

## Brody Broshears: Pursue your passion

Michael "Brody" Broshears stands out in a crowd. He's six foot two with a shiny pate, a broad smile, and a sparkle in his eye. He's happy to talk about his three passions in life: sports, running, and music.

Broshears grew up one of four boys in a house full of sports nuts. "We played every kind of sport, all year round," he said. "I've been a St. Louis Cardinals fan since birth." He ran his first half-marathon while in graduate school. "Like Forrest Gump, I never stopped," he said. He's also participated in triathlons and 5K runs. His Facebook friends have come to look forward to his "Album of the Day," culled from a collection of 1,000 CDs.

"The things I have a passion for, I really get into," he said. "If I love it, I love it. That comes out in my work. I love to work with students and help them find what they love." As director of University Division, Broshears helps undecided students find their path in life.

He graduated from Memorial High School, Indiana University, and Miami University of Ohio, where he earned a master's degree in college student personnel services. He was an academic advisor at University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and founding director of the Academic Advising Center at Northern Illinois University before joining USI in 2007. He and his wife Catherine have two daughters: Payton, 9, and Macy, 6.

"It's a great honor to work here in Evansville, close to home and family," he said, "especially working with undecided students and helping them figure out what they love." Often, that involves simply having a conversation with the student. "This initial conversation could lead to talk about a hobby they have, a job they liked, or a volunteer experience they really enjoyed. Then, bam! You are having a conversation about how those passions might translate into a field of study or potential career."

At Northern Illinois University, Broshears hired Mike, a finance major, as a student worker. "He had no idea what he would do with a degree in finance. He couldn't articulate why he chose finance as a degree. What he did talk about was how much he loved writing about sports for the student newspaper. When I asked him about doing that as a career, he hadn't ever considered it." Broshears helped Mike get an interview with the director of athletics at Northern Illinois, and today he works in external operations for the Butler University Athletic Department.

It's not always easy to help a student find his or her path. "Undecided students come in all shapes and sizes. Some have majors in mind and need help determining what might be the best choice for them. Others can tell you about a particular skill that they possess but can't translate that into a major or career. Some have a particular job that they love and need help connecting that to an academic program. And finally, we do have some students that have not thought about these issues and are truly 'undecided.' The approach to each type of these students is going to differ a little bit, but the goal is the same: connect them to something that they are going to enjoy studying and encourage them to start getting some career-related experience."

Broshears encourages students to pursue a career based on love over money. "Studying something you love can never be the wrong choice, because every profession has a need for good people."

## Archie's Food Closet has moved, needs items

Due to higher than average usage this summer, Archibald Eagle's Food Closet, recently relocated from the University Center to the Recreation and Fitness Center, is low on food and personal items. The food closet provides non-perishable food and personal items on an emergency basis and at no cost to USI students and employees. All items are provided through the generosity of the University community.

At this time the following items are needed: Macaroni and cheese Easy to prepare pasta and/or rice dishes canned or boxed pastas breakfast cereals and/or bars canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.) Jello, pudding, and desserts crackers peanut butter spaghetti sauce and canned fruit.

There is plenty of chicken noodle, vegetable, and tomato soup on hand, but other canned soups will be happily accepted. Canned vegetables other than corn, green beans, and peas also are needed. Donations of any other non-perishable item will be welcomed.

Non-food items needed are bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, facial tissue, toilet tissue, and paper towels.

Items may be dropped off from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the RFC's information desk. Please use the temporary entrance located on the south side of the building.

For more information, contact **Jeannie Kuebler**, senior administrative assistant in the Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, at 812/464-1807.

## Staged reading of "Hamlet" offered

New Harmony Theatre will offer a reading of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, in the Mallette Theatre in the lower level of the Liberal Arts Center.

The cast of "Guys and Dolls" which includes New York actors with Broadway credentials as well as some of USI's top theatre students will be performing "Hamlet." The reading will be directed by USI alumna **Kensington Blaylock** and feature **Lenny Leibowitz**, director of New Harmony Theatre, as Claudius.

Tickets are \$10 for USI employees and the general public and just \$5 for USI students and may be purchased by calling the New Harmony Theatre box office at 812/682-3115.

## Sculpture program patched together art professor with inner-city youth

In June, **Rob Millard-Mendez**, assistant professor of art, helped youth in a Patchwork Central summer program build an imaginative bicycle rack made out of bicycles. Patchwork Central is a faith-based community outreach organization particularly lauded for its "Arts & Smarts" program for inner-city youth.

"I had a great experience. There's nothing but positive energy all

around," Millard-Mendez said. "They provide an incredible service for people of that neighborhood and beyond."

During "Sculpture Week" this summer, Millard-Mendez, parents, and volunteers helped young people between the ages of 10 and 14 construct the bike rack using parts of bicycles from Patchwork's Bike ReCycle program, in which volunteers repair and give bikes to people who live in the neighborhood. "They have an incredible resource of bicycles that are more or less just good for parts," Millard-Mendez said.

The bicycle rack has a "funky aesthetic" that falls into line with other Patchwork art projects Millard-Mendez said. He and other volunteers built the framework for the bicycle rack and assisted students in cutting up bicycles, welding them to the framework, and painting the finished rack. Millard-Mendez said the paint made the project come together. "It just looked like a melange of different bicycles, but the color made it fall into line with what Patchwork has been doing with color."

Millard-Mendez joined USI in 2006. That year, he assisted his wife **Nancy Raen-Mendez** with a mural commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Arts & Smarts program. Millard-Mendez helped install the mural, which Raen-Mendez created with USI art education students and Patchwork teens.

"I'd like to do more work with them in the future," he said. "What they do is so valuable."

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## Trustees approve fees and operating budget

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met in special session today to approve the schedule of student fees for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 and the annual University operating budget for 2009-2010.

The trustees approved an increase in the per semester credit hour fee for 2009-2010 to \$177.80 for Indiana resident undergraduate students \$257.10 for Indiana resident graduate students. Non-resident undergraduates will pay \$420.50 per credit hour non-resident graduate students will pay \$505.35.

In 2010-2011, Indiana resident undergraduate students will pay a credit hour fee of \$186.67 Indiana graduate students will pay \$269.95. The credit hour fee for non-resident undergraduate students will be \$441.53 and non-resident graduate students will pay \$530.62.

**Mark Rozewski**, vice president for Business Affairs, explained Indiana law requires the University of Southern Indiana to set tuition for two years at the start of each new legislative biennium and to hold a public hearing on the proposed rates. The USI public hearing was held on July 20 and no comments on the proposed increases were received. He added, legislation passed in 2007 requires the Indiana Commission for Higher Education to issue non-binding tuition recommendations for each state-funded institution of higher education. The Commission's target recommendation for USI was 0 to 5 percent.

Rozewski added, "For Hoosier full-time undergraduate students, the new rate will be \$255 more than last year or \$5,334 for the coming year, with a further increase of \$260 to \$5,600 in 2010-2011."

USI President **Linda L. M. Bennett** said, "With USI being the most affordable baccalaureate-degree granting institution in Indiana, we are committed to providing affordable quality higher education. USI has a history of maintaining an affordable fee structure, and the USI fees will remain significantly less than other four-year public Indiana higher education institutions in the next two years."

The increased fees will be used to meet on-going operational and maintenance expenses.

The trustees also approved a \$85.5 million current operating budget for the 2009-2010 academic year. The budget includes \$50 for instruction and instruction-related expenses \$6.4 million for student services \$12 million for physical plant and \$17.1 for administration.

Due to the economic conditions in the state, the budget reflects a 3.3 percent decrease or \$1.3 million less in state appropriation than last year.

Bennett said, "This budget allows for no increases in employee compensation in 2009-2010 and limited opportunity for any investment in new initiatives. However, we are grateful to the state for the support of USI and appreciate the work of our location delegation in their efforts to sustain the University."

The University did receive \$4.4 million for the biennium in one-time federal stimulus money. That money will be used for repair and rehabilitation projects and other one-time expenditures.

## Downtown Day on the Bus: Area university faculty learn from industry and civic leaders

Old National Bank is sponsoring the fourth annual Day on the Bus, a collaborative effort by the University of Southern Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College, the University of Evansville, and Vincennes University to orient new faculty to the downtown community, businesses, and industry. Over 40 faculty members from the four institutions will join community business leaders at Old National Bank headquarters downtown on August 11 for a breakfast. Jim Ryan, executive vice president and director of corporate strategy for Old National Bank, will give a presentation.

Following the breakfast session, the faculty will board the bus to visit Berry Plastics, Innovation Pointe, and Deaconess Hospital, ending the day with a "State of the Downtown Address" by Mayor **Jonathan Weinzapfel** and tours of the downtown lofts. The attendees for the Day on the Bus will be faculty new to the Evansville region who want to become familiar with the downtown area's businesses, restaurants, and the culturally stimulating areas that downtown Evansville has to offer.

During the tours of the various businesses, the faculty will have an opportunity to hear first hand from employers how well their institutions are preparing students to enter the regional workforce and suggestions on improvements. **Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett**, president of the University of Southern Indiana, said, "This program is an important part of the learning exchange between our faculty and the community. We appreciate Old National Bank's sponsorship of this great opportunity to enrich the learning environment within our regional higher education institutions."

## USI engineering included in space exhibit at state fair

The USI Department of Engineering is participating in the Indiana Space Grant Consortium's "Indiana Space Travels" exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. The exhibit traces the history of aeronautic Hoosiers and events dating back to 1859, with the nation's first airmail delivery by hot air balloon in Lafayette, and features an interactive Mars rover that can be operated by remote control, a space capsule simulator, a replica of the Hubble Telescope, a mod-

ular mission control board, artifacts from various space missions, balloon and rocket launches, and a NASA photo kiosk where fair-goers can photograph themselves "in space."

The exhibit will be on view throughout the run of the fair, August 7-23, in the Grand Hall. On Friday, August 14, **Dr. Glen Kissel**, assistant professor of engineering, and USI students **Ken Schnautz**, **Alex Schnautz**, and **Donald Phelps**, will demonstrate Lego-robotics and show video and slides of the engineering program's high altitude balloon flights.

USI is an Indiana Space Grant Consortium-affiliate institution. For more about the exhibit and the fair, visit [www.indianastate-fair.com](http://www.indianastate-fair.com).

## New Employee Welcome

**Tim Fitzgibbon** has accepted a position as academic advisor in University Division. He holds a Master of Education degree from Loyola University in Chicago, a Master of Arts degree in history from Northern Illinois University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science from St. Ambrose University. Fitzgibbon was employed as an academic advisor for the U.S. Air Force.

**Angela Hobkirk** has accepted a position as area coordinator in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. She holds a Master of Science degree in college student affairs from Eastern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Ball State University. Hobkirk was employed as an associate resident director at Eastern Illinois University.

**Johanna MacKay** has accepted a position as instructional services librarian in the David L. Rice Library. She holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and American literature from New York University. MacKay was employed as a foundation assistant for the Montel Williams MS Foundation.

**Derrick Tilmon** has accepted a position as men's assistant basketball coach in Athletics. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in health education from Southern Illinois University. Tilmon was employed as a men's assistant basketball coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

## Announcements

### Passings

**Salem Hemaida**, father of **Ramadan Hemaida**, professor of decision science, died on June 22 in Egypt.

**Dr. Donald Wolfe**, associate professor emeritus of German and husband of **Dr. Susan Wolfe**, associate professor emerita of German, died on July 19. Friends and family will gather in Evansville for a celebration of Wolfe's life on Saturday, August 8. For more information, call 812/402-4039. A West Coast remembrance celebration and the interment of Wolfe's ashes will occur in Oregon at a later date.

### Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series

**Dr. Sue Ellspermann**, director of the USI Center for Applied Research (CAR), was selected for the 2009 class of The Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series. Ellspermann holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in industrial engineering from University of Louisville and a B.S. in industrial engineering from Purdue University. She was appointed founding director of CAR in 2005.

## Post your fall events on the USI online calendar

To get wide exposure for your fall semester events, load your information to the campus online calendar. The calendar is a USI web resource widely used by faculty, staff, students, and web visitors to reference and publicize campus events.

The full calendar appears at [https://www.usi.edu/web-services/calendar\\_03/](https://www.usi.edu/web-services/calendar_03/). The menu across the top of the page has a Sign In icon and a How to Use icon for your use. You'll be prompted for your My USI login username and password to submit the event title; the time, date, and location of the event; and background on a speaker, purpose of the event, sponsor of the event, and who can attend the event. You can load a web address, if you have a web site related to the event. The form provides space for information about cost to attend the event and has a place to check if the event is free.

The daily campus events which appear on the front page of the USI web site and on several college and department web pages throughout the site are pulled from the main calendar. You'll get top placement of your event if you load it to the online calendar. If many events are scheduled on one day, the events appear according to the time of the event, with early-in-the day events appearing first. Events on the daily calendar are removed throughout the day, once an event is over, so events scheduled later in the day can appear. Take a look at the daily calendar at [www.usi.edu](http://www.usi.edu).

Questions about the online calendar can be answered by web team member **Ed Scharf** at [elscharf@usi.edu](mailto:elscharf@usi.edu).

### Volleyball games twice a week

A group of USI employees and students meet for a friendly game of volleyball from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Players are of all ages, sizes, and skill levels - male and female, faculty, staff, and students. If you would like to join the game, just show up in your gym shoes with your USI photo ID at the Recreation and Fitness Center. For more information, contact **Susie Kempf** at 812/464-1793 or [skempf@usi.edu](mailto:skempf@usi.edu).