

University Notes

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Project e-AGLE receives \$100,000 boost

The University will use a \$100,000 grant from Lumina Foundation for Education to improve student retention and degree attainment on campus. The grant is one of nine awarded to public college campuses across the state.

The USI grant will support a program designed to ensure student success during the first years of college. According to ACT Inc. research, 60 percent of students at public institutions fail to complete degrees within five years; half of these students leave college during or just after their freshman year.

USI, as well as regional campuses of Indiana University and Purdue University, will each get a share of \$866,500 as part of a Lumina Foundation program called the President's Fund for Student Success in the First and Second Years of College program.

USI is using its grant to support Project e-AGLE (electronic advice for a great learning experience), a Web-based initiative targeting increased freshman retention and timely graduation.

"The University is truly excited about its new Project e-AGLE program. Use of the Web - students' preferred medium of communication - enables us to efficiently and effectively provide valuable nuggets of information that will guide new students through a successful first year," said Dr. Rob Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs.

Project e-AGLE engages first-year students and their parents with an e-mail messaging system that provides information on a variety of topics. The project's Web-based information resources also offer additional alternative methods to find needed assistance.

"In addition, the new Impact Calling program that accompanies our deployed modules provides us with the opportunity to respond quickly to issues and concerns students and parents have in real-time. It has provided students with a unique opportunity to reach out, while informing parents about the freshman experience so they can, in turn, support their students' transition and success," Parrent said.

The project is a collaborative effort of USI Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Business Affairs, Foundation, and GoalQuest, a strategic enrollment management company.

Lumina Foundation invited the state's public baccalaureate and master's-level institutions to apply for grants to support programs that address the needs of students who face the greatest obstacles to degree attainment. These students may be low-income, first-generation college students, students of color, or adult learners.

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Former administrator MLK speaker

A local business leader, who is a former director of USI Student Financial Assistance, will be the keynote speaker of the University's 2004 Martin Luther King Jr. observance Monday, January 19.

W. Harold Calloway will make his presentation during "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On... Not a Day Off." The program will begin at 11 a.m. in Carter Hall.

A member of the USI administrative staff from 1973 to 1985, Calloway became a State Farm Insurance agent in Evansville in March 1985.

In that capacity, he has been recognized as a Life Honor Agent for 18 years and as a Legion of Honor Agent. He also is a 16-time qualifier for the Century Club and a 10-time qualifier for the Regional Vice President Club.

Before joining the University, he served as director of Evansville Head Start and as a caseworker in the Vanderburgh County Welfare Department.

A graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Philadelphia, Calloway holds a B.A. from Lane College in Tennessee and a master's from University of Evansville.

"Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On... Not a Day Off" also will include dance and musical performances by Designed By Grace, the USI gospel choir; Children's Center for Dance Education; Culver Elementary School, and Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

The USI Multicultural Center is sponsoring the program that is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

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University adopts ethics code

The USI Board of Trustees has chosen to voluntarily comply with the spirit of the *Sarbanes-Oxley Act* of 2002 by creating and developing a standard Code of Ethics for University administrators, faculty, and support staff. The code was approved by the board at its January meeting.

According to the code, University administrators, faculty, and support staff should:

- » Comply with applicable governmental laws, rules, and regulations;
- » Act with competence and strive to advance competence, both in self and in others;
- » Devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of one's job and be able to render effective and creditable service;
- » Understand the University's objectives and policies, and contribute constructively to their ongoing evaluation and reformulation;
- » Maintain the confidentiality of privileged information that infringes upon another's right to privacy and not disclose information to secure personal or financial gain;
- » Complete the University's "Possible Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement" to disclose any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, in any business, transaction, or professional activity which may be in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of one's duties;

- ▶ Refuse to accept any gift, favor, service, or other item of significant value from any person, group, private business, or public agency which may affect the impartial performance of one's duties; and
- ▶ Refuse to engage in actions that violate the ethical principles contained in this code or provisions of law

Prompt internal reporting of code violations should be reported through the appropriate departmental administrative personnel or to Human Resources and reviewed. Any issues pertaining to code violations would follow the same due process as outlined in the *University Handbook*.

USI embraces the values expressed in the code and advocates their observance by the members of the USI community.

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Leadership conference January 24

A motivational speaker, author, and training professional will facilitate "Leadership USI 2004: The Voice of Charisma," a four-hour interactive workshop, January 24.

Nancy Hunter Denney, co-author of *Let Your Leadership Speak: How to Lead and Be Heard*, will conduct the leadership training conference for USI students from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Carter Hall.

"Despite your efforts to make that great first impression, win a crowd over with your brilliance at the podium, or draw others into your corner, if you have toilet paper stuck to your shoe, it's not happening! Move on," Denney said.

"However, the majority of the time you can override existing forces for other's attention by being more charismatic."

A former subscriber to everyone else's definition of "having it all," Denney resigned from her administrative duties in higher education in 1993 to begin her own business, raise her own children, and live life according to her own priorities.

She is the author of *Life by Design: A Do-It-Yourself Approach for Achieving Happiness* and has appeared with Dr. Phil, on ABC and NBC morning shows in Chicago, and with financial advisor Suze Orman.

Before embarking on her speaking career, Denney served as assistant dean of students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and as Program Board advisor at Case Western Reserve University. In 2002, she served as the featured speaker at USI's Connections II: Welcome Weekend.

She holds a B.A. in communication studies/psychology from Oswego State University and an M.A. in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University.

O'Daniel Leadership Academy and the Office of Student Development Programs sponsor Leadership USI. Registration for the program is limited to 150 students. For registration or additional information, call 812/465-7167.

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Service learning on meeting agenda

USI and Indiana Campus Compact, a consortium of 31 college and university campuses promoting community service and service learning, will host the ICC Southwest Regional Meeting Friday, January 23, in the University Center.

"Sustaining Partnerships and Collaborations: What am I to do now that the money's gone?" is the theme of the event that will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Carter Hall. Registration will begin at 9:30.

The program will feature members of the USI community. A list of the topics and presenters follows:

- ▶ Service Learning and Institutional Mission - Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs
- ▶ Encouraging Faculty Participation in Service Learning - Dr. Jerry Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering
- ▶ Faculty Development for Service Learning - Dr. Tim Schibik, professor of economics and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence; Dr. Scott Gordon, associate dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering; and Dr. Iris Phillips, CTLE Fellow for Service Learning and associate professor of social work
- ▶ Panel Session - The Bigger Picture: Homelessness, Engagement, Commitment - Dr. Iris Phillips, CTLE Fellow for Service Learning and associate professor of social work
- ▶ Panel Session - STAR Project - Dr. Gary Stiler, associate professor of teacher education
- ▶ Lunch presentation - Dr. Leigh Anne Howard, associate professor of communication studies

The meeting is open to the faculty and staff of member institutions. Monday, January 19, is the registration deadline. To register, contact Liza Newman, 317/274-6500.

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Readings starting January 29

USI's spring 2004 RopeWalk Reading Series will begin January 29. Each program will start at 7 p.m. in Kleyemyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center and will be followed by a book signing. The schedule follows:

January 29 - Jim McGarrah

An assistant professor of English at USI, McGarrah is the author of the recently published *Running the Voodoo Down*, which received the 2003 Editor's Choice Award from Elixir Press. The collection of poems draws from his experiences in Vietnam and afterward. McGarrah holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Vermont College, serves as managing editor of the *Southern Indiana Review*, and is a RopeWalk alumnus.

February 26 - Margaret McMullan

McMullan's new novel, *In My Mother's House*, is winning critical praise, as did her first novel, *When Warhol was Still Alive*. Her work has appeared in publications including *Glamour*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The Greensboro Review*. She is professor and chair of the English Department at University of Evansville and holds an M.F.A. from University of Arkansas. McMullan has been a member of the RopeWalk faculty and a part of the Hoosier Writers reading series.

March 17 - USI Creative Writing Faculty

USI's creative writing faculty will honor Irish writers in this special program that will include Irish music. Participating faculty will include: McGarrah; Patricia Aakhus, instructor in English; Leisa Belleau, instructor in English; Matthew Graham, associate professor of English; Ronald Mitchell, instructor in English; and Tonya Northen, instructor in English.

Presented by USI's School of Liberal Arts, readings in the series are free and open to the public. For more information, call McGarrah, 812/461-5208.

The RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the *Southern Indiana Review*, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI

Student Writers' Union. RopeWalk Writers Retreat is an annual program of University of Southern Indiana.

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Scholarship reflects senator's interests

Southern Indiana Higher Education Inc. has contributed \$15,000 to USI Foundation to establish a memorial scholarship honoring late state Sen. James R. Dick Harris, who died in September at age 74.

Harris had served on the USI Foundation Board of Directors and on the board of SIHE, the nonprofit organization that raised nearly \$1 million in a community fund drive to acquire the land for the campus of University of Southern Indiana and helped raise funds for initial student housing.

A geologist and owner of Dick Harris & Associates, Harris spent many years in public service, representing southwestern Indiana as a state senator from 1974 to 1986 during the period when USI was seeking independent status as a separate state university. Harris loved to reminisce from his legislator's viewpoint about the efforts it took to wage the successful campaign.

The James R. Dick Harris Memorial Scholarship for Geology will help attract top geology students with an expressed interest in applying geology in the fields of the environment, public policy, petroleum, or business, reflecting Harris' career.

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RopeWalk retreat in February

Two award-winning authors will lead USI's RopeWalk Winter Retreat February 27-29 in New Harmony, Ind.

Participants will have the opportunity to study short fiction/non-fiction with Lee Martin or poetry with Allison Joseph at the Barn Abbey, a rustic retreat center in the historic town.

Martin is the author of the recently released *Quakertown*, heralded by the *Washington Post* as "a consistently impressive and often dazzling new novel." He also wrote the acclaimed memoir, *From Our House*, and the short story collection, *The Least You Need to Know*. His next book, *Turning Bones*, will be part of University of Nebraska's American Lives Series.

A native of southern Illinois, Martin is an associate professor of English at Ohio State University. He previously was featured in the RopeWalk Reading Series and as the RopeWalk 2003 Hoosier Writer.

Joseph, a professor of creative writing at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is the author of four collections of poetry: *What Keeps Us Here*, which won the 1992 Ampersand Press Women Poets Series Competition; *Soul Train*; *In Every Seam*; and *Imitation of Life*. In 2004, World Press will be publishing her next collection, *Worldly Pleasures*, winner of the 2003 World Press Poetry Prize.

Her work has appeared in numerous anthologies, including *American Poetry: The Next Generation*. She also is the editor of *Crab Orchard Review* and has appeared as a guest reader at the RopeWalk Writers Retreat and in the RopeWalk Reading Series.

The winter retreat fee is \$350, including the workshop, meals, and lodging at the Barn Abbey, or \$300 for the workshop and meals only. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$25 is due by Sunday, January 18, with the balance payable by February 2, which also is the manuscript deadline.

For registration or additional information, call 800/467-8600 or 812/464-1989.

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Free series featuring 12 films

USI's Spring Film Series, presented in conjunction with ENG 285: Introduction to Film, will begin January 20. All films will be shown in their original formats with stadium seating.

The free screenings will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 and 6 p.m. in Forum I in the Byron C. Wright Administration Building. The University community is invited to attend. The schedule follows:

January 20 – *Bend It Like Beckham*

January 27 – *Memento* (tentative)

February 3 – *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*

February 17 – *An Italian Straw Hat* (silent with track)

February 24 – *How Green Was My Valley*

March 2 – *Solid Gold Cadillac*

March 16 – *One, Two, Three*

March 30 – *The Business of Strangers*

April 6 – *Pi*

April 13 – *Fire*

April 20 – *Whale Rider*

April 27 – *The Tao of Steve*

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Names in the news

Achievements

Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art, will exhibit her monoprint, "Passion," February 1-28 in the 25th annual "Paper in Particular National Exhibition" at Columbia College, Columbia, Mo.

Welcome

Deana M. Blagg has accepted the position of senior administrative assistant in Safety and Security. The Newburgh resident previously worked at Hupfer Corp.

Edward Scharf, Evansville, has accepted the position of Web developer in the Computer Center. Formerly of Los Angeles, he previously worked as a video editor/writer/producer at Phase One Productions, a staff writer at Checkout.com, an administrator in creative services at Walt Disney Studios, and as an advertising advisor at Subway Franchise Headquarters. He earned a B.S. in marketing from University of Connecticut School of Business Administration in 1991.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Leisa Belleau**, instructor in English, whose father **Billy Joe Below**, 73, Richland, Ind., died December 13. Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Zion Church in Richland or to Talking Books of Vanderburgh County Public Library.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Arlene Fortune**, coordinator of academic advisement in the School of Liberal Arts, whose mother **Ruth Moesner**, 78, Boonville, Ind., died December 22. Services were held December 27 in Boonville. Memorial contributions may be made to Main St. United Methodist Church in Boonville.

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Spring camp

The USI Children's Center will offer Spring Break Camp March 22-26 for children in kindergarten through second grade who need full-time care. Enrollment is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For information or enrollment, call Pam Buschkill, center coordinator, 812/464-1869.

The center also will offer a Summer Enrichment Camp for children entering grades two through five May 27-July 30 and Kindergarten Camp for children entering kindergarten or first grade May 27-July 30. Space is limited. For information or enrollment, call Ginger Ramsden, manager of Family, School, and Children's Programs, 812/464-1972.

Tutor training

The Literacy Center will hold a tutor training session for volunteers interested in becoming tutors from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. January 24 at Ivy Tech State College on First Avenue. For more information, call The Literacy Center, 812/429-1477, or Lori Saxby, tutor trainer and study skills specialist in the Academic Skills Center, 812/465-1011.

Chili supper

The Varsity Club and Alumni Association will sponsor a free chili supper January 24 in Room 200 of the Physical Activities Center at 5:30 p.m., between the men's and women's basketball games. For more information, call 812/464-1973.

New location

The office of Jina Campbell, manager of Accounting Services, who previously worked as a business analyst on campus, is now located in Room 26 of the Orr Center. Her new phone number is 812/465-7090.

MLK holiday

USI classes will not be in session Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and University administrative offices will remain open.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, January 16, 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 for the "Marketplace" column may be made via e-mail to Roberta Fugate, editorial associate in News and Information Services. Other submissions for *University Notes* may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor.

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Marketplace

For sale

1996 Chevy S-10 LS edition pickup – 4 cylinder, regular cab, hunter green color, bedliner and bedcover, 78,000 miles, runs and looks great, \$4,000. Call 812/423-3364 or Ext. 5218.

1994 Ford E-150 full-size conversion van – 5.8L V8 with towing package and wood trim interior. Many extras including rear bed, security system, rear AC and heat. Garage kept, great condition inside and out, 126,000 miles (mostly highway), \$5,000,

negotiable. Call Julie, 812/867-1216 or Ext. 1226.

House – two-bedroom, one bath, one-car garage, lovely yard. All appliances included, 971 Villagebrook Drive, Henderson, Ky., The Hills subdivision, \$79,500. Call Anna, 270/826-8310 or Ext. 1166.

1987 Saab LS900 Sedan – all electric, sunroof, standard, new tires, runs good, \$950 OBO. Call Anna, 270/826-8310 or Ext. 1166.

Women's Raichle Ski Boots – size 9, worn very few times, in great shape, blue and white, \$30. Ski gloves free if fit. Call Ext. 1893.

2001 Dodge Dakota Club Cab Sport – white with slate gray interior, in great condition, only 36,000 miles. Magnum 3.9L V6 engine (gets 16 city/22 highway miles). Manual 5 speed transmission, power anti-lock brakes, AM/FM CD player, cast aluminum wheels, bed liner and cover, air conditioning, \$12,995. Call 812/402-5407.

1988 Ford Ranger 4x4 – extended cab, automatic, cruise, 135,000 miles, \$2,800. Contact 812/464-1712 or mkrahlin@usi.edu.

Large desk – suitable for computer, \$25. Call Tom Rivers, 812/423-7101.

Sony Digital Still Camera (MVD-FD75) – with carrying case, rechargeable battery, battery charger, and shoulder strap, 10x optical zoom, uses floppy disk as media. Three extra batteries. Like new, used less than five times. Bought new for \$345, will sell for \$200. Son Digital Still Camera (MVC-FD200) – AC power adapter, rechargeable battery pack, video connecting cable, USB cable, CD-ROM, shoulder strap, memory stick, 6x optical zoom. Uses floppy disk as media. Like new, used less than five times. Bought new for \$505, will sell for \$350. Call 812/465-1136.

2000 silver VW Beetle GLS – 5 speed, heated seats, sunroof, five disk CD, tinted windows, 60K, \$9,900. Call 812/402-0400.

Heavy duty Whirlpool washer and dryer – matching set, almond color, in very good condition, \$400 for pair. Call Carol Evans, Ext. 5317.

Computer Accessories – 17" Dell Flat Tube (not flat screen) monitor, Dell USB keyboard, and mouse, black, \$100. Less than 1 year old. Call 812/453-4791.

Community support

17th Annual YMCA Pancake Days – February 20 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and February 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the YMCA or at the door. Information: 812/423-9622.

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