

USI courses available in Tell City via distance education

USI will offer spring semester courses in Tell City beginning January 8, 2001, using Indiana's newest distance learning technologies. The Schergens Center, 1140 31st Street, will be the site for the courses.

USI academic programs offered at the center are nursing, health services, and communications, as well as courses in advertising, economics, political science, English, psychology, and theatre. Workforce training programs for business and industry also will be offered at the center. Courses will be available through videoconferencing, the Internet, and videotape.

Distance education is offered through the USI Learning Network and information about the program is available at www.usi.edu/distance or by calling 800/813-4238.

An information session and tour of the Schergens Center will be offered from 1 - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 12, at the center for those interested in the distance education program. Spring semester class schedules will be available, and at 2 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. a two-way video conference with USI staff will be presented for people interested in participating in the distance education program.

Guided trip to England

Dr. Sherry Darrell, professor of English, and Dr. Robert Darrell, professor of English at Kentucky Wesleyan University, will lead an educational tour of England from July 18 to August 1, 2001. The cost for a single ticket is \$2,835; \$2,455 each for two. The cost includes round-trip airfare from Louisville, hotel accommodations, site seeing tours and transfers by private coach, a full English breakfast, and a three-course dinner every evening, served in the hotel.

Participants on this 15-day trip will begin site seeing in London and journey as far north as York, visiting Kent, Brighton, North Wales, and more. The tour participants will explore famous sites in London such as the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace, as well as great churches, cathedrals, and other modern sites.

Road trips will encompass other parts of England including such historical sites as Stonehenge, Canterbury Cathedral,

Crystal Palace, and Dover Castle. Participants will visit Roman baths in Bristol and enjoy full day tours of Snowdonia National Park and North Wales. Free time is scheduled throughout the trip for personal interests, golf, and shopping.

"The group will see important manuscripts and artifacts as well as enjoy varied drama and architecture," said Dr. Sherry Darrell. "Bob and I have led groups of students and adults over the past 10 years to England, Canada, France, and Italy, so we're seasoned travelers and know how to make every second count."

Interested persons may earn course credit for the trip by enrolling in English 450; English 550 if a graduate student. A reading list will be assigned for the trip.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Dr. Sherry Darrell at 812/464-1754, sdarrell@usi.edu.

NEH 2001 summer seminars and institutes

Each year, the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Education Programs offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of summer seminars and institutes. The dates and durations of each project vary. The application deadline for summer seminars and institutes is March 1, 2001.

Institutes provide intensive collaborative study of texts, topics, and ideas central to undergraduate teaching in the humanities under the guidance of faculties distinguished in their fields of scholarship. Institutes aim to prepare participants to return to their classrooms with a deeper knowledge of current scholarship in key fields of the humanities.

The program awards are \$2,800, \$3,250, or \$3,700 depending on the length of the seminar or institute. The award covers the cost of travel, books, other research expenses, and living expenses. Each seminar includes 15 participants working in collaboration with one or two leading scholars. Participants will have access to a major library collection and time to pursue individual research and study projects.

For detailed eligibility requirements, applicants should consult the written application materials. First consideration for the seminars and institutes will be given to applicants who have not participated in an NEH-supported seminar or institute in the last three years.

Names in the news

Mr. James Johnson, assistant director of Student Development, has been re-appointed for a second year to serve as the Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA) liaison to the Association of College Unions International. While attending the AFA annual meeting in Phoenix, he received volunteer recognition as the association's "Outstanding Liaison" for 2000.

FYI

Final issue for the year

The final issue of *University Notes* for 2000 will be published on Friday, December 15. *University Notes* will not be published on December 22. Those who want to run an item in *University Notes* before the end of the year should get information to Ms. Jane Below, associate editor, by Monday, December 11.

SBIR workshop

USI will co-host a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, December 14, in the University Center, room 201. The SBIR program is designed to provide up to \$850,000 to help small, technology-oriented companies to develop new products and services. The cost of the workshop is \$20. For further information or to register, call 800/624-8315.

Online University calendars

University calendars are now accessible on the USI Web site. University employees are encouraged to submit events regularly via the Internet. To begin submitting events, call Ms. Jane Below, writer at 464-1999 or e-mail jbelow@usi.edu for a password.

Show your USI pride!

USI license plates are available for \$10 for currently enrolled students; \$25 for everyone else. The \$25 tax-deductible contribution guarantees annual active alumni membership in the USI Alumni Association. A license plate authorization form is available in the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, Wright Administration Building, room 104, or can be found online at www.usi.edu/alumni/ssl/plateform. The plate is valid for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, and trucks weighing less than 11,000 pounds. For further information call 464-1924.

"Postcards from Italy"

For the second year, the USI Learning Network has produced an educational television documentary. "Postcards from Italy" will air at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 17, on WNIN-TV channel 9. "Postcards from Italy" follows the travels of Mr. Eric vonFuhrmann, assistant professor of English, and 10 USI students as they visit physical, cultural, and art-related sites in Italy. A \$1,000 Indiana Humanities Council International Awareness Grant made the video possible.

Sports

Saturday, December 9

Women's and men's basketball vs. SIU Edwardsville at USI, 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Employee Holiday Open House

President Hoops cordially invites University employees to a Holiday Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, at the University Home.

Shuttles will provide transportation from the Orr Center and the Physical Plant during this time.

Holiday gifts

Art

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art gift shop has a new selection of artwork by artists from Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois. USI employees receive a 10 percent discount on art purchases at the gallery gift shop.

Lincoln Amphitheatre

Season passes and single tickets for the Lincoln Amphitheatre 2001 season are available for holiday gift-giving. Gift certificates can be purchased until Friday, December 15, for guaranteed delivery before Christmas. The season begins Friday, June 22, at a new 7:30 p.m. show time with the musical drama *Young Abe Lincoln* by Billy Edd Wheeler. *The Sound of Music* by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II opens July 7 as the 2001 companion production alternating with performances of *Young Abe Lincoln* throughout the season. Season passes are \$35 per person and allow unlimited use throughout the 2001 season. Single performance gift certificates are available at \$14 for general admission, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for students 18 and under, and \$8 for Sunday evening performances. To order gift certificates or make reservations call 812/937-4493; e-mail lincoln@usi.edu. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted for phone and e-mail orders. The Lincoln Amphitheatre is produced by the University of Southern Indiana in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and assistance of the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association.

The New Harmony Theatre

Holiday gift-giving can be easy with a gift of season tickets to the 2001 New Harmony Theatre season. The season begins on June 8 with the 1970s musical *Godspell*. *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare begins on July 6. The season finale, *Sleuth* by Anthony Shaffer, will open on July 27. It will be the first thriller performed at The New Harmony Theatre. Season tickets offer advantages to the purchaser. Patrons get first selection of seating, same seats for each production, and 10 percent savings over single ticket purchase. Gift certificates can be purchased until December 15 for guaranteed delivery before Christmas. Season subscription prices are \$45 for general admission, \$40 for seniors (60+), and \$36 for groups of 20+. To order gift certificates or make reservations call 465-1635 or e-mail newharmonytheatre@usi.edu. The New Harmony Theatre is produced by USI.

Report from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

The following undergraduate petitions have been approved:

Undergraduate New Program Petition Form

The New Program Petition Form - (This new form is located on the O: drive under the folder "Currform.wrd")

Undergraduate New Program

Bachelor of Science in Engineering - fall 2001 implementation. Still needs Faculty Senate, Academic Planning Council, and Commission for Higher Education approval.

Undergraduate Course Deletions

CHEM 150 Organic/Biochemistry for Non-Science Majors - 3 hrs. Last semester course offered: fall 2000.

CHEM 458 Topics in Organic Chemistry - 2 hrs. Last semester course offered: spring 2000.

CS 141 Introduction to Pascal - 3 hrs. Last semester course offered: fall 1989.

CS 221 Programming in "C" - 3 hrs. Last semester course offered: fall 1991.

CS 331 Adv. Programming Techniques in Problem Solving - 3 hrs. Last semester course will be offered: Spring, 1989.

SPCH 202 Public Speaking - 3 hrs. Last semester course offered: fall 2000.

Undergraduate New Courses

ADV 343 Media Planning - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

CHEM 118/119 Freshman Chemistry Seminar CHEM 118/119 - 0.5 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation

CHEM 175 Survey of Chemical Concepts - 4 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation

CHEM 218/219 Sophomore Chemistry Seminar CHEM 218/219 - 0.5 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation

CS 121 Introduction to Computer Systems - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

CS 365 Operating Systems - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

CS 411 Network Management and Security - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation

CS 483 Senior Software Development Project - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

MATH 118 College Algebra and Trigonometry - 5 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

SPCH 307 Nonverbal Communication - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

SPCH 317 Intercultural Communication - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

SPCH 402 Gender, Communication, & Culture - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation.

SPCH 420 Seminar in Organizational Communication - 3 hrs. Fall 2001 implementation. Note: This course was submitted and put in *University Notes* as SPCH 419. Course number has been changed to 420 since it is a repeatable course.

TECH 102 Principles of Problem Solving - 3 hrs. Special grading: Pass-No Pass. Summer III 2001 implementation.

Undergraduate Course Modification

CS 379 Programming Languages - 3 hrs. Change in course prerequisites: CS 141 and CS 331 are to be dropped. CS 201 and CS 301 are to be added. Fall 2001 implementation

Undergraduate Program Modification

Minor in Computer Science - The changes update the minor to reflect current and planned course offerings. Fall 2001 implementation.

Library extended hours

Rice Library will extend its hours during finals week. There will be no reference assistance, reserves, or book checkout during special hours. The library will be open for study only during these hours. The schedule follows.

Wednesday, December 6	midnight - 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. - midnight
Thursday, December 7	midnight - 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. - midnight
Sunday, December 10	noon - midnight
Monday, December 11	midnight - 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. - midnight
Tuesday, December 12	midnight - 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. - midnight
Wednesday, December 13	midnight - 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. - midnight
Thursday, December 14	midnight - 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. - midnight
Friday, December 15	7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Marketplace

Home in German Township - brick exterior, 2,200 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, sunroom, deck, kitchen, family room, master bath, recently remodeled, new carpeting throughout. Call ext.1845 or 963-6600.

Mercury Sable - 1994, 91,000 miles, Blue Book \$6,000, asking \$5,000. Call 424-7413.

1999 Dodge Caravan mini van - 27,000 miles, \$16,599 or assume lease for \$250/month. Will pay for lease assumption and extended warranty totaling 36 months. Call Tom or Nancy Rivers, 423-7101.

1993 Chevy Cavalier RS - red, 4-door, auto, A/C, ABS, 83k, clean! Book value \$4,100, asking \$3,600. Call 422-7404.

1988 Plymouth Voyager - 114,000 miles, excellent condition, \$2,000. Call Philip, 457-1296.

White GE refrigerator - used, good for basement or garage use, \$100 or best offer. Call Joyce, ext. 1681.

Home for the Holidays - the newest CD produced by choral groups of the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, is available for \$8 in the Advancement Office. Proceeds benefit the Public Education Foundation for EVSC activities.

Three-seat green plaid sofa - \$90; 25-inch RCA color TV w/antenna - \$110; Lexmark Printer Z12- \$45; queen-size bed, frame, box springs, mattress - \$180; Brooksonic VCR - still in box, \$45. All prices negotiable. Call 424-7413.



Mr. S. Kent Doyle, maintenance mechanic and painter, resurfaced the Wright Administration Building roof the week before Thanksgiving holiday.

Bikes - men's and women's 10-speed Schwinn's, great condition, \$50 each. Girl's 16" Diamondback - like new, \$60. Call Jann, ext. 7156 or 473-5368.

Free to a good home

18-month-old field bred English Springer Spaniel - shots up to date until July 2001, housebroken, trained. Take home for trial period - if does not work out, return to owner. Important to find good home. Call ext. 1831 if interested.

Cat - found at Golden Towers Apartments. Has grown up with University students and professors, very intelligent, low maintenance, enjoys gourmet food, opera, Mozart, and soft rock. Needs refuge before winter hits. Call 424-7960.

For rent

Apartment - serene, two-bedroom duplex in historic downtown Evansville, Victorian farmhouse ambience, large eat-in kitchen with double oven range, refrigerator, washer/dryer hook-up, 1 1/2 baths, 2 working fireplaces, hardwood floors, window treatments, built-in bookcase, second floor deck, \$535/month, refundable deposit required. Call 423-8859.

Nice one bedroom, one bath apartment - Mt. Vernon, 25 minutes from USI, owner pays water, no pets, \$285 plus deposit. Call 985-0255.

For current job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site www.usi.edu/hr/, the Human Resources bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources office, or call the USI job line, 465-7117.

The University community is invited to attend the
***USI Secretaries and Associates
Holiday Party***
from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
on Thursday, December 21,
at the YWCA Tea Room, 118 Vine Street.

Cost is \$9 for members; \$11 for non-members.
For more information, call Ms. Carol Grannan, senior administrative associate, 682-4550
or Ms. Carol Mann, accounting supervisor, ext. 7179.