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INTERNATIONAL PANEL TO BE PRELUDE TO ENLOW SCHOLAR/GERMAN AUTHOR

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A panel discussion involving University and U.S. and German political figures will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, as an introductory program for the visit the following week of German author and screenwriter Uwe Timm, the 1994 Enlow Distinguished Scholar at the University of Southern Indiana. Timm currently is in Mexico, writing his seventh book.

The panel discussion on "Unification and the Rise of the German Right -- Implications for U.S.-German Relations" will be presented in the University Center and will feature:

- * Eighth District Rep. Frank McCloskey, a member of the House Foreign Relations and House Armed Services committees who helped the University line up the other panelists;
- * Christian Pauls, political counselor with the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., who was involved in the Two-Plus-Four-Talks granting German reunification;
- * Greg Thielmann, officer in charge of German affairs with the U.S. State Department in Washington, acting division chief of the Office of Strategic and Proliferation Affairs, and State Department advisor to the Geneva arms control negotiations;
- * Dr. Walter Rinderle, German historian, author of the *The Nazi Impact on a German Village*, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellow, and USI adjunct professor of history;
- * Dr. Walter Jermakowicz, USI professor of management who has been an educator in both East and West Germany and a former deputy minister of industry in his native Poland.

Dr. Donald S. Wolfe, USI associate professor of German who was a Fulbright Scholar and Grawe Meyer German Studies Fellow, will be moderator. The discussion will end with a question and answer period, followed by a public reception.

The discussion will be one of a series of events preparing for Timm's visit. The first will be a Rotary Club luncheon on Tuesday, April 5, in which Dr. Wolfe will speak on "Unification: The Wall Within."

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Two German films based on Timm's novels will be shown: *Der Flieger (The Flyer)*, 7 p.m. Monday, April 11, Forum I, and *Kerbel's Flucht (Kerbel's Flight)*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, West Side Branch Library, 2000 W. Franklin Street. Timm wrote the screenplays. In addition, the West German comedy *Men* will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in Forum I at USI, as part of the spring film series. (*The Flyer* and *Men* will be shown with English subtitles; *Kerbel's Flight* will be in the original German.)

Timm is regarded as one of the strongest contemporary writers in Germany. In the '60s, he was part of the left-wing student revolution in both Paris and Munich and his first book, *Hot Summer*, published in 1974, was considered the best of its kind by a student insider.

Timm is the author of numerous novels, essays, collections of poetry, children's books, historical studies, and radio dramas. The translation of his most recent book, *The Headhunter*, recently was awarded England's Schelling Prize. Timm's works have been translated in English, Dutch, Italian, Swedish, Portuguese, Russian, Hungarian, French, Danish, and Czech.

Now an observer of modern politics, he will be asked to apply his perspective to the new right-wing German movement. As the Enlow scholar, he will present a public lecture, "Germany's Right Wing and the Challenge to Intellectuals," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Forum I. A public reception will follow in the Orr Center.

On Friday, April 15, Timm will present a second Enlow lecture at 10 a.m. in Forum III, this time dealing with his literary efforts. "When Writing Turns to Film" will be a discussion of converting his novels to screenplays. To date, five of his works have been redone as films and as a television series, with Timm doing all the screenwriting.

At noon Friday, visitors are invited to meet Timm at an informal, no-host luncheon in the UC Dining Room. At 1 p.m., he will be in the USI Bookstore to sign two of his latest novels, *The Snake Tree* and *The Headhunter*, both available in English translation.

For information on Timm or the Enlow Distinguished Scholar program, contact Dr. Donald S. Wolfe or Dr. Susan Smith Wolfe, USI associate professors of German who are coordinating the 1994 program, 812/464-1728 or 465-7026, respectively.