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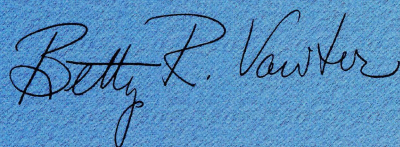
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Not an issue goes by that our readers don't find out something from the magazine contents about the high quality of the education that students at the University of Southern Indiana receive, but we think that this winter 2004 issue is uncommonly packed with information about the people and programs that make USI stand out.

Start with the story of Nadine Coudret, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, learning firsthand about Army nursing. Read about the worthwhile work of two alumni and former student athletes: Chris Baldi in New Zealand, and Robert Titzer of San Diego. Find out about adults finishing their degrees in the Bachelor of General Studies program, and read in Campus News about new internship opportunities for engineering students, a new degree program in early childhood education, and undergraduate research opportunities for science students.

And, in this issue, the cover story is found on the USI Foundation pages. Our generous donors are clever people. There seems to be no limit to the creative ways they find to help students prepare themselves for life and work with experiences outside the classroom. Travel, research, cultural enrichment—gifts often reflect the donor's interests and give the chance of a lifetime to students with similar budding interests.

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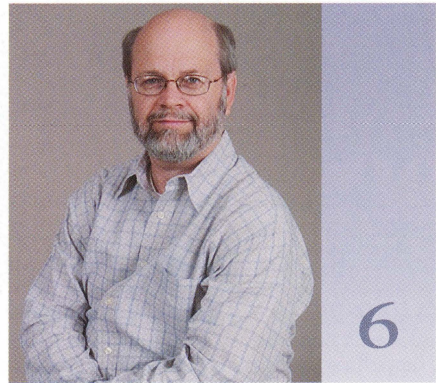
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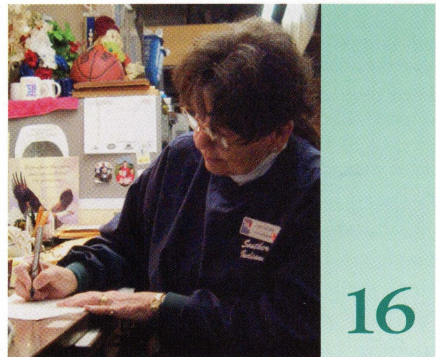
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Finish college after 30



Linda Bennett



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Gifts from generous donors provide learning opportunities that enrich the college experience for USI students. The students pictured are from left Robin Verble, Rob Brown, and Heather Dodd. See page 10.



NADINE COUDRET SALUTES ARMY NURSING

Dean goes to camp to learn about challenges facing military RNs

Rifles, rappelling, and meals ready-to-eat (MREs) are not the usual stuff of summer for academic deans, but the University of Southern Indiana's Dr. Nadine Coudret spent four days last July getting a feel for Army life.

Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions at USI, Coudret was among 90 nurse educators from across the country chosen to be observers and participants July 20-24 in the U.S. Army



Nadine Coudret looked the part in military apparel during artillery practice.

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. The purpose of the experience for nurse educators was to increase their awareness of nursing opportunities in the Army and to acquaint them with the leadership and physical skills demanded of Army nurses.

Coudret shouldered a heavy MX rifle to fire at fast-appearing targets popping up at various distances from her bunker. She also participated in a field

exercise in which she and teammates received four poles to use as resources in devising a plan to cross an area supposedly mined with explosives.

The third physical test for the physically fit Coudret, a regular on the tennis court and golf course, was a rappelling exercise. It was not her first time to rappel. She had experienced that once before in an Outward Bound program associated with a Kellogg Fellowship.

The nurse educators ate in the mess hall with ROTC cadets except for a couple of meals in the field. Coudret pronounced the turkey breast and beef with mushrooms MREs, packaged in McAllen, Texas, "not too bad," adding that individuals who had tasted previous versions of the field rations rated them much improved.

The nurse educators toured the Army's Madigan Hospital where they saw state-of-the-art technology, including robots involved in pharmaceutical and laundry distribution. They also learned about today's sophisticated MASH (mobile army surgical hospital) units and talked with nursing personnel who had served in military zones. Army officers made it clear that Army nurses must have good clinical skills as well as an ability to perform in the field—just like other soldiers.

Coudret said that she was impressed with the way the Army emphasizes leadership, especially the ability to solve problems and adapt quickly to changing situations. These are the same skills which the School of Nursing and Health Professions strives to develop in its nursing students ■

ROTC program growing rapidly

The ROTC program, now in its third year at the University of Southern Indiana, has exceeded all expectations for growth. Major Mark Weaver, the Indiana National Guard officer in charge of the USI unit, said the program has 48 cadets this year. The program began in 2001 with 21 cadets enrolled.

Last summer eight students attended the National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, a month-long experience prior to the senior year of college. Cadets receive additional leadership training and evaluation as potential second lieutenants. Ten USI students are scheduled to attend this year.

Weaver also said that the USI ROTC program continues to attract high-quality students. Sarah Meyer, senior, has received a scholarship from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association for cadets displaying excellence in engineering, math, and computer science.

Laura Hall, a freshman, will be awarded a three-year advanced designee scholarship for nursing from the Army. The award will cover tuition and fees and provide a stipend during her sophomore through senior years. Hall is a graduate of Central High School in Evansville and was a leader in the school's Junior ROTC program ■

Governor Frank O'Bannon

Friend to education

Education and economic development go together, Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon told listeners June 26 on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

Just a few weeks later on September 13, O'Bannon died at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, five days after suffering a stroke. The two-term governor was 73. He was attending a conference in Chicago at the time of the stroke.

When O'Bannon visited USI in June, he was excited about the future of the state and the region. Then-Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan and five members of the administration came with the governor. All were on campus to tell business and community leaders gathered from all across Southwestern Indiana about the state's Energize Indiana economic development plan.

"We believe our state, as great as it is, can grow," O'Bannon said.

He asked attendees to listen to the day's presentations to learn about state programs that would help provide the education and training that Hoosiers need for highly skilled and well-paying jobs. His plans called for diversifying and building the state's economy to keep Indiana strong should a national economic downturn come about.

USI's O'Bannon Hall, which opened in 2001, is named for the late governor. It is one of three suite-style residence halls.

Kernan was sworn in as governor of Indiana on September 13. He was 2003 Commencement speaker for USI and was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws at that time ■



USI President H. Ray Hoops, right, tells Governor Frank O'Bannon about the resources needed to provide higher education in Southern Indiana. The governor was on campus in November 2001 to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee hearing.

Remembering Governor Frank O'Bannon

Frank O'Bannon carried within himself a fundamental commitment to the importance of a quality education for all Hoosiers. He also possessed a remarkable understanding of just what it took for the State of Indiana to achieve the goal of providing that quality education. On more than one occasion, Governor O'Bannon demonstrated the courage of his convictions. Most notably, this was evidenced in his leading the tax restructuring that allowed Indiana, alone among the states, to address educational needs without deep cuts and to continue education funding at a positive level. Even the critics of that effort had to admit that it represented great personal courage on the part of the Governor.

He was a great friend to the University of Southern Indiana and, personally, to me. I have never known a finer gentleman, whether within politics or without. He was unflinchingly courteous, he listened intently, and he absorbed information about the University in astonishing amounts. I once had the experience of misstating a statistic about the University of Southern Indiana. He remembered my discussion with him of a year earlier and corrected me. I suppose I should have been embarrassed by that, but it was a real illustration of his intense interest. Frank O'Bannon will be remembered and missed for a host of reasons. Certainly one of those will be that he was a champion of quality education for all ■

H. Ray Hoops
USI President

Chris and Jackie Baldi set the timer on Jackie's camera to snap this photo of themselves as they awaited a bush pilot to pick them up in Mt. Aspiring National Park on New Zealand's South Island.



At the heart of rehab

USI graduate
Chris Baldi

**directs first cardiac rehabilitation center
in New Zealand**

As a soccer player from 1983-86 at the University of Southern Indiana, Chris Baldi had an obvious interest in exercise. Now in his dual role as a researcher and director of the first cardiac rehabilitation clinic in New Zealand, he is helping others understand and realize what exercise can do for them.

His message is that exercise can prevent health problems and sometimes even work to reverse some conditions.

"I enrolled at USI on an athletic scholarship to play soccer," Baldi said, "and physical activity was understandably an interest of mine. There was no exercise physiology major, and Dr. [Melvin "Mike"] Denner convinced me to enroll in biology, which I am grateful for."

Baldi continued to pursue his interest through two advanced degrees and joined the faculty in the Department of Sport and Exercise Science at the University of Auckland in 1998 as an exercise physiologist.

"Through the combination of my education and research background, my

research interests have focused on the impact of our increasingly sedentary lifestyle on health," he said. "In particular, my research has tried to determine the detrimental effects on cardiovascular function (heart disease) and metabolic disease (diabetes). To do this, I am working with colleagues in the medical school and a privately funded research institute. The reason for my interest in these areas is the simple fact that in many cases, these diseases can be prevented, and physical activity is one of the most effective interventions.

"To clarify for people how important exercise is, our research has taken two approaches. First, comparing world-class athletes with sedentary individuals shows clearly the effects of physical activity. Secondly, by taking sedentary individuals and training them under monitored conditions, we have been able to show that these conditions can be attenuated and sometimes reversed. Because New Zealand is so small and 'sport-focused,' we have been lucky enough to study world-class athletes, including a 70-year-

old man who ran a half marathon in one hour and 22 minutes!"

Baldi and colleagues in the medical school supervise three doctoral candidates and a master's student examining these questions.

He said that the people in New Zealand like to think that Americans are fatter, but the statistics are surprisingly similar.

"We have a problem here with obesity, just as you do, despite the fact that there is a very noticeable subset of the population who take advantage of all of the outdoor opportunities," he said.

In addition to research, a second responsibility for Baldi is the operation of New Zealand's first cardiac rehabilitation clinic. The Auckland Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic, which opened in January 2000, is located on the university's Tamaki campus in a suburb of Auckland.

"These clinics are very common in the United States but did not exist here or in Australia until recently," he said.

The people in New Zealand like to think that Americans are fatter, but the statistics are surprisingly similar.

Baldi believes that his stateside education in cardiac rehabilitation played a large part in his getting the job in Auckland. There were no New Zealanders with training in cardiac rehabilitation.

Baldi said he ideally was looking for a job in the Rockies when he read in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* about the job in New Zealand and applied on impulse.

The University of Auckland cardiac rehabilitation program attracts about 10 students each year from New Zealand, Australia, and Asia to earn a postgraduate diploma in cardiac rehabilitation. Part of the students' requirement is 240 hours of work in the clinic with cardiac patients referred from cardiologists at regional hospitals. The clinic maintains a rolling population of about 40 people.

"Clients are involved for three months, during which time we teach them how hard they can go and for how long," Baldi said. "Most are able to achieve much more than they would have tried without guidance and several are now doing things like the Great Walks of New Zealand or half marathons. Others are content to be able to go to the beach with their grandchildren."

In 2002, Baldi and colleagues were contracted

by the New Zealand Ministry of Health to write a practice guideline for New Zealand Cardiac Rehabilitation Services so it appears that additional clinics are planned.

After graduating from USI in 1987, Baldi enrolled at Ithaca College in New York with a graduate stipend as an assistant soccer coach. In 1991, he completed a master's degree in exercise science, which included training in cardiac rehabilitation.

He then enrolled in a doctoral program in exercise physiology at Ohio State University. After graduating in 1995, he worked for two years at the Ohio State medical school, where he examined the use of electrical stimulation to prevent muscle atrophy in patients with spinal cord injuries. Then he made the move to New Zealand.

Although he is half a world away, Baldi continues to have strong ties to the Tri-State. While in the area last June, he visited with his mentor, Mike Denner, professor emeritus of biology, who died August 20 in Evansville.

"He was an exceptional man," Baldi said.

Despite the scenic beauty of New Zealand, Baldi can still be awed by the outdoor attractions in Southwestern Indiana.

"During my visit in June, Dr. [James C.] Bandoli took me to Hovey Lake to see the bald eagles and osprey that are now permanent residents there. When I was a student, those birds had not yet returned," Baldi said.

Bandoli, USI associate professor of biology, said, "As a student at USI, Chris had 'potential' written all over

him in capital letters—very bright and an engaging personality."

He remembers that Denner heard about Baldi from another faculty member in biology. "Mike saw the potential and challenged Chris to try biology as a major," Bandoli said.

As guides to the great outdoors, Bandoli and Baldi have swapped favors. When Bandoli was on sabbatical during spring semester 2003, he and his wife Moira visited New Zealand. Baldi advised them about the best ways to get around in the country and hosted them personally while they were in Auckland.

Taking advantage of the stunning natural features of New Zealand, Baldi puts his belief in the benefits of exercise into practice. He has hiked, kayaked, cycled, and backpacked most of the country and encourages everybody there to do the same.

He met his wife Jackie, who was visiting from England at the time, on top of Mt. Taranaki. They were married at a church built in 1212 in her home town of Codford in the south of England near Salisbury.

Baldi pointed out that the site where he met his wife is the volcano where the new Tom Cruise movie, "The Last Samurai," was filmed.

Baldi is a 1982 graduate of Carmel High School north of Indianapolis.

His father, Vic Baldi, was vice president/chancellor of Ivy Tech State College in Evansville from 1983-1993. He then became president of Fox Valley Community College in Appleton, Wisconsin. Chris' mother Carol Baldi taught composition at USI as an adjunct faculty member. His parents, now retired, live in Carlsbad, California ■

Exercise can prevent health problems and sometimes even work to reverse some conditions.

A customized degree program **for adults**

STUDENTS 25 AND OLDER CAN DESIGN A CURRICULUM MEANINGFUL TO THEM IN THE BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

For students who are at least 25 years old, the college experience is different from that of an 18-year-old. While students right out of high school face the excitement of being away from home for the first time and a fresh slate of academics, older students often arrive on campus with a mixed bag of prior credits and training, the need to balance work and study, and a determination to get the degree that has eluded them thus far.

The University of Southern Indiana has a customized degree program—the Bachelor of General Studies program—that gives working adults with considerable prior education an opportunity to finish their education with a degree that is both meaningful and enriching. Students, who must be

25 to be eligible, can combine previous higher education, technical or military training, skills acquired on the job, and USI courses to earn the degree. Significantly, the degree is tailored to their career or personal interests and usually allows them to take greater advantage of their prior learning and credits than other degree programs.

Dennis Avery, coordinator of adult marketing and recruitment for the USI Office of Admission, sometimes meets prospective students who can benefit from the General Studies program. It allows students to combine coursework or training from a number of universities or other sources and design a degree program that “makes sense for them.”

“They are able to maximize the

coursework they have taken and attain a degree,” he said.

Lee Ann Shafer, academic programs advisor in Extended Services, said that most universities of USI’s size have some

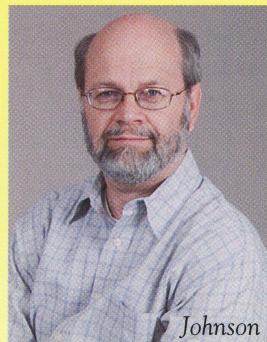


Shafer

kind of program focusing on the unique needs of adult learners.

“There’s a need to reach out to these students by recognizing their prior learning and assisting them in completing their education, knowing that their needs are different from those of the younger student,” she said. Shafer joined USI in the fall semester to coordinate the General Studies program.

Ken Johnson —



Johnson

a new interest in philosophy

Ken Johnson, 51, was an undergraduate student in the USI Bachelor of General Studies program last semester. Today he is a graduate student in the University’s Master of Liberal Studies program. At the same time, he is applying to doctoral programs.

Johnson’s goal is to start a new career in teaching. The recent college graduate was a preacher for about 20 years and also had a long career as chief technology officer for a company in California. When the technology company announced a headquarters move to New York, Johnson decided to leave corporate life with an exit package and

use the opportunity to return to college for a degree. His move to the Evansville area brought him closer to his daughter.

Following high school, Johnson studied voice performance on scholarship at the University of Evansville for a short time. Later, he attended Freed-Hardeman University in Tennessee and Auburn University in Alabama. His interests and major kept changing so he never attained a degree. Much of his expertise in information technology developed from company training programs.

When Johnson enrolled at USI, his intention was to get a degree in information technology and then apply

to the Master of Public Administration program. After taking a humanities class taught by Eric vonFuhmann, associate professor of English, he changed his mind. His classes in the Individualized Study option of the General Studies program focused on English and philosophy.

By taking the General Studies route, he was able to apply prior credits and learning toward the degree and thus finish in one year of study.

“Never in all of my college experiences have I met instructors so genuinely committed to what they obviously love to do and to helping interested students,” he said ■

She formerly worked with adult students as a portfolio advisor at Oakland City University.

During fall semester, USI had 21 BGS students ranging in age from 25 to 69.

Since the program was reorganized and made a part of USI's Extended Services in December 2000, 21 students have earned degrees. Six of those students are now enrolled in master's degree programs.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 5 percent of all degrees conferred in the United States during the 2000-01 school year were classified as liberal studies, liberal arts and sciences, general studies, or interdisciplinary studies (terms often used to describe this type of degree program).

Shafer said that students are motivated to complete their education for various reasons. Some experience a change in their work or personal situation that gives them a new reason to return to school. While some are looking for growth in their career situation, others may be completing the degree

for personal satisfaction. Early in their college career, they may have changed their minds about their major or career goal and thus never finished a degree.

"They are real people who are achieving goals," Shafer said.

She said that most students interested in the BGS program come with a more definite career area in mind than the younger student.

Sometimes students move slowly through the General Studies program or may drop out for a while. One student may not be able to attend classes for a semester because the babysitter quit. Another who works for an accounting firm may be too busy during tax season. On the other hand, sometimes a situation, such as a job layoff, enables a student to take a heavier load of courses than anticipated.

USI's program recognizes that adult students need flexibility in class schedules. Many students attend classes at night or take some courses through Internet-delivered instruction or other means of distance education.

USI's Bachelor of General Studies has two options, each requiring 124 credit hours.

The Applied Studies option includes University Core Curriculum, an Applied Studies block credit, an internship, an interdisciplinary concentration, and electives. Students who hold a technical certificate or an associate degree from an accredited institution often choose this option.

The Individualized Study option includes University Core Curriculum and an Individualized Study program that allows students to tailor the degree to their individual needs and career interests. For instance, a student who wants to go to law school is combining courses related to health services and public relations. A student whose goal is to attend seminary is combining English (composition and rhetoric) and philosophy. Established majors are not open to students in this program.

The BGS faculty committee meets four times a year to consider applications to the program ■

Gail Behme—*'We can do it.'*

After high school, Gail Behme, 34, spent a year at Ivy Tech State College and then earned a degree in tool engineering technology at ITT Technical Institute.

She began work as a machine designer for a company that built custom automated assembly equipment and special machines. To enhance her knowledge, she enrolled at USI to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering technology on a part-time basis but dropped out before completing the program. Recent events brought her back. She was laid off from work in July, and the company closed the following month. She took



Behme

that as a sign to complete a degree.

Because a series of promotions on the job had led Behme into project management, she realized that some business courses would be a good addition to her engineering background. Using the Individualized Study option of the Bachelor of General Studies program, she designed a curriculum that combines her two interests—

engineering and business.

Because Behme wants to enroll in USI's master's program in industrial

management after completing an undergraduate degree, she consulted Dr. David E. Schultz, an engineering faculty member who also is a member of the General Studies faculty committee, for help in selecting courses.

"I am now in a business statistics class which he recommended, and I pulled some classes from the bachelor's in industrial supervision program," she said.

Behme began classes in the fall and expects to complete undergraduate degree requirements by December 2004. The program will equip her to return to the kind of work that she has enjoyed in the past but with increased knowledge and academic credentials.

And about returning to school at age 34, she said, "I see other students my age and older. We all have the same anxieties, but I know we can do it ■"

Linda Bennett

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

A deliberate approach to academic vitality

What struck Dr. Linda Bennett about her early visits to the University of Southern Indiana campus was the newness of the physical plant and the feeling of vitality among the campus community.

"The physical setting is beautiful," she said, "and there's a feeling of vigor on campus. That's a really seductive combination. There's a level of excitement about the work at hand."

Bennett became provost and vice president for Academic Affairs July 1. She has responsibility for the five academic schools (Business, Education and Human Services, Liberal Arts, Science and Engineering, and Nursing and Health Professions), the Rice Library, Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, University Division, and Extended Services.

She succeeds Dr. Robert L. Reid who retired June 30 after a 28-year career with the University.

Bennett came from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where she had been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 1999. Enrolling about 14,000 students, Appalachian State is in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With her move to USI, Bennett returns to her Midwest roots. She grew up in Cincinnati and stayed in her hometown to pursue higher education. She earned three degrees—B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in political science—at the University of Cincinnati.

Bennett was quick to pick up on the USI mission of bringing affordable and high-quality higher education to the area when it was established in 1965,

and she can envision where the University needs to go from here.

"We're still finding ways to serve first-generation students, and as we mature, we're going to be the right institution for their children," she said.

She believes that people increasingly will perceive USI as a comprehensive university with a wide array of undergraduate programs and developing graduate programs. A new undergraduate program in early childhood education recently was approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

In fall semester, Bennett spoke to first-year and junior faculty attending a workshop sponsored by the University's Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. "I told them that they have a chance to shape the future. We're a young university that's growing and developing. As we go through these changes, we're going to hold conversations with everyone involved," she said.

The quantity and the quality of the faculty are a top priority for Academic Affairs. "It is imperative in terms of the growing student population, that we increase the number of faculty," she said, adding that the established faculty will be one of the most important factors in helping the University increase its faculty. "Good faculty will help you hire good faculty."

One of Bennett's first duties at USI was to begin the selection process for a new dean of the School of Liberal Arts, a post that became open the day she joined USI. Dr. Iain Crawford, dean since July 2000, accepted a vice presidency at another institution.



Linda Bennett

"Liberal Arts is a large, complex school," she said. "We're looking for a dean who has high energy, is a positive motivator, and can work across many fields."

Collaboration across divisions of the University is another priority that Bennett believes will continue to move USI forward. Academic Affairs partnered with Student Affairs and other University divisions last fall to begin a program called GoalQuest—a Web-based portal that provides information to new students and their parents.

Users get tips on how to succeed or help their children succeed in the first year of school. Bennett said that such programs have a good track record in increasing student satisfaction and retention. "The link with parents is very important," she said.

Academic Affairs also works closely with campus officials in charge of buildings and construction. Bennett complimented the new Torrington Wing of the Science Center and the Education Center which opened for classes in August. "The quality of the labs is so important. It makes us able to recruit faculty who want to be a part of it," she said.

The planned new library also will have a positive effect as the intellectual hub where the campus community comes together for information and idea exchange.

"When you work in new surroundings with excellent facilities, it raises morale," she said.

The University will soon begin a reaccreditation process. The report on the self-study will be due in 2005 with a site visitation in 2006 for continuing accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Bennett sees reaccreditation as an opportunity to be deliberate about instituting change.

"You can change in reaction to something, but the reaccreditation process gives you a chance to talk about change and how you want to implement it."

As a political scientist, Bennett brings to her job an appreciation for government officials who must find ways to fund programs in times of dwindling resources. "I greatly respect those who go into politics," she said. "I'm not cynical about it. Those who dedicate themselves to public service deserve more credit."

Bennett and her husband Dr. Stephen Earl Bennett had a chance to articulate

some of their ideas about the impact of education on developing new citizens when they presented a paper in November at a meeting of the International Conference on Civic Education in New Orleans. Bennett noted that many young people today are not interested in politics. Their disinterest may be due in part to the negativism and cynicism of so many adults around them. They turn the students off.

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Before joining Appalachian State, Linda Bennett was a department chair and faculty member at Northern Kentucky University.

James Votruba, president of Northern Kentucky, said, "Linda was chair of political science when I arrived in 1997. It was clear from the outset that she was a very strong leader, able to bring people together around a shared vision and agenda.

"Leadership in higher education depends heavily on a person's capacity to build support and find common ground among constituents and stakeholders who may come at issues from very different perspectives. Linda had that talent, which I'm sure is serving her well at USI. It was also clear that Linda was a person who led from a

foundation of openness, integrity, collegiality, and a passion for the work that we are all about."

The move back to the Midwest also brought Bennett's husband closer to the town where he grew up. A native of Minier, Illinois, near Bloomington, he is retired from the University of Cincinnati, where he served on the political science faculty for 31 years. He teaches a course in Introduction to American Politics as an adjunct faculty member at USI. He has two grown children, a daughter in Cincinnati and a son in Columbus, Ohio. Linda Bennett's mother lives in Cincinnati, so their ties to the Midwest are strong.

When leisure time permits, the Bennetts like to travel. Montana and the Rockies are particular favorites. They also enjoy seeing historic sites. In this regard, the Eastern seaboard fits their traveling style. She has a particular interest in sites that tell the story of the nation's colonial period while he puts Civil War sites on his list of things to do. They can accomplish both objectives with a trip to the East.

Another activity they enjoy while traveling is dropping in on other college campuses. "I like to see how various campuses present themselves to people," Bennett said.

Often she says hello to students while visiting a campus and then listens for them to reply and watches for them to make eye contact. Their response can be a window into the vibrancy and vitality of the institution and its community.

USI passed the test ■

Private gifts provide opportunities beyond classroom

Private gifts to the USI Foundation are creating unique opportunities for USI students to participate in educational experiences beyond the classroom. Charitable gifts to the USI Annual Fund or to donor-restricted funds make possible a wide variety of educational choices reflecting the student's interest or major.

USI Annual Fund donors each year make possible a Merit Scholar Enrichment Fund offering USI's top merit scholars opportunities to take a weekend cultural tour to visit museums and eat at ethnic restaurants in selected nearby major cities such as Chicago or Nashville, to participate in a formal dinner to learn proper table manners and guest etiquette, or to attend one of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra's classics concerts. The group was treated to an evening with Albion, Illinois, native Andrea Neurenberg, of New York City, who has written several networking books. "I learned a lot about the little things you can do to stay in contact with people," one participant said. Merit scholars include Presidential Scholars, Deans Scholars, and students holding the Baccalaureate/ Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarships.

The principal focus of the Victor H. and Elizabeth A. Barnett Research Award, established by Dr. Joey V. Barnett '81, associate professor of pharmacology, medicine, microbiology, and immunology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, is to provide a student in the Pott School of Science and Engineering with the opportunity to perform research as an undergraduate. Knowing the value of undergraduate research from personal experience, Barnett created the fund during *Campaign USI* in honor of his grandparents who encouraged him to attend college. Barnett Research Award winners may use the annual \$1,000 stipend to purchase research supplies and materials or for travel expenses if the research is being conducted at another institution.

The O'Daniel Leadership Academy, named for longtime USI trustee Joe O'Daniel who endowed the fund during *Campaign USI*, offers USI students the opportunity to learn and build competency in skills that have been associated with leaders, such as communications, critical thinking, self-confidence, and goal setting. Special workshops throughout the year are designed by the Student Development staff to nurture and empower students to become aware of their leadership skills and abilities. The academy also sponsored a three-hour workshop on networking with Andrea Neurenberg. In addition, two annual corporate leadership weekends are underwritten by key area businesses

...funds make possible a wide variety of educational choices

which host the students on location and provide speakers on their corporate leadership style.

Members of the USI Society for Arts and Humanities as well as guests at its annual Toast to the Arts event provide a source of funding for a wide variety of opportunities for liberal arts students. In one instance, director of the University's honors council Dane Partridge guides a USI delegation of political science students to the American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago, where they learn diplomatic skills in addition to valuable knowledge about the U.N. and international politics.

Students in art professor Michael Aakhus' course on the art of ancient Mexico have the chance each spring break to qualify for the annual Mexico tour to see the archaeological sites and visit the museums of the Veracruz region. "Imagine how this affects the students," Aakhus says. "They come alive on the sites experiencing the art and the ruins they have studied from slides and textbooks." Retired Evansville librarian Elizabeth Zutt established the Zutt Art Student Development fund several years ago to enable students to take trips such as these.

Donors who support the USI Chamber Choir, in addition to the Society for Arts and Humanities, help make possible the choir's summer concert tours to Europe. In May 2002, the USI Chamber Choir toured Ireland, performing in cathedrals and schools. Each of the cathedral venues is an artistic treasure which the music students toured and studied. Visits to the National Museum, library, and the Irish Center for Traditional Music were also on the itinerary.

The James and Barbara Blevins Student Development fund to honor former Liberal Arts Dean Jim Blevins was created by his colleagues and former students as a retirement gift. The couple then committed to endowing the fund to perpetually underwrite student development opportunities that broaden students' horizons and understanding of other cultures. The late Remig and Pauline Fehn earlier had established the Fehn Arts and Humanities Endowment as a result of their participation in the selection of student awards as Society for Arts and Humanities founding board members.

Donors are encouraged to contact David Bower or Suzanne Nicholson at the USI Foundation if they are interested in supporting new student opportunities beyond the classroom. Call 812/464-1918 ■

Gifts to Challenge help establish \$4 million endowment for academics

A total of \$4 million in matching grants from the Lilly Endowment will establish the first multimillion dollar endowment to enhance academics at the University of Southern Indiana. Among the hundreds of gifts of support from key University constituents, major estate gifts from three honorary degree recipients helped the USI Foundation exceed the goals in three of the four categories during the 21-month Challenge for Academic Excellence, which ended December 31.

“Reaching the Challenge goals set by the Lilly Endowment initiative will have a substantial impact on the University in much the same way *Campaign USI* has had far-reaching effects,” said USI President H. Ray Hoops. “Annual income from this new permanent endowment will add new funding to the University’s academic budget at a time when state revenues are off,” he explained, adding “these new monies could not be coming at a more opportune time.”

Qualifying gifts for any academic purpose came from thousands of USI

alumni, friends, parents and family members, and faculty and staff responding to the challenge which had been offered to all 35 Indiana colleges and universities in the Lilly Endowment initiative to strengthen philanthropy for Indiana higher education institutions. However, according to Suzanne A. Nicholson, USI Foundation president, it was combined bequests of \$2.2 million from honorary degree recipients Aline Nunn Renner, Jennings D. “Nick” Carter, and Kenneth P. McCutchan, also a former part-time faculty member, which helped put the Alumni, Family and Parents, and Employee giving over the goals. The Boards challenge reached \$600,248, toward its \$1 million goal in 2002.

The decision to direct all matching grants from the Lilly Endowment during the Challenge for Academic Excellence to a new permanent endowment to enhance academics at the University of Southern Indiana came when new academic programs were being developed at the same time state revenues and state budgets were declining. The USI Foundation does not have another multi-

million dollar endowment to provide unrestricted support to academics.

Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, anticipates directing the annual income from the new Endowment for Academic Excellence to help bring new academic programs on line, provide state-of-the-art technology, or enhance academic areas where the need is greatest. “This will guarantee USI students opportunities to learn the latest developments in established and emerging fields, and with cutting-edge technologies,” she explained. “USI graduates already are important contributors to progress in the region and the state, and this fund ensures those contributions will continue into the future.”

After the full endowment is invested, annual income is expected to exceed \$175,000. The first year’s income is set at \$57,775 for 2004-05 ■

See inside back cover for final figures on the Challenge for Academic Excellence and other information about qualifying gifts.

2003-04 USI Annual Fund

(as of December 31, 2003)

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$100,000	\$ 70,000	\$185,000	\$355,000
Actual	\$ 91,867	\$ 61,772	\$185,362	\$339,001

Gifts to the 2003-04 USI Annual Fund Friends Campaign are receiving additional encouragement from USI friends Steve Chancellor and former Foundation Board Chair Bob Griffin, each of whom contributed \$10,000 to match new or increased unrestricted gifts to the USI Annual Fund this year in addition to a \$5,000 challenge from the Bussing-Koch Foundation. Gifts to the USI Annual Fund received by December 31, 2003 also qualified for a matching grant from the Lilly Endowment in the Challenge for Academic Excellence.

Gifts to the 2003-04 USI Annual Fund may be made through June 30, 2004.

USI Foundation

GOALS

1. To meet the Lilly Endowment/-USI Challenge for Academic Excellence by December 31, 2003.
2. To grow the USI Annual Fund to \$500,000 by 2006.
3. To acquire additional Presidential, Deans, and B/MD Scholarships.
4. To attract \$1 million in engineering scholarship endowments by 2006.
5. To provide for the new library's equipment needs by 2006.

\$1 million Lilly Endowment grant to expand in-state co-op opportunities in engineering

A \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will enhance economic development and in-state employment opportunities for students at the University of Southern Indiana by creating and expanding cooperative education relationships and placements with regional and statewide employers who either hire, or would like to hire, engineers. The grant was awarded from the Endowment's "Initiative to Promote Opportunity through Educational Collaborations."

USI President H. Ray Hoops said the Endowment grant "will allow USI to recruit talented Hoosier students, connect them with lifelong employers, and retain them in Indiana and the region, meeting our goals, those of the State of Indiana, and those of the Lilly Endowment," he said.

The Endowment grant will be used in three ways:

- to provide scholarship incentives for junior- and senior-level students in USI's baccalaureate engineering program to seek and accept co-op positions with Indiana engineering firms;
- to create incentives for Indiana employers to offer co-op opportunities by providing partial wage subsidies for co-op students; and
- to provide a challenge to donors to contribute \$1 million in new scholarship endowments.

Over a four-year period, USI projects that approximately 100 engineering students will be placed in co-op assignments as a result of this program.

According to USI President H. Ray Hoops, "Placement of engineering students in interesting and challenging co-op assignments will stimulate their interest in accepting professional positions with the firms with which

they co-op, thus keeping these highly recruitable graduates in the Indiana workforce."

Hoops cited the University's strong record of keeping graduates in the state. "One of the things we have learned is that 'it is all about relationships' and USI students and regional employers have enormously strong relationships. Over 80 percent of USI's nearly 20,000 graduates remain in Indiana, and of that number, 88 percent reside in southwestern Indiana and the Tri-State, where they developed relationships with employers, either as interns, co-ops, or part-time employees.

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**— H. Ray Hoops
USI President**

"Building strong partnerships with employers, listening to employers' changing needs for workforce development and employer retention, and responding with academic and training programs, outreach activities, and applied research all help to attract and retain graduates in our state and in our communities," he emphasized.

USI focused its Lilly Endowment grant proposal on its new Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) degree

program because of the economic impact the program is expected to have on the region and the state. USI expects its engineering graduates will be highly recruited both in- and out-of-state. Therefore, USI thought incentive programs for both students and employers — many of whom may be smaller firms which hire engineers — which are targeted to Indiana and regional employment opportunities were a natural fit for the Endowment's interest.

Hoops said that USI believes it is imperative that USI engineering graduates accept positions with in-state employers to fill the need identified by a University task force that surveyed economic and workforce development needs in 2000. The report of that task force led to the development of the engineering program to meet an expressed critical need for engineers in the southern Indiana region.

The USI grant will provide:

- \$376,000 for scholarships for engineering co-op students;
- \$424,000 for incentives for employers to provide co-op opportunities; and
- \$200,000 to provide a challenge to donors to contribute \$1 million in new scholarship endowments.

At the end of the Endowment's grant period, USI expects that the endowment fund will perpetuate the scholarship program and that employers who have received incentives will, from their own budgets, assume the cost of the co-op and internship salaries. USI also believes that co-op and internship opportunities will widen as potential employers learn the value of these relationships.

USI had projected that just over 80 students would be enrolled in the new engineering program at the end of its first year of recruiting students; the number to date is 200. ■

Early childhood education major approved

The Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education was approved for the University of Southern Indiana at the November meeting of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The program adds a teaching major in an area of growing need.

"We will have 10 students ready for the junior level as early as spring semester," said Dr. Charles Price, chair of the Teacher Education Department. "Early childhood education is a specific field of study, and employers of teachers of young children seek candidates prepared specifically in this field."

The program of study leads to a degree and credentials for working with young children, preschool to grade three. Graduates of the program will be eligible for the Indiana teaching license, "elementary: primary," and thus eligible for employment in preschool (including kindergarten) through third grade.

Undergraduate students preparing for teaching positions, child-care workers

holding the associate degree who seek advanced training, and early childhood providers who seek leadership and supervisory positions will be interested in this degree program.

Two-year graduates from Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University who want to continue their education in this field also can enroll in the program.

The program requires 124 semester hours of course work, including the University Core Curriculum, a professional education component that includes courses and experiences common to all teacher education courses of study at USI, courses in the major, and electives.

It also requires practical experience working with young children during a minimum of four semesters, three of which will involve intensive experience in classrooms. This includes student teaching with placement in two early childhood education settings.

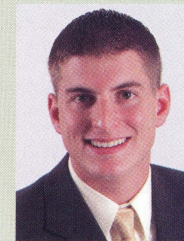
More information about the program is available from the Department of Teacher Education, 812/465-7024 ■

Tucker named student trustee on USI Board

Sam Tucker, a chemistry and business major, was appointed student representative to the USI Board of Trustees in August. His two-year appointment by

the late Governor Frank O'Bannon was effective immediately.

An Evansville resident, Tucker is a graduate of Reitz High School and



Tucker

a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist. He holds the Robert F. and Florence R. Bernhardt Presidential Scholarship.

Tucker serves as vice president of the Student Government Association, plays on the tennis team, and is a member of the Geology Club, the Policy Review Committee, and the Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society.

The student trustee serves as a full voting member who is expected to bring the interests of students to Board discussions and share the student perspective on issues dealing with the University community ■

...Get the message...



Thousands of USI students are in-the-know about athletic events and activities at the Physical Activities Center, thanks to a new messaging sign donated by Integra Bank. Integra has an ATM in the building.

WSWI resumes Webcasting

University of Southern Indiana's Rock is back online. AM 820: The College Rock Alternative resumed Web broadcasting in June.

AM 820 returned to the Internet after college broadcasters and copywriters came to an agreement allowing universities to broadcast on the Web under less stringent rules than those applied to commercial broadcasters.

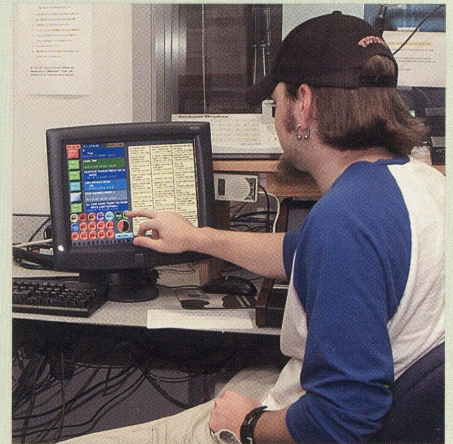
WSWI originally began Web broadcasting in August 2000 but discontinued the practice in July 2002 due to copy-right concerns.

With the resumption of Webcasting, alumni and others interested in USI can hear the station from anywhere in the

world. The Webcasts offer students studying abroad the opportunity to stay in touch in real-time with the home school via radio transmissions.

Screaming Eagles fans also can keep an ear on their favorite athletic teams through the Webcasts. WSWI carries USI men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball games throughout the year.

WSWI broadcasts from sunrise to sunset on AM 820 as required by the station's FCC license. On the Web, however, WSWI can broadcast 24 hours each day. To listen to WSWI on the Internet, visit www.usi.edu/wswi/listen.html ■



Visit WSWI on the Web.

Science students get early start on research as **undergraduates**

Matthew D. Mazalouskas, a senior majoring in biology and biophysics, spent last summer learning about heart arrhythmias and how new discoveries might lead to better drugs to treat the millions of Americans with irregular heartbeats.

Mazalouskas presented information about his participation in a Vanderbilt University summer research program in pharmacology during the fall meeting of the Indiana Academy of Science (IAS). He and three other USI science majors and their faculty sponsors attended the IAS meeting in October at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana.

At Vanderbilt, Mazalouskas conducted research under the guidance of Katherine Murray, M.D., associate professor of medicine and pharmacology. She is a clinical and basic electrophysiologist whose research deals with the molecular biology of ion channels that regulate the human heartbeat.

Murray said the investigation seeks to identify the molecular composition of a channel that resides in the atrium of the human heart, but not the ventricle. Currently, drugs used to treat certain heart arrhythmias (the most common



Matt Mazalouskas

being atrial fibrillation) affect both the atria and the ventricles. The adverse effects in the ventricles can lead to new arrhythmias that cause sudden death.

Atrial fibrillation affects about two million Americans. It is the cause of

approximately 15-25 percent of all strokes in the United States and costs the health care industry approximately \$9 billion each year.

Mazalouskas, the W. Paul and Mildred Torrington Presidential Scholar, was awarded a fellowship for undergraduate summer research in the Vanderbilt program by the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

The research at Vanderbilt was the second summer experience in the laboratory for Mazalouskas. Under the direction of Dr. Marlene Shaw, USI professor of biology, in summer 2002

he conducted research related to the chick endoglin protein, a protein that functions in the formation of blood vessels.

Following graduation from USI, Mazalouskas wants to enter an MD/PhD



Nursing program names Mayola Rowser Outstanding Alumna

Dr. Nadine Coudret, left, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, and Victoria Pigott '95 M '01, right, Special Projects director for the School of Nursing and Health Professions, congratulate Mayola Rowser '95 M '99, instructor in nursing and grant project coordinator for Correctional Health, who received the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award at the Annual USI Nursing Alumni Dinner October 23.

program. "There are so many exciting areas of research out there," he said.

Dr. Joey V. Barnett '81, associate professor of pharmacology and medicine at Vanderbilt, said the purpose of the summer research program at Vanderbilt is to recruit young scientists into research directed toward developing new therapeutic drugs.

"The students we select are those who have a strong science program and have expressed a desire to continue their interest in research by going to graduate school or medical school," he said.

Another USI student who presented at the IAS meeting was Michael L. Walls, a senior biology major. Under the supervision of Dr. James H. Bandoli, USI associate professor of biology, Walls participated in research related to the guardian darter, a fish found in Kentucky and Tennessee. The study investigated patterns of growth in dorsal fin knobs in the guardian darter.

Other USI students who presented research findings at the October meeting were Rachel Byerley, a junior biophysics major, and Timothy Hayes, a senior biology major. Byerley worked with a faculty member at Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville Center last summer on research related to the drug Asparaginase, which is used in the treatment of children with a certain kind of leukemia.

Hayes worked with Shaw on the research involving endoglin, a project that she began while working summers at Vanderbilt with Barnett. Endoglin is a protein partner of the proteins that he works with to study cardiovascular development in the chick.

Shaw said that endoglin becomes highly expressed during blood vessel formation in tumors. It is being studied as an anti-cancer (anti-blood vessel formation) target.

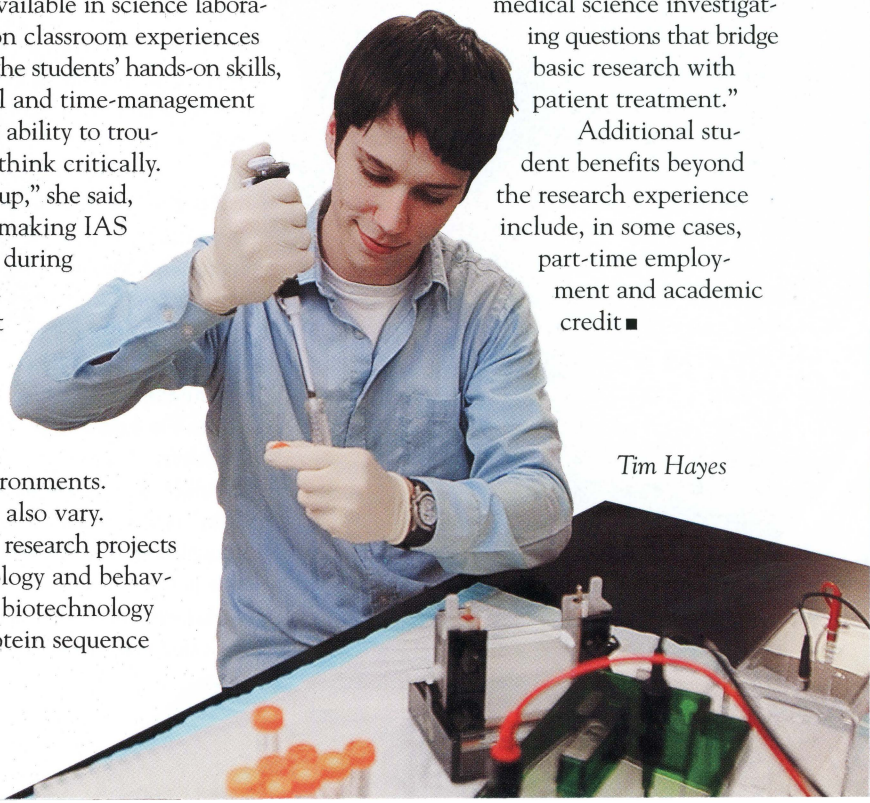
Shaw said that undergraduate research, as well as student-worker experiences available in science laboratories, build on classroom experiences and enhance the students' hands-on skills, organizational and time-management skills, and the ability to troubleshoot and think critically.

"As a group," she said, "the students making IAS presentations during this academic year represent different types of research experience in different environments. Student goals also vary. Their types of research projects vary: field biology and behavioral ecology, biotechnology and DNA/protein sequence

analysis, and protein expression and detection. Their experimental systems vary: endangered fish species, mammalian cell cultures, and mouse liver tissue. Their research environments vary: natural stream habitats, undergraduate research laboratories, and medical school research laboratories. The support for their research varies: USI Foundation funds awarded to student and faculty and IAS grants awarded to faculty. Student career goals vary: graduate research in basic sciences including neurological bases of animal behavior and

medical science investigating questions that bridge basic research with patient treatment."

Additional student benefits beyond the research experience include, in some cases, part-time employment and academic credit ■



Tim Hayes

*You're
always*

Welcome

**at the
PAC**

Lois Stevens makes events hospitable for teams and visitors

How does the Physical Activities Center transform from three teaching gyms to a 3,300 seat arena? The answer lies with one person – Lois Stevens, the equipment manager and PAC supervisor.

Stevens has been a fixture in the PAC since 1985, starting as part of the custodial staff before moving into her current position in 1990.

Her affiliation with the University of Southern Indiana started even before she was a full-time employee.

“In 1985, I was working on campus as a supervisor for the Private Industry Council for inner-city youths,” Stevens said. “John Klingelhofer from the Physical Plant and Charlie Board from Security were greatly impressed with the work ethic I was able to inspire in my crew.

“When my kids finished cleaning a parking lot, USI did not have to go back and redo it. If there was a job to do, we did it the way USI wanted it done.”

Klingelhofer and Board persuaded Stevens to apply for a job on campus. “I told them that I had never done custodial work and they replied, ‘Well, if you clean your house, then you can do this job,’” Stevens said. With that, her association with USI began.

From that point, Stevens became one of the most visible USI employees at the PAC, especially on basketball night. Soon nicknamed the “Feather Duster,” she would sweep the floor at halftime of the basketball games along with mascot Archibald Eagle.

In addition to her nine-month duties at the PAC, Stevens led a crew during the summer in the upkeep of the McDonald Apartments, which were operated as a lodging facility for conference groups on campus during those months.

While at McDonald she got the call from Dr. Larry Arp, who was the USI athletic director. He told her that Ray Walker, the only equipment manager the PAC had known since opening in 1980, was retiring. Arp wanted her to replace him.

A week later the transition was made and the legend began. Since that



Lois Stevens and Archibald (Patrick Sullivan '86) are a team at halftime in the 1985-86 season.

time, Stevens has made the PAC one of the most hospitable places anywhere for visiting student athletes and officials.

“I told Dr. Arp that I wanted to make some improvements to our game management,” Stevens said. “I feel that you shouldn’t treat any student athlete, whether your own or from a visiting team, any differently. I would like to think our teams are being taken care of



on the road just as I would take care of them here.”

Another improvement made by Stevens was bringing her husband on board as a volunteer liaison to the game officials. “That first year, I was just overloaded with the officials, the teams, and the 20-million questions on game night. I suggested that my husband David could be the person to help me out here,” Stevens said.

There are two instances in the PAC that stand out for David in dealing with the officials. One of the most memorable was the time he stood between the officials and former coach Chancellor Dugan when she disputed some calls in a game during her first year as women’s basketball coach. David is 5 feet 10 inches. “It was a little difficult with Dugan being well over 6 feet,” he said.

David continued, “The other memorable moment was the night that three officials came in from Lexington looking dejected. The lead official reached in his pocket and handed me his AAA card and a credit card and said, ‘We had car trouble. Can you get it fixed for me?’”

“Steve McCullough [Varsity Club member and owner of McCullough Auto Parts] saved the day and we got them going after the game,” Lois said. “The officials and David have become really close. When (David) had his heart catheterization in February, three officials called my cell and were spreading the word to the others. To me, that shows the level of professionalism and personal concern.”

A typical game day (or night) for Lois and David starts around 6:30 a.m. With the help of PAC student workers, they set up the scorer’s table, the scoreboard and sound systems electronics,

and press row. They get out the bleachers and set up more than 1,800 chair-back seats. During the afternoon, they help to set up the locker rooms and the ticket booth.

“The only reason I have gotten this involved was to see Lois,” said David, who was the 2002 USI Volunteer of the Year. “When she took over this job, it was very consuming. I started volunteering because she needed the help and I wanted to spend time with her.”

Setting up the gym has not always been easy or without frustration. “USI was hosting its first NCAA II Regional in 1993 and everybody kept saying that everything had to be so perfect,” said Stevens. “We had David and Varsity Club members come in with tools to clean and repair the arena. I was so proud of the way it looked.”

When the NCAA representative came into the arena, he walked around, said it looked good, and walked out. Stevens said, “We had worked so hard.

The least he could have done was use a white glove.”

In addition to the contests in the PAC, Stevens is in charge of uniforms and equipment. The uniforms turned in by some of the athletes can be in shocking shape.

“Men’s and women’s soccer, baseball, and softball are the hardest to maintain,” began Stevens. “One year, Mike Goedde (baseball) got new white uniforms. I begged him to take the old

uniforms on the spring trip to Georgia, but at the last minute he changed his mind and took the new ones. They played in those uniforms for three years, and we never got the Georgia red clay out of them.”

Lois said that she went from chemical company to mothers of Little Leaguers

asking how they got uniforms to be white again.

David laughed, “She can’t get away from her job. We were on vacation in Washington, Pennsylvania, and we were doing our laundry and there was a Little League tournament in town. Lois was talking with all the mothers on how to clean and get the stains out of the uniforms.”

Through all of these responsibilities, Stevens has had to do some of her work from a wheelchair. Over the past seven years, she has had more than four surgeries and several casts for a bunionectomy and other foot problems. One of the surgeries put her in a wheelchair through all of the 2001 volleyball and basketball seasons.

Despite the excitement, the physical difficulties, and the long hours, Lois Stevens has accomplished her goal. Whether you are a visitor, a student athlete, or a USI employee, you always feel at home at the PAC ■



Lois and David Stevens

Kim Boehmer earns All-America honors

Volleyball senior setter Kim Boehmer (Cincinnati, Ohio) has been named honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Boehmer is the first



Boehmer

player in the USI volleyball program’s 24-year history to earn All-America honors.

The award caps a dazzling four-year career that saw Boehmer finish third in GLVC history with a school-record 5,344 career assists and four first-team All-GLVC selections. Boehmer is the only player in school history to earn All-GLVC honors four times ■

1970s

Elain Orem Bogan '79, art, is a retired schoolteacher living in Wentzville, Missouri.

1980s

Thomas Lilly '80, has been named executive director of St. Mary's Foundation in Evansville.

Robyn Rice-Foster '81, political science, recently opened a gourmet bakery that specializes in chocolate, fruit, and vegetable breads. She has worked as a certified paralegal and a software engineer winning numerous awards and promotions for outstanding work in the software field. She resides in Crete, Illinois.

Jeff D. Kniese '87, finance, has been promoted to senior vice president at Integra Bank. He is an Evansville City Councilman representing the First Ward.

Steven B. Dealph '88, marketing, is director of leadership education at North-American Interfraternity Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Geraldine C. Schnaus '89, marketing, was hired as a sales associate at The Realty Group's west-side office in Evansville.

1990s

Kelly L. Dillon '92, business administration, has joined Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana in Princeton, Indiana, as an assistant manager of public affairs.

Michele L. Tribble '92, health services, was recently nominated barrister to Louis D. Brandeis American Inn of Court in Louisville, Kentucky.

Vicki L. Wagner '92, nursing, is a family nurse practitioner at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Terry A. Wheeler '92, elementary education, has joined Independence Bank as an investment consultant in Evansville.

James Bartlett '93, business administration, is a business analyst for American General Financial Services in Evansville.



Calendar of Events

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| March 9 | Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| March 19 | USI Alumni Night with the Indiana Pacers, 7:30 p.m., Consecro Fieldhouse, Indianapolis |
| April 24 | USI Day at the Zoo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo |
| April 29 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Bob '71 and Mary Roeder's home, Indianapolis |
| May 8 | Alumni Association Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall; Class of 2004 Reception and Dinner follows Annual Meeting |
| May 9 | USI Commencement |
| June 6 | Alumni Family Picnic, 4-6 p.m., USI University Center Mall |
| June 8 | Alumni Council Meeting and Orientation, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| July 15 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard, Indianapolis |
| August 20 | Greater Indianapolis USI Scholarship Golf Scramble, 12:30 p.m., The Links Golf Course, New Palestine, Indiana |
| September 17 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble, 11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville |

All alumni are invited to attend these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924. Check out the Alumni Web site at www.usi.edu/alumni ■

Louisville chapter on the mark with leader Brian Pauley

Louisville, Kentucky, is a great place to live and work, says Brian Pauley '00. It has a "big-town feel" but still is close enough for him to stay in touch with friends and family in his hometown of Princeton, Indiana, and in Evansville.

As a University of Southern Indiana alumnus, Pauley is far from alone in choosing to settle in Louisville. The Greater Louisville area is home to almost 325 USI graduates. As president this year of the Greater Louisville Chapter of the Alumni Association, Pauley wants to help more USI graduates in the area connect with each other and stay in touch with USI.

A chemistry and mathematics major at USI, Pauley earned a master's degree in math in summer 2003 at the University of Louisville. He completed an internship at Integrity Life Insurance (a subsidiary of Western-Southern Life) while pursuing his master's and then began full-time work as an actuary in the product development department after graduating with the advanced degree. He and Tracie Follette, a University of Evansville graduate, were married in Louisville in May.

At USI, Pauley was a well-known student leader. He served as president of the Student Government Association and as student representative on the Board of Trustees.

"The biggest thing that I gained from those experiences is that it opened me up," Pauley said. "I feel like I can talk to anybody. I'm not intimidated to take on tasks.

Carla Clark Bishop '93, business administration, has opened The Scrapbook Nook, a scrapbooking supply store in Calhoun, Georgia.

Sharie Sweet Peterson '94, Spanish, accepted a position as an events specialist for Pacers Sports & Entertainment at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.



Greater Louisville alumni gathered at the Bluegrass Brewing Company in November to catch up on USI happenings and discuss future chapter activities. Front row from left, are Pete Johnson '00, chapter president Brian Pauley '00, Chris Lindy '03, Britney Gentry '03, and back row from left, Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services Nancy Johnson '83 M '95, Tracie Pauley, Rick Hudson '02, and Carrie Andersen '03.

"At the level of student trustee, you're with people who make big decisions and do important things. But to me they're approachable because I've worked with them. I couldn't help Dick Schmidt [now vice president emeritus of Business Affairs] make big decisions about the budget, but I learned how to interact with people."

The Greater Louisville Chapter of the USI Alumni Association was formed in 1998. Traditionally, the group has met on the day of the USI-Bellarmino basketball game. Pauley hopes to increase the number of get-togethers and discuss with fellow alumni the possibility of starting some projects that would benefit students and programs at USI. He men-

tioned the golf scramble sponsored by the Indianapolis alumni to support a scholarship for a student from their area who enrolls at USI. Greater Louisville alumni might want to do something similar for outstanding high-school students in their area. At a recent chapter meeting, members discussed timing an alumni event to coincide with the Kentucky Oaks or Kentucky Derby races.

Pauley is soliciting ideas from alumni who live and work in the Greater Louisville area. Click on the "Chapters" link at www.usi.edu/alumni to contact him.

Alumni already active in the chapter may be contacting fellow USI alumni by phone or e-mail about chapter involvement ■

Brian E. Elpers '95, elementary education, was named physical education teacher and head of intramurals at Crestwood Elementary in Oldham County, Kentucky.

Lana Huff Lis '95, accounting, has been promoted to accounting supervisor at Black Beauty Coal in Evansville.

Darla A. Vote '95, health services, '99, Master of Business Administration, has been named manager of quality improvement and infection control at The Women's Hospital in Evansville.

Lori L. Horstmeyer '96, psychology, received her master's degree in Human Development Counseling from St. Louis University. She opened a private practice in 2001 in Evansville.

Amy Happe Schoettle '96, accounting, has joined the Indianapolis law firm of Ice Miller as an associate and will concentrate her practice in the area of real estate.

Brett N. Begle '97, accounting, is a financial analyst for Integrity Pharmaceutical Corporation in Fishers, Indiana.

Stephanie Dunn Norrick '97, political science, has taken the position of director of community resources for the United Way of Southwestern Indiana in Evansville.

Julie Cotter Walker '97, nursing, is a charge nurse at Greene County General Hospital in Linton, Indiana.

Jane Morrow Below '98, English, is an information architect at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Christina Beeler Jacob '98, social work, '00, Master of Social Work, is a social worker for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Gary J. Marksberry '98, political science, is an associate attorney for Kortepeter McPherson Hux in Indianapolis.

Jenny R. Medcraft '98, computer information systems/German, is a computer systems analyst at USI.

Christy S. Roth '98, business administration, has been promoted to branch manager at First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Rita Gilmore Winters '98, nursing, has taken the position of instructor of nursing at USI.

Carrie A. Bruner '99, elementary education, is an associate instructor at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

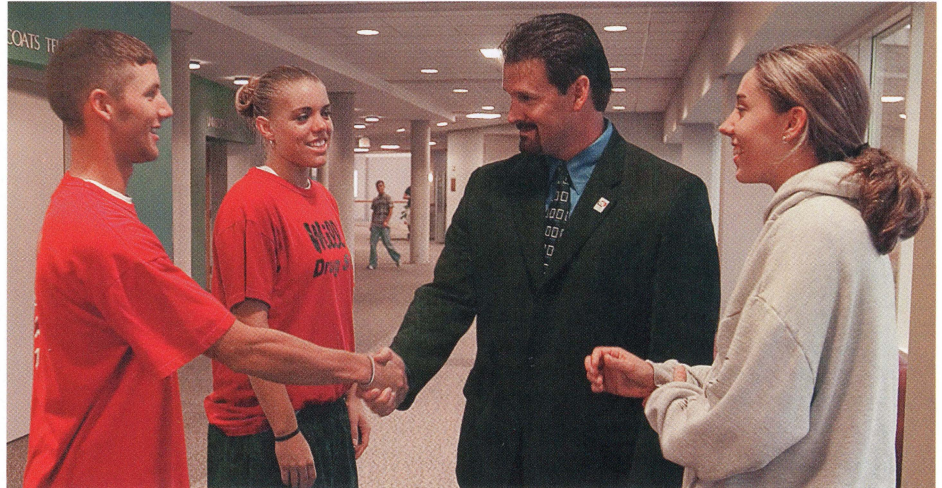
Michael H. Hartmann '99, business administration, is an instructor of finance at USI.

Tonya Hufnagel Kirkland '99, accounting, has been hired as trust officer for Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Michele A. Rodriguez '99, elementary education, is working for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation as a teacher of English as a new language.

Heather M. Stone '99, health services, is a staff nurse with the Evansville Surgery Center.

Scott Turi returns as Alumnus-in-Residence



Scott Turi '93, co-owner of Resultz Personal Fitness in Evansville, greets students at the Alumnus-in-Residence program for the Department of Physical Education. He shared his perspective on traveling the path from employee to boss.

2000s

Kimberli E. Balder '00, elementary education, teaches language arts at Cowden-Herrick Junior High School in Herrick, Illinois.

Nathan A. Begle '00, business, is a business teacher at Community Schools of Frankfort in Frankfort, Indiana.

Andrew M. Dorsett '00, mathematics, is a high-school math teacher at South Putnam High School in Greencastle, Indiana.

Chris J. Dunning '00, business administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president/Burkhardt Road Retail Banking Center manager with Old National Bank in Evansville.

Nathan T. Fry '00, English, has accepted the position of director of athletic compliance at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Brian A. Hubbard '00, communications, is accounts manager for Maxim Healthcare Services in Columbia, Ohio.

Ryan J. Kelley '00, business administration, has joined Smith Barney as a financial consultant in Evansville.

Jason A. Coomer '01, social science teaching, is assistant director of athletics at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois.

Christopher D. Hamman '01, business administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president-commercial loan credit analyst at First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Antoinette Cox Hein '01, communications, is an admissions representative at Keller Graduate School in Indianapolis.

Rick L. Heldt '01, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to an assistant vice president-account manager at First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Rhea N. Hemenway-Woosley '01, health services/nursing, is a registered nurse at American Eye Associates in Evansville.

Danielle Eli Hudak '01, nursing, has been promoted to registered nurse educator at the Evansville Coalition for the Homeless in Evansville.

Sheri L. Hughes '01, finance, has been promoted to trust officer at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Kerri Rice Kemper '01, elementary education, is a teacher with the Indianapolis Public Schools system in Indianapolis.

Ronda Norman-Watson '01, psychology, is a school psychologist intern at West Central Indiana Special Services Cooperative in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Babies can read? Sure, says alumnus and author

Bald-headed babies, gray-haired grandparents, hopeful parents, expectant mothers, and a few promising toddlers gathered in Evansville in August to hear a University of Southern Indiana graduate talk about teaching babies to read.

Evansville was one stop on a nationwide tour for Robert Titzer '85, communications, who has developed an early reading program for children based on years of research into how infants learn. He has produced a series of five books with corresponding videotapes and DVDs so other parents can achieve the same results with their children.

"Ninety percent of the brain is developed by age 5 and then we send children off to school," he said.

The former USI tennis player began developing the early reading program after his first daughter, Aleka, was born while he was a doctoral student in psychology at Indiana University.

"On the one hand I was studying babies, and, on the other hand, I was sending my baby off to the sitter," he said.

Titzer made a videotape for Aleka to watch while she was at the sitter. On the tape, he pronounced a word, pointed to the written word, acted out the word, and asked her questions about the word.

Aleka was three months old when she started watching the tape. By nine months of age, she was reading the words on the tape. He assures parents that "virtually any baby," not just his child, can do this.

"If parents expose children to the written form of the language in much the same way they are exposed to the verbal language, they will learn to recognize the written language," Titzer said.

He believes that much television programming billed as "educational" is not educational and urges parents not to let their children view it. Aleka did not watch other television as an infant, only the interactive video which her father made. Titzer also used the home-



Robert Titzer told listeners gathered at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Evansville that reading is the most important skill they can give their children.

Diego State University. He taught in the San Diego area and then for a year in Guam. He earned a master's degree at Pennsylvania State University and a doctorate in human performance from Indiana University, where he conducted studies related to how babies learn. He continued to conduct research related to infant learning as a faculty member at Southeastern Louisiana University.

For more information about Titzer's learning method for infants, visit www.yourbabycanread.com.

Among those who gathered at the bookstore to see Titzer was Dr. Jack L. Marr, associate professor emeritus of biology and Titzer's former tennis coach at USI. He returned Titzer's USI class ring, which he had found years ago in an old tennis team travel bag ■

made videotape with his second daughter, Keelin. After friends noticed the results with his second child, they started asking for tapes to use with their own children.

Titzer moved to California in 1998 and taught as an adjunct at California State University-Fullerton. His company, Infant Learning Company, now takes his full-time attention. His sister, Lisa Titzer Dozier '76, a USI communications major, and her husband Brendan Dozier are co-vice presidents of the company.

Titzer credits the learning environment in California for helping his reading method gain acceptance and recognition early on. In California, where a relatively large proportion of the population learns English as a second language, people are familiar with the serious nature of reading problems and have seen firsthand that it is easier to learn a language at an early age.

"There are lots of babies in California who are reading," he said.

Titzer grew up in Newburgh, Indiana. After graduating from USI, he earned a teaching credential at San



Fans turn out for game with Wisconsin-Milwaukee



Varsity Club members traveled to Milwaukee in November to see the men's basketball team play Bruce Pearl's Wisconsin-Milwaukee team. From left are Joan Smith, Lloyd and Joanie Jost; Kelly Williams '83; and Pearl, former USI head coach for men's basketball. Williams is a former USI basketball player who lives in Atlanta.

Michael O. Stucki '01, elementary education, has joined F.C. Tucker Emge as a sales associate in Evansville.

Ava R. Demps '02, management, has taken the position of benefits supervisor at USI.

Matt J. Giles '02, finance, has been promoted to investment consultant at the Old National Bank 41 North branch in Evansville.

Rachael C. Harris '02, business administration, is a fixed asset account associate at Disney Worldwide Shared Services in Celebration, Florida.

Amber Cosby Hoover '02, German, is a scheduler with Bristol Myers Squibb in Evansville.

Gerald D. Hutton '02, computer information systems, is a consultant/Web designer for Lakeside Consultants, LLC in Gainesville, Georgia.

April D. Johnson '02, economics, has been promoted to mortgage loan supervisor for First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

Neil P. McManaway '02, political science, attends graduate school at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Leah A. Mercer '02, physical education, is a graduate assistant volleyball coach for the University of Ohio. She resides in Athens, Ohio.

Steven J. Moore '02, business administration, is owner/mortgage broker of Diversified Lending Services in Floyd Knobs, Indiana.

Stacy L. Reynolds '02, interpersonal organization, works as an education specialist for East Central Illinois Community Action Agency in Danville, Illinois.

Jennifer Pierle Schmitz '02, public relations and advertising, is a marketing associate for Catalyst in Indianapolis.

Rebecca S. Schnarr '02, business administration, recently received a commission as a naval officer (ensign) after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Florida.

Meghan E. Volk '02, psychology, has taken the position of mental health specialist at Child Focus, Inc. She provides troubled youth with behavioral intervention to help them cope with various life stressors. She resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Derek J. Adams '03, accounting, is a staff accountant for BKD, LLP in Evansville.

Janice M. Barnes '03, social work, is school social worker for St. Vincent's Day Care Center in Evansville.

Ryan T. Beal '03, marketing, is a marketing assistant with Hoosier Stamping & Mfg. Corporation in Evansville.

Jonathan P. Bothel '03, mathematics, is an ensign with the United States Naval Reserves in Pensacola, Florida.

Vickie L. Bush '03, Master of Science in Nursing, has joined Ohio Valley HeartCare as a nurse practitioner in Evansville.

Trisha M. Butler '03, French, recently joined Western-Southern Life Insurance as a sales representative. She resides in Evansville.

Kristin L. Cavins '03, elementary education, is a special education teacher at South Harrison School Corporation in Corydon, Indiana.

Julia M. Chapel '03, occupational therapy, is working at Advanced Therapy & Rehab as an occupational therapist in Chicago.

Jennifer L. Clements '03, accounting, has taken a position with BKD, LLP as a staff accountant in Evansville.

Jennifer H. Cordill '03, accounting, has joined Umbach & Associates as a staff accountant in Evansville.

Nicole K. Daunhauer '03, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist with Fletcher Dental & TMJ Clinic in Greenfield, Indiana.

Julie M. Fischer '03, business administration, is a business operations assistant for the Indianapolis Indians in Indianapolis.

Renee R. Gelarden '03, elementary education, is an eighth-grade mathematics teacher at Ben Davis Junior High School in Indianapolis.

Erica L. Goebel '03, accounting, has been hired by Harding, Shymanski and Company in the general services department. She resides in Evansville.

Jessica R. Hahn '03, marketing, is a manufacturer's representative for Roth Mooney Electrical Agency in Indianapolis.

Sally H. Kleinknecht '03, mathematics '03 Master of Education, has taken the position of instructor of mathematics at USI.

Ryan M. Klem '03, computer information systems/marketing, has taken a position in human resources with NUMMI in Fremont, California. NUMMI is a 50-50 joint venture of Toyota and General Motors

Leah C. Miller '03, exercise science, is an exercise physiologist with St. Mary's Warrick Hospital in Boonville, Indiana.

Bree Muse '03, public relations and advertising, has joined U.S. Surveyor as a marketing representative in Evansville.

Erin E. Oxendine '03, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist for Harrison County Special Education Co-Operative in Corydon, Indiana.

Michael S. Parson, Jr. '03, Master of Business Administration, is working for US Bank as a sales and service manager in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Amy D. Phillips '03, health services, is the LASIK coordinator for Talley Med-Surgical Eye Care in Evansville.

Laura E. Powell '03, business administration, is the office manager at Hoosier Sand & Gravel in Mooresville, Indiana.

Sarah E. Rodriquez '03, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist with HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Amanda J. Root '03, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist for Advanced Therapy & Rehab in Chicago, Illinois.

Summer N. Schmuck '03, Master of Social Work, has taken the position of primary counselor with Tampa Crossroads in Tampa, Florida.

Misty Lynn Seaton '03, Master of Science in Accounting, has joined Vectren as an internal auditor in Evansville.

Alicia K. Vierling '03, Spanish, teaches Spanish at Owensboro Middle School and Owensboro High School in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Tyson J. Wagler '03, accounting, is a staff accountant with BKD, LLP in Evansville.

Janice A. Williams '03, social work, is president of William's Bail Bond Company in Jasper, Indiana.

Kyle W. Winternheimer '03, public relations and advertising, has joined KM Phoenix Enterprises as a sales representative in Brandon, Florida.

Melissa D. Yurechko '03, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist with Dr. Paul Larsen in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Angela K. Zenthoefler '03, radiology, is a radiological technician at Welborn Clinic in Evansville.

Marriages

Jacqueline L. Miller '93, communications, and Kent Knobbe, July 12, 2003

Brian W. McKinley '96, business administration, and Tricia Beppu, October 4, 2003

Marcie L. Memmer '96, psychology, and Michael Didocha, May 17, 2003

Stanley Gouard '98, communications, and **Chasity K. Kennedy '00**, communications, August 30, 2003

Lisa D. Overton '98, French, and Howard Demontagnac, June 14, 2003

Jon Carl, Bill Bartelt — top marks for U.S. history teaching standards

The report card that grades standards for teaching U.S. history at the high-school level is out. The results? According to the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, Indiana gets top marks in the nation.

The three-person committee that developed the initial framework for the standards included a University of Southern Indiana alumnus and an adjunct faculty member. Jon Carl '95, '99 M.S.E., head of the social studies department at Reitz High School in Evansville, and Bill Bartelt, head of the social studies department at Harrison High School in Evansville and a USI adjunct faculty member, served on the committee along with a secondary school social studies teacher from Lafayette, Indiana.

The comprehensive state-by-state analysis of K-12 U.S. history standards was released in September by the Fordham Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving education.

Indiana was the only state to receive 29 out of a possible 30 points. No state received 30 points.

In the report, Sheldon Stern, former chief historian at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library in Boston, said, "For com-

prehensiveness, sequential development, balance, and sensitivity to historical context, the Hoosier State stands at the head of the class."

Carl said the goal was to write balanced standards that addressed the big themes in U.S. history but that also were traditional enough to develop an understanding of facts and their chronology.

Bartelt said, "A lot of it was trying not to deal just with the facts, but to make sense of the facts."

He said students should be able to relate the facts they learn to economic, cultural, and political influences in the various time periods.

The committee began drafting the standards in 1999-2000. They were submitted to an advisory panel and other groups for review and further development before adoption by the Indiana State Board of Education in August 2001.

Bartelt recently received the 2003 Hoosier Historian Award presented by the Indiana Historical Society in recognition of distinguished contributions to scholarship. He is chair of the education committee of Historic Southern Indiana, an outreach of USI ■

Jasper alumni meet new dean



Dr. Eugene Klippel, left, new dean of the School of Business, chats with alumni at the USI Dubois County Alumni Reception hosted by German American Bank in Jasper, Indiana. From left are Klippel, Blake Krueger '93, John Newlin '02, and Nick Schnarr '00.

Natalie A. Schmalz '98, psychology, and Joe Hargrove, September 20, 2003

Jason L. Shrodes '98, political science, and Lisa Kramer, May 31, 2003

Kelly M. Bishop '99, computer information systems, and Darren Reisinger, August 16, 2003

Kara B. Chapman '99, elementary education, and Jon Alexander, June 30, 2003

Stacey L. Arnold '00, occupational therapy, and Michael T. Blume '01, computer information systems, August 23, 2003

Lorrie A. Head '00, public relations and advertising, and Greg Weiss, September 20, 2003

Elizabeth A. Verkamp '00, accounting, and Dylan Barnes, October 4, 2003

Stephanie D. Perrette '00, health services, and Troy Pingsterhaus, July 5, 2003

Erin L. Walter (Bube) '00, business administration, and Kristin Sbordone, November 1, 2003

Kristen K. Young '00, dental assisting, and Phillip Young, July 19, 2003

Robin D. Boone '01, dental assisting, and Shaun M. Hudson '01, art, July 19, 2003

Melissa G. Jenkins '01, marketing, and Brandon TenBarge, September 6, 2003

Heather R. Osborn '01, health services, and Chad A. Cain '02, history/social science teaching, September 14, 2002

Sarah E. Pfrank '01, public relations and advertising/art, and Robert Thomas, July 19, 2003

Amy J. Clem '02, accounting, and Sean R. Fisher '02, business education, June 7, 2003

Sharla L. Flack '02, communications, and Brad Ahrens, November 8, 2003

Shawn A. Graham '02, mathematics/economics, Kimberly K. Loudon '01, October 4, 2003

April D. Johnson '02, economics, and Todd Weyer, October 25, 2003

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Amanda J. Miller '02, Master of Social Work, and **Jeremy R. Miller '03**, public relations and advertising, July 5, 2003

Amy M. Wagner '02, English, and **Bradley Lutes**, February 19, 2003

Julie R. Wittman '02, public relations and advertising, and **Ryan J. Morrison '02**, social science, July 26, 2003

Nick O. Dixon '03, exercise science, and **Tracee Egnew**, August 8, 2003

Brandi S. Elpers '03, accounting, and **Brad Rasche**, August 2, 2003

Lindsay K. Hoehn '03, elementary education, and **Shane Suits**, September 6, 2003

Tracey J. Parus '03, health services, and **Jeremy Kieffner**, September 20, 2003

Abbie L. Raber '03, elementary education, and **Gil Toy**, July 26, 2003

Kristan D. Reynolds '03, Spanish, and **Klint Lucas**, October 25, 2003

Brian W. Schmuck '03, sociology, and **Heather M. Dant '02**, health services, May 17, 2003

Miranda A. Wimpelberg '03, political science, and **Kevin Baugher**, June 14, 2003

Births

Tracy Coleman Powers '87, elementary education, and **M. Shawn Powers '98**, sociology, daughter, **McKenzie Nicole**, September 8, 2003

Beth Becker Allen '89, accounting, and **Brian**, daughter, **Brianne Erica**, September 21, 2003

Dodi Hayden Hoefling '90, accounting, and **David**, daughter, **Abigail Marie**, September 23, 2003

Karla Moody Atkins '92, business administration, and **James**, daughter, **Meredith Kay**, September 20, 2003

Geoffrey A. Gentil '92, business education, and **Kristina**, daughter, **Lyndsey Nichole**, August 15, 2003

Melisa Patton Mayfield receives social work award

Melisa Patton Mayfield '93, '97, is the recipient of the first Outstanding Alumni award given by the Department of Social Work. The plaque was awarded October 9 in Indianapolis at the state conference of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), a meeting which Mayfield co-chaired. The award recognizes a graduate who has a consistent history of outstanding support and advocacy of the Department of Social Work.

A resident of Fort Branch, Indiana, Mayfield is a social worker in social services discharge planning for St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville ■

Tucker receives Athena Award

Kristen Tucker, '99, M.A.L.S., vice president, publisher, and editor of Tucker Publishing Group, was honored by the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce with the 2003 Athena Award.

The prestigious award recognizes a woman for her personal ideals, professional excellence, and assistance to other women in achieving their goals ■

Rono places fourth in NYC Marathon

Former University of Southern Indiana cross country/track and field runner **Elly Rono '99** (Kenya) finished fourth on November 2 in the New York City Marathon. He finished the race in 2:11.31, just one minute off the winning pace ■

Angie Catt Brawdy '93, accounting, '99, Master of Business Administration, and **Scott A. Brawdy '94**, accounting, son, **Ethan Scott**, November 13, 2003

Stephanie Gries Brown '94, early childhood education, and **Thomas E. Brown '95**, communications, daughter, **Abigail Ann**, June 29, 2003

Holly Baehl Vidmar '94, health services, and **Joseph J. Vidmar '97**, business, daughter, **Maggie Jo**, September 18, 2003

Heather Hazelip Allyn '95, business administration, and **Matt D. Allyn '95**, business administration, daughter, **Amber Nicole**, July 17, 2003

Christina Ferguson Cahall '95, nursing, and **Shane**, son, **Brett Taylor**, June 16, 2003

Nick A. Gantner '95, mechanical engineering technology, and **Amanda**, son, **Clay Michael**, October 1, 2003

Michelle Denu Arthur '96, mathematics, and **Jason**, son, **Brayden Joseph**, August 11, 2003

Renae Blankenberger Egli '96, elementary education, and **William F. Egli, Jr. '96**, business administration, son, **Reed Asher**, September 18, 2003

Marlene Haase Hocking '96, elementary education, and **Todd**, daughter, **Eva Carolyn**, August 23, 2002

Brady B. Kemper '96, social science teaching, and **Susan**, daughter, **Ellie Caroline Kemper**, July 3, 2003

Monique Van Namen Clark '97, elementary education, and **Thomas**, daughter, **Ashleigh Terese**, August 25, 2003

Shawnda K. Gibson '97, dental hygiene, and **Chad**, daughter, **Emma Kaye**, July 25, 2003

Lee Ann Coplen Holzmeyer '97, nursing, and **Jason**, son, **Ryan Joseph**, April 4, 2003

John P. Mullen '97, English, and **Kylee**, daughter, **Jaylen Bry**, June 26, 2003

Mattie Barnes McFall '98, elementary education, and **Gerald**, son, **Mitchell Ryan**, August 19, 2003



A cross country alumni team won the School Traveling Trophy competition at the 2003 Alumni Fun Golf Scramble. Donita Wolf '83, Alumni Association president, presents the trophy to team members, from left, Todd Reller '84, Steve Jamell '89, Mike Orban '89, and Rod Sutherlin '89. Jamell, Orban, and Sutherlin reside in Indianapolis.

Golf outings fund scholarships

Proceeds of two alumni golf events support student scholarships. The Alumni Association and the Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter express thanks to the following 2003 corporate hole sponsors.

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Angela Orth Spindler '98, communications, and Jason W. Spindler '99, computer information systems, son, Abel Robert, August 15, 2003

Tiffany McNeish Basham '99, business administration, and H. Alvin Basham '00, business administration, son, Riley Adison, September 22, 2003

Elizabeth Terry Merchant '99, visual art, and Jonathan, daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, October 25, 2003

Brandy Schwartz Hess '00, journalism and computer publishing, and Ryan, son, Cole Lee, November 6, 2003

Lindsay Williams Lang '00, Master of Science Nursing, and Dirk, son, Noah Eric, July 4, 2003

Kimberly Wildeman Simon '00, communications, and Brian J. Simon '00, business administration, son, Mason Andrew, July 13, 2003

Beth Ann West Ivie '01, health services, and Samuel B. Ivie '02, computer information systems, daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, September 30, 2003

Stacey Kubida Kaiser '01, elementary education, and Scott, daughter, Kylie Jordan, May 5, 2003

John R. Newlin '02, accounting, and Jill, son, Reece Gabriel, April 17, 2003

In Memoriam

Mary Ann Schmitt '74, accounting, of Evansville, died October 3. She worked at the Castle Junior High School.

Larry J. Meadows '75, business, of Evansville, died October 26. He was an insurance salesman for Western Southern Life Insurance and was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

Betty B. Schafer '77, art, Evansville, died October 5. She was a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association and was a charter member of VOICES.



Dennis W. Smith '84, management/marketing, Evansville, died October 18. He enjoyed volunteering his time as a reader at Red Door Preschool and Evansville Christian School. He served in the Army as a medic during the Vietnam War.

Carol A. Wilson '90 died October 1 in Colorado Springs. She worked at Ferro Corporation in Evansville.

William R. Fiscus Jr., '94, elementary education, '01, Master of Science in Education, Evansville, died August 17. He was employed with the Evansville Police Department. He was awarded the Evansville Police Department Silver Merit Award in 1977. He coached the Unified Basketball Team at McGary Middle School, where he coached his team to the State Championship in 1999 and 2000.

Deborah Pratt Duren '97, sociology/psychology, Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly of Kansas City, Missouri, died September 27. She was an advocate against domestic violence.

Pamela J. Hinman '98, accounting, Chandler, Indiana, died August 26. Pam was a past member of the board of directors of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Scott Patrick '99, business administration, Wheatfield, Indiana, died December 22 in Gary, Indiana. An Indiana state trooper, he was shot fatally while responding to a disabled vehicle call. His wife Melissa is expecting their first child. Contributions to a fund that will benefit the baby may be made to Patrick Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Attention: Teller Line, 56 S. Washington St., Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Jean A. Bennett '00, science teaching, '03, Master of Science in Education, Evansville, died October 28. She was a science teacher at Memorial High School and enjoyed playing the violin.

Elizabeth L. Brewster '02, English teaching, Oakland City, Indiana, died September 8. She taught at South Knox Junior High School and was an active coach of various sports at Wood Memorial and South Knox Schools.

William L. "Bill" Hitch, a member of the Indiana State University Board of Trustees who served two terms from 1969 to 1977, died December 8. Hitch was an advocate for the Evansville regional campus of ISU that was to become University of Southern

Indiana. He served the Foundation as the trustee representative and later was elected to additional terms and served in that role for 20 years. Hitch was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 1979 Commencement ceremony for his service to the campus and the community.

Garrett memory lives through merit award

Dain L. Garrett '99, history, Carmi, Illinois, died October 24. A *summa cum laude* graduate with a baccalaureate degree in history, he returned to USI annually to present the Dain Garrett Merit Award, which he established to recognize a history student who excels academically and who has overcome a significant obstacle.

Garrett attended USI for seven years with his mother Connie at his wheelchair's side. His outstanding scholarship eclipsed the physical limitations of his neuromuscular disease. An honors graduate, he was recognized with every citation and monetary award given by the History Department. Following graduation, he used his scholarly awards and gift money to establish the merit award.

Garrett will be awarded a master's degree posthumously from California State University, where he completed the coursework for the degree with a 4.0 average ■

USI women volunteer for Habitat for Humanity



USI women volunteers numbered 46 in October to assist Evansville's Habitat for Humanity Women Build project. Volunteers who worked the morning and afternoon sessions are pictured. They are USI alumni, employees, YMCA Diamonds Group, and USI students from Student Habitat Association, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Delta Zeta.





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Share your time and expertise

USI counts on alumni to provide meaningful service to students and the University community. Here are ways you can be part of what happens at USI.

- Alumni Speakers Bureau
- Legislative Alumni Network
- Day on the Job
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Nominations open for alumni trustee

The USI Alumni Association seeks applications for alumni representative to the USI Board of Trustees to succeed Tina Kern-Raibley '83 whose term will end June 30.

Applicants must be Indiana residents. Send nominations, including resume and cover letter, by March 1 to Nancy Johnson, director of USI Alumni and Volunteer Services, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712, or njohnson@usi.edu. An online nomination form is available at <https://www.usi.edu/alumni/ssl/trusteeapl.asp>. For information, call 812/464-1924.

An alumni screening committee will review applications, conduct interviews, and recommend three names to Governor Joe Kernan for appointment ■

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Name _____ Year of graduation _____

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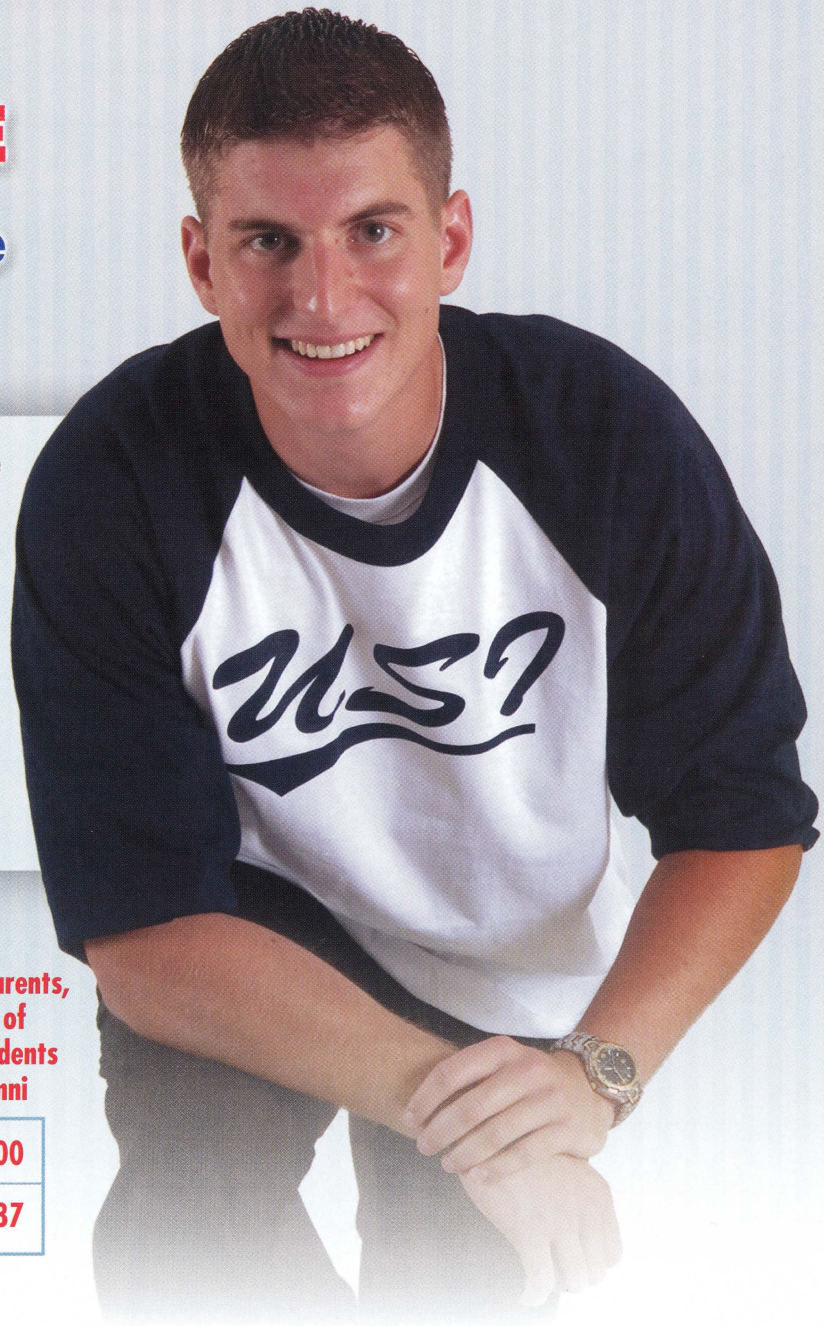
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We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), Phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).

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— *Samuel J. Tucker '05*
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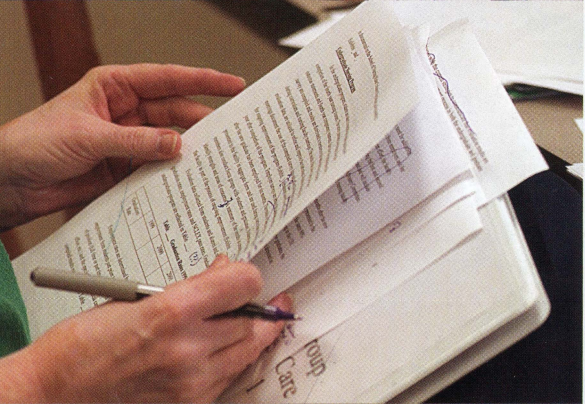
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	Boards	Alumni	Employees	Students, parents, families of current students and alumni
Goal	\$1 million	\$3 million	\$250,000	\$250,000
Actual	\$600,248	\$3,762,613	\$383,075	\$346,537

The Challenge for Academic Excellence offered USI’s closest constituents the chance to double the impact of their gift. Charitable gifts received from alumni, employees, students, parents, and families of current students and alumni qualified for the Lilly Endowment matching grants. Qualifying gifts supported academics and were received between June 1, 2002, and December 31, 2003. The matching grants have been placed in the new Endowment for Academic Excellence, the income from which will perpetually enhance academics at USI.

The Challenge to board members of the USI Board of Trustees and the USI Foundation concluded on December 31, 2002. Their charitable gifts in support of academics were made between March 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002, and qualified for the Lilly Endowment matching grants. Board members who qualified under other categories were eligible to give to help meet the other goals.

Note: Individuals who had taken a minimum of one three-hour credit course at USI qualified as alumni for this Challenge. The alumni category also included those who have received honorary degrees.



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