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USI names Volunteer of the Year

A devoted Athletics volunteer has been named University of Southern Indiana's 2003 Volunteer of the Year, the highest volunteer honor awarded by the University.

For more than 10 years, Patrick J. Goen has given exceptional service to the USI community. A volunteer for the Athletics Department, Goen is a past member of the Varsity Club Board of Directors. He still holds the position of chair of prizes for the Varsity Club Golf Scramble. Goen spends hours searching for prizes for goody bags and raffle items to be given away at the scramble and hosts volunteers at his home to organize the prizes and fill goody bags.

Goen also volunteers for other events that include the Varsity Club Steak Fry 'n Auction and the Fall Festival booth. He assists with mailings and works concessions at softball games. He also is responsible for organizing bus trips to away basketball games.

Jon Mark Hall, USI Athletics director, said, "Our coaches and staff know that when Patrick Goen is around and helping with an event, things are going to get done. However, this is not the main reason that our staff loves to have Patrick Goen involved. The main reason is that he always has a smile on his face and makes people feel good about what they are doing. We could never repay him for all that he has done for our department."

In addition to his volunteer work in Athletics, Goen has been a volunteer at the University home. Goen's late wife, Judy, worked on campus in Career Services and then as the assistant to President Emeritus David Rice, until she retired in 1997.

Goen has accumulated 663 volunteer hours since July 1, 1996. Goen is the University's seventh Volunteer of the Year. The award was

presented August 7 at the Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner. Nearly 300 individuals who donated 20 or more hours of service to USI last year also were honored.

The Volunteer Recognition Dinner is an annual even sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services.