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The Indiana Humanities Council has awarded a \$1,000 International Awareness Grant to Eric L. vonFuhrmann, assistant professor of English at the University of Southern Indiana. The grant will be used to produce a Greek mythology video for USI's distance education program.

The video will feature a tour of the historical sites of Greece for distance education students studying mythology at USI. The video also is scheduled to air this fall on WNIN-TV, Channel 9.

The idea for the video originated with Professor vonFuhrmann, who annually takes humanities students on a spring break trip to visit Grecian historical sites of literary significance. This year, 13 USI students will accompany Professor vonFuhrmann on the trip from March 5 to March 14. Matthew May, Distance Learning producer/director, will film the tour. If successful, Professor vonFuhrmann will videotape a trip to Italy next year.

Distance learning serves as an alternative to the face-to-face classroom setting. Distance education courses are available on television, videotape, or the Internet. Distance learning courses include correspondence courses using traditional mail and newer delivery methods such as electronic mail (e-mail).

The Indiana Humanities Council's International Awareness Grants support projects that bolster awareness of Indiana's ties to the rest of the world. Eight International Awareness Mini Grants were awarded in January in seven Indiana cities. The grants are made possible by the Humanities Council with support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

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