

University Notes

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Faculty and staff to spend a "Day on the Bus"

For the third year in a row, USI faculty and staff will tour area businesses, spending a "Day on the Bus" on Tuesday, August 12.

Sponsored by Old National Bank, "Day on the Bus" "provides a brief immersion into the region's business and industry focused particularly towards faculty who are newer to the area," said **Dr. Susan Ellspermann**, director of USI's Center for Applied Research (CAR). "At each stop we both tour the facilities and have a 'CEO Overview' where we learn about the business challenges of their organization and how our higher education institutions can better prepare graduates and support the economic growth of the region through curriculum, applied research and outreach."

Faculty from USI, University of Evansville, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University participate.

USI will be represented by **Dr. Gina Berridge**, assistant professor of education; **Bryan Bourdeau**, instructor in business; **Bobbie Brown**, senior program assistant for CAR; **Jennifer Craig**, program development specialist in the Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (SWIAHEC); **Dr. Cindy Forgie**, assistant professor of engineering; **Dr. Abbas Foroughi**, professor of computer information systems; **Dr. Marco A. Lara-Gracia**, assistant professor of applied research; **Dr. Priya Hewavitharanage**, assistant professor of chemistry; **Dr. Tamara Hunt**, chair of the History Department; **Nancy Johnson**, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services; **Dr. Judi Kuric**, instructor in nursing; **Patty Marcum**, instructor in physical education; **Dr. Brian McGuire**, chair of Accounting and Business Law; **Dr. Sudesh Mujumdar**, associate professor of economics; **Dr. Kathy Riedford**, assistant professor of nursing; **Dr. Karyn Sproles**, director of Faculty Development; **Dr. Anne Statham**, director of Service Learning; **Kira Vaal**, assistant director of development for athletics and corporate giving; and **Dana Willett**, director of Instructional Technology Services.

They will tour the Shoe Carnival headquarters and distribution center, Alcoa, and Old National Bank.

USI students share stage with Broadway stars

New Harmony Theatre, University of Southern Indiana's professional Equity stage, brings its 2008 season to a close with "My Fair Lady," the Tony Award-winning musical that tells a tale of love and transformation as Eliza, a lowly flower seller, learns to speak like a lady with tutelage from phonetics professor and confirmed bachelor Henry Higgins.

The musical, which runs through August 17 in New Harmony's Murphy Auditorium, features a cast of Broadway luminaries in principal roles and USI students and alumni filling out the ensemble and serving in a variety of roles offstage.

According to **Lenny Leibowitz**, New Harmony Theatre's artistic director, "My Fair Lady" is the brightest star in the musical theatre galaxy. It is a perfect union of story and song that sparkles with buoyant wit, irrepressible joy, and unabashed ardor." In the musical, based on George Bernard Shaw's play, "Pygmalion," Professor Higgins makes a bet that he can pass off Eliza as a duchess by teaching her to speak properly. Tempers flare and romantic sparks fly throughout the experiment, and eventually Higgins realizes that he has been transformed as well; he is no longer impervious to love. The score features classics like, "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "On the Street Where You Live," and "I Could Have Danced All Night."

Leibowitz said that "My Fair Lady" is ideally suited to a cast that includes Broadway stars as well as the fresh talent USI students and alumni represent: "A musical like 'My Fair Lady' requires talent, experience and the technical skill represented by our veteran performers. It also requires the stamina, enthusiasm, and exuberance of our young professionals. Not only do they get to work on the greatest material ever written, but in rehearsals, they have gotten a daily workshop in singing, acting, dancing in a variety of styles, and even dialect work from some of the nation's most experienced performers. They are becoming more versatile and discovering just how much they will need to know to make it in the business."

Broadway actress **Susan Derry** plays Eliza, a role the classically-trained Derry has been dreaming of playing since her girlhood. She is shadowed by two aspiring actresses from the USI theatre program who understudy Derry, **Kensington Blaylock** and **Amelia Dalto**. Dalto also serves as the production's choreographer, and Blaylock performs in the ensemble. According to Dalto, Derry is "a brilliant performer and I have learned so much from working with her. Going through her movements and singing her songs, I have learned a lot about myself as a performer and about working in a professional environment. The Broadway actors have been so sweet! They are older than me, and so it has been interesting, because as their choreographer, I am kind of their boss. I look up to them because they are all so impressive, but they have treated me as a professional. The whole process has been awe-inspiring."

In addition to Derry, the cast of "My Fair Lady" includes Broadway actors **Chris Kipiniak** as Henry Higgins, **Bob Ader** as Pickering, **Joy Franz** as Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Higgins, **Steve Luker** as Doolittle, and **J. Max Miller** as Freddy. Other USI students or alumni involved in the production include **Brandon Eck** and **Rachel Schenk**, both in the ensemble; **Paige Scott**, assistant musical director; **Robert Dagit**, sound designer; **Joshua Buente**, understudy; **Sean Nicholl** and **Christa Crow**, electricians; **Joshua Lenn**, carpenter; **Bradley Lock** and **Anna Kysar**, stitchers; and **Natalie Singer**, **Michael Myers**, and **Rachel Ziegler**, administrative staff.

In addition to Leibowitz and Dalto, the artistic team for "My Fair Lady" includes **Cynthia Shaw**, musical director; **Tijana Bjelajac**, scenic designer; **Shan Jensen**, costume designer; **Craig A. Young**, lighting designer; **Robert Dagit**, sound designer; and **Michele Fugate**, production stage manager.

Tickets for "My Fair Lady" are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$10 for anyone 25 or younger. For more information about the New Harmony Theatre's production of "My Fair Lady," contact the box office at 812/682-3115 or toll free at 1-877-NHT-SHOW (648-7469), or visit the theatre's Web site at www.usi.edu/nht.

Indiana Space Grant Consortium scholarships

All of the USI engineering students nominated for Indiana Space Grant Consortium (INSGC) Undergraduate Scholarships will receive the competitive scholarships. The INSGC scholarships are given annually to undergraduate students in a STEM- (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) related major at INSGC-affiliate institutions.

Dr. Glen Kissel, assistant professor of engineering and USI's INSGC affiliate director, said, "During this 50th anniversary year of NASA, it is gratifying that three deserving USI engineering students have been awarded scholarships to further their education in a STEM field."

Sarah L. Storvick of Indianapolis is a mechanical engineering intern at Raytheon Technical Services Company, a major defense contractor located in Indianapolis, this summer. An Honors Program student, she is president of

the USI chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. She has been a member of the Concrete Canoe Team for the last two years. Her extracurricular activity includes serving as an AMIGO and Student Ambassador, and she is employed by the University as an intramural senior supervisor for the Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness.

Junior **Alexander J. Schnautz** of Evansville holds a summer internship at SABIC Innovative Plastics (formerly GE Plastics) in Mt. Vernon. He is a resident assistant for the STEM Living and Learning Community in Ruston Hall. His special projects in engineering classes have included design for the concrete canoe and building and programming the Lego robots. He participates in pep band and jazz band. He is a member of a Communion and Liberation University (CLU), a Catholic student group, and is music leader for the Catholic services on campus. He has been on the honors list each semester at USI.

His brother **Kenneth W. Schnautz**, a sophomore, was the chief organizer of USI's first Lego Robotics Competition. Held in April, the competition attracted 20 teams. He is interning at Hurst Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Indiana. Schnautz has been involved in numerous robotics competitions over the past eight years, including the IVY Tech Lego Robotics Challenge and the VEX Robotics Competition in Bloomington, Indiana. He coaches teams and instructs robotics classes at Cynthia Heights Elementary School, St. Joseph Catholic School, Helfrich Park Middle School, and IVY Tech Community College. He helped form the USI chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, which he serves as vice president.

They will each be awarded \$2,500 INSGC Undergraduate Scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The INSGC Scholarship Program's goals are to strengthen NASA and the nation's future workforce; attract and retain students in STEM disciplines; and provide support for addressing the STEM workforce development needs of the state of Indiana.

Long-time staff to be honored at luncheon

Support staff with long years of service to the University will be honored at the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on Tuesday, August 12, in Carter Hall.

Twenty-five years

Cheril Griswold will be honored for 25 years of service to the University.

Griswold is administrative assistant for the departments of History and Psychology. **Dr. David Glassman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said, "Cheril's experience with USI over the years has given her the ability to readily adapt to our changing environment. The only thing Cheril has not changed is her willingness to help faculty and students."

Twenty years

Three will be honored for 20 years of employment at USI. **Bettye Hendrickson**, accounting assistant in Accounts Payable; **L. Kaye Lands**, payroll supervisor in Human Resources; and **Sally Townsend**, cashier II, in the Office of the Bursar.

"It is amazing that Bettye has been with USI for 20 years, but it doesn't surprise us," said **Karen Tuley**, Accounts Payable coordinator. "Her commitment and dedication is played out every day in our office. Bettye's time, her energy, and her efforts mean a great deal to us. Congratulations, Bettye, for this milestone achievement and thank you for all that you do."

Julia Yancey, manager of payroll in Human Resources, said of Lands: "It takes a strong person and a very detail-minded person to work in a senior payroll job for 20 years. Kaye can be proud of what she has accomplished."

Bursar **Suzanne Devine** said, "Sally Townsend has been and continues to be a wonderful USI employee. She regularly volunteers her time to work Athletic events, and she is always ready to assist students. Sally is a wonder-

ful person and great friend. USI is lucky to have her working here."

Other employees to be recognized for their years of service to the University are:

Fifteen years

Robert Brewer, part-time grounds maintenance worker II, Physical Plant

Melissa Burch, senior administrative associate, Student Affairs

Donald Fleming, grounds and athletic field supervisor, Physical Plant

Terry Hayden, senior maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant

David Huebner, art workshop supervisor, Art

Nancy Main, senior associate, Eagle Access Card Office

Kimberly Reddington, senior administrative assistant, Physical Education

Larry Shelton, senior maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant

Todd Tichenor, senior maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant

Ten years

David Adcock, lead custodial worker, Physical Plant

Lawrence Albin, HVAC operator, Physical Plant

Brad Bridgewater, custodial worker, Physical Plant

Darrin Burns, computer operator, Physical Plant

Emily Cobb, lead teacher, Children's Center

David Estel, computer maintenance supervisor, Computer Center

Joyce Flewallen, custodial worker, Physical Plant

Bill Forston, offset press operator, Publishing Services

Vincent Frazier, lab technician, Pott College of Science and Engineering

Marinea Gross, custodial worker, Physical Plant

Paul Kinner, computer maintenance technician, Computer Center

Brian McWilliams, security sergeant, Safety and Security

Christopher Norrick, senior graphic artist, Publishing Services

Kimberly Rushing, telecommunications supervisor, Telephone Services

Sheree Seib, administrative associate, Academic Affairs

Darren Shelton, senior maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant

Five years

Michael Auberry, lead custodial worker, Physical Plant

Rachel Cutchin, part-time cashier, Bookstore

Heidi Fraser, senior clerk, Distribution Services

Cindy Gill, custodial worker, Physical Plant

M. Angela Goebel, accounting assistant, Travel Services

Gary Gumbel, HVAC operator, Physical Plant

Bruce Haleman, weekend security officer, Safety and Security

Ronnie Jessie, parking enforcement officer, Safety and Security

Donald Mann, part-time maintenance mechanic, New Harmony Operations

David O'Grady, library assistant, Library Services

Gregory Orth, custodial worker, Physical Plant

Susan Schmitt, library assistant, Library Services

Tracy Sparks, senior assistant, Bookstore

Shirley Webster, custodial worker, Physical Plant

Penny White, senior administrative associate, University Relations

Art and Soul features work by Gulf Coast artists

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art presents "Art and Soul," a benefit exhibition and sale of original artwork by Gulf Coast artists, August 9 through September 21. A reception for the artists from 4 to 7 p.m. August 23 will include live music from Drew Landry of Lafayette, Louisiana, and it is free and open to the public.

This exhibition represents some the best work from the Gulf Coast region. Many of these artists lost their homes, studios, and whole collections of artwork during and after Hurricane Katrina. Artists featured are Carolyn Busenlener from Plearington, Mississippi; Mary Ott Davidson from Saucier, Mississippi; Mary-Pat Forrest from Biloxi, Mississippi; Joyce Haun from Slidell, Louisiana; Lori Gordon, Theresa James, Mary Elizabeth Lirette, Vicki Niolet, Elizabeth Schafer, and Ruth Thompson from Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; Brenda Randolph from Diamondhead, Mississippi; Arelene Smith from Pass Christian, Mississippi; and Neil Unterseher from Kiln, Mississippi.

New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main Street in New Harmony, Indiana, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 812/682-3156 or visit www.nhgallery.com.

The exhibition was made possible through the support of the University of Southern Indiana, the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Names in the News

Passings

Student **Alex Michael Fulk** died on July 23 from injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident. Fulk was a sophomore majoring in Industrial Supervision from Center Point, Indiana. Services were held July 27 at Dawson-Miller Chapel. A memorial fund has been established in his name at Fiddell National Bank. Donations may be made at any bank location.

Welcome

The new dean of the Bower Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services has arrived at USI. **Dr. Julie H. Edmister** was formerly an administrator and professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership Studies at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in English and secondary education at Portland State University and master's and doctoral degrees at Florida State University. **Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett**, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, announced the appointment in March. Edmister succeeds **Dr. C. Thomas Pickering**, who retired in 2007. **Dr. Jane Davis Brezette** has been acting dean.

Accomplishments

Dr. Tony Maria, assistant professor of geology, co-edited a Geological Society of America guidebook about the Illinois Basin region. The book emerged from the 2008 meeting of GSA's North-Central Section, held in April in Evansville and sponsored in part by USI's Pott College of Science and Engineering. *From the Cincinnati Arch to the Illinois Basin: Geological Field Excursions along the Ohio River Valley* also was edited by Ronald C. Counts.

Laura Berry, director of Residence Life, was quoted in "Pricing Yourself into Business," a story in the July/August issue of *Talking Stick*, the publication of ACUHO-I (Association of College and University Housing Officers International). Go to pages 24-26 to read the story.

Elliot Wasserman, director of USI Theatre, is directing a production of "Damn Yankees" starring **Richard Kind** ("Mad About You," "Spin City," and Broadway's "The Producers"). The play opens August 12 at Casa Mañana Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Susan Ellspermann, director of the Center for Applied Research, is assisting Indiana's Lieutenant Governor **Becky Skillman** and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with 12 regional strategic plan listening ses-

sions across Indiana. The results will be used to update Indiana's rural strategy. Sessions are being conducted in Batesville, New Castle, Decatur, Angola, Nappanee, LaPorte, Princeton, Washington, Seymour, and Sullivan.

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Road trip to Holiday World

On Saturday, August 23, head to Santa Claus, Indiana, for the USI Alumni Association's USI Day at Holiday World and Splashin' Safari. Tickets are \$34 for adults; \$30 for children ages 3-6; and free for children 2 and under. Cost includes admission to the park, picnic, and free unlimited soft drinks, parking, sunscreen, and inner tubes at the water park. The "Grand Buffet Picnic" will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Good Old Days Picnic Grove and includes Moonlight barbecue pork, hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad, brownies, and cookies. For reservations, call the Office of Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924.

Alumni Golf Scramble funds scholarships

The USI Alumni Association presents its 13th annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble on Friday, September 14 at Helfrich Hills Golf Course, 1550 Mesker Park Drive. The event offers the chance to win a trip for two to Scotland or \$12,500 cash for a hole-in-one. There will be prizes for women's, men's, and mixed foursomes, and several contests. Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. The golf scramble begins with a shot gun start at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$70 per person or \$275 per foursome (includes green fee, cart, and lunch). A hole sponsorship is \$175 for hole signage, and includes recognition in USI Magazine. A hole sponsor/foursome package for \$450 includes all green fees, carts, lunch, hole signage, and recognition in USI Magazine. In case of rain, the event will be held Friday, September 19. The registration deadline is Friday, August 29. For reservations and information, contact USI Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924. All proceeds benefit USI Alumni Association scholarships.

Parking Lot F is closed

Parking Lot F, located on the west side of campus between the Technology Center and the Ceramics Center and Administrative Services Annexes, was closed Monday to make way for construction of the Business and Engineering Center.

As of this time, the nearby Parking Lot J will remain open during construction on Bent Twig Lane.

To locate these areas, see the campus map.

Noncredit fitness courses offered through Extended Services

Ever wanted to learn how to scuba, sail, or rock climb? Noncredit courses are offered through Extended Services. On the schedule are:

Officiating Basketball, Sept. 17-Oct. 22

Introduction to Rock Climbing, Sept. 2-Oct. 21

Learn to Scuba Dive, Sept. 6-Oct. 11.

Sailing School, Oct. 4-5

The Officiating Basketball course is eligible for a partial employee fee waiver - an employee would have to pay only \$25 to take the course. For more information, contact Rita Brunner in Continuing Education at rbrunner@usi.edu or 812/464-1864.

Welcome new students to USI

USI's Multicultural Center is holding a Cultural Diversity Welcome Reception from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, August 28, in University Center Room 201. Enjoy a variety of appetizers and welcome new students and their families to the USI community. To RSVP, call the Multicultural Center at 812/465-7188.