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# University Notes

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## IU vice president to give Berger Lecture

Controversy about the image of a Ku Klux Klan cross burning in one of Thomas Hart Benton's Indiana history murals will be the topic of the 2003 Sydney Berger Lecture by Dr. Charles Nelms, vice president for Student Development and Diversity at Indiana University Bloomington.

Nelms will present "Art, Diversity, or Censorship: Who Decides?" at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in Carter Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

Benton painted the mural series for the State of Indiana exhibit at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Since 1941, the controversial scene has been permanently displayed in Woodburn 100, a lecture hall on the Bloomington campus.

According to a description by author Kathleen Foster, the mural shows tiny figures robed in white at the center distance, where a burning cross stands against a dark sky. Here, the KKK gathers between a church (St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru, Ind.) and a raised flag.

The flag represents the forces of Protestantism and patriotism that fronted a national White Supremacist Movement in the 1920s. Victory over the Klan seems secure in the vignette at the center, where a white nurse tends both black and white children. The press, in the foreground, is represented by a reporter, a photographer, and a printer.

Nelms has been at IU Bloomington since 1998. His 30-year career in higher education includes work in academic affairs, student development, and enrollment management for private and public universities.

The focus of his scholarly and research activities includes college access and degree attainment for African Americans and other underrepresented groups. He established the Interracial Communications Project at four urban universities to explore the causes and consequences of racism in America.

Nelms' work in quality improvement in higher education and accreditation has taken him to South Africa, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. He was a contributor to the book, *Grass Roots and Glass Ceilings: African American Administrators in Predominately White Universities*.

The Sydney Berger Lecture is an annual event sponsored by the USI School of Liberal Arts to honor the memory of Sydney Berger, one of Evansville's most prominent attorneys and an instructor in constitutional law at USI. Because of Berger's commitment to individual liberty, the theme of the lecture program relates to civil rights or liberties.

The 2003 Berger Lecture committee includes Dr. Hilary Braysmith, associate professor of art history; Leonard Dowhie, professor of art; and Joan Kempf, assistant professor of graphic design.

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## Disabilities expert presenting FDR program

The director of Ball State University's Disabled Student Development Office - who has made presentations with Nina Roosevelt Gibson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's granddaughter - will share the program with the community Thursday, March 6, at USI.

In conjunction with the University's celebration of Diversity Week, Richard Harris will present "Franklin D. Roosevelt: Elected In Spite Of or Because Of His Disability" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

With very few exceptions, FDR's biographers have underplayed or completely ignored the polio-caused paralysis he contracted in 1921. In his program, Harris combines a longtime interest in FDR with his knowledge of disability issues.

Utilizing slides of extremely rare photographs of FDR - including the only two known shots of him in a wheelchair - Harris will explore FDR's life and political career before and after the onset of disability.

He also will examine the effect of FDR's disability on Eleanor Roosevelt and will ask the questions: Was FDR elected in spite of or because of his disability; was FDR's close relationship with the press helpful or harmful; and could a severely-disabled person be elected president today?

The program also will consider FDR's handling of disability as a precursor to the way society deals with disability today, and it will consider where the nearly 50-million Americans with disabilities fit into the social fabric.

Harris has directed Ball State's Disabled Student Development Office for 28 years and has been a disability advocate at local, state, and national levels. He also is a founder of the Association on Higher Education and Disability, and twice served as the organization's president.

The USI Counseling Center, Office of Student Development Programs, Multicultural Center, and Student Affairs Staff Development Committee are sponsoring the presentation.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt: Elected In Spite Of or Because Of His Disability" is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Harris will present a second two-hour program for University faculty and staff Friday, March 7. "From FDR to Jerry Lewis: America's Confused Relationship with Disability; Where does USI Fit In?" will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 2018 of the Orr Center.

For more information about either program, call the USI Counseling Center, 812/464-1867.

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## Nominate a 'phenomenal woman'

Nominations for the second annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Ceremony will be accepted until Friday, March 7, in the Multicultural Center.

Presented by the center and the Evansville Chapter of the American Association of University Women, the program celebrates women of all ages and walks of life who have contributed to the USI and Evansville communities.

This year's event will be held March 26. A vendor fair will begin at 5 p.m. in Carter Hall. The Recognition Ceremony will follow at 6.

Nominations may be made in three categories: student, community-at-large, and posthumous. Awards will be presented in seven areas: leadership, community service, health and science, education, business, the arts, and home and family.

Nomination forms are available at the Multicultural Center.

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## Historic interpreter training March 7

Historic New Harmony will present the second session of its annual interpreter training Friday, March 7, at the Atheneum Visitors Center in New Harmony.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the session that will include three presentations on specific elements of New Harmony's history and development.

11 a.m. – Dr. W. Thomas Straw, emeritus professor of geology at Western Michigan University, will discuss general aspects of geology, the geology of New Harmony, and the relationship of geology to the history of New Harmony.

1 p.m. – Saundra Altman, historic costuming expert and owner of Past Patterns, a historic costume pattern shop in Richmond, Ind., will speak about 1800-1830 historic costumes with specific emphasis on the Owen Community and its associated "reform costume" for women.

3 p.m. – Dr. Charles Barber, USI professor of political science, will present the program, "Communism, Socialism, and Communalism: Ideologies in Competition."

Admission to the training session is free. For more information, call 812/682-4488.

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## Names in the news

### Achievements

Dr. Robert L. Reid, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was recognized for a lifetime of contributions by the Academic Leadership and Change Division of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities February 8. With 28 years of service, Reid participated in the initial planning meeting for the division in 1974 and has been an active member serving in numerous capacities including Indiana liaison, member of the National Advisory Committee, national mentor for the Academic Leadership Academy, and workshop leader and presenter at numerous annual meetings.

Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art, was awarded First Place in Two-Dimensional Art for her mixed media acrylic painting, "Imagination," in the *Working Together 2003* exhibition that will be on view at The Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science through March 30. Roth's acrylic painting, "Roads Traveled: Tunisia," also is in the exhibition. Other USI faculty members exhibiting in the show include Eric Braysmith, lecturer in art, digital photograph, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"; and Monty Helm, lecturer in art, ink wash drawing, "The Binding of Dorothy." April Vasher-Dean, director of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, served as juror of the annual exhibition.

Dr. Richard Ruhala, assistant professor of engineering, participated in a meeting of a study group within the International Telecommunications Union that drafted a revised telecommunications standard, P.310, January 27-31 in Geneva, Switzerland. The revised standard, "Transmission Characteristics for Telephone Band (300-3400 Hz) Digital Telephones," was approved at the meeting and should be in force in a few months. It will help improve the quality of digital telephones with volume controls. As a Rapporteur, Ruhala also held an ad hoc meeting and wrote several working documents.

Kevin Valadares, assistant professor of health services/administration, presented the paper, "Discourse in Cyberspace: Multiple Uses of Online Discussion Forums to Improve Student Learning," in February at the Stop Surfing, Start Teaching: National Conference on Distance Education in Las Vegas.

## Welcome

Krissy Meek-Engelbrecht has accepted the position of head coach of the women's soccer team. The Evansville resident previously worked as assistant coach at University of Evansville, where she earned a B.S. in exercise science. She played for UE for four years, is a UE career points and record holder, and was named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year three times, All-Region three times, and First Team All-Conference four times.

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## FYI

### Judy Shepard

Matthew Shepard's mother, Judy, will speak as part of USI's celebration of Diversity Week Tuesday, March 4. Judy Shepard's presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall. Matthew, her 21-year-old son, was murdered in 1998 in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming.

## Ash Wednesday

Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger will lead an Ash Wednesday Mass from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in Carter Hall. Presented in conjunction with USI's celebration of Diversity Week, the service is open to all denominations.

## Newsletter deadline

Friday, February 28, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the "Marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

## Bluecat volunteers

Do you like football? Are you a high-energy person? The Evansville Bluecats are looking for volunteers to help assist in home game activities. Several positions are available. For more information, call the Bluecats Office, 812/491-9401.

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## Marketplace

### For sale

Brick, ranch style house - 1,305 sq. ft. plus full finished base-

inent, three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths, attached two-car garage, yard barn, great location, located on cul-de-sac next to Haubstadt Community School. Call Kent, 768-5557 or click here. <http://home.insightbb.com/~kscheller>

1989 IROC Z 350 Camaro - lots of extras, needs minor TLC: \$2,450. Call 305-0435, leave message.

19-inch RCA television with remote - one owner, works as well as the day I brought it home. Lacking only the jacks for a DVD player. Has vast experience playing movies, broadcast, VCR, and political pot-shot shows. Would probably bring in ball games and car races if challenged to do so! A bargain at \$30. Call Julie, Ext. 1606 or 475-8860 evenings.

Yard/patio fountain - three foot, faux gray stone, motor, purchased from Colonial for \$900, will sell for \$450. Call Ext. 1749.

Patio set - dark green iron table, four chairs (two rockers), two cushions, umbrella, and stand. Purchased from Colonial for \$1,100, will sell for \$550. Call Ext. 1749.

Mauve loveseat - \$100; large entertainment center - \$75; large oak coffee table -- \$50; oak/maple dining room set with two leaves, seats six - \$175. Contact Donna Hopf, Ext. 1906, 423-9788, or [dhopf@usi.edu](mailto:dhopf@usi.edu).

Color computer monitor - Viewsonic, 17", one-and-one-half years old. Comes with CD and accessories. Excellent condition (owner selling to get a flat screen): \$150 (negotiable). Call Michelle, 465-1138 or 476-4157.

Kitchen cabinets - cherry-colored, two-door cabinet with hunter green counter top: \$50 OBO; corner cabinet, light color with hunter green counter top, may be used as lower or upper cabinet: \$75 OBO. Call 465-7110.

### **Wanted**

Twin bed headboard - for elderly woman, French provincial preferred but will consider others. Contact [ikeeling@usi.edu](mailto:ikeeling@usi.edu) or Ext. 5259.

### **For rent**

Serene, historic, two-bedroom duplex - design and feel of 1890 farmhouse. Large, airy, eat-in kitchen, small office, one-and-one-half baths, hardwood floor, built-in bookcase, two fireplaces, and window treatment. Porch, second-floor deck, tree-filled, fenced yard: \$560/month. References and deposit required. Call 423-8859.

### **Pets**

Black Lab puppies - will be six weeks old March 12: \$125. Call Caitlin, 812/568-6027.

Free to good home - two-and-one-half-year-old beagle/terrier mix. Small dog, very loving, good with kids, spayed, and house trained. Due to health problems, can no longer have pet. Call Ext. 1980 or 7194.

### **Volunteers needed**

Special Olympics is looking for 20 to 30 volunteers to serve as assistant track and field coaches. No experience necessary. Requirements are patience and a positive attitude. Practices will be held every Sunday (except April 20), March 9 through May 4, 2 to 4 p.m., Bosse High School. The track meet is May 10 at Central High School. If interested, contact Doug J. Balder, head coach, 812/985-2749 or e-mail [dbalder481@aol.com](mailto:dbalder481@aol.com).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "Marketplace," a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

Friday, February 28, is the deadline for submitting information

for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made via e-mail to [kaltstad@usi.edu](mailto:kaltstad@usi.edu).

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## **March calendar**

### **Saturday, March 1**

USI baseball hosts Tiffin University - noon, March 1-2, USI Baseball Field.

USI women's/men's basketball at University of Missouri-St. Louis - 1/3:15 p.m.

### **Monday, March 3**

Gender Studies Brown Bag Panel Discussion - part of USI's celebration of Diversity Week, noon to 1 p.m., Carter Hall. Bring a lunch and join discussion of a new minor at USI. Free. Sponsor: School of Liberal Arts. Information: 812/465-7188.

RopeWalk Reading Series - featuring publisher, editor, author Naomi Horii, 7 p.m., Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center. Book signing to follow. Free. Information: 812/464-1735.

### **Tuesday, March 4**

Judy Shepard - Matthew Shepard's mother, speaking as part of USI's Diversity Week, 7 p.m., Carter Hall. Matthew, a 21-year-old college student, was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming in 1998. Free. Sponsor: Activities Programming Board. Information: 812/465-7188.

Spring Film Series - *Four Jills in a Jeep*, 1:30 and 6 p.m., Forum I.

Wisconsin Fast Plants Workshop - for area teachers, conducted on campus by Dr. Henri Maurice, chair of the Biology Department.

### **Wednesday, March 5**

Ash Wednesday Mass - part of USI's celebration of Diversity Week, noon to 1 p.m., Carter Hall. Join Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger for a service open to all denominations. Free. Sponsor: Religious Life. Information: 812/465-7188.

Safe Spring Break Fair - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rice Plaza. Programs about skin/sun care, binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, drinking and driving, safe sex, security, and more. Rain site: University Center, rooms 201-202. Information: 812/464-1807.

Great Lakes Valley Conference Basketball Tournament - March 5-8, Roberts Stadium. Details TBA. Information: 812/465-1622.

USI softball hosts Kentucky Wesleyan - 3 p.m., USI Softball Field.

### **Thursday, March 6**

"Franklin D. Roosevelt: Elected In Spite Of or Because Of His Disability" - presented in conjunction with USI's celebration of Diversity Week, featuring Richard Harris, director of Disabled Student Development at Ball State University, 6:30 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Free. Information: 812/464-1867.

USI baseball at Brescia University - 3 p.m., Owensboro.

### **Friday, March 7**

"From FDR to Jerry Lewis: America's Confused Relationship with Disability; Where does USI Fit In?" - program for USI faculty and staff, featuring Richard Harris, director of Disabled Student Development at Ball State University, 10 a.m. to noon, Orr Center, Room 2018. Information: 812/464-1867.

Social Work Festival - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Carter Hall. Continuing education credit available. Fee: \$60, including lunch. Information/registration: 812/464-1989, 800/467-8600.

Historic New Harmony's Interpreter Training - 11 a.m., Atheneum Visitors Center, New Harmony. USI faculty, staff, students invited. Free. Information: 812/682-4488.

### **Saturday, March 8**

USI baseball at West Georgia - noon, March 8-9, Carrollton.

### **Sunday, March 9**

USI softball at Division II Rebel Spring Games - March 9-13, Osceola, Fla.

### **Monday, March 10**

USI Spring Recess - no classes, March 10-15. Information: 812/464-1762.

USI baseball at University of South Carolina-Aiken - 5 p.m.

### **Tuesday, March 11**

USI baseball at Augusta State - 1:30 p.m., March 11-12, Augusta, Ga.

### **Thursday, March 13**

USI baseball at Presbyterian College - 2:30 p.m., March 13-14, Clinton, S.C.

NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament - March 13-16, details TBA.

### **Friday, March 14**

"Under the Beams" concert series - Chamber Blues, 8 p.m., Rapp Granary, New Harmony. Presented by The New Harmony Artists' Guild and The Rapp Granary-Owen Foundation. Tickets: \$30. Tickets/information: 812/682-5019.

USI softball at Columbus State University Invitational Tournament - March 14-15, Columbus, Ga.

### **Monday, March 17**

USI School of Liberal Arts Honors Convocation - 4 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Information: 812/464-1930.

### **Tuesday, March 18**

USI School of Nursing and Health Professions Honors Convocation - 4 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Information: 812/464-1930.

Spring Film Series - *The Third Man*, 1:30 and 6 p.m., Forum I.

USI softball at Oakland City University - 3:30 p.m., Oakland City, Ind.

### **Wednesday, March 19**

USI Pott School of Science and Engineering Honors Convocation - 4 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Information: 812/464-1930.

USI baseball at Bellarmine University - 2 p.m., Louisville, Ky.

### **Thursday, March 20**

USI School of Business Honors Convocation - 1 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Information: 812/464-1930.

USI Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services Honors Convocation - 4 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Information: 812/464-1930.

RopeWalk Reading Series - featuring author Tony Ardizzone, 7 p.m., Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center. Book signing to follow. Free. Information: 812/464-1735.

Wisconsin Fast Plants Workshop - for area teachers, conducted on campus by Dr. Henri Maurice, chair of the Biology Department.

USI baseball at Oakland City University - 1 p.m., Oakland

City, Ind.

### **Friday, March 21**

Last day to drop or withdraw without evaluation - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Registrar's Office. Information: 812/464-1762.

### **Saturday, March 22**

USI baseball hosts Indianapolis - noon, March 22-23, USI Baseball Field.

USI softball at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville - noon.

### **Sunday, March 23**

USI softball hosts University of Missouri-St. Louis - noon, USI Softball Field.

### **Monday, March 24**

USI School of Business Executive-in-Residence Program - featuring J. Edward Wicht '92, staff attorney in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement, free public forums at 9 and 11 a.m., Carter Hall. Reservation for noon lunch: \$12. Information/reservations: 812/465-7001.

### **Wednesday, March 26**

Second annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community - Carter Hall: 6 p.m. recognition ceremony, 5 p.m. exhibition, in conjunction with Women's History Month, hosted by USI's Multicultural Center and the American Association for University Women. Information: 812/465-7188.

USI Internship/Co-op Job Fair - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carter Hall. Employers meet with students and collect resumes for possible internship placements. Information: 812/464-1865.

USI baseball at Kentucky Wesleyan - 1 p.m., Owensboro.

NCAA Division II Elite Eight - March 26-29, Lakeland, Fla.

USI softball hosts Bellarmine University - 3:30 p.m., USI Softball Field.

### **Thursday, March 27**

"Art, Diversity, or Censorship: Who Decides?" - Sydney Berger Lecture presented by Dr. Charles Nelms, vice president for Student Development and Diversity for the Indiana University system; vice chancellor of the Bloomington campus; and professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, 7:30 p.m., Carter Hall. Hosted by the USI Department of Art, Music, and Theatre. Free. Information: 812/465-7047.

### **Friday, March 28**

Liberal Arts Colloquium - "The Knight and the Lion: A Faculty Research and Creative Work Awards Grant," 3:30 p.m., Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center. Presenters: Michael Aakhus, professor of art, and Patricia Aakhus, instructor in English. Information: 812/465-7053.

Friday Night in the Forum - film series featuring *Chunhyang*, 7:30 p.m., Forum I.

### **Saturday, March 29**

Southern Hospitality Day - USI hosts campus tours and provides information to prospective students and their families. Registration: 812/464-1765, 800/467-1965.

USI baseball at University of Wisconsin-Parkside - noon, March 29-30, Kenosha.

USI softball hosts Lewis University - noon, USI Softball Field.

### **Sunday, March 30**

USI softball hosts University of Wisconsin-Parkside - 1 p.m., USI Softball Field.