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## **In-depth book discussion at USI**

An in-depth book discussion on *Tuesdays with Morrie* will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, in Carter Hall, University Center, University of Southern Indiana. The program will begin with a short video followed by a panel discussion, and will end with a question and answer session. The program is free and open to the public.

Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays with Morrie* is a collection of taped interviews with Morrie Schwartz, a sociology professor who contracted Lou Gehrig's disease. Schwartz was featured on Ted Koppel's *Nightline* and interviewed on what it feels like to die. Albom, a former student of Schwartz, saw the interview on television and began making visits to rekindle their friendship, which proliferated into this powerful story that expresses the challenging experience of living and dying.

Panel members will include Dr. Charles Petranek, USI professor of sociology; Jane Stocker, a community resource acquainted with the death and dying experience; and Carla Royer and Michael Hammers, two USI students. The moderator for this event will be Dr. John Gottcent, USI professor of English.

This book was read by most freshmen during orientation this past summer. These students are encouraged to attend this discussion, as a capstone to their orientation experience.