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USI Theatre mounts area premiere of "Metamorphoses"

"Metamorphoses," Mary Zimmerman's play based on the Greek myths told by Ovid in his epic poem of the same name, was selected as the "2002 Theatre Event of the Year" by *Time Magazine* and enjoyed a successful run on Broadway.

USI Theatre presents the play for the first time in the Evansville area. **John Berst**, instructor in theatre, directs the production, which runs Wednesday, November 9 through Sunday, November 20 at the Mallette Studio Theatre in the lower level of the Liberal Arts Center.

Ovid's "Metamorphoses" includes more than 250 myths covering everything from the creation of the world to the assassination of Julius Caesar. Zimmerman's adaptation focuses on just a few of these stories, mostly centered on themes of love and transformation. The play features familiar characters of Greek mythology with modern twists, such as King Midas as a venture capitalist who can do no wrong, and Apollo's son Phaeton as a California sunshine boy working out his relationship with his father from his analyst's couch.

"Metamorphoses" opened on Broadway in March 2002, just months after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. *The Wall Street Journal* said, "Mary Zimmerman's beautiful and deeply humane 'Metamorphoses'...arrives in this wounded city like a small gift from the gods," and *Time Magazine* responded that the play showed that "theater can provide not just escape but sometimes a glimpse of the divine." The American Theatre Wing nominated "Metamorphoses" for three Tony Awards, including Best Play.

The cast of USI Theatre's production of "Metamorphoses" includes students **Kevin Bickwermer**, **Joshua Buente**, **Ashley Frary**, **Sean McCambridge**, **KimOra Ohning**, **Stacey Smith**, **Lauren Tait**, **April Underhill**, **Dustin Williams**, and **Jordan Willis**. Each student plays several roles. The design team is comprised entirely of USI students, including **Beth Wicker** as scenic designer, **Emily Stephens** as costume designer, **Stephanie Weinzapfel** as lighting designer, and **Dustin Held** as sound designer.

"Metamorphoses" runs November 9-13 and November 15-20. Performance times are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Single 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.

USI News site is live

News and Information Services' redesigned Web site, now called USI News, "went live" in October. The site will serve as a

central news center for information about USI. Web Services and NIS have collaborated on the project for several months.

The new site is designed to direct information to USI's multiple Web audiences more efficiently, with pages designed for Campus News (with information of general interest), Student News, Faculty and Staff News, and links to Athletics and arts news and information.

"Because News and Information reports on so many areas of the University, the challenge was to tailor the site in such a way that users could easily find stories that pertained directly to them," said **Ed Scharf**, web developer in Web Services. "This was achieved by creating three different main headline pages - Campus News, which will serve as the main news page, Student News and Faculty and Staff News. Now, the News and Information staff can program their stories to be posted where they're most likely to be read."

Users can access the new site through headlines on the USI homepage, or by going to www.usi.edu/newsinfo.

The site still includes contact information for NIS staff and Photography Services; the USI Experts Guide, Editor's Manual, and Speakers Bureau; emergency procedure information; and links to University Notes, USI Magazine, and the University Bulletin.

In addition, the site has detailed information about NIS services; links to University newsletters, including those of the Alumni Association, College of Business, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Department of Teacher Education; a press release archive with an improved search engine; weather information; and a calendar of events.

"The Web Services team worked hard at reorganizing the Experts List into a more user-friendly format, and changed the search function on the press release database so that it searches both headlines and text, instead of either/or. I have used this feature several times in my research, and I'm sure it's a function that the University community will find helpful as well," said **Wendy Knipe Bredhold**, writer in News and Information Services.

A new emphasis on campus news of specific interest to students represents an additional focus for NIS coverage.

"The student page will allow us to communicate effectively with students. University departments that want to relay information to students should take advantage of this new mode of communication by contacting the NIS office," Bredhold said.

News and Information Services has organized a student advisory board to advise NIS staff of student projects, activities, and groups, and to help generate news for the Web and publications.

Open enrollment is November 3-18:

USI employees will have the opportunity to evaluate health insurance needs and make changes in other employee benefits such as the flexible benefit plan or the voluntary supplemental life insurance program during the 2006 open enrollment period, Thursday, November 3, through Friday, November 18. Open

enrollment informational packages were mailed November 3.

New for 2006 is optional vision coverage. Spectera will provide coverage for annual exams, frames and lenses, contact lenses, and laser vision correction. The premium for the coverage will be paid on a pre-tax basis by the employee.

Employees can learn more about the new optional vision coverage and other health insurance benefits at an Open Enrollment Fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, November 14, in Carter Hall A-B. Representatives from Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc., Welborn Health Plans, Health Resources, Inc., The Nyhart Company, and Spectera will be at the fair.

During open enrollment, employees may

- Apply for health insurance coverage;
- Change current health insurance coverage;
- Add or delete dependents to health insurance coverage;
- Enroll in the flexible benefit plan; and/or
- Enroll in or change coverage in the voluntary supplemental life insurance program;
- Enroll in the optional vision plan.

Small group meetings to discuss 2006 plans and to answer questions about flexible spending accounts will be held at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Monday, November 14, in Carter Hall C, and at 5 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, in FA 166.

Open enrollment will be the only opportunity during the 2006 calendar year to change coverage and add dependents to the health insurance plan, unless a qualified change in family status occurs.

Enrollment papers must be completed by November 18, 2005, to ensure coverage effective January 1, 2006.

If you are unable to attend one of the group meetings or the open enrollment fair, but are interested in talking with someone about your health insurance coverage, contact Michelle Davis at mdavis@usi.edu or 812/464-1781, or Angie Brawdy at abrawdy@usi.edu or 812/464-1988.

Art instructor's exhibit is "Irresistible"

Carolyn Roth, instructor in art, hopes that audiences find her New Harmony exhibition "Irresistible."

"I was asked to come up with a name for the exhibition, and I thought, 'Irresistible,' because I hope people will come to see the paintings and find them irresistible. They are colorful, energetic, and intriguing," she said.

A reception for the exhibition, which began October 30, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, November 19, during New Harmony's Fall Gallery Stroll.

"Irresistible" includes over 50 small head studies painted in recent years. Most are based on students that model in her drawing classes. "When you are an artist, every part of your experience is reflected," she said. "The head studies are the teaching part."

"I start out with nonobjective paintings. I use color, and mix sand in with the paint to give it some texture, and come up with a good design and composition. I'll go to one of the drawing classes and work with the student models, and then I'll figure out how I can pull something out of the image. Part of the inspiration comes from the student in the classroom, and then I continue to pull the image out until I am happy with it."

She said her process differs for different projects. The paint-

ings she submitted to the Evansville Museum's "19th Annual East/West/North: A Collaboration" showcasing the work of art faculty from USI, University of Evansville, and Ivy Tech, are more thought-out compositions.

"Some things are planned. The head studies are spontaneous, fun images," she said.

The paintings for "East/West/North" are based on photographs she has taken while traveling to foreign countries with her husband, **Charles Barber**, professor of political science. "East/West/North" also opens November 19, and runs through January 15.

Roth has been teaching at USI since 1984. She holds a Master of Fine Art degree from Florida State University and Bachelor of Fine Art degree from Herron School of Art. She has been on the full-time art faculty of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Southern Illinois University, and University of Evansville.

Biology students inventory fish

Jim Bandoli, associate professor of biology, and four of his students found and handled almost 2,000 fish in a government-sponsored study authorized by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The fish were in streams at the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center.

"Every 20 years or so, they have to do a complete inventory of vertebrates, to make sure they don't have any endangered or threatened species," Bandoli said. "They had last done it in 1987, and decided it was time to do it again. So this summer, I was contracted to do a fish survey at Crane."

Bandoli, along with students **Jake England**, **Borzou Ouranous**, **Jacob Schmitt**, and **Jason Chandler**, spent time this summer manning 19 checkpoints in the base's four streams inventorying every species of fish in the water.

"At each site, we would go out and spend 45 minutes to an hour with these nets, seining - which is basically how you catch the fish," Bandoli said. "And then we'd look at them, identify them, and release the ones we could identify. The ones we couldn't identify were brought back to the lab for identification."

The survey provided a valuable service to the administration at Crane, and it provided a valuable learning tool for the students, many of whom hadn't had such practical use for what they'd learned in class.

England said he saw fish he never would have expected, in what he said was the first time he'd had a hands-on application for what he was learning from his professors.

"It was a great experience, because I felt like I was using my major - I was out in the field, seeing and doing what we're learning about in the classroom," he said. "I felt privileged to be out there; Crane is beautiful."

International Education Week

The University will observe International Education Week, November 14- 18, with a wide range of programming and activities. The national program is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to encourage study abroad and international exchange.

"International Education Week is not just for international students," said **Kristine Meier**, program coordinator for International Programs. "It's for everyone to learn about the benefits of international education."

Here is the schedule:

Monday, November 14

- Opening reception and performance by JAMTOWN founder John Hayden, 4-6 p.m., Carter Hall D, University Center. Hayden, of Seattle, Washington, will present an interactive musical performance using instruments from all over the world. "He uses a lot of indigenous-type instruments," Meier said. "This performance gets everyone involved."

Wednesday, November 16

- International Gift Sale, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. University Center, near the Multicultural Center. Religious Life will sponsor the sale of items from CRS Fair Trade. "They buy products from indigenous people in third world communities around the world at a fair price that is not exploitive," Meier said. The sale will include coffee, chocolate, handcrafts, pottery, and jewelry.

- Study Abroad Panel, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Room 205, University Center. USI students who have studied abroad in countries including Japan, Scotland, Korea, and France will discuss their experiences.

- Global Community Movie Night: "Reflections in the Mirror," 7:30 p.m., Ruston Hall Lounge. "Reflections in the Mirror" is a documentary film by Kathy Elpers, associate professor of social work. It features eight USI international students discussing their cultures and experiences. The event is sponsored by the Global Community and the Honors Living Learning Community.

Thursday, November 17

- International Gift Sale, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. University Center, near the Multicultural Center.

- World's Fair, 7-9 p.m. Carter Hall, University Center. International Education Week will culminate with a World's Fair sponsored by International Programs and APB. The fair will include a wide array of activities, including international crafts, sumo wrestling, international folk dancers, an international game show, food, door prizes, and an exhibit of the entries from "Around the World" International Photo Contest held in conjunction with International Week 2005.

Friday, November 18

- International students and students in the English as a Second Language program will discuss their home countries at West Terrace Elementary School.

For more information, contact Meier at 812/465-7183.

Assessment Day 2005 is November 15

USI students who are first-time, full-time freshmen, juniors who started their college career at USI, and seniors majoring in select programs will participate in testing during Assessment Day on Tuesday, November 15.

Testing will take place in the Health Professions Center, Education Center, Orr Center, and Liberal Arts Center. Three testing sessions will be offered at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. Students will be notified by mail and/or through e-mail (usiea-gles.org) as to the time and place of a testing session.

Students are required to participate. Students without an excused absence will have a hold placed on their pre-registration privileges, and will register during open registration.

"Assessment Day is an important part of USI's ongoing efforts to review academic programs and how students are performing across various majors," said Linda **L.M. Bennett**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "We use the data to measure student performance across programs, and for comparison with students at other universities.

"As a public comprehensive university, we are asked for assessment information from legislative offices, the Indiana

Commission for Higher Education, and our regional accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Right now we are finishing our Self Study Report to the Higher Learning Commission in preparation for our review by a visiting team from HLC scheduled to be on campus next fall. We appreciate the time students and faculty take to make Assessment Day successful."

Classes are not scheduled for Assessment Day, and there will be no early registration that day.

Pitzer and Weinzapfel featured in PBS program on socialism

Donald Pitzer, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies, and **Connie Weinzapfel**, director of Historic New Harmony, are featured in the first episode of the PBS documentary series, "Heaven on Earth: The Rise and Fall of Socialism," a three-part documentary on the history of socialism.

WNIN Channel 9 will show the episode at 8 p.m. Friday, November 11.

Produced by New River Media, the documentary shows how socialism began as an attempt to improve the lives of workers in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. The program gives prominence to Robert Owen, who created the first socialist communal experiment in New Harmony in the mid-1820s and who coined the term "socialism" in "The Book of the New Moral World."

"He's really a founder of the whole philosophy," Pitzer said.

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Bonnie Gwaltney**, senior administrative associate for governmental relations, whose father **Cecil J. Tucker**, died on Friday, October 28. Services were held Sunday, October 30 at Glenn Funeral Home in Owensboro, Kentucky. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Association.

Accomplishments

Jeri L. Burger, instructor in nursing, has received her Ph.D. in nursing from Saint Louis University.

Peggy Harrel, director of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research and assistant professor of English, moderated and co-presented a session at the annual meeting of the Society of Research Administrators International on October 19 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The session, entitled "Presentation, Poster, and Papers Tips: Getting Your Ideas into Print Responsibly" was offered under the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) meeting track. Harrel's presentation focused on how to prevent committing "bad behaviors" of academic fraud and ethical misconduct when writing for publication in scholarly journals. Harrel is the editor of *The Journal of Research Administration*. Harrel also received SRA International's Hartford Nicholson Award established to recognize service and contributions to the society. She is wrapping up a three-year term as editor of the organizations peer-reviewed journal.

FYI

Human Resources moving

The Human Resources Department has moved from its temporary location in the lower level of the Orr Center into renovated offices in FA166 in the Wright Administration Building

Forum Wing. Human Resources vacated offices in the Wright Administration Building in 2003. Office hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) and phone numbers remain unchanged.

Wish Trish farewell

There will be a cake and punch reception for **Trisha Kennedy**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, November 11, in the Wright Administration Building Conference Room 100A (next to the President's Office). The reception will be held on Kennedy's last day of work at the University before she relocates to Iowa.

Bookstore to host alumnus book-signing

The USI Bookstore will host a book-signing and reception for **Sgt. Rick Reed '92** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, November 28. Reed is commander of the Evansville Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit and is co-author with Steven Walker of the true-crime book *Blood Trail*, published by Pinnacle Books. The book documents the case of Joseph W. Brown, who is incarcerated in the Wabash Valley Correctional Center for the murder of an Evansville woman and claims to have raped, tortured, and murdered 13 other women in a seven-state killing spree. Reed was the lead investigator on the Brown case.

The Utility Project live

The Utility Project, featuring College of Liberal Arts instructors **Doyle Dean** and **Eric Braysmith**, art alumnus **Jonathan Walker '05**, and senior art major **Jordan Barclay**, will perform songs from Dean's innovative *Utility Project* recordings at 6 p.m. Friday, November 4, in Forum I, just before a screening of the Friday Night in the Forum film, "Invincible," which begins at 7:30 p.m. The next *Utility Project* will consist of 50 commissioned songs. For \$35, Dean will write a song about any person using historical information. Forms will be available at the USI performance. Dean hopes to distribute *The Utility Project 1/33* in spring 2006.

Gospel Explosion features KSU Gospel Ensemble

The award-winning Kentucky State University Gospel Ensemble will perform during the Multicultural Center's Gospel Explosion, from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, November 5, in Forum I in the Wright Administration Building. USI's gospel choir, Designed by Grace, will perform, as will the African American Choral Ensemble (AACE), made up of middle school and high school students in the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Pamela Hopson**, director of the USI Multicultural Center, at 812/465-7188.

Music and history in New Harmony

"New Harmony: A Tale of Two Utopias," which premiered in April in Bloomington, Indiana, explores the two early 19th century Utopian communities of New Harmony with dramatic narrative and music. Voces Novae, a Bloomington, Indiana-based chamber choir, will present the show at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 5, at Thrall's Opera House. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Historic New Harmony at 800/231-2168.

Marketplace

"EZ-HOE" garden tiller

12" wide path. Gasoline powered. Excellent like-new condition. Selling price, \$85. Call 812/464-1893, or 270/929-8539.

Apartment for rent

A historic serene airy one bedroom apartment in downtown Evansville. Living room, dining room, sunroom with hardwood floors and book/storage space. Has a veranda and large fenced in yard. \$415 per month with appliances, heat and water. Call 812/423-8859.

House for sale - 2501 Bellemeade Avenue

Two story cape cod near UE campus with dormer windows, brick, hardwood floors throughout. Newly painted and \$10,000 in updates within last 6 months. New air conditioner, heater, hot water heater, and roof (2 years old). MUST SELL!! Selling price, \$149,000. Call 812/549-1778.

New 8' Harvard Pool Table

New pool table, still in box. Sells for \$1200 at Sears. Includes accessory kit valued at \$35 and a table cover. Selling price, \$500. Call 812/ 303-4507.

North side House or Sale-925 Barberry Lane

Located at 925 Barberry Lane. Beautiful three bedroom two-bathroom brick ranch home on Evansville's north side, built in 1980. "Country" living only minutes from Northpark Shopping Center. Located in a strong school district on .7 acres at the end of a dead end street, with lots of privacy and surrounded by woods. Includes a spacious kitchen, large master suite, hardwood floors, a finished walkout basement with large rec room and brick fireplace, 2 1/2 car garage, ceiling fans, attractive landscaping, 13 ft deep in-ground pool, and a pool house with a bathroom, kitchen area and electricity. All appliances included. OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4pm. Ready to move in today! Selling price, \$174,000. Call 812/464-1723.

Oak table

Antique round oak table with two leaves. Selling price, \$300. Call 812/424-1885.

Wanted: House for Rent

Academic couple looking for a large (3-4 bedroom) house, preferably located on Evansville's west side to RENT! A spacious kitchen, a small yard, new appliances, a fireplace, abundance of windows, a large master suite with lots of closets, and lots of room for books would be lovely. Call 812/483-7256.

Yard Barn

Wooden 8 x 8 yard barn. Selling price: \$800. Call 812/985-9071.

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