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Hoops to speak at Chamber event

President H. Ray Hoops will join local education administrators at a Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on Tuesday, June 13. Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, "The State of Education and Workforce Preparedness in Southwest Indiana: A Report to the Business Community," will be held at Evansville Country Club, 3810 Stringtown Road. Other presenters include Dr. Phyllis Bussing, director of schools, Evansville Catholic Diocese; Dr. Dan Schenk, chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana; and Dr. Steve Jennings, president, University of Evansville. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Presentations will be held from 8 to 8:50 a.m., followed by a question and answer period until 9 a.m. The event costs \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. For reservations, contact **Carly Griffin**, events coordinator, at 812/425-8147.

What ever happened to Deloris McAdams? by Ed Scharf, Web developer

According to her faculty Web page, Ms. McAdams was a celebrated professor at her Midwestern university in 2001. Her department's home page claims she won teaching awards and had an article written about her. The trouble is the content on the Web site hasn't been updated since June of 2002, so we have no idea what's become of Ms. McAdams.

Did she quit at the top of her game, or has she just been lazy since 2002? Did she inspire her colleagues to similar accomplishments or is the department resting on the laurels of one five-year-old award?

....And why is there still a link to a syllabus for the spring of '01?

....And why is her picture in black and white?

According to a Stamats 2004 TeensTALK survey, "nearly one-third of college-bound high school students delve into your site and start looking for majors. This means your department sections and majors listings must represent the very best of your marketing content." If those pages supply stale information and broken links, chances are prospective students won't come back.

Old information = useless information

Students expect to do everything online, whether it's pay bills, access assignments, or add money to a meal plan. They also access important dates and deadlines. The end of a semester brings change. People move on, student workers graduate, job responsibilities change. Regular updates help avoid misdirected online requests.

A Bad Reflection

For those searching for a progressive institution, outdated Web pages send a terrible message. They suggest stagnation, lack of vision, and a disregard for technology.

Studies have shown prospective students spend between

seven and 20 seconds browsing a Web page before they decide to stay. That's precious little time to make a good impression.

Let's look at Ms. McAdams again. Do prospective students care that she was Teacher of the Year in 2001? Not in 2006 they don't. In fact, old pages like hers are a detriment. Instead of celebrating a significant achievement they convey a drought of noteworthy accomplishments.

Simple Steps to Staying Current

One of the magical things about the Internet is its timeliness. Find a typo in an address? No need to reprint entire publications or print supplements. As information changes, Web sites can reflect those changes.

Of course, a university is not a newsroom. A certain percentage of the information on the university's Web pages is static and while it may not need daily supervision, it does require consistent review.

Most importantly, check the most popular pages (Web Services can help with this information).

- look for expired deadlines, old dates, and out-of-date contact information.
- if you list news or have a newsletter, make sure it's current. It's called "news" for a reason.

Secondly, read the copy. If you start scanning before you get to the end of a paragraph, it's time to edit. Break the content up into smaller paragraphs. Bullet list items and bold important information (**please do not get overzealous with bolding or changing the color of fonts to highlight text. It can be overwhelming, disorienting, and defeat the purpose**).

Third, check your links, both internal and external. You can run a report in FrontPage or Dreamweaver that shows broken links, but it's also good to surf your site and start clicking. Also check your web folder and reevaluate the need for pages and graphics that are orphans (not linked at all). Some of these may be seasonal, but most you'll find are simply old and worthless.

USI's Sailing School offers life lessons

Sailing School, taught since 1975 by **Dr. Thomas Rivers**, is perhaps the most unusual class at USI. Offered both as a non-credit and a physical education course, the class also provides lessons in "foreign language" or sailing terminology, philosophy, and theology.

"Sailing invites reflection about life. It's not just technical," Rivers said.

The course is taught at Kentucky Lake in Grand Rivers, Kentucky. Rivers calls the lake "one of the most remarkable places in the middle of farmland in the Midwest. It's lovely to sail on."

A professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program, Rivers grew up on Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont, and has been around sailboats since he was a child.

When he was in middle school, he began working as a "gopher" for skippers. (He admits that though he grew up in Vermont, the first time he ever snow-skied was at Paoli Peaks in Paoli, Indiana.)

Rivers has been with the University since 1968, but took a two-year hiatus to finish his doctorate at University of Michigan. When he returned to USI in 1974, he bought a sailboat and asked if anyone was interested in learning how to sail.

At first, the course was strictly noncredit, and lasted a week. Now, participants have the option of taking the class for one physical education credit hour, and the class lasts a weekend.

"In the early years people were allowed to bring their own boats," Rivers said. And they brought boats in a wide variety of sizes. "If they had a boat they brought it - it was pretty wild. Now we use cruising sailboats of 35 to 40 feet or more for each class."

One of the lessons Rivers teaches during the course is on what it is to be "tactful."

"One of the major terms in sailing is 'tacking,'" he said. "You cannot sail directly into the wind and must learn to tack in order to get anywhere." Playing off the similarity in the terms "tack" and "tact," Rivers noted, "You can't get anywhere in life unless you're tactful."

Rivers said that though the class is kept busy with sailing instruction, it still offers the opportunity to learn about the students and their career goals.

"I'm in teacher mode all the time. Sailing involves a great deal of activity but we also have time to sit and talk, and philosophize."

A cancer patient taught Rivers that his instruction in Sailing School could be every bit as influential as his teaching in the traditional classroom.

"His mother brought him; the class was a present for him," Rivers said. "We did all we could to make it an enjoyable week for him. When the class ended, I had to go back to Vermont, and when I came back a few months later, he had died. I went to the funeral and the pastor spoke about how much that class meant to him. I never forgot that."

As an English teacher, Rivers said, "I never thought about this part of my job being teaching in the sense that I was accustomed to. Even though this class is not what I think of as my job, it's still an opportunity for teaching something. Teaching is built into everything."

The course has turned out to be ultimately related to what Rivers does as a teacher, he said.

"I've made it more than a course in sailing. Sailing is a powerful metaphor for how to live."

Sailing School is for beginners or experienced sailors. The first course in 2006 took place May 20-21. It will be offered again June 3-4 and October 7-8.

For other dates for noncredit students only, contact Rivers at 812/464-1753.

The registration fee is \$225 noncredit. Employee noncredit fee waivers are not available for the course.

The course also is offered as one hour of physical education credit, including a lab fee of \$210. EDUC 163: Beginning Sailing partially fulfills the University Core Curriculum Health and Fitness category.

"USI Sailing School is appreciative of the support of both Jane Davis-Brezette in the PE department and of the staff in Extended Services," Rivers said.

Call Extended Services at 812/464-1989 for a detailed brochure.

Professional movers to relocate Rice Library collection

University of Southern Indiana's 335,000-volume library collection will be moved to the new Rice Library on Monday, June 5.

Professional library movers from Carney McNicholas (CMCN) of Cleveland, Ohio, will handle the move. CMCN has completed library relocation projects for scores of organizations including Central Library in downtown Evansville. The company uses color coding and labeling to maintain shelf order. CMCN owns specialized trucks and moving equipment specifically designed for moving library materials. Local people will assist the specialists including students hired from the University of Southern Indiana

The original Rice Library opened in 1971. Construction for the new Rice Library started in June 2004. The interior has several striking areas including the circulation desk, periodicals, group study rooms, and a grand reading room with ambient light from the wall of windows framing views of campus and landscapes beyond.

The building bears the name of USI's first president David L. Rice, who served as chief executive officer from 1967 to 1994, an era in the institution's history that saw enrollment growth, continued endorsement and financial support from the communities throughout southern Indiana, construction of the Science and Administration Building, library, University Center, Technology Center, Physical Activities Center, University Home, Orr Center, and early housing in an apartment complex adjacent to campus. The Rice administration accomplished a monumental achievement when University of Southern Indiana was created in 1985 by the state legislature, following 20 years as a regional campus (Indiana State University Evansville). In 1992 the USI Board of Trustees approved naming the library for Dr. Rice in recognition for his contributions to the development of the University. The name will move from the current library to the new one.

A grand opening of the new Rice Library will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2006. Legislators, architectural and construction crews, alumni, USI faculty and staff, students, and the general public are invited to witness the grand opening and to tour the new facility.

Presidential Scholars for 2006-2007 announced

USI has announced the recipients of the Presidential Scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year. Ten Indiana high school students ranked first or second in their senior class at the end of the fall semester are selected for the competitive scholarships each year. The scholarships cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board for a full four years. Each scholarship is currently valued at approximately \$46,000.

The 2006-2007 recipients are **Sarah Braun** of Newburgh, **Gordon William Brown** of Evansville, **Kelly Jean Clem** of Cynthiana, **Renee Elizabeth Decaro** of LaPorte, **Samantha Loeser** of Granger, **Leslie Rae Pike** of Evansville, **Raul J. Ramirez** of Oakland City, **Christine Stephens** of Crown Point, **Lindsey VanDoornik** of Evansville, and **Skylar N. White** of Patoka.

Braun, the daughter of Pat and Mary Jo Braun, is a graduate of Reitz Memorial High School, where she was a member of the color and winter guards, Key Club, National Honor Society, choir, and Music Honor Society. She was a Peers Project mentor and participated in school musicals and the Academic Super Bowl. She was a member of the Newburgh Library Teen Advisory

Council throughout high school. She has practiced taekwondo for four years and teaches it to children with cerebral palsy. Braun plans to major in biology and pursue a career in physical therapy.

Brown, the son of Elaine Brown and Bill Brown, graduated from North High School, where he was a member of student council, class council, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, and Junior Civitan, and served as a student mentor. He received the University of Evansville Math Scholar Award and was a 4.0 Husky Scholar. He played baseball, was captain of the intramural basketball team for two years, and ran cross country his senior year. Brown plans to major in biology (pre-med) and attend medical school.

Clem, the daughter of Michael and Phyllis Clem, graduated from North Posey High School. She was a National Merit Commended Scholar and a member of National Honor Society. She served as president of the student council and Spanish Club, and captain of the Academic Math Bowl team. She played softball and ran cross country throughout high school, and was a member of the choir for three years. She was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen and Outstanding History Student awards. Clem plans to major in elementary education and minor in special education.

Decaro, the daughter of Daniel and Lisa Decaro, is a graduate of La Porte High School, where she played varsity golf all four years and was selected as Most Valuable Player her sophomore through senior year. She also was class treasurer and Spanish Club secretary, and participated in theater productions. She was a member of National Honor Society, Girls Reserves, and Future Problem Solvers, and volunteered at Stepping Stones Shelter for Women. She placed 13th in the state golf competition and will play for USI's women's golf team. Decaro is considering a major in psychology, pre-law, or pre-physical therapy.

Loeser, the daughter of Charles and Mary Loeser, graduated from Trinity School at Greenlawn in South Bend. She was a peer tutor in algebra, pre-calculus, chemistry, and Latin throughout high school; played soccer; and was a member of chamber choir and theater productions. She earned two gold medals on the National Latin Exam and was chosen to represent her high school at Senator Richard Lugar's Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders. Loeser volunteered at Memorial Hospital in South Bend her sophomore through senior year and plans to major in biology and chemistry before going on to medical school.

Pike, the daughter of Arthur R. and Karen J. Pike, graduated from North High School, where she was class president her junior and senior year, and served on the student council and class council her sophomore through senior year. She was the recipient of the Principal's Leadership and U.S. National Art awards. She was a cheerleader all four years and served as captain her senior year. Her memberships included Starpower Leadership Club, Business Professionals of America, student mentors, National Honor Society, Students against Destructive Decisions, Spanish Club, Art Club, Junior Civitan, Math Academic Team, and Fine Arts Academic Team. Pike plans to major in business administration with a minor in marketing, and pursue a law degree.

Ramirez, the son of Raul and Irma Ramirez, is a graduate of Waldo J. Wood Memorial High School, where he served as captain of the soccer team; president and vice president of the drama club his senior and sophomore years, respectively; Book Club secretary; and historian for Upward Bound and Spanish Club. He was a member of the Spell Bowl, Art Team, Science Team, English Team, Math Team, Interdisciplinary Team, French Team, student council, and National Honor Society. Ramirez plans to major in chemistry and physics and attend medical school.

Stephens, the daughter of Catherine Stephens, is a graduate of the Indiana Academy for Science, Math, and Humanities, a two-year residential high school for academically gifted Indiana

juniors and seniors. She was a member of band, Key Club, Spanish Club, the softball league, and the Young American Bowling Alliance. In the summer of 2005, she worked in the Lake County Office of Community Redevelopment. Stephens plans to major in biology (pre-med) and attend medical school.

VanDoornik, the daughter of Alan and Laurel VanDoornik, is a graduate of Reitz Memorial High School. She was a member of student council, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Spanish Club. She was on the volleyball, cross country, and track teams, and won multiple All-City Academic Awards for track and cross country. She was the recipient of many other awards during her high school career, including Superior Geometry Performance, Outstanding Algebra II Student, Outstanding Chemistry Student, Outstanding Junior English, Outstanding Spanish II Student, and the Bausch & Lomb Science Award. VanDoornik is considering a major in biology.

White, the daughter of Dale and Tina White, graduated from Princeton Community High School, where she was a member of student council, National Honor Society, Key Club, the Academic Team, Spell Bowl, Speech Team, Spanish Club, Spirit Machine, Community Leadership, SADD, and Club 21. She served as a volunteer Life Skills peer tutor and was class president her junior and senior year. She played basketball her freshman year, and ran cross country all four years. In the community, she volunteered or tutored at three elementary schools and was a member of 4-H. White plans to major in pre-occupational therapy and psychology.

A Presidential Scholar must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester to remain eligible for the scholarship. The Presidential Scholar must also maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) for 62 credit hours attempted, at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA for the remaining credit hours.

The Presidential Scholarship program began in 1988 to attract outstanding Indiana students to USI. The Presidential Scholarships are funded through private gifts to the USI Foundation.

2006-2007 B/MD Scholars announced

USI's 2006-2007 Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship recipients are **Omar Bibi** of Newburgh, **Kathleen Mary Flannery** of Indianapolis, **Danielle Glick** of Hemlock, **Johnna Kern** of Haubstadt, **Katharine A. Funke** of Evansville, and **Ajay Patwari** of Munster.

Six students are selected for the scholarship each year. The University provides full tuition waivers for the undergraduate portion of the program. Completion of the undergraduate degree and fulfillment of the requirements for the program will result in the student directly entering the Evansville Center for Medical Education-Indiana University School of Medicine, located on the USI campus.

Bibi, the son of Dr. Zouhair and Khadija Bibi, graduated from Castle High School with an Academic Honors Diploma. His family moved from Tunis, Tunisia, where he attended American Cooperative School of Tunis through his sophomore year. At Castle, he was president of Science Club and treasurer of the Peer Tutor Club. He was a member of the Academic Team, National Honor Society, Diversity Club, Writers' Round Table, and Chess Club. He was a member of the basketball and soccer teams, and a senior mentor to freshmen and incoming students. He was the recipient of many awards, including Student of the Month in several courses, Highest Math Average Award, and Certificates of Academic Excellence and Honor. He volunteered at St. Mary's Medical Center and shadowed physicians there and in Tunis, in addition to an internship at the Ohio Valley Eye Institute. Also

in the community, he was president of the Teen Advisory Council at Ohio Township Public Library.

Flannery, the daughter of Michael and Judith Flannery, graduated from Roncalli High School, where she was on the High Honor roll since her freshman year and was recognized as Student of the Year in English, religion, math, and history. She served on the student council, was a member of the National Honor Society, and earned a place in the Indiana State University Summer Honors Medicine and Related Health Issues program. She also was English Team captain in the Academic Superbowl and a member of the Spanish and History clubs. She was the recipient of the Roncalli High School Leadership Scholarship her freshman year.

Glick, the daughter of Jeff and Kris Glick, is a graduate of Taylor High School, where she served as vice president of student council, as a general education tutor for under-achieving students, and as a personal assistant in the principal's office. She was a member of National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society. She also participated in varsity track, cross country, gymnastics, volleyball, and cheerleading. She had a perfect attendance record, made the honor roll seven times, and was selected both as a D.A.R.E. role model and for the Howard County Leadership Summit.

Kern, the daughter of Jim and Marilyn Kern, is a graduate of A Beka Academy, a homeschool program. She studied Spanish for five years, has volunteered at an orphanage in Mexico for the past three spring breaks, and currently volunteers with a Spanish-speaking Headstart class. She was named Outstanding Student at the Deaconess-EVSC Health Science Institute in 2005. She participated in the Homeschool Lincoln-Douglas Debates for three years and placed sixth in the finals in 2002. She was a bassoonist with the Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Christian Fellowship Church for three years. She also was a member of Vanderburgh County 4-H and Vanderburgh County Junior Leaders.

Funke, the daughter of Chris and Patricia Funke, is a magna cum laude graduate of Mater Dei High School. She was a member of National Honor Society, Service Club, Diversity Committee, PEERS Project, and Peer Mediation. She served as a freshman mentor and was appointed to the election board. She was honored as a 2006 National Merit Scholars Commended Student and won an All-City Academic Award for swimming. In the community, she was a member of Youth Resources Teen Advisory Council, a Raintree Council Girl Scout, and a reader for the WNIN Radio Reading Service for the blind.

Patwari, the son of Dr. Pankaj and Ami Patwari, is a graduate of Munster High School, where he was a National Honor Society member and active in the state champion Speech and Debate Team and the runner-up "We the People" team. He also was in the Film Club, German Club, French Club, Ping-Pong Club, Project X Service Club, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He participated in the Academic Superbowl and Science Olympiad. He also tutored fellow students. In the community, he volunteered in the surgery department at Community Hospital, organized children's programs at the Munster Public Library, and worked for Patwari Medical Corporation.

RopeWalk Writers Retreat offers free public lectures and readings

The week-long RopeWalk Writers Retreat June 11-17 in New Harmony, Indiana, gives participants an opportunity to attend workshops and to confer privately with one of five prominent writers, and offers the public the opportunity to hear readings and craft lectures for free.

The 2006 faculty is Stephen Dobyns (short fiction), **Heather**

McHugh (poetry), **Susan Neville** (nonfiction), and **Ellen Bryant Voigt** (poetry). The guest reader is poet **David Wojahn**.

Dobyns is the author of 21 books of fiction, including the short story collection *Eating Naked*, as well as the novel, *The Church of Dead Girls*, and the Saratoga mysteries featuring Charlie Bradshaw; 10 books of poems, including *Mystery*, *So Long*, *The Porcupine's Kisses*, *Pallbearers Envy the One Who Rides*; *Cemetery Nights*, which won a Melville Cane Award; *Black Dog*, *Red Dog*, which was a winner in the National Poetry Series; and a book of essays on poetry, *Best Words, Best Order*. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and three National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. He is on the faculty of Warren Wilson College's MFA for Writers program.

McHugh is a core faculty member of the MFA Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College. Her books of poetry include *Eyeshot*, *Shades*, *Dangers*, and *Hinge & Sign: Poems 1968-1993*, which won both the *Boston Book Review's* Bingham Poetry Prize and the Pollack-Harvard Review Prize, was a finalist for the National Book Award, and was named a "Notable Book of the Year" by *The New York Times Book Review*. Her essays include "Broken English: Poetry and Partiality." Her honors include two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Griffin Poetry Prize, and a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship. Between 1999 and 2005 she was a Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets.

Neville's essay collections include *Indiana Winter and Fabrication*. She is the author of the story collections *Invention of Flight*, which won the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, *In the House of Blue Lights*, selected as one of the Best Books of 1998 by the *Chicago Tribune*. Her most recent book, *Iconography*, is a memoir and meditation on writing. A recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a Pushcart Prize, Susan teaches at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Voigt has published six books of poetry: *Shadow of Heaven*, a 2002 National Book Award finalist, *Claiming Kin*, *The Forces of Plenty*, *The Lotus Flowers*, *Two Trees*, and *Kyrie*, a National Book Critic's Circle Award finalist, as well as *The Flexible Lyric*, a collection of craft essays. Her poems, which have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, and many literary journals, have also been selected for a Pushcart Prize and Best American Poetry (1993). She founded and teaches in the Warren Wilson M.F.A. program.

Wojahn's first collection, *Icehouse Lights*, was chosen by Richard Hugo as a winner of the Yale Series of Younger Poets prize in 1982. Other works include *Mystery Train*, *Late Empire*, *The Falling Hour*, and *Spirit Cabinet*. His most recent collection, *Interrogation Palace: New and Selected Poems 1982-2004*, will be published in 2006. He is professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University, and a member of the program faculty of the MFA in Writing Program of Vermont College.

RopeWalk offers several opportunities for the public to attend free readings and craft lectures. Each reading will be followed by a reception. Here's the schedule:

Sunday, June 11

RopeWalk Alumni Reading, 2 p.m., Barn Abbey.

RopeWalk: Ellen Bryant Voigt reading, 7 p.m., The Atheneum.

Monday, June 12

RopeWalk: Stephen Dobyns reading, 7 p.m., The Atheneum.

Tuesday, June 13

RopeWalk: Ellen Bryant Voigt craft lecture, 9:30 a.m., Barn Abbey.

RopeWalk: Heather McHugh craft lecture, 10:30 a.m., Barn Abbey.

RopeWalk: Susan Neville reading, 7 p.m., The Atheneum.

Wednesday, June 14

RopeWalk: guest artist David Wojahn reading, 7 p.m., The Atheneum.

Thursday, June 15

RopeWalk: Susan Neville craft lecture, 9:30 a.m., Barn Abbey.

RopeWalk: Stephen Dobyns craft lecture, 10:30 a.m., Barn Abbey.

Friday, June 16

RopeWalk: Heather McHugh reading, 7 p.m., The Atheneum.

For more information, go to www.usi.edu/ropewalk.

Dubois County Alumni award scholarships

The USI Dubois County Alumni Chapter Scholarships for 2006-07 have been awarded to Dubois County residents **Alison Nicole Betz** and **Heather Lynn Klem**. The scholarships are worth \$500 each.

Betz, a USI senior majoring in early childhood education, is a dean's list honor student. She is currently employed at Uebehler and Sons in Jasper. After college she plans to teach. She is a graduate of Northeast Dubois High School and the daughter of Melvin and Cecilia Betz of Celestine.

Klem plans to pursue an Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate of Science degree at USI. She is a 2006 graduate of Jasper High School, where she was a member of Health Occupations Students of America, IMPACT school improvement organization, Spanish Club, SADD, Key Club, Junior Civitan, and band. She served as a Spanish peer tutor and as an English as a New Language (ENL) tutor. She is the daughter of Brian and Patty Klem of Jasper.

Society for Human Resource Management awarded Superior Merit Award

The USI chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has been awarded the 2005-2006 Superior Merit Award. The chapter had a total of 1,995 points, while, a total of 1,901 points were necessary to receive this honor.

The Superior Merit Award recognizes the work of a chapter over the course of one year. "It's the highest level of recognition the SHRM would ever give a chapter," said **Tara Chaffin '03 '05**, a human resources professional with Accuride Corporation. "It says your chapter is as good as it gets."

Chaffin serves as the liaison between the USI chapter and the Evansville Area Human Resources Association, which sponsors the chapter through various activities, such as speaking at club meetings, hosting tours, job shadowing, and contributing funds for the club's travel to HR games.

The student chapter also competed in the regional 2006 HR Games competition April 21-22, a Jeopardy-style competition in

which students are tested on their human resource knowledge. The games are designed to prepare students for the Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification exam.

The chapter placed 11th out of 27 teams and also won an entire round, beating all 26 other teams in points. The team participants were **Whitney Pelaski** and **Ashley Ruggier** of Evansville, and **Laura Gardner** of Scottsburg.

Dr. Dane Partridge, associate professor of management, advisor of the chapter, and coach of the HR Games team, said, "This year's team did quite well, and our finish in the region was our highest yet in the three years we've participated."

Volunteer USI Advisory Council seeks Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer USI Advisory Council seeks recommendations of volunteers to be considered for the USI Volunteer of the Year award. Faculty, staff, and volunteers may submit nominations through June 30.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee will select the award recipient based on volunteer service hours (from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006), exceptional dedication and leadership, and extraordinary service.

The recipient of the award will be announced during the Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner on Thursday, August 17.

Nomination forms are available in the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services, Wright Administration Building Room 104.

For more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/465-1215.

Names in the news

Welcome

Linda Emery has accepted a position as custodial worker with the Physical Plant.

Deborah Fischer has accepted a position as custodial worker with the Physical Plant.

Sharri Jordan has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Brenda Lee has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Betty Minnick has accepted a position as administrative assistant for the Office of Residence Life. She was formerly employed as an administrative assistant at Indiana University.

Susan Ruholl has accepted a position as custodial worker with the Physical Plant.

Diana Rumsey has accepted a position as clerical worker in the College of Business.

Teresa Schmitt has accepted a position as custodial worker with the Physical Plant.

Jeff Smith has accepted a position as custodial worker with the Physical Plant.

Sharon Wells has accepted a position as advising and recruitment coordinator in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Accomplishments

Scott Anderson, instructor in computer science, will lead the startup of a local chapter of the Computer Science Teachers Association, founded in 2005 by the Association for Computing Machinery. The new organization is designed to ensure that

teachers have the tools they need to get students interested in computer science careers. Anderson plans to work with computer science instructors at area high schools whose students are interested in furthering their computer-science education at USI.

Jason Hardgrave, assistant professor of history, is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar placement for a session entitled "Shaping Civic Space in a Renaissance City, c. 1300 - 1600" June 12-July 14 in Venice, Italy. The seminar, including 14 participants from various disciplines including art history, architecture, literature, and history, will allow Hardgrave to study the role of parish notaries in Venice as the focal point of public and private life, continuing work begun in his dissertation. His recent presentation at the 41st International Medieval Congress, "Priests and Professionals, Late Medieval Venetian Notaries," explored the unique role that a priest notary had in Venice as the spiritual, social, and legal representative for important life events. His current project, "Priest-Notaries as a Nexus of Gendered Communities in Renaissance Venice," maps the parish notaries and their transactions with women, to judge how far a particular notary's business and influence extended and also to see how far women could and did venture from their own parishes.

David Huebner, art workshop supervisor and lecturer in art, and **Carolyn Roth**, instructor in art, are exhibiting work in the 5th anniversary "In Poetics" exhibition at the Women's Institute and Gallery in New Harmony. Roth's acrylic and sand painting entitled "Winged Dream," and Huebner's sculptural mobile entitled "Complexity in Life," are included in the exhibition, which will run through June 4.

Greg Murphy, assistant professor of management, was awarded the College of Business Faculty Research Scholarship. His study entitled "Corporate Parenting Strategy Effects on Small Businesses," will compare small businesses with corporate parents to comparably-sized independently-owned small businesses.

Comment on self-study draft

USI is undergoing accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association. The Association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the U.S. Through its Commissions it accredits, and thereby grants membership, to educational institutions in the nineteen-state North Central region. Institutions are reviewed every 10 years to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria for accreditation. Over the past year, USI administration, faculty, and staff conducted a self-study to assess the University's strengths and challenges. The written report is nearing completion and will be filed with the HLC during summer 2006. A team of HLC evaluators will visit the campus in the fall to verify the accuracy of the self-study report and offer suggestions. For USI's accreditation review, an Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee, appointed by the provost, is coordinating the University's re-accreditation process. The committee has broad representation from across the University. Campus-wide input has been an important part of the evaluation of the institution and the self-study report. Faculty and staff are urged to read and comment on the draft self-study report located online. A comment form is located on the page at www.usi.edu/accreditation/draftintro.asp.

Theatre management office has moved

The theatre management office (box office and management operations for New Harmony Theatre and USI Theatre) has moved to the South Annex. Inter-campus mail from The New Harmony Theatre, USI Theatre, Amy Estes, Scott LaFeber, or Melony Hurm should be sent to Theatre Management in the

South Annex. Inter-campus mail for the theatre academic program or for theatre faculty members should be sent to Elliot Wasserman, Shan Jensen, Doug Hubbell, or Tommy Thompson in Liberal Arts.

New Harmony Theatre tickets

Season and single tickets for The New Harmony Theatre's 2006 season are now available. Productions this season include the Tony Award-winning comedy *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *The Subject Was Roses*, and the musical revue *Side by Side by Sondheim*, featuring some of the best-known songs by one of Broadway's most celebrated composer-lyricists. Visit www.newharmonytheatre.com/ for more information.

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