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Passmore to discuss "Age, Ugliness, and Women's Counsel in Medieval Literature"

Dr. Elizabeth Passmore, assistant professor of English, will present a College of Liberal Arts Colloquium, "A mouthe fulle wide and foulle y-grown': Age, Ugliness, and Women's Counsel in Medieval Literature," at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Passmore's research is concerned with a motif in medieval literature in which a woman who first appears ugly or monstrous transforms into a great beauty. The quote in the title of the colloquium comes from a Middle English poem, "The Wedding of Sir Gawain and Dame Ragnelle," in which the lady is described as foul and horrible, with teeth like boar's tusks, gray hairs, and lips "lumped on her chin."

"The term that's been used for her in English literary scholarship is the Loathly Lady," Passmore said.

"Several female characters from late medieval English narratives magically transform from ugliness to beauty. These Loathly Ladies also give significant counsel to their heroes before their transformation, and their appearance is usually described in terms of old age."

The colloquium will focus on why the English Loathly Lady is usually old when she proffers her counsel. It builds on Passmore's conference paper for the 2005 Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo, Michigan, "Old Wise Women: Loathly Ladies and Counsel in Late Medieval Romance," and her dissertation, which contrasts early Irish narratives with later medieval English texts to focus on the transforming woman's counsel and advice.

"What exactly is going on in late medieval English culture with perceptions of old age? Women in the medieval period weren't necessarily regarded as people who were capable of giving advice. Moreover, old, especially poor, women were by and large feared and considered to be dangerous. So why would the medieval poet have an old, poor woman give advice?"

Passmore will address that question in her colloquium, focusing on perceptions of age in the late medieval period.

Passmore joined the University in fall 2005. She was formerly an instructor of English at the University of Connecticut-Storrs. She has a Ph.D. and a Master of Arts degree in medieval studies from the University of Connecticut, a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. She is a member of the Medieval Academy of America, the Celtic Studies Association of North America, and the New Chaucer Society.

For more information contact Dr. Teresa Huerta, associate professor of Spanish, at 812/465-7053.

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tioners, students, and educators from all over the state for the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Legislative, Education, and Advocacy Day (LEAD) on February 28 in Indianapolis. They will gather at the Radisson City Centre Hotel and then march to the State House.

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National Entrepreneurship Week

The College of Business will acknowledge National Entrepreneurship Week February 26-March 3. Activities include a lecture by Dr. Michael Goldsby, Stoops Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship for Ball State University's Entrepreneurship Program.

Goldsby, a former faculty member with the USI College of Business, will present "Entrepreneurship in the Heartland" at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Monday, February 26, in Carter Hall in the University Center. At Ball State, he teaches and writes in the areas of entrepreneurship, business ethics, and strategic management. As a management educator, he received the Jack Hoover Award for Teaching Excellence at Virginia Tech.

He has published research in *The Journal of Managerial Psychology*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Management Decision*, *Group and Organizational Management*, and *The Journal of Legal Studies Education*. The Council of Logistics Management published a case that he and his brother, Dr. Thomas J. Goldsby of Ohio State, had accepted in an international competition. It was also presented as the featured case at the National M.B.A. Competition in Logistics.

He is a member of the Academy of Management, the International Association of Business and Society, the Southern Management Association, the Midwest Academy of Management, the Society for Business Ethics, and serves on the national steering committee of USASBE.

Goldsby received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, a master's degree from Indiana State University, and Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.

National Entrepreneurship Week also includes a student Business Idea Competition. Finalists in the Business Idea Competition will present to a panel of judges on Tuesday, February 27. Competition winners will receive Entrepreneurship Awards of \$100 to \$250.

For more information, contact **Nancy Bizal**, coordinator of College of Business external relations, at 812/464-1801.

University Notes adds regular feature

The *University Notes* begins a regular feature this week on ongoing projects being planned or under construction on campus: "Growing...Building."

This feature will inform the USI community of new renovation, repair, and construction projects and will provide a description of the project, construction, and completion schedules, and other important information. The Physical Plant staff contacts for the project will also be included in case you need additional information.

Steve Helfrich, director of Facilities Operations and Planning, said, "We have projects in design and under construction that will impact faculty, staff, and students. We want to let them know what's going on, why it's happening, and how it might affect them in regards to their work and education."

Project updates will be provided periodically as important milestones are reached and activities are undertaken. In addition, the Physical Plant will install signage in the areas of construction with more information about projects. Look for the "Growing...Building" logo.

Presently, the Physical Plant staff has more than 30 renovation, repair, and new construction projects, estimated to total more than \$63 million, in various stages of design and construction. These projects are as diverse as repairs to the central heating and cooling plant piping and insulation to construction of the new College of Business and Classroom Building and each project costs anywhere from \$25,000 to \$25 million. Many of these projects will be starting construction this spring and summer and the Physical Plant anticipates a hectic "Growing...Building" year.

To read this week's column about work underway on the Science and Education Center, click on the "Growing...Building" logo located on the *University Notes* homepage.

V-Day production raises money for domestic abuse

Charging only \$1 admission, the USI Philosophy Club raised over \$200 for the Albion Fellows Bacon Center with its February 14 production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

"The Vagina Monologues" is an Obie Award-winning play featuring Ensler's transcripts of interviews with actual women transformed into theatrical monologues. The V-Day movement spawned by the play is aimed at ending violence toward women. Albion Fellows Bacon center provides support for victims of domestic abuse.

The cast was made up of students and faculty, including **Natalie Hatfield**, **Elli Rinks**, **Jessica Jones**, **Misty Gillespie**, **Diann Garrett**, **Amber J Tepe**, **Heather James**, **Dr. M.T. Hallock Morris**, assistant

professor of political science, **Brittney Scott**, **Andy Arthur**, **Dr. Mary Lyn Stoll**, assistant professor of philosophy, **Leah Barr**, and **Liz Dunigan**.

Jones, a double major in philosophy and social science secondary education and president of the Philosophy Club, said that Stoll had participated in V-Day performances at other schools, and suggested the club mount a production at USI.

"We thought the Philosophy Club would be a great vehicle to do something like this at USI, since it's never been done, and a great opportunity for students and faculty as well," Jones said.

The women performed to a full house of faculty, staff, and students in the lower level auditorium in Rice Library (Room 0017).

They had rehearsed since early January. "I was so happy and proud of everyone involved with putting the production on. Everyone worked so hard for the past month and a half," Jones said.

The club is still accepting donations for the center. If you would like to contribute, contact **Dr. Maurice Hamington**, faculty advisor for the club, at 812/464-1722.

The Philosophy Club plans a showing of the documentary, "Who Killed the Electric Car?" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in Rice Library Room 0017.

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Names in the news

Welcome

Mary Downing has accepted a position as administrative assis-

tant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Downing was formerly co-owner of Downing Moving and Storage.

In appreciation

"Lyndsee and I are deeply touched by the heartfelt support received from our friends and colleagues at USI. Your kind words, flowers and gifts were a great comfort during my mother's (Lyndsee's grandmother's) sudden passing. I find it difficult to find the words to show our appreciation. Therefore, I will just state thank you so much for keeping us in your thoughts during this very mournful time." - **Ronda Priest**, associate professor of sociology.

Accomplishments

Jim McGarrah, assistant professor of English, taught a creative nonfiction writing workshop and gave a public reading of his own work at the Meacham Writers Conference at the University of Tennessee February 22-25 in Chattanooga.

FYI

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 812/464-1889.

Jazz Night event features Indy saxophonist

The USI Black Alumni Society is hosting "An Evening of Jazz" at The Pub from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, February 24. This year, the guest performer is Rob White, a jazz saxophonist from Indianapolis. White has opened for national recording stars Freddie Jackson and Marion Meadows. He plays soprano, alto, and tenor saxophone and writes, arranges, and performs his own music.

He recently performed at the Mayor's breakfast in Indianapolis. Light refreshments will be served. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Proceeds benefit the USI Black Alumni Scholarship Fund. Contact Alumni & Volunteer Services: 812/464-1928.

USI Theatre presents "A Raisin in the Sun"

"A Raisin in the Sun" runs February 23-25 at USI Theatre at 3001 Igleheart Avenue. Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. There will be a Sunday matinee on February 25 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors 60 and over, and \$4 for USI students. Tickets may be purchased by calling the USI Theatre box office at 812/422-3970 or online at www.usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre/USITheatre. Tickets also may be purchased at the door; the box office will open one hour before each performance.

Eating disorder screenings offered

The Counseling Center will conduct eating disorder screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 1 in Room 1051 in the Orr Center. All USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening. The screening consists of a 10 minute self-assessment followed by a confidential meeting with a Counseling Center professional. For more information contact **Brooke Orth**, staff counselor, at 464-1867.

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.