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## **RICE PLAZA DEDICATION SLATED AUGUST 22**

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The dedication service for the David and Betty Rice Plaza will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, August 22, in the plaza and University Center Mall area at the University of Southern Indiana. An outdoor reception will follow. The plaza is being built as a lasting tribute to the 27 years of leadership and service rendered to USI by Dr. Rice, the University's first president, and Mrs. Rice. The Rices retired June 30.

The dedication and reception will be sponsored by the USI Foundation, with Ted C. Ziemer, chairman, serving as master of ceremonies. Participants will include Dr. H. Ray Hoops, Dr. Rice's successor as University president, and C. Wayne and Betty Worthington, chairs of the plaza fund campaign.

The 52-x-80-foot landscaped oasis is located in front of the David L. Rice Library and the University Center. The plaza will have three levels, a fountain bubbling over a granite waterfall, large shade trees, a variety of flowering trees, and seasonal blooming plants. Boulder block walls around landscaped gardens provide seating.

The plaza was designed by Steve Meyerholtz of Landscape Design Associates. It cost about \$90,000.

Suzanne A. Nicholson, director of University Development and president of the USI Foundation, said they will continue to accept donations for the plaza and will establish an endowment to provide proper husbandry of the annual and seasonal plants to be found there. For information, call Mrs. Nicholson at 812/464-1918.

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