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MyUSI a new, improved pipeline

The first phase of USI's three-year effort to improve administrative computer services on campus will arrive during spring break when Campus Pipeline upgrades to MyUSI.

Although MyUSI's Web address will be the same as Campus Pipeline's, the new Web portal will offer greater flexibility, improved services, and increased reliability to the University community.

For consistency, individual accounts and e-mail accounts also will retain the same addresses even as MyUSI introduces new features to the online environment.

"The upgrade to MyUSI is exciting because it is the first of many milestones we will have in the next three years of this administrative software conversion," said Steve Bridges, SCT Banner implementation project coordinator.

"This milestone also is particularly exciting in that it provides the USI community with a direct opportunity to see the results of this effort and hopefully provides our users with some of the functionality they have been wanting."

Users will have the opportunity to customize their own pages by adding, moving, or removing content to suit individual tastes and interests. The individual design functions operate in much the same way as those available on MyYAHOO.

An employee, for example, could designate the "School Services" tab as his default tab. The "Employee Administrative Services" content will remain the same, but MyUSI will allow users to bookmark their favorite pages within the portal.

An e-mail preview window also is likely to be a popular feature. The preview window will permit users to view their most resent e-mails without launching the e-mail application.

Due to the transition, Campus Pipeline will be unavailable during the first few days of spring break. Later in the week of March 8-12, service will return when MyUSI is unveiled. Faculty are encouraged to announce the upgrade to their classes.

Additional information about MyUSI will be available on the Computer Center Web site: www.usi.edu/compctr/index.asp.

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Colloquium examining 18th-century love

A USI assistant professor of German and humanities will present "Gallantry, Authenticity, and Play: Poetic Simulations of Intimacy in the 18th-century Letter" Friday, February 27.

Dr. Folke-Christine Möller-Sahling's lecture in the University's Liberal Arts Colloquium will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

The adjective "romantic" has lost much of its luster, according to Möller-Sahling. Although still used in popular culture to sell books and movies, romantic ideals carry little more than a sentimental value.

In our age, she notes, romance at best makes us smile. Since Harry met Sally, passion appears to have found its most suitable representation in the "romantic comedy," an emotionally charged yet uncommitted genre whose humor thrives on the protagonists' sentimental stance towards their sentimentality.

Although love has always been a favored theme of literature, it was only in the second half of the 18th century that literature itself became the favorite site for the expression and the experience of love.

In the German context, this shift finds its emblematic articulation in Goethe's *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. More generally evident is the increased significance of literature with regard to the experience of love in the new popularity of the epistolary novel. In the middle of the 18th century, Europe discovers the literary letter as the primary medium for the communication of love.

Möller-Sahling's presentation will explore the 18th-century German love letter as the model for a new discourse on love that experiences love as a heightened form of self-actualization.

A native of Hamburg, Germany, Möller-Sahling joined the University in 2001. She earned a Ph.D. in Germanic languages and literatures at Ohio State University in 2002 and holds an M.A. in German studies from University of Vermont.

The colloquium is a free lecture series featuring faculty research in the School of Liberal Arts. The public is invited.

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IU Soul Revue on campus

The University's celebration of Black History Month will sizzle March 2, when the IU Soul Revue performs at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Featuring a full ensemble, male and female lines, horns, and a rhythm section, the group's extraordinary energy and impeccable musicianship have earned it a reputation as one of the finest collegiate popular music ensembles in America.

Under the leadership of director Tyron Cooper, the IU Soul Revue performs original compositions as well as timeless R&B, soul, funk, and contemporary urban black popular music.

Stevie Wonder; Earth, Wind, and Fire; Patti Labelle; Kelly Price; D'Angelo; Mary J. Blige; and Eric Benet are a few of the artists covered in the group's repertoire.

The IU Soul Revue is part of the African American Arts Institute at Indiana University, which also includes the African American Dance Company and the African American Choral Ensemble.

The University of Southern Indiana Black Student Union and Multicultural Center are sponsoring the revue's free performance in Evansville, and the public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the USI Multicultural Center, 812/465-7188.

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Retreat presenting free reading

The RopeWalk Winter Retreat, a program of University of Southern Indiana, will host a free public reading from 6:30 to 8 p.m. February 28 at Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony.

The event will feature the 2004 winter retreat faculty, Allison Joseph and Lee Martin. A reception will follow the reading.

Joseph is the author of four collections of poetry: *What Keeps Us Here*, winner of the 1992 Ampersand Press Women Poets Series Competition; *Soul Train*; *In Every Seam*; and *Imitation of Life*.

This year, Word Press will be publishing her next collection, *Worldly Pleasures*, as the 2003 winner of the Word Press Poetry Prize competition. A professor of creative writing at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, she also is the editor of *Crab Orchard Review*.

Martin is the author of *Quakertown*, heralded by the *Washington Post* as "a consistently impressive and often dazzling new novel." He also wrote the acclaimed memoir, *From Our House*, and the short story collection, *The Least You Need to Know*.

His new memoir, *Turning Bones*, is just out as part of University of Nebraska's American Lives Series. A native of southern Illinois, Martin is an associate professor of English at Ohio State University.

The RopeWalk Winter Retreat, February 27-29, offers participants an opportunity to study short fiction/non-fiction with Martin or poetry with Joseph at the Barn Abbey, a rustic retreat center in New Harmony.

USI gratefully acknowledges underwriters of the RopeWalk Writers Retreat: grants from Mrs. Ruth Lilly, the Indiana Arts Commission, the Blaffer Foundation, the USI Society for Arts & Humanities, and the support and assistance of Historic New Harmony.

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Event links employers, employees

USI will host CareerLINK, a career and graduate school fair for students, alumni, and recruiters, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in Carter Hall.

The venture brings employers and future employees together on campus. Its emphasis is on the business, liberal arts, science, and engineering fields.

CareerLINK is the only general, full-time fair the University will sponsor during the 2003-04 academic year.

Additional information and a list of participating recruiters, including representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee, is available on the Web: www.usi.edu/careersv/CareerLINK/CareerLINKGradandEmp.asp.

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Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to **John Deem**, associate vice president for Student Affairs, whose mother **Virginia J. Deem**, 86, Geff, Ill., died February 14. Services were held February 17 at Hosselton Funeral Home in Cisne, Ill. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deem Memorial Scholarship at USI or Geff United Methodist Church.

In appreciation

"I would like to thank the University community for all the cards, e-mails, calls, flowers, gifts of thought, and all the hugs and love I received following the death of my mother **Ruth Moesner** at Christmas. The University is truly a family."

- **Arlene Fortune**, coordinator of Academic Advisement,
School of Liberal Arts

"I wish to thank the University community for the thoughts and prayers during the recent loss of my stepfather **Ken Mitchell**. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated."

- **John Campbell**, senior admission counselor

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RopeWalk reading

The RopeWalk Reading Series will feature Margaret McMullan at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 26, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. McMullan is the author of the novels, *In My Mother's House* and *When Warhol was Still Alive*. The free program will be followed by a book signing.

Klan relationships

Daryl Davis, author of *Klan-Destine Relationships*, will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in Carter Hall as part of USI's celebration of Black History Month. The Multicultural Center and Activities Programming Board are sponsoring the free event and the public is invited. For more information, call the MC 812/465-7188.

Ash Wednesday

The Newman Catholic Student Organization is sponsoring an Ash Wednesday Mass at noon February 25 in the multipurpose room at Newman Hall.

Book project

The One City, One Book project sponsored by the Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Libraries will kick off this summer with Geraldine Brooks' *Year of Wonders* as the featured novel. The project will bring Brooks, a *Wall Street Journal* foreign correspondent, to Evansville in the fall.

Alumni-in-Residence

Kelly Dillon '92, assistant manager of Public Affairs at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, will present "Tractors to Toyota," a School of Business Alumni-in Residence Program, Monday, February 23.

Dillon, who holds a B.S. in business administration, will speak at two free public forums in Carter Hall. The first forum will begin at 9 a.m., and the second will start at 11 a.m.

Anthem

USI's Anthem representative will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, to meet with employees. To schedule an appointment with Cheryl McKissic, contact Ava Demps, benefits supervisor in Human Resources, 812/464-1781.

Book giveaway

Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, will join Solarbron resident Louis Schewe, 96, in a fifth book giveaway for USI students Wednesday, February 25. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the south entrance of the University Center. Faculty members are encouraged to announce the book giveaway to their classes.

Student success

"Life's Choices," a workshop in the University's Student Success Series presented by Academic Skills, will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 25. "Memory Markers" will be offered at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 26.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the free interactive workshops in Room 1102 of the Education Center. For more information, call 812/464-1743.

Bluebird trail

The University will host its annual Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day from 9 to 11:30 a.m. February 28. Volunteers should wear weather-appropriate clothing, boots, and gloves and meet on campus at the Grimes Haus on Bennett Lane. Other items needed to clean and repair the boxes will be provided. For more information, call 812/464-1939.

Tax prep

USI accounting students will prepare basic income tax returns free of charge on campus from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays, February 21, 28; March 20, 27; and April 3 and 10.

The USI School of Business is accepting appointments for tax preparation assistance. To make an appointment or request additional information, call 812/464-1718.

TIAA-CREF

The University's TIAA-CREF representative will be available to meet with employees Monday, February 23, from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday, February 24, from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and from 1 to 3:15 p.m. To schedule an appointment, contact Ava Demps, benefits supervisor in Human Resources, 812/464-1781.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, February 20, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor, or by calling 812/461-5259.

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Marketplace

For sale

Entertainment center - 59" long, 48" high; holds up to a 27" television. Lots of storage: \$100. Call Ext. 1207.

Shenandoah add-on wood furnace - \$200. Call 838-4503.

2002 Buick Lasabre - 27k miles, loaded, burgundy leather interior, Selling to settle estate. Call Lindy, 479-0684.

MIKASA Volleyball ball cart - relatively new ball cart, royal blue or black available. Purchaser will pay shipping and handling as well as a negotiable purchase price. Call 812/464-1789.

1985 Ford F-150 XLT - \$1,200. 1996 Dodge Ram - \$4,500. Contact: 424-3017 or dadcock@usi.edu.

Custom upholstered apartment-size sofa - contemporary style, cream-on-beige stripe fabric, 76 inches long, \$400. Rarely used in smoke-free, pet-free environment. Photos available. Call 402-8448.

1998 Cadillac DeVille - one owner, garage kept, new tires, tinted windows, leather seats, \$8,500. 1996 Cadillac Seville - white with navy vinyl roof, garage kept, \$7,500. Call 423-3530.

2001 Triton fiberglass bass boat - 170 Premier, 90 h. Mercury engine; stainless steel prop and Jack plate; garage kept. Call 985-5143 or Ext. 1962.

Blue strapless princess-style prom dress - size 4, worn only one time, perfect condition. Sequined top with full netted bottom. Paid \$400, asking \$250. To see dress, contact Ext. 7166 or rlaine@usi.edu.

2000 Fleetwood double-wide home - in Mill Creek Estates. Features three bedrooms; two baths, master bath with garden tub and skylight; large kitchen includes upgraded Maytag appliances, island, and lots of cabinets. Other features: double-wide carport, thermal pane tilt-in windows, three ceiling fans, deck, and 8x12 yard barn with electricity and shelves. The open floor plan has more than 1,100 sq. ft. Located on a corner lot in a secure gated community on the northwest side: \$45,000. Call 421-1472.

1995 Ford F-150 - 4x4, 5.0, auto, A/C, green, 99k miles. Runs and rides great: \$5,900. Call 812/868-0510 or 812/449-9526.

Elliptical trainer - ProForm 700 series, hardly used, \$250 OBO. Contact 401-3385, 464-1838 (1:30 to 10 p.m.), or dwpace@usi.edu.

Community

Old trophies wanted - Dana Willett in Instructional Technology Services wants to take away your old trophies. Each year in early March, Cub Scout Pack 371 holds its annual pinewood derby. In order to reward as many boys as possible and to keep event costs down, the pack collects old trophies and "remodels" them. As long as the base of the trophy is intact, it can be recycled. Trophies may be donated at ITS, FA41.

BBQ rib sale - fund raiser for West Side Athletic League Girls' Softball. Slabs of tender, tasty BBQ ribs, dipped in a secret sauce and prepared by a true westside "Rib Master," only \$17 each. One slab will easily feed a family of four. To place an order, contact Phyllis, Ext. 1257, 422-2468, or pjoeth@usi.edu. Ribs may be picked up from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Kuester Field, 4801 Broadway Ave.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Marketplace," a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

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