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Dr. Manuel Romero to speak at High School Press Day

More than 300 students from 23 Tri-State high schools are expected to attend the 1998 High School Press Day March 13 at USI. The keynote speech at 9 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium will be delivered by **Dr. Manuel "Manny" Romero**, professor of journalism at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff. His topic will be "Digital Photography: Images of the Future." He also will conduct a workshop on ad design in a 10:45 breakout session.

The event is sponsored annually by the USI Communications Department and The Evansville Courier Company. **Dr. John W. Byrd**, USI vice president for Student Affairs, will bring the welcome at the 11:45 a.m. luncheon in Carter Hall. **Mr. Vince Vawter**, editor and president of *The Evansville Courier*, will preside over the Tri-State Scholastic Journalism Awards presentation following lunch.

Morning and afternoon workshops will be led by a variety of USI and community communications leaders. Also participating from USI will be **Ms. J. Hope Carroll**, student publications adviser/manager; **Ms. Kim Derk**, USI public relations graduate now at General Electric; **Dr. Dal M. Her-ring**, chair of the Communications Department and press day coordinator; and **Dr. J.**

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Trust panel

A final panel discussion is planned in preparation for the USI visit in late March of futurist **Dr. Francis Fukuyama**, a George Mason University professor and author of *Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity*. The panel will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at Red Bank Branch Library meeting room. A discussion of "Trust and Social Capital: The Writings of Francis Fukuyama," will be led by **Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus**, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts; panel-

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USI Master of Social Work gains accreditation

The USI Master of Social Work program recently received initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education, an organization that accredits baccalaureate and master's programs in the U.S. The USI program is the second accredited in Indiana. The other is at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI).

The primary objective of the M.S.W. program is to prepare graduate-level students for entering advanced social work practice. The program currently offers a clinical concentration. Students are educated to practice in a variety of clinical settings utilizing a systems perspective in impacting clients. The program offers a full-time and part-time component.

USI's Master of Social Work program is three years old and has more than 80 graduates. It has been in candidacy status for accreditation during this time. The accreditation process included three site visits and close scrutiny of the faculty and academic program, potential student demand, and social agency and community support availability.

The department is planning an accreditation celebration April 15. Watch for details.

Dr. David J. Westhuis, associate professor of social work and director of the master's program, and **Mr. David C. Cousert**, associate professor of social work and director of the Bachelor of Social Work program, headed the accreditation effort. Dr. Westhuis said, "The accreditation is important for our students. It will allow them to be licensed as clinical social workers in Indiana and other states."

USI President H. Ray Hoops praised the efforts by the faculty and community agencies to make this accreditation possible.

"The commitment to bring the finest education possible to the people of this region is reaffirmed with this accreditation for the master's degree in social work," he said. "The faculty in

the Social Work Department have worked diligently to gain this endorsement and community agencies have supported the effort. It will serve our students well."

USI's Bachelor of Social Work program was re-accredited for eight years in 1995. Accreditation renewals in the master's program will be required in four- to seven-year increments.

Wayne Rinks, assistant professor of communications and manager of WSWI radio.

Dr. Romero teaches publication design and writing advertising copy at NAU. He received a doctorate from Arizona State University in 1986 and a master's from NAU in 1978. He began his journalism career in 1967 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and entered the Defense Information School. During 20 years at NAU, he also taught black-and-white and color photojournalism, public relations, advertising concepts, and multi-media techniques.

Dr. Romero was 1987 fellow at the prestigious Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is former president of the Grand Canyon Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists, and active with First Amendment Funding Inc., an organization which provides grants throughout the western U.S. to help establish media law telephone hotlines for journalists.

A major Web site has been developed on Press Day, including a file on participating high schools; workshop speakers will be added next. Check in on the Web site at <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/comm/hsmd/hsmd.htm>

Prime farmland interactive forum:

Extended Services is coordinating a two-day session dealing with prime farmland restoration and its promise of post-mining agricultural productivity, based on 20 years

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ists will be **Ms. Joan David**, vice-president of Citizens Bank; **Ms. Rebecca Englert**, head of R. J. Englert and Associates and a USI lecturer in political science; and **Mr. Michael Vandever**, lobbyist for Bristol-Myers Squibb and former Evansville mayor. Dr. Fukuyama's visit is co-sponsored by Citizens Bank and the USI Schools of Business and Liberal Arts. He will deliver a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Mitchell Auditorium and will visit with USI classes on Friday, March 27.

of reclamation under the Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act.

The importance of prime farmland soils to the nation's agricultural community has made it one of the most heavily researched topics associated with surface coal mining, producing volumes of new information on the relationship of crop production to soil compaction, fertility, texture, and management.

The two-day interactive forum at USI is designed to provide an organized format for discussion of prime farmland restoration, provide talks by experts in the field, and insure access to the discussions for interested parties. Each speaker will summarize his/her topic, after which participants will have an opportunity to respond and to ask questions. The Forum will be recorded and proceedings published and distributed to participants.

The sessions are sponsored by the Office of Surface Mining and will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3-4, in Carter Hall. The registration fee is \$50 for both days, \$30 for either day. For more information, a detailed agenda, and registration materials, call Extended Services, 464-1989.

Names in the news:

Dr. Kathleen M. Filkins, assistant professor of teacher education, was among more than 2,000 Indiana science teachers who attended the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers (HAST) convention February 12-13 in Indianapolis. She presented two workshops, KWL Beyond Its Outer Limits and AIMS Activities for the College Bound, and participated in the state meeting for Indiana Middle School Association for Science Teachers (IMAST).

An article by **Dr. Thomas J. Philleo**, assistant professor of education, was published recently in *VR in the Schools* (Vol. 2, No. 4). It is entitled "the Effect of Desktop VR on the Spatial Ability of Pre-Adolescents."

Ms. Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art, will show 35 paintings, drawings, and prints March 1-27 at Oakland City University Fine Arts Center, corner of Williams and Lecretia Streets. The show, titled "Recent Itineraries," was inspired by journeys to Italy, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Malta,

Honors symposium

The 15th annual Honor Student Symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 28, in the University Center, with 20 USI honors students participating. A luncheon for student participants will follow in the UC Dining Room.

The symposium is sponsored by Academic Affairs and presented as an academic bowl competition. The symposium committee will divide participating students into teams representing various majors. Bowl questions are submitted by faculty and reflect the sort of general knowledge a person with a well-rounded education should have.

The student participants will be: **Ms. Robin L. Aldrich**, senior sociology major; **Ms. Laura M. Bengert**, junior, occupational therapy; **Mr. Nathan M. Cecil**, senior, accounting; **Mr. Dennis A. Dahlen**, graduate, English teaching; **Ms. Kristine L. Dawson**, senior, occupational therapy; **Ms. Erika A. Dunham**, senior, occupational therapy; **Mr. John R. Engelbrecht**, junior, political science; **Ms. Tracy L. Ford**, senior, English teaching; **Mr. Mark V. Gentry**, senior, psychology; **Ms. Mary J. Hagedorn**, senior, history/German; **Mr. Charles D. Hewitt**, graduate, economics; **Ms. Tonya F. Kirkland**, junior, accounting; **Ms. Linda A. Patterson**, junior, English teaching; **Mr. Brian E. Pauley**, junior, mathematics; **Ms. Melissa D. Ross**, graduate, French; **Ms. Becky Shaal**, graduate, post-baccalaureate accounting certification; **Mr. William M. Schlageter**, senior, chemistry/mathematics; **Mrs. Dianne M. Smith**, senior, mathematics; **Ms. Gena L. Wade**, senior, accounting; and **Ms. Eileen Weber**, senior, chemistry.

Maxims for the Internet Age:

Home is where you hang your @

The E-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.

As the rain continues to pound and the gray days of this year's winter march on, the weather is on everyone's mind. El Nino has been pegged as the culprit for all types of weather-related global disasters.

WebPointers Online (www.webpointers.com/el_nino.html) offers links, with brief descriptions of each, to many sources which help us understand this natural phenomenon. One of the most comprehensive links is The El Nino Theme Page (www.pmel.noaa.gov/toga-tao/el_nino/home.html), composed jointly by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, and the Tropical Atmosphere-Ocean Project. Links at this site answer the basic question (what is El Nino), as well as less frequently asked questions. The impact of El Nino and the benefits of predictions are addressed. Comparisons demonstrate the differences between a normal weather year and the current El Nino year, described as the worst in more than 50 years. The explanations and illustrations provided are easy to understand and the impact on our local weather is of particular interest.

Weather in general is presented in an easy-to-use format at The Weather Channel (www.weather.com). The latest-breaking weather conditions are highlighted as well as predictions for various areas of

the country. Those with specific interests in weather conditions, such as travelers, skiers, pilots, allergy sufferers, etc., will appreciate the special information provided. Maps showing weather patterns are available.

Another good weather source is USA Today Weather (www.usatoday.com/weather). It presents the usual weather-related information and some interesting sidelines. The CNG Energy Index measures actual and forecast demand for heating and cooling energy for specific areas of the country; the National Weather Service provides information regarding the amount of ultraviolet energy expected to reach the ground each day; and the Hydrology Home Page addresses the science relating to waters of the earth. Flooding data is provided, including information on how floods are forecast.

All of these sites illustrate how valuable a tool the Internet is. Information on events that affect our lives is readily available. In addition to knowing the "what" and "when" regarding weather situations, we can be better informed by learning the "why" and "how."

As you come across interesting sites on the Web, please pass that information on to Karen Altstadt by e-mail at kaltstad.ucs@smtp.usi.edu, or by phone at 465-7005. We'd be happy to share your discoveries with others through NetNotes.

Morocco, and Tunisia. USI faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend an opening public reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, when Ms. Roth will deliver a gallery talk.

Transfers/promotions:

Four USI employees have moved into new positions via transfers or promotions during the past two weeks. **Ms. Tracy A. Sinn**, senior administrative clerk in the Registrar's Office, has become the degree

audit reporting system specialist there. **Mrs. Joyce E. Lasher**, administrative clerk in Media Services, is now senior secretary in Human Resources. **Mrs. Marsha A. Griese**, senior secretary in Human Resources, is now benefits clerk there. **Mrs. Karen M. Richardson**, senior secretary in Student Wellness, is now senior secretary in Student Development.

Congratulations...

to **Dr. Robert L. Reid**, vice president for Academic Affairs, on the birth February 18 of his first grandchildren, **Karina** and **Rebecca Jirik**, daughters of **Scott** and **Kristin Reid Jirik** of Wausau, Wisconsin. The Jiriks are Wausau public school teachers.

High School Speech Meet:

The USI Communications Department's 20th High School Speech Meet will get under way with registration at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 7, in the department. The event, now jointly sponsored with Southwestern Indiana Forensic Association, is being coordinated by **Ms. Liz Wells**, a USI graduate who teaches at Central High School. USI coordinators are **Dr. Helen R. Sands**, professor of communications, and **Ms. Mary A. Schroeder**, assistant professor of communications. There will be a dozen speech categories, with trophies awarded to the top speaker in each and to the top three schools participating; ribbons will be awarded to first through ninth places. The awards ceremony will be at 2:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

Alpha Chi initiation:

The annual initiation ceremony for the USI chapter of Alpha Chi national honorary will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, in the UC Dining Room. The event is by invitation only. **Dr. Phyllis S. Toy**, assistant professor of English, will speak on "The Dynamo and the Virgin: Liberal Arts in a Technological Age." Alpha Chi faculty sponsors are **Mr. Augustine J. Fredrich**, chair of the Engineering Technology Department; **Dr. Robert L. Reid**, vice president for Academic Affairs; and **Dr. Helen R. Sands**, professor of communications.

Career Search '98:

The second annual job fair co-sponsored by USI and the University of Evansville and will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in UE Fitness Center. The free event is open to all graduates and soon-to-be graduates of all area colleges and universities. USI staff are encouraged to alert college-graduate children to the job fair. The fair rotates between USI and UE, with more than 55 companies registered to participate. Shuttle service between USI and UE will be available for those who sign up in USI Career Services and Placement. For information, contact **Mrs. Marilyn S. Schmidt**, director of USI Career Services and Placement, 464-1865.

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*Good cry: wet wash
Hearty laugh: dry cleaning*

*Horse sense is what keeps horses from
making bets on people.*

USI Board:

The USI Board of Trustees will meet Monday, March 2, in Carter Hall (ABC), with committees meeting at 9 a.m. and the Board convening at 10 a.m. Board members will attend the annual Presidential Scholar Donor Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in Carter Hall (D).

Construction warning:

Mr. Michael W. Jones, staff engineer, has received reports of unauthorized drivers at the Liberal Arts Center construction site and repeats the warning to avoid the area because it could be a danger to you or the construction workers. If anyone has a question about the area, call him, 465-1231.

Cellular phone program changing:

The Human Resources Office reports that GTE Mobilnet will discontinue accepting new customers, effective March 1, for the program currently offered to University employees for cellular phone service with a corporate rate through the University. This will NOT affect University employees' current service contracts with GTE.

If interested, the Human Resources staff can fax applications from new customers under the current program up to 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 27. Applications may be obtained in the Human Resources Department.

Historic New Harmony:

The Atheneum at Historic New Harmony will reopen Monday, March 2, for regular tour hours; during March, the Visitor Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week.

Badge Day:

The USI Panhellenic Council of Women will host a luncheon in honor of Panhellenic Badge Day, with Greek faculty and staff invited to join the observance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 2, in the UC Dining Room. The National Panhellenic Conference, an umbrella organization for 26 national and international women's fraternities, will celebrate the day as part of national Women's History Month and in recognition of the community service and monetary support the women's groups have contributed throughout the year. For information on the luncheon, call **Ms. Jill Dewig**, Panhellenic president, 468-2264.

Philosophy Club:

Dr. Thomas J. Pickett, assistant professor of physics, will speak at the Philosophy Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in UC 206, on the question of whether science and religion are compatible. The University community is invited to attend.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield meeting:

Ms. Janas Knox, account representative with Acordia, will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 3, to respond to questions or problems relating to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan. She will be in FWA 170, next to Human Resources. Call Human Resources, 464-1815, to set up an appointment.

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are needed to drive a USI group to the Indianapolis airport on Friday, March 6, and bring them back to Evansville on Sunday, March 15, after they have spent spring break in Italy. The group will be headed by **Mr. Eric vonFuhrmann**, assistant professor of English. University vans will be used; volunteers will receive lunch and possibly a small stipend. An extra seat will be available in each van to allow room for a companion. For details, call **Mrs. Trisha M. Kennedy**, Volunteer Services, coordinator, 465-1215.

Spring movies:

Spring film series: *The Big Lift* (1950, about the Berlin airlift) 1:30 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, Forum I; free, open to public

The important thing about your lot in life is whether you use it for building or parking.

HSI, State plan interpretation workshop:

Historic Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites will sponsor their seventh annual Interpretation Development Workshop entitled, "The Fine Art of Interpretation," Monday through Wednesday, March 2-4, at Spring Mill State Park Inn. The workshop is geared toward staff at historic sites, museums, and natural sites. **Dr. Lawrence J. Friedman**, professor of history at Indiana University, will deliver the keynote at 9 a.m. Tuesday on "The Politics of History in Contemporary America," a discussion of the current state of U.S. history and the effects of political correctness. The annual awards for excellence in interpretation will be presented at a awards ceremony Tuesday night. For information or reservations, call the HSI office, 465-7014.

Creative writing faculty readings

The USI Student Writers Union will host a program of readings by three members of the creative writing faculty. The session at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in HP1008 will feature the works of Ms. Patricia L. Aakhus, special part-time instructor in English/communications; Mr. John D. Gibson, lecturer in English; and Mr. Matthew R. Graham, associate professor of English/creative writing. The public is invited to attend the readings.

Sports —

NCAA Division II pairings

Fans of the USI Screaming Eagles and Lady Eagles will begin gathering at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 1, in Forum I for the NCAA Division II basketball pairings. The drawings for the men's competition will begin at 6:30 p.m., for women at 7:30. The public is invited to join them.

The men's team is playing in Owensboro for the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) championship this weekend, while the Lady Eagles are hosting the women's tournament at the PAC. For the men: USI will play Northern Kentucky University at 6 p.m. and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will play Kentucky Wesleyan at 8 p.m. Friday, February 27; the championship game will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 28, at Owensboro. For the women: Saint Joseph's College will play SIUE at 6 p.m. and USI will play Northern Kentucky at 8 p.m. Friday; the championship game will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the PAC.

Great Lakes Regional play will be Thursday-Friday-Saturday, March 5-6-7, locations not yet determined. The men's NCAA Division II Elite Eight tournament will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, March 18, 19, and 21 in Louisville. The women will play the same dates in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. For season ticket holders, tickets go on sale Monday, March 2, if the regional is played at the PAC, on Tuesday, March 3, if played elsewhere; ticket sales to the public will begin Tuesday afternoon in either case. Call the USI Athletic Office, 464-1846, for ticket information.

Other sports this week:

Baseball - IUPUI at USI, 1 p.m. Saturday, February 28, and noon Sunday, March 1

Softball - USI Spring Classic, Saturday-Sunday, February 28-March 1; Brescia at USI, 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 4; USI in SIU Edwardsville Tournament, Friday-Saturday, March 6-7

Did you ever notice how many "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunities you can do without?

List of vacancies

The following is a list of vacant positions available as of February 27, 1998. Additional information regarding current vacancies is located on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources office in the Wright Administration Building, the bulletin board located in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building, and on the USI Job Line (812/465-7117). The University of Southern Indiana is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and is an Affirmative Action Employer. Interested individuals should contact the Human Resources office, Wright Administration Building, FWA166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

Computer network administrator - A8002 - Computer Center - OP: 2/23/98 - AD: 3/25/98

Writer - A8003 - News and Information Services - OP: 2/2/98 - AD: 3/3/98

Staff accountant - A8004 - Business Affairs - OP: 2/2/98 - AD: 3/3/98

Nursing faculty positions - F8004 - School of Nursing and Health Professions - OP: 2/2/98 - AD: 3/31/98

Instructor in biology - F8005 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - OP: 2/16/98 - AD: 4/1/98

Instructors in mathematics - F8006 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - OP: 2/16/98 - AD: 4/3/98

University Advising fellowships - F8007 - University Division - OP: 2/16/98 - AD: 2/27/98

OP: original publication

AD: application deadline

Marketplace

For sale

3-acre wooded lot - 1/5 mile from campus; city water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable available. Call 465-7008 or 838-5357.

'95 Mustang - black, fully loaded, 5-speed, tinted windows. Call 812/473-3811.

From Tom Rivers:

Amana 25 side-by-side refrigerator/freezer - w/ice water dispenser, black, excellent shape; best offer.

Sectional - w/sleeper; good for family room or camp; best offer.

Lobster tennis ball machine - w/oscillator; excellent for beginning and intermediate tennis players. \$300 firm.

14.4 modem - free

Call Tom at 464-1753 or 423-7101