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Posthumous award to Daniel Horrell

**Alumni Association to honor
Bettie Engelbrecht, John
McNaughton, Rosemary
Summers, Robert Swan**

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The USI Alumni Association will honor two graduates, an art professor, a long-time radio family supporter at the 1996 Senior Reception and Dinner, and present a posthumous Community Service Award to a '76 graduate. The event will begin with a reception at 5:45 p.m. Friday, May 3, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., all in the Holiday Inn Tropical Pavilion on U.S. 41 North. Honorees will include:

Distinguished Alumni Award --

Ms. Rosemary Rice Summers, a 1976 elementary education graduate who is principal of Lincoln Elementary School, Evansville. She is an innovative educator who has developed new programs and acquired federal grants to benefit Lincoln, including: 1) leading a study group that has led to school board approval of "year-round" schooling at Lincoln, making it a pilot program; 2) developing the only preschool within a public school in this area; 3) blending tutoring into the classroom; and 4) creating a parent-school liaison that tries to reach the children by helping the parents. The Evansville native counts herself fortunate to have been included in many pilot programs in her training and career, including having attended USI at the time the Education Department began putting students into a classroom at least once a semester instead of making them wait until they went out to student teach. Ms. Summers has said "year-round" school is a misnomer, that it really is a realignment of the calendar to give the students more but shorter vacations -- three weeks at a time. "We found we were spending a lot of time in classroom review" after the students had a whole summer away and it is hoped the new program will serve the children's education better."

Faculty Recognition Award --

Mr. John W. McNaughton, professor of art and a USI faculty member since 1970, has had a major impact on the community by creating several pieces of public sculpture. His work has won numerous awards over the years and he has developed a national reputation for himself and USI. He has been responsible for developing the art program at USI and has influenced many students. Mr. McNaughton noted during a Founder's Day event last year that in his profession, grants and visiting professorships are the more prestigious things that come along, but "I think one of your proudest moments has to be when you are invited to serve as

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visiting professor and the person in charge is one of your former students." He enjoyed such an experience when he spent a week at Notre Dame University and has watched many of his students go on to graduate school, with many going on to become teachers.

Special Recognition --

Ms. Bettie Engelbrecht, who has been active on the USI Foundation Board since 1982 and has underwritten a Presidential Scholarship. She spearheaded the Leisure Time Book Drive for the USI library and served as chair of the Foundation Special Events Committee. She is director of public service programming for WIKY/WJPS radio and has done radio public service work with South Central Broadcasting for 47 years. A former teacher and recreation director for Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Schools, her civic endeavors have included Operation City Beautiful, Goodwill Industries, and Altrusa International. Ms. Engelbrecht is secretary of the family's South Central Broadcasting, which in 1981 gave USI their former AM 820 radio station at significant expense for equipment, use of the WIKY radio tower, etc. The gift has allowed USI students to have "hands on" experience in their broadcasting training on University station, WSWI-AM 820.

Alumni Service Award --

Mr. Robert W. Swan, a 1972 accounting graduate, is regional administrative partner and a CPA with Kemper CPA Group. He served as the Alumni Association president in 1988-89; the alumni representative on the USI Board of Trustees, 1991-95; a continuing USI Foundation Board member; a charter member of the School of Business Board of Visitors; and a past Executive-in-Residence in the School. Swan left the USI Board in 1995 after Governor Evan Bayh appointed him to the Indiana Gaming Commission. He joined Price Waterhouse & Co. in Chicago after graduation, becoming the first USI alumnus to join the Big Eight in accounting firms. He later was assistant controller for the Santa Fe Energy Company in Amarillo, Texas, for five years before joining Kemper in 1981. He also has been president of Southern Indiana Chapter, Indiana CPA Society; board member and treasurer of the Rotary Club; and a board member of United Way of Southwestern Indiana. Swan and his wife, Roxanne, have two sons, Andrew and Landon. Andrew is a USI student and basketball Eagle.

In addition to the annual awards, a posthumous Community Service Award will be presented to the family of Mr. Daniel E. Horrell, a 1976 business management graduate who died of a heart attack in February. He was vice president of Old National Bank and manager of its Hebron Place Branch. He was president of the Plaza Park Middle School Booster Club, a volunteer baseball and basketball coach, past president of the Salvation Army and of the Petersburg High School Alumni Association, former Rotary Club member, and a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Mr. Horrell was an Alumni Council member (1992-1995), Alumni Association secretary (1993-94), and chair of the fundraising committee (1993-94).