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**Fort Branch residents establish first Endowed Deans' Scholarship at USI**

Fort Branch residents Dr. Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey, R. R. #4, have established the first Endowed Deans' Scholarship at the University of Southern Indiana. The scholarship endowment was made possible by an initial gift of just over \$100,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Pumphrey to the Gibson County Community Foundation which was then matched by the Lilly Endowment. Including the match, the fund now stands at \$156,726. A distribution from interest will be made annually to USI for the scholarship.

"The Deans' Scholarship will attract top students to USI," said USI President H. Ray Hoops. "We are grateful to the Pumphreys for this generous contribution to serve the students of the University of Southern Indiana. The Pumphreys' love of education will serve as a model to students as they pursue their education."

The Deans' Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship valued at \$12,000 over four years. The first award will be made in August 2000. Criteria for the Deans' Scholarship includes earning a minimum SAT score of 1100 and ranking in the top five percent of the high school graduating class, or qualifying as a National Merit Semifinalist or Scholar, or meeting USI Presidential Scholarship requirements.

Dr. and Mrs. Pumphrey established the first veterinary clinic in Fort Branch, serving the tri-state for over 40 years before his retirement in 1988. She is a retired elementary and high school teacher who taught at Marlette Grade School and Fort Branch High School.