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## Student soldiers: Army ROTC

When Staff Sergeant **Mark Wannemueller**, operations and training NCO for USI's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, is asked if recruitment is more difficult now that the United States is at war, he doesn't know the answer. The country has been at war since shortly after USI began the program in fall 2001.

"We were moving furniture into our building on campus on September 11, 2001," he said. A year and a half later, Wannemueller was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq, where he served in the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom before returning to the University.

Army ROTC is an elective which a student can take for up to two years with no further obligation. "The first two years of our program are designed to be equivalent to the basic training experience – not to say we have a drill sergeant running around screaming and people doing pushups all day long – but the program is designed to give students the information they get in basic training," Wannemueller said.

Students who wish to complete the four-year program sign a contract at the beginning of their sophomore or junior year which commits them to at least four years of service. Some go into active duty, but many fulfill their time in the Army Reserve or National Guard. Students who complete the four-year ROTC program are commissioned as second lieutenants.

Freshmen in ROTC take one credit hour course per semester, sophomores take two hours a week per semester, and juniors and seniors take three hours a week per semester. In addition, there are required lab hours in which students get field training on University property, including combat water survival in the Physical Activities Center pool, and rappelling from cliffs on campus.

The program also offers electives such as U.S. Military History from 1740 to the Present, and independent studies. Students who take additional ROTC classes can earn a minor in military science.

Henderson, Kentucky native **Matt Roberts**, 23, is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree. He chose USI because he could pursue the MBA and enroll in an ROTC program.

Because he is pursuing a two-year degree and had never served in the military, Roberts had to attend an ROTC camp called the Leader's Training Course, held over four weeks during the summer at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

A financial analyst with Alcan, Roberts was inspired to enroll in ROTC after he read an article that said the Army Reserve was short on officers.

"I thought it would be physically and mentally challenging, but something I could do while getting my MBA, as opposed to going through other commissioning processes through the Army," he said. "I wanted to see if I could do it, so it was both a personal challenge and a chance to fill a need for my country."

Roberts plans to graduate in December 2005. He hopes to work in military intelligence in the Army Reserve.

**Eric McDaniel**, 30, of Posey County, Indiana, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology. He signed a contract with the Army Reserve in 2001.

A student such as McDaniel, with previous military experience, isn't required to take the first two years of the program and can come into the program in the fall of his or her junior year.

"Students with military experience make up a high percentage of our actual contracted cadets," said Wannemueller. "They come to us, sign our contract, and get their commission as an officer while they're going to college."

McDaniel's Army Reserve unit is a combat stress control unit. "We concentrate on post-traumatic stress, debriefing, and briefing before deployment. I'll probably stay in the Army Reserve or the National Guard and work in that field," he said.

His unit has been deployed to Iraq for about a year. McDaniel is released from duty because he is in ROTC.

"That was hard for me," he said. "All my best friends are in the unit. But I still talk to them every once in a while."

McDaniel admires students who have enrolled in ROTC at USI.

"Since the start of this ROTC program, the U.S. has been at war," he said. "That says a lot about the students who are joining ROTC, because most of them know there is a good possibility they are going to get deployed."

ROTC students also receive a stipend, but Wannemueller said students shouldn't sign up in order to receive financial compensation.

"I need students who want to be leaders, not students who are looking for a way to get money while they go to college," Wannemueller said. "If you're doing it only for the tangible benefits, you're probably not in the right place."

USI's program is part of the Wabash Battalion based out of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. USI cadets make up half the enrollment in the battalion, which also includes DePauw University, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, and Indiana State University.

For more information, go to the USI ROTC Web page, [www.usi.edu/extserv/ROTC/index.asp](http://www.usi.edu/extserv/ROTC/index.asp), or call the ROTC program at 812/461-5302 or 812/461-5304.

## Carpooling employees save big bucks

**Gigie Hyneman**, technology support assistant in Instructional Technology Services, and **Mary Ann Bernard**, administrative assistant in Human Resources, have been carpooling for about a month.

Bernard responded to an item Hyneman placed in the Marketplace section of *University Notes* seeking someone to share rides with. It turned out that Bernard and Hyneman lived minutes apart on Evansville's Southeast side.

"All this time I didn't know she takes the same route to work that I take, and that works out perfectly," Hyneman said.

Hyneman lived for a time in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she carpooled every day. In Evansville, she said, "People are so used to driving alone, it's hard for them to give up that freedom."

Hyneman received several calls after she placed the ad, and she said she still fields questions about carpooling from people who call Instructional Technology Services for information about audio/visual materials.

She decided to carpool in order to "pinch pennies and be a little more budget-wise."

Bernard had the same idea.

"When the gas prices started going up I thought there's bound to be a cheaper way," she said. "Then I saw Gigie's ad."

She hadn't carpooled in the past because, "I thought I had to be someplace and go somewhere and in my own time and in my own way, but this is working out well."

She has already seen a difference in her wallet.

"It is making a difference, because I drive a Durango and I've only filled it with gas once since Gigie and I started carpooling," she said. Hyneman estimates that she is saving \$50 a month.

Each of the women drives for a week.

"I think it's fun in the morning, once you get used to somebody else being in your vehicle," Hyneman said. "I think that's the scary part for people who have never done it; once they get past that, it's fine."

Bernard has inspired her daughter, Marysa, a senior at Reitz High School, to start carpooling with a neighboring classmate.

"I think if gas prices continue to go up, there will be a lot more people interested in trying to find rides," she said.

## Tournaments part of Fall Fest

Employees and students can try out the new outdoor sand volleyball and basketball courts during Rec Madness, to be held in conjunction with Southern Hospitality Day, on Saturday, October 15. The Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Department is sponsoring sand volleyball and outdoor basketball tournaments for students and employees that day.

There will be one employee division of the co-ed four-on-four sand volleyball tournament and men's and women's divisions for the three-on-three outdoor basketball tournament. All participants will receive a free T-shirt. The sand volleyball tournament will begin at 10 a.m. and the basketball tournament at 11 a.m.

"It's part of the Fall Fest, and we want to get a lot of people on these brand new courts so parents and prospective students coming to see the University can see the wonderful activities that go on here," said **Scott Wood**, program coordinator.

On Friday, October 14, there will be a volleyball game at 7 p.m., WSWI will host an alternative rock concert on the outdoor basketball courts at 8 p.m., and Midnight Madness, a celebration of the beginning of basketball season, starts at 11 p.m. in the Physical Activities Center.

The deadline for employees to sign up is Wednesday, October 12. E-mail Wood with your team name, division, and the tournament you will be participating in.

Students must sign up by Friday, October 7.

## Alumnus exhibit in New Harmony

**Stephen Lucas** is an innovator. His works are multi-faceted

and engaging.

He starts with a hand-carved acrylic lens which he places in front of a blank canvas or paper, and then creates an image from the different focal points created by the pattern the lens creates. He then frames the image with the lens "floating" in front and illuminates the entire piece. Each piece is meant to capture the imagination and hold the attention of the viewer until he or she has experienced all that it has to offer.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will present an exhibition of his work, "Lucas," October 8-November 13. A reception for the artist will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 8, and is free and open to the public.

Lucas, a 2003 USI graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies, lives and works in New Harmony, where he is an instructor with the Artist's Guild and coordinator of the Young Artist's Guild, an organization dedicated to providing training in the arts to the children of Posey County.

The gallery is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 812/682-3156 or go to [www.nhgallery.com](http://www.nhgallery.com).

The exhibition was made possible through University support.

## Swan receives award

**Robert W. Swan**, a senior partner with Kemper CPA Group LLC in Evansville, has been awarded the USI Distinguished Accountant Award recognizing professional achievement, service to the region and/or the University, and service to the accounting profession.

The award was presented September 26 at USI during the Accounting Extravaganza, an event for USI accounting majors, faculty, and members of the Accounting Circle, an organization of senior executives in public and corporate accounting in the southwestern Indiana region. Members serve as an advisory board to USI's accounting program.

Swan is a founding member of both the USI College of Business Board of Advisors and the Accounting Circle. He served as first chair of the Accounting Circle in 1998-99 and was chair of the Board of Advisors in 2002-03. Swan served as a USI trustee from 1991-95 and was president of the USI Alumni Association in 1988. He completed a bachelor's degree in accounting at USI in 1972.

In the community he has been active in the United Way of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville Better Business Bureau, Center City Corporation, and Evansville Rotary Club.

Swan began his public accounting career with Price Waterhouse and Company in Chicago and later was associated with Santa Fe Energy Company in Amarillo, Texas. He joined the Kemper CPA Group in 1981.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. He is a board member of the Indiana CPA Society and a recipient of the Civic Achievement Award from the organization's Southern Indiana chapter.

The USI Distinguished Accountant Award was established in 2004 by the Department of Accounting and Business Law in the USI College of Business and the Accounting Circle.

## On-site mammograms in October

St. Mary's Breast Center will offer mammograms on campus on Friday, October 28, and Monday, October 31.

Screenings can be taken without a physician order for women age 40 and over. For women under 40, a doctor's order is necessary. Call your physician and have the order sent directly to you; bring the order to the screening.

The date of your last mammogram must be at least one year ago. You cannot have a screening if you are pregnant or suspect you may be pregnant, or if you have breast implants. Mammograms on women with breast implants must be performed at the hospital. On-site screening mammograms will not be performed if you are experiencing any problems.

If you have had prior mammograms at a medical facility other than St. Mary's, arrange to have your films sent to St. Mary's Breast Center, or bring them to the screening. You must provide St. Mary's with your doctor's name and address so your doctor can review the results. St. Mary's will send the results of the mammogram to you.

The cost of the mammogram is \$91. Bring your insurance card with you to the screening. All University health plans will be accepted.

To schedule a mammogram, contact **Michelle Davis**, benefits supervisor in Human Resources, at 812/464-1781. Screenings will be scheduled in 15 minute intervals beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 226 of the University Center on each day. When you register with Human Resources, you will receive a patient information sheet and a breast history form, which is to be completed and given to the technologist at the time of the mammogram.

## Names in the news

### *In sympathy*

The University community extends sympathy to Michael Auberry, lead custodial worker in the physical plant, whose mother died last week.

### *In appreciation*

"Many thanks for the dish garden and expressions of sympathy in the death of my father. It's an honor to work with such caring colleagues," - **Mona Meyer**, assistant librarian.

### *Accomplishments*

USI art faculty and students have been honored with awards in the "Art in the City" exhibition currently on display in the Old National Bank Atrium in downtown Evansville. Art department faculty winners include **Jason Baldwin**, instructor in art, Best of Show; **David Huebner**, lecturer in art and art workshop supervisor, Second Place in Three-dimensional Art; and **Carolyn Roth**, instructor in art, Honorable Mention in Two-dimensional Art. USI students winners include **Deborah Ball**, First Place in Three-dimensional Art; **Jo Sharp**, Honorable Mention in Two-dimensional Art; and **Jerome Duerson**, Third Place in Two-dimensional Art. Other USI art students exhibiting are **Kim Straub** and **Joe Vessell**. The exhibition, sponsored by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, runs through October 21.

## FYI

### *Welcome reception*

**President and Mrs. H. Ray Hoops** will host a welcome reception for faculty and administrative staff on Friday, October 14. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center. Call Melissa Cochran, senior administrative assistant in Special Events and Scheduling Services, at 812/464-1930 by Monday, October 10, to make a reservation.

## **Employee and Student Wellness Fair**

The Employee and Student Wellness Fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Students, faculty, and staff can take advantage of free health screenings, including vision and hearing tests and blood pressure and cholesterol checks. There also will be body composition screenings and health risk appraisals. A variety of door prizes and snacks will be offered. For more information, contact **Jeannie Kuebler**, administrative assistant in Student Wellness, at 812/464-1807 or **Michelle Davis**, benefits supervisor in Human Resources, at 812/464-1781.

## **Worldwide Luminary Series Conference**

USI will host the Worldwide Luminary Series Conference "Leading to Greatness: Building True Success Wherever You Live and Work," to be broadcast live via satellite from Washington D.C. from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 2. The local program will be presented to a closed-circuit audience at the Evansville Airport Marriott. A limited number of tickets are available for University employees. Speakers will include **Jack Welch, Rudy Giuliani, Sir Richard Branson, Carley Fiorina, Stephen Covey, Malcolm Gladwell, Marcus Buckingham**, and a Fortune 500 panel. A limited number of tickets have been reserved for USI representatives. **Larry Bohleber**, manager of the USI Center for Human Resources Development, said those tickets will be given to University leaders "who are responsible for their area and for inspiring people to work toward the accomplishment of their vision." If you are interested in attending as a representative of USI and would be willing to help out with the event, contact Bohleber at 812/464-1854. If you would like to register as a paying attendee, call 800/289-0051.

## **Archie's closet is bare**

Archibald Eagle's Food Closet, which provides food to USI students and employees in need, is out of canned meats (such as tuna and chicken), canned fruits, and canned pastas (ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs). The closet also needs easy-to-fix boxed dinners, smaller size boxes of breakfast cereal, and canned soup, potatoes, and pork and beans. **Jeannie Kuebler**, administrative assistant in Student Wellness, asked that people not donate canned vegetables such as corn, peas, and green beans. Take items to the Office of the Dean of Students, Room 007 in the University Center, or drop them at Room 204 in the Recreation and Fitness Center. For more information, contact Kuebler at 812/464-1807.

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