



**WILLIAM FISHER RETURNING TO USI  
AS "PROFESSIONAL-IN-RESIDENCE"**

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William E. Fisher, a 1973 University of Southern Indiana management graduate who is executive vice-president of Applied Communications, Inc. (ACI), in Omaha, Nebraska, will be featured in a "Professional-in-Residence" program at 10 a.m. Monday, September 10, in the University Center.

Fisher, who will meet with School of Business students in one of a series of "Professional-in-Residence" programs being sponsored by the USI Alumni Association as part of the University's 25th Anniversary celebration, 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.

Fisher is a 1964 graduate of Central High School. He enlisted in the Air Force as a means to finance his college education, with his tour including a year in Southeast Asia. He enrolled in USI in the fall of 1970, completing work on a B.S. degree in just three years while maintaining a 3.4 grade point average. He received a scholarship for a two-year Master of Business Administration program at the University of Nebraska, completing the work in only one year while also working full-time at Mutual of Omaha.

Fisher then passed his CPA exam and went to work in the management consulting division of Touche Ross. In 1977, he joined Boeing as a data processing consultant and in 1982, he joined First Data Resources (FDR), a division of American Express. He was a key person used by senior management to close marginal operations and/or manage acquisitions for both FDR and American Express and was with the company during their public stock offering and subsequent private placement by American Express.

Fisher was president of FDR's government services division when he left in 1987 to join ACI, where he also has served as vice-president of Financial Systems and senior vice-president of Software and Services. He also is part owner of two General Motors dealerships in the Midwest with a lifelong friend, Curtis Pendley, an Evansville native who graduated with him from USI.

Fisher plans to retire prior to his 45th birthday and live his life with his wife and three sons "on a day-to-day basis."

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