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The labyrinth: Touch point to New Harmony

More than meets the eye

The labyrinth pictured on the cover of this issue is more than just a good-looking visual attraction on campus. Those involved in the planning of the new quadrangle gave careful thought to its elements. Their choice of a labyrinth reflects the University's common ground with New Harmony, Indiana, the Posey County community that was the site of two nineteenth century utopian communities.

New Harmony has a granite labyrinth, modeled on the world-famous labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. Mark Rozewski, USI vice president for Business Affairs, calls the campus labyrinth a living reference to the University's relationship with New Harmony. USI's Office of Extended Services administers the programs of Historic New Harmony, which work to preserve and promote the special resources there. Through the College of Liberal Arts, USI provides a professional Equity theatre in New Harmony during the summer. The town's legacy of educational reforms, social and economic reforms, scientific advances, and contributions to the arts reinforces the appropriateness of the linkage between the University and New Harmony.

By the way, do you know the difference between a maze and a labyrinth? A maze has false passages and dead ends. A labyrinth offers a single path in and out so there is no confusion about the route to follow. For practical purposes, the USI labyrinth has an exit from the center straight out.

If you have not visited campus recently, make plans to do so now. You are in for a treat!



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A labyrinth walk and a presentation by an expert on labyrinths highlighted opening events for the quadrangle labyrinth in October. Ben Nicholson, a resident of New Harmony, Indiana, and associate professor of architecture at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, discussed labyrinths throughout history. See page 16.

Engineering program gains accreditation

The bachelor's degree program in engineering at the University of Southern Indiana has received accreditation from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), the recognized accreditation body for college and university programs in engineering, applied science, computing, and technology.

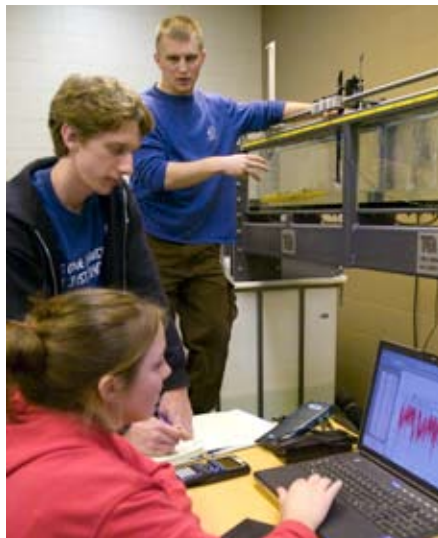
USI President H. Ray Hoops said the accreditation agency recognized the excellent support from the state and the region for the engineering program. He said, "Perhaps no other program has the ability to have greater impact on a region in terms of economic development than engineering. USI expects this program to have a major effect on the region."

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "The presence of an accredited engineer-

ing program is a powerful recruitment tool and an important program for economic development. It is a pivotal program that draws students. Accreditation also is an imprimatur from an external agency that we are doing a good job. It is the work of the faculty, who know the strength of the program and who have worked so hard, that has brought us here."

The engineering program is administered by the Pott College of Science and Engineering at USI. Dr. Scott Gordon is dean of the Pott College. Eric Sprouls, associate professor of engineering, is chair of the Engineering Department.

The accreditation is retroactive from October 1, 2004. The announcement caps a process that began with a self-study in 2005, graduation of the first class of four-year engineering students in May 2006, and a two-day site visit in October 2006.



Accreditation affirms the quality of the USI engineering program.

Trustees approve new doctoral and undergraduate degree programs

A doctoral-level academic program and a new undergraduate degree program received approval at the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees meeting in September. The new degrees, expected to be implemented in 2008, are a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and a Bachelor of Science in Advanced Manufacturing.

The proposed DNP program would serve Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) graduates who are currently practicing as nurse educators, nurse practitioners, or nurse administrators. The DNP is an alternative to research-focused doctorates in nursing and is comparable to practice doctorates in pharmacy and physical therapy.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said the college learned of interest and support for the establishment of a clinical nursing practice doctorate through a survey. The 2007

President's Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development supported the need for clinical nursing and other health-related programs. The doctorate will support the education, social, and economic growth of southern Indiana by providing expert nurse clinicians, educators, and administrators. The program is offered at 45 universities nationally and at Purdue University in Indiana.

The program will be offered through a hybrid approach to course delivery using online learning technology with on-campus intensives.

The DNP program would begin with 20 students and would be available to full-time and part-time students. The proposal will be submitted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for approval and first courses could be implemented in fall 2008.

Students seeking admission to the program must have completed an M.S.N. degree to be eligible to enroll.

The curriculum will build on the current MSN program.

The program in advanced manufacturing evolved from Indiana Commission for Higher Education recommendations. In 2002 the commission endorsed the agreement between Purdue University and USI for delivery of engineering education alternatives in the southern part of the state and recommended the consolidation of existing USI engineering technology offerings into a Bachelor of Science in manufacturing technology.

The program will provide skilled baccalaureate-degreed technologists for the advanced manufacturing industry. It also will support regional business and industry in workforce development and training by providing professional development and certificate-training opportunities. The expected implementation date is spring 2008.

Freshman class is second largest

Enrollment at the University of Southern Indiana for 2007 is 9,939 students. Final figures show that the incoming freshman class with 2,136 students is the second largest freshman class in USI's history and the fourth consecutive class over 2,100 students.



Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, said, "New students coming to USI are well prepared for college work, more diverse, and come from greater distances."

The Class of 2011 includes one national merit finalist, 58 valedictorians, two Lily Endowment Community scholars, and 201 Twenty-First Century scholars.

Minority and international students represent more than seven percent of the students at USI. African American students, USI's largest minority, increased to 4.9 percent of the total student population. The female-male count remains at 60 percent female and 40 percent male. Traditional-age students remain in the majority at 7,696 and adult students increased to 2,243.

Academic quality demonstrated by the standardized test performance of new Presidential Scholars and Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (BMD) scholarship recipients continues to increase. The average SAT score for the Presidential Scholars is 1342 and the average score for the BMD students is 1325.

Transfers from other post secondary institutions to USI increased this fall and new graduate student numbers are up. Students enrolled at USI come from 91 Indiana counties and 35 other states. International enrollment represents 44 foreign countries.

The geographic breakdown of the student population is:
 4,855 students from Vanderburgh and contiguous counties
 1,291 students from area counties
 2,652 students from other Indiana counties
 1,026 students from other states
 115 international students

John Dunn chairs Board of Trustees

Evansville resident John M. Dunn, chairman and CEO of Dunn Hospitality, has been elected chair of the University



Dunn

of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees. He was appointed to the nine-member board in 2006 by Governor Mitch Daniels.

In addition to his work with the USI Board of Trustees, Dunn has been a member of the USI Foundation Board since 1993 and is a life director. He was chair of the USI Foundation Board for two years starting in July 2000. He received an honorary degree from USI in 2004.

Other officers of the USI Board of Trustees for 2007-08 are Jeffrey L. Knight, Evansville, vice chair and chair of the Finance and Audit Committee; W. Harold Calloway, Evansville, vice chair and chair of the Long Range Planning Committee; and Amy W. MacDonell, Indianapolis, secretary.

Knight is executive vice president and chief legal counsel for Old National Bank, and Calloway is an agent with State Farm Insurance. MacDonell is a historic preservationist, community volunteer, and former chair of the Indiana Main Street Council.



ICHE meets on campus

USI President H. Ray Hoops (at podium) welcomes members of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to campus in October.

Be informed.

McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries under construction



The dream of an on-campus art gallery is closer to reality with construction in progress on the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Art Galleries. Turning their shovels to break ground for the addition to the Liberal Arts Center are, from left, Jim Sanders, Doris Halwes, and Sue Huck, representatives of the McCutchan family; Bix Branson, chair elect of the USI Foundation Board of Directors; Jamie Johnson, student trustee; USI President H. Ray Hoops; Harold Calloway, trustee; David Rigdon, art student; Dr. David Glassman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and Sandra and Donald Pace, representatives of the Pace family. The construction is due in large part to the generous gifts of Kenneth P. McCutchan and Stephen S. and Palmina F. Pace.

Alerts on text messages

Students, faculty, and staff may sign up for a new wireless text-messaging service enabling the University to notify them swiftly via mobile phone in case of a campus emergency. The text messaging system is an option to USI's current emergency communication system including notices on the USI Web site (www.usi.edu), telephone and e-mail alerts, and local media notices.

"Text messages can be one of the best ways to notify students about an emergency," said Annie Krug, vice president for Advancement. "We know 96 percent of today's college students have cell phones."

The service is provided free by the University. The wireless service provider's text messaging fees may apply. Student mobile or cell phone numbers will be maintained in a secure database and will not be used for any purpose other than emergency notification.

Play unveiled at New Harmony gets New York attention

A play that received its world premiere at The New Harmony Theatre in 2005 is continuing its journey in New York. A reading of *A Moon to Dance By* by Thom Thomas was held in October at Primary Stages, a company that specializes in producing new works and nurturing contemporary American playwrights.

Actress Jane Alexander, who is in the new HBO series "Tell Me You Love Me," read the role of D.H. Lawrence's widow, Frieda. She is a past chair of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Jerry Wade, longtime NHT supporter and a Posey County native now living in New York, and Evansville residents Edward P. and Mary Anne M. Fox provided major underwriting for the production in New Harmony, Indiana. The New Harmony Theatre is the University of Southern Indiana's professional Equity theatre.

Mentoring program helps students apply for nationally competitive scholarships

Students at the University of Southern Indiana have new resources to assist them in applying for nationally competitive scholarships.

The initiative is under the direction of Dr. Brian Posler, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Our strong USI students are always extremely competitive for national scholarships, and with organized mentoring, we hope to build on our past successes," Posler said.

Eleven faculty members, an administrator, and Posler are available to help students gain a clearer picture of how to navigate the application process for such well-known and lucrative scholarships as Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, and other top national and international scholarships. USI mentors know evaluators look for leadership ability, community service, achievement in academic performance, a potential to perform well, essays, recommendations, and personal statements. And mentors know what scholarships exist according to personal interest and eligibility and can aid in the process to reach another level of excellence.

Such prestigious scholarships offer an opportunity to study at premier graduate schools, provide funding for the education, and carry with them recognition to enhance career opportunities.

The Web site at www.usi.edu/acaffrs/scholarships/ provides information about nationally competitive scholarships and the special mentoring program.

Hart created prompt, courteous, professional security force

Barry Hart will be stepping down, at the end of the 2007 fall semester, as director of Security after 17 years at the University of Southern Indiana.

Hart's favorite day while at USI was the day of the parade from the Evansville regional airport when the men's basketball team came home as finalists from the 1994 national championship game.

"We won the 1995 title, but 1994 is the year I remember because of the enthusiasm of USI fans and the coverage in national publications of our student athletes and coaches," Hart said.

USI Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall, said, "Barry has been and will continue to be a friend to the student athletes and to the Athletics Department. He has been there during the many times of celebrations and a few moments of disappointment.

"Barry's guidance and help was instrumental in USI and Athletics hosting major events on campus such as NCAA Division II Great Lakes Basketball Regionals and the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships."

Regional geology meeting includes visits to New Harmony

The 42nd annual meeting of the North-Central Section of the Geological Society of America will bring more than 500 geologists to Evansville April 23-26. Paul Doss, USI associate professor of geology, will chair the meeting.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. William DiMichele, a paleontologist with the Smithsonian Institution. His research on fossil exposures in the deep coal mines of eastern Illinois generated international press earlier this year.

The Casino Aztar Conference Center is headquarters for the meeting.

Hart is proud of the security force in place at USI. He said the expectation among the USI community is that the force is prompt, courteous, and professional. The department's emphasis on medical response also gets high marks from the retiring director.

"All the security officers are emergency medical technicians (EMT) or have reached levels of certification training," he said. "I know we have had an impact on campus, and we have saved lives."

Hart graduated from the University of Evansville with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and was on the Evansville Police Department for 21 years. He is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy.

He plans to stay in Evansville after retiring and looks forward to sleeping through the night.

He said, "I have slept with one eye open for 38 years. I'm going to stop watching the phone and waiting for it to ring."



Hart

Skoglund chosen for People to People program in Egypt

Dr. Margaret A. Skoglund, associate professor of art, was selected to participate in the recent People to People Ambassador Programs' History Education Delegation to Egypt.

She and other U.S. educators met in Cairo for professional exchange with representatives of the Egyptian education system. The delegation visited schools and historic sites as well as a large complex devoted to teacher education.

Skoglund's participation was made possible by a grant from the Robert and Mary Koch Memorial Faculty Enhancement Fund in the Vanderburgh Community Foundation.



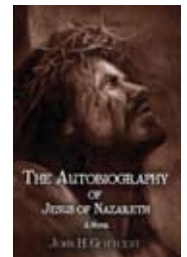
Skoglund

John Gottcent *The Autobiography of Jesus of Nazareth*

Dr. John Gottcent, professor emeritus of English, addresses lingering questions about an 18-year gap in the Gospels in his recently published novel, *The Autobiography of Jesus of Nazareth*.

"There's a famous story about Jesus at age 12 wowing the rabbis in the temple, but we don't hear about him again until age 30. We're missing 18 years," said Gottcent, who taught biblical literature at USI for more than 30 years.

Gottcent was the founding director of the University Core Council. This is his first novel.



Retirements

Darrel E. Bigham

Continuing to work on Lincoln Bicentennial

Dr. Darrel Bigham, professor of history, will see eight years of work on a federal commission begin to bear fruit in spring 2008, his last semester before retirement from USI.



Bigham

In 2000, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, charged by Congress with several mandates, including the creation of Lincoln-oriented stamps, a redesigned penny, and a special rededication program at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

For Bigham, who chairs the commission's education committee, retirement means he will have more time for his commission work. "My responsibilities continue through the end of 2010, so this has been almost a full-time job and I'm glad I'll have more time to work on it," he said. The national kick-off event is in February in Louisville.

Bigham joined the University in 1970. He was instrumental in the formation and serves as director of Historic Southern Indiana, a USI outreach program that promotes the historical, cultural, and natural resources of southern Indiana. "It's a program I feel very strongly about and feel we've made a significant contribution to the region," he said. "We've gotten a great deal of national attention in the past 21 years. It was one of the earliest outreach programs of the institution, and we continue to make a mark."

He has authored, co-authored, or edited 11 books, most recently *On Jordan's Banks: Emancipation and its Aftermath in the Ohio River Valley*

(University Press of Kentucky, 2005).

When his work with the commission ends, he plans to write, travel, and spend more time with his wife Polly at her family home in Woodstock, Vermont.

Larry W. Bohleber

Innovation, creativity in programming

Larry W. Bohleber '72, manager of the Center for Human Resources Development, retires in 2008 after 23 years with the University. His long tenure with USI Extended Services has been marked by innovation.

Bohleber was instrumental in developing USI's Management Diagnostic Center, a national award-winning program that continues to assist businesses in developing supervisory and management talent. He is an expert at organizational assessment, helping to clarify goals and build development plans that go far beyond just "training."

Dr. M. Edward Jones, dean of Extended Services, said, "Larry developed the nucleus of training and assessment programs for business and industry on which much of our outreach programs to area employers was built. His



Bohleber

talents and creativity will be missed."

Bohleber has been the primary liaison between USI colleges and area businesses needing on-site credit courses and specialized degree programs.

Linda Cleek, associate dean of Extended Services, said Bohleber is a creative and engaging facilitator and instructor who frequently calls upon his talents as an amateur magician to add to classroom fun and learning.

Hundreds of noncredit students have enjoyed his courses on management, especially "Adventures in Attitudes." He developed and delivered a well-received and effective customer service program, "Advanced Connections," for USI employees. He has taught courses for the colleges of Business and Liberal Arts, filling a section of introductory sociology nearly every semester. Recently, he has written a column on training issues for *Evansville Business Journal*.

Cleek said, "Larry's dedication to USI and Extended Services has been exemplary. I will miss his sense of humor as well as his ability to make the complex manageable."

Leonard M. Cook

Steady hand through growth

Leonard M. Cook, associate professor of engineering, joined the University of Southern Indiana in 1975 and retires in 2008 after 33 years of service.

"Len is the consummate professional," said Eric Sprouls, chair of the Department of Engineering. "He has willingly taught overloads during the school year and courses in the summer session."

Cook was the coordinator of the mechanical engineering technology (MET) program from the inception of the engineering technology program at USI. Since the development of the undergraduate major in engineering, he has coordinated the mechanical engineering (ME) option. The MET program was the largest in the technology program; the ME option is the largest in the bachelor's program in engineering.

"Len has supervised these programs with a steady hand—making them rigorous and demanding, but graduating excellent and successful technologists and engineers. He has taught two of the

core classes in the programs – strength of materials and fluid mechanics. These are key courses for practicing engineers. His contributions to our programs have been substantial and he will be missed,” Sprouls said.

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



Cook

of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Cook earned a B.S. from Pennsylvania State University and an M.S. from University of Pittsburgh. Before

coming to USI, he was supervisor of technical services at PPG Industries, Inc. in Creighton, Pennsylvania.

Marjorie Labhart 'Wonderful 43 years from start to finish'

Marjorie Labhart was one of only two full-time instructors in 1965 on the day the University of Southern Indiana opened its doors. She taught mathematics for three years, took a couple of years off while her children were young, returned as a part-time instructor for 17 years, and resumed full-time teaching in 1987.

She retires in 2008.

“Every year has been great,” she said. “I leave thinking I’ve had the greatest run in the world. It’s been a wonderful 43 years from start to finish.”

Prior to joining USI, Labhart was a math teacher at Harrison High School in Evansville. When she had the opportunity to teach at the college level, she found it suited her perfectly.

“It is so much fun to see students as young adults grow and change and figure out what college is all about,” she said.

At Commencement in 2005, the University’s 40th year, Labhart presented reflections about the early days of USI. She said, “Would you have liked having classes only between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday? That means no class on Friday—no class before noon. Perfect, you say! Well, that was truly the scenario that first academic year! Of course, it didn’t stay that way long! Student enrollment increased so much that by the second year, the starting time for classes was moved to noon and by the third year, we were offering classes all day long, five days a week.”



Labhart

Labhart has seen USI enrollment grow from 412 students in 1965 to 10,000 students.

In retirement, she looks forward to playing more golf and the flexibility to travel at times of the year not dictated by the school calendar.

Eric vonFuhmann Leaving a legacy through students

Reflecting on his 42-year career at USI, Eric vonFuhmann is proudest of the legacy he leaves through his students.

“My real legacy is not personal achievement, but the good students that I’ve been able to help,” he said. “I’ve watched them flower. I’ve watched them go on to further education and professions. To think I had a small role in this is the most gratifying thing I

have out of my career.”

VonFuhmann opened the world to students through both teaching and international travel. For 20 years, he took students in his Humanities classes to Greece and Italy.

“I took students who had never been on a plane before—who had never been out of the Tri-State or the country,” he said. “It was something to see



vonFuhmann

their faces when they got out of the Tri-State and into a completely foreign culture.”

VonFuhmann was the recipient of two Fulbright Awards and two National Endowment for the Humanities Awards. The Fulbright grants enabled him to create American Studies programs and libraries at the University of Seville and the University of Valencia in Spain. The NEH grants allowed him to attend University of Arizona Institutes on Homer and Greek literature with master scholars of the Western world.

He created many classes in the Humanities at USI, including the Core courses ethnic literature, classical mythology, and world mythology. Along with Dr. Michael Dixon, assistant professor of history, he helped to start a minor in classical studies.

He was recognized for his teaching with the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award in 2004.

In the community, vonFuhmann was a member of the committee that brought the LST 325 to Evansville. He will lead a sold-out tour of World War II sites in Europe in July. He and his wife Katherine support Tales & Scales, New Harmony Theatre, and the historic Alhambra Theatre. They established the USI Matthew Shepard Theatre Award.



The Northwestern Mutual Interview Room is available to employers recruiting on campus and is used for mock interviews that help students polish their interviewing skills.

Updated Career Services space includes Northwestern Mutual Interview Room

Greater interviewing capacity in the newly renovated and relocated Office of Career Services and Placement in the Orr Center includes a room equipped for mock interviews where students can polish their skills in preparation for actual job interviews.

The mock interview room was made possible by a gift to the USI Foundation from the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Evansville Group. Norman B. Miller '77 is director and financial advisor.

The Northwestern Mutual Interview Room is among attractive new spaces available to recruiters and job candidates and provides videotaping capability that allows students to record and review their practice interviews.

Philip L. Parker, director of USI Career Services and Placement, and other professional staff in Career Services often conduct mock interviews to give students practice for actual job interviews. Some employers also volunteer time to conduct mock interviews for students nearing graduation.

Parker said, "Students need to polish their interview skills. They need to be able to tell the story of their accomplishments, skills, and experience to prospective employers."

The gift from Northwestern Mutual also funded new software that allows students to participate in a virtual interview through digital Web cam. The student's responses to interview questions are recorded. Students can then meet with a career advisor to review the recorded interview and receive feedback that will strengthen and enhance the way they present themselves and respond in an actual interview.

With a special code students can access the virtual interview software at their convenience from their personal computers and come into the Office of Career Services at a later time to review the tape with a career advisor.

Miller said, "The Evansville Group of the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network is truly committed to higher education in Evansville and to USI. This gift was a way for us to show our long-term commitment to the University."

Miller said Northwestern has had USI interns since 1973. The company plans to use the new room for interviewing internship candidates and will provide professionals from its staff to conduct mock interviews.

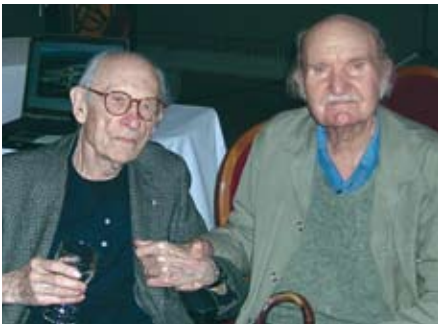


A plaque on the mock interview room recognizes the gift of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Evansville Group. From left are Philip L. Parker, director of USI Career Services and Placement; Dr. Robert W. Parrent, USI vice president for Student Affairs; Norman B. Miller '77, NMFN director and financial advisor; and his son, Joshua E. Miller '02, NMFN college unit director.

Artist Will Barnet provides prints for USI art collection

Noted American artist Will Barnet of New York has presented three pieces of his work for addition to the University's art collection. The lithographs are on display in the McCutchan Exhibition Space in the Wright Administration Building.

Will Barnet and Stephen Pace have



Artists Will Barnet, left, and Stephen Pace have been friends for more than 50 years.

been friends for more than 50 years. Barnet presented the prints to the USI Foundation to honor his friend and fellow artist as ground was broken recently for the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace

Galleries. The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries is an addition to the Liberal Arts Center.

Susan Colaricci Sauls, art collection registrar for the University, said, "Barnet has explored many artistic styles yet executes his work in a manner that is uniquely his own."

His body of work is closely identified with the Indian Space Movement, which is influenced by Native American art and promotes flat design with a balance of organic and geometric shapes.

Barnet received the 2007 Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the College Art Association.

Pace lived in Posey County, Indiana, in his youth and studied art in Evansville. He and his wife Palmina are relocating from New York to the Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community adjacent to the USI campus. The Paces recently provided a \$1.5 million gift to the USI Foundation. The gift includes a number of Pace's works as well as funding to establish the Pace Galleries in the McCutchan Art Center.

The USI art collection is a teaching collection.



Will Barnet
Totem, 1982
Lithograph with
Metallic Silkscreen

Lecture hall, classroom named for Lawrences



A lecture hall and a collaborative classroom in the Health Professions Center have been named to honor the memory of Melissa Faye Lawrence and recognize her husband John M. Lawrence '73, left, of Evansville. Lawrence; his aunt, Carol Dippel Heines, center; and Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, gathered with USI President H. Ray Hoops, other University administrators, faculty, and students for the dedication. John Lawrence established the Melissa Faye Lawrence Endowed Nursing Scholarship, the largest scholarship award in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.



Regional focus groups contribute to report findings

When members of the University of Southern Indiana President's Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development came calling, leaders in Gibson County, Indiana, stepped forward. They not only provided information about their county's priorities and concerns, they also took advantage of the chance to learn about themselves.

USI President H. Ray Hoops appointed the task force to assess University curricular needs, study economic trends, analyze economic impact, and seek community input and awareness. At work since October 2006, the task force released its report in August. The task force findings will serve as a guide in long-range planning as the University continues to educate the regional workforce and work with employers and regional leaders to facilitate economic development.

Connie Wellmeyer '84 is assistant general manager of corporate planning for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana in Princeton, Indiana. She served on the task force's Community Advisory

Panel and participated in the Gibson County focus group, one of nine focus groups conducted throughout the south-western Indiana, southern Illinois, and western Kentucky region. Wellmeyer is a member of the board of the Gibson County Economic Development Corporation (GCEDC).

"It was a good flow of information," Wellmeyer said of the Gibson County focus group meeting. "It was beneficial for me as a member of the Gibson County Economic Development Board and, in terms of my job at Toyota, it helped me understand the needs of the community."

The focus group included other GCEDC board members, representatives of corporations from manufacturing to banking, and participants from Oakland City University and Gibson County schools. George Rehnquist, a Princeton attorney, served on the

committee. He is a member of the board of the Quad County Development Commission, a multi-governmental agency serving Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. He also is a member of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Wellmeyer said a major issue for the Princeton group was the forthcoming development of Interstate-69. The group brainstormed about how to prepare for the economic development the new highway will bring. They expect workforce needs in logistics, supply chain management, and construction management and want students to be educated with the knowledge and skills they will need for these jobs.

Discussion in the Gibson County Group also prompted USI to survey its employees' volunteerism. See Inside the Report (next page).

The first President's Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development was conducted in 1999-2000.



Wellmeyer



Inside the report

USI employees

Making a difference in the community

USI's employees are making important contributions to the region through their volunteerism. As a result of their civic engagement, USI employees make a difference in improving lives, strengthening communities, and creating value within the region.

In a survey of employees, in which 324 (100 support staff, 108 administrative staff, 100 full-time and 45 part-time faculty, and 13 temporary staff) 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 volunteer activity is \$612,878.

With an average of 88 volunteer hours per year, USI employees contribute almost double the average volunteer hours of 44.2 per year in the state of Indiana.

USI's contribution to the creative class

One of the best-read books in popular economic literature in recent years is Richard Florida's *The Rise of the Creative Class*. The bestseller, published in 2003, indicates that creativity has a growing role in the economy. Florida said more and more people are involved in living and working as "creative types" and their lifestyles, work, values, and choices are changing the economy.

Related research indicates that unlike many other inputs into the growth process (such as natural resources) which experience diminishing returns, creativity is associated with increasing returns. An expansion of the creative class in a region can be expected to significantly boost its economic growth.

These occupations are considered to place a greater demand on creative abilities:

- Computer and mathematical occupations
- Architecture and engineering occupations
- Life, physical, and social science occupations
- Education, training, and library occupations
- Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations
- Management occupations
- Business and financial occupations
- Legal occupations
- Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations
- High-end sales and sales management

The USI President's Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development subcommittee on economic impact used data from annual alumni surveys to measure USI's contribution to the creative class, revealing 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.

The charge to the Task Force

University of Southern Indiana President H. Ray Hoops appointed a University Task Force on Economic and Workforce Development to study economic and workforce trends and to assess institutional programs to serve regional employers and the regional economy.

The charge to the task force was:

- Audit existing curriculum, education and training programs, and community engagement activities, and recommend needed changes.
- Study the existing and newly emerging economic and social trends in the regional economy to identify gaps between the existing program offerings and the changing needs of area employers.
- Conduct a study of USI's economic impact on the regional economy.
- Mount a regional effort to generate awareness of these issues and to solicit feedback on the role of the University as an agent for economic development.

More information

Read the report online at www.usi.edu/president/taskforce/. Request a copy of the report or a presentation of the findings to your professional or civic group by calling the USI Office of Advancement at 812/464-1755 or e-mailing akrug@usi.edu.

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Real-world Training

Internships and co-operative programs give students valuable work experience



Students who complete co-op or internship experiences find themselves a step up on the ladder to a successful career. As job candidates, their names often rise to the top.

Internships give students a jump start on their professional careers, said Philip L. Parker, director of Career Services and Placement for the University of Southern Indiana.

“When I meet with seniors who have done internships, I see a significant difference,” he said. “They already have a sense of professionalism. They have begun to build a professional network. They have a confidence about

themselves because they’ve been in the workplace with professionals in their chosen career.”

During the last year, 110 employers hired USI students as interns. Parker points out advantages to employers:

“They get the benefit of having dedicated and ambitious students who, with the right course work behind

them, can make a valuable contribution to the organization.”

Many academic departments at USI require that students reach junior or senior status before completing an internship to assure they have a good foundation of knowledge to apply in their real-world experience.

Another advantage for employers is the opportunity to identify talent they may want to bring on board when a student is ready to graduate.

In recent years, Career Services and Placement has facilitated 250-300 internships a year. Parker wants to double that number.

Depending on the employer, students earn academic credit or get paid experience.

While Parker wants to expand internship opportunities in all fields, he lists increased opportunities for students studying liberal arts—including history, sociology, and English—as a high priority.

“We always have a need for internships for those students,” he said.

Another priority is to increase opportunities for students majoring in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) areas. Nationwide programs are under way to encourage more students to pursue

careers in STEM areas to prepare for the in-demand jobs of coming years.

In summer 2007, 25 engineering students completed internships. Parker said that AK Steel in Rockport, Indiana, has committed to USI being a primary school for recruitment of engineering interns and co-op students. AK Steel employed seven USI engineering students last summer.

Career Services works with many regional employers and also helps students learn about internship opportunities nationwide.

In summer 2007, management major Christina Warren completed an internship at Sargent and Lundy, an engineering firm in Chicago. Bryce Bullock, a finance major, also was in Chicago. He worked for General Electric. Brittany Oeth, a marketing major, worked for University Directories, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Several students worked in Indianapolis, including Lauren Omohundro who completed an internship with the office of Cheri Daniels, Indiana’s first lady. In spring semester, Scott Carr was chosen as Democratic Intern of the Year for his work with the Indiana General Assembly.



Parker



The Web site for Career Services and Placement includes a section where employers can list a position, including internships. Information about work agreements and evaluations also is on the Web site.

"Of course, we encourage employers to call us, especially if they are new to the process," Parker said.

Nationally, a recent survey shows the conversion rate from internship to professional employment at the same company is 47 percent. While the Tri-State rate is not that high, Parker said a significant number of interns do accept positions with their employers.

Jared Simmons, a 2007 engineering graduate, completed a co-op program with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, continued his relationship with the company following the co-op period, and joined Toyota full time upon graduation in May. A business student who converted his internship into full-time employment is Neil Fortwendel '05. He was named one of the top 10 interns nationwide for Northwestern Mutual Financial Group in 2005 and joined the company's Evansville Group, where he interned, upon graduation.

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The Intern

Lauren Omohundro, senior
majoring in communication studies

Hometown

Evansville

Her employer

Office of the First Lady
State of Indiana
Indianapolis

Her internship experience

Lauren Omohundro's base as an intern last summer was the Governor's Residence in Indianapolis, but she was mostly on the go coordinating activities for the First Lady's third annual Heartland Walk for Health and other State Fair activities.

"The walk was very much a success," said Omohundro. "We had 430 participants, almost double what they had a year ago."

The Heartland Walk is an initiative to promote heart healthy lifestyles for all Hoosiers. Omohundro worked with businesses to promote the event and wrote public service announcements, media advisories, and press releases. She also worked with State Fair officials to coordinate Daniels' participation in State Fair contests. The First Lady came away a winner in both the celebrity cow-milking and watermelon-spitting contests and tied for honors in the corn-husking challenge.

Omohundro set up several "Heart to Heart" events on college campuses and attended an event with the First Lady at a hospital in Elkhart, Indiana.

Jill Bureson, chief of staff for the First Lady, said, "Lauren was invaluable this summer providing our office with hard work and dedication. She was not only fun and energetic, but added talent to our team. She was above all professional and a joy to work with."



USI student Lauren Omohundro, right, helped coordinate State Fair participation for Indiana's first lady, Cheri Daniels.

Omohundro called upon knowledge she gained from a USI course in business and professional communication to complete the internship successfully.

"That course taught me how to speak positively and professionally in a business situation," she said, "In my internship I was speaking to people of high status. It helped me to be confident in what I was saying."

Her future

Omohundro will put the finishing touches on her resume and distribute it to potential employers early in spring semester. She will look for a job that uses a combination of skills from her major in communications studies. She is definitely interested in putting her event planning skills to use again because her internship proved that she enjoys it and is good at it.

The Intern

Eric Baehl, junior
majoring in engineering with a
mechanical engineering option

Hometown

Ft. Branch, Indiana

His employer

Product Development Department
Berry Plastics Corporation
Evansville

His internship experience

At Berry Plastics, Baehl was involved in several types of tasks, including 3-D modeling with computer software (updating old part prints and creating new designs for possible future products), calculating costs for production of plastic components and parts for outside companies, and working with engineers in product development. He completed the 600-hour internship during the summer.

The on-the-job experience helped Baehl learn a lot about the 3-D modeling software, SolidWorks. He had hands-on experience in designing several types of cups, containers, and lids and learned what it is like to work with professional engineers on real-world solutions.

Vault.com, a Web resource for employers and job seekers, has placed Northwestern Mutual's internship program on its "Top 10 Internships" list for 12 straight years. The Evansville Group has two USI interns this semester.

Norman B. Miller '77, director and financial advisor, for Northwestern's Evansville Group, was an intern for Northwestern as a USI student and still has the first client he signed up during that experience.



Eric Baehl

"This internship gave me a deeper appreciation for the plastic containers that we see and use every day and take for granted," Baehl said. "I have improved my written and verbal skills through conversing with engineers, and I learned from everyday decisions that were made in the engineering environment."

His future

In summer 2008, Baehl wants to complete another internship that will give him experience with other real-world applications of his engineering knowledge.

Miller values his internship experience. "I was taking classes that I could apply the next day," he said.

Now, as an employer, he likes the odds of converting successful interns into full-time staff members.

"Sixty-eight percent of USI graduates stay in this region. That's important to us. When people are involved in internships, we hope they will go on to become full-time financial advisors for us," he said.

The Intern

Andy Jeffries, senior
majoring in history

Hometown

Ladoga, Indiana

His employer

Board of Directors
Alhambra Theatre
Evansville

His internship experience

Andy Jeffries spent the summer months as an intern researching the history of Evansville's Alhambra Theatre, scanning old newspapers, and interviewing people who patronized the theatre before it closed in 1956. In September, he gave a public presentation on his research in honor of the 94th anniversary of the theatre's grand opening. Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and Betsy Hopkins, president of Alhambra Theatre, Inc., offered remarks before his presentation.

In addition to the presentation, he prepared a paper on the history of the theatre.

Because he lives just two blocks from the theatre, Jeffries was familiar with it and interested in the internship opportunity when he heard about it.

"The most important thing I learned is that you have to be on the lookout for opportunities and ready to go after them—not wait around for things to happen to you," he said.

USI Career Services and Placement provides seamless service for students from the time they walk through the door as freshmen looking for a part-time job through their professional job search as they near graduation.

Each professional member of the department works with a specific college of the University. This allows USI career advisors to develop expertise in certain fields and know the students and employers. Their college assign-



Andy Jeffries

Jeffries called on knowledge and skills developed through classroom experience to complete the study of the Alhambra.

"I felt very prepared to do what was needed because the things you learn in history courses lend themselves to the actual work of doing and writing history," he said.

"You need research skills and the ability to talk to people. You need to carry yourself in a professional manner. There were a lot of phone calls, e-mails, and face-to-face meetings."

As for academic skills, Jeffries emphasized the need to be critical in reading and evaluating the sources.

His future

Based on his summer experience, Jeffries likes the idea of a job in research. He also may consider graduate school or a future in teaching.

ments include Parker, Pott College of Science and Engineering; Janet Johnson, assistant director of Career Services and Placement, College of Business; Pam Doerter, career coordinator, College of Liberal Arts. A job search is in progress to employ a career coordinator for the open position working with the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Parker said, "It's important to get

The Co-op Student

Melissa Kern, senior majoring in business administration with an emphasis in management and minoring in public relations and advertising

Hometown

Huntingburg, Indiana

Her employer

Public Affairs Department
Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana
Princeton, Indiana

Her co-op experience

From a recycling event for third graders to a photo shoot for the cover of *Fortune*, Melissa Kern has put her business administration and public relations knowledge into practice. She is completing the second of three rotations as a co-op student at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana (TMMI).

Her job encompasses event planning, TMMI's student tour program, overview presentations, communications, and philanthropy. She planned Earth Aware Camp, an event with a focus on recycling, for more than 420 Gibson County third-graders, and also was involved in Toyota's project to clean up two community parks in observance of National Public Lands Day. She has had the opportunity to organize photo shoots, one of which resulted in a front cover of *Fortune* magazine (March 19 issue).

some kind of career-related experience before graduation. The hiring market for new graduates is very good, but it's still competitive. Students with these kinds of experience will find themselves at the top of the list."



Melissa Kern

Kern was excited that she was given challenging projects in her co-op experience.

"I rarely am found behind the desk or my computer. A majority of my work is done throughout the community or greeting visitors touring our facility," she said.

"I feel that what I have learned from this experience is a great deal of knowledge that could never be taught in any classroom setting."

She has had a chance to see the Toyota production system up close and gained experience in problem solving, effective communication, planning philanthropic activities, and developing business relationships.

Her future

Kern's career goal is to land a position in either business or public relations with a Fortune 500 Company. She also may decide to further her education by earning an M.B.A. degree.

For information about sponsoring an internship

Career Services and Placement
812/464-1865
Room 074, Orr Center
www.usi.edu/careersv/index.ASP

Introducing the labyrinth

A 56-foot-wide brick-paved labyrinth in front of the Liberal Arts Center and a new fountain (see back cover) are striking additions to the campus quadrangle.

The USI labyrinth is modeled after the granite Cathedral Labyrinth on North Street in New Harmony, Indiana, and symbolizes USI's stewardship of Historic New Harmony, an outreach program of the University and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. The labyrinth in New Harmony, built in 1998, is a replica of the world-famous labyrinth in the gothic cathedral at Chartres, France.

Robert Ferré of St. Louis-based Labyrinth Enterprises designed the USI labyrinth and consulted on New Harmony's. He said that while New Harmony's granite labyrinth is probably the most beautiful in North America, USI's labyrinth is the largest brick-paved labyrinth ever built in the Chartres design.

USI's labyrinth also is notable for its beautiful setting, circled by a wide sidewalk and brick and limestone wall, and facing Rice Library over the quadrangle.

"It really is spectacular," Ferré said, "And one of the nicest settings of any we've done."

The design of USI's labyrinth is nontraditional but functional for large groups. "Normally, a labyrinth has no choices or intersections. You walk to the center and back the way you came. For the sake of practicality, the USI labyrinth has an exit from the center straight out," Ferré said.

Other colleges in the United States feature labyrinths. Ferré has designed them for the University of Redlands, California; Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana; and Ursuline College near Cleveland, Ohio.

The labyrinth and fountain are features of a quadrangle development between the University Center, Rice Library, Technology Center, new Business and Engineering Center, and Liberal Arts Center. The quadrangle design team included Campus Studio of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Hafer Associates of Evansville. Campus Studio created the current USI master plan. The landscaping project is the final piece of the Rice Library building project. The new Rice Library opened in 2006.







Putting a new spin on mentoring

Both academic and athletic, an after-school program at USI teaches middle schoolers skills for life

Students at Glenwood Middle School in Evansville had an opportunity during the fall to reach new heights both educationally and athletically.

Nancy Aguinaga, assistant professor of education, and Keely Porter, head coach for women's tennis and instructor in physical education, developed a program they called "Raising Achievement Through On-court Mentoring."

The program brought 15 students from Glenwood Middle School in Evansville to the University of Southern Indiana two days a week for nine weeks for academic mentoring and tennis lessons.

USI students who are members of the Student Council for Exceptional Children, a group which has begun the process of becoming a registered student organization, provided mentoring during the first hour Glenwood students were on campus. Aguinaga is faculty advisor for the organization. The mentoring program was inclusive, designed to help students with and without exceptionalities.

Aguinaga said, "Our goal is to provide students with a quality-of-life experience. It's about having positive role models in their lives and developing relationships."

The mentoring included help with homework, but Aguinaga also advised

her students to tune in to whatever was going on in the lives of the middle school students. If Glenwood students mentioned that a test was coming up, USI mentors might advise them on test-preparation strategies. Using laptop computers, the mentors also helped the Glenwood students develop and present PowerPoint presentations about themselves. Two Glenwood sisters based a project on their interest in Double Dutch jump rope.

Following academic mentoring, the middle schoolers hit the courts with the women's tennis players.

Most Glenwood students had little or no experience with tennis when they began the program. Porter and her players concentrated on introductory-level skills and scoring. The Glenwood students progressed to playing singles matches and then doubles.

About their tennis skills Reilly Ackerman, captain of the tennis team, said, "They're definitely catching on."

Porter said the mentoring bond happened quickly and strongly between the tennis team and the middle school students.

"Some of my tennis players come just on Monday or just on Thursday," she said. "A few of the Glenwood students have a favorite instructor or two. If their favorite is there, they light up."

Ackerman affirmed the bond.

"I'm attached to the kids," she said, "It will be sad when they don't come anymore."

Besides picking up academic pointers and skills in tennis, the Glenwood students learned what life is like on a college campus. Ackerman is a finance major from Mt. Carmel, Illinois. She said one Glenwood student was surprised to learn that she lived on campus with a roommate and not with her mother.

The mentoring program culminated in late October with a tennis tournament and a dinner. Glenwood students who participated in at least 80 percent of the sessions during the nine weeks received a Head titanium racket, a pair of tennis shoes, and a can of balls. Throughout the program, the middle schoolers received USI logo hats, t-shirts, and other prizes for sportsmanship or attitude.

Sheila Huff, principal at Glenwood, had more than one reason to want her students involved in the after-school program.

"For one thing, it gives kids exposure to a lifetime sport that they can do from now on," she said. "It's also a chance for our students to be on a college campus and understand the degree of commitment that is necessary to be successful. It lets them know that if they stay committed to the program, they get numerous benefits."



Huff is in her nineteenth year as an adjunct instructor at USI. She teaches a course in personal health science during the academic year and a graduate course in education during the summer.

Glenwood is a feeder school for Evansville's Bosse High School. The leaders of the USI mentoring program arranged an opportunity for the Glenwood students to visit Bosse to meet the tennis coach and watch a match.

Will any of these Glenwood students someday play on the Bosse tennis team? Whether or not that comes to pass, the students have knowledge of a sport they can play most of their lives as long as they have a racket and one other person available.

Will some of the Glenwood students one day be USI students?

"For many who never thought of going to college, that seed has been planted," Huff said.

Aguinaga and Porter received a grant from the Bower-Suhrheinrich Faculty Enhancement Fund to support the mentoring program. They hope to help improve tennis courts near Glenwood Middle School so the students who have participated in the after-school program can continue to develop their athletic skills.

In learning, one size does not fit all

Dr. Nancy Aguinaga, assistant professor of education, is committed not only to incorporating Universal Design for Learning into her teaching but to teaching it to her students so they, too, can reach all learners.

The concept of Universal Design for Learning has three aspects.

The first is multiple means of representation, giving learners a variety of ways to acquire knowledge. The second is multiple means of engagement, tapping into students' interests and increasing motivation. The third is multiple means of expression, providing a choice of ways for students to demonstrate what they know.

"All of us learn differently," Aguinaga said. "It really is all about the individual. People are attracted to different formats. It's clear when they submit their assignments. Some students may be comfortable writing a paper; others may want to develop a PowerPoint presentation."

Aguinaga attended an institute last summer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education on the concept of Universal Design for Learning.

She explained, "It is like thinking about people with differences before you build a building. You need a ramp and an elevator to give everyone access.

"From an education aspect, you want to design courses so everybody can benefit."

In today's educational environment, knowing how to use technology to its fullest advantage helps teachers reach different types of learners.

Aguinaga uses blogs, discussion forums, audio, video, and closed captioning in her teaching. She directs her students to research-based Web resources they can use when they become teachers.

Aguinaga recently made two presentations in Minneapolis at "Closing the Gap," an assistive technology conference. One was on Universal Design for Learning and the other on using assistive technology in the classroom to help students with autism.



Aguinaga

Above: (Left) USI women's tennis player Mary Johnson works with Glenwood's Kalia Level. (Center) Audra Lindenschmidt, a senior in elementary education, tutors Dana Porter, a sixth-grade student from Glenwood. (Right) Keely Porter, head coach for women's tennis, advises Glenwood students on their racket hold.

Women's soccer players travel to birthplace of their sport

by Dan McDonnell, USI Sports Information

College isn't just about the learning experience students get in the classroom. It's also about the life experiences they gain.

The women's soccer team traveled to England in August and played soccer in the sport's birthplace. The players will remember not only the 10-day trip but the dedication it took to get there.

"It took a lot of hard work," USI Head Coach Krissy Engelbrecht said. "The players were training for soccer, going to classes, and on top of that, fund raising. But it got them out in the community, and I think they enjoyed that."

The team returned from the European trip with a 2-1 record and a lifetime of memories.

"It was the most amazing thing," senior Katie Barisano said. "The sight-seeing stuff was great, but to play soccer there was something that you can't really explain."

The team saw London via the London Eye, the world's tallest observation wheel. They also visited Buckingham



Women's soccer players (front row, from left) Jessica Snyder and Jessica Stawick and (back row, from left) Meagan Homolla, Katie Grossman, Allison Conquest, Katie Teagarden, Kara Georgeff, and Victoria Fralick take in the sights at the London Eye. Passengers in the London Eye's capsules can see almost 25 miles in all directions.

Palace, Big Ben, and of course, the David Beckham Academy.

"I have to say, that was my favorite part," senior Katie Grossman said of the soccer academy. "I didn't think it was going to be that big. But his coach (Ed Harris who coached Beckham on the English National Team as well as Manchester United) showed up and taught us a few things.

"I liked the stories he had of David Beckham and a bunch of the players."

The USI women athletes would not have heard those stories had it not been for an idea they had four years ago.

"As freshmen we talked about going somewhere as seniors," Barisano said. "We never really thought that it would happen though."

Last year, she and some of her teammates revisited the thought of making a big trip and came up with the idea of England.

"We wanted to do something big because we heard that the team had gone to Hawaii in the past," Grossman said.

They presented their off-the-cuff idea to the coach.

"Coach Engelbrecht said, 'Hey, if you really want to go, you can do it by fund raising,'" Barisano remembered.

Engelbrecht laid out stringent goals for the players.

"Each player had to raise \$2,000 as part of the Walk for Women's Athletics," Engelbrecht said. "They also had to pass fitness tests."

Financially, the team set monthly goals to measure their progress.

"That definitely helped," Grossman said. "We pushed each other to stay on goal."

Candle sales and car washes helped the team earn money. The players had to balance the fund-raising task with soccer and school.

"We did a lot of things that took up quite a bit of time along with school and soccer," senior Keri Land said.



Women's soccer players, from left, Katie Barisano, Julie Vaughan, Victoria Fralick, and Ashleigh Lemp gather in front of Buckingham Palace.

Though the goals were high, the team reached them and had the summer to deal with the paperwork and passports. One player received her passport just two days before departure.

Getting everything in line during the summer was essential so the team could concentrate on soccer during pre-season camp.

Land had a positive memory of pre-season.

"I think this year was probably the best pre-season we've had since I've been here," she said. "Everyone was focused and driven. We knew that we had to get a lot done in a short amount of time before we left."

Varsity Club member Jack Burgdorf is USI Volunteer of the Decade

In honor of Volunteer USI's 10th anniversary, the Volunteer USI Advisory Council and the Office of Volunteer and Alumni Services named Jack Burgdorf the Volunteer of the Decade at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner in September.

Burgdorf was nominated for the award by Rick Herdes, men's basketball coach, and Sandy Hatfield, former Varsity Club secretary.

Hatfield said, "Any time I needed help, Jack was only a phone call away and always available to do any job that needed to be done. He is mechanically gifted, and happy to step in and volunteer on a project."

Burgdorf almost single-handedly installed new bleachers at the USI baseball field and crafted wooden tee boxes and tees for the Varsity Club Golf Scramble. He chairs the committee that maintains and acquires sponsor signs for

the golf scramble, oversees the placement of the signs on the course, and removes them at the end of the day. He also organizes the putting contest.

He helped build the Varsity Club's West Side Nut Club Fall Festival food booth; transports it to and from West Franklin Street each year; and volunteers as a "day chairman," grilling steaks and chops during the festival. His total reported volunteer hours since 1996 are 1,169.

Herdes said, "In addition to attending most basketball games both home and away, Jack and his wife Bert are frequently at the PAC for volleyball games. They will be at baseball and softball enjoying the games or helping out in the concession stands when asked. Cross country and tennis teams have also been the beneficiary of Jack's aid and talents. The Burgdorfs are great fans of all our student athletes."



USI President H. Ray Hoops, center, congratulates Jack Burgdorf and his wife Bert.

The Burgdorfs also support intramural sports.

Also honored at the ceremony were Larry and Barbara Shelton, the 2007 Volunteers of the Year, who contributed a combined 1,700 volunteer hours to Athletics. USI Habitat for Humanity was recognized as the 2007 Student (Organization) Volunteer of the Year.

Cross country teams go to national meet Jellema, Hillyard earn top GLVC honors



Jellema

The men's cross country team captured a league-record 15th conference title at the GLVC Championships. Both men's and women's cross country teams advanced to the National Championships after the men's team placed third and the women's team fourth at the regional.

USI men's senior Paul Jellema was second at the regional as an individual while women's sophomore Mary Ballinger placed third.

The men's team was ranked seventh nationally at press time. Jellema (Dyer, Indiana) earned GLVC Runner of the Year honors after capturing the individual title at the GLVC Championships with an 8k time of 24 minutes, 48.90 seconds. He becomes the fourth men's runner in school history and the first since Joey Byrne in 2002 to win the individual GLVC championship. Joining Jellema on the All-GLVC team were junior Tim Sirbek (Hammond, Indiana) and senior Tristan Mannix (Crothersville, Indiana).

USI Head Coach Mike Hillyard was named the GLVC Coach of the Year after directing the Screaming Eagles to their third straight conference championship and fourth in the last five years.

Athletes in community action



USI athletes give back to the community

Visit www.usi.edu/sports to see student athletes in service activities throughout the Evansville area.

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Alumni Calendar 2008 of Events

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| January 8 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| January 12 | Varsity Club and Alumni Chili Supper
5:30 p.m., USI Physical Activities Center 200 |
| January 17 | Indianapolis Alumni Gathering at Comedy Sportz
7:30 p.m. |
| January 19 | Louisville Alumni Gathering at Molly Malone's Irish Pub
8 p.m., following USI at Bellarmine University basketball games |
| February 8 | Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
6 p.m., Carter Hall |
| February 9 | Homecoming 2008: Week of the Beak
Tailgate Tent, Noon to 3 p.m.
Alumni Party, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
AMIGO Reunion, 7 p.m. |
| March 11 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| April 19 | USI Day at the Zoo, Mesker Park Zoo |
| April 24 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Gathering, 7 p.m.,
Union Jack Pub-Broad Ripple |
| May 10 | USI Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Followed by Class of 2008 Graduation Celebration
Reception and Dinner; USI University Center |
| May 11 | USI Spring Commencement
3 p.m., Roberts Stadium |
| June 8 | Alumni Picnic
4 p.m., University Center Mall |

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

1970s

Frank F. McDonald II '73, marketing, has assumed a new role as director of governmental affairs and business development at Environmental Management Corporation in Evansville.

Greta R. Mounts '73, accounting, has taken the position of controller at HR Solutions in Evansville.

Marion L. Shuler '74, business, has retired after 32 years with GE Plastics (now Saudi Basic Industries Corporation – SABIC) in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Corliss E. Chastain '78, art, will go to Tokyo as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. She is an art teacher at Maranacook High School in Readfield, Maine. A panel of educators selected Chastain for the honor from a national pool of more than 1,700 applicants. The program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the United States to travel to Japan for three weeks to promote intercultural understanding.

Betty Madden Peppiatt '79, elementary education, has joined ERA First Advantage as a sales associate in Newburgh, Indiana.

1980s

Phyllis L. Truitt '81, business, was honored with the National Association of Credit Management Strength in Numbers Recognition Award. She is the director of credit at Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

Joe A. Hargis '82, communications, is the associate vice president for External Relations at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Moulton "Mo" Cato '85, communications, has taken the position of assistant soccer coach for Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Cato is a former member and assistant coach of the USI men's soccer team.

John P. Devine '85, biology, was promoted to general manager at BASi Evansville, Inc., in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Looking back at the Early Years



Retired business professors Larry Arp and Harlan Van Over enjoy photos in a USI yearbook with Kelly Wilkinson '81 at the Celebrate the Early Years reception for faculty and alumni from the 1965 to 1984 era. The campus tour and reception were held in September.

More photos from the Celebrate the Early Years Reception
www.usi.edu/newsinfo/photos/EarlyYearsCelebration2007/

Courtney D. Watt '85, sociology, is the author of *The Journey That Led Me to Jesus Christ*, an autobiography. The book is published by Xlibris. Watt lives in Mesa, Arizona.

Tony Aylsworth '87, political science, was promoted to senior vice president, corporate compliance director at Old National Bank in Evansville.

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Mark A. Isaac '87, accounting, has assumed the position of senior vice president of business development at United Bank in Evansville.

Kathy Sitzman Scheller '87, business administration/marketing, was named executive director of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Evansville.

Basem A.K. Dugheish '88, computer information systems, is a business development executive at Algozaibi Services Company, LTD in Dammam, Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia.

1990s

Glenn T. Kingsbury '90, business administration, has joined United Bank as assistant vice president for business development in Evansville.

Dean A. Happe '91, accounting, was promoted to vice president and general manager at CMC of Evansville.

Cathleen Howard Morrow '91, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher at South Terrace Elementary in Wadesville, Indiana.

Lara Sears Beck '92, communications, was appointed executive director at VistaCare in Evansville.

Diana Combs Daeger '92, communications, is a program assistant with Twenty-first Century Scholars in North Vernon, Indiana.

F. Denise Atkins '93, business administration, was promoted to vice president, deposit services manager, at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Tess Libbert Fleming '93, business administration, was promoted to senior account manager at The ARS Group in Evansville.

Gayla R. Killough '93, biology, has taken the position of community development specialist with the City of Evansville.

Cynthia A. Moore '93, communications, '07, Master of Health Administration, was named chair of the medical assisting program at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

Eric Snow named admission director at Holiday World

Eric Snow '03, advertising/public relations, a former Holiday World and Splashin' Safari employee who was most recently corporate sponsorship manager at the Indianapolis Zoo, has been named director of admissions at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus, Indiana.

Snow oversees the hiring, training, and daily operations of a 45-member crew responsible for front-gate ticket sales, season-pass processing, guest relations, lost and found, and the park's kennel, the Holidog Inn.

Snow returns to Holiday World, where he spent six seasons as a ride operator and marketing intern.

Scott Wright named president of newspaper company

Scott A. Wright '86, communications, has been named president and chief operating officer for the Journal Register Company based in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

Wright manages the day-to-day operations of the company's six clusters and participates in planning and developing resources to achieve short- and longer-term goals and objectives. Previously, he was senior vice president for the company's Michigan cluster.

Prior to joining the Journal Register Company in 2006, Wright was president and publisher at Suburban Community Newspapers in Memphis, Tennessee. He also has been associated with newspapers in Plano, Texas; Pontiac, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri; Campbell Hall, New York; and Joplin, Missouri.

J. Susie Hoffmann Traylor '93, English, was promoted to director of human resources at CMC in Evansville.

Scott A. Blubaum '94, mathematics, is a mathematics teacher for Sarasota County Schools in Sarasota, Florida.

Chelsea Vowels Brown '94, elementary education, has taken the position of realtor associate with Realty Group in Evansville.

Rachel L. Rawlinson '94, communications, is the executive director of marketing and communications at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

Sharon B. Shumate '94, communications, has joined the Columbus Republic newspaper as advertising director in Columbus, Indiana.

Thomas C. Burkhardt '95, communications, is the branch manager at C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Evansville.

Barbara Gibson Goodyear '95, mathematics, was promoted to financial services manager at Mid-Hudson Regional Information Center – Ulster Boards of Cooperative Educational Services in New Paltz, New York.

Kelley J. Greer '95, nursing, has joined The Realty Group as a realtor associate in Evansville.

Brenda K. Rehl '95, business, has taken the position of account manager at Saint Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Kevin S. Axsom '96, communications, has assumed the position of sales associate for F.C. Tucker Emge Realty in Evansville.

Julie M. Bellamy '96, Master of Social Work, has joined aha! Architects of Human Awareness as a partner and psychotherapist in Evansville.

Linda Mullis Bueltel '96, accounting, has accepted the position of shared services controller with Office Furniture Group in Jasper, Indiana.

Elizabeth A. Jackson '96, Master of Business Administration, has joined the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center, Inc., as vice president in human resources in Evansville.

Knute A. Lentz '96, accounting, is the chief executive officer of Brybelly Holdings, Inc., in Indianapolis.

Amy Huebschman Lutzel '96, communications/German, is a paralegal with the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office in Evansville.

Matthew W. Potter '96, English, has joined Strouse Wealth Advisors as an associate wealth adviser in Evansville.

Matthew D. Deckard '97, social science teaching, is the principal at West Elementary School in Mount Juliet, Tennessee.

Jay H. Donosky '97, biology, is an associate study manager with W.L. Gore & Associates in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Misty Kiger Duncan '97, mathematics, was promoted to director of guidance at Bartow High School in Bartow, Florida.

Gary J. Marksberry '98, political science, has recently opened a law office, G. Jayson Marksberry, Attorney at Law, in Danville, Indiana.

Brian D. Mullen '98, chemistry, is a senior scientist at Segetis, Inc., in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Stephanie Stewart Polen '98, business administration/French, '05, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to director of marketing at Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

James K. Reese '98, elementary education, is the director of student financial services at Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana.

Amanda Young Wagner '98, psychology, is a mental health professional at Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services in Atlanta, Georgia.

Michael L. Whicker '98, English, was selected to fill a seat on the Vanderburgh County Commission but resigned soon after for health reasons. He is a former plumber and Air Force veteran who became a published author and English teacher at Reitz High School. Whicker is associated with the World War II ship LST 325 in Evansville.

Lisa Gish recognized as Distinguished Nursing Alumna

Lisa Gish '00 B.S.N. '04 M.H.A. is the 2007 recipient of the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award presented by the USI Nursing Alumni Society. She is executive director of the nonprofit association Tri-State Business Group on Health, a coalition of employers concerned with health-care costs and quality.



Dr. Ann H. White, left, assistant dean of nursing, and Dr. Nadine A. Coudret, right, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, congratulate Lisa Gish.

Gale Hoehn, USI instructor in nursing, said, "Lisa not only believes in adequate health care for all but has made it her life's mission. She is a person who usually stays under the 'radar' but gets work done efficiently and effectively."

Gish was recognized with the award for her work in the establishment of the Tri-State Case Manager's Network. Prior to joining TSBGH in

1998, Gish was manager of quality, utilization, and case management for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Evansville.

The award was presented in October at the annual meeting of the USI Nursing Alumni Society. Keynote speaker for the event was Elizabeth "Betty" J. Brown '92 M.B.A. '04, vice president of quality and performance improvement for TriHealth in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brown also was Alumna-in-Residence for the day, making a presentation to faculty and students on the topic, "It's Apparent. Health Care is Transparent."

Brown joined TriHealth in July. She was previously vice president of strategic physician integration at St. Mary's Health System in Evansville. Brown was the 2005 recipient of the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award.

Bordelon participates in fossil recovery



Laura Bordelon '06, geology, was involved in the recovery of a fossil from a 30-foot-long super-crocodile during the summer while she was a field worker at Grand Staircase National Monument in Utah. From left are Bordelon; Dr. Alan Titus, paleontologist; and Michael Knell of Montana State University. Bordelon is a graduate student in geobiology at Southern Illinois University.

Photo courtesy Southern Utah News/Dixie Brunner.

Debra Thompson Duncan '99, business administration, has joined Integra Bank as senior human resources manager in Evansville.

Rebecca A. Dunlap '99, sociology, '01, Master of Social Work, is a victim services specialist at Crisis Connection, Inc., in Jasper, Indiana. She received the 2006 Mental Health Professional of the Year award at the "We Are...People First" State Conference from the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Indiana Association of Forensic Nurses, Indiana Chapter of Child Advocacy Centers, Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Edward J. Hull '99, accounting, was promoted to vice president, manager of systems and support at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Elexica Finch McAlister '99, communications, has assumed the position of human resources recruiting administrator at Energy Systems Group in Newburgh, Indiana.

Pamela J. Rhodes '99, Master of Social Work, has joined aha! Architects of Human Awareness as a partner and psychotherapist in Evansville.

2000s.

Jeff M. Eckels '00, computer information systems, is the owner of Key Technology Group, LLC in Evansville.

Paul J. Fallace '00, Master of Business Administration, is a financial advisor at Smith Barney in Baltimore, Maryland.

Shawn M. Knotts '00, electrical engineering technology, is a project engineer at Electronics Research, Inc., in Chandler, Indiana.

Andrew N. Skillman '00, business administration, was promoted to vice president, district manager at First Indiana Bank in Indianapolis.

Jonathan D. Stallings '00, biology, is the chief cell biologist in the Department of Clinical Investigation at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington.

Brad Schneider named Superintendent of the Year

Brad Schneider '89, mathematics, superintendent of Warrick County School Corporation, has been chosen by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents as the 2008 District VII Superintendent of the Year.

The district includes 14 Southwestern Indiana counties. Winners are chosen by other superintendents in their district who consider the qualifications and accomplishments of area colleagues as well as how well they have exerted leadership with limited financial resources.

Schneider was named superintendent in 2003. He previously served as director of personnel and director of student support services in the Warrick County School Corporation.

Pat Tuley named to EVSC post

Pat Tuley '91 has been named facilities director for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. He previously was director of support services for EVSC.

In his new position, Tuley will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of all EVSC-owned properties, including Bosse Field. Tuley is a former county commissioner and deputy county auditor in Vanderburgh County.

Greg Orr is vice president of transportation company

Gregory Orr '95, business administration, has joined Greatwide Dedicated Transport as vice president of operations. Greatwide provides transportation services to major retail clients through a large fleet of owner operators.

Orr formerly was a transportation operations manager for Wal-Mart and most recently was associated with Schneider National Inc.

Greatwide is based in Dallas, Texas.

Paul O. Swanson '00, Master of Science in Education, is author of the novel, *A Country Mile to Par*, published in July by Authorhouse. Swanson teaches English at Mount Vernon High School in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Brad R. Burvan '01, business administration, is the director of golf and golf professional at Sandy Pines Golf Club in DeMotte, Indiana.

Melody Puller Freeman '01, public relations and advertising, is a product marketing manager at Trends International in Indianapolis.

Amy Buitter Hochstetler '01, accounting, was promoted to controller for Porter Health in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Bryan P. Hughes '01, business administration/marketing, was promoted to assistant vice president, banking center manager at Fifth Third Bank in Vincennes, Indiana.

Elisha M. Smith '01, finance, is a portfolio manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Ciavon R. Fetcher '02, accounting, was promoted to assistant portfolio manager and director of finance at Donaldson Capital Management, LLC in Evansville.

Jamie Grabert '02, English, is the managing editor for *Player Magazine* in Evansville.

LouAnne Unger Kuntzman '02, Master of Science in Education, has joined Ivy Tech Community College as an academic case manager in Evansville.

Amy C. Louthen '02, exercise science, is the front desk supervisor at Gold's Gym in Indianapolis.

Justin M. Neel '02, computer information systems, has joined Gray Loon Marketing Group, Inc., as a junior Web developer in Evansville.

Sharon Y. Ridener '02, health services, has taken the position of provider relations manager at AseraCare Hospice in Newburgh, Indiana.

Jami Schultz Thomas '02, occupational therapy, '06, Master of Health Administration, is the director of therapy at Joyner Therapy Services in Marion, Illinois.

Angela N. Williams '02, public relations and advertising, has taken the position of business teacher at Hilton Head Island High School in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Heath I. Eckert '03, finance, has accepted a position as a financial analyst with Johnson & Johnson in Raritan, New Jersey.

Britney N. Gentry '03, journalism and computer publishing/sociology, is the assistant director for the Center of Student Engagement at the University of Evansville.

Emily Blinzinger Parke '03, elementary education, is a teacher at William Tell Elementary School in Rockport, Indiana.

Nichol D. Vittitow '03, elementary education, is a training coordinator for SRA International, Inc., in Fairfax, Virginia.

Christopher M. Wilguess '03, communications, has joined 94.9 The Sound as a mid-day radio host in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Allison Mooney Greenwell '04, post-baccalaureate certificate in accounting, was promoted to senior tax accountant at Brown, Smith & Settle, LLC in Evansville.

Charles W. Lane '04, industrial supervision, has taken the position of operations manager with Transfreight, LLC in Bedford Park, Illinois.

Andrew N. Rice '04, marketing, is the general manager for Fastenal in Evansville.

Karen L. Steckler '04, journalism and computer publishing, has joined Level 3 Communications as a senior communication analyst. Level 3 is an international communications company headquartered in Broomfield, Colorado.

Carla M. Chappell '05, computer science, is an information technology instructional specialist at Owensboro Community College in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Heather D. Cole '05, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist with Progressive Step Corporation in Morganfield, Kentucky.

Cassandra Harris David '05, health services, is the office manager for Medical of Dubois in Jasper, Indiana.

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Sarah A. Hurst '05, elementary education, is a critical inquiries specialist for Humana in Louisville, Kentucky.

Stephanie R. Hummel '05, public relations and advertising, is the executive assistant at Saint Vincent's Day Care Center in Evansville.

Jonathan E. Tague '05, communications, is a loan executive with Metro United Way in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Gina M. Utley '05, marketing, has joined Keller Schroeder as an account manager in Evansville.

Stephanie N. Warlick '05, public relations and advertising, is a marketing project manager at ARSgroup in Evansville.

John R. Worman '05, history, graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, in May 2007. He was admitted to the Indiana State Bar and to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana in October. Worman and his wife Katie have opened the law office of Worman and Worman in Evansville.

Katie Hollander Worman '05, biology, graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, in May 2007. She was admitted to the Indiana State Bar and to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana in October. She and her husband John have opened the law office of Worman & Worman in Evansville.

Kelly Wepsic Graber '06, social science teaching, teaches world history at Boonville High School in Boonville, Indiana.

Danyelle E. Granger '06, Master of Public Administration, was promoted to foundation program officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Daniel L. Kotter '06, geology, is a cartographic technician for the National Park Service in West Glacier, Montana.

Johnna Benton Denning '07, social work, has joined Diehl Consulting as a research coordinator in Evansville.

Lacey R. Hall '07, public relations and advertising, is a community relations coordinator with Visiting Nurse Association in Evansville.

Amanda M. Kelly '07, accounting, has taken a position in accounts payable at Melmar Properties in Evansville.

Rachel M. Mann '07, accounting and professional services, has assumed the position of staff accountant for Melhiser Endres Tucker CPAs, P.C. in New Albany, Indiana.

Owen T. McLean '07, communications, is an outbound operations manager for Roadrunner Dawes Freight Systems in Indianapolis.

David A. Novak '07, Master of Health Administration, has joined Saint Mary's Family Medicine Center as director in Evansville.

Kyle E. Vannoni '07, marketing, is a marketing assistant for State Farm in Evansville.

Amber N. Wischmeier '07, elementary education, is a fourth grade teacher at Corydon Intermediate School in Corydon, Indiana.

Marriages

Chasity D. Otto '99, business administration, and Shane Matthews, August 25, 2007

Farrah L. Stichler '99, accounting, and Robert Mahoney, August 4, 2007

Rachel L. Fisher '01, occupational therapy, and Matt Nolan, June 9, 2007

Jodie L. Foster '01, radiologic technology, and Adam Fehd, June 16, 2007

Laura M. Horn '01, public relations and advertising, Derick Wiggins, July 28, 2007

April M. Beasley '03, public relations and advertising, and Tommy Forker, July 6, 2007

Christina Montgomery '03, English, and Lance Mayes, July 13, 2007

Solving problems one stitch at a time

A costume designer is a problem-solver, said Melissa Panzarello '99.

Panzarello is assistant professor of theatre at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Known for its avant-garde nature, the Longwood theatre program often challenges Panzarello to create unusual costumes. Recently for Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*, she pondered a design for troll costumes, including



Panzarello

a hairpiece made of moss, twigs, and branches. She designed a full-length coat covered completely with buttons for a character called the Button Molder.

Panzarello first developed an affinity for costume design as a USI student. Shan Jensen, USI associate professor of theatre, was her mentor in creating costumes that articulate the artistic vision for the production.

"I still remember that first time sitting at the sewing machine," she said, recalling a USI theatre course that required every student to take a turn at making costumes.

As a USI student, Panzarello worked two summers at New Harmony Theatre, USI's professional Equity theatre. She has since returned for two additional seasons to assist Jensen with costume design for the theatre in New Harmony, Indiana. In 2007, Panzarello was the lead designer for the season's third production, *I Do! I Do!* The play opens in 1898 with the wedding of the characters Michael and Agnes and spans the 50 years of their marriage.

"There were lots of costume changes to show the passage of time and age progression of the characters," Panzarello said.

She designed a Victorian wedding gown for the play. The dress of gossamer fabrics was fitted at the waist but full and fluffy at the hem and sleeve to convey a youthful silhouette. As the character aged, Panzarello chose costumes with a square look and wide sleeve.

Jensen said, "I thought she did a wonderful job this summer. She was invaluable to me on *Amadeus* and *Earnest*, and I thought her design work for *I Do! I Do!* was whimsical and lovely."

Panzarello has designed costumes for productions at other regional theatres across the country, including *Signals of Distress* at SoHo Rep (New York), *Private Eyes* and *Little Shop of Horrors* (Centennial Theatre Festival), and the world premiere of *Ears on a Beatle* (Barrington Stage Company).

Her favorite plays for costume design are musicals or pieces set in the early 20th century (1900-50).

"I think that period is accessible to the audience. It's not so antiquated," she said. "There are interesting silhouettes and a lot to choose from in that time period."

Some of Panzarello's Longwood students, including a sound designer and a carpenter, have gained experience working summers at New Harmony Theatre.

"The thing I valued most at USI was the one-on-one professor/student interaction, not only in my favorite classes but throughout the campus. The theatre faculty encouraged us to work summers in regional theatre and gain experience before graduating," she said.

Panzarello earned a master's degree in fine arts at Florida State University after completing an undergraduate degree in communications at USI. She has been associated with Longwood since 2004.



Melissa Panzarello designed the Victorian wedding gown and other costumes for the 2007 production of *I Do! I Do!* at New Harmony Theatre.

Danielle J. Vanderkooy '03, nursing, and Bradley Anslinger, May 5, 2007

Russell J. Garrison '04, public relations and advertising, and Carolyn Klika, May 12, 2007

Kerri L. Jung '05, marketing, and Brandon Fehrenbacher, June 2, 2007

Kelly B. Madden '05, science education, and W. Mitchell Deep III '98, Master of Social Work, May 30, 2007

Darlene M. Dippel '05, exercise science, and Tobin D. Pritchard '05, business administration, August 26, 2006

Brittney M. Warnken '05, health services, and Adam M. Hunley '05, marketing, June 2, 2007

Ashley L. Droste '06, elementary education, and Brandon M. Vignolo '00, marketing, June 23, 2007

Vanessa A. Hampton '06, elementary education, and Mathew DuSablon, July 21, 2007

Baseball talk



Dr. Todd Niemeier '95, left, and Darin Mastroianni discuss life in the minor leagues. Niemeier played baseball at USI from 1992-95 and was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in 1995. Mastroianni was drafted after last season by the Toronto Blue Jays. USI baseball alumni returned to campus for the annual alumni game in October. Niemeier is an Evansville optometrist.

Births

Michelle Rooze Gilbert '90, communications, and Richard, son, Harrison Michael, June 11, 2007

Sharon Beckman Shumate '95, communications, and Beau, son, Jack Richard, December 27, 2006

Angela Cooper Spicker '95, communications, and Rob, son, Reid Cooper, September 20, 2007

Michelle Denu Arthur '96, mathematics, and Jason, son, Ian Patrick, June 5, 2007

Casey Winniger Blake '97, communications, and Michael F. Blake '05, radio and television, daughter, Millie Kay, June 23, 2007

Monique Van Namen Clark '97, elementary education, and Thomas W. Clark '99, history, daughter, Reagan Mae, June 10, 2007

Leanne Love Nunning '97, elementary education, '02, Master of Elementary Education, and Eric, daughter, Ava Elizabeth, September 8, 2007.

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Alicia Armes Cecil '98, biology, and **Nathan M. Cecil '98**, accounting, son, Jack Emerson, February 16, 2007

Lisa Overton Demontagnac '98, French, and Howard, daughter, Chloe Renae, March 20, 2007

John P. Josey '98, political science, and Hannah, daughter, Jacqueline Amber Elizabeth, March 3, 2006

Cheryl Gaither Gibbs '99, accounting, and Justin, daughter, Aubree Kady, February 21, 2007

Jennifer Gibson Hamilton '99, elementary education, and **Nicholas J. Hamilton '00**, nursing, daughter, Adelynn Faith, April 9, 2007

Julie Sweet Pepple '99, dental hygiene, and Joel, son, Jace Douglas, July 24, 2007

Caleb J. Adamson '00, nursing, and Erin, son, Noah James, January 6, 2007

Nathan M. Baker '00, business administration, and Amy, daughter, Samantha, April 23, 2007

Tyson O. Will '00, sociology, and Wendy, son, Derek Alexander, April 15, 2007

Angie Lindsay Williams '00, psychology, and **Jeremy D Williams '99**, mathematics/economics, son, Luke Nathaniel, April 4, 2007

Kristi Butler Kain '01, public relations and advertising, and Josh, son, Dylan Maddox, September 5, 2007

Anitra Acree Murphy '01, sociology, and Micah, son, Nolan William, July 19, 2007

Kathy Siebeking Titzer '01, health services, and Brent, twin daughters, Daisy Jane and Miley Jean, April 2, 2007

Christy Kellett Podewils '02, nursing, and **Daniel A. Podewils '96**, mechanical engineering technology, son, Gavin Lane, April 20, 2007

Christina Clement Stinson '02, finance/accounting, and David, son, Alex Gene, December 10, 2006

Jennifer McLevain Byrd '03, health services, and Travis, son, Elijah Travis, June 1, 2007

Hillierie Welch Kandul '03, public relations and advertising, and John, son, Carter Maxwell, May 13, 2007

Craig W. McGowan '03, economics, and Anne, son, Colin Randall, June 29, 2007

Kalah Koester Muensterman '03, physical education, and Ryan, daughter, Bayley Rae, June 23, 2007

Stacy Doane Wyatt '03, health services, and Brad, son, Carter Chatten, July 24, 2007

Vicky Coffey Thompson '04, elementary education, and **Brandon D. Thompson '02**, psychology/social work, son, Braden Dwane, July 16, 2007

Anna Woosley Waters '04, public relations and advertising, and Nick, son, Dade Russell, August 9, 2007

Katie Paul Kelley '05, finance, and Patrick, daughter, Avery Kathryn, July 20, 2007

Christina Shadwick Stiles '05, Master of Social Work, and Jason, daughter, Addison Kaylee, March 27, 2007

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In Memoriam

Gina Zehngut Myers '77, dental hygiene, of Trabuco Canyon, California, died April 15, 2005. Gina was a charter member of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Delta Zeta Sorority at USI. Other campus activities include the Student Union Board, Eagle Gran Prix, and Feathershakers. She was Homecoming maid of honor and received the Outstanding Student Award. She was the owner of Creative Consulting of Newport Beach in Dove Canyon, California.

Lori Carroll Bryant '82, art, of Evansville, died August 29, 2007. She was involved at USI as a cheerleader, member of Delta Zeta Sorority, AMIGO, president of the Student Government Association, student representative to the Board of Trustees, and 1982 Homecoming Queen. Bryant was manager of Community Partnerships at CAPE Children's Services in Evansville.

Beth Ann Dippel (Gutzweiler) Fehn '82, marketing, of Evansville, died September 3, 2007. She was comptroller and office manager for Head Over Heelz Salon.

William A. Peters '87, mining engineering technology, of Burlington, Kentucky, died October 19, 2007. He was an environmental engineer.

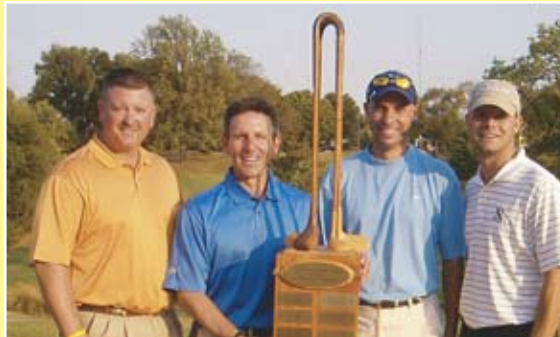
Beulah Ile Alcorn '89, psychology, of Olney, Illinois, died August 7, 2007. She graduated from Wabash Valley College in 1981, continued her education at Southern Illinois University, and graduated from USI.

Wilma Veller Thompson '90, early childhood education, of Evansville, died July 21, 2007. She retired from Deaconess Hospital in 1975 after 25 years as a nursing assistant. After retiring she was employed at Kiddie Kampus and Methodist Temple Day Care. Thompson earned an associate degree from USI at the age of 80.

Donald L. Payne '94, elementary education, of Evansville, died August 25, 2007. He was mental health and disabilities coordinator at CAPE Head Start.

Harold (Chip) Gill Jr. '95, Master of Business Administration, of Newburgh, Indiana, died October 20, 2007. He was employed by Vectren in Evansville for 26 years. Chip served on the Arthritis Foundation Board and the Tales & Scales Board.

Golf outings fund scholarships



The Alumni Fun Golf Scramble attracted 140 golfers, the largest participation since the event began in 1995. The 2007 championship team with a record score of 51 (20 under) included, from left, Bryan Smith, Todd Reller '84, Rod Sutherlin '89, and Eric Steinback.

Proceeds of two alumni golf events support student scholarships. The Alumni Association and Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter express thanks to the following 2007 corporate hole sponsors:

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In Memoriam Faculty

Dr. James R. Blevins, dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and professor emeritus of English, died August 6, 2007. Blevins joined USI in 1966 as assistant professor of English. He taught literature, film, and composition. He chaired the Division of Humanities from 1969 until 1988 when the divisions were organized into schools and

was appointed first dean of the School (now College) of Liberal Arts. Blevins virtually created the USI Theatre program from the ground up. During his tenure, USI also developed the RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the Center for Communal Studies, Historic Southern Indiana, Historic New Harmony, and the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jim and Barbara Blevins Student Development Fund at the USI Foundation.

Alumna Tracy Bee receives playwriting award

Tracy Bee, a 1997 graduate with a bachelor's degree in English and sociology, is a recipient of the Indiana Theatre Association's new Frank and Katrina Basile Emerging Indiana Playwright Award. Bee received the award, which includes a \$500 prize, at the Indiana Theatre Works Conference in Indianapolis in September.

She won the award for her one-act play "Failure," in which "a man faces his fears with the help of a lonely nurse in a nondescript medical office located in an out-of-the-way

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—Tracy Bee

strip mall." The one-act play received a reading during the festival, and the Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP), of which Bee is a member, won a \$250 grant to support the development of the script.

Bee also is a member of the BPP Writers Group. Her one-act "Time and Place for Everything in Bloomington, Indiana" was performed for the B'Town Plays series during Bloomington's ArtsWeek 2006, and the 10-minute play "For the Love of a Couch," "a comedic rumination on furniture," was part of the first annual BloomingPlays Festival.

"Going to theatre is one of my favorite things to do and has been since high school," she said. "I enjoy the intimacy and the immediacy of it. When I see a badly done play I have a visceral reaction, like I've witnessed some kind of crime. I don't ever feel that way about other art forms—novels or short stories or films."

She first became interested in the genre when she took a playwriting class from Elliot Wasserman, director of USI Theatre. She was USI's first student recipient of a Fulbright grant. She received an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) and spent a year in South Korea.

Bee is employed as an academic advisor in the International Studies program at Indiana University in Bloomington.



Dr. Carla Alldredge administers local anesthetic to dental patient Melanie Meyers '07 in the USI dental clinic. Assisting is Jennifer Miles while Kim Hite, left, program director for dental hygiene, and Jennifer Koehl look on.

Dentist Carla Alldredge is clinical faculty

Dr. Carla Alldredge '01 has joined the USI dental assisting program as a clinical faculty member. A 2005 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, she provides dental care to patients and works with dental assisting students one afternoon a week in the dental clinic in the Health Professions Center. Alldredge also supervises the dental hygiene clinic on Tuesday nights. She earned a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene education at USI before attending dental school.

Alldredge recently opened her own practice, Alldredge Dental Care in Newburgh, Indiana. Melanie Meyers '07 is a dental assistant in her office.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Let us know! We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).



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World War II posters on exhibit

An exhibit of World War II posters will be on display in the McCutchan Exhibition Space of the Wright Administration Building during spring semester.

Evansville resident William P. Sonntag collected the posters when he was a high school student living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, during the '40s. He and his wife Marylu have presented the collection to the USI Foundation. It will be permanently housed in the University Archives/Special Collections of Rice Library. The exhibit will include selected posters from the 64-item collection.

Government agencies published posters for widespread distribution during the war to motivate citizens to wage war on the home front. The posters reminded people to buy war bonds, give blood, and otherwise sacrifice for the war effort. Merchants and restaurant owners exhibited the posters, and they were displayed in libraries, schools, community buildings, factories, and bus and train stations. Artists and illustrators, including Norman Rockwell, contributed to poster designs.

Sonntag said he collected his first poster from a merchant.

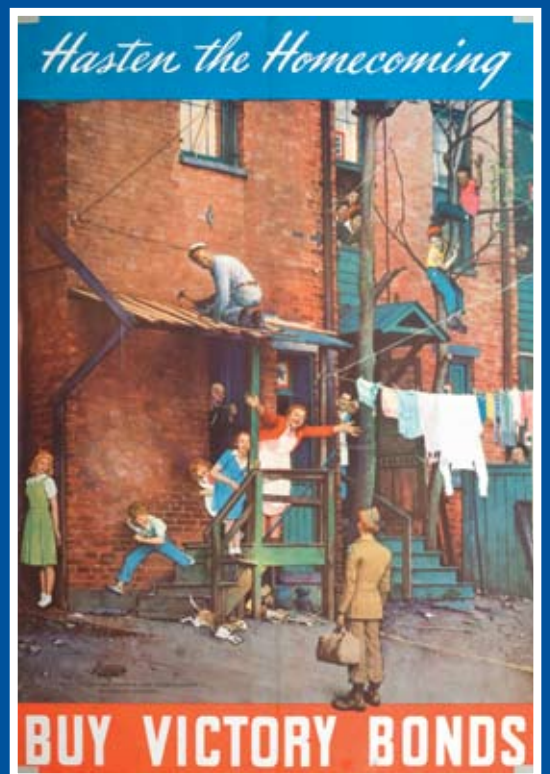
"I happened to be in a store where one was on display. I heard them say they were going to throw it away when they finished with it. I asked if I could have it," he said.

Then he began asking others around town to save old posters for him when they were replaced with new ones. The posters appealed to him because they were colorful and informative.

Sonntag is retired as a teacher and librarian for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation.



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New quadrangle fountain

The spray from a fountain gracing the new campus quadrangle reaches as high as 14 feet. The fountain can be illuminated and programmed for a variety of displays. It operates daily from 6:30 a.m. to midnight.