



# University of Southern Indiana UNIVERSITY NOTES

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## Open forum on USI honors program

The University Honors Program Committee will hold an informal open forum on honors programs from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, and Thursday, December 5, in UC 352 and UC 353. Faculty and staff are invited to attend a brief presentation, ask questions, voice concerns, and offer suggestions to the committee.

An honors program is expected to begin at USI in the fall of 1998 and the committee wants to encourage a full, campus-wide discussion. If you cannot attend either of the December sessions, but wish to discuss these issues, please contact one of the following honors committee members:

**Mr. Leonard M. Cook**, associate professor of mechanical engineering technology, extension 1882

**Mrs. Sandy K. Farmer**, assistant registrar, extension 1626

**Mr. Paul C. Frazer**, instructor of social work, extension, 7103

**Mrs. Cynthia S. Goodwin**, instructor in nursing, extension 1167

**Dr. Scott A. Gordon**, assistant professor of biology, extension 7137

**Dr. Dane M. Partridge**, assistant professor of management, extension 7147

**Dr. Nancy L. Rhoden**, assistant professor of history, extension 1202

**Dr. Phyllis S. Toy**, assistant professor of English and honors committee chair, extension 7144

## Visiting Writers Series:

**Mr. Stephen Frech**, a poet and Ph.D. candidate at the University of Cincinnati, will read from his new book of poetry at 8 p.m. Thursday, November 21, in the UC Dining Room in the new series co-sponsored by the Visiting Writers Series, which has replaced the Liberal Arts Forum, and the new University Student Writers Union. The University community and the public are invited. Mr. Frech's work has appeared in the *Georgia Review* and elsewhere. For information, call **Mr. Matthew R. Graham**, associate professor of English, extension 1953.

## Names in the news:

**Dr. Sherry Bevins Darrell**, professor

of English, visited the gifted and talented students in sixth grade at Chandler Elementary School on November 8 to help them with their studies in ancient Greece. Dr. Darrell discussed agriculture, food, sculpture, war and weapons, housing, women, slaves, citizenship, and the polis, and a variety of other topics.

**Dr. Howard E. Dunn**, professor of chemistry, and **Dr. Deke T. Gunderson**, assistant professor of biology, represented USI on the Board of Trustees for the 12th annual meeting of the Ohio River Basin Consortium, held November 11-12 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. **Mr. Jay Donosky**, a senior biology major, presented a paper en-

*The University Notes can be found on USI BBS under Information center: Campus information: Campus events*

*An abbreviated version also can be found on the World Wide Web, access: <http://www.usi.edu>*

## A Christmas Carol

USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Avenue, will present Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, in a new, exciting adaption by Mr. David Feldshuh and Mr. David Ball that is performed each holiday season at the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis. It is guaranteed to get the entire family into the Christmas spirit.

Curtain time will be 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday-Saturday, November 21-22-23 and December 5-6-7, and 2 p.m. Sundays, November 24 and December 8. Tickets are \$5 for the University community, \$7 for general admission. Call extension 1668 for information or tickets.

**Mr. Elliot Wasserman** will direct this holiday presentation and also will have the lead as Ebenezer Scrooge. Two 6 year olds, **Lyndsey Littleken** and **Kyle Mangold**, will take turns as Tiny Tim, while **Charles Schefer**, a former student; seniors **D. J. Moats** and **Scott Torres**, sophomores **Brad Berridge** and **Heidi Ruder**, and freshmen **Shannon Reck** and **Katharine Soper** will have multiple roles to complete the cast.

The Friday (November 22) performance will feature "Dinner and a Play." The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. in the rehearsal studio, across from USI Theatre, with food provided by **Papa John's** and **Frito Lay**. Reservations are recommended by calling 422-3976; admission is your paid theatre ticket for the performance at 8 p.m.

## USI Madrigal Feastes slated December 5-8

The 27th annual Madrigal Feastes — set in 15th century medieval England, against a backdrop of mystery, intrigue, humor, and lavish song — will be presented Thursday through Sunday, December 5-6-7-8, by the Mid-America Singers.

The annual feastes are a re-enactment of a typical English holiday festival, where the king would gather the community of nobles, artisans, and supporters to celebrate conquest, chivalry, and the impending holiday season. This is a fun-filled evening in merry old England, with many new twists and turns that include pitting the king and queen against an unscrupulous court member intent on seeing the humorous demise of his royal highness.

The Feastes will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday in the University Center Dining Room, which will seat 224 each evening. Tickets are \$21 for adults; \$17 for USI students, children, and senior citizens (60-plus).

*Reservations are required and may be made by calling extension 1024. If you have been delaying buying your tickets, be aware that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are approaching a sellout.*

The Singers also offer those interested an opportunity to become a Royal Patron of the Feaste with a contribution of \$50 or more, which provides a ticket to the feaste of choice, and special seating. Proceeds from the feastes support Mid-America Singers' endeavors throughout the year.

titled, "Partitioning of PCBs and Chlordane in the Reproductive Tissues of Paddlefish, *Polyodon spathula*. Collected from the Ohio River." The co-authors were Dr. Gunderson; Dr. Mark D. Krahling, assistant professor of chemistry; Mr. Keith Gibbs, a USI student; and Dr. Steve Mims of Kentucky State University. Dr. Robert L. Reid, vice president for Academic Affairs, was featured speaker for the banquet. His topic was "Taking Snapshots: An Ohio River Journey in 1894."

"After the War — When Coltrane Only Wanted To Play Dance Tunes," a poem by Mr. Matthew R. Graham, associate professor of English/creative writing, recently appeared in *The Second Set, a Jazz Poetry Anthology*, published by Indiana University Press and edited by Pulitzer Prize winner Mr. Yusef Komunyakaa.

Mr. Graham also participated in the November 20 Career Days at Mt. Vernon High School.

Dr. Annette Lamb, associate professor of teacher education, provided the keynote address, "The Learning Environment Puzzle: Coordination, Cooperation, Collaboration, and Creativity," at the Missouri Association of School Libraries Conference November 9 in Columbia. She also conducted two sessions, "Wondering, Wiggling, and Weaving: Exploring How Kids Learn With Technology" and "Icing on the Cake: Integrating Multimedia Elements Into K-12 Student Projects." In conjunction with the conference, she taught a one-hour course, Building Bridges: Collaboration and Partnership, for the School of Library and Information Services at the University of Missouri.

### Welcome:

The University community welcomes two new clerical/support employees, Mrs. Mary Beth Rush, a merchandising clerk in the USI Bookstore, and Mrs. Lucy B. Schenk, a senior clerk in Extended Services. Mrs. Schenk attended

Ivy Tech State College and previously was a data entry clerk for St. Mary's At Home.

**Employee move:** Ms. Angela J. Martin, an intermediate secretary in Safety and Security, has become a telephone operator in Telephone Services.

**Report from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:** The following petitions have been approved:

#### Undergraduate new courses

CS 161 Computer Science I - Programming - 3 hrs.; fall 1997 implementation

CS 261 Computer Science II - Data Structures - 3 hrs.; fall 1997 implementation

#### Undergraduate course modifications

CIS 451 Organizational Support Systems - 3 hrs.; spring 1997 implementation

CIS 477 Applied Software Development - 3 hrs.; spring 1997 implementation

MATH 441 Mathematical Statistics - 3 hrs.; fall 1997 implementation

#### Undergraduate program modification

Industrial Supervision - fall 1997 implementation

#### Graduate new courses

ACCT 602 Seminar in Financial Accounting - 3 hrs.; fall 1997 implementation

ACCT 603 Advanced Topics in Federal Taxation - 3 hrs.; fall 1997 implementation

ACCT 604 Accounting Information Systems - 3 hrs.; fall 1997 implementation

#### Graduate minor modification

ACCT 605 Advanced Auditing Topics - 3 hrs.; (Change in number from

*Scientists show us how to sail under the North Pole and fly over the moon, but you're on your own crossing the street.*

## Alumni-in-Residence

**Ms. Cathlin S. Gray '85**, principal at Cedar Hall Elementary School, will speak at 11 a.m. Friday, November 22, in HP1008, in an Alumni-in-Residence program co-sponsored by the School of Education and Human Services and the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services. Ms. Gray is a board member of CHAIN — Cedar Hall Association for Improving the Neighborhood. She is known for her work in making the school a provider of neighborhood services, and in the USI program will discuss "Building School/Community Collaboration" and the role of the teacher in this effort to provide for the children, the school, and the community. The University community and public are invited to attend the Alumni-in-Residence program. For information, call Dr. Charles L. Price, chair of the Teacher Education Department, extension 1939.

ACCT 615) - fall 1997 implementation

**Note: The next meeting date for the Curricular Committee will be at noon Thursday, December 12, in HP2075.**

### University Core Curriculum:

The University Core Curriculum Council has received a petition to add English 286 Classical Mythology to the UCC's Category B2 - The Arts. Faculty wishing to examine or respond to the petition should contact **Dr. John H. Gottcent**, University Core coordinator. The council will act on the petition after ten instructional days have elapsed.

### Journalism grant:

The Communications Department has received a \$1,000 grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation to be used to reimburse students in journalism and related fields who research and write stories to be used in print or broadcast media. Reimbursement will be for travel and research costs. **Dr. Dal M. Herring**, department chair, and **Mr. Ronald C. Root**, assistant professor of journalism, noted, "This grant says a very positive thing about our growing journalism program." A student application/verification procedure is being drafted.

### Southern Hospitality Day:

The fourth of five fall Southern Hospitality Days will begin at 9 a.m. Satur-

day, November 23, in Mitchell Auditorium, to allow Tri-State high school students and their families and friends to get acquainted with USI. The final fall hospitality day will be held Saturday, December 7. Students are invited to join the USI Admission staff for information sessions on academic programs, financial assistance, campus activities and tours, free lunch, and more. Reservations are required. Call the Admission Office, extension 1765, for reservations or information.

### Clarification:

Two new institutional programs were de-

veloped in 1995-96 for student financial assistance — the Academic Excellence Award (AEA) and the Academic Honors Diploma Grant (AHDG).

AEA is a full-tuition waiver offered to students who compete for but are not selected for Presidential Scholarships. The AHDG will provide a \$1,000-per-academic year fee waiver and renewal requirements which better reflect the academic preparation of this group of students. It will be implemented in the summer and fall of 1997.

The AHDG also permits the Scholastic Excellence Award (SEA) to be redirected to its original purpose of recognizing students who rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class.

### Children's programs:

**Mrs. Ginger Ramsden**, coordinator of children's programs, seeks contact from parents who are interested in, but have not previously used the USI Summer Enrichment Camp. She asks to be contacted by telephone, extension 1989, or e-mail, [gramsden.ucs@smtp.usi.edu](mailto:gramsden.ucs@smtp.usi.edu) with the child's name, address, age, and grade in school. The information is needed BEFORE the winter holiday, because the staff will mail information

## New Harmony season tickets

The New Harmony Theatre season tickets are available for holiday gift giving. The 1997 season ticket is \$48 for the general public, \$40 for members of the USI family, and provides admission to four shows during the summer schedule. The 1997 season includes:

the Tony Award-winning *She Loves Me*, June 13-29  
Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, July 10-27  
the nostalgia of *Stardust*, August 1-17  
A. R. Gurney's *The Golden Age*, August 22-31

Season tickets will be on sale through the beginning of the New Harmony Theatre season. Orders should be made by December 15 for guaranteed holiday arrival. Mastercard, VISA, or Discover orders will be accepted by phone, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; to order tickets by mail please state the number of season tickets and enclose a check payable to The New Harmony Theatre, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville IN 47712. For additional information please call extension 1668.

**Reminder:**

Friday, November 22, is the last day of open enrollment for health insurance and flexible benefit plans. Employees may change current coverage or add eligible dependents to their health insurance plan, and sign up for flexible spending accounts. Forms are available in the Human Resources Department. Questions should be directed to Human Resources, extension 1988.

**Dining room closing:**

The UC Dining Room will be closed on Wednesday, November 27. The Eagles nest will be open during regular hours, however.

**Scheduling notice:**

The Scheduling Office will run all reports for the Thanksgiving break on Tuesday, November 26. If anyone needs access during the break, they should contact the Scheduling Office or e-mail Ms. Janel L. Anslinger, coordinator, no later than 4:30 p.m. November 26.

**Secretaries holiday party:**

The USI Secretaries and Associates Club holiday party is slated Thursday, December 19, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., at

Tumbleweeds. Invitations will go out December 1 and Friday, December 13, is the deadline for reservations. Tickets are \$6.25 for club members, \$10 for non-members. Call Ms. Melissa S. Burch, administrative secretary in Alumni and Volunteer Services, extension 1924, for information.

**Transparency change:**

Effective immediately, copier transparencies #MMM-904 are to be ordered by using the office supply requisition form @ \$14.95/box. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Deborah J. Weigand, purchasing agent, extension 1982.

**Book fair:**

The Children's Center Scholastic Book Fair is set up in the Orr Center lobby, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, November 22. They have a wide variety of books and activities. Find gifts for the very young and the not-so-young. It is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and help the Children's Center at the same time, since proceeds benefit the center. If there are questions, please call Mrs. Pam Buschkill, center coordinator, extension 1869.

**Employee workshops:**

There is still room available in the remaining Employee Training and Development Workshop. If you want to reserve a space, contact Mrs. Marsha G. Salee, Human Resources secretary, extension 1770, or make reservations by e-mail. The final workshop is Interviewing and Selection Process - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 5, L100, conducted by Ms. Sylvia A. Wett-marshausen, employment and employee relations coordinator

**Movies:**

**APB movie:** *The Nutty Professor*, 9 p.m. Thursday, November 21, Forum I; \$1 admission

**Fall film series:** *The King of Hearts* (1966, French) Director: Philippe de Broca; cast: Alan Bates, Genvieve Bujold. During World War I, Scotsman Bates walks into a French town that has been abandoned by everyone but those in an insane asylum. The film will be shown at 6 p.m. ONLY Tuesday, November 26, in Forum I; the movies are free, open to the public. Call the School of Liberal Arts, extension 1735, for information.

to existing participants and new USI-affiliated people right after the new year. Children attending camp for the first time MUST have completed kindergarten and range up to age 10. The camp meets from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday on the lower level of the Technology Building. This summer's dates are Monday, June 9, to Wednesday, August 6. It is a short summer because the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation (EVSC) begins school earlier this year, on Wednesday, August 13.

A school-age program will be available during the EVSC spring break, Monday-Friday, March 24-28. Mrs.

Ramsden will send information to those parents who enrolled their children last year and will accept new children on a space-available basis. Call her as soon as possible if interested in receiving information. Children should be in grades K-4 to participate. Enrollment is limited to the space available in L100.

And, for those parents who are trying to complete the form for flexible spending accounts, the cost of child care for the school-age program this summer should be right around \$600 for the entire summer. Each USI employee and student is allowed any two weeks for vacation with no fee, so those planning vacations can deduct approximately \$70

per vacation week for non-attendance.

**Summer in the British Isles:**

Ireland! England! France? If interested in a tour of Ireland, England, and perhaps France (France is optional for individuals), including airfare, three- and four-star hotels, two meals per day, ground transport, and entries to many sites, call Dr. Sherry Bevins Darrell, extension 1754. The tour group will leave from Nashville July 24 and return August 5.

**Smithsonian Fellowships:**

Smithsonian Fellowships support research in residence at the Smithsonian Institute, in association with the staff and

using Institute resources. Opportunities include senior, postdoctoral, and predoctoral fellowships and ten-week graduate student fellowships; research areas include anthropology, earth sciences, history of art, history of science and technology, materials analysis, and social and cultural history. January 15 is the deadline to apply; for information, contact **Dr. Peggy F. Harrel**, coordinator of Grants and Sponsored Research, extension 7016.

#### **Humanities Center lecturers:**

The National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, has announced a new program of lectures by leading scholars in history, literature, the arts, American studies, law, anthropology, women's studies, environmental history, and other humanistic fields. The lecturers are available to speak to groups and institutions throughout the U.S. from 1996 through 1999. The normal fee is \$850 plus travel expenses; proceeds will support fellowships in the humanities. Contact **Dr. Peggy F. Harrel**, coordinator of Grants and Sponsored Research, WA104H, extension 7016, regarding a list of available topics and lecturers.

## **Sports —**

#### **Regular season tickets on sale:**

Individual game tickets for all regular season basketball games are available in the USI Athletic Department. Prices are \$8 for chairbacks, \$7 for adult bench seats, and \$4 for non-USI student bench seats. Season bench tickets are still available at \$75 for adults and \$35 for non-USI students. For more information, call the USI Ticket Office, extension 7165.

#### **Sports this week:**

**Men's basketball** - Missouri-St. Louis at USI, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 23; Olivet Nazarene at USI, 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 25

**Men's/women's cross country** - NCAA Championships, Saturday, November 23

**Women's basketball** - USI at Northern Michigan, noon Saturday, November 23; USI at Michigan Tech, 2 p.m. Sunday, November 24

#### **Intramurals:**

**Basketball officials needed:** The Intramurals and Recreation Department is looking for basketball officials. Season begins December 2, 1996. If interested, contact **Mr. Michael Goedde**, extension 1943.

**Entry deadline:** Friday, November 22, is the deadline to enter the 5-on-5 intramural basketball tourney slated December 2, 4, and 5, a single-elimination competition for 16 teams; it will be first-come, first-served in registration. Call extension 1904 for information.

*The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.*

— Mark Twain

## **Marketplace**

#### **For Sale**

**IBM DX33** - 8M RAM, 250M hard disk; Windows 3.1; software; Epson printer. \$595. Call extension 7030.

**Packard Bell 386 computer** - mouse, monitor, keyboard, printer, Windows applications software included. \$500. Call 471-3112.

**Moving Sale!** - Light brown couch/love seat; 2 end tables, coffee table; extra long double mattress, box springs, bed frame, and desk must go. All priced to sell. Call extension 1949

or 474-0065 for more info.

**Queen water bed** - frame, glass mirror, bookcase, headboard; price negotiable. Call 428-4990, leave message.

**Marcy APEX 3-station weight machine** - retail \$995; asking price, \$450 or best offer. Call 985-5681 after 5 p.m.

**Ping Zing irons** - 2 thru sand wedge. Call 464-2946 after 5 p.m. or leave message.

#### **Wanted**

Looking for good home for a great, lovable, pretty 8-month-old Dalmatian/Beagle (looks like a Dalmatian w/faded spots). She needs room to run! Mattie is great with kids, cats, and other dogs. She has all her shots and is spayed. Call Gigie, extension 1700 or 475-8633.

#### **Shrine Circus tickets**

Save on tickets for the Thanksgiving weekend circus by calling Ray Walker, 426-2044. He will deliver.

## Vacancy listing changes

In an effort to conserve space in *University Notes*, information on vacant positions has been shortened to include only the title of the position, reference number, department where located, clerical/support pay grade and hourly rate, original publication date (OP), and application deadline (AD). Additional information can be obtained in the Human Resources Office, on bulletin boards in the Wright Administration (WA) Building (one outside the Human Resources Office, FWA166, one in the WA front lobby), on the USI job line (812/465-7117), and on USIBBS, the University's electronic bulletin board. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding this new procedure, contact Ms. **Sylvia Wettmarshausen**, employment and employee relations coordinator, extension 812/464-1790.

### List of vacancies

*The following is a list of vacant positions available as of November 22, 1996. The University of Southern Indiana is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and is an Affirmative Action Employer. Interested individuals should contact the Human Resources office, Wright Administration Building, FWA166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.*

#### FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

**Lead consultant organizational and professional development group - A6020 -Extended Services -**  
OP: 11/15/96 - AD: 12/16/96

**Assistant Professor of Bio-chemistry - F6028 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - OP: 10/28/96 - AD: 1/31/97**

**Assistant Professor of Graphic Design - F6029 - School of Liberal Arts - OP: 10/28/96 - AD: 1/6/97**

**Assistant Professor of Biology - F6030 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - OP: 11/18/96 - AD: 2/1/97**

#### CLERICAL/SUPPORT

**Account clerk I - B6075 - Business Office - F030B/\$6.17/hr.**  
- OP: 11/11/96 - AD: 11/22/96

**Computer maintenance technician (second shift) - B6076 - Computer Center - F100B/ \$10.23/hr. - OP: 11/11/96 - AD: 11/22/96**

**Sergeant (second shift) - B6077 - Safety and Security - F080B/\$8.84/hr. - OP: 11/11/96 - AD: 11/22/96**

**Custodial worker (third shift) - B6078 - Physical Plant - F030B/\$6.17/hr. - OP: 11/18/96 - AD: 11/29/96**

**Custodial worker (part-time in New Harmony) - H6039 - Physical Plant - G030B/ \$6.17/hr. - OP: 11/18/96 - AD: 11/29/96**

**Material and equipment store-room supervisor - B6079 - Physical Plant - F080B/ \$8.84/hr. - OP: 11/18/96 - AD: 11/29/96**

*OP: original publication*

*AD: application deadline*