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## University Q & A: David Cousert

**David Cousert** is chair of the Department of Social Work. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology, and master's degrees in counseling and clinical social work. He is married to Donna, who he said "puts up with my dreams," and has two daughters, Lauren, 20, and Kristen, 17; two stepsons, Eric, 25 and Bryan, 28; two grandchildren, Cameron, 1, and Daisy, 13; and one rabbit, Oreo, "who depends on me for food most days, even though I was assured he would be well-fed by my 17-year-old."

### What is your greatest strength?

*I asked around, and faculty in social work and students seem to think it's my problem solving ability.*

### Who are your favorite musicians?

*I like a wide variety of music, but Savage Garden, The Moody Blues, and Bob Seeger immediately come to mind.*

### Who is your favorite artist?

*Oleg Zhivetin, a Russian artist who is now a U.S. citizen. His artwork is very colorful.*

### What do students generally not know about you?

*That I am actually an identical twin, (although I have told people my twin brother is a failed cloning experiment).*

### What would your family say about you?

*My daughters would say that I am the craziest person they know who has raced swamp boats and sprint cars, ridden a wild moose, and confronted bears in the wilderness (although I still wonder why they would say such a thing).*

### What famous person would you have lunch with?

*Joe Palladino, but he would have to pick the Italian restaurant.*

### What is your favorite book?

*"Stranger in a Strange Land" by Robert Heinlein (a Hugo Award winner). By the way, I have been in situations where I felt exactly like this title.*

### What would you like to do if you had unlimited power?

*As a social worker, so many things come to mind including curing disease, poverty, abuse, and war. I also would like to have the power to eliminate substance abuse from the world, as it contributes to so many other problems.*

### What are your hobbies?

*Travel, fishing, photography, and working on my place in northern Canada.*

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## Live at Lincoln Amphitheatre Concert Series

The 2005 Live at Lincoln Amphitheatre Concert Series will feature a pioneer of bluegrass fusion, gospel, big band music, country legends, honky-tonk, western swing, and more.

The series kicks off Sunday, May 29, with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra's "Celebrate America!" The philharmonic will present a concert at 7:30 p.m.

Eddie Miles will perform his "Salute to Elvis" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 10. Miles is considered to be one of the world's best Elvis tribute artists. Charlie Hodge, Elvis' backup singer, called Miles "the closest you will find to the looks and sound of Elvis," and DJ Fontana, Elvis' drummer, said, "Eddie looks great, sings great, and does a fantastic tribute to Elvis."

Gospel lovers will enjoy the sounds of the legendary southern gospel quartet, **The Florida Boys**, at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26. The Florida Boys have been entertaining and inspiring listeners for more than 50 years with number one hits such as "Standing on the Solid Rock," "When He Was on the Cross, I Was on His Mind," "Lead Me to the Altar," and "I Lean on you Lord."

Hank Williams Sr., George Jones, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Marty Robbins, and Roy Orbison, live! Or at least their look-alikes will perform a "Tribute to Country Legends" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 8.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 15, there will be a double bill featuring the piano-pumping rockabilly of **Blair Carman** and the western swing and "hillbilly boogie" of **Stick Andrews and the Crooked River Playboys**. Carman has been called "the hottest thing to happen to piano since Jerry Lee Lewis." Blair and his Belleview Boys have the look and sound of 1950s rock and roll.

Country royalty will pay a visit to Lincoln Amphitheatre when Jeannie Seely, Jan Howard, and Helen Cornelius take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 22, as "**Ladies of the Grand Ole Opry**." Seely is often called "Miss Country Soul," a reference to her deeply moving vocals. Her many hits include "Don't Touch Me" and "Wish I Didn't Have to Miss You" with Jack Greene. Howard's string of gutsy hits includes "Evil on Your Mind" and "Rock Me Back to Little Rock." Cornelius is known for her solo recordings, including "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," and for the many hits she recorded with Jim Ed Brown, including "I Don't Want to Have to Marry You."

One of the music world's great innovators, Grammy Award-winning mandolinist **Sam Bush**, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 29. Bush has been called "one of the best pickers ever

to play." In addition to mandolin, he plays fiddle, banjo, and guitar. A member of the defunct New Grass Revival (a band which also included Evansville native John Cowan and banjo hero Bela Fleck), Bush's sterling picking was featured on the "O Brother, Where Art Thou" soundtrack.

The Temple Airs will perform a benefit performance for Lincoln Amphitheatre at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 5. Evansville's big band has been playing together for over 20 years.

All the concerts will be presented at Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln State Park, in Lincoln City, Indiana. Tickets are \$20 for each of the concerts in the series, but children under 18 will be admitted for \$8 to the "Celebrate America!" concert. For tickets or more information call 800/264-4ABE.



## SWIRDC Wabash Heritage Paddle Fest

The Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission (SWIRDC) is offering an opportunity to explore the historic Wabash River during the Wabash Heritage Paddle Fest on Saturday, August 6. Participants will paddle their canoes 9.7 miles from Grayville, Illinois, to Historic New Harmony, Indiana. There will be canoe floats beginning at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m., in Grayville.

SWIRDC Executive Director **Nancy L. Burns** said that the event will be a good opportunity to learn more about the history of both communities. "There will be information about the history of the Wabash at both locations," she said. "It's a fun event."

Canoe rental will be available for \$20 or participants may bring their own canoes. Amy Brown of Canoe Evansville will teach a beginner's canoe class for \$10, and there also will be free lectures on canoe camping, canoeing with kids, coldwater canoeing, and yoga for boaters.

There will be safety measures in place, including dive teams along the route. Life jackets will be available.

Registration begins in both New Harmony and Grayville at 8 a.m. and is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. Two buses will provide transportation between New Harmony and Grayville every half hour. Call Burns at 812/465-7067 for detailed information and registration.

The event is sponsored by the Gibson County Visitors and Tourism Bureau, CLIF Bar, Fire & Rain marketing company, and Warrick County, Indiana, and sanctioned by the American Canoe Association.



## Reflection Lake Gazebo donated

The gazebo that seemed to pop up overnight on the edge of Reflection Lake is one of the latest donations to the University by the West Side Nut Club. Though the organization has made many monetary donations to the University over the years and is a "Platinum Super Sponsor" of the USI Athletic Department, Nut Club President **Steve Cissell** said "This is the first time the club has done a physical, hands-on project for USI."

"The Nut Club president can pick a special project each year, and this was my project," Cissell said. "I was on campus one day and saw that point on the lake and thought it would be a perfect place for a gazebo."

On Saturday, May 14, a crew of Nut Club members will plant trees, flowers, and shrubs, and make landscaping mounds around the gazebo. There will be a landscaping stone on site engraved with the name of the club, its officers (Cissell, vice president **Joe Beck**, treasurer **Dan Fulton**, and secretary **Mark Weinzaphel**)

and project manager **Stanton Elfreich**.

Beck said the gazebo could be used for a variety of functions, including student events, weddings, "or whatever the University deems fit."

Manufactured by an Amish company, the gazebo is made of vinyl and should be maintenance-free, Cissell said. The club also will install a pump in Reflection Lake that will irrigate the landscaping.



## Names in the news

### Accomplishments

**Phil Orr**, distance learning librarian, presented a poster session at the annual conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries April 7-10 in Minneapolis. The poster session described the first pilot project produced by the library's Online Library Instruction Project Working Group, which has investigated ways to provide library instruction in an online teaching environment. The poster, entitled "Using Audio Streaming in Online Library Instruction" generated a great deal of interest, with 100 people asking to receive additional information concerning the pilot project.

### In appreciation

"Thank you to my USI family for your support and condolences on the recent death of my mother, Sande Dever. Your caring expressions are appreciated." -**Jennifer Kellams**, director, Career Services.

"I would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during the recent death of my father, Jack McClanahan. Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated." -**Randy McClanahan**, Physical Plant.



## FYI

### Reservations for McNaughton retirement dinner

The Art Department is hosting a retirement dinner for **John McNaughton**, professor of art, on Saturday, May 14, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and musical entertainment will be provided by a band including Josh Rodenberg, a woodworking student and 2005 graduate in art, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The tables will be decorated with wood sculptural centerpieces created by current and former woodworking students. Tickets for the event are \$20 and reservations must be made by Saturday, May 7, by calling the Art Department at 812/465-7047. Checks should be made payable to USI and mailed to: McNaughton Retirement Dinner, Art Department, USI, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville IN 47712.

### Bring donations for food closet to employee picnic

The 2005 "USI Americana Picnic" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the University Center mall. The picnic, for all current USI employees, including faculty, staff, and student workers, is sponsored by the Staff Council, and is free. Employees are encouraged to bring donations of paper and personal care products for the Archibald Eagle Food Closet. No reservations are necessary, but to be eligible for door prizes, contact Sheree Seib, administrative assistant in Academic Affairs, at 812/461-5419.