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## **14th annual psychology conference slated at USI**

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The 14th annual Mid-America Conference for Teachers of Psychology (MACTOP) will be held Friday and Saturday, October 10-11, at the University of Southern Indiana.

A highlight this year will be the first annual Joseph J. Palladino Address, a keynote speech to be presented at the opening session at 9 a.m. Friday by Dr. Palladino, USI psychology professor who stepped down last year as organizer of the conference he founded in 1984. His topic will be "The Humor of Teaching, the Teaching of Humor."

Dr. Palladino had two goals when he organized the conference -- providing a less expensive meeting and focusing on the teaching of psychology. The session has grown annually and now has several "clones" meeting around the country. Dr. Palladino and his students also created "Psych Follies," a *Saturday Night Live*-type revue, to entertain conference delegates. The modern version is now booked into conferences across the U.S. into 1998. "Saturday Morning Live" will be presented for MACTOP at 11:40 a.m. Saturday.

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