

Bennett on national Oversight Board for Voluntary System of Accountability

Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, is one of eight college administrators nationwide to be named to the Oversight Board for a new program that helps students and families compare and contrast information about public universities.

The College Portrait, a five-page Web template designed to provide consistent and comparable information on the undergraduate student experience, recently was unveiled as a product of the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA), a joint project of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

Universities may register now to participate in the program. Each participating college will host the College Portrait on its Web site. USI's College Portrait is scheduled for implementation in the fall.

The five-page template has three sections and will be implemented in stages. The first section on student and family information addresses issues such as cost of attendance, degree offerings, living arrangements, student characteristics, graduation rates, transfer rates, and post-graduate plans. This section includes a college cost calculator and information on student success and rate of progress. The second section will provide information on student experiences and perceptions and the third on student learning outcomes.

Bennett has served since early 2007 as a member of the VSA Task Force on Student and Family Information. More than 80 administrators from universities across the country participated in the development of the program. The eight-member Oversight Board will monitor implementation of the College Portrait. Other members of the Oversight Board represent Florida State University, Fairmont State University, University System of Maryland, California State University-Northridge, University of Cincinnati, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and University of Kansas.

USI already provides on its Web site a great deal of information, including a cost calculator, to help students and families make a college choice. By participating in the College Portrait, Bennett said USI is once again taking a strong position in terms of the transparency and availability of information.

"We want families to have as much information as they can have to make a wise choice," she said.

More information and sample College Portrait templates are available at www.voluntarysystem.org.

Saxby wins two scholarships to attend Kellogg Institute this summer

Lori Saxby, reading specialist in Academic Skills, will attend the Kellogg Institute for the Training and

Certification of Developmental Educators this summer in Boone, North Carolina.

Saxby won a \$1,000 scholarship from the College Reading and Learning Association and a \$500 scholarship from the National Association for Developmental Education to attend the institute.

The Kellogg Institute is the nation's longest-running advanced training program for developmental educators and learning specialists. It consists of two components: an intensive, four-week summer residence and a supervised practicum following the residency and carried out at the participant's home campus.

Michael Broshears, director of the University Division, said, "This is a tremendous commitment that Lori has made to the improvement of developmental education at USI, and we are so happy that she will have the chance to bring back what she learns to the University Division for implementation in all areas of our department."

Saxby has been an educator for 32 years, 20 at the college level. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Education degree as a reading specialist from the University of Louisville.

She joined USI in 1999 and has taught classes in reading, study strategies, vocabulary, and career planning. Currently, she supervises the reading program and teaches developmental reading strategies courses for freshmen.

Liberal Arts alumnus to present "From USI to Harvard"

The College of Liberal Arts Alumni in Residence Program this semester has broad appeal. The English Department is sponsoring the program and a free public lecture by **Nathan Fry '00**, assistant director of Athletics at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Entitled "From USI to Harvard: Nathan Fry, English Studies and the NCAA," the program will be presented at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, in Kley Meyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Fry will discuss how his college experience continues to inform his work at Harvard, with suggestions for students that will make them attractive job candidates. Students, faculty, and staff from throughout the University are encouraged to attend.

Fry graduated from USI with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and a minor in business administration. He earned a master's degree in sports administration from the University of Southern Mississippi, graduating in the top of his class. He was been with Harvard University for five years.

At Harvard, Fry oversees the NCAA compliance program and the student-athlete development program and supervises 10 varsity sports. He is the administrative liaison for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and chair of the Athletics Department's policy and hazing committees, and

serves as a member of the college's Board of Freshman Advisers, freshman orientation committee, and student advisory board. He was the Athletics Department's 2005 recipient of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences Merit award, honoring outstanding performance.

Fry and his wife Michele live in Harvard Yard and are Freshman Proctors (residential advisers with an academic advising role) for 30 freshmen.

For more information, contact **Dr. Julia Galbus**, associate professor of English, at 812/465-1225.

USI has "Inspired Women in Art"

Artwork by USI students, alumni, and faculty is currently on display in the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana's "Inspired Women in Art" exhibition which continues through Friday, April 4 at Deaconess Women's Hospital on Gateway Boulevard in Warrick County.

Katie Waters, professor of art, served as the juror for the show. "I was struck by the bounty of creative expression and aesthetic vision I found," said Waters. "The variety of media, the range of subjects, the diversity of techniques, and the compelling themes presented were most impressive."

Nancy Raen-Mendez, lecturer in Liberal Arts, won Best of Show for her acrylic paintings "Jaya Ganesua" and "Maya."

In the 2D category, **Amy Moore**, a senior studio art major, won first place for her mixed media piece "Our Lady." **Joan Kempf deJong**, associate professor of art, won honorable mention for her digital painting "Interfoil."

USI winners in the 3D category included second place for a barrel-fired stoneware piece entitled "The Yearning" by **Katherine Chandler**, a senior studio art major. Honorable mentions also were awarded to **Debbie Ball '05**, ceramics studio assistant, for her stoneware piece "Orthodoxy" and **Lisa Booe**, senior studio art major, for her piece "Contemplation."

Other accepted pieces included, Ball, "Stand Up Girl," stoneware; **Beth Charlton '07**, "Sunder," clay; Booe, "In My Bed," raku fired stoneware; Kempf deJong, "Involutions," digital painting; **Sarah Head '07**, "Wild Flowers 2008," acrylic; **Jeslyn Horstketter '07**, "Homegrown, Freshcuts," watercolor; **Whitnee Johnson**, junior studio art major, "Untitled," woodblock print; **Elizabeth Mercer '89**, "Natures Rhythm," digital photography; **Laura Mitchell**, senior art education major, "Rubber Duckie?," soft pastel; Moore, "Long Gone," mixed media; **Stephanie Osborne '03**, "Terra Mandala," and "Earth & Sky," digital illustrations; **Jennifer Porter '06**, "Starry Eyed," ink print; and **Brandi Schwartz '02 M'07**, editorial associate in News and Information Services, "Kentucky Sunset," digital photography.

Plummer and Baines earn All-GLVC honors

USI senior forward **Norman Plummer** of Cincinnati, Ohio, was named first-team All-GLVC in a vote by the men's basketball coaches of the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Senior forward **Jasmine Baines** of Jeffersonville, Indiana, earned second-team All-GLVC honors in a vote by the leagues women's basketball coaches.

Plummer, a communications major, had an amazing year with the Screaming Eagles, averaging a league-best 19.5 points per game as well as a team-high 10.7 rebounds per contest. In 2007-08, Plummer recorded 13 double-doubles, including five straight to end the season.

He scored in double-figures 24 times this season, reaching

the 20-point plateau 14 times. Plummer posted a season-high 30 points in USI's 83-60 victory over Ferris State University.

"Norman was the cog that gave us a chance," Head Coach **Rick Herdes** said. "He is a terrific player with a great work ethic and will certainly make money as a professional overseas. Unfortunately we didn't go farther, or he would have been the player of the year."

Plummer was ranked in seven GLVC statistical categories and was in the top 10 of six of those categories. Including scoring, Plummer ranked first in offensive rebounds per game (3.59), second in total rebounds, third in defensive rebounds per game (7.11), seventh in field goal percentage (.579), eighth in minutes played per game (33.07), and 12th in steals per game (1.52).

If Plummer's scoring lead holds up, he will become the first USI player to lead the GLVC in scoring since **Stephen Jackson** led the league with 21.6 points per game in 1984-85.

Baines is a public relations and advertising major. She finished a career year for the Screaming Eagles that saw her average 17.0 points and 7.0 rebounds per contest. She finished the regular season as the GLVC's fifth-leading scorer and sixth-leading rebounder.

Including the scoring and rebounding columns, Baines was ranked in seven GLVC statistical categories. She was second in the regular season in blocks per game (1.74), sixth in offensive rebounds per game (2.52), eighth in defensive rebounds per game (4.48), 12th in shooting percentage (.483), and 24th in minutes played per game (29.70).

Baines, who was an honorable mention All-GLVC performer as a sophomore in 2005-06, wrapped up her three-year career at USI as the Eagles' seventh all-time leading scorer (1,209) and 11th all-time leading rebounding (496). She scored in double-figures 65 times, 25 coming this year, and had 17 20-point outings, nine of which were recorded this season. Baines also had seven career double-doubles, three of which were tallied this year.

"I am very happy to see Jasmine's name in the top 10 of the All-GLVC voting," Head Coach **Rick Stein** said. "She has been an integral part of our program the last three years, both on and off the court."

USI Habitat for Humanity in Pennsylvania for Spring Break

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The USI chapter of Habitat for Humanity is participating in the International Collegiate Challenge by making a trip to York, Pennsylvania over spring break to help build homes.

The Collegiate Challenge is the national alternative break program that provides opportunities for students of all ages to develop leadership skills, meet new people, and help people in need. The USI group will be paired up with the local Habitat for Humanity in York to help build houses and do construction work to help the overall community.

"I don't know exactly what we will be doing, but we are excited to go. The trip is a great opportunity to get to know people within the group and outside the community as well; I've met great friends through these activities," said Chapter President Julie Mehringer of Jasper, Indiana.

This will be Mehringer's second trip with the group and her fourth year being a member of the USI chapter. The senior said the overall mission of Habitat is to aid in eliminating

poverty in Evansville and internationally to the best of their ability. Earlier this month the group participated in a litter clean-up for Keep Evansville Beautiful and last semester the group helped build homes for tornado victims in the New Haven subdivision.

The group also will be participating in the Relay for Life on March 29. The week of March 29-April 4 will be "Act! Speak! Build! Week," when the USI chapter will educate students on campus. They will be distributing information in a booth near the University Center and writing various statistics in chalk around campus.

SpringFest 2008 will feature Dashboard Confessional concert

SpringFest 2008 will feature a carnival with rides and food, HOT96's record-breaking "World's Largest Hug," and a concert by alternative rock band Dashboard Confessional in the Physical Activities Center.

Dashboard Confessional's fifth album, "The Shade of Poison Trees," was released in October 2007. It debuted at number 18 on the U.S. Billboard 200 chart, selling 48,000 copies in its first week.

Tickets for the concert go on sale to USI students (\$10) on Monday, March 24. Faculty, staff, and alumni (\$20) may purchase tickets on Tuesday, March 25. Tickets will be available for purchase by the general public (\$25) the following Monday, March 31. Tickets may be purchased in the Orr Center Lobby from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

If tickets remain on Saturday, the day of the concert, they will be sold at the PAC. Doors will open at 7 p.m. Opening act Five Times August will play at 7:15 p.m. and Dashboard Confessional will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Carnival rides will be free for students, employees and their families, and alumni. Carnival ride tickets for the general public are \$1.50 each; 10 tickets for \$13; or a \$16 arm-band for unlimited rides both days.

Other events include a Battle of the Bands and the "USIdol" singing contest, both free to students.

USI junior **Scott Miller**, a computer information systems major, said organizers wanted USI to have an event "that would be talked about at other colleges. IU has the Little 500, Purdue has the Grand Prix. USI doesn't have an event like that. I think it makes students feel more a part of their school when there is tradition."

SpringFest 2008 is sponsored by the Student Government Association and Activities Programming Board. The advisor for the event is **Tim Buecher**, director of Career Counseling. For more information, contact Buecher at 812/465-1136.

Names in the News

Welcome

Robin Littlefield has accepted a position as cashier in the Business Office. She holds a cosmetology license from Tri-State Beauty College. Littlefield was formerly employed in the cash office at Kohl's.

Accomplishments

The English "Loathly Lady" Tales: Boundaries, Traditions, Motifs, an essay collection co-edited by Dr. S. Elizabeth Passmore, assistant professor of English, was recent-

ly published by Medieval Institute Publications. Her essay, "Through the Counsel of a Lady: The Irish and English Loathly Lady Tales and the 'Mirrors for Princes' Genre," is included in the collection.

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Service Learning Institute deadline is March 20

USI's Service Learning Program and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence will co-sponsor a Service Learning Summer Institute June 16-19, 2008 for full-time faculty and Student Affairs staff. A project description and application form can be found online at www.usi.edu/extserv/outreach/servicelearning.ASP. The application deadline is March 20. For more information, contact **Anne Statham**, director of Service Learning, at 812/465-1203.

In addition, faculty and students are invited to attend an Introduction to USI's Service Learning Program at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in Rice Library Room 0018. **Dr. Hilary Braysmith, Dr. Michael Slavkin, Margo Walker, Dr. Marie Opatrny, Dr. Doris Mohr, Judy Wells, Matt Krevda, and Maggie Felton** will discuss their service learning projects. Contact Statham for more information.

Cooper Award nominations sought

The University Core Council is pleased to invite nominations for the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. This award honors a faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. The award focuses exclusively on teaching within the Core Curriculum. The award winner will receive a plaque, a generous stipend, and faculty development support through a fund established for this purpose by H. Lee Cooper, a long-time friend and supporter of the University. Nominations are due by Monday, March 24. For more information, contact **Mark Krahling**, director of the University Core Curriculum, at 812/464-1712.

RopeWalk Reading added March 17

The poet **Pamela Garvey** will read from her recently published chapbook *Fear* (Finishing Line Press) at a RopeWalk Reading scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, March 17, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Garvey has a Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction and poetry from Virginia Commonwealth University and is an assistant professor of English at St. Louis Community College-Meramec, where she teaches literature, creative writing, and composition. All readings in the RopeWalk Reading Series are free and open to the public. Readings are followed by a reception and book-signing. The 2008 Spring RopeWalk Reading Series schedule is online. For more information, contact **Nicole Reid**, assistant professor of creative writing, at 812/464-1916.

Historic New Harmony tours free to USI employees, students

A new season of Historic New Harmony's guided walking tours begin Saturday, March 15. Tours run daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and begin with a short orientation film about New Harmony's historical development. The guided walking tour starts at the Atheneum/Visitors Center. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and AAA members, \$5 for

students ages 7 to 17, and \$25 per family. Children under age 7 are admitted free. New Harmony residents, as well as USI students, faculty, and staff, may tour for free with valid ID. Call 812/682-4474 for more information.

USI Family Fund accepting gifts of support for Bejarano

The USI Foundation has reactivated the USI Family Fund in order to accept gifts of support for colleague and administrative clerk with the Office of the Registrar, Sherry L. Bejarano, and her family. Sherry's 17 year old daughter died on February 29, 2008. Medical and funeral expenses make this a case of exceptional need. Friends and colleagues who want to assist the Bejarano family with these expenses may make a contribution to the USI Foundation/USI Family Fund, with a memo indicating it is for **Sherry L. Bejarano**. The entire amount will be made available to assist her family. Please note that gifts to the USI Family Fund are not tax deductible charitable gifts for income tax purposes and no receipts will be issued.

Contributions should be delivered to the Office of Business Affairs, WA 102 in the Wright Administration Building. For more information, contact the USI Foundation at 812/464-1918.

Phenomenal Women program will honor eight

The USI Multicultural Center will host its seventh annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in Carter Hall in the University Center. The program, sponsored by the Multicultural Center, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and Old National Bank, honors and celebrates women from all walks of life who have made contributions to diversity at the University and in the community. Through the annual recognition of these contributions, the Phenomenal Women program hopes to inspire others to embrace and promote diversity within their own lives. Phenomenal Women honors are awarded in five categories: USI student, USI administrative staff, USI support staff, USI faculty, and community-at-large. Eight honorees have been selected and will be recognized at the ceremony. For more information, contact the Multicultural Center at 812/465-7188.

Volunteers needed for Heritage Artisans Week

Historic New Harmony seeks volunteers to assist with the 23rd annual Heritage Artisans Week scheduled for April 21-26, 2008. Volunteers would meet at the Atheneum/Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. and be done by 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact **Jan Kahle**, education coordinator for Historic New Harmony, at 812/682-4488.

First Aid and CPR certification courses offered

If you need to be certified or recertified in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automatic external defibrillators (CPR/AED), you can sign up for a self-study course through Extended Services. You will receive an access number for using USI's Blackboard system to take the written exam at your convenience, but the written exam must be completed one week prior to the practical exam, which will be offered March 29 and April 19 in the Physical Activities Center at USI. Course materials may be purchased at the Evansville American Red Cross at 29 S. Stockwell Road. They are First Aid/CPR/AED for the Workplace and the

Adult CPR/AED Skills Card. This course is open to those 15 years of age and older and will be facilitated by **Dr. Glenna Bower**, assistant professor of physical education. The registration fee is \$10 for college or high school students and \$15 for all others. Call 812/464-1989 to register.

Skoglund to lead tour to Spain and Morocco

Margaret Skoglund, associate professor of art, is again organizing a two-week trip to Spain and Morocco, May 24 June 4, during Summer I. Places to be visited include Madrid, Toledo, Jaen, Antequera, Seville, Granada, Cordoba and Cadiz in Spain, and Tangier, Casablanca, Marrakech, and Rabat in Morocco. The tour, limited to 25 people, may or may not be taken for University credit and is open to members of the community as well as university students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Skoglund at 812/465-1023.

Open Enrollment for USI Summer Camps

USI offers full-time summer child care to USI and community families, starting Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, August 1. Children entering kindergarten or first grade are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten Camp, housed at the USI Children's Center. Children entering second through fifth are eligible to enroll in the Summer Enrichment Camp, housed at Messiah Lutheran Church on Middle Mt. Vernon Road, just a mile from campus. To learn more about the camps or to view photos, visit the Web site for Kindergarten Camp at www.usi.edu/extserv/personal/kindergarten-camp.asp, or Summer Enrichment Camp at www.usi.edu/extserv/personal/summercamp.asp. To receive an enrollment packet or for more information, contact **Jaclyn Dumond**, program coordinator, Family, School, and Children's Programs, at 812/465-1274.