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Photo/video opportunity

USI students to compete in regional engineering competition; Concrete canoe will be launched April 19 on Reflection Lake

Eleven USI engineering students will launch a concrete canoe at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, on Reflection Lake located behind the Liberal Arts Center on the southwest side of campus. USI students built the canoe and will enter it in a regional engineering competition taking place Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. Eight other educational institutions are expected to participate. Winners from each of 20 regional competitions, as well as additional second-place qualifiers, will compete at the national level in June.

In both the regional and national competition, 70 percent of the total team score is based on engineering design and construction principles used, report presentation, and oratory skills. Also judged will be performance of the canoe and the paddlers in five different race events: men's distance, woman's distance, men's sprint, women's sprint, and co-ed sprint.

In the national competition, the top three teams receive a share of \$9,000 in scholarship prizes presented by Master Builders, Inc., a core company of SKW-MBT Construction Chemicals, a network of companies providing product development, research, and application guideline of the global construction industry.

Names of USI students who built the canoe and will compete next week follow. USI faculty advisors are Jack Naghdi, assistant professor of civil engineering technology, and Nils Johansen, lecturer in science and engineering technology.

Name	Major	Grade	Hometown
Hans Schneider	civil engineering technology	senior	Evansville
Trent Lamb	civil engineering technology	senior	Evansville
Heather Novak	civil engineering technology	sophomore	Evansville
Shelby Hoffman	civil engineering technology	senior	Evansville
Keith Maasberg	civil engineering technology	junior	Evansville
Ashley Ford	electrical engineering technology	junior	Newburgh
Lyle Mehringer	civil engineering technology	sophomore	Jasper
Mark Maurer	civil engineering technology	senior	Mt. Vernon
Amanda Tinch	mechanical engineering technology	sophomore	Branchville
Luke Franklin	mechanical engineering technology	junior	Charlestown
Steve Applegate	civil engineering technology	senior	Charlestown