

Presidential search committee named

Appointments to the Presidential Search and Screen committee were made by the chair of the Board of Trustees, the Student Government Association (SGA), Staff Council, Faculty Senate, Alumni Council, and the USI Foundation. The appointments were approved by the trustees at the May Board of Trustees meeting. The search committee is charged with recommending to the trustees, no later than March 1, 2009, an unranked list of no more than five individuals who, in the committee's judgment, are well qualified to lead USI as its next president. USI President H. Ray Hoops has announced his retirement on June 30, 2009.

John Dunn, chair of the USI Board of Trustees, will chair the 19-member committee. Other trustees on the search committee are W. Harold Calloway, Jamie L. Johnson '09, Jeffrey L. Knight, Amy MacDonell, and Ted C. Ziemer, Jr.

Raul J. Ramirez '09 is the full-time student on the committee, selected by the SGA, David O'Grady, library assistant, is the support staff member selected by the Staff Council, and Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business, is the senior administrator selected by the chair of the Board of Trustees.

Faculty Senate chose five faculty members, one from each college. They are Peter S. Cashel-Cordo, Business; Charles L. Price, Education and Human Services; J. Wayne Rinks, Liberal Arts; Kathy V. Rodgers, Science and Engineering; and Mayola Rowser '95 M '99, Nursing and Health Professions. Linda L. Cleek '82 is the Extended Services representative, recommended by the dean of Extended Services. Bix Branson is the USI Foundation Board of Directors appointee. Dunn also appointed Bruce H. Baker and Chris D. Melton '72 as community representatives. Jessica A. McCarthy '00 is the alumni representative.

Archaeological field school is open to the public

A field school and archaeological dig led by Dr. Michael Strezewski, assistant professor of anthropology, and Bill Wepler, historical archaeologist for the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, will be held May 13- June 13 at Community House No. 2 in New Harmony, Indiana. About 10 USI students and volunteers also will be working at the site.

The dig is intended to help collect information and artifacts from Community House No.2 that can provide more information about how residents of New Harmony's 19th century Utopian communities lived.

The field school's directors hope to learn more about how Community House No. 2 was used and to pinpoint exactly where the Harmonist barn was located. A historical map showing several structures on the property, including the community house and the barn, will help guide their investigation.

The dig will help obtain a better understanding of what goods and products were available to New Harmony residents

during different time periods. Participants also will search for privies and wells where trash was deposited.

Students will provide on-site interpretation when a visitor is taken to Community House No. 2 on one of Historic New Harmony's daily tours.

There will be an open house at the site from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Strezewski at or 812/464-1931.

Historic New Harmony is a joint program of USI and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites.

Eat some fried chicken and frolic on the quad

Don't miss Staff Council's Employee Summer Social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, under the University Center Conference Center ("the Bridge").

Staff Council members will serve up fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, and ice cream.

Washers, miniature golf, and Frisbee games will be set up on the USI Quadrangle. "The students love playing out on the quad and I think the employees will too," said Staff Council representative Virginia Thomas.

Archie's Silent Auction will be resurrected this year. Every employee in attendance will receive five tickets for the auction. Those who bring donations for Archibald Eagle's Food Closet will receive extra tickets.

"We really need paper products and cleaning products for Archie's Closet," said Pam Moore, chair of Staff Council's employee relations committee. "We have enough canned goods to last for a very long time."

Moore said the Employee Summer Social is an opportunity for USI employees to get together, relax, and have a good time. "A lot of us don't get out of our offices and meet other people on campus," she said.

Staff Council members are elected to represent the University's support staff. The organization hosts the Employee Summer Social each year.

Job Shadow program merits national award

USI employees who volunteered their time to mentor junior high students in a Job Shadow program over the last decade were recognized for their efforts when Junior Achievement presented a national Bronze Leadership Award to President H. Ray Hoops and the University. Martin Rowland, executive director of the local chapter of Junior Achievement, presented the award.

Mr. Rowland said, "The award is for President Hoops' personal involvement but also for getting the University of Southern Indiana involved in the Job Shadow program." USI has participated in the Job Shadow program since 1998.

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation is a partner in the program with JA. The Job Shadow program allows

eighth grade students in the EVSC to shadow professionals for a morning to see firsthand how skills learned in school relate to the workplace. Students complete a survey listing which careers or jobs they have interests. At USI students are paired with teachers, administrators, and clerical staff who have careers that closely parallel the careers students list.

Over 125 different companies and institutions participate in the local Job Shadow program. The program has grown to include about 2,000 students this past year.

USI receives \$1.2 million NSF grant; will partner with Ivy Tech Community College, Southwest

A National Science Foundation Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) grant totaling \$1.2 million to be distributed over the next five years will reinforce efforts by USI to strengthen interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The grant money will be used to create Southwestern Indiana Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Initiative (SwISTEM). This initiative continues the effort which previously resulted in the naming of USI as the lead institution representing southwest Indiana in the Indiana STEM Resource Network. In partnering with Ivy Tech Community College, Southwest, USI will help the region and the state to develop a strong workforce with skills necessary to compete in the technology and science-based economy.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the USI Pott College of Science and Engineering, will manage and administer the grant. **Dr. Shelly Blunt**, associate dean of the college, and **Dr. Steven Combs**, Ivy Tech professor and program chair of Manufacturing and Industrial Technology, will assist him. A SwISTEM Initiative coordinator, yet to be determined, will assist with daily operations.

Gordon said, "This can become a regional solution to a national problem. We continue to see a shift from an economy anchored in traditional manufacturing to one grounded in technology-based advanced manufacturing, engineering, and physical and life sciences. As two state-supported universities, USI and ITCC have a responsibility to develop, educate, and train the next generation workforce."

Gordon called the grant critical in jumpstarting the STEM initiatives necessary to prepare students for productive careers in STEM areas throughout Indiana. He has recently written, received, and served as director for three major grants related to teaching and learning in the STEM areas. Gordon added, "This award, accompanied with the naming of USI as the southwest Indiana STEM Resource Center and the recent Workforce Innovation and Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative will put this region on the map in terms of STEM education and workforce development."

"We are pleased to partner with USI on this initiative, said Ivy Tech Chancellor **Dan Schenk**. "Ultimately, this grant will provide the opportunity for even more students in the area to earn degrees and pursue careers in science and technology."

The SwISTEM Initiative proposes four components in the program to reach a wide audience and have broad impact. The program will engage students, teachers, parents, and community representatives in outreach and involvement, offer an undergraduate research program, and provide professional development for K-16 teachers.

The fourth part, called Pathways Leading to Undergraduate Success in the Sciences (PLUSS) will offer assistance to students who are marginally prepared for undergraduate courses in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Those stu-

dents will get help with content knowledge, preparation, study skills, and adjustment to college coursework.

Gordon said, "Many of these students are capable of completing STEM degrees if given opportunities to strengthen their foundational knowledge. Often students enter universities with minimal background in STEM courses due to limited resources for STEM education, little or no technology available to them, and no understanding of the importance of taking as much high school mathematics and science as possible. Students with such backgrounds can be successful in the STEM areas and will benefit by following pathways tailored to their needs and goals."

The two schools have a record of successful partnership: joint academic programs between the institutions, presence of Ivy Tech Community College students in USI housing, presence of faculty from each institution on both campuses, memberships on each other's advisory groups, and the presence of **Nancy Dauby**, USI admission coordinator, on the Ivy Tech Community College campus to help students transition from a community college system to a four-year undergraduate program.

Regional businesses, industry, and educational entities are knowledgeable and supportive of the initiatives of SwISTEM.

Wiley presented Kim Moore Spirit Award

USI junior **Tara Wiley** (Oxford, Indiana) was named the recipient of the NCAA Division II "Kim Moore Spirit Award" at the National Golf Coaches Association Awards Banquet Tuesday evening in Houston, Texas. The recipient is selected by a vote of the NGCA membership.

This spirit award is dedicated to Kim Moore, who played golf for the University of Indianapolis (1999-2003). Moore was an inspiration to all as she persevered through many physical challenges while playing collegiate golf. Her positive outlook and dedication toward the game was only out done by her sense of humor and passion for the game.

A two-time All-GLVC performer, Wiley has persevered after becoming legally blind in her left eye in a fishing accident. This season she was second on the team with an 80.2 strokes per round average (spra), winning the Ray Wright/Screaming Eagles Classic during the fall half of the season.

During her three years at USI, Wiley has an 80.3 spr with one tournament championship, seven top five finishes, and 10 appearances in the top 10.

Wiley received the NCAA Division II East Regional award as a freshman in 2006.

Kehrt named first team All-Region

Huebner and Larsen named to second team

USI senior right-handed pitcher **Jeremy Kehrt** (Plainfield, Indiana) was named Daktronics first team All-North Central Region in a vote of the sports information directors. USI junior right-handed closer **Shaun Larsen** (Tell City, Indiana) and junior second baseman **Josh Huebner** (Evansville, Indiana) also were honored by being voted onto the second team.

Kehrt, who also was a first team All-GLVC selection, led the Screaming Eagles with an 8-3 record and a 6-1 mark in the GLVC. His eight victories tied a USI singles-season record for wins. The senior also was second on the team with 64 strikeouts.

Larsen earns All-Region honors with a record-breaking performance in his first season at USI. He set the USI single-season and career records for saves with 17, 10 coming in conference competition. The junior right-hander, who was a first team All-

GLVC relief pitcher, also finished the year 4-1 with a 3.57 ERA.

Huebner finished the year as USI's top hitter, sporting a .396 batting average, 47 runs scored, 84 hits, and 32 stolen bases. The first team All-GLVC utility player also tied for second on the squad with 12 doubles and three triples, while tying for fourth with 31 RBIs.

The Screaming Eagles finished the season with a 36-20 overall record and the GLVC West Division championship with a 24-7 mark. The GLVC regular season title was USI's first since 1993.

The 36 victories are tied for third all-time at USI for wins in a regular season. The Eagles had a team-best 38 regular season wins during 1992 and 1993, while reaching 36 victories during last year's regular schedule.

Names in the News

Welcome

Bryce Burnett has accepted a position as administrative clerk in Residence Life. Burnett was formerly employed as a general manager at PacSun.

Paul Hedrick has accepted a position as HVAC operator in the Physical Plant.

Pamela Shaw has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

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Passings

J.C. "Skip" Henderson, father of **Bill Henderson**, assistant professor of computer information services, died May 8. Services were held May 12 at Johnson-Vaughn-Phelps Funeral Home in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Virginia Lee Hunt, mother of **John Hunt**, associate director of risk management and safety, died May 7. Services were held May 12 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, Indiana.

Accomplishments

Virginia L. Bryant, assistant director of Development and foundation scholarships, has been awarded the Certificate in Fund Raising Management by The Fund Raising school in Indianapolis. Founded in 1974, The Fund Raising School is the only international fundraising education program housed within a university. As part of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, the School stands for the highest standards in professional fundraising. Bryant successfully completed the four core courses offered by the school. She will celebrate her 15-year anniversary in the University's Development office on June 28, 2008.

Retirements

The USI Board of Trustees has approved retirement for **Dr. Douglas K. Hubbell**, associate professor of theatre, and for **Dr. Marlene V. Shaw**, professor of biology, both effective June 30, 2009. Hubbell has 29 years of service to USI, and Shaw has 36 years of service. Both will be given emeritus status. The Board of Trustees also approved delaying the retirement of **Ruth H. Miller**, director of Library Services and senior librarian, until January 29, 2010 at her request.

FYI

Summer group exercise classes begin

The Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Department's group exercise program for employees and students offers a variety of classes this summer. The free classes, offered at all times of the day Monday through Friday, are held regularly throughout the fall, spring, and summer. This summer's program includes classes in pilates, yoga, tai chi, and more. For more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at 812/461-5268.

2008 fiscal year requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 08 fiscal year budget will be accepted by Procurement Services through Friday, June 6, 2008. This deadline is necessary to allow Procurement Services ample time to complete the processing of your Banner requisitions and issue the purchase orders prior to the end of the fiscal year, Monday, June 30, 2008. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this deadline, please call 812/464-1982.

All Banner requisitions entered after June 6, 2008, must be entered as fiscal year 09 requests by entering the Order Date and Transaction Date as 01-Jul-2008.

If necessary, a Procurement Services staff member will visit your department for one-on-one training.

2009 fiscal year banner requisitions

Banner purchase requisitions for the 09 fiscal year will be accepted by Procurement after Friday, June 6, 2008. These requisitions must be entered into Banner as Fiscal Year 09 using the Order Date and Transaction Date of 01-Jul-2008. Requisitions entered not using the date above for the 09 Fiscal Year will be deleted. The requisition will need to be entered into the correct fiscal year using the proper date.

Procurement Services will begin processing these requisitions in an effort to issue the purchase orders on or as soon after Wednesday, July 2, 2008, as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Banner processing of your requisitions, please call 812/464-1982.

University Notes is going biweekly for summer

This is the final weekly issue of *University Notes* for spring 2008. You will receive a link to the online newsletter every other week before we return to a weekly schedule on Friday, August 22. In order to publicize events in a timely manner, submissions should be sent to **Wendy Knipe Bredhold**, writer in News and Information Services, 812/465-5259, at least three weeks in advance.

USI Day at Churchill Downs is June 21

The Greater Louisville USI Alumni Chapter invites you and your family and friends to join them for a perfect view of the finish line at USI Day at Churchill Downs on Saturday, June 21 in Louisville. Gates open for the Stephen Foster Stakes at 11:30 a.m.; post time is 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$31 for adults, \$22 for children ages 12 to 4, and children ages 3 and under are free. Price includes admission, reserved seating in Millionaires Row-Level 4, lunch buffet, USI souvenir, race program, and tax and gratuity. A round-trip motor coach from USI will be offered for an additional \$20 per person. To make reservations, email alumni@usi.edu before May 15 to receive advance tickets by mail. For more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1928.