

Vol. 39, No. 7 » September 10, 2004

Take the *University Notes* online survey

University faculty, staff, and retirees are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the *University Notes* online survey.

"*University Notes* belongs to its readers, and we want to serve you better," said Libby Keeling, editor. "This is an opportunity to let the editorial staff know what you think about *Notes*."

"Tell us what you like or don't like, and let us know what sort of information would be most helpful to you. Your input will be invaluable as we evaluate the publication's content and design."

Visit www.usi.edu/newsinfo/notessurvey3.asp to take the survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



University enrollment tops 10,000

An upward enrollment trend continues at the University, where 10,050 students are taking credit courses this fall, and the freshman class of 2,104 is the largest in University history.

"We are up in all academic classifications from freshman through senior-level and in graduate enrollment," said Dr. Rob Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs.

The 2004 enrollment increase marks a 35-percent trend of growth in 10 years. In 1994, 7,443 students enrolled at USI. The enrollment increase is a milestone for the University, according to Parrent.

"USI has 10 years of substantial growth. The growth is a continuing story of progress that demonstrates USI is following the mission of offering access to quality education at an affordable cost."

USI's total enrollment also was aided by a 4-percent increase in the number of continuing students.

"Retention has been and continues to be a major goal," Parrent emphasized, "with initiatives like Project e-AGLE (electronic advice for a great learning experience) aimed at retaining more students from the freshman to sophomore year."

Among the total enrollment numbers are 212 students enrolled in the engineering program.

Other enrollment-related information shows full-time students, those taking 12 credit hours or more, increased by 140 students to 7,542. Full-time students now make up 75 percent of the student population.

The number of credit hours taken by students also established a record of 120,729, a 1.5 percent increase from fall 2003.

The majority of USI students (5,122) come from Vanderburgh County and the surrounding counties of Posey, Warrick, and Gibson. Another 1,227 students come from other counties in southwestern Indiana. All 92 Indiana counties are represented among the students. Students also come from 35 other states and 34 countries.

Growing the diversity of the students is a USI goal, and improvements continue with minority and international students

now representing 6.5 percent of the students. African American students make up 4 percent of the students, the largest minority population at USI.

Female students continue to dominate in the enrollment ranks, with females representing 61 percent of the student population. There are 2,358 students at USI 25 years of age or older.



25-year employees to be honored

In 1979, USI had an enrollment of 3,018 students, soccer and cross country became a part of Athletics, the Atheneum was completed in New Harmony, and Southern Indiana Higher Education Inc. announced a plan to provide student housing adjacent to campus.

The year also brought five dedicated employees to the University: Cynthia S. Brinker, Pamela Hopson, Ingrid E. Lindy, Dr. Chuck Price, and Lucy Shuck, who will be honored at the Founders Day Reception Tuesday, September 14.

The USI community is invited to attend the reception, which pays tribute to employees with 25 years of service. It will begin at 3 p.m. in the University Center's Carter Hall.

2004 Founders Day honorees

Cynthia S. Brinker

Vice president for Governmental Relations

Brinker joined the University as director of Personnel. She was named the Student Government Association's 2004 Administrator of the Year and is a member of the Government Affairs Committee for the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce, College and University Personnel Association, Evansville-Area Human Resource Association, and the Society for Human Resource Management. She earned a B.A. at DePauw University in 1973 and resides in Evansville.

Pamela Hopson

Director of the Multicultural Center

Hopson joined the University as a financial aid assistant. The Evansville resident is a member of the Association for Black Cultural Centers and the American Association of University Women. She earned an M.P.A. at Indiana State University in 1991 and holds a B.S. in public administration from Indiana University Bloomington.

Ingrid E. Lindy '90

Manager, Human Resource Information Systems

Lindy joined the University as a computer programmer I. She is a certified Professional in Human Resources and is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Evansville-Area Human Resource Association. The Evansville resident holds a B.S. in computer information from USI and earned an A.A.S. in business data processing at Vincennes University.

Dr. Chuck Price

Professor of science education,

Chair of the Department of Teacher Education

Price joined the University as an assistant professor of science education and is the 1990 recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award, honoring significant achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service. The Evansville resident is a member of numerous science education, science, and education organizations. He earned a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1979 and holds both an M.S.Ed. and B.S.Ed. from Eastern Illinois University.

Lucy Shuck

Medical research technician I in Medical Education

Shuck joined the University as a medical technician I. After 25 years of service to the University, the Mount Vernon resident plans to retire later this year.

« »

Reading series introducing faculty member

The fall 2004 RopeWalk Reading Series will feature Nicole Louise Reid, assistant professor of English, at 7 p.m. September 23 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Reid's debut novel, *In the Breeze of Passing Things*, published in 2003. She is the winner of the 2001 Willamette Award in Fiction and the 2001 Peter and Jean de Maine Award for an Emerging Writer in Fiction.

Her short stories and poems have appeared in *The Southern Review*, *Quarterly West*, *The Meridian*, *Black Warrior Review*, and *Crab Orchard Review*.

Before joining the USI faculty this semester, Reid was a lecturer at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. She also previously worked as an adjunct instructor at George Mason University, where she earned an M.F.A. in creative writing in 2001.

Additional readings in the series will feature Katie Waters, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, and Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, October 21; Kevin Brockmeir November 4; and Liam Callanan December 2.

Presented by USI's School of Liberal Arts, readings in the series are free and open to the public. For more information, call Jim McGarrah, assistant professor of English, 812/461-5381.

The RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the *Southern Indiana Review*, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union.

RopeWalk Writers Retreat is an annual program of University of Southern Indiana.

« »

Performance examining issues of diversity

American Voices, a one-person show exploring the attitudes, beliefs, and hopes of Americans in the face of a new millennium, will be presented September 22 as part of THREADS Diversity Celebration Month at USI.

Based on interviews with and suggestions from Americans across the country, the show stretches the issue of diversity to examine ability, socioeconomic status, eating disorders, race, religion, and sexual orientation.

The production at USI will feature Monique Toliver, a native of Los Angeles, who has been performing on stage her entire life. Her recent television appearances include *Moesha* (UPN), *The District* (CBS), and *Any Day Now* (Lifetime) as well as national commercials and independent projects.

During the performance Toliver will provide the "voices" of a Latino questioning the notion of "keeping it real," an Arab American explaining her choice to "cover up," and an Asian American pleading to be released from "model minority status" and the college girl's disease."

She also will portray an African American examining the injustices of the legal system, a Gay American exploring being gay and a Christian, and a Deaf American showing deafness as a culture not a handicap.

Toliver will lead a discussion following the performance. *American Voices* was created and is presented by Will & Company, a Los Angeles-based theatre ensemble.

The USI production is sponsored by the Multicultural Center; Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness; Religious Life; Residence Life; and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Student sign-out sheets are available. For more information, call 812/465-7188.

•••

September is THREADS Diversity Celebration Month. This week's events include:

- » September 15 - THREADS Diversity Showcase, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., University Center Mall: An event highlighting diversity programs at USI. Sponsor: THREADS Committee. Information: 812/465-7183.
- » September 15 - Global Community Program Coffee Hour with Brian Webb, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Ruston Hall, multipurpose room. A musical performance featuring songs about social justice. Sponsors: International Programs and Services, and Religious Life. Information: 812/465-7095.
- » September 16 - Caminul Felix Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m., Health Professions Center, Mitchell Auditorium: performance by Romanian choir. Sponsor: Student Christian Fellowship. Information: 812/568-1470.

« »

Weekend of renewal October 9-10

A woman who brings science, medicine, psychology, and spirituality together in the service of healing will lead "Refilling the Chalice: Rejuvenating Body, Mind, and Spirit," a weekend of renewal October 9-10 on campus.

Trained as both a medical scientist and psychologist, Dr. Joan Borysenko has established herself in the fields of behavioral medicine, stress and well-being, psychoneuroimmunology, women's health, creativity, and the great spiritual traditions of the world.

She completed her doctorate in medical sciences at Harvard Medical School, is a licensed psychologist, and is cofounder and former director of the Mind-Body clinical programs at two Harvard Medical School teaching hospitals.

She is the author of nine books, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *Minding the Body, Mending the Mind*; *A Woman's Journey to God*; *Inner Peace for Busy People*; and *Inner Peace for Busy Women*.

The weekend's featured topics will include inner peace and finding your center; the art of body-based inquiry, intuition and guidance, the nature of healing, practical spirituality, living from essence, emotions as inner guidance, mindfulness, the art of meditation, and dealing with uncertainty.

"Refilling the Chalice" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 9 and from 9 a.m. to noon October 10 in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

Registration is \$125 until September 24, \$150 thereafter. Continuing education credit is available. For more information or registration, call Extended Services, 812/464-1863 or 800/467-8600.

The program is sponsored by the School of Nursing and Health Professions and the Greater Evansville Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

« »

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Mary Hallock Morris, assistant professor of political science, presented the paper, "Civic Environmentalism: Where it Works and When it Fails," September 4 at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Stephen Zehr, associate professor and chair of the Sociology Department, presented the paper, "Climate Change Economic Hybrids in the U.S. Popular Press," in August at the combined meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science and the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology in Paris. Research for the paper was supported by a Liberal Arts Research Award during the spring 2004 semester. In June, Zehr served on the Science, Technology, and Change advisory panel for a grant competition in the Human and Social Dynamics program of the National Science Foundation. He has since been appointed to a three-year term on the NSF Science and Technology Studies advisory panel.

Welcome

Dr. Omowale Akintunde has accepted the position of associate professor of teacher education. The Evansville resident previously worked as an assistant professor at University of Wyoming, where he received the Outstanding Professional Service Award. He holds a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from University of Missouri, where he received the Outstanding Teaching Award. He also holds an M.M.E. and B.S., both from Alabama State University. Akintunde is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the National Association of Multicultural Education, Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Beta Sigma.

Molly Alvey has accepted the position of head women's volleyball coach. The Louisville, Ky., resident previously worked as assistant volleyball coach at Temple University, where she earned an M.B.A. with emphasis in international business administration. She also holds a B.S. in economics from Centre College.

Dr. Maurice Hamington, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of philosophy. The former Oregon resident previously worked as instructor and Learning Community coordinator at Lane Community College; an instructor at Western Oregon University, Portland State University, and Oregon State University; and an assistant professor at Mount St. Mary's College. He earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at University of Oregon in 2001 and a Ph.D. in religion and social ethics at University of Southern California in 1994. He also holds an M.A. in philosophy from University of Oregon, an M.A. in religious studies from Mount St. Mary's College, an M.B.A. from University of Southern California, and a B.A. from Loyola Marymount University. He is the recipient of Iowa State University's 2002 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on

Women and Politics, and his publications include the book, *Embodied Care: Jane Addams, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, and Feminist Ethics*, released this month by University of Illinois Press. Hamington is a member of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, the National Women's Studies Association, the American Philosophical Association, and the American Academy of Religion.

Freda Lavonia Lewis has accepted the position of custodial worker in the Physical Plant. The Evansville resident previously worked as a cosmetologist/hairdresser.

Tim Seifert, Mount Vernon, has accepted the position of custodial worker in the Physical Plant.

Dr. Cynthia Smith, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of psychology. The native of Seymour, Ind., previously worked as an assistant professor at Wheeling Jesuit University. She earned a Ph.D. in psychology at University of South Florida in 1998 and is a member of the American Psychological Society and the Society for the Teaching of Psychology.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **David Whitmore**, lead maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant (New Harmony), whose mother **Doris Whitmore**, 78, New Harmony, died September 1. Services were held September 4 at Johnson United Methodist Church in New Harmony. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

In appreciation

"Thank you to the University community for the kind words, cards, visits, and flowers during the recent death of my mother-in-law **Billie Lindy**. They are a wonderful reminder of how special the University family is and what a comfort friends like you continue to be in my life."

- **Ingrid Lindy**,
manager of Human Resources Information Systems

« »

FYI

Road closing

Solarbron Retirement Center plans to permanently close the road between campus and the retirement community in mid-October. Traffic has become very heavy, and people using the road routinely exceed the posted speed limit. To ensure the safety of the retirement community residents, the road will be closed.

Members of the University community need to be aware that this road closure is imminent and make plans to use University Boulevard for access to Highway 62. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated.

Kunstfest

Celebrate New Harmony's German heritage during Kunstfest, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 18-19. The festival features demonstrations of 19th-century crafts, German music, and German food.

Tours of the Harmonist-era David Lenz House also will be available for a small donation. Tours of the downtown Maximilian-Bodmer exhibit, including authentic prints of Native

Americans from the early 19th century, will be offered as well.

Kunstfest program schedules will be available at the New Harmony Business Associates' Information Booth in Church Park, corner of Church and Main streets. For more information, call 800/231-2168.

Book fair

The USI Children's Center will host its semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair September 26-October 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily in the lobby of the Torrington Science Wing and Education Center. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Center. The fair is a great opportunity to begin Christmas shopping or to pick up a book for enjoyment.

Secretaries, associates

USI's Secretaries and Associates Club invites all support staff to attend its first meeting of the year, the annual covered dish carry-in at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, September 15, at the Grimes Haus. Members are encouraged to bring guests. All guests and their hosts will receive a treat bag. Join the club for great food, a lot of fun, and door prizes.

Student success

"Introduction to Microsoft Word," a workshop in the Student Success Series presented by Academic Skills, will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 14, and "Noteworthy Note Taking" will be offered at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 16.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the free interactive workshops in Room 1103 of the Education Center. For more information, call 812/464-1743.

Shakespeare trip

Dr. Sherry Darrell, professor of English, and Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, are planning the annual trip to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. The trip, September 30-October 3, will include four plays: *Macbeth*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *King Henry VIII*, and *Guys and Dolls*.

Interested persons should register as soon as possible. For more information, contact Darrell, 812/464-1754, or von Fuhrmann, 812/464-1749.

Parthenon Project

The Parthenon Project, an international interdisciplinary colloquium featuring USI faculty, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 24 in the University Center's Carter Hall.

The Parthenon Project will include six lecture sessions. Each free 50-minute session will feature two 20-minute lectures and 10 minutes for questions.

Bible study

University employees are invited to attend Bible study each Monday from noon to 1 p.m. beginning September 13. The group will meet in Room 214 of the University Center and will be studying the "Book of Hebrews" this fall. For more information, call Susie Kempf, senior computer operator in the Computer Center, 812/464-1793.

Archaeology lecture

Dr. Michael Strezewski, visiting assistant professor of anthropology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, will present this year's Indiana Archaeology Month public lecture, "Native American Warfare in the Late Prehistoric Midwest," at 2

p.m. September 19 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. For more information, call 812/464-1930.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, September 10, 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 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, editor, 812/461-5259.

« »

Marketplace

For sale

1992 Lincoln Town Car - light blue, Jasper engine, \$2,500. Call 598-0555.

Above ground pool - 24' by 4', pool structure only 3 years old. Includes ladder and all necessary equipment for backwashing and cleaning. Buyer dismantles. \$200. Call 424-8547 after 5 p.m. or Ext. 1840.

Power King garden tractor - model 1614 with 48-inch mowing deck. 14-horsepower Kohler engine, hydraulic lift, dual transmissions, three-point hitch. Excellent condition, \$2,000. Cub Cadet lawn tractor model 1000 with 38-inch mowing deck. 10-horsepower Kohler engine, new seat, new battery, ready to mow, \$500. Contact Larry Goss, 963-0918 or 589-1482.

Small oak entertainment center - shelves in front and on the side, two storage areas and 20" GE color television set. Entertainment center like new, TV set is in excellent condition. \$100 for both OBO. Contact Pat, Ext. 1831 or 425-2487 after p.m.

Bakers rack - wooden and green iron, 74"h, 36"w, 18"d, \$100. Call 838-6841.

Yellow bridesmaid's dress - size 4, excellent condition, worn one time, \$40. Champagne two-piece mother's dress, size 6, jacket is beaded, \$50. Call 963-6138.

10-gallon aquarium - includes all accessories, \$20. Call Ext. 1058 or 476-2314.

Two slalom water skis - Connelly Team 1 in perfect condition, \$35. Taperflex Concave Competition - needs some repair, \$15. Call Gina, 1896 or 479-9445 after 5 p.m.

Antique table - 54-inches round, includes three antique chairs, \$500. Oak swivel desk chair - \$60. Black lacquer rocker - \$45. Call 422-4999.

For rent

Apartment - huge two-bedroom, one-bath apartment upstairs in downtown Victorian house. Hardwood floors, stained glass windows. \$600 including utilities. Call 437-4525.

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, September 10, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.