

Vol. 38, No. 12 » October 24, 2003

USI adopts administrative computer system Bridges to lead implementation

The University is about to embark on a three-year project revolutionizing administrative computer services on campus with Steve Bridges, controller and assistant director of the Business Office, at the helm.

In his temporary assignment as SCT Banner implementation project coordinator, Bridges will oversee USI's transition from SCT Plus to SCT Banner, a move that will affect SIS, the Student Information System; FRS, the Financial Record System; HRS, the Human Resources System; and ADS, the Alumni Development System.

USI adopted SCT Plus, a product of Systems and Computer Technology Corp., roughly 25 years ago. SCT Banner, also created by the corporation that designs software specifically tailored for higher education, embraces new technology that will facilitate improved services and increased data analysis, while decreasing the downtime previously required for maintenance.

"It's a completely different animal," Bridges explained. "It's moving away from the mainframe technology to a client-server environment. It will be using computer servers instead of one massive machine, and it will be more functional and flexible for reporting. What we have now works well, but what we will have will work better."

SCT Banner will impact computer operations ranging from employee payroll to student registration as well as donor services, financial aid processing, grade reporting, admission, and Web applications.

"It's the software that runs everything, everything having to do with the administration of the University," said Dr. Robert Ruble, vice president for Business Affairs.

"This system has tremendous new capabilities, and it's Web-based, which means virtually anything that needs to be done can be done from any computer in the world that has Internet access. Because of that, it will have the look and feel of Windows, so it will be very intuitive as opposed to the current system that has mainframe screens."

To select the system, the University called upon the campus community to attend vendor presentations, share observations, and make recommendations.

"Everyone from the vice presidents down to the newest data entry clerk had an opportunity to come listen, ask questions, and offer suggestions. The comments were heard loud and clear, and that's why we went with the system we did," Ruble said.

"It's terribly important for the whole campus community to know this involves them. For the next three years, our lives are going to be a bit different. It's going to result in a few challenges and in a wonderful new system."

A timetable for the implementation and strategies for the transition are anticipated in November, and in about two weeks Bridges will be moving into the Wright Administration Building,

where his new office will be located in the former Human Resources Training Room. His telephone number, 812/465-7048, will remain the same.

"I look forward to this project and to the assistance that this project will need from the University community," Bridges said. "Information will follow as the direct plan becomes more clear."

Unanimously selected, Bridges was appointed to lead the project by the SCT Banner Executive Steering Committee comprised of the University's vice presidents.

He joined USI in 1989 as staff accountant and also has served as bursar, chief accountant, and controller. A USI graduate, he earned a bachelor's in accounting in 1988 and an M.B.A. in 1995.

When the project is complete, Bridges will resume his duties as controller and assistant director of the Business Office.

« »

Biology seminar to explore evolution

Dr. Brian Metscher, assistant professor of evolutionary developmental biology, will present "Evolution: The Fish Still Say Yes!" as a seminar in the Department of Biology's fall series at 2:30 p.m. Friday, October 24, in Room 1101 of the Education Center.

According to Metscher, evolutionary changes are best understood as changes to the developmental processes producing the adult organism. Specific questions about how different forms develop can be derived from questions about evolutionary history and process, and these developmental questions can then drive laboratory investigations of evolutionary problems.

In the presentation, he will consider ongoing studies of the developmental evolutionary biology of fish appendages as a way of studying the evolution of vertebrate morphologies more generally.

Metscher joined the University in 2001. He holds a Ph.D. from University of California-Irvine.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served before the presentation.

« »

Mailing expert speaking at postal workshop

The River Cities Postal Customer Council Program and the United States Postal Service will present a fall workshop and luncheon on campus November 5 in the University Center.

Bob McClean, executive director of the Mailers Council, will be the featured speaker. "Is There a Future for the Postal Service?" will be the topic of his presentation.

Located in Arlington, Va., the Mailers Council is the nation's largest coalition of mailers and mailing associations. Members represent nonprofit and for-profit mailers using the U.S. Postal Service to deliver correspondence, publications, parcels, greeting cards, and payments. The council accounts for as much as 70 percent of the nation's mail volume.

A 26-year veteran of the communications industry, McClean has managed the council since 1996 and is an 18-year veteran of the postal community. A registered lobbyist, he represents the Mailers Council on Capitol Hill and has testified on its behalf before Congress and the President's Commission on the U.S. Postal Service.

His program will consider the future of the postal service and the latest news from Capitol Hill. The workshop also will include a variety of other presentations as well as vendor exhibits.

Registration, \$12.50, is available by calling Shirley Risinger, U.S.P.S., 812/429-3411.

« »

Event examining mind's healing power

A medical scientist, psychologist, and best-selling author will be the featured speaker at "The Power of the Mind to Heal: Psychoneuroimmunology to Energy Medicine" November 14.

The conference featuring Dr. Joan Borysenko will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in Carter Hall.

Combining science, medicine, psychology, and spirituality, Borysenko's interests include behavioral medicine, stress and well-being, psychoneuroimmunology, women's health, creativity, and the great spiritual traditions of the world.

She holds a doctorate in medical sciences from Harvard Medical School, where she also completed post-doctoral fellowships in experimental pathology, behavioral medicine, and psychoneuroimmunology, and was an instructor until 1988.

A licensed psychologist, she is cofounder and former director of the Mind-Body clinical programs at two Harvard Medical School teaching hospitals. Her work with those programs is the foundation of her 1987 *New York Times* bestseller, *Minding the Body, Mending the Mind*.

Borysenko has appeared on *Oprah*, *Hour Magazine*, and *Good Morning American*, and her work has been featured in *U.S. News and World Report*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Reader's Digest*, *Success*, *Bottom Line*, *American Health*, *Glamour*, *Vogue*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Living Fit*, and many other publications.

Mary MacGregor, M.S., an Evansville psychotherapist; Helen Emge Shymanski, B.A., C.Y.I., an area yoga instructor; and Mary Beth Davis, R.N., holistic specialist at Deaconess Hospital, will lead the concurrent sessions following Borysenko's presentation.

The USI School of Nursing and Health Professions and the Greater Evansville Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are sponsoring the conference.

Registration is \$30 until Friday, October 31, and \$40 thereafter. Registration for full-time students is \$10. The fee includes refreshments, lunch, and materials. Continuing education credit also is available.

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

Borysenko also will present a community program, "Spirituality in Medicine: The Art and Science of Healing," at 7 p.m. November 13 at the Evansville Marriott Hotel. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Free tickets to the community program are available by calling the Greater Evansville Affiliate, 812/962-2202.

« »

United Way pledges due October 24

USI's United Way Campus Campaign will conclude Friday, October 24, when completed pledge cards must be returned to

the appropriate coordinator or to Human Resources in order to be eligible for incentive prize drawings.

United Way of Southwestern Indiana helps fund more than 40 agencies in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Spencer counties dedicated to protecting children from abuse, providing positive activities for teens, enabling the elderly and disabled to remain independent, and helping families stay self-sufficient.

Contributions may be made with convenient payroll deductions, with cash, or by check. Cash and check contributions should not be sent through campus mail. Employees may return their pledge forms to their campaign coordinators or deliver them to Human Resources.

Any employee who did not receive a United Way pledge form may obtain one by contacting Human Resources.

« »

Names in the news

Achievements

Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, was one of three writers who conducted a panel discussion for area secondary teachers on the subject of motivating high school students to read and write. Barnes & Noble Booksellers sponsored the panel October 16.

Dr. Charles Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, and **Dr. Tim Schibik**, professor of economics, had an article, "Methods for Maximizing Student Engagement in the Introductory Business Statistics Course: A Review," accepted for publication in the March 2004 (Vol. 4, No. 1) edition of the *Journal of the American Academy of Business*, Cambridge.

Dr. Guillermo Latorre, professor of Spanish, is the principal author of a paper published in the linguistics journal *Estudios Filológicos* (No. 38, 2003). The article, "From Invective to Eulogy: The Image of the Superpowers in the Left-wing Press of Chile 1957-1962," applies the techniques of discourse analysis to study how the Communist press presented the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Dr. Olly Vega, Department of Linguistics, Catholic University of Chile, is the co-author. The research was supported by a Faculty Research and Creative Work Award from USI.

Dr. Nancy McNeely, instructor in English, co-presented a tutor training session for the Evansville Literacy Center October 11.

Congratulations

Carrie Wilkerson, program advisor in the Multicultural Center, and husband **Rob** are the parents of a daughter, **Sadie Elizabeth**, born October 15. The baby arrived weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

Welcome

Adrian Adams, Evansville, has accepted the position of safety and security officer. He previously worked for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Michigan.

Adriana M. Brodsky, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of history. Formerly a resident of Columbus, Ohio, she previously worked as an instructor at Ohio State University-Columbus and Duke University, where she is a doctoral candidate and will defend her dissertation in December. She also taught at the Profesorado Nacional, the national teachers' training institution in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she completed her undergraduate studies and graduated as a Nationally Certified Teacher of English as a Foreign Language. She is the

recipient of a Mauricio Amado Foundation Research Fund grant award and an Association of Jewish Studies post-doctoral fellowship, which she declined. Brodsky is a member of the American Historical Association, Council of Latin American History, Latin American Studies Association, and the Association of Jewish Studies.

Gary J. Gumbel, Mount Vernon, has accepted the position of maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant.

Dr. Edith Hardcastle, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of biology. Originally from Little Rock, Ark., she previously worked as an instructor at University of Arkansas-Little Rock, University of Central Arkansas, Southwest Texas State University, and Austin Community College. She earned a Ph.D. in 2003 from University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, where she also earned an M.S. She holds a B.A. from Hendrix College.

Adrian Hoskins, Evansville, has accepted the position of maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant. He previously worked as a carrier for The Evansville Courier, sales associate for L.S. Ayers, scout for On Track Modeling, and venue supervisor for Conseco Fieldhouse. He is a 1996 Marine Corps Honor Graduate and a 1994 High School Baseball Player of the Year.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Terri Schaefer**, custodial worker in the Physical Plant, whose father **Adam H. Daum**, 75, Evansville, died October 15. Services were held October 18 at Titzer Family Funeral Home Meyer Chapel.

« »

Healthy Hoe-down

The Employee Wellness Committee and Student Wellness Office will present a Healthy Hoe-down Wellness Fair for USI employees and students from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, on Rice Plaza and in Carter Hall.

The event will feature a variety of health screenings conducted by students in the School of Nursing and Health Professions and by area vendors.

Additional cholesterol and hearing screenings will be available Monday, October 27, in Room 2028 of the Health Professions Center. To make an appointment for screening October 27, call 812/465-1153. Appointments are not required October 28.

Trick-or-treat

Newman and Governors residence halls will host a Safe Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza for area children from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, October 31. The event will feature door-to-door trick-or-treating, carnival fun, and a mildly spooky haunted house.

Donations of candy or other individually wrapped goodies are needed. Donations may be delivered to the Residence Life Center. Call Tracy Shadowens, area coordinator, 812/468-2675, to arrange for pick up.

Airplane contest

As part of USI's celebration of National Chemistry Week, the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates and Engineering Club will host an Airplane Contest open to all USI students Friday, October 24.

The event will be held from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in the Physical

Activities Center. Participating students should meet in Room 200 of the PAC at 12:50 p.m.

Airplanes must be made of paper, aluminum foil, tissue paper, or similar material measuring 8.5 x 11 inches. No wood entries will be accepted in the contest.

Prizes for the planes traveling the longest distances will include: \$15 first place, \$10 second place, and \$5 third place.

Leadership conference

The Office of Student Development Programs will offer its Fall 2003 Corporate Leadership Conference November 7-8 with Vectren Corp. serving as host.

Events November 7 will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. in Carter Hall. Activities November 8 will be held from about 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wagner Building in downtown Evansville.

The free event is open to any USI student, and participation will be limited to the first 70 registrants. Faculty are encouraged to invite students to attend. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 29. For more information or registration, call 812/465-7167.

Homoerotic essay

Dr. Mikel Imaz, assistant professor of Spanish, will present "Considerations Around the Homoerotic Essay in Latin America," a lecture in the Liberal Arts Colloquium, at 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 31, in Kley Meyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

His colloquium presentation will focus on the works of various Latin American authors who have contributed to the establishment of a theoretical discourse about homoeroticism in Latin America.

The colloquium is a free lecture series featuring faculty research in the School of Liberal Arts.

Oral arguments

The Indiana Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in the case of *Kevin L. McCarty v. State of Indiana* at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

A three-judge panel will be on the USI campus as part of an effort to bring the judicial system closer to the people it serves.

Due to the "Code of Judicial Conduct," the judges will not be able to answer any specific questions about the case but can respond to general inquiries about the legal system. The judges also will be available for photographs before or after the oral arguments.

Student success

"Cite-Seeing," a workshop in the Student Success Series presented by Academic Skills, will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 29. Deanna Odney, writing specialist, will be the speaker. A second session of the program will be presented at 3 p.m. November 4.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the free 30-minute interactive workshops in Room 1102 of the Education Center. For more information, call 812/464-1743.

Utopian communities

Dr. Timothy Miller, professor of religious studies at University of Kansas, will present "Researching and Publishing about Modern Communes," at 10 a.m. Friday, October 24, in Room

1004 of the Liberal Arts Center.

He also will deliver "The Cutting Edge of Utopian Communities: Eco-Villages and Co-Housing," at noon Friday, October 24, in Forum I in the Wright Administration Building.

USI's Center for Communal Studies is sponsoring Miller's free presentations on campus.

Screening mammograms

The staff of St. Mary's Breast Center will offer screening mammograms to the USI community Thursday, October 30, in the University Center.

A doctor's order is not required for women age 40 or older. Women younger than 40 will need a doctor's order. The mammogram cost is \$80, and all three University health insurance plans will be accepted. Certain restrictions and guidelines will apply.

For more information or to schedule a screening, contact Ava Demps, benefits supervisor in Human Resources.

Benefit concert

A benefit concert featuring the Evansville Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 26, at the Rapp Granary, 512 Granary St. in New Harmony. Proceeds will benefit the Granary. For tickets or information, call 812/682-3128.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, October 24, 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.

Job openings

For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

« »

Early registration

Teaching faculty: Announce to your classes that early registration for spring 2004 will be November 3-14. Encourage your students to register early by one of two methods:

- » Web registration via Campus Pipeline (www.usieagles.org). The classifications of students eligible and instructions for using Web registration can be found on page 7 of the class schedule.
- » Walk-through registration takes place in the office of the student's advisor. The dates that classifications of students are eligible to register can be found on page 4 of the class schedule. Contact your advisor to schedule an appointment. (Note: November 11 is Assessment Day.)

« »

Marketplace

For sale

Black aluminum full-size truck tool box - toolbox is lockable and does not require drilling through truck bed. Bought last year for \$350, will sell for \$130. 15" aluminum mag rims and tires - fit most studded cars. Rims were bought brand new for \$1,700, and tires are low profile, will sell for \$300. Used Visioneer computer scanner (Paperport 6100) - works with Window ME and later versions, does not work with XP, \$30. Call Chris, 812/449-9247.

Brand new, factory-sealed Microsoft Pocket PC 2003 - premium edition for any Dell Axim PDA. \$35 from Dell, asking \$25. Call, Ext. 1111.

2003 Chevy Silverado Quad Cab - less than 5,000 miles. All power with CD player. Still like brand new inside and out: \$20,500 (negotiable). Call 270/826-1968

Boy's Huffy 16" bike - \$15. Steel 1950's glider with chair pads, \$75. Framed, matted 39" x 32" print with glass - Cottage Scene, predominately green with floral, \$50. Call 812/476-2314.

Twin sofas - good condition, blue with oak frame: \$50 each. Call Susan, 812/465-1178.

2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport - four-wheel drive, 46,000 miles, loaded, great condition, \$11,800. Call Joanna, Ext. 7049 days or 812/985-0721 after 6 p.m.

Home - 1846 Cornerstone Point, two-story four bedroom, two-and-a-half baths, 2,200-plus sq. ft. with additional 200 sq. ft. with the three-season sun porch. Open floor plan, combo living room/dining room with bay window. Eat-in kitchen with oak cabinets. Family room opens to custom built, cedar-walled three-season sunroom. Den/office off family room. Large fenced backyard with 12 x 16 yard barn. Beautifully landscaped yard. Two-car garage. Twenty to 30 minutes from USI. Close to shopping churches, and schools. Mint condition. Price reduced to \$165,900, negotiable. Call Richard Greer, 812/483-4273.

Free

Five beautiful kittens - free to a good home. Call Debi Hagan, 812/ 465-1099.

Tutor training

Evansville Literacy Center - for information about becoming a tutor for the Evansville Literacy Center, call 812/429-1477. Dr. Nancy McNeely, instructor in English, is one of the center's tutor trainers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Marketplace," a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

Friday, October 24, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.

University Notes is available online in a convenient, full-color format. To view Notes on the Web, visit :

www.usi.edu/newsinfo/newnotes.asp.

To cancel your print subscription to Notes, contact rjfugate@usi.edu.