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## **Freshmen experience first days on USI campus**

Patrick Koors, a business major from Greensburg, Ind., and Joey Buckland, a physical education major from Richmond, Ind., agreed one of the biggest challenges of being a college freshman is taking the responsibility to go to class.

Another challenge, commented Jacob Schmitt, a history major from Indianapolis, was leaving friends and family behind.

Amelia Jeffers, an elementary education major from Plymouth, Ind., said finding people with the same interests, including roommates, also was a concern.

Several freshmen said lower tuition and smaller class sizes are two reasons they were attracted to the University. Mindy Sharrer, a native of Indianapolis, was drawn to USI because of its radio and television program.

Many freshmen have been pleasantly surprised by how personable the faculty, staff, and students are at USI.

"People are here to help," Buckland stated. "All freshmen need to do is ask."

A record number of freshmen, 3,739, are among the 9,675 students enrolled at USI. Fall semester classes began August 26.