistants

Both the men's and the women's soccer teams have new assistant coaches this year. **Stuart Riddle** will assist USI Head Coach **Dan Hogan** with the men's soccer program. **Mark Kennedy** has been hired for the women's team and will assist Head Coach **Krissy Engelbrecht**.

Riddle was formerly employed by the University of Evansville, where he served as an assistant coach for the Aces. During his tenure at UE, Riddle was the head coach of the Kalamazoo Kingdom Soccer Club in Kalamazoo, Michigan, during the summer of 2006. His duties included the recruiting of the playing squad as well as coaching and development of players in a full-time environment.

He began his association with club soccer with the Edge Soccer Club in Holland, Michigan, as the promotions and marketing director.

Riddle earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Coastal Carolina University in 2003 and is working toward a master's degree in public service administration from UE.

Professionally, Riddle played in five different countries over a six-year period. He also was the New Zealand Olympic Games Soccer Representative in 1996.

Kennedy is entering his first season as the assistant women's soccer coach for USI. He joins the USI program after seven years of coaching various age levels in club soccer for Evansville United and Evansville Blitz.

Prior to coaching in Evansville, Kennedy was the head girl's soccer coach for Calloway County High School in Murray, Kentucky. During his three seasons there, the team compiled season records for wins, goals, and shut-outs.

As an undergraduate, Kennedy played for Georgetown College, where he was a team co-captain as a freshman and junior. He also coached numerous teams in the Lexington, Kentucky, area during his college career.

FYI

Join the Race for the Cure

USI employees, family, and friends are invited to join the University's Race for the Cure Team. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be held Sunday, September 16, 2007 at Eastland Mall. You may register on campus or online at www.komenevansville.org. The registration deadline is 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, in Room 204 of the Recreation and Fitness Center. Online sign-up will continue until midnight. Registration forms are located at the Recreation and Fitness Center front desk and at the University Center information desk. USI team members will receive an official Komen Race for the Cure T-shirt in addition to a USI team shirt. For more information, call **Jean Kuebler** in the RFC at 812/464-1807.

Do you handle University cash?

[Editor's note: The following cash handling policy is published at the request of the Business Office. If you have an item you would like published in the University Notes, contact **Wendy Knipe Bredhold** at wkbredhold@usi.edu.] 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 **M. Suzanne Devine**, bursar, at 812/464-1842.

Celebrate USI's early years!

Do you remember USI in its early years, from 1965-1984? Reunite with alumni and faculty from that era on Saturday, September 15, the day classes first began in 1965. "Celebrate the Early Years" will include a campus tour and a reception in the Science Center entry (formerly the Redwood Lounge) and McCutchan Gallery area in the Byron C. Wright Administration building. The tour will begin in front of the Wright Administration Building at 5 p.m. The reception to follow from 6 to 8 p.m. will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Register by August 30. For more information, go to www.usi.edu/alumni or contact Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 or alumni@usi.edu. The Early Years committee is **Larry Arp**, **Andrea Gentry '05**, **Nancy Johnson '83 '95**, **Annie Krug**, **Donna Mesker**

'86, Connie Dartt Romain '74, Helen Sands, John Schroder '71 '03, Mary Schroeder, John Schutz '82, Sherrienne Standley, Eric Williams '89, Donita Carson Wolf '83, and Rose Zigenfus '78.

Faculty art exhibition through October 7

The 21st annual "East/West/North/South: A Collaboration" art exhibition runs through October 7 in the Old Gallery at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences. The exhibition showcases the art faculties of USI, University of Evansville, Ivy Tech State College, and Henderson Community College. Representing USI are **Michael Aakhus, Ella Combs-Larmann, Joseph D'Uva, Joan Kempf deJong, Lenny Dowhie, Ann Hanat, Henri Helsloot, Andrea Hoelscher, Julie Rathgeber Hope, Xinran Hu, Janet Lindholm, Robert Millard-Mendez, James Parrent, Nancy Raen-Mendez, Carolyn Roth, Kathryn Waters, and Summer Zickefoose**. The Evansville Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, and closed Monday. For more information go to www.emuseum.org or call 812/425-2406.

Eric Williams '89 welcomes new students

Vanderburgh County Sheriff **Eric Williams '89** welcomed new students to the University as the keynote speaker for the 2007 New Student Convocation, held this morning in the PAC. The Convocation is the official induction of new students into the USI community. Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from USI in 1989 and immediately upon graduation began serving the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office. In addition to being elected Vanderburgh County Sheriff in 2007, he serves as a board member for several community organizations. During his days as a student, Williams was an AMIGO and a student trustee on the USI Board of Trustees. He also was involved in the Student Government Association, the Activities Programming Board, and Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. New students are required to attend the Convocation.

Need help with Word 2007?

Tearing your hair out trying to cope with the changes from Word 2003 to Word 2007? **Julie Brauser**, training consultant, and **Ginger Ramsden**, manager of school, family, and children's programs in Extended Services have developed four one-hour modules to help with some of the differences that seem to give people the most trouble: "What's New with Microsoft Word," "Word 2007 Options and Defaults," "Formatting in Word 2007," and "Mail, Merge, Envelopes, and Labels." The schedule for September sessions is posted on the Extended Services Web pages at www.usi.edu/extserv/training/schedule.asp. Use the registration link to enroll, or call 812/464-1989.

"Relive America's Greatest Hour"

Eric vonFuhrmann, associate professor of English, along with **Mike Whicker '98**, executive director of the USS LST Ship Memorial and author of *Invitation to Valhalla*, will lead a private tour of famous World War II sites in Europe July 24-August 6, 2008. VonFuhrmann expects many World War II veterans to sign up for the tour, which also is open to USI faculty, staff, alumni, and anyone interested in World War II. The tour will include famous sites in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Austria. For the full itinerary, go to www.mikewhicker.com/2007/06/journey-to-valhalla.html. Cost for the trip is \$3,750 per person, double occupancy. A deposit of \$500 must be made by November 1, 2007. For more information, call 812/464-1747.