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Intramural Recreational staff works “prime time” hours for students

They work nights, overnights, and weekends. They plan, promote, and supervise a wide range of student activities. They are the Intramural Recreational staff of the Department of Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness: **Ruth Waller**, director; **Joe Gratz**, assistant director; and **Scott Wood**, program coordinator.

Waller, a 32-year University employee and member of the USI Athletics Hall of Fame, has directed the program for 24 years. She said, “We work together to accomplish our goal of having a variety of activities for students to participate in. Scott’s main job is intramurals; Joe’s is outdoor adventure, and mine is special events and recruiting sponsorships.”

Sponsors help pay for T-shirts that serve as prizes for team events; equipment and improvements; and marketing programs to students with posters, flyers, banners, and a calendar. They also provide food and prizes for the department’s annual Welcome Fun Fest, which introduces students to the programs.

Wood said, “Our hours are different. We don’t work regular hours, and we also host one-day tournaments on weekends, so we’re here then as well, running activities.”

Gratz said, “When most of USI has gone home for the day, we are here running these activities. That’s prime time for students; they enjoy staying up late at night. We offer a wide range of activities so any student will look at the schedule and find something that interests them. And we try to offer them at different times to accommodate their schedules.”

Gratz said that intramural sports are immensely popular with students. “They enjoy it and take it seriously. We almost have a cult following where teams sign up and play a lot of the activities under the same team name and will earn points playing different activities.”

The teams are generally made up of groups of friends, or students who live near each other or are from the same hometown. Gratz said, “They stay together and play everything - softball, football, volleyball, basketball...”

The winningest teams are honored at a banquet at the end of the year. The top 10 men’s and women’s teams are asked for nominations for awards in 10 categories including sportsmanship, team spirit, best captain and best new team. The first-place team gets a trophy at the banquet.

Gratz and Wood take turns supervising the games. Wood said, “Joe and I chat with student participants, and if the parents are there watching, we try to seek them out to say hello.” The weeknight games run from 7:15 to 11 p.m. Gratz said, “And that obviously depends on when games finish. After they’re done, we put the equipment away for the night.”

Students serve as scorekeepers and officials while one professional staff member is on site to ensure everything runs well. Gratz said, “We try to take a step back and let the students run the show; it’s student led, student run, and focuses on students. Obviously, we step in if help is needed.”

Gratz also coordinates Outdoor Adventure activities and supervises most of the trips. While earning his master’s degree, Gratz interned with a program in which he’d take inner-city children on outdoor trips. He said, “If you enjoy camping, hiking, rock climbing and caving, it’s really nice – and I do.”

Last fall, students went rafting, caving, hiking, and canoeing. Trips

planned this semester include ice skating, a midnight ski trip, indoor rock climbing, caving, and a hiking trip to Garden of the Gods. Outdoor Adventure trips are contracted through Vertical eXcape, which provides professional guides, equipment, and expertise.

Waller runs special events and the disc golf program, instituted in response to student request. Regular activities include Halloween and Hawaiian Glo Bowling at Franklin Lanes and Holiday Fun Night and Spring Fun Night at Walther’s Golf ‘N’ Fun Center. “It’s a good way for students to get away and relieve stress,” Waller said. On bowling nights (twice a week) she may work until 1 a.m.

She also organizes activities such as the recent Co-ed Couple’s Competition, in which 80 couples competed in three rounds of four games including toilet paper wraps, licorice eating, hula hoop jumps and step-throughs, and other light-hearted fun.

“We work with a lot of good-natured people and people who want to do a good job and offer quality programs for the students,” Waller said. “We take great pride in the program. A lot of students are really interested.”

Copy Services’ “Green” machine will save you money UBlog written by Ronnie Smith

Copy Services has just installed a Xerox 700 color printer that and we are excited to share the news. With the new printer, we are able to offer a 25 percent savings to the University community.

The Copy Services staff felt there were some important criteria the machine had to meet: it had to be capable of handling a range of paper stocks, including 100 pounds gloss cover. Registration (or alignment) of the image from sheet to sheet and from front to back on two-sided copies had to be excellent. We wanted tight registration, and this machine has plus or minus one millimeter, which is critical on postcards, flyers, catalogues, etc.

Thanks to the Xerox 700, we are now producing short-run color work that was previously sent off campus. The 700 is adding a cost-effective alternative for low quantity, full-color jobs.

Our goal is to grow the digital print production by expanding project opportunities and reducing costs. We wanted the flexibility to produce a wide variety of printed products on both coated and uncoated paper.

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Copy Services offers many other products and services, such as: black and white copies, transparencies, lamination, folding, scoring, wire-binding, comb-binding (booklets with plastic combs), and cutting, three-hole punch, stapling, and more.

Our vision is to provide USI's students, faculty, and staff the capabilities to create, copy, and manage their documents in a professional manner. We will meet this goal by providing reliable, high-speed equipment, unwavering customer service, and convenient location and hours. We will operate the business in a manner that is fiscally responsible and provides a benefit to USI.

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Eric Moffat employs business skills as ROTC detachment commander

Skills in teamwork and leadership are two of the most sought-after qualities in the business world. Economics and finance major **Eric Moffat** puts those same skills to work as detachment commander for the University of Southern Indiana's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

"There's a strong correlation between the business core and the skills needed in the military," Moffat said. "The problem-solving and analytical skills taught in the College of Business really pair up well with ROTC training."

Cadet Major Moffat, a senior, was elevated to the post of commander in January. He previously served as training and operations leader for the USI ROTC program, which has 45 cadets. Major Nathaniel Skelley, commanding officer and assistant professor of military science for USI, said the cadet commander works closely with ROTC instructors to facilitate cadet training and ensure discipline. He serves as a mentor to junior cadets.

ROTC focuses on the scholar/athlete/leader. "That's what we expect cadets to be," Moffat said. "Physical fitness is important, but this is also a leadership program."

He defines a good leader as an individual who can make decisions, show confidence, and communicate clearly so everyone understands the plan and the expectations. A leader is willing to work with people and has patience.

An Army brat, Moffat was born in Germany and grew up in upstate New York and Michigan. He earned an associate degree at Grand Rapids Community College in Michigan and served in the National Guard there.

He relocated to Evansville and enrolled at USI in fall 2006 after returning from a 12-month tour in Iraq with his Michigan guard unit. His experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom took him to the Anbar province, where he served as a forward observer for the infantry unit before shifting into information operations. He dealt with local leaders as well as people on the street, helping to assess concerns and identify needs related to infrastructure and security.

"It was definitely a hands-on experience in learning to understand them [Iraqis] and their culture," he said.

In Evansville, Moffat drills with the 163rd Field Artillery Unit of the Indiana National Guard. Upon graduation in May, he will become a finance officer for the 138th Finance Battalion, based in Indianapolis. In addition, he will seek civilian employment as a financial analyst.

Moffat said ROTC is a challenging and rewarding program with many benefits, including help with college costs. Though the ROTC program is time-consuming for a student balancing a full load of classes and other commitments, it teaches discipline that helps with time management.

"I enjoy the esprit de corps and relationships that come from being in an organization like this," he said.

In July, Moffat will take on yet another leadership role — parenting. He and his wife Jennifer, a special education teacher at North High School in Evansville, are expecting their first child.

Engineering student in high school classroom

Senior engineering major **Dariusz Stachowiak** is gaining extra skills and experience as he prepares to graduate from the University of Southern Indiana in May. Stachowiak is the first student to enroll in Engineering

298X, a one-hour credit service-learning course that puts him in a high school classroom as a teaching assistant.

Through a partnership between Central High School and the USI Engineering Department, engineering majors assist teachers in Central's Industrial Tech Department. As a Project Lead the Way school, Central's teachers seek out ways to promote student achievement and interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects.

USI received STEM grants from the National Science Foundation to help fund the program, which benefits all involved: engineering majors, high school teachers, and high school students.

Stachowiak helps Central teacher Eric Havener in a Principles of Engineering class for sophomores and juniors two to three times a week. "My advisor said the course would provide an opportunity to practice communication skills," he said. "I have the time in my schedule and I want to be prepared for upcoming job interviews, so it is a good fit."

In addition to gaining language skills for presenting material, engineering majors receive leadership and mentoring skills. Employers request students exhibit these skills during the hiring process.

In a recent lesson, the class created a sorter to separate marbles by color. "The mechanism the students created uses a sensor to read the color of a marble and then moves the marble to a specified bin." This allowed Stachowiak to determine the best way to explain a process, troubleshoot with the students, and practice skills he will need in his engineering career.

Teacher Havener interacts with USI faculty to continue to develop curriculum and gain additional teaching techniques and knowledge. And the high school students benefit from early exposure to the engineering field. Stachowiak said, "I have seen college students excel when they have that background from high school."

Stachowiak is from Bensenville, Illinois. He is a graduate of Driscoll Catholic High School and the son of John and Donna Stachowiak.

USI is the lead institution representing Southwest Indiana in the Indiana STEM Resource Network. USI and Ivy Tech Community College Southwest, are partners helping the region and the state develop a workforce with skills necessary to compete in today's technology and science-based economy.

USI wins West Division and will host GLVC Tournament

The USI men's basketball team won the GLVC West Division and earned the right to host the GLVC Tournament with a 76-56 win over Rockhurst University. USI finishes the regular season with a 25-5 overall record and a 14-3 mark in the GLVC, while Rockhurst finishes second in the West with an 18-9 mark, 13-4 GLVC.

The 25 victories is the sixth time in seven seasons that USI has reached that plateau, while the Eagles reached at least 14 GLVC wins for the 16th time since 1992.

Trailing 38-36 in the second half, the Screaming Eagles took control of the game with a 14-2 run and never looked back. USI would go on to extend the margin to as many as 21 points, 68-47, with 4:54 to play before settling for the 20-point, 76-56 final.

The Eagles were led in the second half push by junior forward Brandon Carr (Baltimore, Maryland), who scored 14 of his season-high 16 points in the final 20 minutes. He also had all of his game-high rebounds in the second stanza.

The Hawks outscored the Eagles, 11-5, in the final five minutes of the first half to lead 32-31 at the intermission. USI had built the largest lead of the first half with 5:04 left, 26-21, before Rockhurst started its run. USI junior guard Jamar Smith (Peoria, Illinois) kept the Eagles in the game during the first half with 12 of his game-high 18 points.

In the scoring column, Smith and Carr were joined by three more Eagles in double figures. Junior guard Marvin Gray (Freeport, Bahamas) and junior forward Tyrone Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio) scored 12 points, while senior forward Anthony Pimble (Bronx, New York) dropped in 10

points.

In the upcoming GLVC Tournament on March 6-8, USI will be the top seed from the West and play Lewis University, the fourth seed from the East Division.

Tickets for the GLVC Tournament are on sale at the Physical Activities Center. Chairback seats are \$12 for a single session, while season packages (four sessions) are \$40. Bench tickets are \$10 per session with season package (four sessions) for \$30. Seats for USI season ticket holders will be held until noon Tuesday. The Ticket Office will be open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Historic New Harmony tour season begins March 15

A new season of Historic New Harmony's guided walking tours begin Sunday, March 15. Tours run daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and start with a short orientation film and exhibits of New Harmony's rich history in the Atheneum/Visitors Center.

Included in the tour, the new Golden Troupe exhibit will focus on the props that were used during the Golden family's performances. They were a traveling theater company that was based in New Harmony in the late 1800s and gave performances across the country. The exhibit will highlight their costumes, accessories, and props. There will be wigs the actors actually wore, broadsides that advertise the Golden Troupe, and photographs of the actors in costumes. The exhibit is showcased at Thrall's Opera House, which was also the Golden Troupe's home theater.

The conducted walking tour starts at the award winning Atheneum/Visitors Center. Ticket prices are \$10.00 per adult, \$9.00 for seniors and AAA members, \$5.00 for students ages 7-17, children under age 7 are free, and \$25.00 for a family. New Harmony residents, as well as University of Southern Indiana students, staff and faculty can tour for free with valid ID.

Group tours can be customized to accommodate their interest and available time. Anyone interested in a group tour should contact **Sara Brown** at ssbrown1@usi.edu or call 812/682-4474 for more information.

Historic New Harmony's mission is to preserve New Harmony's utopian legacy by inspiring renewal and fellowship between people and communities through its programs and collections. Historic New Harmony is a unified program of the University of Southern Indiana and the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites. For more information on Historic New Harmony, please visit www.newharmony.org.

Campus Roadway Project

This summer, Phase 1 of the long-planned Campus Roadway Project will begin construction at the University of Southern Indiana. The elements to be built this summer include a new front entry to campus and extensive re-working of the roads on the west side of the academic core.

About 30 trees, mostly at the entrance of campus, must be removed for the project.

Mark Rozewski, vice president for Business Affairs, said, "Over 130 new trees will be planted for substantial net gain in the number of trees on campus.

"We believe that we have devised a construction plan that will enable full and complete campus operation during all phases of construction, although not without various detours and interim adaptations to established patterns.

"The road work will reconfigure some parking areas, causing a loss of spaces that will be made up in full by expanding other lots. All of this work will be done over the summer so that there is no net loss of parking as a result of this work. All new parking will be ready for the fall start of classes," he said.

Bicycle lockers will be available as a pilot program in an expanded Valley parking lot. The 20 bicycle lockers will be for students, faculty, and staff. Riders can pedal to campus, use the bike lockers as needed at no cost, and use bikes to move around campus.

Rozewski said, "This will complement the substantial bicycle path infrastructure being built with the roadway, and the bike path being built this summer linking the academic core with the Broadway athletic field complex."

He added, "This project promises to substantially ease travel on campus, increase traffic safety, and improve the appearance of campus. We look forward to a successful implementation of the project in coming months and will keep you advised as to our progress."

ROTC cadets earn prestigious German proficiency badge

Seven cadets from the University of Southern Indiana Army ROTC program recently earned the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency.

Hosted by Indiana University's Department of Military Science, the badge competition attracted 323 participants from 30 Midwestern ROTC programs. Approximately 80 percent of the participants earned a medal.

Major Nathaniel Skelly, commanding officer and assistant professor of military science for the USI Reserve Officers' Training Program, said all cadets from USI who entered the competition earned a badge.

USI cadets receiving gold badges were **Ian Albright** of Henderson, Kentucky; **Jonathan Elder** of Evansville, Indiana; **Justin Hoesman**, of Sullivan, Indiana; **Brandon Hopf** of Jeffersonville, Indiana; **Jason Jolley** of Mount Vernon, Indiana; and **Chris Todd** of Evansville, Indiana. **Amanda Traylor** of Huntingburg, Indiana, earned a bronze badge.

Events in the competition included a 200-meter timed swim, track and field events, a marksmanship test, and a road march. Cadets who achieve the award also must complete a first-aid course and obtain a recommendation from their commanding officer regarding their physical and moral fitness. Gold, silver, or bronze badges are awarded based on results of the marksmanship and road-march performance.

The German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency is one of the few decorations that cadets may earn and continue to wear throughout their military careers.

The competition took place February 20-22 on the Indiana University campus and at Camp Atterbury in Bloomington, Indiana.

"Tres Vidas" tells stories of Kahlo, Amaya, and Storni through music, theatre

The Core Ensemble, featuring **Tahirah Whittington**, cello, **Hugh Hinton**, piano, and **Michael Parola**, percussion, along with actress **Georgina Corbo**, will perform the chamber music theatre work "Tres Vidas" at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center at the University of Southern Indiana. The event is free and open to the public.

"Tres Vidas" celebrates the life, times, and work of three significant Latin American women: painter **Frida Kahlo** of Mexico, peasant activist **Rufina Amaya** of El Salvador, and poet **Alfonsina Storni** of Argentina. With storylines including Kahlo's dramatic and passionate relationship with painter **Diego Rivera**, Amaya's astounding singular survival of the massacre at El Mozote, and Storni's life-long challenges as Argentina's first great feminist poet, "Tres Vidas" "presents dramatic situations timeless in their emotional appeal and connection to audiences across all gender and ethnic spectrums."

The Boston Globe said "Tres Vidas" is "a dazzling command of music vernacular, here the Latin America kind...if the chance arises to see 'Tres Vidas,' seize it."

From a script written by Chilean poet and writer **Marjorie Agosin**, Corbo offers powerful portrayals of each woman and sings traditional Mexican folk songs as well as Argentinean popular and tango songs made famous by **Mercedes Sosa** and **Carlos Gardel**. Additional music by **Astor Piazzolla**, **Orlando Garcia**, **Pablo Ortiz**, **Alice Gomez**, **Carlos Sanchez-Gutierrez**, **Michael DeMurga** and **Osvaldo Golijov** round out the musical

score.

A native of Cuba, Corbo is a graduate of the acting program at SUNY Purchase. Her television appearances include "Law & Order" and "New York Undercover." She has appeared onstage in several on- and off-Broadway productions as well as at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C and at the Russian International Theatre Festival in St. Petersburg.

Since its inception in 1993, The Core Ensemble has toured nationally to every region of the United States and internationally to England, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, and the British Virgin Islands. The Ensemble was the recipient of the 2000 Eugene McDermott Award for Excellence in the Arts awarded by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has received support from the State of Florida Department of Cultural Affairs, New England Foundation for the Arts, Palm Beach County Cultural Council, Aaron Copland Fund for Music, and Virgil Thomson Foundation.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Educational and Cultural Advancement for Latinos, Inc., USI International Programs and Services, and the University Core Curriculum.

Sustaining the personal touch: David and Sarah Huber

The person-to-person nature of higher education at the University of Southern Indiana was the quality that struck **J. David and Sarah K. Huber** when they first got to know the University. In the ensuing years, they have helped sustain and expand the personal touch for which USI is known.

The Hubers, longtime residents of Cannelton, Indiana, boarded the fast track to learning about USI in 1991 when he was appointed to the Board of Trustees. He served from 1991-95 and again from 2000-06, chairing the board from 2003-05. They now divide their time between homes in Cannelton and Evansville.

"Our early impressions of USI were like the later ones," David Huber said. "We always have been excited about the way USI is developing and the concern it has for students. During its growth, the University has continued to maintain personal contact between students and faculty and between students and administrators."

Connie Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony, said the Hubers are the kind of board members every organization needs. Sarah is a member and past chair of the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board. David also has served on that board as a representative of the USI trustees.

"Both underestimate the value of what they've done for the University," Weinzapfel said of the couple. "They provide that quiet, steady support that all organizations need. They are always here to volunteer, even driving to New Harmony from Cannelton for an evening program. That sums up how dedicated they are."

The Hubers also are enthusiastic volunteers on the USI campus. David often has been among administrators, faculty, and board members who help students move into residence halls and apartments.

"It's a good example of what this University does that families don't get anywhere else," they said. "Parents are impressed with the support."

The Hubers applaud the way USI responds to community needs and provides programs that reach out to students in elementary and secondary schools, connecting Southwest Indiana with University resources. Applied research, internships, and advisory boards link companies and business professionals throughout the area with faculty and students. Among the programs for young students are High School Accounting Day, the Pott Foundation Tri-state Science and Engineering Day, and a growing number of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) initiatives. The Hubers' interests span academics, the arts, and athletics. They are longtime season ticket holders for basketball and members of the Varsity Club.

David grew up in Cannelton, where his family owned and operated a funeral home. He earned undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University. In 1962, he was elected a Perry Circuit Court judge, becoming the youngest individual ever elected to that post. When he clinched the

primary, he was in his last year of law school. David served as a judge until 1970 and then practiced law in Tell City, Indiana, until his retirement in 2002.

A native of Evansville, Sarah graduated from Bosse High School and earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Evansville and a master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago. She worked at Evansville State Hospital and the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in Evansville and also was a consultant for the Lincoln Hills Development Corporation, a multi-county agency. She has served on the board of many community organizations in Perry County. She has been active in efforts that support the development of housing for senior citizens with low income and has served on the development committee of Habitat for Humanity.

The Hubers believe deeply in helping young people get a good education, particularly those who have excelled in high school. They have watched with pride as USI has become a university of choice for students from all over Indiana and beyond.

In 2001, the couple established a charitable remainder annuity trust, one of several types of planned gifts that friends may make to benefit the University through the USI Foundation. The Hubers' gift will fund the J. David and Sarah K. Huber Endowed Presidential Scholarship. Since 1988, Presidential Scholarships have brought some of the state's top high school scholars to USI. The trust provides the Hubers a lifetime income and ensures that outstanding Indiana high school graduates in the years to come will choose USI.

David is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors. He also is secretary-treasurer for the Schergens Foundation, which provides a number of scholarships each year to benefit USI students from Perry County. He was inducted in 2008 into the President's Circle, which recognizes those whose personal and volunteer efforts, advice, and expertise have been consistently present in shaping the University. The President's Circle now includes 63 members.

Pott Foundation Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair biggest yet

The general public is invited to view more than 600 student projects in the Pott Foundation Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 13, in the University Center at the University of Southern Indiana. An awards ceremony and reception will be at 6:30 p.m. that evening in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

The event is the 60th year for the Tri-State Science and Engineering Fair. This is the third year the fair is being held at USI.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said, "This year will see the largest group of student projects ever, with over 650 kids participating." An additional 400 students will come to USI to view projects, learn about the science fair, and watch a chemistry demonstration.

"This is the largest such event in Indiana and every year we have winners who advance to the state and international competitions, win many prizes and even scholarships," Gordon said.

The event serves as the qualifier for the state and Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Awards include six \$1,500 renewable USI scholarships in the senior division, cash awards, and plaques for winners. In addition, cash awards will go to classrooms with the most participants at the junior and senior divisions and to the classrooms of the winners, plus other awards.

There are 12 categories plus a team projects category. The categories are behavior and social sciences; botany; chemistry and biochemistry; computer science; earth and space sciences; engineering; environmental science; mathematics; medicine, health, and gerontology; and microbiology, physics, and zoology.

Students from area middle schools and high schools within a 75-mile