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Global warming documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” to be shown here

The USI student affiliate of the National American Chemical Society and Save our Land and Environment (SOLE), a Posey County-based environmental organization, are teaming up to bring the Oscar-winning global warming documentary “An Inconvenient Truth” to campus on Thursday, March 15.

Dr. Jeff Seyler, professor of chemistry, said the presentation is meant “to promote awareness and get people to think about the ways they can help reduce carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases.”

“An Inconvenient Truth” won Best Documentary Film at this year’s Academy Awards and is widely credited with bringing global warming to worldwide attention.

“It’s something to which people need to give serious thought, and take action,” Seyler said.

A question and answer period with a panel of experts will follow the film, which will be presented at 6 p.m. in Forum I in the Wright Administration Building.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Seyler at 812/464-1923.

Anti-sexist activist on campus March 20

Jackson Katz, one of the country’s leading anti-sexist male activists, will lead workshops and offer a public lecture on Tuesday, March 20. An expert in the area of gender violence prevention, he will speak to the public at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center.

In addition to the lecture, Katz will lead a workshop for administrators, athletes, ROTC students, and members of the community from 1 to 4 p.m. that day in Carter Hall D. The title of the workshop is “More than a Few Good Men: Strategies for Inspiring Men and Boys to be Allies in Gender Violence Prevention.”

Jon Mark Hall, director of Athletics, said, “I believe it is important for us to expose our student-athletes to issues such as gender violence. Jackson Katz has been a leader on this subject matter and I am excited that our student-athletes will hear his important message. We hope that our students will take what he says and use it to improve themselves.”

An educator, author, and filmmaker, he is recognized for his work in the field of gender violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in the sports culture and the military. He is the co-founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading gender violence prevention initiative in professional and college athletics.

He is the director of the first worldwide domestic and sexual violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps. He is also the creator and co-creator of educational videos for college and high school students, including “Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity” (2000), “Wrestling With

Manhood” (2002) and “Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies and Alcohol” (2004).

He is the author of *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help*, published by Sourcebooks in 2006. The book will be available in the USI Bookstore and at the lecture. The retail price is \$16.95 plus tax.

Since 1990, Katz has lectured at over 950 colleges, prep schools, high schools, middle schools, professional conferences and military installations in 44 states. Katz holds academic degrees from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Harvard University, and is currently a doctoral student in cultural studies and education at UCLA. A native of Boston, he lives with his family in the Los Angeles area.

The workshop and lecture are underwritten by generous donors who make financial contributions to the USI Foundation and sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness.

For more information contact **Stephanie Walden-Schwake**, assistant director of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, at 812/461-5269.

Trustees approve tenure and promotions

Tenure effective August 18, 2008 was approved for 10 faculty members by the USI Board of Trustees on March 1, 2007. The faculty members are **Dr. Omowale Akintunde**, associate professor of education; **Dr. Maurice Hamington**, assistant professor of philosophy; **Dr. Elizabeth Johnson**, associate professor of nursing; **Dr. Folke-Christine Moeller-Sahling**, assistant professor of German; **Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar**, assistant professor of economics; **Dr. Iris Phillips**, assistant professor of social work; **Dr. Martha Brown Sparks**, professor of nursing; **Dr. Chad Tew**, assistant professor of online journalism; **Dr. Kevin Valadares**, assistant professor of health services/administration; and **Dr. Steven Williams**, assistant professor of sociology.

Trustees also approved promotion to associate professor effective August 20, 2007 for Hamington, Moeller-Sahling, Mujumdar, Phillips, Tew, Turner, Valadares, and Williams. Trustees approved promotion to professor effective August 20, 2007 for **Dr. Robert E. Boostrom**, associate professor of education.

Trustees approved retirement, with the emeritus title, for **Shirley K. Kirk**, training coordinator for computer applications for the College of Business. Retirement will be effective August 24, 2007.

Blair to present global warming slideshow on campus

The USI Sociology Club will host **John Blair’s** presentation of a slideshow on global warming at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in Forum III in the Wright Administration Building.

Blair is president of the environmental watchdog group Valley Watch and teaches photography classes at USI as an instructor in communications. He was one of approximately 800 people nationwide chosen by a nonprofit group called the Climate Project to be trained to present the information in Al Gore’s global warming doc-

umentary "An Inconvenient Truth." In January, Blair joined 200 others and Gore himself in Nashville for three days of training.

Blair's localized presentation includes information connecting our area's coal-fired power plants to the problem of global warming. This area has the highest concentration of coal-fired power plants in the world.

USI senior sociology major **Brian Locker**, president of the Sociology Club, said, "Sociology of the environment is the study of societies' interaction with the natural environment. So, to a degree, environmental sociologists study the political, moral, scientific, and religious undertones that help form peoples' reaction to environmental problems such as global warming."

He continued, "Only through studying the historical background of the causes of global warming can sociologists identify current reactions to global warming. In a sense, global warming is a major sociological phenomenon in that it could change the way societies throughout the world produce and consume goods and services and also alter the way people throughout the world view the natural environment."

Locker can be reached at 812/480-1474.

Trustees approve academic degrees and honorary degrees

At the board meeting held March 1, 2007 in New Harmony, Indiana, the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved awarding degrees to 1,291 candidates during Commencement Exercises on May 5, 2007. The number of spring graduates added to the number of graduates who received degrees during the fall commencement gives the 2006-07 class the distinction of being the largest class to graduate from USI.

Jean LemMon, nationally known journalist and retired editor of Country Home magazine, will deliver the Commencement address. Trustees approved awarding her an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. They also approved awarding honorary degrees to three Evansville residents.

Ms. Bettie G. Engelbrecht, corporate secretary of South Central Communications and retired public service director of WIKY Radio, will receive a Doctor of Laws honorary degree.

Engelbrecht is a pioneer in Indiana radio broadcasting. She was instrumental in South Central Communications donating the AM820 frequency to USI 25 years ago. That gift has made it possible for USI to operate WSWI, a student-run radio station.

Engelbrecht is a longtime member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, and she was made a Life Director in recognition of her distinguished service. She has been a generous underwriter of the New Harmony Theatre and assisted USI in many special USI Foundation projects.

Business and civic leaders **Patrick** and **Rosemary O'Daniel** will both receive Doctor of Laws degrees for their service to the Evansville community and the University. They are business leaders in the automotive industry and serve on many community boards. Patrick is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, and he is presently a member of the USIF Advisory Council, which provides guidance to the Board of Directors.

The O'Daniels continue a family legacy of involvement in the University and its development, begun by Patrick's father Joe, one of the founding members of the USI Board of Trustees.

In other business, the trustees approved a request from the Vanderburgh County commissioners for a perpetual easement and right-of-way to construct a bicycle path linking the University of Southern Indiana with Burdette Park. The bicycle path will be a 12-foot wide, hard surface, 2.5-mile path funded by the county. The route of the path, in planning for many years, has been considered

in the master planning process for the University.

Mark Rozewski, vice president for Business Affairs, said, "We are pleased to be able to support, through the granting of this easement, what we believe will be a major regional recreational amenity, and one that will be of major interest to our 10,000 students."

The trustees approved a resolution to authorize the board's Construction Committee to review architectural proposals for the expansion and renovation of the former David L. Rice Library and recommend an architectural firm to the full board. The library space was vacated when the new David L. Rice Library opened in July 2006. The Indiana General Assembly has approved \$9.75 million in bonding authorization in 2003 and \$4 million in 2005 for the conversion of the space.

Science fair exhibits to be on display in the UC

USI employees and the general public are invited to view more than 450 student projects in the Pott Foundation Tri State Science and Engineering Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7 in Carter Hall and the University Conference Center in the University Center at USI. This is the first year the fair is being held at USI.

The event is the 58th year for the Tri State Science and Engineering Fair. It has been held at the University of Evansville in recent years.

Students from area middle schools and high schools within a 75-mile radius of Evansville were eligible to participate in the fair. Judging of the fair will take place between 6 and 7:30 p.m. on March 6. Students will be setting up projects throughout the day on March 6 beginning at 10 a.m. The Food Court in the University Center will be open for participants and volunteers. USI students will be on spring break that week.

USI students who are members of various student groups in the Pott College of Science and Engineering will help with the program and USI admission counselors will be available to give tours of campus for interested high school students and their parents during the judging session.

A total of \$1,460 worth of local awards and six \$1,500 USI scholarships will be presented during the awards ceremony to be held at 7 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium on March 7. In addition to scholarships and cash, other awards include certificates, medallions, and laptops. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, will be emcee for the awards ceremony.

The fair is sponsored by the Pott Foundation and the Pott College of Science and Engineering.

Student trustee applications are being accepted through April 2, 2007

A search is underway by the USI Student Government Association for a new student trustee to serve as the student representative on the USI Board of Trustees. **Lauren C. Fultz**, the current student trustee, will end her two-year term on June 30, 2007. Applications are online at www.usi.edu/sga and in the Dean of Students Office, Rm. 007 in the University Center.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the University, and the student trustee serves as a full voting member who is expected to bring both the interests of students to trustee discussions and relate his or her perspective to issues dealing with the University community.

To be eligible to apply, a student must:

- be a full-time student in good standing;
- have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5;

- be able to commit to a two-year term on the Board;
- be a United States citizen and resident of Indiana;
- have completed two semesters at USI by the time of appointment (July 1, 2007).

Faculty and staff who know eligible students with good leadership skills are encouraged to invite those students to apply.

To be considered for an interview, students must submit the following items to the Dean of Students Office, UC 007, by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2007:

- a completed application;
- an essay addressing why he or she is interested in the position and what he or she can contribute to the Board of Trustees (limit to 300 words);
- three letters of recommendation
- an activities resume as outlined in the application packet

One letter of recommendation must be submitted by a member of the USI community, one by a faculty member from whom the student has taken a class, and the third letter by a personal or professional reference who is not connected to the University.)

For information about the application process, call **Jeff Clark**, chair, Student Trustee Search Committee, in the Student Government Office at 812/464-1873 or e-mail sga@usi.edu.

Jane Addams makes guest appearance in social work class

Miss **Jane Addams**, founder of Chicago's social settlement Hull House and recipient of the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize, made a guest appearance in Social Work 222: Emergence of the Social Welfare System, taught by **Dr. Tom Bordelon**, associate professor of social work, on February 22.

Addams - as portrayed by **Dr. Martha Raske**, associate professor of social work - spoke to students considering a career in the profession of social work about her motivation to found the famous social settlement house in 1889, her life's accomplishments, and the challenges of working for world peace.

Addams wrote a dozen books and numerous articles, and was an admired national and international speaker. She attracted the keenest intellectuals of her time to join her in solving some of the most pressing social problems of her day. She founded and served many national organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Since the beginning of the spring 2007 semester, Bordelon's students have been planning for Addams' arrival with a study of conservative and liberal viewpoints on poverty and institutional and residual approaches to social welfare policy. Addams was a highly anticipated visit, as she joined social theory and hands-on strategies that became an important approach to the modern practice of social work.

Along with **Dr. Maurice Hamington**, assistant professor of philosophy and a Jane Addams scholar, Raske has presented Addams' work to local and regional audiences.

Liberal Arts alumnus to discuss journey from student to professional

Kim Kurdelak, a 1996 USI graduate with a bachelor's degree in art, will present the 2007 College of Liberal Arts Alumni in Residence lecture, "Journey to Now: Human Being vs. Human Doing," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in Kley Meyer Hall in the

Liberal Arts Center.

Kurdelak has a background in fine arts and a long-standing interest in figurative work. She is currently employed as creative director at Promar, a graphic design agency in San Diego, California; maintains a fine art practice in her home studio; and practices yoga every day.

Her talk, which will include a visual presentation, connects what has happened between then and now - from the idealism of a studio art major to the reality of working in the field of graphic design.

She will discuss her journey, the rewards and drawbacks of the design profession, and how she has learned to find a balance between that career and doing her own creative artwork.

For more information, call the Art Department at 812/464-7014.

Herdes named GLVC Coach of the Year Sullivan named first team All-GLVC

USI men's basketball Head Coach **Rick Herdes** was named the GLVC Coach of the Year in a vote by the league coaches. Joining Herdes on the GLVC honor roll was senior center **Rashard Sullivan**, who was named first team All-GLVC; senior guard **Melvin Hall**, who was named second team All-GLVC; and junior guard **Kenny Page**, who was named honorable mention All-GLVC.

Herdes, who ranks among the national leaders as one of the winningest active coaches, led the Screaming Eagles to its first outright GLVC West Division crown with a 14-5 conference mark. He also directed the Eagles to their 15th straight 20-win season; the fifth straight year with 25-or-more victories; and soon to be their fifth straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearance.

The Eagles and Herdes, who are 25-5 overall, will begin their quest for a second GLVC Tournament title in three years when they play Lewis University at 6 p.m. Thursday at Roberts Stadium.

Sullivan's first team All-GLVC award marks the third straight season, fourth in the last five, that a USI player has been placed on the first team. The Disney Division II Tip-off Classic Most Outstanding Player ranks second on the team and 20th in the league in scoring with 13.3 points per game and tied for first on the squad and 5th in the conference in rebounds per game. Sullivan also has a team-high 47 blocked shots.

The second team All-GLVC award is the second time that Hall has been honored by the league coaches. Hall leads the Eagles and ranks 18th in the GLVC in scoring with 14.7 point per game; and is the GLVC leader in three-point field goals made with 95. He will have a chance in the post-season to become the first USI player to make 100 three-point field goals in a season.

Page earns honorable mention honors after averaging 11.5 point per game and leading the team with 3.8 assist per game. He also ranks ninth in the conference in assists and 12th in the league in assist/turnover ratio.

The men's basketball team resumes practice for the tournament today at 3:30 p.m. The media is requested to come at 3 p.m. for interviews.

Growing...Building Preparing for power outages throughout campus

The campus infrastructure is better protected from damage during an extended electrical power outage with the installation of a new diesel fuel-powered generator in the Physical Plant. The generator will provide emergency electric power to the boilers, pumps, controls, and lighting in the central heating and cooling plant and

Physical Plant offices.

Prior to the installation of the new generator, all heating and pumping equipment could not be operated during an outage, resulting in the loss of heating capability and the potential for freezing and damage to all the major campus buildings during extremely cold weather. The generator allows the Physical Plant energy management system and communications networks to continue to operate during a loss of electricity.

The generator also is large enough to provide emergency power to the College of Business and Classroom building when it is constructed.

An emergency generator was installed in Rice Library during construction. It powers all life safety devices, including emergency lighting, elevators, fire alarm systems, and other essential items for evacuating the building if a loss of electricity occurs.

This generator is large enough to provide emergency power to the University Center and the original library building when it is renovated for student services and becomes part of the University Center.

Steve Helfrich, director of Facilities Operations and Planning, said, "The present emergency generator in the University Center is too small to provide emergency power to all the essential equipment in the building. Very soon we will be installing the necessary wiring, switches, and controls to provide emergency power from the Rice Library generator. This will allow us to remove the old generator in the University Center.

"Providing emergency power to the Loft and kitchen will allow Sodexho to continue to operate during an extended power outage."

The installation of the new emergency power to the University Center is planned to be completed this summer.

Helfrich said that additional emergency power was installed in the Computer Center last summer to insure all essential servers, network devices, telephone equipment and other essential computing equipment was able to continue to operate during a loss of power in the Orr Center.

"During the past 12 months the University has invested a substantial amount of money to protect essential operations during a loss of power. Certainly, we hope the generators are used infrequently, but if the need arises the campus is much better protected than a short while ago."

For more information about construction projects on campus, call Helfrich at 812/464-1782.

Names in the news

Conferences

Dr. R. Brent Summers, assistant professor of biology, attended the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the National Association of Academies of Science (NAAS) held February 14-18, 2007 in San Francisco, California. Summers attended the meeting serving in his capacity as the AAAS/NAAS representative and liaison as appointed by the Indiana Academy of Science. He was appointed to this position in fall 2006 by the president of the Indiana Academy of Science.

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2007-09 USI Bulletin

The new USI Bulletin is online at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/bulletin/index.asp. Printed copies of the bulletin should arrive in the next week and in ample time for the first orientation.

Children's Center book fair coming up

The USI Children's Center will hold its semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair March 20-24, 2007 in the lobby of the Science and Education Center. The book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be books for children, teaching materials, books in Spanish, cookbooks and many other items available for purchase. All profits benefit the Children's Center. **Pam Buschkill**, coordinator of the Children's Center, said, "Books make wonderful gifts for children's Easter baskets." For more information, call 812/464-1869.

Pre-enroll for summer children's camps

Extended Services is pre-enrolling children in two summer-long programs: Kindergarten Camp and Summer Enrichment Camp. Kindergarten Camp is a full-time program designed for children who are entering or who have just completed kindergarten. This summer's Kindergarten Camp operates from Tuesday, May 29 to Friday, August 3. Camp hours are 7 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evansville schools end Thursday, May 24, and resume Monday, August 13. Since Kindergarten Camp ends a week before school begins, children may stay at the center during this interim (August 6-10) if prior arrangements are made. USI's Summer Enrichment Camp for children ages 7-11 years is housed at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7700 Middle Mt. Vernon Road. Hours are 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and children may be enrolled during the summer full time or part-time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday. Summer Enrichment Camp operates from Tuesday, May 29 through Friday, August 3. Evansville schools end Thursday, May 24 and resume Monday, August 13. Neither camp will be in session on Wednesday, July 4, because of the holiday. Priority enrollment in both camps is given to USI staff, faculty and students, but after March 5, information will be made available to the public, if spaces remain. For pre-enrollment information, call Extended Services at 812/464-1989.

USI Fall Event Task Force

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the USI Fall Event Task Force project that will begin a new tradition at USI.

The task force will bring campus leaders and alumni volunteers together in order to discuss and gather input to create a large campus-wide fall event. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the David L. Rice Library, Rm 0002.

If you would like to participate, please contact **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of USI Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

Business students offer free tax help

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), USI student volunteers will provide free tax assistance on Wednesdays through April 11, 2007. In VITA programs, the Internal Revenue Service partners with national and local organizations to provide tax services to individuals with low-to-moderate income at no cost to the taxpayer. The sessions will be held by appointment only in Room 2005 in the Orr Center on the following Wednesdays: February 28; March 14, 21, 28; and April 4 and 11. Appointments will be available at 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For more information and to make an appointment, call the College of Business at 812/464-1718.