



University Notes

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Week celebrating diversity on campus

The University will celebrate Diversity Week beginning Thursday, February 27, and this year's theme is "Building a Community Together."

The Multicultural Center encourages all members of the University community to attend Diversity Week events with open minds and a willingness to learn more about fellow community members.

Diversity Week activities

Thursday, February 27 – Diversity Week Kick-off Reception, 1 to 2 p.m., University Center, Room 203. Free. Sponsor: Multicultural Center.

Friday, February 28 – Jeans Day, all day. Show support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff by wearing blue jeans or one of the ribbons that will be available in the University Center. Sponsor: USI Spectrum.

Saturday, March 1 – Indiana Latina/o Student Leadership Conference, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Indiana University. Free to Hispanic Student Union members; \$10 non-members. Sponsor: Hispanic Student Union.

Monday, March 3 – Gender Studies Brown Bag Panel Discussion, noon to 1 p.m., Carter Hall. Bring a lunch and join open discussion about a new minor being offered at USI. Free. Sponsor: School of Liberal Arts.

Tuesday, March 4 – Judy Shepard, 7 p.m., Carter Hall. Judy Shepard, Matthew Shepard's mother, will speak about the prevention of hate crimes. Her son, a 21-year-old college student, was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming in 1998. Free. Sponsor: Activities Programming Board.

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday Mass, noon to 1 p.m., Carter Hall. Join Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger for a service open to all denominations. Free. Sponsor: Religious Life.

Thursday, March 6 – Richard Harris, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Harris, director of Disabled Student Development at Ball State University, will discuss Franklin Delano Roosevelt, disabilities, and politics. Free. Sponsor: Counseling Center.

The public is invited to attend USI's Diversity Week activities. For more information, call the Multicultural Center, 812/465-7188.

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USI's Howard to discuss oral history project

A Liberal Arts Colloquium featuring Dr. Leigh Anne Howard, assistant professor of communications, will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 28, in the University Center, rooms 203-204.

"Cross Purposes or Conflicting Messages about Personal and Religious Identity in Narratives from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Oral History Project" will be the topic of her program.

In recent years, scholars from many disciplines have explored alternative forms of expressing lived experience in order to generate co-constructed representations and more reflexive research.

In the tradition of this new ethnographic writing, Howard creates a narrative about her experience as project director for the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Oral History Project. She blurs the boundaries between scholarship and experience, between biography and autobiography by taking a performative approach to writing research.

During the presentation, Howard will describe the project, reflect on her experience, and share some of the stories preserved in the project.

Howard designed The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Oral History Project in 1998 to collect the stories of the SCN, a group whose spirit and tradition extend back nearly 200 years to the pioneer women who established Nazareth Academy near Bardstown, Ky., in 1812, only 30 years after the first settlers moved to the area.

The SCNs are a service-centered order typically dedicated to education, health care, and social work. In 1812 Mother Catherine Spalding secured 1,000 acres and the charter that still enables Spalding University to confer degrees.

Under her leadership, the sisters cared for wounded in both the Union and Confederate armies, established schools and hospitals in communities along the Ohio River, and initiated the region's first social work programs.

In more recent years, SCNs have participated in the Civil Rights Movement, established missions in Belize and India, and organized agencies to fight injustice and encourage peace.

Howard joined the University in 2000. She holds a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University, an M.A. from Western Kentucky University, and a B.A. from Centre College.

The colloquium is a free lecture series featuring faculty research in the School of Liberal Arts. The public is invited.

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Wellness program targeting media literacy

"SEDUCE ME: Blow Away the Ashes," a program about media literacy, will explore how advertising is used to create addiction and pressure people into social and political compliance Wednesday, February 26.

Dr. Peter DeBenedittis' presentation about how fast-food, alcohol, and tobacco companies target people, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Carter Hall. The program, sponsored by Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, is free and open to the public.

DeBenedittis has served as a consultant to the National Office on Drug Control Policy, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Centers for Disease Control.

The author of several media literacy curriculums used by state education and health departments nationwide, he also is writing

a book for parents who want to take control of their children's values back from the media.

He holds a Ph.D. in speech-communication with emphasis on political uses of mass media from Penn State, ran an advertising agency for 10 years, taught for University of Maryland's Asian Division, and worked with the New Mexico Media Literacy Project. DeBenedittis resides in Santa Fe, N.M.

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Eating disorder screenings available

In conjunction with National Eating Disorders Awareness Day Wednesday, February 26, the USI Counseling and Wellness centers are hosting an education and outreach event in the Orr Center lobby.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants will have opportunities to view an educational presentation, obtain take-home educational materials, complete an anonymous screening test, and talk with a health professional.

"If the number on the scale determines whether or not you have a good day, we can help you learn how to refocus that energy onto other things," said Mary Beth Weber, staff counselor.

"It's a shame when the excitement of the college experience is overshadowed by calorie counting, compulsive exercising, and worrying about clothing size. You can free yourself from these worries, and we are here to help you learn how."

Even those who do not have a diagnosable eating disorder can benefit from this program. Food concerns, body dissatisfaction, and low self-esteem can keep a student from achieving at school or sports and hinder social activities like dating or being with friends.

The outreach event is designed to help students stop unhealthy eating habits before they evolve into full-blown eating disorders.

The prevalence of bulimia nervosa keeps counselors concerned as studies indicate as many as 15 percent of college-aged women may have the disorder.

Bulimia nervosa is characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating followed by purging, dissatisfaction with body shape and size, and fear of gaining weight.

Other eating disorders include anorexia nervosa and binge eating. Anorexia involves an intense fear of gaining weight and self-starvation.

Binge eating disorder is characterized by recurrent binges when the person feels out of control and eats a large amount of food at one sitting. In contrast to bulimia, binge eaters do not purge their body of the food.

The USI outreach event is being presented as part of the National Eating Disorders Screening Program sponsored by the national nonprofit Screening for Mental Health. NEDSP is being held at colleges nationwide in conjunction with National Eating Disorders Awareness Day.

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Turn to Security Office in case of emergency

As a result of the Federal Homeland Security Office's recent emergency alert, the USI Security Office is reminding the University community about campus emergency response procedures.

If USI is affected by an emergency, the Security Office is charged with responding to and/or alerting people to the emergency. This process includes support from the Perry Township

Volunteer Fire Department and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office.

Plans are in place to provide medical assistance, evacuation assistance, and communication with the "outside world" if the situation dictates.

The magnitude of any emergency will dictate whether the University will be able to operate "normally" or whether this ability is compromised. (Think snow emergency.)

If the University cannot operate normally, information may be obtained from local news outlets and/or the Telephone Information System operated by the Advancement Office. Notices through e-mail and on the USI homepage also will be posted.

Even though the University has plans in place to assist the USI community through an emergency, individuals should take it upon themselves to assess their own needs and be prepared for the unexpected.

For instance, what if you are stuck on campus for several hours or a day? What if the power is out? Do you have access to prescribed medication?

Have you shared your personal schedule with someone who will know to include USI in the search for you? Have you identified a friend/relative in another region of the country that you and your loved ones can contact, if direct contact proves to be futile?

Last, but certainly not least, understand there are no "stupid questions" about emergency response. If you have questions or concerns about emergency response on campus, or if you are asked, contact Barry Hart, director of Security, 812/464-1845.

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Online survey assessing Web site

The University is offering an online survey designed to assess the quality and content of its Web site: www.usi.edu.

In order to evaluate the site prior to redesign, the University is conducting the survey to ascertain the public's perception of the USI Web site, areas of the site that can be improved, navigational tools and ease of use, and quality and relevance of content.

The survey is on the Web at www.usi.edu/webservices/web-surv2.asp)

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Names in the news

Achievements

Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, has been elected spring 2003 Cooperating Colleges faculty representative to the Harlaxton College Faculty Council at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England.

Dr. Charles Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. Tim Schibik, professor of economics; and Dr. Scott Gordon, associate dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, presented their paper, "Student Evaluation of Teaching: What Every Department Chairperson Should Know," in February at the 20th Annual Conference of Department Chairpersons in Orlando, Fla.

Judy Luther, Academic Skills coordinator, presented "Show, Tell, Write: A Moment in Time" at the national conference of the National Association for Developmental Education in

February in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Charles Petranek, professor of sociology, presented his social simulation, "Perils of Poverty," to top executive directors at Family Service Canada in Banff, Alberta, February 5-6. Family Service Canada coordinates all social services in each province. This year's initiative is to reduce poverty and work with families. Petranek's simulation emphasizes the structural aspects of poverty as well as personal factors. He also conducted his social simulation, "The Challenged Game," and related it to poverty as well.

Carolyn Smith, retired Academic Skills coordinator, recently signed a contract with Wings-ePress to have her book, *Beyond the Lies*, published as both an eBook and in print. The publication date has been set for January 2004, and the book will be released under the L'Mour/Women's Fiction line.

Lori Suter, developmental educator in reading/study skills in Academic Skills, presented "College Reading: Kickin' It Up A Notch" to Castle High School faculty February 12. As part of its emphasis on improving student reading comprehension scores, the faculty was interested in reading strategies used in college, what professors expect from students, and what reading skills entering freshmen are lacking.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Bill Henderson, assistant dean of the School of Business, whose mother Sarah Hambley Henderson, 91, died February 17. Services were held February 20 at Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Ky. Memorial contributions may be made to the Buckhorn Children's Home or Pikeville College.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of C.J. Regin, director of Special Events, whose mother Nina M. (Williams) Blevins, 89, died February 14. Services were held February 17 at Central Christian Church in Washington, Ind.

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AASCU agenda

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities has released its annual review of policy issues facing American public higher education. The full text of AASCU's 2003 Public Policy Agenda is available online: www.aascu.org/ppa03.

Program postponed

The School of Business Executive-in-Residence Program planned in February has been postponed to March 24. J. Edward Wicht '92, staff attorney in the Division of Enforcement for the Securities and Exchange Commission, will present two public forums in Carter Hall at 9 and 11 a.m.

The public also is invited to attend a noon luncheon with the executive in residence. Reservations, \$12, are available by calling 812/465-7001.

Bluebird trail

The University will host its annual Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day at 9 a.m. Saturday, February 22, and volunteers are invited to help prepare the trail's nesting boxes for occupancy.

Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing, boots, and gloves, and meet on campus at the Grimes Haus on Bennett Lane. For more information, contact Dr. Chuck Price, chair of the Department of Teacher Education, 812/464-1939 or cprice@usi.edu.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, February 21, 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.

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Marketplace

For sale

804 Southfield Drive – well-maintained brick home, 1,681 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths. Fenced back and side yards. Great eastside location near four-star elementary school: \$109,500. Call 473-4336 for appointment.

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

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.

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.

Sofa – great condition, purchased at Value City in July: \$250 OBO. Call Gretchen, Ext. 1755.

Twin bed headboard, footboard, and side rails - solid oak. Two matching sets: \$50 each. Call Laura, Ext. 1269 or 985-9163.

Wanted

Twin bed headboard – for elderly woman, French provincial preferred but will consider others. Contact lkeeling@usi.edu or Ext. 5259.

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.

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