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Dean of College of Business search

A Web site devoted to the national search for a new dean of the College of Business is scheduled to go live Friday, September 23. The Web address is business.usi.edu/deansearch/.

Former dean R. **Eugene Klippel** stepped down from the position effective August 12. **Mohammed F. Khayum**, professor of economics, is acting dean.

According to **Nadine Coudret**, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions and chair of the search committee, the Web site "will be a source of information for faculty and staff in the College of Business, a place for the committee to post updates on our activities, and a source of information for potential candidates for the position. It will be a helpful communication vehicle."

In addition to the Web site, the committee will place advertisements in national publications.

The dean of the College of Business oversees four departments: accounting and business law; economics and finance; management, management information systems, and applied computer services; and marketing and business communications.

In addition to Coudret, committee members are:

- **Peter S. Cashel-Cordo**, associate professor of economics, chair of the Faculty Senate;
- **Kevin G. Celuch**, professor of marketing, Blair chair of business science;
- **Sang T. Choe**, professor of marketing, chair of marketing and business communications;
- **Brian L. McGuire**, professor of accounting, chair of accounting and business law;
- **Jim McKinney**, president/CEO, Regency Commercial Associates LLC, member of the College of Business Board of Advisors, director on the USI Foundation Board of Directors;
- **Greg B. Murphy**, assistant professor of management;
- **Les E. Nunn**, associate professor of business law, director on the USI Foundation Board of Directors;
- **Joy V. Peluchette**, professor of management, chair of management, management information systems, and applied computer science;
- **Jong C. Rhim**, professor of finance, chair of economics and finance;
- **Jennifer J. Williams**, professor of computer information systems;
- **Kim Greenlee**, human resources assistant director (ex officio member).

The ideal candidate will have an earned doctorate in a business or business-related discipline and have an established record of teaching, scholarship, and service in order to qualify for the rank of full professor. Candidates should have experience in

accreditation, building community partnerships, obtaining external funds, and administrative experience at the departmental level or higher.

The position is available July 1, 2006, and the search will continue until the position is filled. Preference will be given to applications and nominations received by November 14, 2005.

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"A Prairie Home Companion" invites Pease

Randy Pease, instructor in English, and his musical partner, Beth Reasoner, were among the first to sign up for a "Prairie Home Cruise" with Garrison Keillor.

The author and radio host, his cast, and more than 1,000 fans of "A Prairie Home Companion" set off from Boston, Massachusetts on August 20, and cruised coastal New England and the Canadian Maritimes before returning to Boston a week later.

Reasoner learned of the cruise from an e-mail she received from Keillor's Writer's Almanac Web site. "That's where we first got wind of it," Pease said. "Then they mentioned on the show that they wanted as many 'A Prairie Home Companion' junkies as they could recruit. I listen to it every Saturday, usually while I'm cooking supper and chopping vegetables."

When Pease and Reasoner signed up for the cruise, they did not know they would have an opportunity to perform. Both are seasoned musicians who have performed in the Evansville area and beyond for many years. Pease has released two CDs on Binky Records. Along with **Daniel Craig**, assistant professor of music, Pease and Reasoner are also members of the Celtic band Rowan Tree.

"When we started getting more information about the itinerary, we learned there would be a talent contest," Pease said.

To enter the contest, performers had to pass a preliminary audition. Keillor evaluated the talent. "The requirement was that we had to play something from the folk idiom. We did 'I Shall Not Be Moved' by Mississippi John Hurt," Pease said.

They were chosen to perform in the talent show, and the song they decided to play was Pease's "I Love This Game," from his second album, "Sometimes the Moon," released in January 2003.

Though they didn't win the contest, "Garrison Keillor liked our song the best, and he lobbied hard for it," Pease said. "When everybody was done, he swept Beth and me aside and said, 'I like that song. I really, really, like that song. In fact, I want you to come and do it on our show.'"

Keillor wants them to perform the song on a show that will be broadcast from Charlotte, North Carolina, in February.

"The song is about a minor league baseball player who is laboring away in the Carolina league, so he thought Charlotte would be a good venue," Pease said. "Beth and I are on standby."

He said Keillor's appreciation of the song is gratifying.

"I was thrilled. I mean, this is a writer whose work I've

admired for a long time," he said. "I think he's like Mark Twain, American's premiere storyteller. When someone you've always admired says he likes something you've done, it's a thrill."

Pease also attended three writing workshops facilitated by Keillor on the cruise. "I talked to him for about 20 minutes about a book I've been working on for two years, and he gave me some good feedback."

"Before I left the ship, I had him autograph a book of poems he edited called *Good Poems*. I had him sign it on the dedication page, which says 'This is dedicated to all English teachers – especially the good ones.' He wrote, 'To Randy, who loves the game,' handed it to me, and said, 'We'll be in touch.'"

Pease holds a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from the University of Evansville. After several years in the newspaper business in Oklahoma, he returned to school at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and earned a master's degree in communication arts. He has been with the University since 1996.



Sociology professors taught in Hawaii

After six weeks teaching students at the University of Hawaii, two faculty members are offering new perspectives on their subjects.

Charles Petranek, professor of sociology, and **Larry Bohleber**, adjunct professor in sociology and manager of the Center for Human Resources Development, each spent time this summer teaching Introduction to Sociology at the University of Hawaii. The diversity they saw while there has given them a deeper understanding of their subject matter.

"It's very enlightening, seeing all the different cultural mind-sets," Bohleber said. "I have very little diversity in my classes (at USI), but at the University of Hawaii, I had students from China, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia – even East Timor, in Indonesia."

This summer marked Bohleber's second trip to teach in Hawaii, and Petranek's fifth. Both were chosen by University of Hawaii officials to make the trip.

While they were there, they went through social exercises with the students that, according to Petranek, drew the students into discussion and involvement. Because of the diversity in the classroom, they often found that at least one student had experienced the social situations discussed first hand.

"It really is great diversity," Petranek said. "So what happens with the social situations is that everyone can relate to the situation, and bring their own cultural ideas and communicate that to the class."

They communicate those ideas to the professor, who can bring them back to Indiana and apply them in the classroom at USI.

Bohleber said that because of his experience teaching in Hawaii, "I can give more examples, and more personal examples, of different cultures in my classes at USI."

"I'm constantly referring to Hawaii in class," Petranek said. "I learn a lot about these different ethnic and racial groups, and bring that back here. So the cross-cultural experiences, you can bring to both places, to help people understand that America is the most diverse country in the world."



Fall 2005 RopeWalk Reading Series

Richard Davis will read his translations of Persian poetry at

7 p.m. Thursday, September 22, in Carter Hall, in the University Center. The RopeWalk Reading is being held in conjunction with "The Ram in the Thicket" colloquium, to be held all day Friday, September 23, in Carter Hall.

Davis is professor of Persian and chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Ohio State University. Born in Portsmouth, England, he holds a Ph.D. in medieval Persian literature from the University of Manchester and an M.A. and B.A. in English literature from the University of Cambridge. He has taught at the University of Tehran in Iran; Durham University and the University of Newcastle in the U.K., and the University of California-Santa Barbara. As author, translator, or editor, he has produced 22 books. In addition to academic works, he has published translations from Italian and Persian, and seven books of poetry.

A second reading in the fall series will feature **Tom Hunley** at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. Hunley is an assistant professor of English at Western Kentucky University, and editor of Steel Toe Press. He is the author of the poetry collections *The Tongue* (Wind Publications 2004), and *Still, There's a Glimmer* (WordTech Editions 2004). His manuscript, *My Life as a Minor Character*, recently won a chapbook contest and was published by Pecan Grove Press. *Towards a Rhetoric of Poetry Writing Instruction*, a book of essays, has been accepted by the British publisher Multilingual Matters, LTD. Hunley has a Ph.D. in English from Florida State University, an M.F.A. in creative writing from Eastern Washington University, and a B.A. in English from the University of Washington.

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.

All readings in the series are free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Jim McGarrah**, assistant professor of English, at 812/461-5208.



"Survivor" to discuss character

Ethan Zohn, the curly-headed winner of the reality television show "Survivor: Africa" will present "Character: The Ultimate Survival Tool" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Zohn is a former professional soccer player who played for both the United States and Zimbabwe. His experience on "Survivor: Africa" reminded him of the problems facing African countries in terms of poverty, corrupt governments, and most devastatingly, the AIDS crisis.

He decided to use his million dollar prize and notoriety to help provide AIDS education, using African role models – soccer players – to teach children about HIV/AIDS. "I knew I only had 15 minutes of fame," he said. "So I wanted to be sure I did something good with it."

Zohn decided to base his nonprofit AIDS education organization, Grassroot Soccer, in Zimbabwe, because of the great need. The average life expectancy in Zimbabwe was 63 in 1990 and 39 in 2000. By 2010, more than 35 percent of all children in the country are expected to be AIDS orphans.

"On a continent with so many misconceptions about AIDS, good education is so important," he said. "Soccer players are the perfect choice because they are the role models for children and adults in that part of the world."

In his program, "Character: The Ultimate Survival Tool,"

Zohn discusses where character comes from, why it matters, and how it can help people make important decisions in their lives.

"You never know when you will need the reserves of your character, but when you do, you better be sure you are up to the challenge," he said.

He sprinkles in personal stories from "Survivor," as well as other times in his life.

"Most people believe that to win 'Survivor' you have to check your integrity at the door," he said. "But I disagree."

Ethan says that as in life, "Survivor" is really all about community.

"When you make yourself a valuable and contributing member of the community, and allow people to depend on you, they are always interested in keeping you around and in helping you in return."

A dessert reception in the Loft will follow the program.

The program, sponsored by the Office of Student Development Programs, is free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Shannon Poling**, program advisor for student activities, at 812/465-7167.

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Newman Club to host inspirational speaker

The Newman Club, a USI student organization that has provided support for Catholic students since 1972, will host inspirational speaker and author **Matthew Kelly** at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 29, in Carter Hall in the University Center, when he presents "Becoming the Best Version of Yourself."

Born in Sydney, Australia, Kelly began his Catholic ministry in 1993 at the age of 19. Over two million people from around the world have attended his talks, seminars, and retreats in the last decade. Against the backdrop of his travel to 50 countries, millions more have been touched by his writings and appearances on radio and television programs.

The best-selling author's most recent book is *The Rhythm of Life: Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose*. Here is a synopsis from Fireside Publishing: "In *The Rhythm of Life*, Matthew Kelly exposes the lifestyle challenges and problems that face us in this age obsessed with noise, speed, and perpetual activity. Kelly's message rings out with a truth that is challenging and unmistakably attractive — 'Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do, or what you have.'"

In the book, Kelly writes, "Everything is a choice. This is life's greatest truth and its hardest lesson. It is a great truth because it reminds us of our power. Not power over others, but the power to be ourselves and to live the life we have imagined. It is a hard lesson because it causes us to realize that we have chosen the life we are living right now."

He continues, "Energy is our most valuable resource, not time. The rhythm of life is a way of life that brings our legitimate needs, our deepest desires, and our unique talents into harmony with each other. The result: passion, purpose, and energy."

Other books by Kelly are *Rediscovering Catholicism*, *Building Better Families*, *A Call to Joy*, *The Book of Courage*, *The Shepherd*, *Don't Just Try... Train*, and *Mustard Seeds*. Collectively his titles have been published in numerous languages and have sold more than 750,000 copies. His non-profit corporation, The Matthew Kelly Foundation, is based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

For more information call **Christine Hoehn**, director of Religious Life, at 812/464-1871 or go to www.matthewkelly.org.

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"The Right to Die Well"

Clarke Miller, president of Indiana End-of-Life Choices, will present "The Right to Die Well: Why Physician-assisted Suicide Should be Legal," from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, September 29, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Miller worked for many years as a nursing home administrator and has seen people suffer terrible deaths first-hand. He directed a community center and a family planning agency in Indianapolis, and is a former Catholic priest.

He holds master's degrees in philosophy (Athenaeum of Ohio Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio), psychology (DePaul University in Chicago), and business administration (University of Indianapolis).

He resides in Bloomington, Indiana.

Miller's program is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration. For more information, contact **Maurice Hamington**, assistant professor of philosophy, at 812/461-5203.

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Tech Tuesday Tech Fair

The University is one of the major sponsors of the Tech Fair, a showcase for new technologies. It will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, in the Browning Events Room at Central Library.

Attendees can see the newest technologies being introduced into the Evansville marketplace; find others with the same technology interests; and learn more about an area of technology they want to explore further.

Exhibitors include USI, Keller Schroeder & Associates, On-Site Computer Solutions, Ivy Tech Community College, Phoenix Digital Imaging Solutions, ITT Technical Institute, Tacit Solutions, Inc., Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, Dot Net Users Group, Bailey Software, SouthWestern Indiana PC Users Group, Evansville/Vanderburgh County Information Technology Department, Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center, Insight Communications, Select Systems, Cinergy Communications, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Sigecom, Evansville Courier & Press, Signature School, Ciholas Technologies, Linux Users Group, Asylum Lan, TechPoint, and Vision-e.

The Mission of Evansville's Tech Tuesday is to advance greater Evansville's technology business community by providing regular networking and educational events, facilitating communications, and developing resources for that community, including technicians, managers, educators, policy makers and others.

There will be door prizes and admission is free. For more information, go to www.evvt.com.

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National Society of Collegiate Scholars

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), an organization recognizing first- and second-year honor students for outstanding academic achievement, has 255 new members in its community of scholars. The new inductees are USI students who became NSCS members in mid-September.

Students must have achieved at least a 3.4 grade point average and be ranked in the top 20th percentile of their class to be eligible for NSCS. The national society offers students exclusive access to scholarships, career resources, and leadership opportunities. NSCS also provides students with a network of other

members and alumni on their campus and across the country. NSCS currently has 430,000 lifetime members and 215 college chapters across the country.

Marissa Brown, the president of the USI chapter, and fellow officers **Katie Baumgart**, **Jacey Riggs**, **Lindsey Hasenour**, **Hannah Anderson**, and **Natalie Scherle**, founded USI's chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars this past spring after a referral from a friend at the University of Florida. These student leaders plan to enhance student life at USI by providing NSCS members with opportunities for scholarship, leadership, and service – the three pillars upon which the NSCS stands. Members of the USI chapter of NSCS recorded their first community service as volunteers who helped with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. "We want to give our members as many opportunities as possible to give back to our University and surrounding community," said Brown.

Scott Gordon, acting dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, is the chapter's advisor.



Names in the news

In sympathy

The University extends sympathy to **Mona Meyer**, assistant librarian and government documents and reference librarian in library services, whose father, **M. Kenton Meyer**, died on Tuesday, September 20. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24, at Boone Funeral Home, East Chapel, 5330 Washington Avenue. Memorial contributions may be made to Methodist Temple, 2109 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, Indiana, 47714 or Meals on Wheels of Evansville, 3701 Bellemeade Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47714.

The University extends sympathy to the family of **Whitney Anne Wehr**, a sophomore elementary education major from Mount Vernon, Indiana, who died in an automobile accident September 15. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and Posey County Chapter of the Relay for Life.

Welcome

Tracy A. Woolford, a former temporary file review clerk in Financial Aid, has accepted a position as admission counselor in the Office of Admission. She is a 2005 USI graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations/advertising, was employed as a student worker in the Financial Aid office for five years, and was a member of the AMIGOs and Delta Zeta.

R. Brent Summers has accepted a position as assistant professor of biology. He was formerly associate professor of biology at Campbellsville University. He holds a Ph.D. in environmental biology, a Master of Science degree in biology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, all from the University of Louisville. He is a member of the Indiana Academy of Science, Kentucky Academy of Science, Ecological Society of American, and the North American Benthological Society.

Timothy A. Sloat has accepted a position as security officer in the Office of Safety and Security.

Johnny D. Liggett has accepted a position as lead maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant.

Accomplishments

Paul K. Doss, associate professor of geology and chair of the Geology and Physics Department, and **Mary C. Simmons**, instructor in geology, will each present a paper at the 117th annu-

al meeting of the Geological Society of America October 16-19 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Approximately 6,200 geoscientists are expected to attend. Doss will present "Estimating the Storage Properties of an Aquifer from Barometric and Earth Tide Induced Water Level Changes." Simmons will present "Out of the Periodic Chart and into the Fire," focusing on the geologic and chemical processes involved in the production of pottery.



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Children's Center Book Fair

The Children's Center will hold its semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair September 26-30 in the lobby of the Science and Education Center. Proceeds benefit the Children's Center. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily with extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 27. For more information, contact Pam Buschkill, Children's Center coordinator, at 812/464-1869.

ACS president will discuss plastics recycling

Bill Carroll, president of the American Chemical Society, will present "From Garbage to Stuff: How We Recycle Plastics," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

He will discuss the four critical steps of recycling: collection, separation, processing and remanufacture, and how they relate to plastics. Included will be a primer in the basic kinds of plastics, how they differ, and how they are used in common items.

Carroll is vice president of chlorovinyl issues for OxyChem, a producer and marketer of basic chemicals, petrochemicals, polymers, plastics, and specialty products, and adjunct professor of chemistry at Indiana University. He is the 2005 President of the American Chemical Society.

He will be in the area to tour GE's Mount Vernon plant. For more information, contact Jeannie Collins, assistant professor of chemistry, at 812/465-1267.

Depression screenings

The Counseling Center will conduct depression screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, October 6, in Room 1051 in the Orr Center. All USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening, which consists of a five-minute written self-assessment followed by a confidential meeting with a Counseling Center professional, if appropriate. For more information contact Brooke Orth, staff counselor, at 812/464-1867.

Akintunde to give keynote at conference

Omowale Akintunde, associate professor of teacher education, will give the keynote address during the University's 15th annual Early Childhood Conference, Saturday, October 1. Akintunde will present "Race, Class, and Gender, and the Early Childhood Classroom: Integrating Concepts, Multicultural Perspectives, and Strategies for Reform" at 9 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Science and Education Center. Registration is \$15 for students and members of the Evansville Area Early Childhood Association and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, contact **Jane Meyer**, associate professor of education, at 812/465-7044.



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