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DR. CARDARELLI TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

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Dr. Aldo F. Cardarelli, professor of education and chair of the Teacher Education Department at the University of Southern Indiana, will be presented the Distinguished Professor Award at the 1992 Commencement. He will receive a monetary award and a scholarship will be presented in his name. The award is made possible by a generous gift from National City Bank of Evansville.

Cardarelli received his bachelor's degree from LeMoyne College, and a master's and Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He taught in the public schools of Syracuse, New York, and on the faculty of Syracuse University, Utica College, and University of Nevada-Las Vegas before coming to USI in 1974.

A specialist in teaching reading, Cardarelli won a \$265,431 Lilly Endowment grant in 1990 for an innovative proposal to expand the reading interest of middle school teachers and ultimately to improve the quality and quantity of reading among middle school students. This year, 58 Indiana schools are participating in the "Teachers Under Cover" project. Cardarelli has been administrator of this two-year grant in addition to successfully managing new duties this year as chair of the Department of Teacher Education. He is widely published and *The Reading Teacher*, a journal of the International Reading Association, plans to publish his article on "Teachers Under Cover" this spring.

Cardarelli has been advisor of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, for 15 years. In 1990, Kappa Delta Pi presented him the Honor Key for "outstanding contributions to the field of education." Cardarelli has been chairman of the USI United Fund campaign, a member of the Faculty Senate, and several ad hoc committees; he also chaired the state textbook selection committee of southwestern Indiana. He has been a Boy Scout cubmaster, a volunteer for Channel 9 and the Salvation Army, and involved in childrens' projects such as Head Start, Project SELF, and the public library's Story Hour.

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