

University Notes

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USI expanding partnership activities at Innovation Pointe

USI has named a manager of education and entrepreneurial support to connect USI services with clients at Innovation Pointe, the business incubator located in downtown Evansville, and others seeking more educational opportunities downtown. **Gene Recker** will offer a range of administrative, consulting, and networking services in this role.

Innovation Pointe is an Indiana Certified Technology Park and an initiative of Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE). GAGE offers a focused approach to economic development for the city. USI is the higher education partner for the certified technology park.

Dr. M. Edward Jones, vice provost for outreach and dean of Extended Services, said, "The University of Southern Indiana has played a key role in the formation of Innovation Pointe. Having Gene at Innovation Pointe will enable us to substantially expand our activities, beginning this fall. Gene's leadership in identifying instructional programs and consulting opportunities to support GAGE initiatives will result in a diverse set of programs and projects targeted to Innovation Pointe clients, downtown employers and residents, and the larger community."

A former general manager with Kimball International and a consultant, Recker has experience working with Microsoft, Pitney Bowes, Wells Fargo, family-owned businesses, and non-profit organizations. He earned an undergraduate degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from USI.

Recker will assist people new to the business world or business veterans who want to test new processes. Depending on the business objectives, he can help understand and meet client needs, help improve performance, lead training, and offer individual coaching. His current focus is integrating originality into strategic planning, entrepreneurship, and leadership development. In addition to working with companies, Recker has experience with distributors, trade associations, colleges and universities, and other non-profits.

Dr. Linda Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "USI's partnership with GAGE is an expression of the University's mission to be engaged with regional businesses and industries. Innovation Pointe offers a beautiful and strategically located facility for collaboration between new and established businesses and the University community. We look forward to the leadership Gene Recker will bring to those collaborative efforts."

Recker will help integrate USI faculty and students into Innovation Pointe's focus on developing an entrepreneurial culture. He will target USI faculty and students from the College of Business and Pott College of Science and Engineering to promote student internships, faculty consulting, and applied research opportunities. The primary focus of instructional programs offered on-site will be developing skills that promote the high tech/business development theme of Innovation Pointe, although a variety of other courses will be offered to meet specified needs of downtown employers and residents.

Other USI resources will be involved at Innovation Pointe. The Center for Applied Research will implement a multi-year innovation and commercialization program that will aid innovative business practices, increase the base of innovation assets, and foster good business practice to realize financial gain. The centers for Continuing Education and Human Resource Development will provide a variety of noncredit offerings. USI

Nearby, the off-campus, credit-course program, will coordinate undergraduate and graduate courses.

Joe Wallace, president and CEO of GAGE, said, "The partnership between USI and GAGE demonstrates a shared recognition that education and economic development can be interwoven for greater potential rewards."

Jones and **Mark Rozewski**, vice president for Business Affairs, are founding members of the GAGE Board of Directors.

Recker's office will be located at Innovation Pointe. He can be reached at garecker@usi.edu or 812/492-4394.

USI nursing graduate is guest editor for professional journal

Lynn Smith Schnautz, a graduate of the nursing program and family nurse practitioner in the USI Student Health Center, is guest editor for the September 2008 issue of the professional journal *Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America*.

The issue focuses on cardiovascular disease in women, a matter of both professional and personal interest to Schnautz, who earned a post-master's certificate in the family nurse practitioner program of the College of Nursing and Health Professions in 2007. She was most recently a cardiovascular clinical nurse specialist at both campuses of Deaconess Hospital in Evansville and a family nurse practitioner with Integrity Family Physicians.

In August, she accepted an appointment with Deaconess Medical Group to serve as the family nurse practitioner at the USI Student Health Center. She is available to see patients from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Schnautz's father experienced a heart attack in his early 40s and died at age 52 from an aneurysm. Her mother suffered a debilitating stroke in her early 40s. The youngest of Schnautz's three daughters was diagnosed with Kawasaki Disease, an illness causing inflammation in the walls of blood vessels, at age 1. Schnautz writes about her daughter's case in the nursing journal.

"Cardiovascular disease is much closer to me than I would like," Schnautz said. "I try very hard to live a heart-healthy lifestyle for myself and for my family."

A cardiovascular nurse for 22 years, Schnautz writes in the preface of the journal: "American women are four to six times more likely to die of heart disease than of breast cancer, and heart disease kills more women over 65 years of age than all cancers combined."

Schnautz was invited to be guest editor by Jan Foster, consulting editor. The two met through colleagues when they attended the National Teaching Institute sponsored by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) in 2007.

"During my years of practice, I have found that women and heart disease has been a topic that has been neglected by practitioners," Schnautz said. "This journal was written to help practitioners recognize women wearing various 'red dresses' as they present to clinical practice."

Go Red for Women is a movement sponsored by the American Heart Association to support research and education about women and heart disease. The 2009 National Wear Red Day will take place February 6.

As guest editor, Schnautz solicited experts to write 14 articles on topics related to women and heart disease. Two faculty members from the

College of Nursing and Health Professions, two additional graduates, and a student in graduate nursing contributed articles to the issue. Authors with a USI connection include the following:

- “Kawasaki Disease: A Ride for Little Girls Too” by Schnautz and **Patricia Leggett '01**. Leggett earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at USI. She is a clinical nurse in same-day surgery at Deaconess.

- “Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Women: The Role of the Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care” by **Dr. Roberta E. Hoebeke**, USI associate professor of nursing.

- “Managing Hypertension in Women” by Mary Jane Swartz, who joined the USI College of Nursing faculty in August as instructor in nursing.

- “Chemotherapy-Induced Cardiotoxicity in Women” by **Kelli S. Dempsey '98 '00**, an oncology nurse practitioner with American CancerCare in Evansville. Dempsey completed a bachelor's degree in nursing and the acute care nurse practitioner graduate program at USI.

- “Why Women Need to Sweat: The Benefits of Cardiac Rehabilitation” by **Lori Barron** and Schnautz. Barron, a student in the graduate nursing program, is team leader for cardiac rehabilitation at Deaconess.

Schnautz earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland. She has lived in Evansville since 1991.

Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America is a peer-reviewed journal that focuses on a single topic relevant to critical-care and intensive-care nursing practice in each issue.

American religious historian is new director of Center for Communal Studies

The Center for Communal Studies has a new director in **Dr. Matthew Grow**. Grow will join the University as assistant professor of history.

Grow's specialization within American religious history is the history of the Mormon church, with special emphasis on its 19th century origins and development. His dissertation, “*Liberty to the Downtrodden*”: Thomas L. Kane, Romantic Reformer, will be published by Yale University Press in 2009. His next project as co-author of *Parley P. Pratt: A Cultural and Intellectual Biography* is to be published by Oxford University Press.

Grow holds a Ph.D. in American history and Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Notre Dame, where he is an Edward Sorin Postdoctoral Scholar. His Bachelor of Arts degree in history is from Brigham Young University, where he graduated summa cum laude.

He will teach a variety of courses in American history, including classes that examine communal societies in American history, religion in America, the history of reform movements in American society, and memory and war in American history.

Dr. Donald Pitzer, the founding director of the Center for Communal Studies, retired in 2007.

The Center for Communal Studies is a unique clearinghouse of information about historic and contemporary communal societies. As director, Grow will oversee the operations of the center, including its lecture series and the annual center prize for the best undergraduate or graduate paper on any aspect of communal societies. He will work closely with the staff of the David L. Rice Library to expand and enhance the world-class collection of communal studies materials currently held in the Special Collections area.

Grow said, “I am thrilled to be joining USI and the Center for Communal Studies. The Center is a unique institution and I look forward to building on the foundation laid by Professor Donald Pitzer. The attempts by various groups to build communal societies are not only historically significant, but also relevant to contemporary debates about the building of communities in modern society.”

Dr. Tamara Hunt, chair of the History Department, praised the appointment, saying, “I’m pleased that such an accomplished and promis-

ing scholar as Dr. Grow will be joining USI. His expertise will allow us to expand the course offerings in our department, while his knowledge of communal societies will be a definite asset to our plans to grow and expand the activities of the Center for Communal Studies. His interests in communal societies extend beyond historic communities to embrace modern communal movements such as eco-housing and cooperative communities for seniors, and we hope to see that interest lead to new outreach programs for the local community. Dr. Grow brings a lot of enthusiasm with him to USI, which should benefit the University and the community as a whole.”

Grow is a member of the American Historical Association, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Western History Association, American Academy of Religion, and Mormon History Association.

Among his awards and honors are Notre Dame's Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award; the Mormon History Association's Gerald E. Jones Dissertation Award and two Juanita Brooks Award for Best Graduate Paper; the Western History Association's Arrington-Prucha Prize in Western American Religious History; and the Notre Dame History Department's Philip Gleason Prize.

USI Today...today's news...today!

Today's news comes 24-7 – not hourly, not daily, and certainly not weekly. That's why in fall 2008, News and Information Services is replacing *University Notes*, the weekly online employee newsletter, with *USI Today*, an employee news source that will be as dynamic and current as the USI campus.

University Notes was established as a weekly employee newsletter in 1967 and went online in 2001. Our goal has always been to keep you up-to-date with the latest news about USI people and events. With *USI Today*, you will get the news as it is released.

USI Today debuts September 5. It will retain the features you read each week, including news stories and briefs, the calendar, features, and photo. We'll still be welcoming new employees, offering kudos for accomplishments, and allowing employees to buy and sell items through Marketplace.

We'll archive the articles, since many of you use the archives to verify the spelling of names, dates of events, and historical information. And you can print out *USI Today* as a PDF if you prefer to do your reading offline.

New features will include a spotlight story about a USI employee exclusive to *USI Today*; a daily picture of campus life; and a blog written by you, the USI community.

The *USI Today* uBLOG will allow you to directly address USI's more than 1,400 employees and hundreds of retirees. You can promote your event, program, class, or department, or submit a personal essay on another topic you'd like to share with the USI community. Send submissions to *USI Today* Editor **Wendy Knipe Bredhold** via email at wkbredhold@usi.edu.

We've also included helpful links to MyUSI, the Recreation and Fitness Center's group exercise schedule, the Loft menu, Athletics news, and Human Resources.

We'll still send a weekly reminder to read *USI Today*. Or you can subscribe to the RSS feed and always know when the page is updated.

As always, we want to hear your ideas. If you'd like to contribute to uBLOG or recommend an employee for a *USI Today* feature, contact Wendy at 812/461-5259.

Interest in research led USI student to campus job

[This story was written by News and Information Services intern **Adam Trinkel**.]

Sunny Huang, the daughter of **Dr. Guoyuan Huang**, associate professor of physical education, is interested in research. A sophomore majoring in chemistry, Huang works with **Dr. Karyn Sproles**, director of Faculty Development.

Huang said, “I’m organizing the *Faculty and Staff Scholarly and Creative*

Works Journal. This publication includes all of the scholarly and creative works (journal articles, textbooks, book chapters, performances, presentations, patents, grants, artwork, etc.) that USI faculty and staff have finished in the years 2006 and 2007.

"The publication is significant in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments USI faculty and staff have made in the past years. Also, this publication will allow fellow staff members, students, and members of the community to have a reference to these scholarly and creative works. This is the beginning of a publication that will be published annually, which will culminate in a 10-year report."

Huang is working with a variety of campus officials, an opportunity she cites as exciting. She is interacting with professors in non-related science fields.

The department of Faculty Development is relatively new to the University, with Dr. Sproles' appointment effective in January 2008. An advisory board of faculty representatives offers ideas/support to the department. The department provides faculty with support in teaching, advising, leadership, and scholarship.

Sproles said, "Sunny is creative, engaged, meticulous, and has a very sophisticated understanding of the university."

Huang said Sproles will offer an example or idea, and then she can experiment and plan on how to get it done. She has learned a great deal about making documents and communicating with other people through the position. "I've learned how faculty development supports University life."

Huang plans to attend medical school. As the recipient of the Robert A. and Carole D. Rust Endowed Presidential Scholarship, she has excelled in her academic studies. She is a member of the USI American Chemical Society chapter, Honors Program, Student Ambassador Organization, and Pre-Professional Health Club. She is a graduate of Reitz High School.

McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries opens September 7

The Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center and Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries will be dedicated September 7 – almost exactly a year after ground was broken for the 4,000 square foot addition to the Liberal Arts Center – with a ribbon cutting ceremony, docent-led tours, a book-signing opportunity with celebrated artist **Stephen S. Pace**, and a documentary film about the Paces.

The public is welcome and encouraged to join the University community in celebration of the new art center at a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. with USI **President H. Ray Hoops**, the Paces, representatives of the McCutchan family, members of the USI Board of Trustees and USI Foundation Board, and other dignitaries.

Tours of the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will be available from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appropriately, the inaugural exhibition features work from USI's McCutchan and Pace art collections. Pace will sign copies of *Stephen Pace by Martica Sawin*. "Stephen Pace: Indiana Painter," a film produced by Richard Kane and Melody Lewis-Kane '73, will be shown at 2:30 p.m. in Kley Meyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will provide the space and accommodations for the Student Art Exhibition, student and faculty exhibitions, visiting artist exhibitions, traveling exhibitions, and Senior Art Seminars.

Dr. David Glassman, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said, "Our Department of Art is arguably the best in the state of Indiana in undergraduate excellence and in the professional prestige of its faculty. And now we will have a first-class gallery for exhibition space, a learning environment for our students in curatorial and gallery management studies, and a new outreach connection of cultural impact to Evansville and its surrounding communities."

In addition to its educational mission, the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will assist the University in carrying out one aspect of its mission: contributing to the cultural awareness of southwestern

Indiana.

The construction of the McCutchan Art Center is due in large part to a generous gift from **Kenneth P. McCutchan**, who died in 2002. One of the area's leading historians, he wrote more than a half-dozen local history books. He painted for pleasure and collected the works of Indiana artists. His collection was one of the largest private collections of Hoosier art in Southern Indiana. During his lifetime he gave a large portion of his collection to USI for display and for use as a teaching collection.

Pace was a prominent member of the New York Abstract Expressionists. His work has been exhibited in the nation's most important galleries and museums. The recipient of many honors and recognitions, Pace was awarded an honorary degree from USI in 2002. Pace and his wife Palmina retired to Indiana from homes in New York and Maine. A portion of their \$1.5 million gift is establishing the Pace Galleries.

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries was designed by **Sarah A. Schuler** of VPS Architecture. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Names in the News

Passings

Student **Rachel Reed** drowned in Florida on August 21. She was a junior majoring in special education. **Lynn Reed**, Rachel's mother, said that Rachel had a wonderful experience from the moment she came to USI. Services were held on August 27 at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home Portage Chapel. Contributions may be made to the Rachel Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund for Special Education in care of Horizon Bank, 2650 Willowcreek Rd. Portage, IN 46368.

In appreciation

"My family and I would like to thank all of the University employees and departments who expressed their sympathy at the sudden loss of my mother-in-law, Veronica Seib. I truly appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness given to me by a word, card, or other expression shown during our time of grief." - **Sheree Seib**, administrative associate in Academic Affairs.

FYI

Handling University cash

Pursuant to the directive of the University President, the only authorized agent to control, account for and safeguard cash at the University of Southern Indiana is the Business Office. Specifically, this office is responsible for collecting fees and other income; making all fee refunds; invoicing third parties; preparing bank deposits; issuing petty cash disbursements; issuing change funds to authorized units; and assessing student fees.

Under no circumstances is an employee to accept money in the name of the University without properly recording the income with an official University Receipt. A receipt will be issued by the Cashier's Office for all cash received except for cash received by approved satellite operations. This also includes any payments or plans to receive payments electronically via the World Wide Web. In addition, no University employee or department is to invoice any third party without said invoice being processed first through the Business Office.

Departments that have been approved to accept money are required to issue receipts and make daily deposits. These departments are responsible for maintaining their own receipt subsidiary record on forms that have been approved by the Bursar.

Loss of any funds should be reported immediately to the Cashier's Office and to the University Security Department.

Questions relative to cash control procedures should be addressed to the Bursar at extension 1842.