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USI will offer first dental hygiene baccalaureate program in Indiana

Beginning in fall 2007, USI will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene, the first such degree in the state. The University has offered a three-year associate degree in dental hygiene since 1971. **Deborah Carl** has been program director of dental hygiene since 1978.

"Research has shown a strong link between systemic and oral health," she said. "The hygienist's role is working with patients to prevent oral infection. We have learned that infection in the mouth can lead to cardiovascular disease and respiratory disease, makes control of diabetes more difficult, and is linked to pre-term births and low-birth-weight infants. It's important that people have an understanding of this very strong link. Our students have an expanded body of knowledge with which they have to become familiar."

The current program typically receives 120 to 150 applications per year. Twenty-four students are selected for each year in the two-year professional program on the basis of academic performance in the first-year prerequisite core and science courses.

The bachelor's degree program will require two years of prerequisites before a student is eligible for admission into the program. "These students have to be strong academically to be competitive in the admission process," Carl said. "Coming in, students in the four-year program will have a stronger research and science background, and we can elevate the courses within the curriculum to a higher level in terms of the content being taught."

The last associate degree class was admitted in fall 2005. The University will continue to offer a degree completion option for those with the associate's degree to complete a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene education.

The dental hygiene profession in general is developing an advanced dental hygiene practitioner model at the master's level based on the nurse practitioner model. Carl said, "Our four-year students will be more prepared to move into those programs."

For more information, go to the USI Dental Hygiene Program Web site at health.usi.edu/acadprog/denthygn/index.php.

USI Distinguished Accountant

Kenneth L. Sendelweck '76, president and chief executive officer of German American Bank in Jasper, Indiana, has been awarded the USI Distinguished Accountant Award for 2006.

The award recognizes professional achievement, service to the region and/or the University, and service to the accounting profession. It was presented October 17 during the Accounting Extravaganza, an annual event for accounting students, faculty, and the USI Accounting Circle. The award is presented by the USI College of Business accounting program and the Accounting Circle, an advisory board.

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Daniels to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, a 14-member body that coordinates planning and budgeting for higher education in Indiana.

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At USI, Sendelweck is a member and past chair of the College of Business Board of Advisors. He has served for 10 years on the USI Foundation Board of Directors. He is a member of the foundation's USI Annual Fund Alumni Campaign committee and a past member of the finance committee.

In the community, he serves on the boards of Jasper Municipal Utility Services, Dubois County Community Foundation, and the Revitalize "Old Jasper" Action Coalition. He is a member of the planned giving committee for Memorial Hospital Foundation and on the board of directors of the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana.

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"Academic Freedom and Civil Rights"

Dr. Michael Hoeflich, the John H. and John M. Kane Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Kansas, will deliver the 2006 Berger Lecture, "Academic Freedom and Civil Rights from Medieval Paris to the Patriot Act," from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 6, in Rice Library, Room 0017.

An internationally recognized authority on legal history, Roman law, and the history of the legal profession, Hoeflich is the author or editor of seven books and more than 70 articles. He also is a columnist for the *Lawrence Journal-World*. He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a member of the American Antiquarian Society, and the Kansas Correspondent of the Selden Society.

The Distinguished Professor designation at University of Kansas is bestowed on faculty who rank among the top scholars in the U.S. and possess both an international reputation of excellence and a preeminent ability to teach. Hoeflich holds degrees from Haverford College, Cambridge University, and Yale Law School. He taught at the University of Illinois from 1980-1988, was dean of the Syracuse University College of Law from 1988-1994, and was dean at the University of Kansas School of Law from 1994-2000. He was awarded an honorary degree (LL.D.) by Baker University in 2003.

The Berger Lecture Series in the College of Liberal Arts remembers and honors Sydney Berger, who was one of Evansville's most respected attorneys. The College of Liberal Arts celebrates the values he cherished by having a speaker each year speak on the theme of civil rights or civil liberties. The lecture is generously underwritten by Charles L. and Leslie A. Berger.

For more information, contact Tamara L. Hunt, chair of the History Department, at 812/465-1202.

Assessment Day is November 14

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 14.

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 (usieagles.org) as to the time and place of their testing session. Students with a last name starting with P - Z are scheduled for 8:30 a.m., G - O are scheduled for 1 p.m., and students with a last name beginning with A - F are scheduled for 6 p.m.

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 signals the importance USI places in the

assessment and evaluation processes. The more we know about how our students are doing, the better we are able to strengthen academic programs to meet their learning needs," said Dr. 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."

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

Tailgate party

The exhibition re-match between USI and the University of Evansville takes place Saturday, November 4, at Roberts Stadium, and USI is throwing a tailgate party to get fans fired up. Screaming Eagles fans will gather from 5 to 6:45 p.m. in the Hartke Pool parking lot. Alumni, students, employees, and fans are welcome to attend the event. Everyone is encouraged to wear red to show your USI spirit and bring your own chair.

Nancy Johnson, director of Alumni & Volunteer Services, said it was estimated that over 1,000 people came to the USI tailgate party before the UE-USI exhibition game in 2004, and this year, even more activities are planned, including inflatables, body-painting, and entertainment provided by the pep band, cheerleaders, dance team, Archibald Eagle, and WSWI AM820.

The tailgate party is sponsored by the USI Alumni Association, the USI Varsity Club, USI Staff Council, Student Government Association, and Activities Programming Board. "So many groups are participating," she said. "It should be a great evening. It's a sell-out crowd at the stadium for the game, and everyone is so enthused about rooting for USI."

Game time is 7:05 p.m. Vectren, Kenny Kent Toyota and Kenny Kent Lexus are sponsoring the game. "This was a great event for the community two years ago, and we look forward to another packed house at Roberts Stadium to watch the Purple Aces and Screaming Eagles," said **Niel C. Ellerbrook**, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Vectren Corporation.

USI head coach **Rick Herdes** said, "This match-up is a great way to start the basketball season. The first game in 2004 was everything local basketball fans had been asking for and this year's contest will be no different. The game will be very important in preparing the Screaming Eagles for the regular season, which begins six days later in the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic."

The 2006-07 season will mark USI's sixth season under the direction of Herdes, the winningest active coach in NCAA Division II. He has won more games in his first five seasons at the helm than any coach in the history of the USI men's basketball program. Last year, Herdes' squad was 27-7 overall, won the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic, tied for first in the GLVC West Division with a 14-5 league mark, and appeared in the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional, advancing to the regional finals.

The Screaming Eagles were recently ranked tenth in the Division II Bulletin Top 25 and ninth by Street & Smith's College Basketball.

Alumni Association hosts Alaskan adventure

The next travel opportunity offered by the USI Alumni Association will be an Alaskan cruise dubbed "Voyage of the Glaciers" July 7-14, 2007. The cruise aboard the Diamond Princess also includes an optional land tour, "Heart of Alaska," July 14-17 to Mount McKinley, Denali National Park, and Fairbanks.

In addition to the many amenities offered aboard the Diamond Princess, "Voyage of the Glaciers" will take the USI

group through the Inside Passage to rivers of ice in Glacier Bay National Park, across the Gulf of Alaska past waterfalls and wildlife to 16 glaciers in College Fjord, and the picturesque city of Whittier on Prince William Sound. Also available: Shore trips to Juneau for glaciers, dog sledding, kayaking, hiking, or whale watching; Ketchikan for totems, floatplane excursions, and snorkeling; and Skagway for rail trips, biking, panning for gold, rafting, horseback riding, Alaskan artisans, and more.

The three-night land package includes an overnight stay at the Mount McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge; a natural history tour of Denali National Park; a stay at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge; and a stay in Fairbanks, including a riverboat cruise on the Chena and Tanana Rivers.

For more information, contact **Nancy L. Johnson '83 M '95**, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/464-1924.

Department of Art, Music, and Theatre hosts visiting artist

Jill Foote-Hutton will present a slideshow and lecture about her mixed-media work at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Sponsored by the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, the program is free and open to the public.

Foote-Hutton holds an Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics from The University of Mississippi and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in sculpture from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. While in graduate school she was a studio assistant at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina; Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Maine; and Santa Fe Clay in New Mexico.

In her artist statement, Foote-Hutton wrote, "Earthenware is my medium of choice, because it is the clay originally used by women when women were the keepers of hearth and home. This red, muddy earth is a constant reminder to me of the lineage I connect to as I work."

She is chair of the Art Department at East Central College in Union, Missouri.

For more information, contact **Rob Millard-Mendez**, assistant professor of art, at 812/464-1837.

"Friday Night in the Forum"

Sponsored by the Tri-State Cinema Society and the USI College of Liberal Arts, the "Friday Night in the Forum" film series starts in November. Films in the series are shown on a big screen in their original theatrical 35 millimeter, widescreen formats, in their original languages (with subtitles). All films start at 7:30 p.m. in the recently renovated Forum I in the Wright Administration Building. Here's the schedule:

November 3

"Nashville" (1975), 159 minutes. In a time before country music became mainstream, the intertwined stories of 24 characters are woven in and out of the Nashville music scene over the course of a few days of a George Wallace-like pre-presidential campaign. Directed by Robert Altman, starring Ned Beatty, Karen Black, Keith Carradine, Shelly Duvall, Geraldine Chaplin, Henry Gibson, and Lily Tomlin.

November 10

"Moolaadé" (2004, Senegal), 124 minutes. A rousing political film that critiques the traditional forms of authority and at the same time celebrates the warmth and dynamism of African village life. Moolaadé refers to the protective spirit that is invoked when four young girls seek sanctuary from a purification ceremony. Directed by Ousmane Sembene.

November 17

"Sophie Scholl: The Final Days" (2005, Germany), 117 minutes. This true story recreates the last six days of Sophie Scholl, a student turned fearless anti-Nazi heroine. Scholl was part of the White Rose, an underground college resistance movement in Munich, Germany. Directed by Marc Rothmund, starring Julia Jentsch.

December 1

"Caché," (2005, France), 121 minutes. A modern Parisian couple's life of comfort and security is disrupted by the delivery of mysterious videotapes that become increasingly personal. Much more than a suspenseful voyeur movie, Caché seeks to reveal a hidden collective guilt and each individual's responsibility for it. Directed by Michail Haneke, starring Daniel Auteil and Juliette Binoche.

"Friday Night in the Forum" is free and open to the public. Eric Braysmith, lecturer in Liberal Arts, will lead a discussion immediately following each film. For more information, contact Braysmith at 812/464-1740.

FEMA disaster assistance forms available

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster assistance is available to residents of Vanderburgh County. If you or someone you know suffered property damage during the severe storms and floods that occurred September 12-14, 2006, you may be eligible for assistance from FEMA.

Available assistance includes disaster grants to cover temporary housing assistance; U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest loans to renters and homeowners to repair homes or replace personal property, as well as assist business; and replacement grants to help meet serious disaster-related needs and expenses not met by insurance or other programs.

Forms are available at the front desk of the USI Human Resources Department, FA166 in the Wright Administration Building. You also may register online at www.fema.gov. Before you go online, have the following information ready: current phone number; Social Security number; a list of damages and losses suffered; insurance company and policy number; and bank account coding if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

For more information, contact Human Resources at 812/464-1790 or FEMA at 800/621-3362 (from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST).

Names in the news

Welcome

W. Everett Chesnut has accepted a position as instructor in English in the College of Liberal Arts. Chesnut holds a doctorate degree in philosophy from the University of Oklahoma and was formerly a professor of English at Reedley College.

Khaled Elkhail has accepted a position as assistant professor of finance in the College of Business. Elkhail holds a doctorate degree in business administration from Louisiana Tech University and was formerly an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Carlton Hastings has accepted a position as instructor in sociology in the college of Liberal Arts. Hastings holds a Master of Arts degree in sociology from Northern Illinois University and was formerly an instructor at Dalton State College.

Elizabeth Ison has accepted a position as administrative clerk in the Registrar's Office. Ison holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Murray State University and was

formerly a closing agent at Patriot Land Title.

Jeremiah John has accepted a position as instructor in political science in the College of Liberal Arts. John holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame where he was formerly a teaching assistant.

Uisoon Kwon has accepted a position as instructor in political science in the College of Liberal Arts. Kwon holds a doctorate degree in political science from Western Michigan University where he was formerly a part-time instructor.

Russell Lohse has accepted a position as assistant professor of history in the College of Liberal Arts. Lohse holds a doctorate degree in history from the University of Texas at Austin and was formerly a visiting assistant professor at Saint Louis University.

Mamunur Rashid has accepted a position as assistant professor of engineering in the Pott College of Science and Engineering. Rashid holds a doctorate degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Utah where he was formerly adjunct faculty.

Amanda Sullivan has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the Recreation and Fitness Center. Sullivan holds a doctorate degree in philosophy from the University of Arkansas where she was formerly a graduate assistant.

Craig Young has accepted a position as theatrical lighting designer in the USI Theatre. Young holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Virginia Tech University and was formerly head of design and assistant professor at Florida International University.

Weddings

The University community congratulates **Kristine (Meier) Murray**, program coordinator in International Programs and Services, who married Andrew J. Murray on October 7, 2006, in Windber, Pennsylvania.

Accomplishments

Stephanie Hamington, director of University division, served on a panel presentation on "Understanding the Needs of Millennial Students" at the Annual National Academic Advising Association Conference in Indianapolis on October 19. Hamington also co-presented "Help! I'm a New Advising Administrator: What do I do Now?" on October 20 and was awarded the additional designation of "Commission Sponsored: Advising Administration."

Jim McGarrah, assistant professor of English, has signed a royalty contract for the publication of his first novel, *Going Postal*, scheduled for national release in July 2007.

FYI

Nursing program listed in U.S. News & World Report

USI's graduate nursing program was one of 10 listed in the October 16, 2006, special edition of *U.S. News & World Report* devoted to "e-learning," or distance education. The magazine surveyed over 400 institutions and listed the largest programs in terms of enrollment, along with key attributes of the programs such as price per credit hour, class size, and availability of technical assistance. *U.S. News & World Report* also included the USI program in its online at www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/elearning/directory/elearn2nur_33395.htm.

Volunteer for Midnight Breakfast

Volunteers are needed for the annual Fall Chill Out/Midnight Breakfast to be held Thursday, December 7. Volunteers are need-

ed for four shifts: 8:45 to 10 p.m.; 9:45 to 11 p.m.; 10:45 to midnight; and midnight to 1 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, contact **Chandra Phillips**, area coordinator in Residence Life, at 812/468-2101 with the time you can volunteer and your T-shirt size. Volunteers receive a Fall Chill Out/Midnight Breakfast T-shirt to wear that evening. The event is sponsored by the Student Housing Association, Activities Programming Board, and The Loft.

"The Day of the Dead" Colloquium is October 31

The 2006 International Interdisciplinary Colloquium, "The Day of the Dead: Ceremonies of Passage," will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to bring photos of departed family and friends, flowers, and other mementos to create a communal shrine in the Latin American tradition. Halloween costumes also are welcomed, and faculty are encouraged to bring their classes. Refreshments will be served at the noon session. Due to the large numbers anticipated, rather than using sign-up sheets, faculty are asked to require brief written responses as evidence of student attendance. Any writing projects associated with the colloquium will be gratefully accepted to aid in assessment of the project. The colloquium is sponsored by International Studies and funded through a grant by the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. Go to www.usi.edu/libarts/intl/dayofdead.asp#schedule for the complete schedule.

St. Mary's to offer digital mammograms

St. Mary's Breast Center will offer digital mammograms to USI employees on Saturday, November 11. St. Mary's was unable to offer mammograms during the USI Wellness Fair this year because the digital technology cannot be taken off-site. At the special "Ladies of USI" day at St. Mary's Breast Center, women will be treated to mini hand and neck massages, pastries, and beverages, and may enter a gift basket drawing. This opportunity is available for employees who have Anthem and Welborn insurance. Call St. Mary's for an appointment and more information: 812/485-4437.

Flu Shots to be available in Student Health Center

Flu shots for USI employees and retirees will be available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 1, and Friday, November 3, in the Student Health Center. The shots cost \$20, payable at the time of the shot. No reservations are necessary. The Student Health Center is located in Room 0091 in the Health Professions Building. For more information, call the Student Health Center at 812/465-1250.

Vote for USI

USI and University of Evansville students are competing in a graphic design contest sponsored by Kenny Kent Toyota Scion Lexus, the Kenny Kent Toyota UE/USI Scion StandOff. Students from each university designed half of a Scion xB in colors and graphics in support of their men's basketball teams, and the dealership had the Scion professionally "wrapped" in the designs. USI's half was designed by senior art majors Gregory Nixon and Jon Gelhausen. The winner of the contest will be announced during halftime at the UE/USI Vectren Community Classic basketball game on Saturday, November 4, at Roberts Stadium. You can watch a slideshow, hear the students describe their designs, and vote for USI online. The Web site at courierpress.upick-em.net/scion/index.asp allows one vote per email address per day. Voting ends at noon Friday, November 3.