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## **Brod Seymour and Joseph "Joe" Hulgus to end 40 years of combined service to WSWI on January 13**

Two longtime voices of University of Southern Indiana's radio station WSWI 820-AM will end their shows on Saturday, January 13.

Seymour, assistant professor emeritus of communications, helped co-found WSWI. The station signed on the airwaves November 2, 1982. He was host of the daily two-hour classical music show "Symphony Hall." In 1995, "Symphony Hall" was replaced with the Saturday afternoon pops concert series "Saturday Showcase of Great Music" which still airs.

Hulgus has hosted the Saturday morning program "Big Band Revue" on WSWI since August 23, 1983. He was recognized for his volunteer efforts in 1991 when Hulgus received the Golden Summit Award, an award given to a non-full-time employee of USI who has given the school exceptional service. The award has since been named the Joe Hulgus Golden Summit Award.

The two are leaving their positions at the radio station to allow more airtime for students. WSWI was designed as a training ground for communications students at USI. Since WSWI moved to the new Liberal Arts Center in the fall of 1999, student interest has increased.

"Every time slot is needed for students. The station now broadcasts over the Internet to extend the broadcast stay and give more opportunities to students," said John Morris, WSWI general manager. "The station and the University are indebted to both Joe and Brod for their years of service. Both have brought professionalism and entertainment to the station, to the listeners, and to the students they have come in contact with. I cannot thank them enough."

Hulgus said of his leaving, "I wish to thank the faculty, especially Dr. James Blevins, former dean of the School of Liberal Arts; Dr. Dal Herring, chair of the Communications Department; Dr. Wayne Rinks, former WSWI general manager; John Morris; and the Tri-State audience for their support and encouragement over the years. I shall cherish the friendships made via the program."

Seymour will not be completely removed from the Evansville media. He will continue to work with WEHT-TV promotion and news departments. "I am proud of this long tenure at WSWI, and also point with pride to the number of USI students who have gone on to professional positions in the industry - all having received a strong, solid background and training at WSWI and at USI."

WSWI AM-820 is on during daylight hours, and is carried via the Internet at [www.usi.edu/wswi](http://www.usi.edu/wswi) 24 hours a day. The format is modern rock during the weekdays, with block programming during weekends. USI basketball, baseball, and soccer are also carried on WSWI.