

University Notes

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Founders Day program honors Bandoli, Choe, Hooper

In 1982, the Commodore 64 and Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album were released, John Belushi died, the first Rubik's Cube World Championship was held, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., and Dr. James H. Bandoli, Dr. Sang T. Choe, and Robert Hooper began their careers at USI.

They will be honored for their 25 years of service to the University at the Founders Day program at 2 p.m. Monday, September 17, in Carter Hall in the University Center. A reception will follow the program.

Bandoli, professor of biology in the Pott College of Science and Engineering, received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of San Diego; Master of Science degree from Northern Arizona University, and the doctoral degree from the University of New Mexico. At USI he has taught 12 different courses at all levels, including six in the Core Curriculum. His research has involved over 20 students in projects ranging from deer population estimation at Wesselman Woods Nature Center to the behavioral ecology of a local stream fish, resulting in publications in *The American Midland Naturalist*, *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science*, and *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*. A recent study by Bandoli on teaching evolution in public high schools will be published in *The American Biology Teacher*. He was elected a Fellow of the Indiana Academy of Science and also chairs that organization's research grants committee. He was appointed to the Blue Ribbon Mesker Park Zoo Review Committee, co-chairing the Master Plan subcommittee, and is currently the chair of the science committee of the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science and a member of the museum's Board of Trustees. He was the 1997 recipient of the USI Distinguished Professor award.

Choe, professor of marketing, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Keimyung University in Daegu, Korea; Master of International Management degree from American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona; Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Texas; and Doctor of Business Administration from Mississippi State University. He also served as chair of the Marketing and Business Communication Department, and in that role worked with the University to establish the Joe Coslett Family Sales Management and Development Laboratory. In 1990, Choe was a United States Information Agency Professor teaching American Enterprise System at the Krakow Business School in Poland and was a visiting professor at Keimyung University in Korea. In addition to 42 publications in refereed conference proceedings, his research work has been published in 19 academic journals. They include *North Korean Review*, *The Multinational Business Review*, *International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management*, *Marketing Intelligence and Planning*, *Journal of Food Product Marketing*, *SAM Advanced Management Journal*, *Mid-American Journal of Business*, *International Journal of Commerce and Management*, and recently *Journal of Global*

Awareness. His research interests are consumer acculturation, international business, and research methodology. Choe was active in promoting the USI-Keimyung University Exchange Program under which two USI students had studied at Keimyung for a year while 10 Keimyung students spent a semester at USI. Serving as the chair of the International Task Force under the direction of the USI President H. Ray Hoops, he spearheaded internationalizing the curriculum and campus life, leading a 21-member task force. He was the recipient of the 1998 College of Business Faculty Award for Excellence in Service. He served on the Board of Directors of the Midwest Marketing Association and as track chair of the Atlantic Marketing Association, of which he is a member. He also is a member of the American Marketing Association. He performs consulting work for Tri-State firms such as Gibbs Die Casting and Coast to Coast Hardware Store and international firms such as Krakow Steel Company in Poland. Choe is currently at work on a book, *North Korea: A New Market for Global Business*, under contract with Edwin Mellen Press, Ltd. of New York.

Hooper, assistant professor in respiratory therapy and program director of the Respiratory Therapy program, has an Associate of Science degree in respiratory therapy, Bachelor of Science degree in health services and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree, all from USI. He also attended the Deaconess Hospital School of Respiratory Therapy and is a registered respiratory therapist (RRT) and a certified Indiana respiratory care practitioner. He is a member of the National Board for Respiratory Care, American Association for Respiratory Care, Lambda Beta National Respiratory Care Honor Society, and the American Heart Association. He was a Faculty Senate representative from 1997-1999 and 2005-2007; captain of the USI Capital Campaign; and served on the Instructional and Student Affairs Committee for the College of Nursing and Health Professions; Student Health Services Advisory Committee; HIV/AIDS Policy Review Committee; respiratory therapy advisory and admissions committees; Radiologic Technology Advisory Committee; and the ad hoc insurance benefits and smoking policy committees. He also has provided pulmonary function testing for USI athletes. In the community, he served as a coalition member on the American Stop Smoking Interventions Study (ASSIST); volunteer for the American Cancer Society Unit Tobacco Control; and CPR instructor for the American Heart Association.

Christy Baker, associate professor of social work, and Angela Torres, administrative associate in the College of Liberal Arts, will preside over the program, which will include introductions of the honorees by Dr. Thomas Pickett, professor of physics (Bandoli); Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business (Choe); and Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions (Hooper).

The program is hosted by Faculty Senate and Staff Council. The University community is invited to attend.

Doctoral-level degree approved at USI

A first-ever doctoral-level academic program and an under-

graduate degree program received approval at the USI Board of Trustees meeting held on September 6, 2007. 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 College of Nursing and Health Professions proposed the nursing degree as the first doctoral program to be offered at USI. The 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. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at USI, said "It is the next natural step given the success of the master's degree program. The program is not a research doctorate. It is a practice-focused terminal degree. The approval of the degree speaks to the strength of the USI nursing program."

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, explained that through a survey, the college learned of the high-level of interest and support for the establishment of a clinical nursing practice doctorate. 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.

Dr. Coudret said, "The current graduate nursing program has had great success in delivery of course content through the use of advanced instructional technology. Employer evaluations and graduates' success in passing the national certification exam on the first attempt point to the success."

The DNP program would begin with 20 students, and it would offer the program for 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 and include courses on advanced scientific principles for nursing practice, organizational and system leadership, informatics, cultural competence, health care policy, and evidence-based practice.

Advanced Manufacturing degree

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-degree 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.

USI freshmen class is second largest

Enrollment at USI for 2007 is 9,939 students. Final figures, announced at the USI Board of Trustees September meeting, 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." He continued, "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 over 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

The fall semester began on August 27, 2007 and late registration continued for one week. The enrollment data is compiled after late registration closes.

"Heft on Wheels" author to open RopeWalk Reading Series

A "profoundly humiliating experience" prompted **Mike Magnuson**, a writer and cycling enthusiast, to turn his life around.

In 2002, Magnuson wrote a story for *Gentleman's Quarterly Magazine* about how "fun" it was for him, a 250 pound chain-smoking heavy drinker, to try to keep up with fellow cyclists on a group ride. To illustrate the story, the magazine flew Magnuson to a studio in New York and shot a photo of him posed nude on a bicycle.

"It was a really horrible thing," he said. "I never even went to the beach without my shirt on, and there I was with 800,000 people seeing me. That was pretty scary."

Fewer than six weeks after the article was published, he began an extreme program to get in shape. He quit smoking, whittled 80 pounds, and is now a competitive Cyclocross racer.

He relates the story of his transformation in his 2004 book, *Heft on Wheels: A Field Guide to Doing a 180*. His publisher insisted on using the GQ photo for the hardcover edition. Though the photo moved him to get in shape, he said to this day he won't look at that cover.

Magnuson will open the fall 2007 RopeWalk Reading Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 13, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

An associate professor of English at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, he also is the author of two novels, *The Right Man for the Job* and *The Fire Gospels*, and an earlier memoir, *Lummox: The Evolution of a Man*. At SIUC, he is the faculty advisor for Grassroots, the undergraduate literary organization, and the SIU Cycling Club.

He has written for *Esquire*, *Writer's Digest*, *Men's Health*, *Backpacker*, *Fiction Writer*, the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, and *Bicycling*, where he is a contributing editor. Recent articles appear in the May 2007 issue of *Bicycling* and the August 2007 *Backpacker*.

He received his M.F.A. in fiction writing from the University of Florida.

Since *Heft on Wheels*, he said he's been unable to finish two novels. "I'm not as excited about writing as I used to be. Maybe that will come around. One of the things I lost interest in was hanging around writers and being involved in that whole scene that's connected with writers. I have no friends who are writers, and I don't hang out with anybody who talks about it."

His healthy lifestyle has not necessarily made him a happier person.

"Just because you're significantly lighter and a better athlete doesn't mean everything is hunky-dory. Some day maybe I'll write another book about that. My guess is it wouldn't inspire people the way the first one did."

For RopeWalk, he said he'd probably read some "new weird, funny-slash-depressing fiction," describing his nonfiction as "too wholesome." "The students appreciate something a little racier, shall we say," he said.

"I couldn't imagine giving a reading at something like RopeWalk and talking about the joys of bike riding."

Do you have an exceptional student?

As a writer in News and Information Services, I meet with some of USI's top students. I am always impressed by their poise, drive, and ability to juggle double - sometimes triple - majors with clubs, sports, jobs, and charitable works.

If I had that kind of focus when I was in college, where would I be now? (Not that I would want to be anywhere else, of course...)

The Office of News and Information Services is always looking for stories about USI students who excel in and out of the classroom. We feature top students on the USI Web site and send "hometown stories" to their community newspapers in order to spread the word about their accomplishments at USI.

To learn about their accomplishments, we rely on those closest to them: you.

In the last year, tips from faculty and staff have resulted in stories about **Shawn Storckman**, a triple major in German, political science, and international studies who also finds time to play in a rock band; **Eunice Frahm**, a biology major who trained goats at the zoo and dolphins at Marineland; **Laura Bordelon**, who took a position working for the National Park Service at Grand Staircase National Monument in Utah (and who we recently learned helped discover a 30-foot-long prehistoric crocodile at the site); and **Scott Carr**, who was named Intern of the Year by Indiana House Democrats last session.

According to the 2007 President's Taskforce on Workforce and Economic Development, people throughout the region

want to know more about USI's programs. The taskforce recommended that USI strengthen its regional communication efforts, using media outlets in those communities. Those media outlets - particularly newspapers - are eager to print news about their own citizens.

Our top students are our best ambassadors. If you have a terrific student we should know about, email me at wkbredhold@usi.edu or call ext. 5259.

- Wendy Knipe Bredhold '98

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to **Ruth Miller**, director of the David L. Rice Library, whose father, **Dr. Early Humble**, died September 2. Services were held Wednesday, September 5 at First Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Welcome

Vanessa Hunn has accepted a position as assistant professor of social work in the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services. She holds a doctorate degree and Master of Social Work degree from the University of Kentucky where she was formerly employed as an adjunct faculty member.

Kyong-Hee Melody Lee has accepted a position as assistant professor of mathematics in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. She holds a doctorate degree in education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Lee was formerly employed as an associate professor at Colby-Sawyer College.

Angela Prather has accepted a position as staff counselor in the Counseling Center. She holds a Master of Science degree in counseling and counselor education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Indiana University Bloomington. Prather was formerly employed as a crisis therapist at Quinco Behavioral Health Systems.

Daria Sebastianova has accepted a position as assistant professor of economics in the College of Business. She holds a doctorate degree and Master of Arts degree from Binghamton University.

Jacki Spainhour has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She was formerly employed as a communications computer operator for the United States Air Force.

Judith Williams has accepted a position as instructor of mathematics in Academic Skills. She holds a Master of Mathematics degree from Indiana State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Ohio University. Williams was formerly employed as an adjunct instructor at USI and is currently employed as an adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech.

Accomplishments

Carolyn Roth, instructor in art, is exhibiting her acrylic painting entitled "Counterparts" in the 14th Annual Juried Art Exhibit that will be on display through September 30 in the Krempf Gallery of the Jasper Arts Center in Jasper, Indiana.

FYI

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[Editor's note: The following is published at the request of

the Office of the Vice President of Business Affairs. If you have an item you would like published in the *University Notes*, contact **Wendy Knipe Bredhold** at wkbredhold@usi.edu.] Under the Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, University employees are required to file disclosure statements stating any financial interest which the individual may have in any University contract or purchase. The responsibility for filing disclosure statements rests on the person with the potential conflict of interest. Copies of the Conflicts of Interest: Compliance Disclosure Requirements and the disclosure statements are available in the Office of the Vice President for Business Affairs, and may be downloaded from MyUSI under Indiana "conflicts of interest" law found in the Personal Announcements Section. If you have questions concerning conflicts of interest and the statutory requirements, contact **Mark Rozewski**, vice president for Business Affairs, at ext. 1849.

Got retirement savings?

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, TIAA CREF, PERF, Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union, Concern EAP, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., and The Hollander Group/Hilliard Lyons will attend the USI Retirement and Retirement Savings Fair, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, in Carter Hall. Presentations on various retirement savings topics will be scheduled throughout the day. For more information, contact **Don Crankshaw**, manager of benefits, at 812/464-1988.

College Readership Program sponsors free local newspaper

Bins that hold free daily copies of the *Evansville Courier and Press* are located across campus. The free newspapers are part of the College Readership program to encourage college students to become newspaper readers. The newspapers are also delivered to the residence halls and to the Fair Residence Center. The program is funded by Newspaper in Education.

New passport rule

If you are traveling by air to Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, or Bermuda this year, you will need a passport to re-enter the U.S. The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative effective in January 2007 requires all travelers to have a passport to re-enter the country and will extend to land and sea border crossings in 2008. If you need a passport, attend the United States Postal Service Passport Fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 8, at Ivy Tech Community College, 3501 N. First Avenue. Bring proper proof of American citizenship such as a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county, or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturalization certificate. A hospital issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable. Also bring proof of identity. This must be a previous U.S. passport; a naturalization certificate; a certificate of citizenship; or a current valid driver's license, government ID, or military photo ID. The passport application requires two recent identical photographs. Total cost is \$97 for adults 16 and older and \$82 for those under 16. Passport photos will be taken at the event at an additional cost of \$15. For detailed information on costs and to download a passport application, go to www.usps.com/passport/.

Check out noncredit offerings

The fall schedule of noncredit continuing education courses is available online at www.usi.edu/extserv. Most courses are available at a reduced cost to benefit-eligible USI employees and some are free. Fee-waiver forms are available in the Human

Resources office in the Wright Administration Building. Be sure to pick up the form for noncredit courses. For more information, contact Extended Services at 812/464-1989.

Do you handle University cash?

[Editor's note: The following cash handling policy is published at the request of the Business Office. If you have an item you would like published in the *University Notes*, contact **Wendy Knipe Bredhold** at wkbredhold@usi.edu.] Pursuant to the directive of the University president, the only authorized agent to control, account for and safeguard cash at the University of Southern Indiana is the Business Office. Specifically, this office is responsible for collecting fees and other income; making all fee refunds; invoicing third parties; preparing bank deposits; issuing petty cash disbursements; issuing change funds to authorized units; and assessing student fees. Under no circumstances is an employee to accept money in the name of the University without properly recording the income with an official University receipt. A receipt will be issued by the Cashier's Office for all cash received except for cash received by approved satellite operations. This also includes any payments or plans to receive payments electronically via the World Wide Web. In addition, no University employee or department is to invoice any third party without said invoice being processed first through the Business Office. Departments that have been approved to accept money are required to issue receipts and make daily deposits. These departments are responsible for maintaining their own receipt subsidiary record on forms that have been approved by the bursar. Loss of any funds should be reported immediately to the Cashier's Office and to the University Security Department. Questions relative to cash control procedures should be addressed to **M. Suzanne Devine**, bursar, at 812/464-1842.

Celebrate USI's early years

Do you remember USI in its early years, from 1965-1984? Reunite with alumni and faculty from that era on Saturday, September 15, the day classes first began in 1965. "Celebrate the Early Years" will include a campus tour and a reception in the Science Center entry (formerly the Redwood Lounge) and McCutchan Gallery area in the Byron C. Wright Administration building. The tour will begin in front of the Wright Administration Building at 5 p.m. The reception to follow from 6 to 8 p.m. will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Register by August 30. For more information, go to www.usi.edu/alumni or contact Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 or alumni@usi.edu. The Early Years committee is **Larry Arp**, **Andrea Gentry '05**, **Nancy Johnson '83 '95**, **Annie Krug**, **Donna Mesker '86**, **Connie Dartt Romain '74**, **Helen Sands**, **John Schroder '71 '03**, **Mary Schroeder**, **John Schutz '82**, **Sherrianne Standley**, **Eric Williams '89**, **Donita Carson Wolf '83**, and **Rose Zigenfus '78**.