

**USI SILVER ANNIVERSARY
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The University of Southern Indiana's Silver Anniversary observance September 10-15 will be a University-wide celebration, as students, faculty and staff, and alumni participate in events celebrating USI's first 25 years.

The major event will be the Silver Anniversary Gala dinner at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 15, in the Indiana Room at Robert E. Greene Convention Center. The keynote speaker will be Charles McDowell, newspaper columnist and public television panelist dealing with politics and presidential campaigns. His presentation is described as reminiscent of Will Rogers.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50 per person, which includes \$25 earmarked for the University's Presidential Scholarship program for Indiana valedictorians and salutatorians; corporations also may reserve a table for eight for \$1,000. Scholarship recipients will be among Gala celebrities.

McDowell's schedule also includes a luncheon at 12 noon Saturday with USI students, deans, and faculty chairs, and an appearance on Channel 9, which carries the *Washington Week in Review* program on which he has been a frequent panelist.

Other 25th Anniversary observances will include a "Professional-in-Residence" series in which USI alumni will return to campus to discuss their careers and successes with current students, and several special events planned by student organizations.

The "Professional-in-Residence" series will include:

Friday, September 7 -- Dr. Joey V. Barnett, Class of '81 (biology) and a faculty member at Harvard Medical School's Brigham and Women's Hospital, will meet with School of Science and Engineering Technology students at 1 p.m. in Forum III. He currently is working in the Division of Genetics at Harvard's Howard Hughes Medical Institute, learning molecular biology techniques to answer questions on cell communication and response. He investigates how heart cells in a developing chick embryo respond to environmental cues which cause the cells to migrate to their proper location.

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Monday, September 10 -- Catherine Wheeler Jensen, Class of '78 (dental hygiene), will meet with School of Nursing and Health Professions students at 8 a.m. in UC350-352. She is an associate professor and coordinator of dental hygiene programs at Southern Illinois University's School of Technical Careers, Carbondale, where she was chosen 1988 Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She currently is working on her doctorate at SIU.

Monday, September 10 -- William E. Fisher, Class of '73 (management), will meet with School of Business students at 10 a.m. in UC350-352. He is senior vice-president of Applied Communications, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, and recently represented ACI in accepting the "E Star" award presented by President George Bush to companies with superior performance in export promotion. ACI develops computer software for electronic banking systems, with up to 50 percent of its sales occurring overseas.

Wednesday, September 12 -- Errol Gene Theriac, Class of '72 (elementary education), will meet with School of Education and Human Services students at 8:30 a.m. in UC350-352. He is principal of West Terrace School in Evansville; president of Vanderburgh County Elementary School Principals Association; past president of the Evansville Area Reading Council and Public Library Friends; a Leadership Evansville graduate; and a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

Theriac's presentation will be followed by a panel presentation at 11 a.m. in UC350-352, featuring three social work alumni: Brenda Jones, Class of '88 and director of the Owensboro (Kentucky) Spouse Abuse Center; Barbara Wedding, Class of '89 and coordinator of Patient and Family Services, Evansville Cancer Center; and Luzada Hayes, Class of '90 and a graduate student.

The Activities Programming Board is spearheading the student observance, opening the week's activities by giving away Silver Anniversary cake from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, September 10, in the Eagle's Nest, University Center.

Other events will include entertainment by SIBECO, a jazz band, at 12 noon Wednesday, September 12, on the UC Mall (Eagle's Nest if it rains), and the movie, *The Big Chill*, at 9 p.m. Wednesday in Forum I; lecturer Barry Drake speaking at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 13, in the UC Dining Room on "'60s Rock -- When the Music Mattered"; and a '60s-type sock hop from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight Friday, September 14, on the UC Mall (UC Dining Room if it rains). Drake will present a multi-media retrospective on the '60s -- the music, Woodstock, and political issues.

For information on the Gala, contact the Development Office, 812/464-1918. For information on alumni programs, contact the Alumni Affairs Office, 464-1924. For information on student programs, contact the Student Life Office,