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## Inspiration

Emmy award-winning  
alumnus wants students  
to dream big

## From the editor

# All about inspiration

**I**“Inspiration” is the word we use on the cover of this issue. While we put it there to convey **Dan Brumett’s** intentions when he presented that beautiful Emmy statue to the University, we think that you will find other inspired subjects in this issue as well.

For a perspective on the tragic events of September 11, we turned to those in our University of Southern Indiana community who live in or have visited the affected areas. Alumni **Stephen Costello** and **Nathan Fry** gave us their impressions, as did **Phil Hagemann**, a former Mt. Vernon, Indiana, resident who has lived for many years in New York. **Mary Beth Weber**, a USI staff counselor, spoke movingly of her two weeks as a Red Cross volunteer in New York City following the terrorist attacks. We send a special thank you to those New York and Washington area alumni and friends who answered our calls and e-mail messages.

Another uplifting story is the article about the new Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program which began in the fall. The patriotism of our USI cadets is evident when they talk about why they signed up.

Finally, there is more inspiration in the stories on a weight management program co-founded by a faculty member and on the formation of the popular new hockey club team.

We hope that you will sense the spirit of inspiration and the feeling of progress as you read this issue.



Betty R. Vawter

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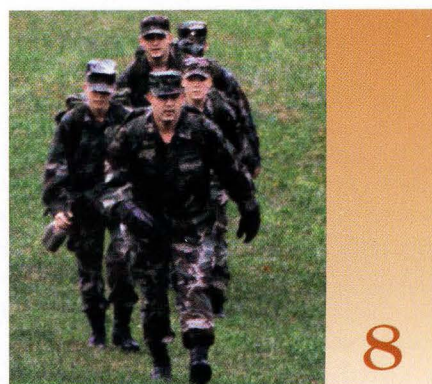
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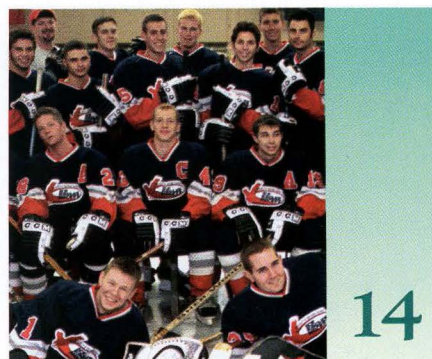
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Ice Eagles

## ON THE COVER

One of 12 Emmy awards won by alumnus Dan Brumett will be on permanent display in the Liberal Arts Center as a reminder to students of what they can accomplish through hard work and dedication. See page 2.

# An EMMY comes to CAMPUS

## Alumnus Dan Brumett presents inspiration piece to students

A former University of Southern Indiana student who became an Emmy award-winning television director wants today's students to know that their career dreams can come true.

To inspire students to achieve their goals, Dan Brumett has presented the University one of the 12 Daytime Emmy awards that he has won for his work on the CBS daytime drama, "The Young and the Restless." Brumett received eight Emmys for editing and four for directing during his 23-year association with "The Young and the Restless."

Brumett presented the statue October 24 at a special event in USI's Liberal Arts Center, which houses the Scripps Howard Video Production Complex, a state-of-the-art learning facility for USI students. Brumett said the facility, made possible by a grant from the Scripps-Howard Foundation, is the "finest digital broadcasting facility I've ever seen on the University level." An open house and tour of the facility followed the Emmy presentation.

The new production facility is a far cry from the equipment that Brumett used when he was a USI student from 1970-72. At that time, the "studio" included only a black-and-white camera and a reel-to-reel tape machine. It was the faculty, Brumett said, who helped him learn what he needed to know to become successful in the broadcasting industry.

He especially credited Seymour Brodsky, program director and weatherman for one of the Evansville television stations, who also taught USI communications classes. "He talked about the real world in today's market," Brumett said.

When Brumett was a USI student, he already had experience in the broadcasting field, having started work at age 16 at radio station WITZ in Jasper, Indiana. Brumett also had worked

in the radio and television field in Terre Haute, Indiana. He is a native of Dale, Indiana.

Another USI faculty member who taught Brumett and stayed in touch with him over the years is Dr. James R. Blevins, dean emeritus of the School of Liberal Arts. Blevins introduced Brumett to the students, faculty, members of the USI Board of Trustees, and other guests who attended the Emmy presentation ceremony.

In his remarks, Blevins said that Brumett was a student about 30 years ago in the first "Introduction to Film" class that Blevins taught, a course that went on to become one of the most popular electives in liberal arts. Blevins remembers in 1972 when Brumett headed west in his "rundown, beaten-up pickup truck" to hit the streets of Los Angeles looking for work in broadcasting. Three years later, Blevins looked up the former student when he went on sabbatical to the University of California at Los Angeles to increase his knowledge of film.

Brumett started out on the west

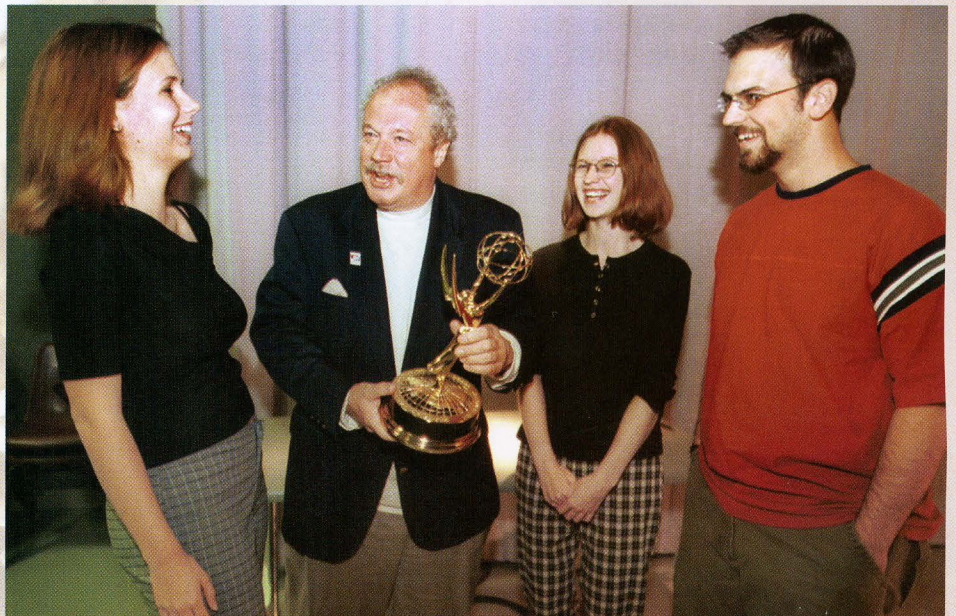
coast pulling cable for sports broadcasts but soon was working behind the scenes for situation comedies, including "All in the Family," "Good Times," and "Maude." He joined "The Young and the Restless" in 1975.

"When I first went to CBS," Brumett said, "I saw one of these Emmys in a case. Here is a statue that stands for the highest achievement in television broadcasting, I thought to myself. And I set my goal to study how I could be the best."

When he went on stage to receive his first Emmy, he said his broadcast life flashed before him.

"I remembered the USI staff's dedication to me as a student. They wanted to see me succeed. I couldn't have done it without the people here," he said during his campus presentation.

The Emmy given to USI is one of three Brumett has brought back to Southern Indiana. He gave one to his father, now deceased. That one remains on his mother's mantle. The third statuette he gave to Lincoln Heritage Public Library in Dale in appreciation for the



Dan Brumett presents communications students with an Emmy he won in 1997-98 for his work on the CBS daytime drama "The Young and the Restless."

encouragement he received from his hometown through the years.

Brumett said that working on a daytime drama is a lot of hard work. Days often begin at 7 a.m., earlier for those who must go to hair and make up, and last until at least 6 p.m. The work is five days a week year-round. Since there are no re-runs in daytime dramas, the cast and production crew shoot six shows in five days during 10 weeks of the year in order to get two weeks off.

After 12 Emmy awards, Brumett said he felt four years ago that it was time to move on. His new endeavor was inspired at least partially by the words of Oprah Winfrey in 1998 when she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences during the Daytime Emmy awards presentation at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

"She talked about how we should use this medium, the most powerful medium in the world, to help people," Brumett said.

In 1998, Brumett co-founded MDH Productions Inc. MDH stands for "Miracles Do Happen." Brumett serves as president and chief executive officer of the corporation that is dedicated to producing high-definition television (HDTV) presentations for not-for-profit

organizations as well as creating and producing original broadcast and HD-DVD programming.

"I wanted to use my talents to help people in a different way," Brumett said.

The company serves as a clearinghouse to bring together the on-air talent and the technical talent to produce video presentations that nonprofit organizations can use to further their goals.

*...the finest digital  
broadcasting facility  
I've ever seen on the  
University level.*

The presentations also are available at no charge for any broadcaster who wants to air HDTV programming.

"There's a hungry market for this format," Brumett said. HDTV offers sharper and wider images than the old standard television format.

Among the presentations that MDH has done for nonprofit organizations is one for the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana. Television star Florence Henderson, a former student

at the sisters' school, returned to the Tri-State last summer to participate in the filming. Dr. David N. Black, USI, assistant professor of broadcasting, assisted with the production. MDH also did a production recently for the San Francisco chapter of Operation Rainbow, an organization of orthopedic surgeons who perform surgeries on the underprivileged in Central America.

Everywhere he goes, Brumett keeps his cameras busy. While he was in El Salvador shooting for Operation Rainbow, he took footage of the country's scenery. MDH owns these images and sells them to production companies looking for stock shots for their projects.

While he was in Indiana for the Emmy presentations to USI and the Dale library, he photographed the Indianapolis skyline and the rural countryside of Southern Indiana. He also took recent video of the New York skyline, changed since the terrorist attacks of September 11. That footage is appearing on "The Young and the Restless." His recent shots of Paris have been seen on "The Bold and the Beautiful," another CBS daytime drama.

This kind of footage needs to be taken in the daytime and at night, he said, "and in all four seasons of the year. It's a great job" ■

**LIVE!**

...from the Liberal Arts Center! It's Access USI

Students are using the new Scripps Howard Video Production Complex in the Liberal Arts Center to produce a live magazine variety show for the campus cable system. *Access USI* airs at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday with a potential audience of 2,800 students living in campus housing.

Dr. David Black, assistant professor of broadcasting, said the show gives the students, most of them enrolled in communications classes, a real-time experience in television production. The program format includes sports, news, musical entertainment, and other segments on topics of interest to students.

The studio was equipped with a \$250,000 gift from the Scripps Howard Foundation and matching funds from the University. Black configured the facility in consultation with Scripps Howard engineers and after visiting several Los Angeles facilities recommended by USI alumnus Dan Brumett ■



The Access USI crew tapes an interview with alumnus Dan Brumett. From left are Jason Beisel, Stephanie Barnett, Brumett, and Brad Mayfield.

# World Trade Touched by tragedy...

The terrorist attacks of September 11 are etched forever on our minds. The tragedy that killed innocent people aboard planes and at work in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in rural western Pennsylvania leaves no one untouched.

Phil Hagemann, a composer/conductor and longtime friend of the University who has lived on the upper west side of Manhattan for many years, said the city took on an eerie silence punctuated by the sound of sirens that became all too common. He was touched by the sight of people singing and walking with candles toward a Union Square memorial service. They burst into spontaneous applause when three New York City firefighters approached. Hagemann is a former resident of New Harmony, Indiana.

## USI counselor, faculty member help in New York

Though Mary Beth Weber has been involved as a Red Cross volunteer in the Evansville area, her experiences in New York City as a crisis counselor following the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center were like nothing else she has experienced.

A staff counselor in the Counseling Center at the University of Southern Indiana, she said, "It was an incredible experience, both professionally and personally. The stories, the interpersonal contacts, and the sights and smells of Ground Zero have had a tremendous effect on me."

Weber and her husband Jack, a team leader at the Vet Center on Weinbach Avenue in Evansville and an adjunct faculty member in social work at USI, went to New York City October 3 to work with people who had lost a family member and to counsel New Yorkers who had been uprooted from their homes or offices by the devastation. The Webers are volunteers for the Posey County, Indiana, chapter of the Red Cross.

The crisis counselors were based at Pier 94, which became the location of the family assistance center. Weber said that agencies such as Red Cross and Salvation Army, a number of attorneys, personnel

helping with DNA testing, and others providing assistance set up booths at the pier. People needing assistance went from booth to booth to get their needs met.

"At our booth, I worked with family members who had lost their loved ones. I spent time with them talking about their family members and what their experiences were in terms of their loss. At that point, many still were in denial, which gives you an indication of the kind of trauma they had experienced," Weber said. She was counseling people more than three weeks after the attacks had occurred.

Weber said she saw many cases where the husband had died and the wife was now a single non-working parent facing what to do to pay the bills.

"It was an interesting experience because unlike typical therapy, where you have to probe, most of the time it was just our presence that was helpful. We would see people who looked glazed over or depressed.

They would unleash their stories. Our response was just to listen. They were crying and sobbing, and we gave them permission to do it."

Weber and other mental health counselors also accompanied family members to Ground Zero to help them bring closure to their loss.

"We were taken on a ferry and then walked about an eighth of a mile to a staging area where family members could go right up to a fence and look at the site itself. Once they got there, many didn't want to walk away. Part of our objective was to allow them to have the experience but then to move them on."

Family members received flowers and a teddy bear at the pier to leave at a memorial that had been set up at Ground Zero.

Weber said that many of the people who lost their jobs or their homes were reticent to receive services. They were thankful not to have lost their lives or a family member.

# Center sharing in the healing

On these pages several other individuals help us examine the terror from different perspectives. A native New Yorker and alumnus tells us how he felt about the attack on his hometown. Another alumnus writes about the feelings he experienced visiting Ground Zero. A University of Southern Indiana staff counselor relates what she and her husband did in New York City as Red Cross volunteers. We also take a look into the future with USI art students who share the vision of what the site could become ■

They wanted those who had lost a family member to get help first.

She said the story of one African-American man was especially poignant to her. A maintenance worker in one of the towers, he had been outside in a patio area when the attacks began. Following the attacks, he stayed with his parents and they had not let him out of the house. He told his story for the first time to Weber.

He related that he was in shock when the first plane hit. He saw people running and screaming. He saw people on fire and people jumping from the building. He ran in the blackness and made his way into a subway station and then back out. Finally, he crossed a bridge away from Manhattan where he could seek safe transportation. Weber said he was sobbing and grieving through the whole story.

"He had held all this inside. We were in a large space and he was almost touching me," she said. "He looked at me, and he said you won't believe what I'm about to tell you, but before this, I wouldn't have given you the time of day."

He said he had always considered himself a racist, but the September 11 experience had changed his feelings toward all people.

Weber said that mental health counselors were limited to two weeks of service because of the emotional impact of the stories they heard ■



*In the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster, Mary Beth and Jack Weber spent two weeks in New York City as volunteers for the Red Cross.*

## The 9-11 tragedy through the eyes of a New Yorker

*Editor's Note: Stephen Costello of New York City was a USI student from 1979-83. He served as sports editor of The Shield student newspaper in 1981 and as managing editor in 1982. Costello said he would be glad to help special groups from Evansville make arrangements to visit Ground Zero and New York City firehouses and police precincts.*

by Stephen Costello

Evansville, University of Southern Indiana, Strombolis, Monster Ears, playing football for Sig Tau, the Arena, the Screaming Eagles, Dr. Blevins' film class, great people, great people, great people, Thunder on the Ohio, Wolf's Bar-B-Q, a sunny day on the hill outside of student activities, the Physical Activities Center (PAC), the Sig Tau House, campus apartments, Sherrienne Standley, Vinnie Russo (Brad Ellsworth look-alike), Jamie Swanner (goalie on the soccer team), *The Shield*.

Those are the thoughts that come into my mind when I reflect on the days at ISUE. In my heart I am a true Hoosier. From my first day on campus, I was embraced and accepted in a way I could only dream about. The people of Evansville truly gave me more than I can ever give them back.

I am currently the director of sales and marketing for a tri-state appliance and electronics retailer with 44 super-sized showrooms. I have two daughters 10 and two years old, Samantha and Madison. My 10-year-old recently sang the national anthem before 14,000 people at the Nassau Coliseum at a charity hockey game honoring the widows and orphans of New York firemen and policemen. The company I work for, P.C. Richard & Son, sponsored that event this year.

September 11 started out as a pretty normal day with Gary Richard, the owner of the company, speaking at a breakfast for the Long Island Association,

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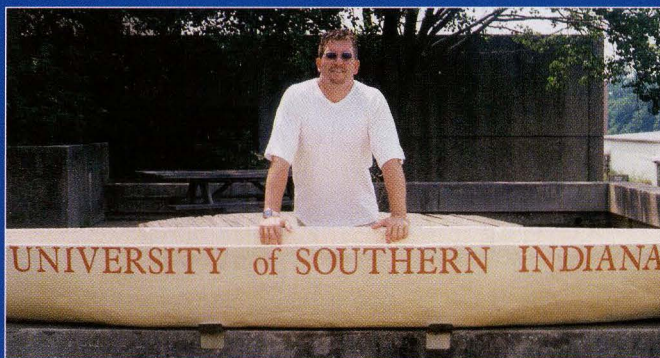
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a group of business leaders sculpting the landscape of Long Island commerce. As the Q & A that immediately followed was in session, the man sitting next to me whispered in my ear, "A plane just crashed into World Trade."

I assumed it was just a sightseeing plane. I knew my mom was in Manhattan that day, and I knew one of my best friends worked on the 26th floor; we had just gone bike riding together two nights before.

CBS radio indicated it was much worse than we originally thought, and the executives of our company gathered in the board room where we watched NBC news in horror. Many were making calls, me included. I had known over 20 people in the building, but only one extremely well. He lived three houses

away. I learned my neighbor and friend Tom Hogan got out! Later that day I spoke with my mom. She was okay, also. She was on the Upper East Side during the attack.



Stephen Costello visited the USI campus in August 2000.

Our company went into action by donating and installing satellite dishes at the airports so the Port Authority could watch up-to-the-minute coverage

for security purposes. We delivered microwave ovens for the rescue workers and washing machines to the local firehouses for the soot-soaked clothing. We found out that one of our former

deliverymen had perished, and a stock clerk in our Carle Place showroom had lost his father, a New York City firefighter.

Every phone call we made during that time began with how is everyone, and we didn't want to know the answer. I remember that evening signing on

my computer and seeing the e-mails from my friends in Evansville asking if I was okay. It was very heartwarming ■

# VISIONS of what could arise from the ashes

## Art students ponder how to rebuild World Trade Center

Expressing solidarity with New Yorkers and all Americans, University of Southern Indiana art students have brainstormed how they would redevelop the site of the World Trade Center.

Dr. Hilary A.

Braysmith, associate professor of art history, said, "I believe the first and most important way we can surmount any challenge is to look for good, contribute to good ourselves, and move forward expecting good."

She asked students taking her course in contemporary art to express how they would use architecture and sculpture in a plan for rebuilding. With their professor as scribe, here's what they came up with just one day after the planes took down the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

"We kept coming back to bird themes. We see our new towers rising like phoenixes, taller than before, and someone suggested adding a third tower. At the top of them will be a large eagle

with an American flag. But also there will be the dove of peace. We will take some of the rubble of the old and incorporate it into the new buildings.

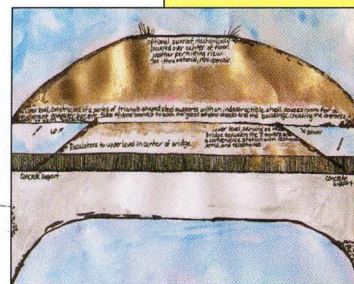
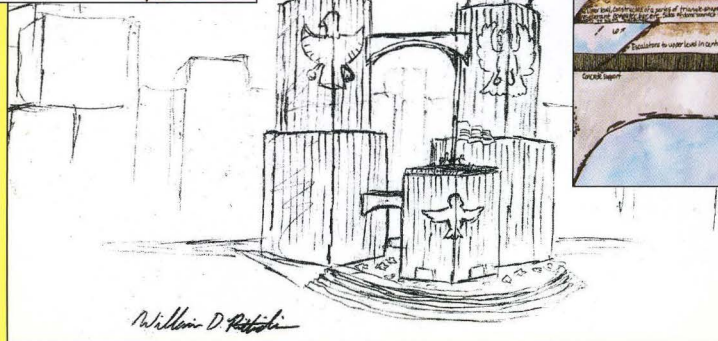
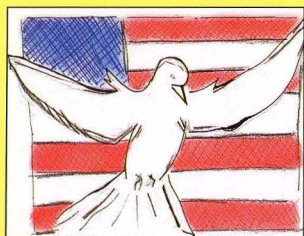
"We envision several skywalks covered by arches of clasped hands—

vania, and the District of Columbia, will be inscribed on the steel frames and their presence will literally support the new buildings. Reflective glass will make the towers shine bright with hope and confidence. Relief sculptures, symbolically representing the fallen as well as rescue workers, charity organizations, volunteers, and caring strangers, will add their luster, too.

We are still thinking about what symbols we could use—perhaps crossed ladders for the firemen,

the police badge for New York's finest, briefcases for the workers, and suitcases for those on board the aircraft."

Students also addressed improving on the old design by widening staircases and adding periodic exterior terraces so future medical and fire personnel could land in helicopters ■





# Ground ZERO

the reality,  
the ugliness



Dust and smoke were still rising from Ground Zero when Nathan Fry visited the site.



A Fifth Avenue shop is wrapped in the nation's colors.

*Editor's note: In this article, alumnus Nathan Fry tells about visiting the World Trade Center site while on a trip with colleagues to visit Columbia University. Fry is a public information assistant for the Council of Ivy Group Presidents, commonly known as the Ivy League, in Princeton, New Jersey. He graduated from USI in 2000 with a B.S. in English and completed an M.S. in sports administration at the University of Southern Mississippi in 2001. He joined the Council of Ivy Group Presidents in July 2001.*

by Nathan Fry '00

**W**e decided to get off of the subway at 14th St., about 10 blocks from the disaster area. As we plodded through Greenwich Village, I saw tiny billows of smoke lifting from the site. Missing-person posters were plastered on every bus stop and building—fliers with pictures of happy faces in otherwise heartbreaking surroundings. Tiny memorials of candles and flowers decorated each street corner. Greenwich Village was eerily quiet.

As we neared the disaster site, throngs of gawking bystanders snapped pictures. Army vehicles, police cars, and fire trucks were strategically placed at nearly every stoplight, street corner, and alleyway.

Finally, I made it to the core of this immeasurable disaster. I saw the base structure of one tower standing solitarily above the mountains of rubble. I saw a building—one that hasn't garnered much attention by the media—teetering

like a black skeleton next to the destruction. It had no windows, no façade. Semi trucks full of concrete, and steel, and glass left the site, made their way through the crowds of onlookers. To my right was a church, unscathed from the attacks yet only a block from the World Trade Center towers. Behind me was a clothing store with a massive hole through its front window...the clothes inside were still folded neatly and on their shelves, yet every blue jean, shirt and blouse was covered in concrete dust. Every window around me was painted in gray dust. The bottom and sides of my shoes were gray.

The air was an unmistakable mixture of gasoline, concrete, and death.

I could feel my lungs collecting tiny concrete particles. My eyes began to itch. I was two blocks from Ground Zero.

I contemplated the merits of taking pictures. "I can show them to my children years from now," and "These pictures

will help me remember those lost in last week's tragedy," I said to myself.

Hundreds of people were crammed along the sidewalk, making it nearly impossible to move. A policeman said, "Keep moving people. You don't need to stop and take pictures. You can find them on the Internet."

Truth be told, I wanted to leave. I wanted out of Ground Zero. Television does not do justice to how horrible it actually is down there. The smell, the rubble, the humanity. It is real, and it is ugly.

As I boarded the subway to leave lower Manhattan, I again thought back to my first trip to New York City and how I promised myself that I would see the twin towers close-up. I finally made it down to the financial district, and I finally got to see the twin towers close-up. Unfortunately, they were in pulverized ruins ■



Major Mark Weaver, second from left, leads ROTC students in a terrain analysis of Camp Atterbury, near Indianapolis, for their military science class. Pictured from left, are Alicia O'Connor, Weaver, Blake Quick, Mike Freeman, and Joel Matherly.

## USI joins ranks with ROTC

Students who seek leadership training, financial help with college expenses, and a taste of military awareness are signing up

The U.S. Army needs officers and is looking to the University of Southern Indiana to help fill the need.

An Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program was established at USI in fall 2001. Twenty-two students enrolled for the first semester.

Major Mark Weaver, the Indiana National Guard officer in charge of the USI unit, said, "There are two pieces to the mission. First, the nature of warfare has become such that the Army needs educated, intelligent officers to deal with modern warfare. Part of the



Cadet Mike Freeman moves out from his position.

mission here is to train new lieutenants for commissioning into the Army."

Weaver said that before the program began in August, USI was the only state-supported university in Indiana without an ROTC program. Short of officers, the Army is establishing new ROTC programs to develop leaders.

"The second part of our mission is to provide awareness of what the military is and how it operates and functions in today's world."

Weaver said that, as the World War II generation ages, fewer people in the United

States have contact with the military. Few members of Congress have had experience in combat since only a small number of Vietnam veterans went into public service.

"This gap will continue as our population expands," Weaver said.

Dr. Edward Jones, USI associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Extended Services, said the Army ROTC unit at USI came about as a partnership between the University, the U.S. Army, the Army Reserve, the Indiana National Guard, and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

"We welcome the ROTC to campus because the program provides a number of unique opportunities to students, whether or not they wish to pursue careers in the military."

Army ROTC is an elective which any student can take for up to two years with no further obligation. Students who wish to complete the four-year program sign a contract at the beginning of the junior year which commits them to at least four years of service. Some will go into active duty, but many fulfill their

time in the Army Reserve or National Guard. Students who complete the four-year ROTC program are commissioned as second lieutenants. Students who have had some prior military experience, as do most of those in USI's first group of cadets, may start at a higher level than the freshman ROTC program.

Weaver said the ROTC curriculum is beneficial to students no matter what their major. The courses focus on small group leadership, interpersonal dynamics, and communication skills. In addition

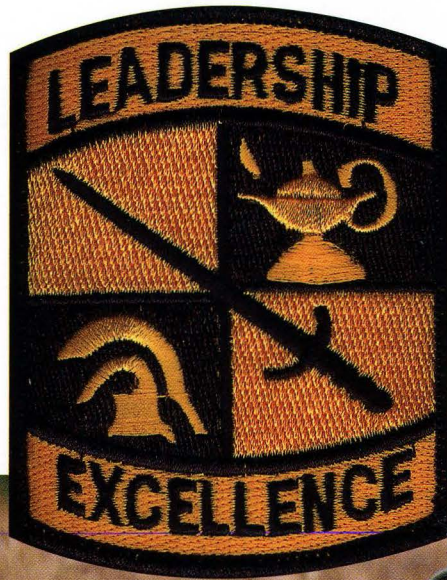
to attending the classroom sessions, ROTC cadets meet once a week for a workshop on military skills. During this time they study squad tactics, learn to read maps, work with weapons, and develop other skills they will need to function in a military environment.

One of the most attractive aspects of the ROTC program is the financial benefit to the student. ROTC offers four-, three-, and two-year scholarships, which at USI cover all tuition and the cost of books. These scholarships provide a monthly stipend which varies according to the student's class year. ROTC students who are not on scholarship qualify for the monthly stipend once they contract with the Army as juniors.

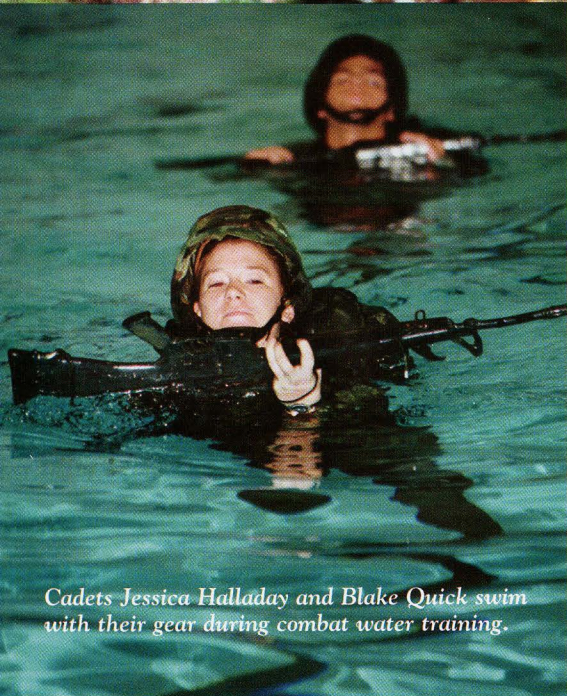
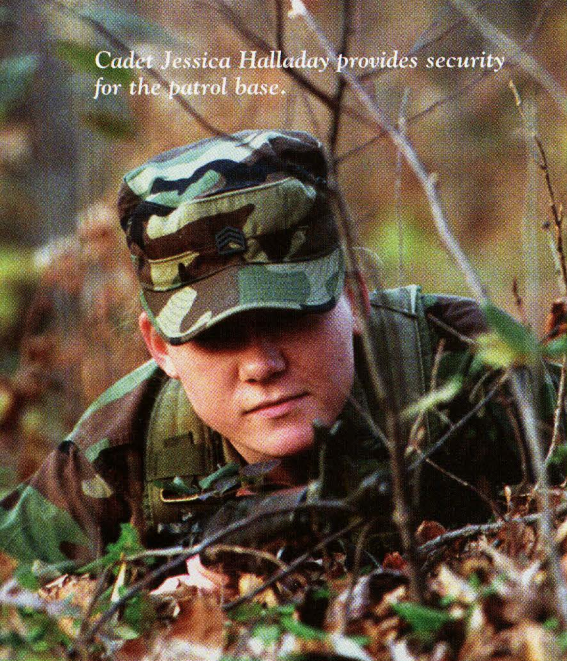
Students who are already in an Army Reserve or National Guard unit also qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill Simultaneous Membership Program Kicker of \$300 a month in addition to all other ROTC benefits and drill pay.

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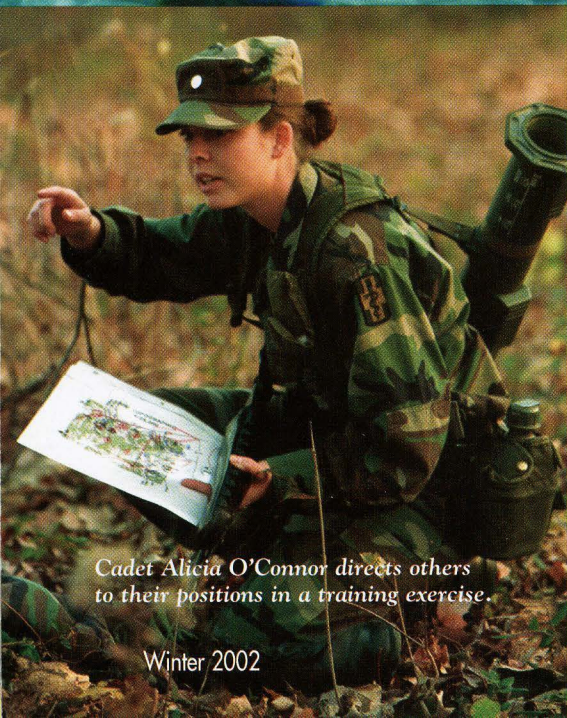
*Cadets Kevin Schultz and Alicia O'Connor discuss the plan during an ambush patrol.*



*Cadet Jessica Halladay provides security for the patrol base.*



*Cadets Jessica Halladay and Blake Quick swim with their gear during combat water training.*



*Cadet Alicia O'Connor directs others to their positions in a training exercise.*

“The bottom line,” said Weaver, “is that ROTC brings a good deal of scholarship and support money to students on campus, so if quality students are looking for a program to pay for college, develop their leadership potential, and make an impact on their future, we are it.”

Alicia O'Connor, a junior majoring in social work, is one of four women to enroll in USI's new ROTC program. A member of the Army Reserve for almost three years, she completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee in Virginia, where she trained to be a supply specialist.

O'Connor's goal, after getting her commission, is to change from a supply role in her Army Reserve unit to working directly with combat stress.

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Her Indianapolis-based unit is a medical company that deals primarily with stress reduction.

In addition to the once-a-week ROTC workshop, O'Connor attends a laboratory session for Ranger training. The Rangers are elite Army special operations forces. The USI team will enter competition with other college ROTC Ranger teams this semester.

O'Connor serves as executive officer for USI's team; the commander is Brad Youngman, a junior from Owensboro, Kentucky. He is majoring in communications with a concentration in public relations.

Six cadets qualified for the USI Ranger team following fall tryouts. Events in the competition include activities such as putting up and crossing a one-rope bridge, land navigation, and weapons assembly and disassembly. “Everything in the Ranger program



*Cadet Michael Freeman jumps blindfolded from the three-meter board during water survival training.*

has a higher standard, right down to the shine on your boot,” Youngman said.

Youngman joined the Kentucky National Guard in 1998 as a senior in high school and is associated with the Louisville-based 20th Special Forces Group.

After graduating from USI and receiving his commission, Youngman expects to go to Fort Benning, Georgia, for training as an infantry officer and then hopes to go to Ranger school for specialized infantry training. After completing his military commitment, he anticipates a career in law enforcement, perhaps in a public information role.

Both O'Connor and Youngman began their military experience during peacetime. Since the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, they have not changed their minds about their military connection.

“You're trained and you're ready,” Youngman said. “You know that if you're called to go, you'll do your job.”

O'Connor said she is more enthusiastic now than ever because of the pride that goes along with being associated with the Army.

“My [Army Reserve] unit was close to getting deployed, but we didn't go,” she said. “I wouldn't have gotten to go anyway. When we're in ROTC, they'd rather we finish our training.”

# Exercise and Eat Right

## Fitness can bring empowerment

Faculty member, alumna help Evansville church provide free weight-management program for at-risk population



Amy Louthan, left, a USI exercise science major who completed an internship at S.O.U.L. Empowerment, and Katy Divine, right, program director, give their client personal attention.

A University of Southern Indiana faculty member and a recent alumna are making it easier for people in Evansville's Central City area to manage their weight through nutrition and exercise.

NiCole Keith, assistant professor of physical education, is one of the founders of S.O.U.L. Empowerment, located at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church at 617 Bellemeade Avenue. The program provides fitness facilities and nutrition education in a personalized environment. Katy Divine '01,



Keith

an exercise science major, directs the program full-time since completing an internship there in June.

S.O.U.L. (Spirit of Ultimate Liberation) Empowerment was organized in January 2001 by Keith, who attends the church, and Sister Jane Nesmith, pastor. Keith drew on her experience working with Sister Talk, a program at Brown University.

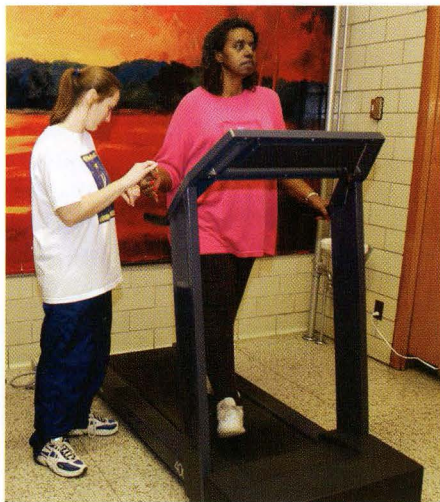
"It was a cable television program. We never met with the people in person. I thought it would be nice to do something on a smaller scale—face to face," Keith said. She joined the USI faculty in July 2000.

There is no charge for attending S.O.U.L. Empowerment. The program is open to anyone 18 or older but is targeted to low-income women, a population that is prone to coronary artery disease.

"Our goal is to reduce the incidence of this disease through diet and exercise," Divine said.

The program is located in a community outreach building that was formerly a school. Facilities include treadmills, stationary bicycles, freeweights, and other equipment.

Participants are encouraged to set their own goals. "We don't have a mold that we want them to fit into," Keith said. "We want them to be happy with who they are and to be healthy. If you



Katy Divine monitors a client.

are self-conscious about your body, it's a good place to come because nobody is judging you."

Each participant receives a screening and recommendations for an exercise program. Divine is a certified personal trainer. Clients are re-evaluated every eight weeks.

"A lot of the people who come have not exercised in years," Divine said. "They are a little unsure and unsteady. They start at a slow pace, but within a month they get up to a nice speed."

Besides the benefits of exercise and better nutrition, the program serves as an opportunity for participants to socialize. Many clients enjoy chatting and listening to the radio while they exercise; retirees see it as a break from their routine. "Some use the program as a stress reliever," Divine said.

On Saturdays, Divine conducts a group motivational support session. She provides information on healthy eating and on setting goals. Participants talk about what motivates them to reach their goals or about the barriers that hinder their progress.

S.O.U.L. Empowerment has reached about 90 participants since opening. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Several other USI students have completed internships at the facility, gaining experience in their field while providing a service.

The program has been supported in its start-up phase by grants from the Welborn Baptist Foundation and the Organization for a New Evansville. Keith said the Welborn Foundation has provided a \$50,000 grant to continue and expand the program, and the Welborn Baptist Foundation recently announced a \$24,000 grant that will support the addition of nursing staff ■

Professional development

## Making a difference for faculty members

Dr. Shelly B. Blunt, assistant professor of chemistry, gets to see science on the cutting edge at regional and national professional conferences.

"You can get new ideas to bring back and apply to your research," she said. "Talking to your peers can open up all kinds of possibilities."

Blunt and faculty members throughout the University have opportunities to attend these meetings because generous donors made gifts to one of the *Campaign USI* featured objectives—faculty enhancement. Since joining the University of Southern Indiana in 1999, Blunt has presented research at regional and national meetings of the American Chemical Society (ACS), attended workshops on using new equipment in USI laboratories, and participated in an institute on writing grant proposals for undergraduate research.

Like other faculty members in the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology, Blunt supervises students doing undergraduate research. One project that she and her students have worked on is the synthesis of nucleosides as potential antiviral drugs. This kind of research could one day help people who build up a resistance to their medication. Blunt and her students presented their findings in Washington, D.C., in August 2000 at a national meeting of the American Chemical Society. Blunt and students also made presentations at the 2001 national ACS meeting in Chicago.

Blunt believes that it is important for students as well as faculty to present their work at professional meetings. "It's one thing to be able to do science in the lab, but if you can't explain it, it's not that useful. You have to be able to tell people about what you have done ■"



Dr. Shelly Blunt has received support from faculty enhancement funds to attend professional conferences and present research. Dr. Jerry Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology, has called her a "competent and promising young faculty member and an excellent role model for young women interested in science."

## \$2.5 million boosts faculty enhancement Campaign USI funds at work

Donors who designated their *Campaign USI* gifts to support the USI faculty's professional development contributed nearly \$2.5 million in funds that now are being invested as permanent endowments.

Designated gifts to Faculty Enhancement, one of the campaign's four featured objectives, totaled \$2.3 million, or 28 percent of the total \$8.3 million in gifts to all four featured objectives. Another \$150,000 in faculty support was derived from contributions to a separate campaign fund designated as "Unrestricted to the Featured Objectives."

USI President H. Ray Hoops observed how fortunate faculty members are to have these significant funds to support professional development and applied research. "These faculty enhancement funds will make a significant difference to the faculty who must keep up-to-date in their areas of expertise and who must perform research in order to advance their own professional careers," he said. "The availability of these new funds — at a time when state funding is taking a downturn — will enable us to continue offering these opportunities without missing a beat."

The monies being made available to USI faculty on an annual basis should reach \$175,000 to \$200,000 in new support, according to Suzanne A. Nicholson, USI Foundation president. In addition, the USI Foundation currently provides \$75,000 annually for faculty development and research as well as student/faculty research. These funds

are from the USI Annual Fund.

Fifteen separate faculty enhancement funds have been established in the USI Foundation through charitable gifts to *Campaign USI*. They include four funds that will be made available to all University faculty members.

They are:

- Robert and Mary Koch University Faculty Enhancement
- Kenneth and Elizabeth McCoy University Faculty Enhancement
- University Faculty Enhancement
- Faculty In-Service Development

Each of the five academic schools also received support during the University's first capital campaign. Separate endowment funds have been set up for the benefit of each school's faculty.

In addition, donors made substantial contributions endowing six additional faculty enhancement funds for specific academic areas, as follows:

- Blair Chair of Business Science
- Bower-Suhrheinrich Education & Human Services Faculty Enhancement
- John and Cynthia Fehrenbacher Science & Engineering Technology Faculty Enhancement
- Bill and Trudy Mitchell Nursing & Health Professions Faculty Enhancement
- Robert and Elaine Pott Science & Engineering Technology Faculty Enhancement
- Victoria Wertz Nursing Faculty Enhancement

## Recent Gifts

The USI Foundation appreciates the following generous charitable gifts and bequests.

● **Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation**, the USI Foundation's most generous corporate donor, has committed an annual gift of \$30,000 to underwrite 10 Mead Johnson Scholarships and three Bristol-Myers Squibb Presidential Scholarships.

● **Emma A. Gorby**, of Evansville, made a first-time gift to USI in her will, leaving a bequest of at least \$125,000 to establish scholarships to benefit USI students. The widow of retired Army officer and General Motors employee Paul Gorby, she died in December 2000.

● **Edward F. Harrison**, of Evansville, retired career Mead Johnson employee, has added \$10,000 to the Harrison scholarships benefiting pre-med and nursing students, bringing the endowment to \$115,000. The gift is eligible for a matching gift.

● USI trustee and USI Foundation advisory council member **J. David Huber** and his wife **Sarah Huber**, chair of the USI/New Harmony Foundation board of directors, of Cannelton, have established a \$250,000 charitable remainder unitrust to endow a Presidential Scholarship in their names.

● **Marvin H. Huff Jr.**, of Evansville, retired senior officer of Fifth Third Bank, and his wife, realtor **Jan D. Huff**, have made a \$30,000 gift establishing the Huff Screaming Eagles Scholarship to benefit men's and women's basketball. Daughter Marcia Huff '85, who played tennis at USI, is a teacher in Naples, Florida.

● **Ann McCutchan**, of Seattle, has contributed a watercolor by the late Evansville artist Elizabeth Stouder to the University's art collection from the home of her mother, Bettye McCutchan. She also has given 12 place settings of china to the University's guest house in New Harmony.

● **Alan and Sandy Newman**, of Evansville, and Hilliard Lyons have completed their \$25,000 in Campaign USI commitments establishing a fund for an Ohio Valley Regional Business Council to coordinate efforts to compete in the global economy.

● Employees of **Working Distributors**, long-time boosters of USI athletics, have established a scholarship in memory of their president, Sharon D. Working, who died of cancer in August 2000. The scholarship will benefit a business student.

## Art by Stephen Pace in Liberal Arts Center



The abstract painting in the central stairwell of the Liberal Arts Center is the work of New York City artist Stephen Pace. Dr. William Perlow, also of New York City, gave the 72"x105" oil to the University's art collection. It is the collection's second significant work by Pace, a former Evansville resident, who with his wife Pam has endowed an art scholarship for USI students.

## Gift of china, crystal benefits University Home



Ruth Gray Yates of Tell City, Indiana, has given the USI Foundation a collection of crystal and china for use in the University Home. She told USI President Ray Hoops about the china's unusual history. It was ordered from Czechoslovakia at the time of her wedding in August 1938, but the ship carrying it was diverted to France because of the war in Europe. The cargo was released four years later for transport across the Atlantic. She received her wedding china in August 1942.

## 2001-02 USI Annual Fund as of December 31, 2001

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$157,000	\$287,000
Actual	\$61,000	\$39,700	\$ 89,000	\$189,700

*Gifts to the Annual Fund may be made through June 30, 2002*

# ICE EAGLES HAVE ARRIVED

The crowds are big and they are enthusiastic when they come out to Evansville's Swonder Ice Rink at 10:45 p.m. on Saturdays to watch the members of the University of Southern Indiana's newest sports club. The Ice Eagles have arrived.

The USI hockey club plays in the American College Hockey Association – Division III, composed exclusively of club teams. Attendance for home games is averaging 650 persons.

Club team status means that the team is a student organization, receives no direct financial support from its university or college, and is solely responsible for the financial and administrative management of all aspects of the club's organization. Each player has paid a \$350 commitment fee. In addition, team members participate in fund-raising activities. Gate receipts, t-shirt sales, a golf scramble, sponsorships, and other activities help fund the program.

The cost of equipment, rental of rink time, travel expenses, and the cost of administrative fees such as association, conference, and coaching licensure make the program an expensive one. First-year costs may run as high as \$30,000.

The hockey program was started when incoming freshman Brian Vaal from Mount Vernon, Indiana, approached Dr. Charley Harrington, assistant vice president for academic affairs and asso-

ciate professor of management, about the possibility of a team. Harrington played college hockey at Ohio University and Carnegie Mellon University. During the 1989 season, he was player-coach for the CMU club team.

"Within two weeks of our first meeting, Brian and I had met with more than 15 men interested in trying out for the team."

Harrington said. "We held a press conference at Swonder Ice Rink to announce that USI was mounting a club team and scheduling team tryouts. Within the week that followed, another 12 players indicated interest."

The roster includes 22 players, eighteen of whom are freshmen. The season started in October and will continue through a tournament in March. Harrington is head coach.

Vaal, a marketing major, said he started playing in the Evansville Youth Hockey Association at age five and continued playing through high school. He likes the fast-paced action and the competitive nature of the contact sport.

The Ice Eagles play in the Great Midwest College Hockey Conference (GMCHA), composed of teams from



Swonder Ice Rink is home ice for USI's first hockey club.

Southwestern Illinois University, Vanderbilt University, Butler University, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Eastern Kentucky University, and University of Louisville. In addition to conference opponents, the Ice Eagles have games scheduled for their inaugural year with Purdue, Southwest Missouri State University, and the Kansas City College All-Stars. Already developing the schedule of games for 2002-03, Harrington said USI will play University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, and University of Alabama at Huntsville.

A schedule and more information about the Ice Eagles are available at <http://risc.usi.edu/iceeagles/> ■

## New Gospel Choir premieres

The Multicultural Center and the School of Liberal Arts are joint sponsors of the University of Southern Indiana's new Gospel Choir which will perform at 5 p.m. April 27 in Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center.

Pamela Hopson, director of the Multicultural Center, said the group was established in response to student interest. More than 35 students are participating under the direction of Carl Simmons, minister of music at Progressive Holy Temple and at Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. He also serves as co-chair of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra's "Gospel Symphony of Praise."

USI's Gospel Choir performs a variety of music, including spirituals and hymns. The group made its debut November 17 in Carter Hall, singing prior to a concert by Metropolitan Gospel Music Connection, a nationally known choir based in Louisville, Kentucky ■



The new Gospel Choir debuted in November at a concert in Carter Hall.



# Eagle Gran Prix returns as annual fall event

Twenty teams of riders rolled into action October 13 for the reintroduction of the Eagle Gran Prix bicycle race.

Once a campus tradition, the event had not been held since spring 1997, its 25th anniversary. Now the event promises to become once again a major activity that contributes to student life, especially as more students choose to live on campus.

In the men's competition, 11 teams competed in a 12-mile race. The winner was the Peacock Icons team of Chris Moore, John Meunier, Scott Reed, and Steve Applegate.

Five women's teams competed in a nine-mile race. The winner was the Peacock Chicks, including Angie Begle, Angie Williams, Andi Hasenour, and Erika Luebbehör.

Four co-ed teams raced six miles with the Peacock Icons entering members Hasenour, Luebbehör, Moore, and Meunier to take the prize.

Faculty and staff races and tricycle races for faculty and students added to the festivities. David Enzler, director of recreation, fitness, and wellness, said several student groups got involved by serving chili, burgers, bratwursts, ribs, soft drinks, and desserts to spectators. Some already are preparing for next year's event ■



The pack of cyclists raced on campus roadways for the return of the Eagle Gran Prix.

## Robert Ruble to head USI Business Affairs Richard Schmidt completes 30 years with University

Dr. Robert W. Ruble has been named vice president for Business Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana. In addition, he was named treasurer by the USI Board of Trustees at its January meeting.



Ruble

Ruble's new responsibilities are effective March 1. He has been USI's associate vice president for Fiscal and Physical Affairs since March 2000. As vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer, he succeeds Richard W. Schmidt.

"Of all the universities in the state, I think USI is the most exciting place to be because of the growth in enrollment, programs, and facilities," Ruble said.

Before joining USI, Ruble worked for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, RCA Records, and Indiana University Central Administration. He also has been associated with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Illinois State University, and Purdue University. Ruble also has worked as an industrial engineer for ALCOA Corp. and A.C. Spark Plug.

He holds a B.S. and an M.S. in industrial engineering from Purdue University and a Ph.D. in Higher Educational Administration from Illinois State University.

Schmidt's 30-year career at USI began when he joined the University as chief accountant in 1972. He also served as controller and assistant vice president for Business Affairs before his appointment in 1993 as vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer. Schmidt will continue to serve the University as senior vice president until June 30, when he plans to retire ■

## Governor O'Bannon visits USI

Governor Frank O'Bannon, left, talks with USI President Ray Hoops during a meeting on campus. The governor was among those who testified November 26 when the Ways and Means Committee from the Indiana House of Representatives held the first of seven statewide public hearings on tax restructuring in Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center. The committee also heard public testimony. About 150 people attended the hearing on the University of Southern Indiana campus ■



# USI wins Operation City Beautiful award

The University of Southern Indiana has received the Business of the Year award from Operation City Beautiful, an honor that recognizes ongoing support of the goals of the beautification organization and dedication to maintaining an attractive campus.

Kalah Jerstad, executive director of Operation City Beautiful, said the University was responsible for the first campus-wide Adopt-A-Spot program. USI has hosted the Tour de Bloom, a fund-raising bicycle ride, and landscape symposiums. Jerstad also commended USI for supporting new OCB programs and fund-raising efforts and for establishing an outstanding grounds maintenance program.

Leadership provided by Sherrienne Standley, USI's vice president for Advancement, also was a factor in the award selection, Jerstad said. A former OCB board chair, Standley captured an individual honor as well. She was awarded lifetime membership in OCB, a recognition bestowed only seven times before in OCB's history.

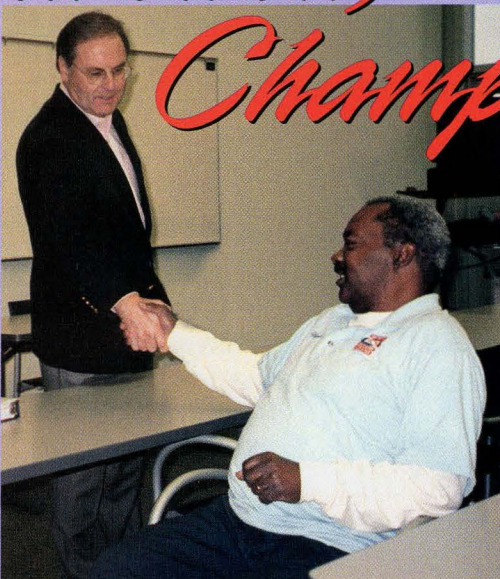
USI alumna Debbie Goedde '92 and her husband Bob also shared in the awards. The Evansville couple received OCB's Adopt-A-Spot Volunteer-of-the-Year Award, honoring their two-year cultivation of a spot on campus near the Technology Center and Art Studio.

The awards were presented in October. Founded in 1972, OCB is a private not-for-profit organization dedicated to community beautification ■



Operation City Beautiful has recognized Debbie '92 and Bob Goedde, who tend this spot on the USI campus.

## Farewell, Champ



Dr. M. Edward Jones, associate vice president for academic affairs, congratulates James T. "Champ" Douglas, recognized recently for his longtime service to the University of Southern Indiana. Douglas retired in November after 31 years in Custodial Services. He was the first clerical/support staff member to reach his 30th employment anniversary.

## Two seniors earn national recognition

Two University of Southern Indiana seniors, both planning careers in education, have earned recognition from national organizations.

Ivy N. Krom is one of six Delta Zeta sorority members from colleges throughout the United States to be recognized for service to the sorority and for academic achievement. She received the Florence Hood Miner award, given annually to Delta Zeta members who have made contributions to their Delta Zeta chapter while maintaining a good academic record. The honor, named for the sorority's national historian, was awarded by the sorority's national council.

Krom is majoring in biology education.

Amanda Miller, an elementary education major, has been selected as a student representative to a standing committee of the National Education Association. She is the only Indiana student to be on a committee.

Miller serves on the Membership Services and Affiliate Relations committee responsible for advancing policies and activities to attract, represent, and serve members. She will attend meetings in Washington, D.C., St. Louis, and the 2002 summer NEA student program conference in San Antonio, Texas



Krom



Miller

## Girls learn how to prepare for careers in science, math

Math can be magic and marine biology can take you places, maybe even to the Amazon. Middle-school girls who attend an April conference at the University of Southern Indiana will learn about career opportunities that require science, math, and technology skills.

Karen Bonnell, director of instructional technology services for USI, said, "We hope to encourage girls to take courses in high school that will open doors to further education or training in a wide range of fields requiring science, math, or technology."

Called Expanding Your Horizons in Science, Mathematics, and Technology, the career conference will take place April 13 in the Health Professions Center. Keynote speaker will be Julie Demer, meteorologist at WEHT-TV (Channel 25) in Henderson, Kentucky.

The activities will include a number of career exploration workshops. Students will find out from successful women why they chose their career, what they do on the job, and what education and skills are required. Students will participate in hands-on, career-related activities to get a feel for what each career involves.

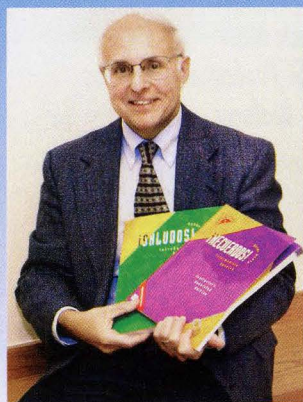
Judith Townsend, USI instructor in mathematics, will present a session titled "Mathematics: Peering into a Crystal Ball." Her presentation is

designed to show "how math applies to careers for the future and how math can turn you into a magician."

Townsend will be stressing the importance of high-school preparation for math-related careers. She said, "Some colleges admit only students who have had three to four years of high school math. Those who have taken more high school math usually do better in the required college math classes. These students also have many more options with majors and careers that are math dependent."

Saxon Reasons, manager of instructional technology programming for USI, will present a session on marine biology and her adventures as a tour guide in the Galapagos Islands and on the Amazon River. Edie McClellan, USI assistant professor of psychology, will talk about some of the discoveries that psychologists have uncovered about the human mind. Other presenters include Amy Tate, Webmaster for the *Evansville Courier and Press*. Joan Kempf, USI assistant professor of graphic design; and Jeannie Collins, USI assistant professor of chemistry.

The conference is sponsored by the Evansville chapter of the American Association of University Women, the USI Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology, and the USI Scripps Howard Center for Media Studies ■



### Speaking Spanish

Oscar Ozete, University of Southern Indiana professor of Spanish, has written two new college textbooks for students of Spanish. His *Saludos* for first-year students and *Recuerdos* for second-year students already are widely adopted by colleges and universities, including the Naval Academy and the University of Oklahoma. The books were published in 2001 by Thomson Learning of Boston. Ozete drew upon 40 years of experience in teaching Spanish to develop practical and functional texts for undergraduate and non-traditional students.

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# GLVC honors Mike Bernier with Bertram Award

*St. Louis optometrist who played on USI's first soccer team recognized for professional accomplishments and community service since graduation*

Dr. Paul Michael (Mike) Bernier '83, a starter on the University of Southern Indiana's first varsity soccer team, is the recipient of the 2002 Dr. Charles Bertram Alumni Award of Distinction presented by the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

He will receive the award in March at the fifth annual Pepsi/GLVC Basketball Tournament at Roberts Stadium in Evansville.

The award was created in memory of Charlie Bertram, the USI math educator who was USI's faculty athletic representative and president of the GLVC at the time of his death in June 1999.

This award is based upon academic excellence, athletic ability and achievement, character and leadership while a GLVC student athlete, and personal distinction since graduation. The individual's public or community service or contributions to athletics at any level since graduation are viewed with favor. Nominees must have graduated at least 10 years prior to being nominated.

A St. Louis optometrist, Bernier has distinguished himself personally and professionally since graduating from USI with a major in psychology. In 1987, he completed requirements for the degree of Doctor of Optometry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' School of Optometry.

"My parents said that even when I was little, I had the desire to be a doctor," Bernier said. "As far back as I can remember, I wanted to be a doctor."

He considered becoming a pediatrician because of his love for children, but he says that optometry has proved to be an ideal field, offering rewarding opportunities to work with patients of all ages. He especially enjoys working with youngsters and their parents to solve the children's vision problems.



Bernier

Bernier is president/CEO of the Chippewa Eye Centre Incorporated in St. Louis and is a principal partner in Resort Investment Group, based in Colorado. He was named an honor student by Beta Sigma Kappa, the international optometric honor society, while he was studying optometry and later received the organization's Noteworthy Practitioner award. He was appointed instructor of clinical ophthalmology and visual science at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in 1997.

In the St. Louis community, Bernier has been active in several nonprofit groups. He has been the low vision specialist since 1990 for the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired and was president of Managed Care Professionals from 1995 through 2000.

Bernier entered USI in 1979 when the varsity soccer program was under development. He had concluded his high school career at St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis on the Missouri state championship team.

"When I started, the USI program was brand new," said Bernier, who played defense. "By the time I finished we were in the NCAA II playoffs. Making the Division II playoffs and playing at home was my most memorable moment. Even though we lost, it was a great game and was the culmination of a lot of effort."

**“He was a true student athlete and also a role model for what today's student athletes can achieve. Mike would have been successful in whatever he decided to do.”**

**— Jack Marr  
USI Professor Emeritus  
of Biology**

During Bernier's tenure on the team, the Screaming Eagles won the GLVC championship three times and appeared in the NCAA Division II Tournament in 1982. He was a stand-out on a defense that recorded 28 shutouts in four seasons.

Being part of a successful soccer program and at the same time having a desire to be a doctor forced Bernier to perform the high-wire act all student athletes must—balancing athletics and academics.

Bernier said, “Dr. (Jack) Marr and Dr. (Mike) Denner kept me on the straight and narrow in academics. It was a tough road when you consider all of the hours on the academic side and then the hours on the sports side. You have to have a fine balancing act. My family supported me all the way through, but Dr. Marr and Dr. Denner

were influential in my career and I stay in touch with them today.”

Dr. Jackson L. Marr, professor emeritus of biology, said, “He was a true student athlete and also a role model for what today’s student athletes can achieve. Mike would have been successful in whatever he decided to do.”

Dr. Mike Denner, also a USI professor emeritus of biology, concurred with Marr. “Mike was a very fine and dedicated student, driven to do well in both academics and soccer. He knew what he wanted to do and went for it.”

Bernier and his wife Shelly have

three children—Derek, 9; Gabrielle, 7; and Allee, 4. Bernier coaches Derek in baseball and Gabrielle in soccer.

The GLVC recognizes one male and one female former student athlete each year with the Bertram award. LuAnn Humphrey, an alumna of the University of Indianapolis, will receive the women’s award for 2002. Winners of the inaugural awards in 2001 were Larry Tucker, a basketball player from Lewis University, and Lois Taurmann, a three-sports star from Bellarmine University ■

## Jon Mark Hall named USI athletic director

**J**on Mark Hall, University of Southern Indiana assistant athletic director for seven years, has been named athletic director. He becomes the second full time athletic director in the University’s history, succeeding Steve Newton.

In a January 2 announcement, USI President H. Ray Hoops said, “Jon Mark has a proven track record in all areas of the USI Athletic Department. He will continue the excellence and high standards established by Steve Newton the past seven years.”



Hall

Hall said, “I am extremely excited about the opportunity Dr. Hoops and the University of Southern Indiana have given me. The staff will continue to strive to become the best Division II athletic program in the country. We have a fantastic coaching and support staff in place and this staff will be very visible in the Evansville community.

“The experience a student athlete receives while participating is invaluable and we will make sure that our staff maximizes every opportunity to teach student athletes how to become strong leaders and good citizens.”

Also head coach for men’s tennis, Hall will finish the 2001-02 season but will step down from that responsibility in June. He has directed the men’s tennis team to the Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season title in three of the last four years and to the GLVC Tournament title the last three years. He was named the GLVC Coach of the Year in four of the last five seasons.

Before joining USI, Hall was an assistant athletic director at the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1990 from Murray State University, where he was on the tennis team for two seasons, earning Academic All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in 1987. Hall completed a master’s degree in sports administration from Ohio State University in 1992.

He is a native of Murray, Kentucky ■

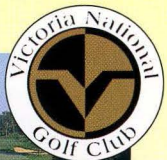


## Victoria National Tournament to benefit USI athletic program

**V**ictoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, one of the country’s top 100 new courses, has chosen the University of Southern Indiana as the beneficiary of its 2002 Memorial Endowment Tournament, to be held July 14-15. Proceeds of the tournament will benefit USI athletics.

Dr. Ed Brundick, longtime team physician for USI athletics and a member of the Victoria National Club, is chairing the benefit tournament. Several USI Foundation Board members and alumni also are on the committee.

Sponsorships are available at several levels. Gold and silver sponsors will have teams of four players who can play their own ball on Sunday and in a scramble on Monday. Additional information will be forthcoming from the USI Foundation. Golfers who want to reserve a place for a team should call the Foundation at 812/464-1918 ■



Victoria National Golf Club

## 1970s

**William A. Burgdorf '71**, history, is a human resources development leader for The Trane Company in Tyler, Texas. He received a Master of Science degree in instructional technology and distance education in 1998 from Nova Southeastern University.

**Robert W. Swan '72**, accounting, was recently elected to the American Institute of Certified Accountants' Group of 100. He is member-in-charge of the Evansville office of Kemper CPA Group LLC.

**Gary L. Beck '75**, biology, is a medical doctor with St. Mary's Health Care in Evansville.

## 1980s

**Louis B. Haas '80**, history, is associate professor of medieval history at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**Rosemary Denning Hall '80**, accounting, has joined J.H. Rudolph and Co., Inc., of Evansville as assistant controller.

**Mary Medcalf Hess '80**, psychology, has been named program chair for human services at Ivy Tech State College in Evansville.

**Harold E. Tepool '80**, communications, has been promoted to department chair of management accounting with the business public service division at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Judy I. Thomas '80**, social science, '92, social work, has been named Alzheimer's care director at Brentwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Evansville.

**Susan K. Everett '81**, marketing, '99, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to vice president and chief information officer at Keller Crescent Co., in Evansville.

**Constance T. Harness '82**, business education, '01, Master of Business Administration, is payroll and human resources coordinator for GFI Research Center in Evansville.

**Judith A. Hill '82**, communications, is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in Clarksville, Tennessee.



## Calendar of Events

- March 12** Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
- April 6** USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., USI Physical Activities Center
- April 13** Men's and Women's Alumni Soccer Games against current varsity players, USI Strassweg Field
- April 19-20** USI Spring Festival, carnival rides, food booths, and games, USI Campus
- April 23** Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Pat Flynn's, Indianapolis
- May 4** Alumni Association Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall; Class of 2002 Reception and Dinner follows Annual Meeting
- June 9** Alumni Family Picnic, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., USI University Center Mall
- June 11** Alumni Council Meeting & Orientation, 5:45 p.m., USI University Center
- July 9** Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard, Indianapolis
- July 14-15** 2002 Memorial Endowment Tournament to benefit USI Athletics, Victoria National Golf Course, Newburgh, Indiana

All alumni are welcome 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](http://www.usi.edu/alumni) ■

**Linda Rohlfer Shekell '82**, marketing, is a senior buyer for Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville.

**Randall L. Haaff '84**, finance, has been named senior vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Robin McCoy Renschler '84**, elementary education, recently was awarded the Freda-Lee Hubler Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches at Saddle River Day School in Saddle River, New Jersey.

**Mo Cato '85**, communications, has been hired by Southwest Indiana Network for Education as business education, adult learning manager for the firm's nine-county area. He resides in Evansville.

**Brad A. Fraser '85**, social science, is a teacher and head men's basketball coach at Pender High School in West Burgaw, North Carolina.

**Donald R. Neel '85**, accounting, has been named president of Fidelity Federal Bancorp in Evansville. He retains his position as president and CEO of United Fidelity Bank.

**Janet M. Heldt '86**, administrative systems/marketing, has been promoted to vice president, employee relations director at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

**Karla Robinson Larmore '86**, sociology, is a sergeant for the Evansville Police Department.

**Tim McGuire '86**, accounting, has been promoted to controller for Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

**Scott A. Wright '86**, communications, has been named vice president of The Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis LLC in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Deidra R. Conner '87**, accounting, is director of finance at Evansville ARC.

**John S. Johnson '87**, management, is vice president with Cinergy Communications in Evansville.

**Jeff D. Kniese '87**, finance, has joined Integra Bank as vice president and insurance product manager in Evansville.

## Nursing program names Jerrilee Lamar first Distinguished Alumna



LaMar

**J**errilee LaMar '94, manager of the employee education and development department at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, has been named the first recipient of the University of Southern Indiana Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, presented the award October 23 during the first annual alumni gathering for the nursing program. The award recognizes professional work that reflects the excellence which the school strives to instill in its graduates ■

**Charlie W. Robinson '87**, English, is a Longman English Success product manager for the United States and Canada at Pearson Education. He resides in Naperville, Illinois.

**Rae Clark Weinstein '87**, communications, is yearbook and newspaper advisor for Judson High School, the third largest high school in Texas. She has received numerous photographic awards and honors. She lives in San Antonio, Texas.

**Paul D. Bush '88**, finance, is field claims coordinator for Cincinnati Insurance Company, directing Arkansas and Southern Missouri. He resides in Paron, Arkansas.

**Michael B. Carroll '88**, accounting, has joined United Fidelity Bank as vice president of corporate planning in Evansville.

**Lisa Williams-Hall '88**, social work, is a social worker for a small Catholic Church that supplies food, clothing, shelter, and love to the needy and disenfranchised in Cocoa, Florida.

**David L. Lovell '89**, communications, is marketing director for Koch Development Corporation in Santa Claus, Indiana.

**Sheldon R. Pontaoe '89**, marketing, is senior trademark counsel for GlaxoSmithKline in Durham, North Carolina.

## 1990s

**Kevin Emerson '90**, computer information systems, is working as senior systems administrator helping support development and test platforms for BellSouth Web sites. He resides in Snellville, Georgia.

**Randy E. Graber '90**, accounting, is corporate financial officer and controller for Warrick Federal Credit Union in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Dolli Kuehn Kight '90**, marketing/management, is director of stewardship for St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville.

**Glenn T. Kingsbury '90**, business administration, has joined Integra Bank as assistant vice president/North District manager in Evansville.

**Terry E. Lewis '90**, marketing, is a program specialist for Davidson County Sheriff's Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Tristan D. Barnett '91**, mechanical engineering, has been named facility manager directing two facilities for National Distribution Centers. He has relocated to Rancho Cucamonga, California.

**Christy Wendt Krueger '91**, elementary education, has been promoted to associate director at La Petite Academy/St. Mary's Children's Center in Evansville.

**Julia Schank Kunkler '91**, business education, '96, Master of Secondary Education, is a business technology instructor at Mater Dei High School in Evansville.

**Duane M. Rasche '91**, finance/economics, is a mortgage loan originator for Integra Bank in Huntingburg, Indiana.

**Thomas A. Tate '91**, business administration, is vice president of operations for ICON One Source, Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Alumni programs fund scholarships



The team from American General Finance won first place with a score of 57 at the Alumni Fun Golf Scramble held September 21 in Evansville. Donna Mesker '86, president of the USI Alumni Association, congratulates team members, from left, Eric Lamey, John Hobby, Jeff Holifield, and Gerald Montgomery '83.

Proceeds from alumni golf events build scholarship funds for University of Southern Indiana students. Income from the sale of collegiate automobile license plates and from alumni affinity programs also benefit scholarships.

Awards totaling \$21,500 are distributed each year to students from the USI Alumni Scholarship Endowment. In addition, the Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Scholarship provides a \$2,000 scholarship to a current-year graduating senior from a high school in Marion County or the eight contiguous counties.

The Alumni Association and the Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter express thanks to the following corporate hole sponsors:

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**Jamie L. Wicks '91**, business administration, '97, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president of personal trust at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Stephanie J. Johnson '92**, elementary education, is president of Grace-Whitney Development in Evansville.

**Douglas R. Wagler '92**, business administration, has joined BKD LLP, formed from Baird, Kurtz, Dobson and Olive LLP, as a senior consultant in Indianapolis.

**Carolyn Waninger Dearmond '93**, accounting, has been promoted to assistant cashier in business banking at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Peggy Sander Jacobs '93**, accounting, has been promoted to supervisor in the Accounting Services Plus Department at Harding, Shymanski & Co., in Evansville.

**Tiki Thompson Roettgers '93**, business administration, is a zone manager for Ford Motor Company in Downers Grove, Illinois.

**David J. Blackwell '94**, business administration, is sales manager for Blackwell, Inc., in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Nicole Cheesman Blackwell '94**, business administration, is a community outreach coordinator for Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington, Indiana.

**Scott A. Brawdy '94**, accounting, has been named supervisor in the tax entities department at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

**Craig A. Martin '94**, business administration, '97, Master of Business Administration, has completed a Ph.D. in business administration at the University of Memphis and is now an assistant professor of marketing at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Hendricks A. Posey '94**, elementary education, is a fifth grade teacher for Greater Clark County Schools in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

**Jennifer Young Posey '94**, political science, is the office manager for C. Douglas Hensley MD in Louisville, Kentucky.



**Christian H. Roettgers '94**, business administration, is a dealer operations manager for Ford Motor Company in Downers Grove, Illinois.

**Amanda L. Burch '95**, Spanish, has been promoted to senior programming specialist at Card Management Center in Evansville.

**Alan D. Jones '95**, business administration, has joined National City Bank of Indiana as assistant vice president/credit supervisor in Indianapolis.

**Kenneth E. McWilliams '95**, political science, is a recruiter for the American Red Cross in Evansville.

**Susan Brasseur Neuendorf '95**, nursing, is a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

**Marc L. Timberman '95**, accounting, is an accounting supervisor for Turner Construction in Chicago, Illinois.

**Laura J. Wiseman '95**, elementary education, is a full-time staff missionary with Youth With A Mission in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Tracy Kollker Crick '96**, communications, is co-founder of a new music company called DemoDaze. She resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**Kyle D. Heflin '96**, biology, graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in May 2001. He is going into private practice in Carmel, Indiana.

**Mike D. Lewis '96**, communications, has been promoted to assistant vice president/West Side banking center manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Amy B. Lutzel '96**, communications, has been named manager of Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union's travel agency (ET Odyssey) in Evansville.

**Isabella A. McCool '96**, nursing, has been promoted to manager of Deaconess Hospital's cardiovascular surgical unit in Evansville.

**Brandon S. Nicholson '96**, business administration, is a territory representative for Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals. He resides in Michigan City, Indiana.

## Dougan completes journalism fellowship

**Katherine R. Dougan '94**, medical writer for the *Clarion-Ledger* in Jackson, Mississippi, has completed a four-month Knight Journalism Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

She studied epidemiology and biostatistics, putting her knowledge into practice by participating in projects at the Sovereign Nation of Turtle Mountain Chippewa in Belcourt, North Dakota, at the site of an old tremolite asbestos mining and milling operation in Libby, Montana, and at a site in Vieques, Puerto Rico, where military bombing exercises were conducted for 60 years.

She also was involved with the Mississippi State Department of Public Health in preparation for response to bioterrorism and other statewide health projects ■

## Rehabilitation Institute honors Dena Kirk

**Dena Kirk '98**, an occupational therapist with Southern Illinois Healthcare in Herrin, Illinois, was named to receive the Magnuson Award in September for the Southern Illinois region of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Kirk was nominated by her peers and selected by top executives of the Rehabilitation Institute for the honor, which included \$1,000, a plaque, and a Tiffany crystal bowl ■

**Prudence C. Pekinpaugh '96**, business administration, has taken a position in advertising sales with *Evansville Living* magazine.

**Shannon R. Brewer '97**, accounting, has been promoted to supervisor at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

**Lisa S. Glahn '97**, Master of Social Work, has been named director of Alzheimer's care at Woodland Convalescent Center in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Daniel J. Hancock '97**, political science/communications, is a student at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

**Roseann F. Moody '97**, nursing, has been named a nursing instructor for Ivy Tech State College in Evansville.

**John P. Mullen '97**, English, is athletic director at Eastern-Greene High School in Bloomfield, Indiana.

**Shawn Otto '97**, accounting, has been promoted to supervisor in the Accounting Services Plus Department at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

**Karen Christman Wojciechowski '97**, biology, is a research support specialist conducting electrophysiology experiments in the Department of Pharmacology at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.

**Erica H. Macke '98**, health services, has completed a Master of Special Education degree at University of Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Cori Martin Maynor '98**, occupational therapy, was promoted recently to supervisor of occupational therapy at the Center for Comprehensive Services in Carbondale, Illinois.

**Jenny R. Medcraft '98**, computer information systems/German, is a computer systems analyst in the Schools of Liberal Arts and Business at USI.

**Amy M. Mischler '98**, biology, received her doctorate in physical therapy from Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. She has taken a position with ProRehab, PC in Evansville.

**James W. Mullen '98**, business administration, is a dealer account manager for Ford Motor Credit in Evansville.

## Alumni get together in Indy



More than 50 alumni gathered for pizza in December when the Screaming Eagles played basketball at the University of Indianapolis. Pictured, from left, are Angela Hays '94, Brian Zirkelbach '99, Debbie Egler-Mann '90, Kim Jamell '91 (president of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter), Lois Young '90, Alan Jones '95, Patty Godeke Wiseman '93, and Nancy Johnson '83, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services .

**Kendra K. Reisz '98**, accounting, has been promoted to supervisor at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

**Amanda Conklin Stock '98**, geology, is a provisioning specialist at Ameritech/SBC in Evansville.

**Erin Wilson-Stump '98**, elementary education, is a middle school reading specialist for the School District of North Posey County in Poseyville, Indiana.

**Heidi A. Dike '99**, Master of Social Work, is a chemical dependency therapist for Hazelden Foundation in Chicago, Illinois.

**Anetta Osborn Dill '99**, accounting, is controller for Woll Enterprises, Inc., in Evansville.

**Tonya Hufnagel Kirkland '99**, accounting, is director of development for Family and Children's Service Inc., in Evansville.

**April L. Moore '99**, early childhood education, is a teacher at La Petite Academy/St. Mary's Children's Center in Evansville.

**Carlos M. Serna '99**, art, is an assistant soccer coach for Reitz High School in Evansville.

**Chad A. Smith '99**, social science teaching, is a teacher and coach at Sullivan High School in Sullivan, Indiana.

**Jason C. Smith '99**, sociology, is a claims adjuster and accident investigator with Farmers Insurance Group in Evansville.

**Jennifer L. Waninger '99**, sociology, has been promoted to employment services program coordinator for Marion Superior Court Probation Department in Indianapolis.

### 2000s

**Kayla A. Barron '00**, social work, '01, Master of Social Work, is a behavior specialist for Bridges of Southern Indiana in Evansville.

**Brock A. Beaver '00**, social science education, has been promoted to social studies department head after one year of teaching at Saint Stephen Middle School in Saint Stephen, South Carolina.

**Christa J. Boggs '00**, respiratory therapy, is a respiratory therapist for University Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Cara L. Cox '00**, marketing, is assistant account executive for Edelman Scott, Inc., in Richmond, Virginia.

**Dana K. Davis '00**, computer information systems, is a system business analyst for State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Illinois.

**Barbara A. Deich '00**, Master of Nursing, is a certified family nurse practitioner working at Bedford Regional Medical Center in Bedford, Indiana.

**Christopher J. Dunning '00**, business, is banking center manager for Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Kelly D. Evans '00**, health services, is a dental assistant for Dr. Glen Norton in Evansville.

**Jamie R. Fiscel '00**, business administration, is a financial representative for American General Financial Services, Inc. in Indianapolis.

**James R. Flener '00**, elementary education, is a fourth grade teacher at J.H. Castle Elementary School in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Gwen J. Fulk '00**, elementary education, teaches fifth grade at Oakdale Elementary School in Boonville, Indiana.

**Jeremy J. Hagan '00**, biophysics, is a study coordinator for GFI Research Center in Evansville.

**Brent D. Joyce '00**, public relations and advertising, a creative writer with Kitch & Schreiber Marketing and Advertising Inc., has taken on additional responsibility as broadcast director. He resides in Evansville.

**Becky Snider Mayes '00**, psychology, is a recruiting specialist for American Express Financial Advisors in Evansville.

**Summer L. Sisney '00**, public relations and advertising, has been promoted to sales executive with the Evansville Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

**Jonathan D. Stallings '00**, biology, is a research assistant/graduate student at State University of New York in Stony Brook, New York.

**Andrea D. Strange '00**, accounting, is a staff accountant for Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

**Erin Mills Turner '00**, dental assisting, is a physical medicine technician for Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

**Brian B. Woods '00**, business administration, is a real estate appraiser for Bartlett, Parker, & Associates in Evansville.

**Jeremy W. Yackle '00**, political science, is executive director for the Perry County Convention & Visitor's Bureau in Tell City, Indiana.

**Kristi L. Butler '01**, public relations and advertising, is account manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises in Evansville.

**Autum R. Byrd '01**, marketing, recently was promoted to Learning Center coordinator at USI.

**Mark A. Chandler '01**, business administration, is a management trainee at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Amanda L. Duncan '01**, social work, is a counselor/advocate for O.A.S.I.S. in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Emily R. Eckert '01**, health services, is a dental hygienist and instructor for USI.

**Rachel L. Fisher '01**, occupational therapy, is an occupational therapist for Twinlakes Regional Medical Center in Leitchfield, Kentucky.

**Sherry A. Fisher '01**, social work, is a student at USI in the Master of Social Work program.

**Holly R. Frederick '01**, accounting, is an accountant for Neel and Company LLP, in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Travis W. Gillison '01**, radio/television, is a sales representative with Western Southern Life in Evansville.

**Lyera J. Hammons '01**, business administration, has accepted the position of student scheduler in Scheduling Services at USI.

**Scott R. Harvey '01**, radio/television, is a reporter in the sports department at WDRB-TV in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Rhea N. Hemenway '01**, health services/nursing, works for American Eye Institute as a registered nurse in Evansville.

**Heather D. Heseman '01**, physical education, is a physical education and health teacher at Resurrection Catholic School in Evansville.

**Rachel O'Bryan Hollingsworth '01**, nursing/health services, is a staff nurse with American CancerCare in Evansville.

**Greg B. Keown '01**, business administration, is a sales representative with Alflex Inc., in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Kelly L. Kern '01**, radio/television, is an assignment editor for WTHR NBC in Indianapolis.

**Sarah E. Klamer '01**, public relations and advertising, is a co-store manager for The Limited clothing store in Evansville.

**John E. Knight '01**, business administration/computer information systems, is a network analyst for Accuride Corporation in Evansville.

**Stacey N. Kubida '01**, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher for Carroll County Board of Education. She resides in Carrollton, Kentucky.

**Angela M. Lampert '01**, radiologic technology, is a senior radiologic technologist for Greater Lafayette Health Services, Inc., in Lafayette, Indiana.

**Jamie N. Land '01**, accounting, has joined the general services department at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville as a staff accountant.

**Rachelle A. Mayer '01**, accounting, has recently joined Shoe Carnival Corporation as a staff accountant in Evansville.

**Thomas G. Merrill '01**, Master of Business Administration, is a research development engineer for Kimberly Clark Corporation in Roswell, Georgia.

**Shae Travis Otto '01**, business administration, is manager of Tri-State Family Dental Center in Evansville.

**Jennifer S. Ridener '01**, accounting, recently was elected treasurer for ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) of Indiana Region 10. She is accounts administrator for Premier Marketing Group in Jasper, Indiana.

**Casi L. Schiff '01**, accounting, has joined the general services department at Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville as a staff accountant.

## Chicago alumni attend reception



*Chicago-area alumni held a holiday reception at Fado Irish Pub. From left are Jean Hoffman Robinson '85, Charlie Robinson '87, Tiki Thompson Roettgers '93, Megan McNicholas, Marc Timberman '95, and Christian Roettgers '94.*

**Cori D. Smith '01**, interpersonal communications, is a hall director for Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

**Elizabeth Tripp '01**, radiologic technology, is a technologist with Columbia HCA Johnston Willis Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

**Brad Turner '01**, occupational therapy, has been hired by ProRehab, PC of Evansville in orthopedic rehabilitation.

**Lee Ann Ulrich '01**, Master of Liberal Studies, is a financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors in Evansville.

**Neill D. Waters '01**, marketing/business administration, is a marketing specialist for Card Management Service in Evansville.

**Tara M. Wible '01**, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher for Stringtown Elementary School in Evansville.

## Marriages

**Sheila L. Eichmiller '93**, political science, and **Doug Hamner**, August 25

**Derrick M. Hill '93**, business administration, and **Sally Britt**, July 2

## Tennis players hold reunion

Seventeen former University of Southern Indiana men's tennis players returned to campus October 13 for the second annual team reunion. **Jon Mark Hall**, head coach, and **Jack Marr**, former coach, also attended.

Activities included a tour of the renovated locker rooms and the expanded Varsity Club Room in the Physical Activities Center. **Tony Bacon '96** and **Jason Coomer '01** co-hosted the event. Another reunion is planned in the fall ■

**Nancy J. Sieben '93**, communications, and **David Koehler**, October 6

**Kristi M. Hoffman '96**, communications, and **Brandon Siegel**, July 21

**Jon-David Swift '96**, psychology, and **Lindsey Wade**, July 28

**Shannon Martin '97**, education, and **Jeremy Hile**, June 16

**Douglas L. Miller '98**, elementary education, and **Tiffany Austin**, July 28

**Christopher J. Baker '99**, business, and **Kathy Binggeli**, July 21

**Natalie L. Folz '99**, business administration, and **Keith Maasberg**, July 28

**Kevin Irons '99**, physical education, and **Christina Warren**, October 6

**Leta J. Sokeland '99**, communication, and **Bryan C. Horstman '99**, art, November 3

**Amanda K. Young '99**, psychology, and **Jason Wagner**, June 30

**Angie N. Lindsay '00**, psychology, and **Jeremy D. Williams '99**, mathematics/economics, September 15

**Melissa S. Beard '01**, elementary education, and **Alex R. Howell '01**, science teaching, July 11

## We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Use this space to let us know! If you have been quoted in a newspaper article, send us a copy. We want to hear from you.

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**Kathryn S. Beckstedt '01**, accounting, and Matthew Hoekstra, August 8

**Brian M. Coffey '01**, business administration, and Amy Romain, June 23

**Elizabeth J. Fuhrman '01**, art, and Jason Bragg, July 21

**Karalyn J. Kavanaugh '01**, occupational therapy, and **Mark A. Franklin '01**, political science, August 11

**Mary J. Renslow '01**, health services, and **Charles M. Goldbach '00**, science teaching, June 2

## Births

**Julie Beckwith Merkel '89**, dental hygiene, and Matt, daughter, Isabelle Rae, August 1

**Teresa Davis Moore '90**, accounting, and **Gregory D. Moore '93**, Master of Business Administration, daughter, Anna Virginia, August 17

**Jamie Hagan Neel '90**, communications, and **Donald R. Neel '85**, accounting, son, Aidan Jameson, September 12

**Kenda Kleiman Cecil '91**, dental hygiene, and Kevin, son, Ethan Cameron, August 18

**Jason K. Stamm '91**, history, and Amy, son, Carter Alexander, May 30

**Angela Stroud Cluck '91**, business, and Derek, daughter, Elizabeth Nicole, May 11

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**April 19**

**11 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Concert 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.**

**April 20**

**10 a.m. – 10 p.m.**

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student organizations  
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**Lynell Breivogel Walton '91**, accounting, and Rich, daughter, Christina Walton, August 1

**Brenda Loepker Lechner '92**, dental hygiene, and Michael, daughter, Breann Sue, July 8

**Leah Stierley Vantlin '92**, psychology, and Larry, daughter, Mary Olivia, January 28, 2001

**Carla Clark Bishop '93**, psychology/business administration, and David, daughter, Diana Jan, October 20

**Lisa Osborne Holland '93**, dental assisting, and Bradley, daughter, Camille Elisabeth, August 4

**Mark R. Palmer '93**, business administration, and Denise, son, Austin Hunter, September 22

**Tammy Eigel Rust '93**, elementary education, and **Bradley M. Rust '89**, accounting, son, William Andrew, August 7

**Holly Peppiatt Arnold '94**, business education, and Bryan, son, Logan Patrick, June 11

**Stephanie Gries Brown '94**, early childhood education, and **Thomas E. Brown '95**, communications, son, Dylan Thomas, October 7

**Candy Jines Fehrenbacher '94**, art, and **Eric J. Fehrenbacher '94**, psychology, daughter, Anna Corinne, October 17

## Bill Centifanto to run in Boston Marathon

After showing what he could do last April by winning the USI Eagle 5K, Bill Centifanto is still running. In October the former USI cross country team member fulfilled a lifelong dream of running the Chicago Marathon, finishing in 2 hours, 49 minutes, and 33 seconds. He placed 298th in a field of almost 32,000 competitors. The time he posted in Chicago qualifies him to run April 15 in the Boston Marathon.

A Presidential Scholar at USI, Centifanto teaches English and coaches at North Posey High School in Posey County, Indiana. He earned a B.A. in 1996 and an M.S. in education in 2001 ■

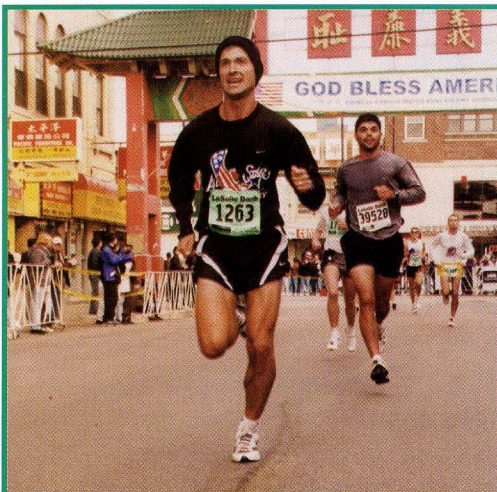


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*Halfway through the Chicago Marathon, Bill Centifanto is on pace to finish among the top one percent of runners.*

Mindy Yager Green '94, elementary education, and Jared, son, Gage Tyler, June 28

Ellen Hay White '94, nursing, and Matthew C. White '93, business, daughter, Katerina Elyse, October 19

LaDonna Brokaw Elpers '95, general studies, and Kevin, son, Marcus Raymond, July 31

Michael A. McGrew '95, business, and Julie, son, John Arthur, August 4

Kevin M. Bayer '96, communications, and Rubi, daughter, Catherine Rose, November 19

Deborah J. Phelps '96, nursing, and Michael, son, Tyler Michael, September 21

Evan A. Porter '96, business administration, and Cynthia, son, Alexander Evan, August 7

Cara Dolletzki Boerm '97, communications, and Chris, son, Conner William, November 15

Tera Lane Henson '97, radiologic technology, and Wesley J. Henson '97, business administration, son, William Clay, October 2

Mitzi Dennison Kilgore '97, business administration, and Adam, son, Addison James, October 8

Nicole Voegerl Martin '97, occupational therapy/psychology, and Craig A. Martin '94, business administration, '97, Master of Business Administration, son, Tyler Aaron, April 8

Amy Malone Quick '97, physical education, and Tom, son, Connor Thomas, July 16

Kerri Guinn Boyd '98, elementary education, and Kory, son, Kaden Michael, September 5

Katrina S. Roberson '98, accounting, and Dean, son, Dacin Race, May 16

Brandy Graham '00, dental hygiene, and Pat, son, Cade Patrick, August 18

Melissa Rench Mosby '00, psychology, and Chris, son, Paxton Mosby, August 6

Sarah Stafford Scott '01, business administration, and Russell, son, Bryce Marshall, January 1, 2001

## In Memoriam

Wayne L. Taylor '75, accounting, died October 25 in Evansville. He was an accountant and owned and operated Taylor Business Services in Oakland City, Indiana.

Ted J. Wiltsie '77, elementary education, died November 13 in Evansville. He was an elementary school teacher and had worked for Helmuth Group Home and Hillcrest-Washington Home in Evansville.

Joellyn M. Thomas '79, sociology/psychology, died November 4 in Evansville. She was a Crisis Line Volunteer and a former member of the Citizen's Advisory Council in Evansville.

Annette Bittner Meier '86, management, died October 18 in Evansville. She formerly worked in the marketing department at Bristol-Myers Squibb, where she was a nutritional sales representative.

Mary Schneider Welte '91, business administration, died November 9 at her home in Evansville. She was the creator and president of Sunny Day Hats with Love, a not-for-profit organization that provides free hats to people suffering from hair loss. Known in Evansville as "the Hat Lady," she helped make more than 500 hats which were given to women who lost their hair during chemotherapy.

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# Spotlight

## Bridging the gap

### Indiana CPA Society names Craig Ehlen Outstanding Educator

**D**r. Craig R. Ehlen, associate professor of accounting, wants his teaching to bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world.

“I try to emphasize the important concepts by presenting them in a manner different from that used in the textbook presentation,” he said. “I illustrate these concepts whenever possible by describing and discussing the actual accounting and auditing situations that I encountered during my 20 years of domestic and international business and professional experience.”

For his excellence in teaching and in motivating students, he has been awarded the 2001 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award from the Indiana CPA Society. The award also recognizes his contributions to the profession.

Ehlen has been a leader in incorporating in his courses the recommendations of the Accounting Education Change Commission, which recognizes the need for accounting graduates with enhanced analytical, communications, team-building, and critical-thinking skills. He continues to mentor many of his former students.

Colleagues have praised him for his leadership in organizing and facilitating the Southwestern Indiana Accounting Career Conference which has become a model throughout the state for regional meetings of the Indiana CPA Society.

Ehlen is experienced in the area of fraud audits and maintains a special interest in that area of accounting. His work has been published in a number of academic and professional journals.

He joined the USI faculty in 1989.



Ehlen

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