

Employees lend a hand

The USI Children's Learning Center held the first of two volunteer work days on Saturday, May 9. Parents and volunteers helped assemble playground equipment chosen by the center's teachers and designed by students at the Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center with materials funded by the USI Foundation.

Teacher **Christine Willey** said most of the volunteers were USI employees or students: Willey, **Karen Becker**, and **Alice Murphy-Galbreath**, teachers at the center; **Pam Bushkill**, coordinator of the center; **Barb Goodwin**, administrative assistant in Photography Services; **Samoa Hempfling**, senior library assistant for collection development; **Marcey Vanpell**, a student, and her husband **James**, who has volunteered as project manager (their two-year-old son **Dominic** also was in attendance); and **Dr. Todd Schroer**, associate professor of sociology.

From the community, **Bobby and Ashley Gates**, **Craig Blessinger**, **Patrick** and **Enola Willey** (Christine's parents), and **Nathan Gilliam** (Christine's fiancé) volunteered. "It was so exciting to see everyone come out and donate their time," Willey said. "Everybody just pitched in. I can't wait to get it all up so the kids can actually play on it."

When work is complete, the playground will include a new balance beam, stage with backdrop capability, riser benches, crates for storing outdoor toys, a ribbon board, and a marble maze. The pieces are intended to enhance play and development while challenging gross and fine motor skills.

Another work day will be held to place the newly assembled equipment on the playground. If you would like to volunteer, email usiparents@yahoo.com or twos_room@yahoo.com.

Women on Weights (WOW) starts Monday!

UBlog written by Sandi Davis

A couple of weeks ago, I sent out a campus-wide email about the Fitness Center and programs that we offer during the summer months. Women on Weights (WOW) is one of those programs.

This program will begin Monday, June 1, and run for five weeks. You have a choice of either coming Mondays and Wednesdays after work (4:45 to 5:30 p.m.) or Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch (noon to 12:45 p.m.).

If you get in a bind, the first two days of the week should be the same (Monday/Tuesday) and the second days should also be the same (Wednesdays/Thursdays) – so if you have conflicts with a particular day, we could possibly work around it.

During these five weeks we will talk about all the basics – cardio, strength training, nutrition, and fitness lingo. Each session will have a short "talk" session before you are shown some type of activity. After that, you are welcome to workout with what you are taught that day or over previous weeks – for the remainder of the 45 minutes or longer, if you so desire.

You will be given handouts each week to help you follow along,

a workout log, and a folder to keep all your information in. Please keep in mind this is not a personal training session – you won't get put through a workout each session. We are going to show you the equipment and how to use it and what you need to know in order to put a workout together for yourself.

In order to register for a certain session, all you need to do is contact me by Friday, May 29, and let me know you are interested – and which session you would like to attend. Also – fill out the physical activity readiness questionnaire that I attached to the email I sent out and bring it to the first session you attend. If you did not receive the questionnaire or need one, email me at sgdavis@usi.edu. If you think that you may need a doctor's clearance for this – please get one! We will keep it on file with all your other information.

We will meet in the stretching area (right behind the front desk) for the first week. Depending on how many people have registered, we may need to move our "talk" session somewhere more conducive. Remember: the temporary entrance for the Fitness Center is on the south side of the building...and you need your eagle access card in order to be let in. So please bring it with you or you won't be able to join us!

If you have questions, call Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness at 812/461-5270.

I hope to see you soon!

"Take a Shot" and enter photo contest

Historic Southern Indiana, an outreach program of the University of Southern Indiana, in conjunction with Indiana's Historic Highways, a state scenic byway, is accepting submissions for the "Take a Shot" photography contest through November 1. Photos submitted to the contest will be used to promote southern Indiana as a preferred travel destination by showing great visitor experiences and opportunities.

Indiana's Historic Pathways was designated a state scenic byway in 2004 and is currently under review for national scenic byway designation. The Y-shaped route stretches 250 miles across the southern half of Indiana, along U.S. 50/ U.S. 150 from Vincennes to the town of Shoals. At that point, it forks and continues along U.S. 50 to Lawrenceburg and along U.S. 150 to the Falls of the Ohio. (To view the route, go to www.usi.edu/hsi/resources/IHP.asp).

Photos must be recent and taken in southern Indiana along or near the byway route. Images should convey the beauty, spirit, and character of Indiana's Historic Pathways and the breadth of experiences that visitors and residents can enjoy. If possible, photos should show people experiencing all that Indiana's Historic Pathways has to offer: scenic vistas, outdoor recreation, historical sites, main street scenes, attractions along the byway, and "slice of life" portraits of southern Indiana.

Two \$250 prizes will be awarded: one to an adult, and one to a youth in 6th through 12th grade. Honorable mentions also will be awarded.

The "Take a Shot" contest is open to all U.S. residents. Both amateur and professional photographers of any age are eligible to participate. There is no entry fee. Submissions will become the

property of Indiana's Historic Pathways.

Up to 10 images may be submitted per person. For a complete list of submission guidelines and an entry form, go to www.usi.edu/hsi or call 812/465-7014.

Accreditation continues for USI teacher education programs

The Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services at the University of Southern Indiana has received continuing accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education programs.

An eight-member Board of Examiners team representing NCATE and the Indiana Department of Education's Office of Educator Licensing and Development visited USI in November. As a result of the site visit and documentation provided by the University, the joint Board of Examiners team recommended that accreditation be continued for all teacher certification programs. The Unit Accreditation Board of NCATE accepted the recommendations of the team.

This accreditation decision indicates that USI teacher education programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community.

NCATE granted continuing accreditation at two levels – initial and advanced. USI's undergraduate programs prepare students for their initial license to teach. The college offers undergraduate programs in elementary education, early childhood education, and special education and provides the education courses needed for secondary education. At the graduate (advanced) level, USI offers a Master of Science in Education and an educational leadership program.

USI teacher education programs have been continuously accredited since 1973.

Dr. Julie H. Edmister, dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, said, "Extension of accreditation is a clear affirmation of the high quality of our teacher education programs. Our track record of accreditation establishes that we are committed to preparing candidates with the knowledge and skills they need to serve effectively as teachers and administrators in K-12 schools."

In its report the Board of Examiners identified strengths of USI teacher preparation programs. The strengths include field experiences that give students opportunities to complete collaborative projects, use of information technology, and engagement in service learning. The team also recognized the USI facilities and instructional technology as "state-of-the-art and extensive."

Edmister said, "The accreditation process is a collaborative effort involving support internally across USI colleges, departments, and offices as well as the external support of our community school partners, area teachers, early-childhood agencies, alumni, students, and constituents."

The continuing accreditation is for a term of eight years. The next site visit will be conducted in 2016.

NCATE currently accredits 623 institutions that produce two-thirds of the nation's new teacher graduates each year. Another 99 institutions are candidates or pre-candidates for accreditation.

USI named Radio School of the Year

The University of Southern Indiana was named Radio School of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB) at its 2009 College Radio Competition. USI's WSWI AM 820 "The Edge" beat out 16 member colleges to claim the prize and

took top awards in six of nine categories.

Ben Weber won first place and **Kelly Orsby** second place for Radio Spot Production, **Andrew Bolin** and Orsby won first place for Radio Air Personality, **Monica Wathen** won third place for Radio Newscast, and **Joe Barniak** won second and Orsby third for Radio Copywriting. The station also took first place for Radio Imaging.

IASB is composed of 16 universities including Ball State University, Indiana State University, and DePauw University.

John Morris, instructor of radio/TV and faculty advisor/general manager for WSWI, said, "Obviously we're honored to have been named the IASB School of the Year. It shows the dedication of the students and the entire communications department. These students have gotten some fine training."

He added, "These students are not 'playing radio.' They take it very seriously. They take pride in the work they've done and truly deserve the honor. It reflects on the chair of the department, **J. Wayne Rinks**, all the way up to Dean **David Glassman**."

"They made sure we have the resources and equipment we need to be competitive on the state level. We placed in more categories and nobody had more first place finishes than us. Our students have worked hard across the board."

Weber also recently placed in a national competition, taking third place for Public Service Announcement, Promo or Commercial from the Broadcast Education Association for a PSA he produced for Academic Skills.

Weber is the outgoing production director at WSWI. He graduated May 9 with a bachelor's degree in radio/TV and minors in advertising and sociology. He chalks the station's success up to its dedicated staff. "We had a close knit management team this year," he said. "It was a thriving staff. We pushed each other to do better and it really paid off."

Reading specialist earns Kellogg Institute certification

Lori E. Saxby, reading skills specialist in University Division at the University of Southern Indiana, has received certification as a developmental education specialist from the Kellogg Institute for the Training and Certification of Developmental Educators.

She was one of 45 people selected among qualified applicants to attend a four-week summer residence in 2008 and a supervised practicum at USI following the residency.

In her practicum, she confirmed the course GENS 151: Applied Content Reading helped students transfer their reading strategies to other intensive reading courses.

Her study is compiled in the report called, "Using a Comparative Study to Determine the Efficacy of a College Reading Strategy Course."

With the cooperation of faculty teaching Core Curriculum courses, Saxby surveyed students in Biology 105. The course was selected because of common text and syllabus, so variables could be reduced.

Of the students who placed into and completed GENS 151 successfully (C or better) and either co-enrolled in BIOL 105 or took it the following semester, 62% earned a C or better in BIOL 105. In comparison, of the students who placed into GENS 151 but did not enroll in GENS 151, only 50% were considered to have completed BIOL 105 successfully.

Saxby said, "Up until this time, we assumed the course was helpful. Students have self-reported that they are transferring the strategies learned in GENS 151 to their other courses and it is helping with their academic success. Now we have data to support that assumption."

Saxby said she was fortunate to have **Dr. Hunter R. Boylan** as her supervisor. He has made significant research and scholarly contributions to the field of developmental education and heads the National Center for Developmental Education.

Saxby said there were other benefits to the experience. She said it showed her students who knew she was in the program the importance of life-long learning. She added it was a wonderful professional experience being with people of like interests who were committed to student success in higher education.

2009 Spring Graduate, Honors List

The Graduate and Honors List have been released for the 2009 spring semester at the University of Southern Indiana.

Over 1,500 USI students were eligible to graduate at the spring Commencement ceremony held at Roberts Stadium on May 10. The Graduate List is arranged by city and state and can be viewed on the USI Web page at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/graduationlist/spring09/gls09.asp.

The Honors List has also been released for the 2009 spring semester. **Dr. Linda Bennett**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, reported that over 1,800 students were named to the latest Honors List.

Students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average (on 4.0 system) to be named to the list. Students earning no IN (incomplete) grades for the term and earning letter grades of computable point value (S/U and P/N graded courses do not apply) in 12 or more semester hours with a semester grade point average between 3.5 to 4.0 are named to the list.

Honors List is arranged by state and city. Visit the USI Web page at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/deanslist/spring09/dls09.asp to view the list.

Varsity Club Golf Scramble June 11

The 33rd annual USI Varsity Club Golf Scramble, scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009, is accepting foursomes for morning and afternoon sessions. The scramble, to be played at Cambridge Golf Course, is co-sponsored by Wabash Food Service, PepsiAmericas, and Kenny Kent Toyota Lexus.

Cost is \$125 per person (\$500 per foursome) and includes fees, cart, food, beverages, and awards banquet. Corporate Hole Sponsors are being offered at three levels: Gold Eagle, \$1,000; Silver Eagle, \$700; and Bronze Eagle, \$200.

The morning session tee off is 7:30 a.m. and includes a hot buffet breakfast. The afternoon session tee off at 12:45 p.m. includes lunch.

All proceeds benefit the USI Varsity Club. Last year's scramble raised over \$24,000 to help fund athletic scholarships, and the golf event has raised \$284,000 over the last 11 years.

For additional information or to place your reservation, contact **Mandi Fulton**, mfulton@usi.edu or phone the Varsity Club office at 812/464-1973.

Public lecture on autism in June

Teachers, parents, social workers, medical personnel, and others who interact with individuals with autism and related disorders are welcome to attend a public lecture by autism expert **Kim Davis** on June 9 at the University of Southern Indiana. The free lecture, *Autism Spectrum Disorders: The Changing Landscape*, will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center at USI.

Davis is an education consultant at the Indiana Resource for

Autism in the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community located at Indiana University in Bloomington. She has spent 30 years studying autism and observing people with autism, Asperger's Disease, and autism spectrum disorders.

Her lecture will cover changes in terminology used for diagnosis, growth of treatment methods, public awareness, the need for community involvement, the value of relationships, and learning to listen to those who experience the disability first hand.

She has been involved with education since 1972 and with the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community since 1977. Areas of interest focus on positive behavior supports, teaching strategies, circles of support, and parent information to provide better support on behalf of individuals across the autism spectrum.

She also provides training on movement difference and its impact on individuals with autism, the value of motor activities for all young children, the link between behavior and communication, and community inclusion through leisure activities. Although Davis has experience with all ages, her major emphasis is on early childhood and elementary-age students.

The USI public lecture is made possible through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Davis is a featured speaker for the School Social Work Institute scheduled in New Harmony June 9 to June 12. The institute is sponsored by Extended Services at USI.

Phi Alpha inducts new members

Eighteen students have been inducted into the USI Phi Alpha National Honor Society.

The Phi Alpha National Honor Society is a highly selective honor society for students pursuing a Master of Social Work degree or a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

To become a member of the USI Phi Alpha National Honor Society, students in the Master of Social Work program must have completed 12 hours or more of social work classes and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The following students in the Master of Social Work program have been inducted into the USI Phi Alpha National Honor Society:

Bobbie D. Cuffle, West Terre Haute, IN

Tina M. Gantz, Demotte, IN

Andrea D. Harrawood, Evansville, IN

Susan M. Hunt, Princeton, IN

Kathryn L. Kornblum, Evansville, IN

Gwen A. Shelton, Owensboro, KY

Ann L. Smith, Evansville, IN

Kyla M. Vaught, Evansville, IN

Students in the Bachelor of Social Work program must be in junior or senior standing, completed at least nine hours in social work at USI, and have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The following students in the Bachelor of Social Work program have been inducted into the USI Phi Alpha National Honor Society:

Dana L. Allyn, Mount Vernon, IN

Jennifer Boberg, Bicknell, IN

Shayna L. Chastain, Mount Vernon, IN

Alyssa Fithian, Newburgh, IN
Tina R. Keltner, Evansville, IN
Heather A. Peak, Newburgh, IN
Aaron L. Pryor, Evansville, IN
Amanda R. Reed, Bicknell, IN
Randall S. Shaw, Evansville, IN
Donna Zinn, Evansville, IN

New Harmony in Review

In 2008, **Kent Schuette**, a celebrated architect and associate professor for architecture and historic preservation at Purdue University, invited four artists to be inspired by the history, culture, and visual appeal of New Harmony, Indiana. The artists, **Catherine Schuette Hmurovich**, **John David Mooney**, **Anne Tichenor Schaller**, and **Arthur Schaller**, created a series of artwork about the town's sacred spaces, cultural and architectural history, and social and physical landscape.

That artwork will be on display at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art June 6 through July 12. A reception for "New Harmony in Review" will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and is free and open to the public.

Schuette is one of three emeritus advisors to the National Historic Trust for Historic Preservation, serves on the Lafayette, Indiana, Historic Preservation Commission, and is an architect member of the State of Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. He also served as the architect for the creation of New Harmony's Cathedral Labyrinth and Sacred Garden, commissioned by **Jane B. Owen** in 1995.

Schuette Hmurovich has worked as an art educator at the Farragust Career Academy in Chicago and as a studio coordinator at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. She has exhibited at Gallery 37 in Chicago and at the Harrison Center in Indianapolis among other venues. She currently lives and works in Indianapolis as a stay-at-home mom and an independent designer for Rom & Rem, a children's clothing line.

Mooney, a major environmental sculptor and urban designer, has created sculpture and large-scale environmental installations across the globe, including Wild Rising Moon at the University of Minnesota-Duluth Starsteps, a rooftop sculpture along the Hollywood Freeway and Sunset Blvd in Los Angeles and Stardance, a 48-story light sculpture created for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Tichenor Schaller is a member of the faculty in the Division of Architecture and Art at Norwich University. Previously, she taught in the college of Fine Arts at Ball State University and at the Creative Art Center in Muncie. Her husband Arthur Schaller is the current Dean of Architecture and Art at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. A former professor in architecture at Ball State University, he has worked as an architect and artist in the medium of collage for the past 20 years. The couple lived in Yorktown, Indiana for 24 years prior to moving to Vermont.

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 812/682-3156 or visit www.nhgallery.com.

This exhibition was made possible through the support of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana Arts Commission.

Announcements

2008-2009 fiscal year end information

It's hard to believe, but the end of another fiscal year lies just

around the corner. In order to meet the needs of our departments and vendors, your cooperation is needed so that the 2008-2009 payments may be issued on time before this fiscal year concludes.

To achieve that goal, please review the following:

Purchase orders

Invoices should be sent directly from the vendor to Accounts Payable. If your department receives an invoice, forward it to Accounts Payable as soon as possible.

Accounts Payable is currently notifying vendors of the impending closure of all 2008-2009 purchase orders. Specifically, we will ask them to submit their 2008-2009 invoices to our office by June 16th.

Payment requests

Payment requests should be completed for products or services when purchase orders are not required.

To be considered for payment within this fiscal year, payment requests must be received in the Accounts Payable office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23.

PAYMENT REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM JUNE 24 THROUGH JUNE 30 MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 6 AND WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE NEW FISCAL YEAR (2009-2010).

Many of you have been through this process in previous years. However, most departments experience staff changes during the course of the fiscal year. It is important that we all review the year end process.

Contact **Karen Tuley**, accounts payable coordinator, 812/464-1885 for more information.

Cancer prevention study

The University community is invited to participate in a longitudinal cancer prevention study that will examine factors related to cancer and factors related to not having cancer.

Participants may enroll at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Mt. Vernon, IN on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Senior High School Football field.

Anyone between the ages of 30 and 65 who has never been diagnosed with cancer and will commit to the long-term study may participate.

Enrollment in this study is a two-phase process:

- 1.) At the relay, you will complete a brief survey, provide a waist measurement, and give a small amount of blood.
- 2.) At home, you will complete a more detailed survey regarding your medical history, lifestyle, and behaviors.
- 3.) Surveys related to your health care practices and lifestyle will be sent to your home on a periodic basis.

For more information, please visit www.cancer.org/cps3 or call toll free, 888/604-5888.

Credit union ATMs coming to campus

The Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union (ETFCU) will be returning to campus and supplying two ATMs at the University of Southern Indiana in June.

Customers of ETFCU will be able to access their accounts and withdraw funds at machines located in the lounge (ground level)

connecting the Science Center with the Wright Administration Building or in the foyer of Rice Library.

Michael Whipple, assistant treasurer, said, "Many USI employees are ETFCU customers. Those employees will have convenient access to the ATMs on both sides of campus."

Alumni Picnic

The USI Alumni Association invites you and your family to join us for the Alumni Picnic on Sunday, June 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Physical Activities Center lawn. Families will enjoy children's games, clowns, a magician, petting zoo, and an inflatable obstacle course. The menu will include barbecue chicken, Italian sausages, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, ice cream sundaes, and cookies. Picnic admission is \$6 per person. Children 12 and under are free. To make reservations, please call the Alumni & Volunteer Services office at 812/464-1924.

Volunteers Needed for Freedom Festival

The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) is bringing a whole new energy and excitement level to the 31st annual Evansville Freedom Festival by mixing new heart-pounding, soul-shaking events with old-time traditional favorites. One new attraction this year is Concerts on the Barge to be held on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 featuring Billy Currington, The Bacon Brothers, and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

GAGE is in need of volunteers to assist in making this exciting event run smoothly and efficiently. For your convenience, there is a volunteer signup sheet located on the (O:) drive in the folder titled "Alumni & Volunteer Services". Please save the document after adding your name and contact information.

As a thank you for devoting your time, GAGE will provide the following benefits to volunteers:

Festival T-Shirt: These shirts will help staff, volunteers, and the general public to identify the festival volunteers at each location.

Festival Access: So that volunteers can experience the festival they're helping to create, we give them a free wristband so that they may access the events free of charge.

Credentials: Some key volunteers may be issued special credentials which are nontransferable and must be used by the volunteer to whom they were issued (i.e. liquor license for beer servers).

Unique Volunteer Events: Each volunteer receives a ticket to the volunteer appreciation party, slated for August 8. To keep the energy going, various events and gatherings are held for volunteers throughout the Festival. Volunteers can also enjoy the Volunteer Oasis, an exclusive hospitality venue for volunteers to rest, get a snack, and touch base with the volunteer coordinator.

Contact **Lisa Schaefer** at 812/465-1215 or ljschaefer@usi.edu for additional information.

2010 fiscal year Banner requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 2010 fiscal year will be accepted by Procurement Services after Friday, June 5, 2009. These requisitions must be entered into Banner as fiscal year 2010 using the order date and transaction date of 01-Jul-2009. Requisitions entered not using the date above for the 2010 fiscal year will be deleted. The requisition will need to be re-entered into the correct fiscal year using the proper date.

Procurement Services will begin processing these requisitions in an effort to issue the purchase orders on or as soon after Thursday, July 2, 2009 as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Banner processing of

your requisitions, contact Procurement Services at ext. 1982.

2009 fiscal year requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 09 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services through Friday, June 5, 2009. This deadline is necessary to allow Procurement Services ample time to complete the processing of your Banner requisitions and issue the purchase orders prior to the end of the fiscal year, Tuesday, June 30, 2009. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this deadline, please contact Procurement Services at ext. 1982.

All Banner requisitions entered after Friday, June 5, 2009, must be entered as fiscal year 2010 requests by entering the order date and transaction date as 01-Jul-2009.

The Procurement Services staff is ready and willing to help you with your Banner requisition questions. If necessary, a Procurement Services staff member will visit your department for one-on-one training.

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

Summer hours for the USI Student Health Center are 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.

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.