

Media Advisory

July 30, 2003

Groundbreaking ceremony set for fourth residence hall

Ground will be turned at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1 to mark the start of construction of the fourth residence hall at the University of Southern Indiana.

President H. Ray Hoops will lead the program and recognize Henry W. Ruston, one of USI's most generous benefactors, and his late wife Betty Jane. The building will be the Henry W. and Betty Jane Ruston Residence Hall.

The residence hall, with a combination of one and two-bedroom suites, will be similar to the other three residence halls on campus. The building will include a central entrance with interior corridors, a centrally located lounge and reception area, a computer laboratory on each floor, a laundry facility, and a multipurpose room on the main level. Each suite will include a kitchenette, a common living area for the residents, and technological enhancements for computer networking.

Ruston Hall will have 64 units with 220 beds. It is expected to be completed in August 2004 in time for fall classes.

The architect is Ratio of Indianapolis with local partnership of Veazey, Parrott, Durkin, and Shoulders. Arc Construction is the general contractor.

Ruston Hall will be located south of O'Bannon Hall, and the groundbreaking ceremony will take place there. Signs along University Boulevard will offer directions to the site.

E-mailed to

Scott Galloway, WFIE

John Simpson, FOX 7

Lewis Chaney, WEHT

Randy Wheeler, WIKY

Warren Korf, WGBP

Stephanie Mitchell, WWIN-FM

Courier photodesk

Pat Swanson, Courier

Shield