

## “Inspiring” Ramsden honored by cMoe

**Ginger Ramsden**, manager of Family, School, and Children’s Programs, is the recipient of the first annual Karen D. Magan Inspiring Life Award, presented by the Koch Family Children’s Museum of Evansville (cMoe) in honor of Karen Donovan Magan. Along with the Junior League of Evansville, Magan championed the effort to create Hands on Discovery Children’s Museum, which led to the establishment of cMoe.

The award will be presented annually to an individual with an extraordinary commitment to children and families through community service. Ramsden’s life exemplifies that commitment.

**December Warren**, executive director of cMoe, said, “Ginger’s passion for children and families is exceptional. Her life has impacted many and cMoe is honored to celebrate her commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.”

Before joining USI, Ramsden taught kindergarten at Daniel Wertz Elementary School and owned and operated the Gingerbread House, offering enrichment courses for children and resources for parents.

She was one of the founding members of 4C of Southern Indiana, Inc., a referral agency and child-care resource center for parents and children in 11 counties in southwestern Indiana, and currently serves as president of its board of directors.

She has served on the Governing Board of the Evansville ARC, Inc., Child Life Center since 1998, and also is on the board of Girls in Bloom, a program that seeks to develop healthy self-esteem and body image in pre-teen and teenage girls; the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation Health Sciences Advisory Board; the marketing sub-committee of the Early Childhood Development Coalition (ECDC); and the board of Indiana YouthPRO Association (IYPA), a professional organization for youth care workers.

Under her leadership, the USI Children’s Center received a \$40,000 Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program (CCAMPIS) grant allowing access to childcare for students who earned too much to be eligible for vouchers, but not enough to be above poverty level. Additionally, a classroom for two-year-old children was added to the center, a lending library was established, and additional staff was hired. As a condition of the grant, the Children’s Center applied for and received National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation in 2000 and has received reaccreditation since.

Ramsden has continued and expanded USI’s academic enrichment programs for children, including the Super Summer program for children in grades K-9, and the College Achievement Program (CAP), through which junior and senior high school students earn college credit. The CAP program received accreditation from the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) in 2006. CAP is one of three accredited programs in the state of Indiana and one of 22 accredited programs in the nation.

She teaches both undergraduate education classes and non-

credit courses in computers, photo editing, and technology for teachers, and recently offered a series specifically for directors of childcare centers.

Ramsden is a member of the Evansville Area Early Childhood Association (EAECA), the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers (NCCCC), and the Indiana Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers (ICCCC).

She was nominated for the award by **Jaclyn Dumond**, program coordinator for Family, School, and Children’s Programs, and **Pam Buschkill**, Children’s Center coordinator.

## Mentors to help USI students compete for national scholarships

Eleven faculty members, an administrator, and **Brian Posler**, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, are available to help students gain a clearer picture of how to navigate the application process for such well-known and lucrative scholarships as Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, and other top national and international scholarships. Such prestigious scholarships offer an opportunity to study at premier graduate schools, provide funding for the education, and carry with them recognition that enhances career opportunities.

Posler explained why his office is available to assist USI students in applying for nationally competitive scholarships. “Our strong USI students are always extremely competitive for national scholarships, and with organized mentoring, we hope to build on our past successes.”

The mentors for the Nationally Competitive Scholarships program are **Heidi Gregori-Gahan**, director of International Programs; **Dr. Jeanne Collins**, assistant professor of chemistry; **Patricia Aakhus**, assistant professor of English; **Dr. Henri Maurice**, associate professor of biology; **Dr. Oana Armeanu**, assistant professor of political science; **Dr. Adrian Gentle**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Dr. Tamara Hunt**, professor of history; **Dr. Dane Partridge**, associate professor of management; **Dr. Shadow Robinson**, assistant professor of physics; **Dr. Mary Lyn Stoll**, assistant professor of philosophy; **Dr. Brent Summers**, assistant professor of biology; and **Dr. Ken Walsh**, assistant professor of chemistry.

Posler said, “USI students have won the Fulbright, Goldwater, and the Gilman International scholarships. I wish more of our best students would take the plunge and apply. We have recruited a very strong group of faculty mentors, and with their help, I know our students will have increased odds of winning more of these life-changing awards.”

A Web site has been created with details about the service at [www.usi.edu/acaffrs/scholarships/](http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/scholarships/). Look for

- advice for becoming a strong candidate
- how to reach the USI faculty mentors
- general tips for scholarship seekers
- who and how to ask for recommendations

- interview tips and much more.

Posler can be located in the Academic Affairs Office, Rm. 104E in the Wright Administration Building on campus, online at bposler@usi.edu, or by calling 465-7020.

## Jack Burgdorf is USI's Volunteer of the Decade

In honor of Volunteer USI's 10th anniversary, the Volunteer USI Council and the Office of Volunteer and Alumni Services named **Jack Burgdorf** the Volunteer of the Decade at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on September 27.

Burgdorf was nominated for the award by **Rick Herdes**, men's basketball coach, and **Sandy Hatfield**, former Varsity Club secretary. Hatfield said, "Any time I needed help, Jack was only a phone call away and always available to do any job that needed to be done. He is mechanically gifted, and happy to step in and volunteer on a project."

Burgdorf almost single-handedly installed new bleachers at the USI baseball field, Hatfield said, and crafted wooden tee boxes and tees for the Varsity Club Golf Scramble, one of the club's three major fund-raisers. He chairs the committee that maintains and acquires sponsor signs for the golf scramble, oversees the placement of the signs on the course, and removes them at the end of the day. He also organizes the putting contest.

He helped build the Varsity Club's West Side Nut Club Fall Festival food booth; transports it to and from West Franklin Street each year; and volunteers as a "day chairman," grilling steaks and chops during the festival. His total reported volunteer hours since 1996 are 1,169.

"Jack is just a great guy and a real support for things that need to be done," Hatfield said.

Herdes said, "In addition to attending most basketball games both home and away, Jack and his wife Bert are frequently at the PAC for volleyball games. They will be at baseball and softball enjoying the games or helping out in the concession stands when asked. Cross country and tennis teams have also been the beneficiary of Jack's aid and talents. The Burgdorfs are great fans of all our student athletes."

The Burgdorfs also support intramural sports. They sponsor a hole on the Disc Golf Course and assist in all facets of the Welcome Fun Fest during Welcome Week and the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Awards Program at the end of the year.

**Ruth Waller**, intramural recreational sports director, said, "They are avid supporters of my program and have been for years. They are just two wonderful, hardworking, and supportive people."

The Burgdorfs established two endowed scholarships for female students: The Burgdorf Screaming Eagle Scholarship and the Frances H. and Guy Q. Cornell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. An endowment provides for the scholarship to be awarded in perpetuity.

Their son and daughter-in-law are both employed by the University. **Gary Burgdorf** is construction administrator and his wife **Carol Burgdorf** is senior administrative assistant in Security.

Also honored at the ceremony were **Larry and Barbara Shelton**, the 2007 Volunteers of the Year, who contributed a combined 1,700 volunteer hours to Athletics, and USI Habitat for Humanity, 2007 Student (Organization) Volunteer of the Year.

## Growing...Building:

### Art Center construction begins

Construction on the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center/Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Art Galleries, a 5,000-square-foot

addition to the Liberal Arts Center, began soon after the groundbreaking ceremony was held September 5.

The contractor, Deig Bros., is currently excavating for and installing the footings for the foundation. Other work in progress at the site, located on the west side of the Liberal Arts Center facing Reflection Lake, is the relocation and installation of water, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer lines and connections. "Behind the scenes" work includes the fabrication of the structural steel for the frame.

"Everyone will be able to better see the progress of the project when the structural steel is delivered and erected in mid-October," said **Steve Helfrich**, director of Facilities, Operations and Planning.

"Of course, other preparation work is in progress or has been already been completed, including the removal of the handrails on the second level balcony; modification of the building façade to allow the addition to adjoin the existing building; and installation and connection of the heating and cooling piping in the Liberal Arts Center mechanical room."

The McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries will feature three exhibition areas with movable wall partitions allowing the galleries to be utilized as one large display area or a combination of two or three galleries. An entry gallery is planned to serve as an additional display area and serve as a reception and foyer area for opening events. A connecting corridor from the west entry will provide passage to the Liberal Arts Center.

Helfrich said the project is expected to be complete by July 2008.

## Names in the News

### In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to **Vicki Bierley**, senior administrative assistant in Instructional Technology Services, whose brother, David M. Newcomb, died September 26. Memorial contributions may be made to American Baptist East Church, 6300 Washington Avenue, Evansville, Indiana, 47715.

The University community mourns the loss of **Kimberly F. Greenlee**, assistant director of Human Resources, who died September 29. Greenlee joined USI in 2000 and was promoted from Human Resources coordinator to employment manager to assistant director. She is survived by her husband Kevin Greenlee; daughter Dr. Jodi Stephens and her husband Larry; stepdaughters Leslie Greenlee Keys and Beth Greenlee; sisters Amy Bryant and Cindy Bryant; brothers Perry Bryant and Ronnie Bryant, and niece Lindsay Bryant. Services were held October 4 at Bradley's Colonial Chapel in Boonville, with burial in Lynnville Cemetery in Lynnville. Memorial donations may be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, Suite 201, Indianapolis IN, 46204.

### In appreciation

"I'd like to thank the University community for the flowers, cards and kind words following the death of my father. Your good thoughts and support have helped Katie and me through our loss." - **Matthew Graham**, associate professor of English.

### Welcome

**Lucy Ball** has accepted a position as dispatcher in the Office of Security. She was formerly employed as a dispatcher in safety and security at the University of Evansville.

**Sandra Davis** has accepted a position as program coordinator

in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness. She holds a Master of Business Administration from USI. Davis was formerly employed as a salesperson at The Fitness Store and as a senior administrative assistant in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness.

**Libby Goedde** has accepted a position as administrative clerk in Special Events. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations and advertising from USI. Goedda was formerly employed as a media coordinator at Keller Crescent Company.

**Cynthia Kueber** has accepted a position as administrative assistant in Extended Services. Kueber was formerly employed as a customer service representative in the call center at Vectren Energy Delivery.

**Sarah Noelle** has accepted a position as cashier in the Business Office. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation resources from Purdue University. Noelle was formerly employed at M.C. Babcock, CPA.

**Chris Rose** has accepted a position as assistant professor of sociology in the College of Liberal Arts. He holds a doctorate in sociology from the University of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, a Master of Arts degree in sociology from Western Kentucky University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Murray State University. Rose was formerly employed as an assistant professor and program coordinator at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

**Jalane Weber** has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She holds an Associate of Science degree from USI. Weber was formerly employed as a secretary for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and as an administrative assistant in the Bower Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services.

**Cynthia Chalfant-York** has accepted a position as administrative assistant in the College of Liberal Arts. She was formerly employed as a veterinary technician at TLC Veterinary Hospital.

## FYI

### Salsa concert on Columbus Day

USI's Columbus Day concert will feature an hour of music from the Hispanic Caribbean by Salsa Rhythms of Louisville, Kentucky, at 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 8, in Carter Hall in the University Center. The annual event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. For more information contact **Dr. Guillermo Latorre**, professor of Spanish, at 812/465-7143.

### USI Speakers Bureau and Experts Guide

If you have not submitted your information for the 2007-2008 USI Speakers Bureau and Experts Guide, and would like to participate, please fill out the online participation form, link below, by Tuesday, October 16.

The Speakers Bureau is a resource that local organizations use when they are looking for programs for their members. It is posted on the Internet at [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers.asp). Go to [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20Bureau-Media%20Resource%2005-06/sbquestion.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20Bureau-Media%20Resource%2005-06/sbquestion.asp) to fill out an online form to participate in the Speakers Bureau.

The Experts Guide is a reference used by local and regional media as they report and analyze news. The guide lists faculty and administrators who are willing to serve as experts to the media along with topics on which they will comment. It is posted at [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/mguide.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/mguide.asp). Go to [www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20Bureau-Experts%2005-06/exgquestion.asp](http://www.usi.edu/newsinfo/Speakers%20Bureau-Experts%2005-06/exgquestion.asp) to fill out an online form to participate in the Experts Guide.

If you have not been a participant in the past, we hope that you will consider adding your areas of expertise to one or both publications. New faculty and administrators are encouraged to join lists for one or both publications.

Any questions about either activity can be referred to **Brandi Schwartz**, 465-1192.

### Flu shots available

The Student Health Center will have flu shots available for faculty, staff, and retirees on October 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Health Professions Center, Room 0091. The shots are \$20. For more information contact the USI Student Health Center at 812/465-1250.

### Alcohol Awareness Week

The Counseling Center will be offering screenings during Alcohol Awareness Week. The screenings will be available from on Tuesday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Orr Center, Room 1051. The event provides educational information about alcohol and health as well as free confidential screenings for alcohol-use disorders. For more information please contact **Brooke Orth**, at 464-1867.

### CPR certification for persons 15 and older

Persons who need certification or re-certification for adult cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of automatic external defibrillators (AED) can take an online written exam available through University of Southern Indiana Extended Services. The exam will be available through October 20, 2007 to persons who register for the self-study course called Adult CPR/AED Challenge Course. Course materials, available for purchase at the Evansville American Red Cross (29 S. Stockwell Road), or from online book sellers, are First Aid/CPR/AED for the Workplace and the Adult CPR/AED Skills Card. This course is open to those 15 years of age and older. The registration fee is \$10 for college or high school students and \$15 for adults. The practical exam will be given at USI on Saturday, October 27, at 9 a.m. in the Physical Activities Center. **Dr. Glenna Bower**, assistant professor of physical education, is the course facilitator.

Individuals can register for the certification course online at [www.usi.edu/extserv](http://www.usi.edu/extserv), call 812/464-1989, or come to the Extended Services Office on campus. Participants will be given a Blackboard ID when they complete registration. Blackboard is used ONLY for taking the written exam, which must be done by the October 20 deadline.

### Cast your vote for the USI Scion xB

For the second year in a row, USI and University of Evansville students are competing in a graphic design contest sponsored by Kenny Kent Toyota. Students from each university designed half of a Scion xB with the 86th Annual West Side Nut Club Fall Festival as the theme.

The Scion will be on display during the Fall Festival. The winning school will be announced during the Fall Festival Parade at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 6. The winning school will receive \$1,000 for their art department. Go to [courierpress.upickem.net/scion/index.asp](http://courierpress.upickem.net/scion/index.asp) for more information and to submit your vote.

### Film examines differing racial views

The film "Two Towns of Jasper" will be shown at USI as part of the Human Rights Film Series sponsored by CYPRESS, the

Evansville Public Library, University of Evansville, and USI. Using two separate filmmaking teams (an all-white crew filming white residents and an all-black camera crew filming black residents), "Two Towns of Jasper" captures very different racial views by townfolk in Jasper, Texas, the location for a racially motivated murder of an African American in 1998. It will be shown at Central Library in Browning Room B at 6 p.m. Monday, October 15, and in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center at USI at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 16. For more information about the series, contact **Heidi Gregori-Gahan**, director of International Programs and Services, at 812/465-1248.

#### Parents and Families Weekend coming up

The USI Parents and Families Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, will feature a variety of family-oriented activities on and off campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Saturday in Rice Library. On-campus activities include tours, faculty presentations, a scavenger hunt, disc golf, and volleyball on Saturday, and a brunch followed by men's and women's soccer games on Sunday. The West Side Nut Club Fall Festival will be in progress on Saturday, and Alumni and Volunteer Services will distribute "munchie maps" of the food booths, inviting parents and families to support USI booths. For more information, contact Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/465-1215.

#### Live at the Apollo showcases student talent

"USI Live at the Apollo," a talent show featuring student performances of skits, songs, dance, instrumental music, monologues, and more, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13, in Carter Hall in the University Center. This year's show includes 18 acts and 34 students. For more information, go to [www.usi.edu/mcc/apollo.asp](http://www.usi.edu/mcc/apollo.asp) or contact the Multicultural Center, which sponsors the event, at 812/465-7188.

#### Literary magazine reviewed

The spring 2007 issue of USI's literary magazine, *Southern Indiana Review*, was reviewed on [Newpages.com](http://Newpages.com). Scroll down to read the review at [www.newpages.com/magazinesand/lit-mags/2007\\_09/litmagreviews\\_2007\\_09.htm](http://www.newpages.com/magazinesand/lit-mags/2007_09/litmagreviews_2007_09.htm). Copies of *Southern Indiana Review* may be purchased online at [www.usi.edu/SIR/index.asp](http://www.usi.edu/SIR/index.asp).

#### Price's nature photographs online

The summer issue of *The Evansville Boneyard* (published by **John Baburnich**, student records data manager in the Office of the Registrar) features a photo essay by **Dr. Charles Price**, professor of science education, on "The Seasons of USI." Go to [www.evansville.net/user/boneyard/price01.htm](http://www.evansville.net/user/boneyard/price01.htm) to view it.

#### CSI deadline is October 8

Applications for the 2008 class of Connect with Southern Indiana are due Monday, October 8. Candidates should have the desire to develop regional leadership skills and become active in the region. They must be residents, for at least one year, of Knox, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, or Perry counties. Sessions will be held January 10 and 11 (overnight required), February 1 and 22, March 14, April 4 and 25, May 16 and 30, and June 13. Grant funding from Lilly Endowment covers program expense such as overnight accommodations, meals, and materials for the participants. People in the program provide their transportation to and from sessions and volunteer time to attend sessions and work on projects. An online application form is

available at [www.usi.edu/extserv/connect.asp](http://www.usi.edu/extserv/connect.asp). For more information contact **Dr. Darrel Bigham**, professor of history and director of Historic Southern Indiana, at 812/465-7014. Applicants will be notified of the decision of the selection committee by November 12, 2007.

#### National Depression Screening Day

The Counseling Center will conduct screenings for National Depression Screening Day. The screenings will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, in the Orr Center, Room 1051. The screening will also screen for bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder.

All USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening which consists of a ten-minute written self-assessment followed by a confidential meeting with a Counseling Center professional. For more information contact **Brooke Orth**, staff counselor, at 812/464-1867.

#### Business Idea Competition

Announce to students: USI students have an opportunity this fall to exercise their entrepreneurial thinking in the second annual Business Idea Competition, sponsored by the College of Business. Students may submit their innovative ideas by October 18. Students do not have to be in the College of Business to enter. By early November, judges will determine the finalists, each of whom will make a brief presentation before a panel of judges. Winners will receive prizes. The competition will be a focus of the College of Business celebration of Indiana Entrepreneurship Week (November 5-9), sponsored by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. For more information about the Business Idea Competition, visit [www.usi.edu/business/ideas.asp](http://www.usi.edu/business/ideas.asp).

#### Nominations for Faculty Awards Due

The USI Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee is extending the deadline for nominations for two faculty awards to Monday, October 15. The awards are the USI Distinguished Professor Award, presented during the spring Commencement ceremony, and the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award, presented during Honors Week in the spring semester.

The Distinguished Professor Award is given to a faculty member who has distinguished himself or herself through professional experience, teaching responsibilities, University service, community service, professional activities, and scholarship. Details about the award and the nomination process are available at [www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp](http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp). Scroll to the second headline: Awards Available for Faculty.

Distinguished community service is the rationale for nominating fellow faculty members for the Berger Award. A broad spectrum of community service ranging from balanced activity in several areas to exceptional service in a single one will be considered. The Berger Award nomination form is available at [www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp](http://www.usi.edu/acaffrs/Faculty.asp). Scroll to the second headline: Awards Available for Faculty.