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Development director named at USI

David A. Bower, who currently serves as associate director of Development at USI, will be the president of the USI Foundation and director of Development, effective August 21, 2006. The appointment was announced June 6, 2006 by **President H. Ray Hoops**.

Dr. Hoops said, "David has served the University for 12 years through his work with and for donors. He has the ability to connect USI's academic and scholarship needs with the interests of donors. I know he will continue the Foundation's excellent level of fund-raising success."

Bower has held development positions at USI since 1994. He began his fund-raising career as special gifts officer and in 1996 was named assistant director of development. In 1999 he was named associate director. Estate giving and current major gifts are his areas of expertise. In addition to fund raising, he also will manage stewardship of the contributions to the USI Foundation.

Bower earned the professional designation as a certified fund-raising executive in 1999. He helped establish the Evansville Area Fundraising Council, serving as its first president. He continues on the board of directors currently as program chair. He also serves on the board of directors for Youth Resources of Southwestern Indiana.

He holds an undergraduate degree from St. Meinrad College and master's degrees from Catholic University of Louvain and University of Evansville. He also serves as adjunct faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts. He is filling the position held by Suzanne Nicholson, who is retiring this year after 20 years.

One-woman show debuts at The New Harmony Theatre

The New Harmony Theatre's artistic director, **Scott LaFeber**, likes a challenge. He opened the 2006 season June 9 with the theatre's first one-woman show. Jane Wagner's *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* features one actress playing a dozen roles in a single evening of theatre.

LaFeber counts himself lucky to welcome back New Harmony Theatre favorite **Jenn Thompson** to tackle this "performance of a lifetime." The Tony Award-winning comedy runs through June 25 at Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony.

Wagner is an Emmy Award-winning writer and long-time collaborator with Lily Tomlin, for whom she wrote *The Search for Signs*. In 1986 when the play first opened on Broadway, Tomlin won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Play. When the play returned to Broadway in 2001, it won the Tony for Best Revival of a Play.

While the play features many characters, it centers on the experiences of Trudy, a New York bag lady who tries to help aliens better understand humankind. According to LaFeber, this whimsical premise allows Wagner to combine arch social commentary with brilliant humor. *The Washington Post* called *The Search* a

"hilarious saga of dreams collapsing, good intentions souring, and bandwagons careening off-track...a chronicle of the human heart trying to mend its bruises and ease its disappointments."

New Harmony Theatre audiences may remember Thompson as Sylvia the dog in The New Harmony Theatre's 2004 production of *Sylvia*. She played Alma in *Eccentricities of a Nightingale* and the title role in *Anna Christie*, all at The New Harmony Theatre. Thompson said she is happy to be working at The New Harmony Theatre again this summer. "It's a special place," she noted. Thompson's acting credits include roles on Broadway (Tony Award-winning productions of *Ah, Wilderness!*, *The Heiress* and *Annie*), in regional theatres around the country, and in television and film.

LaFeber and Thompson rehearse six days a week for this unique production, and Thompson is working to memorize the 50-page script. When she isn't rehearsing, she looks forward to welcoming her family to southern Indiana. Thompson's parents, also professional actors, will "tread the boards" at Murphy Auditorium as John and Nettie Cleary in the second show of the season, *The Subject Was Roses*.

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe runs June 9-25 at Murphy Auditorium. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. There is one Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. on June 24.

Subscriptions and single tickets for all performances at The New Harmony Theatre are on sale now. Subscriptions are \$55 for adults and \$50 for seniors (60 and over). Single tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for anyone 25 or younger. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 1-877-NHT-SHOW or visit www.newharmonytheatre.com.

The New Harmony Theatre is a professional Equity theatre produced by USI. All plays are performed at Murphy Auditorium at 419 Tavern Street in New Harmony. Box office hours are noon until show time on performance days; noon until 5 p.m. when there is no performance. The box office is closed on Tuesdays.

Former GLVC Coach of the Year to lead Eagles baseball

USI has announced the hiring of **Tracy Archuleta** as the fifth head baseball coach in the history of the 36-year-old program.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to lead the USI baseball program," said Archuleta. "The Screaming Eagles have had a rich tradition and history of success, which I look forward to building upon."

Archuleta comes to USI after five seasons at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside that featured a pair of NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and a pair of 40-win seasons. UW-Parkside also advanced to the NCAA II North Central Regional title game in 2005 and was 148-124 (.544) during Archuleta's tenure.

"Tracy is a proven winner and has shown the ability to take a program in the right direction," said USI Director of Athletics

Jon Mark Hall. "He built UW-Parkside into a national contender and we feel he will do the same at USI."

After setting the foundation during his first two years, Archuleta directed the Rangers into the national spot light with a 41-18 season in 2004, finishing on top of the GLVC standings and earning the school's first-ever NCAA II tournament bid. Between 2002 and 2004, UW-Parkside went from 13 wins to 41 wins.

Archuleta's Rangers continued their march in 2005, this time with a 45-18 record, picking up the school's first GLVC baseball championship along the way. Again the club made the NCAA II Tournament, reaching the regional championship game. The 2005 team broke the school record for wins in a season, set by the 2004 squad. In each of those two seasons, the Rangers finished among the top 25 teams in the nation.

In his tenure at UW-Parkside, Archuleta has coached the Rangers first All-American, Regional Player of the Year, GLVC Player of the Year and has had two players sign professional contracts and 11 players earn All-Region honors. He was tabbed GLVC Coach of the Year in 2004.

Archuleta served as an assistant coach for five seasons at Wayne State College (Nebraska) and Central Missouri State University at the NCAA II level before taking the top spot at UW-Parkside.

At Wayne State, he was the infield coach, hitting coach, and recruiting coordinator on the team that captured its first NSIC championship and NCAA II regional birth in the 2001 season. Archuleta helped guide the team's batting average to 25th in the country (2000) and, in 2001, the squad was third in the country in fielding percentage (.969). In 2001, Wayne State finished 26th in the country with a record of 35-10.

During his tenure at CMSU, the Mules won the regular season conference championship with a record of 20-1 and were ranked as high as fifth in the nation. The team picked up an NCAA tournament bid and finished 16th in the country with a 43-10 mark. Archuleta was CMSU's outfield coach and recruiting coordinator. He also assisted the hitters.

The native of Iliff, Colorado, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Metropolitan State College of Denver and has a master's degree in education from Wayne State College. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Mikaela, 11, Alex, 5 and Samuel, 2.

Archuleta takes over a USI baseball program with a pitching staff ranked 11th nationally with a 3.16 ERA, but finished 18-33 overall and 15-31 in the GLVC in 2006. USI was one of the dominate teams in the GLVC and the North Central Region during the 1990s, sporting a record of 320-192 (.625), but has not fared well since 2000 with a seven-year record of 166-211 (.440).

Historic Southern Indiana's Frank and Judy O'Bannon Heritage Enrichment Award

Historic Southern Indiana's **Frank and Judy O'Bannon** Heritage Enrichment Award recognizes an individual who is committed to the distinctive heritage of southern Indiana and works with youths 18 and under.

Judy and the late Frank O'Bannon embody the mission and goals of Historic Southern Indiana in their commitment to, and love of, southern Indiana's heritage. Their belief in the identification, preservation, and promotion of those things that make communities special is most evident in their support of programs benefiting youth.

The award will be presented to an individual who has become an exemplary model of community education in such activities as community heritage, heritage/cultural tourism, historic preservation, and historical interpretation in the Historic Southern

Indiana region. Supporting materials could include, for example, how the individual was able to obtain community support for projects, what sort of curriculum development or training materials were developed, and how preservation and interpretation projects benefited their intended audience. The recipient's achievements will reflect the overall mission of HSI as well as the special interests of the O'Bannons.

The award is open for people in paid positions as well as volunteers whose programs enrich the lives of young people age 18 or under. It is not limited to those who work in the schools. Nominees must reside in the Historic Southern Indiana region — the 26 counties of the southern part of the state: Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington.

Interested individuals may nominate themselves. A panel of judges will select the recipient by September 1, 2005. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of Historic Southern Indiana in early fall.

The award will include a \$1,000 cash prize, a plaque, recognition at the Annual Meeting of Historic Southern Indiana, an article highlighting the achievements of the recipient in the Historic Southern Indiana newsletter, and a news release featuring the recipient's achievements.

Last year was the first year for the award. The recipient was **Maxine Brown** of the Leora Brown School in Corydon.

For a nomination form or more information, go to www.usi.edu/hsi/obannon.asp, email hsi@usi.edu, or call 812/465-7014.

Completed nomination forms and attachments are due before July 7, 2006. Mail to: Historic Southern Indiana, Attention: Jane Reynolds, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712.

Student Development Programs releases "Personnel File" on 2006 AMIGOs

The Office of Student Development Programs has released the "Personnel File" on its 37 AMIGOs for 2006.

AMIGOs, highly motivated, involved student orientation leaders who assist with the implementation of the New Student Orientation and Welcome Week programs, are guides for new students and their families as they make the transition to USI.

AMIGOs go through a rigorous selection and training process, and are equipped with the knowledge and skills to answer any questions that new students may have.

Go to www.usi.edu/orientation/amigo/MeetTheAMIGOs/index.asp and click on their pictures to read about each of the 2006 AMIGOs. They answer questions such as "If you could give one piece of advice to a new student, what would it be?" "What is the most important lesson you have learned since coming to college?" and "What's your favorite place to hang out on campus?"

Applications for 2007 AMIGOs will be accepted beginning in October.

USI softball staff to coach in Australia

USI softball head coach **Sue Kunkle** and assistant coach **Annie Medico '06** have been selected to coach a USA Athletes International squad in Sydney, Australia this summer.

The two will coach a team of players from the United States to compete in the Invitational Friendship Softball Series June 30-

July 12.

It marks the second straight summer that Kunkle and Medico have teamed to direct a USA Athletes International Squad. In 2005, the two led a USA Athletes International squad to the championship of the Robur '58 Softball Tournament in Holland.

"Our first experience with USA Athletes International was amazing," Kunkle said. "We were able to coach athletes from all over the country, while seeing new and exciting parts of the world."

The experience benefits USI. "Coaching with this organization helps boost the image of USI as a whole," Medico explained. "It brings exposure to the University and the softball program."

"It is an honor to coach other athletes overseas, and to be an ambassador for the sport of softball and the United States," Medico said. "In doing so, I think it brings positive attention to USI."

The experience of coaching overseas is not limited to the USI coaching staff. USI's involvement with Athletes International started two years ago when former USI standouts **Brooke Biggs '05**, **Shannon Emmons '04**, **Kristen Houseworth '05**, and **Nichole Pike** played in the 2004 Belgium Softball Open.

"It is definitely appealing to prospective recruits that USI student-athletes have the opportunity to play all around the world," Kunkle said.

Other USI athletes that have competed or will compete include softball's **Sunny Oelling '05** (Holland, 2005/Australia, 2006) and **Krista Nugent** (Australia, 2006); in addition to volleyball's **Laura Ellerbusch** (Italy, 2006). Emmons also competed in Aruba in 2005 and will coach the same team in 2006.

The experience is not all business. "The best part is the memories and relationships formed among the players and coaches," Medico explained. "It is a chance to fulfill two dreams at once; play or coach softball and visit a beautiful part of the world."

Established in 1991, USA Athletes International is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving amateur athletes the opportunity to experience the competition, history, and culture of other countries on an international level.

USI Varsity Club Board set for 2006-07

The USI Varsity Club approved its Board of Directors for the 2006-07 academic year at its annual meeting in May.

The 30-person board will be chaired by **Donna Mesker '86**. Mesker has been a Varsity Club member for eight years, a four-year member of the board, and has chaired the very successful USI Outback Luncheon. The USI Outback Luncheon raised over \$19,000 over the last two years, including a record breaking \$9,576 in April.

Along with Mesker, the officers are **Kent Kleiman '97**, first vice chair; **Jeff Worthington '92**, second vice chair; **Troy Tornatta '93**, treasurer; and **Lynn Reed**, secretary.

New to the board are **John Campbell '00**, **Pam McCullough**, **Paula Nurrenbern**, and **Melissa Richardt '95**. **Jim Fleck**, who is a past chair of the Varsity Club and served previously on the board, was reappointed to the board.

Renewed and continuing terms on the board are **Jason Fleck**, **Darrell Ragland** (last year's chair), **Bill Wilson**, **Tim Barnes**, **Bart Gander '91**, **Bill Henderson**, **Terri Herrenbruck**, **Jeff Jewell**, **George Macon**, **Jack Marr**, **Andrea Miller '97 '99**, **Tom Fleenor**, **Mark Head '88**, **Todd Niemeier '95**, **Steve Oliver**, **Carolyn Ruminer**, **John Stephenson**, **David Stevens**, **Matt Wannemuehler**, and **Bryan Zeller**.

Firms to partner on design of new business building

An architectural firm in Missouri partnering with an Evansville firm and a Michigan firm was selected in May by the USI Board of Trustees to design the new building for the College of Business.

Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum (HOK) of St. Louis, Hafer Associates, PC, of Evansville, and The Campus Studio of Ann Arbor, Michigan, were recommended by the Trustees Construction Committee. Wilke Structural Engineering is a consulting firm on the project.

USI Vice President for Business Affairs **Mark Rozewski** said the committee looked nationally for firms to design the USI business building. HOK designed the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western University, the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University, and the University of Oklahoma's engineering building, among others. USI's new building will include space for engineering on the lower level.

The building is included in the capital improvement plan for 2007-09. Implementation is contingent on state funding allocations. The 2005 Indiana General Assembly appropriated \$2 million for planning the building. The University will request \$29.9 million for fee-replacement bonding authorization in the 2007 legislature. If funding and state approvals are given, construction could start as early as 2008.

Sigma Theta Tau International inductees

Eight undergraduate students who have a 3.0 grade point average and above and 25 graduate students with a 3.5 grade point average who are enrolled in nursing have been inducted into the USI Omicron Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing honor society.

To be eligible, undergraduate students must have completed at least one-half of the nursing curriculum and be in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class. Graduate students must have completed one-fourth of the program of study to be considered.

Sigma Theta Tau International recognizes superior achievement and leadership qualities. It fosters high professional standards, encourages creative work, and strengthens commitment to the purposes of the nursing profession.

The 2006 inductees are:

From Indiana

Graduate

Andrea Casey, Jeffersonville

Nanita Conner, Boonville

Andrea Stephens, Bruceville

Lu Tramill, Evansville

Monica Maikranz, Ft. Branch

Ann Prescott, Newburgh

Sally Schuck, Evansville

Amy Walker, Evansville

Deanna Fields, Vincennes

Eric Glines, Evansville

Daniel Hedinger II, St. Meinrad

Undergraduate

Kristen Burgess, Evansville
Jennifer Gamache, Newburgh
Sandra Hall, Evansville
Nancy Koetter, Greensburg
Nancy McDonald, Evansville
Donna McPhee, Evansville
Amanda Osbourne, Evansville

From Kentucky

Graduate

Beverly Jones, Fredonia
Tammy Ransom, Henderson
Wanda Winkler, Owensboro
Marsha Woodall, Madisonville

Undergraduate

Kelly Moser, Sebree

From other states

Graduate students

Pastora Beerman, Alpharetta, GA
Karen Claise, Durham, NC
Kelly McManigle, Palmetto, FL
Janet Olson, Minneapolis, MN
Lillian Peterson, Laurel, MD
Jacqueline Turner, Twin Falls, ID
Lecia Wadsworth, Tiffin, OH

International

Rajwinder Kaur, India
Ranjeet Kaur, India
Navpreet Sidhu, India

Varsity Club Golf Outing raises record \$39,000

The Varsity Club Golf Outing, held Thursday, June 8 at the Cambridge Golf Club, has pulled in an estimated record gross of \$39,000. The proceeds help fund athletic scholarships for student-athletes at USI.

This year's outing saw more than 60 foursomes compete, with 22 groups playing during the morning session and 39 in the afternoon.

The overall winning foursome, NM Bunge, consisting of Jerry Schreiber, Rhett Schreiber, Phyllis Schreiber, and Jim Fleck, shot a 16-under-par 56.

Dunn Hospitality, consisting of John Dunn, David Dunn, Nadine Coudret, and Kathryn Draughon, won the mixed foursome competition with an eight-under-par 64; while the foursome of Jane Davis-Brezette, Keely Porter, Mary Klaser, and Krista Loewen, won the women's competition with a one-under-par 71.

The USI Athletic Department and the USI Varsity Club would like to thank everyone involved in making this year's out-

ing a successful event.

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Dr. Barbara Marting**, professor emerita of management, who died June 12. Marting retired in 1994 after 26 years of service. Services were held June 15 at Alexander West Funeral Home. Barbara's husband, Dr. Ed Marting, professor emeritus of accounting, survives.

Welcome

The Department of Political Science chair and director of Honors at Millikin University is the new assistant vice president for Academic Affairs at USI.

Dr. Brian D. Posler is a teacher and scholar who has been active in curriculum development, faculty committee work, and assessment and program review at the Illinois institution.

Dr. Linda L. M Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "Dr. Posler has an impressive record of success. His recognized leadership by faculty, his work with their Board of Trustees, and his strengths as an administrator is valuable as USI continues to enhance the learning environment through a commitment to excellent teaching. He has brought a sense of excitement to the mission of undergraduate education that will help to foster innovation and effective teamwork. We are delighted to have him on board in Academic Affairs."

While at Millikin University, he was elected as the first-ever faculty representative to the Board of Trustees and in that capacity served on the educational affairs committee charged with overseeing academic programs and the enrollment management committee.

In his role as chair, he hired and evaluated faculty and developed curriculum and advising models for the Department of Political Science. His teaching and research activity has been in various areas of American politics, and he has taught interdisciplinary courses in the general curriculum.

Dr. Posler implemented an online plan of study for the Department of Political Science, piloted the University-wide online portfolio system, and worked to bring the campus-wide portal proposal to fruition.

"I'm excited to be here and to be a part of this great institution," he said. "USI has features of a smaller school such as close interaction among faculty and students and the living-learning communities in Residence Life. It offers students the whole college experience. I'm ready to contribute in my strength areas of program review, assessment, and working with the governing board."

Dr. Posler has been the National Book Reviews editor for the *Journal for Political Science Education* since 2003, and he was secretary-treasurer for five years for the Illinois Political Science Association.

He obtained a Title III grant for Honors program review and curriculum revision, created more access points for transfer students, and improved student satisfaction of the Honors program.

He was one of three writers who earned a national award for a paper on departmental assessment presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in the Undergraduate Education Section.

Dr. Posler was one of four political scientists chosen nationally to serve Congress as a fellow in 2000-01. He was the Appropriations director and legislative assistant to a member of

Congress. During that time he engaged in seminars with Congressional scholars and practitioners at the Library of Congress.

His appointment at USI was effective June 1, 2006.

Toni Thompson-Vessels has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Accomplishments

Maurice Hamington, assistant professor of philosophy, participated in a debate over whether the United States needs a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. The debate took place in June on Newstalk 1280's "AM Magazine," hosted by USI graduate Warren Korff. In addition, Hamington also had his encyclopedia entry on Jane Addams published on the Stanford Online Philosophy Encyclopedia.

Mary Hallock Morris, assistant professor of political science, presented her paper "Before There was Katrina: A Political History of Mississippi River Flood Control and the Loss of Louisiana's Wetlands" at the 2006 Policy History Conference. The conference was held in June in Charlottesville, Virginia and was sponsored by the Journal of Policy History, the Institute for Political History, and the Miller Center of Public Affairs.

Anna Lee Walls, daughter of **Lee Ann Shafer**, academic programs coordinator/advisor, graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science in human geography from the United States Military Academy at West Point. She received her diploma and 2nd Lt. Commission.

FYI

ADA audio conference on accessible signage at USI

Join ADA-Indiana for Part 2 of a two-part series on the "built environment," "Accessible Signage," at USI.

Topics will include information about current Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG) specifications for signage, as well as the most common errors and omissions. The guest speaker will be Mark Derry, from Eastlake, Derry and Associates.

The audio conference will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, in Science Center, Room 1212 (SC 1212), at USI.

It would be of interest to facility managers, hospitality service providers, event planners, people with disabilities, and other interested community members.

AIA and CRC credits are available.

For more information, contact **Gary May**, director of the USI/Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies, at 812/465-1694 or email gmay@usi.edu.

Gifts-in-kind

Donors of gifts-in-kind (gifts other than cash) to the University are important and should be recognized as generous friends of USI in the Honor Roll of Donors.

If your school/department has received any gifts-in-kind during the 2005/06 fiscal year, please notify the Development office ASAP if you have not already done so. Call **Gayle Shoulders**, senior administrative assistant, at 812/461-5317 to obtain forms

and instructions on reporting these gifts.

Please help us to close our books on time by reporting these gifts by Friday, June 30.

Comment on self-study draft

USI is undergoing accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association. The Association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the U.S. Through its Commissions it accredits, and thereby grants membership, to educational institutions in the nineteen-state North Central region. Institutions are reviewed every 10 years to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria for accreditation. Over the past year, USI administration, faculty, and staff conducted a self-study to assess the University's strengths and challenges. The written report is nearing completion and will be filed with the HLC during summer 2006. A team of HLC evaluators will visit the campus in the fall to verify the accuracy of the self-study report and offer suggestions. For USI's accreditation review, an Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee, appointed by the provost, is coordinating the University's re-accreditation process. The committee has broad representation from across the University. Campus-wide input has been an important part of the evaluation of the institution and the self-study report. Faculty and staff are urged to read and comment on the draft self-study report located online. A comment form is located on the page.

Theatre management office has moved

The theatre management office (box office and management operations for New Harmony Theatre and USI Theatre) has moved to the South Annex. Inter-campus mail from The New Harmony Theatre, USI Theatre, **Amy Estes**, **Scott LaFeber**, or **Melony Hurm** should be sent to Theatre Management in the South Annex. Inter-campus mail for the theatre academic program or for theatre faculty members should be sent to **Elliot Wasserman**, **Shan Jensen**, **Doug Hubbell**, or **Tommy Thompson** in Liberal Arts.

New Harmony Theatre tickets

Season and single tickets for The New Harmony Theatre's 2006 season are now available. Productions this season include the Tony Award-winning comedy *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *The Subject Was Roses*, and the musical revue *Side by Side by Sondheim*, featuring some of the best-known songs by one of Broadway's most celebrated composer-lyricists.

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