

University Notes

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Board approves operating budget

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved a \$67.3 million annual operating budget and implemented a \$6.41 fee increase at its meeting May 8. The fee increase brings the cost per credit hour to \$133.91 for Indiana undergraduate students.

USI President H. Ray Hoops reported the fee increase will be used for ongoing operational costs including personnel, benefits, and utilities as well as new investments in faculty, instructional technology, and equipment.

Even with the increase, USI continues to offer the lowest tuition and fees of any public baccalaureate university in Indiana. Hoops emphasized that the University remains committed to having the lowest rates.

Fees for Indiana resident graduate students will increase to \$194.52 per credit hour. Non-resident fees for undergraduates will increase to \$319.41 per credit hour and \$384.22 per credit hour for graduate students.

The operating budget is comprised of state appropriation, student fees, and other income. The new budget will allow for an increase in faculty and staff, an expansion of library reference materials, programs for recruiting and retaining students, alumni initiatives, engineering program growth, and costs related to enrollment increases.

In other business, the Board of Trustees approved construction bids for the new Rice Library project. Deig Brothers Lumber and Construction Co. will be the general contractor. Ground will be broken in a June 1 ceremony at 4 p.m. on the site.

The board also approved the 10-year capital plan for USI that in the near term, 2005-07, includes a School of Business/General Classroom building at \$33.8 million; expansion of the Fitness Center, \$7.2 million; and a residence building, \$7.7 million.

The University's Code of Student Behavior was reviewed by a University committee this past year, and the revised edition was approved by the board. The code of conduct will be reviewed annually by a University committee, and revisions will be reported to the board.

Departing board members Tina M. Kern-Raibley of Evansville and Thomas F. McKenna of Carmel were recognized for their service and leadership. Kern-Raibley served as the alumni representative on the board.

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Campus snapshot: USI Children's Center

Children ages 3 1/2 to 6 will have an opportunity to explore nature through literature, math, and science in a Half-Day Summer Preschool Program available through the USI Children's Center in addition to its regular offerings for kids ages 2 to 6.

"It's offered as a service to the parents in the area," said Pam Buschkill, center coordinator. "Basically we know there is a desire

for educational summer programs within the community."

Two four-week sessions of the Half-Day Summer Preschool Program are available. The first begins June 14 and the second July 12. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in two sections: Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday.

The cost is \$125 for a Monday-Wednesday-Friday section or \$85 for Tuesday-Thursday. The Half-Day Summer Preschool is open to the public as well as the University community.

The center also is offering a Summer Kindergarten Camp for children who have just completed kindergarten or are entering in the fall. Essentially an enrichment program, the camp will include special activities and weekly field trips designed to enhance the children's existing skills.

The Summer Kindergarten Camp, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., begins May 26 and will continue through the end of July. Limited openings are available, but interested parents may place their children on a waiting list.

The camp cost is \$88 per week for USI families or \$93 per week for the community. An additional field trip charge, \$60 for the summer, covers the cost of various outings, including trips to make pretzels and ceramics, to bowl and play miniature golf, and to New Harmony and Audubon Park.

In addition to its special summer programs, the Children's Center regularly offers a full-time program for 2-year-olds, part-time and full-time programs for ages 3 to 6, and half-day preschool. The schedule, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., typically includes a light breakfast, circle time, special activities, outside time, lunch, quiet/nap time, snack time, and independent and group activities.

"One of our main goals is to help the children become independent thinkers, to be able to use time wisely, to be able to get along with others, to learn problem solving and cooperation, and to learn the life skills they are going to need to function well in our society," Buschkill said. "If they get a good basis in those things then learning will be easy for them."

The center gives enrollment priority to USI faculty, staff, and students, but community children also are accepted if space is available. Faculty, staff, and students have the option of enrolling their children on an hourly basis to accommodate class or study time. If a program is full, waiting lists are available.

The center is staffed by teachers degreed in early childhood education with assistance from student workers. The facility is state licensed and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Children's Center is part of USI Extended Services, which also offers a full-day Summer Enrichment Camp for school-aged children as well as half-day Super Summer specialty classes. Additional information is available on the Web: www.usi.edu/extserv/kidstuff.asp.

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NHT presents a dog, a dance, a dilemma

The New Harmony Theatre's 2004 season will open with the hugely popular romantic comedy, *Sylvia*, June 11.

Featuring the antics of a street-smart dog, award-winning playwright A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia* is found in a park and taken home, where she becomes a major bone of contention between the middle-aged couple giving her a place to stay. After some hilarious and touching complications, will they all learn to value each other? That's the question. *Sylvia*, which received three Drama Desk Award nominations, will be staged June 11-27.

Alfred Uhry's *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* is next in the lineup, July 9-25. The scene is 1939 Atlanta. *Gone With The Wind* is making its premiere, and Hitler is invading Poland, but the Freitag family is much more concerned with who is going to Ballyhoo, the social event of the season. Problems of social acceptance, prejudice, and romantic jealousies are mended with plenty of comedy and profound revelations in this winner of the 1997 Tony Award for Best Play.

The slapstick hoedown, *Cowgirls*, completes the season, July 30-August 15. Conceived by Mary Murfitt, the show introduces Jo, who is in quite a pickle. She has 24 hours to save Hiram Hall - her father's once-famous country-western saloon - from foreclosure. To make some fast cash, she's booked the Cowgirl Trio, but a misunderstanding brings the Coghill Trio, a group of classical musicians, to town. Mixing like oil and water, can classical and country meet in the middle to save the day? Find out in this Outer Critics Circle nominee for Best Off-Broadway Musical.

New Harmony Theatre season tickets are available: \$55 adult; \$50 senior/student; \$46 USI employee; \$46 groups of 20+. Individual tickets also are on sale. Ticket reservations and additional information are available at the NHT Box Office, 812/682-3115 or 1-877/NHT-SHOW.

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Lincoln Institute July 8-9 at USI

Historic Southern Indiana will present its inaugural Lincoln Institute for Teachers July 8-9 at University of Southern Indiana.

The workshop for K-12 teachers of all disciplines is the first in a series of annual programs focusing on Abraham Lincoln as the bicentennial of his birth approaches in 2009.

Matthew Pinsker, who serves on the faculty at Dickinson College, will be the keynote speaker. His topic will be "How We Learn About Lincoln." Pinsker is the author of *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home* and *Abraham Lincoln: American President Reference Series*.

The Institute also will feature a master teacher from West Springfield High School in Virginia who will discuss "Lincoln in the Classroom." James Percoco is the author of *A Passion for the Past: Creative Teaching of U.S. History*, which won the 2000 James Harvey Robinson Prize from The American Historical Association.

Martha Beckort, media specialist with the Lanesville Community School Corp., Lanesville, Ind., will introduce participants to online and print sources and curricular materials about Lincoln. Teachers also will have an opportunity to discuss incorporating Lincoln in teaching standards, teaching Lincoln in different disciplines, and the potential for interdisciplinary work.

A tour of Lincoln-related sites in southern Indiana also is planned. The tour will include Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln State Park, the Colonel William Jones House, and a performance of *Young Abe Lincoln*, the outdoor musical drama produced by USI.

Three workshop packages are available: \$75, includes lunch and dinner July 8, breakfast and lunch July 9, the *Young Abe Lincoln* performance, site tour, and workshop materials; \$99, includes everything from the first package as well as double occupancy accommodations in USI Housing July 8; and \$111,

includes everything from the first package as well as single occupancy accommodations in USI Housing July 8. Graduate credit also is available.

June 23 is the registration deadline. For information or registration, call USI Extended Services, 812/464-1989 or 800/464-8600. E-mail registration is available at extserv@usi.edu.

Historic Southern Indiana is a heritage-based community outreach program of USI committed to promoting, enhancing, and protecting the historic, natural, and recreational resources of southern Indiana.

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Public archaeology dig in New Harmony

Amateur archaeologists should ready their trowels for a unique opportunity to uncover history during a public archaeology dig at Community House No. 2 in New Harmony that will continue through June 18.

Volunteers are invited to join professional archaeologists from the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites Division of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at the dig that began in 2003.

The dig is part of a project re-routing drainage around the 182-year-old structure, one of the oldest in New Harmony. Community House No. 2 has served as a Harmonist dormitory, a school during the Owen communal experiment, a boarding house, a tavern, a tearoom, a hardware and furniture store, a telephone office, and a print shop.

So far, the project has yielded unique finds in the lot behind the structure, which has never been built upon. More keys to the structure's past are expected to be found during this summer's dig.

Volunteers from the area are encouraged to come to learn about archaeology through the hands-on digging, sifting, and cataloguing of artifacts. Participation is free, and training is provided. Interested people may volunteer for as many days as they like, but the project is limited to 10-12 volunteers per day.

For more information or to register for the dig, contact Kate Linderman, manager of Development and Public Programs, at the Historic New Harmony Office, 812/682-4488.

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Exhibit featuring silverpoint artist

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will feature the work of silverpoint artist Wendy Dixon May 22-June 27. Dixon will deliver a lecture from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Thrall's Opera House. A free reception for the artist will follow.

Silverpoint is a rare and ancient form of drawing in which the artist uses a silver stylus to draw on a treated ground. Dixon then uses copper, gold, prisma colors, tempera paints, and watercolors to add color to the silver. She also occasionally smokes the surface of the paper with flame, creating special effects.

A resident of Hilton Head, S.C., Dixon is a London native. She studied art at the Regent Street Polytechnic in London, Allahabad University in India, Boston Museum School, and the Corcoran in Washington, D.C.

She is affiliated with the Moonshell Art Gallery in Hilton Head and has art in the permanent collections of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Telfair Museum, the Muscarelli Museum of Art, and the National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution.

The exhibit was made possible through the generous support of USI and the Indiana Arts Commission.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main St., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 812/682-3156.

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Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Sherry Bevins Darrell, professor of English, attended the 28th annual Comparative Drama Conference April 28-May 2 in Columbus, Ohio, where she presented a paper on Shakespeare: "Breaking Faith: Word and Deed in *Troilus and Cressida*" and served as chair of a modern Irish drama session with papers on the Abbey Theatre, J. M. Synge, and G.B. Shaw.

Tom Bodkin, adjunct instructor in Health Services and Health Administration, was honored for his outstanding public service and contributions to the Alzheimer's Association at the association's annual Making Memories banquet May 5. He also was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan. Bodkin's mother Marjorie Bodkin died of Alzheimer's disease several years ago. In his remarks, Bodkin urged those attending to support research to prevent progression of the disease. Bodkin also is a senior partner in the law firm of Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald, and Hahn.

In appreciation

"The family of **Catherine Altstadt** would like to thank our friends in the University community for their kind support following her death last week. We are grateful for the calls, flowers, cards, and expressions of sympathy that were extended to us. Thank you so much."

- **Karen Altstadt**, administrative associate, Printing Services

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FYI

Newsletter schedule

University Notes will begin publishing on its every-other-week summer schedule Friday, May 14. The deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes* is Friday, May 21. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions to "Marketplace" may be made via e-mail to Brandi Schwartz, editorial associate in News and Information Services, or by calling 812/465-1192. Other submissions to *University Notes* may be made by contacting Libby L. Keeling, associate editor, 812/461-5259.

Grades online

Spring 2004 grades will be available online after 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 14. Students may access their grades on MyUSI. No grade reports will be mailed. For more information, visit the Web: www.usieagles.org/cp/home/loginf.

NHT volunteers

The New Harmony Theatre is in need of volunteers to usher during its 2004 season, June 11-August 15. Opportunities are available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, and during Sunday matinees. For additional information or to register as a volunteer, call Joyce Babillis, NHT house manager and adminis-

trative associate in the School of Business, 812/465-1681 (work) or 812/838-4925 (home).

Memorial Day

University offices will be closed and classes will not be in session Monday, May 31, in conjunction with Memorial Day. For more information, call 812/464-1762.

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.

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Marketplace

For sale

2000 Dodge Caravan - great for hauling kids back and forth to college or summer camp! Much better mileage than SUV. Seven passenger, A/C, power steering, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cassette. 40,000 miles, one owner. \$5,500. Call John Gottcent, 464-1750 or 426-2989.

Used washer and dryer - \$100 for the pair. Call Ext. 1961 or 422-0841.

Stock wheels - from Dodge Dakota, 15X7 stock mag wheels, \$100. Call Neil Pace, 760-5416.

1994 Buick Century - 60,000 miles, new tires, new front brakes and rotors, CD player, excellent condition. \$3,500 firm. Call 491-8798.

1995 Ford Windstar GL van - 155,000 miles, new transmission, new head gaskets, new tires, CD player, \$3,000. Call 491-8798.

For rent

Prospective student tenants - Newly remodeled four-bedroom, two-bath, two-living room home, five minutes from USI, computer ready.

All appliances, including washer and dryer, two-car garage, water included. \$1,300/month plus deposit; one-year lease, parental permission required. Available for fall semester 2004. Call 867-3069 or 499-7044.

Large downtown apartment - available for rent May 22, one-half block from Penny Lane. Two bedrooms, one bath with double sinks, lots of windows, huge master bedroom, brand new carpet, washer/dryer included. \$560/month; \$250 deposit. Contact Ronda Priest, 465-1092 office.

One bedroom, unfurnished, apartment - 131-153 S. Barker, one block south of the Lloyd Expressway. Water, sewage, trash pick-up provided. One-year lease, no pets, non-smoking. Rent \$350/month, \$200 deposit. Call 476-3411.

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, May 21, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.