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USI Class of '71 to sponsor Centennial Court

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A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 22, in front of the Wright Administration Building at the University of Southern Indiana, as the USI Class of 1971 observes its 25th anniversary by launching construction of Centennial Court.

The court will be the class's reunion gift to the University. Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony will be USI President H. Ray Hoops and Robert Roeder and Jean Rickard, chair and vice chair of the reunion gift committee. Campus tours will be available at 1 and 2 p.m. at the Orr Center, preceding the groundbreaking, and a reception will follow the ceremony.

The court will be an elevated oasis that will be dedicated to the Class of '71, the University, and its beginnings at the former Centennial Elementary School on St. Joseph Avenue. The University flag poles will be moved to the site and the lighted poles, benches, landscaping, and commemorative plaques will be a focal point to the campus.

The Class of '71 is conducting a fundraising campaign to help pay for the project. Court plans have been drawn up by Mike Moore for Architecture Plus Corporation and will be available at the ceremony. Moore, a former USI student now studying architecture at Ball State University, continues to work at USI during the summer and on holidays.

The groundbreaking will be part of the USI Alumni Association's 25th anniversary reunion weekend, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, with the annual picnic on the lawn south of the Physical Activities Center. Admission is \$3 (children age 13 and under free). Special dining areas will be available for alumni organizations such as fraternities, sororities, schools, etcetera.

An Alumni Fun Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, June 22, at Fendrich Golf Course, 1900 Diamond Avenue. Tee times begin at 10 a.m. The \$30 fee covers 18 holes, carts, prizes, and complimentary drinks on the course.

Call Mrs. Nancy Johnson, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, 812/464-1924, for information on weekend activities.

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