



# University Notes

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## Economics professor earns 2005 Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award

**Timothy J. Schibik**, professor of economics, was chosen by his colleagues to receive the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor Award for 2005 at the University of Southern Indiana. He will receive the award on May 8, 2005 during the USI Commencement. The award recognizes significant achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service.

Schibik has been at USI for 16 years. His primary responsibility is teaching undergraduate business statistics and econometrics courses. He also is a member of the graduate faculty.

In addition to teaching duties, he is the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), a position he assumed in 1999.

"He is committed to all facets of academic life, most notably excelling as a model collaborator, mentor, and colleague," said a faculty member in a letter of nomination.

He was coordinator for USI's Lilly Retention Initiatives program for five years beginning in fall 1997.

A prolific writer, Dr. Schibik has had articles published in refereed journals like the *Journal of American Academy of Business* and the *Business Education Forum*. He has written for *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*, *National Issues in Higher Education*, and *Academic Leader*, a newsletter for academic deans and department chairs. He has a strong record of scholarly activity within the fields of economic education, labor economics, and applied econometrics.

He has served as president of the Midwest Business Economics Association; member of the advisory board for the Midwest Business Administration Association; a systems appraiser for The Academic Quality Improvement Program of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; consultant and evaluator for The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, class of 2007, and is a member of the advisory board for Indiana Campus Compact.

In 2003 the Indiana Association for Institutional Research presented the Best Paper Award to Dr. Schibik; in 2000 he had received the Best Presentation Award from the same organization.

In University service, he is currently chair of the University Promotions Committee, plus he serves on the Faculty Senate Task Force for Selection of New Student Evaluation System and the Task Force on Enrollment and Retention Management. In recent years he has served as chair of the Faculty Senate, chair of USI Advising Task Force, chair of USI Service Learning Advisory Committee, and a member of the Writing Center Advisory Committee, the USI Customer Service Portal Committee, and the USI Part-Time Faculty Task Force.

The Distinguished Professor Award is made possible by a generous gift from Integra Bank.

With the award Dr. Schibik will receive a grant from Integra, select a student to receive a scholarship in his name, and deliver the Distinguished Professor lecture during the next academic year.

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## University Notes Q & A: Charles Harrington

**Charles Harrington** is assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and associate professor of business statistics. He said, "My friends call me Charley. So do my enemies." His first day at USI was Valentine's Day 1995, and he said, "It's been a love affair since then." He has two bachelor's degrees from Ohio University, a master's degree from Drexel University, and a Ph.D. from Ohio University. He is married to Kelly Harrington (nee Bassler). They have three daughters: Emma, 13; Abbey, 11; and Claire, 8. He adds, "I've two cats, 11 fish, and like naps."

**What was your first job?**

*My very first job was delivering newspapers at 5 a.m.*

**What is your most marked characteristic?**

*My keen sense of the absurd.*

**What is your greatest strength?**

*My ability to multi-task.*

**What is your principal defect?**

*My ability to make something easy look extremely difficult and oftentimes dangerous.*

**What natural gift would you most like to possess?**

*The ability to throw a curve ball.*

**What to your mind would be the greatest of misfortunes?**

*Losing control of my mental faculties.*

**Where would you like to visit?**

*The Pacific Rim.*

**Who are your favorite prose writers?**

*Hermann Hesse, Voltaire, Ayn Rand, Henry David Thoreau, Douglas Adams.*

**Who are your favorite poets?**

*James Joyce, ee cummings, Seosamh MacCathmhaoil, Lewis Carroll.*

**Who are your favorite composers or musicians?**

*Frank Zappa, Ali Farka Toure, George Harrison, Mozart, Phillip Glass, Iannis Xenakis, Bill Monroe.*

**Who are your favorite artists?**

*Jasper Johns, Yoko Ono, the Rev. Howard Finster, and my daughter, Claire.*

**What was the last book that you read and loved?**

*"The Goal," by Eliyahu M. Goldratt.*

**What was the last song that you heard and loved?**

*"Axis Bold as Love," Jimi Hendrix.*

**What is your hobby and what about it gives you joy?**

*Playing guitar – it's a complete release from stress, anxiety, and teenagers.*

**Who would you invite to lunch if you could invite a famous person, living or dead, and why?**

*I'd like to dine with John Lennon, Marty Feldman, and Helen Keller. They each had a great sense of humor and a keen sense of the obvious. I think they'd have some great stories to tell.*

**What are you doing in a parallel universe?**

*Parallelograms, of course.*

**Have you written your epitaph? If so, what does it say?**

*(N-1).*

**Editor's note:** After further questioning, Harrington explained, "It's statistical jargon. 'N' is the number of subjects (people) in the population. When I die, the population then becomes, 'N-1.'"

If you'd like to be featured in University Notes Q & A, or would like to recommend a faculty or staff member, contact the editor at [wkbredhold@usi.edu](mailto:wkbredhold@usi.edu).

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## **Keener receives Trustees Distinguished Merit Award**

Senior **Matthew S. Keener** of Newburgh is the 2005 recipient of the Trustees Distinguished Merit Award, the most prestigious award given during the honors convocations held for each academic school. The award includes a \$1,000 stipend.

Keener will graduate in spring with a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing and a German minor. He is a member of College Republicans, Alpha Chi Honor Society, and the Association of German Students. He is a lifetime inductee of Beta Sigma Gamma, an academic honor society for students in business programs accredited by the Association for Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business, and completed a marketing internship with Accuride Corporation.

A three-position player for the USI baseball team, Keener was named USI's first Academic All-American for baseball in 2004. During his three-plus seasons with the squad, Keener has record-

ed a .340 batting average, driven in 91 RBIs, scored 82 runs, and swatted 15 home runs.

He is the recipient of the Seaman Merit Scholarship and the School of Business Departmental Scholarship. He has been named to the dean's list each semester of his university career and currently has a 4.0 grade point average.

In nominating Keener for the award, a faculty member wrote, "Matt shows enthusiasm and commitment for the study of a foreign language, its literature and culture and for the pursuit of knowledge across disciplines, thus distinguishing himself as an outstanding university citizen."

He is the son of Steve and Cindy Keener and a graduate of Castle High School.

The Trustees Distinguished Merit Award recognizes outstanding achievement not only in the student's major but also in the liberal arts and sciences that form the core curriculum of a college education. Each school nominates one student for the award. The award is presented to one junior or senior at USI who is best qualified by virtue of the overall integrity of his or her student life. Selection is made by the Student Affairs Committee.

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## **Sheriff Brad Ellsworth: From "Junior Jollies" to Top Cop**

After **Charles Petranek**, professor of sociology, introduced Vanderburgh County Sheriff **Brad Ellsworth's** Alumni-in-Residence lecture, "From College Classroom to Top Cop," Ellsworth, a 1981 graduate with a bachelor's degree in sociology, said, "That was a lovely introduction from Dr. Petranek, but he left out a couple of the things that defined my career."

As Petranek was most likely scanning his memory – perhaps he had forgotten to mention that Ellsworth had founded the first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in local schools? – Ellsworth was preparing his punch line: "He didn't mention the time that I was sexually assaulted by a raccoon."

It was not the last time the sheriff's humor was on display during the program, which drew students, faculty, and staff to the University Center's Carter Hall March 22, on an afternoon so rainy that Ellsworth was at one point drowned out by the deluge.

His amorous raccoon story was (thankfully) short on details. The other story Petranek graciously failed to mention was from the sheriff's early days as a patrolman. While on patrol, he saw a muffler and tail pipe in the middle of U.S. 41. He pulled over to get them out of the highway, as, he said, a good public servant should. But as soon as he picked them up, he realized they had just fallen off a vehicle. His palms were burned so badly that they turned white, he said, and he had to drive back to the station with his elbows.

He also warned future law enforcement officers about the dangers of road flares. "Strike those away from your pant leg," he said. "Those polyester pants *will* catch fire."

In reference to Petranek's introduction of him as a "solid student," Ellsworth said, "That was not always the case." He said that when he graduated from Harrison High School in 1976, other students in his class had accomplishments such as honor roll or student government listed under their pictures in the yearbook. Under his name was only "Junior Jollies." Until his junior year at the University, he said, he was "just getting by."

While at USI, Ellsworth was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, a fraternity which no longer exists on campus. He said joining the fraternity "was the best thing I ever did in my life. That really brought me out of my shell." After he peacefully broke up a fight at a fraternity party, he had an epiphany: He wanted to go into

law enforcement.

He said his courses in sociology opened him up to cultural diversity, and his involvement in the University's movement for independence from Indiana State University taught him how to deal with controversy. He also discussed some of the controversial decisions he's made as sheriff, including his push to build a new county jail. He said he was warned that trying to build a new jail was impolitic, but decided that "a community is measured by how they treat the poorest, weakest, and least measure of their community." He said the new jail will be safer for employees and inmates. "It was the right thing to do for the right reason at the right time."

The methamphetamine problem is a large part of the reason the county needs a new jail. "We are at crisis point," he said. "We seem to be at the epicenter of the meth craze." He blamed the drug problem for the fastest growing population in the jail system: women. The court system also is clogged with mentally challenged inmates, a population whom he said the county is ill-equipped to handle but still charged with "housing and warehousing." He acknowledged that his office is "behind the eight-ball" on the growing Hispanic population, which, like every population, has its criminal element, but said that officers are beginning to get cultural training and learn some basic Spanish.

He named among his accomplishments while in office the establishment of a motorcycle patrol; a controversial change from eight to 12 hour shifts (which he said has since been embraced by employees); the consolidation of some departments with the police department; and the founding of a career academy for those interested in pursuing a job in law enforcement.

Ellsworth has a little over a year left in his second and last permitted term in office. He said he is unsure if he will seek another public office, remain with the sheriff's department, or seek employment in the private sector.

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## "Man's Best Friend" to open at New Harmony Gallery

There will be an opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 2, for an exhibition featuring two artists whose subjects are dogs, "Man's Best Friend," at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main St., New Harmony, Indiana.

**Kenneth Hayden**, a painter from Louisville, also is a commercial photographer, and works from snapshots. The end result is a somewhat abstracted representation, and is seldom an actual depiction of the photograph. He has had numerous solo and group exhibitions, including exhibitions at Swanson-Reed Gallery in Louisville, Indianapolis Art Center, and Touchstone Gallery in Washington, D.C.

**James Mellick**, an adjunct faculty member at the Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio, creates whimsical, allegorical wood sculptures. He received his Master of Fine Art from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. His work is on display at the Evansville Museum of Art, History, and Science, Ohio Wesleyan University in Dublin, Ohio, and the Ohio Craft Museum in Columbus, among other locations.

The exhibition was made possible through the support of USI and the Indiana Arts Commission. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. "Man's Best Friend" will be on display through May 15.

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## Religion and the media to be discussed

Religious Life is sponsoring a panel discussion, "Religion and

the Media," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, in Mitchell Auditorium, in the Health Professions Center. Panelists will discuss the interaction between religion and the media, how religion is portrayed and covered by the media, and how media coverage impacts the public's view of religion. The discussion will be moderated by **Paul Leingang**, director of communications for the Catholic Diocese of Evansville. The panelists are **Monsignor Lorenzo Albacete**, **Brad Byrd**, **Phillip Elliott**, and **Mohammed Hussain**.

Albacete, a Catholic theologian who writes columns for *The New York Times Magazine* and the Italian weekly, *Tempi*, has been a featured guest on the television shows *Frontline*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, and *Peter Jennings Live*. His most recent book is *God at the Ritz: Attraction to Infinity*. Byrd has been lead news anchor for WEHT News 25 for 28 years. In addition to his duties at the anchor desk, he writes a column for the *Evansville Courier and Press*. Elliott is the religion reporter for the *Evansville Courier and Press*. Hussain is a local pediatrician and past president of the Islamic Center of Evansville, and speaks regionally about Islam and the post-9/11 world.

For more information, contact Christine Hoehn, director of Religious Life, at 812/464-1871.

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## Take Back the Night March to be held at USI

The Eighth Annual Take Back the Night March, sponsored by Albion Fellows Bacon Center and USI, will be held Thursday, April 7. The event will feature a presentation by **Mike Domertz**, a nationally-known speaker who designed a program about dating, respect, and communication after his sister was raped. He will present "Can I Kiss You?" at 5 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. The humorous, emotional program explains how to change dating behavior to create healthier dating practices and avoid sexual assault.

Registration for the march will begin at 5 p.m. in front of the Health Professions Center, and commemorative T-shirts will be distributed. The march will begin at 6:30 p.m., near dusk, in a symbolic gesture to make the night safe again for victims of sexual assault. Participants will walk from the Health Professions Center to the front lawn of the Physical Activities Center, where a rally featuring a USI student and date rape survivor and a double rape survivor will begin at approximately 7 p.m. That portion of the program also will include a candle lighting ceremony and a "speak-out" against rape.

The USI student was raped three years ago by a man she met through her job. She agreed to go out on a date with him, and the date ended in rape. The second woman was raped two years ago by her boss, and again last year by a co-worker after a get-together. Both women reported the rapes. There was no prosecution in the USI student's case, and the double rape survivor's first case was not prosecuted but her second case is pending. For more information about Take Back the Night, contact **Barry Schonberger**, dean of students, at 812/464-1862.

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## Juror to lecture on trends in decorative arts

**Mark Lymon**, juror for the 35th Annual Juried Student Exhibition, will present the Juror's Lecture, "Contemporary Trends in the Decorative Arts," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in Forum II in the Forum Wing of the Wright Administration Building.

Lyman is president and founder of Expressions of Culture, Inc., and producer of the International Expositions of Sculpture Objects and Functional Art (SOFA) Chicago, New York, and

Palm Beach, Florida. He holds a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Indiana State University and has received two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. He also has taught studio ceramic art and design at the Sheridan School of Craft and Design in Toronto and at Washington University's School of Fine Art in St. Louis.

The Juried Student Art Exhibition is an annual presentation of selected student art works chosen by an expert in the field of art, selected by the Art Department faculty for his or her expertise and understanding of undergraduate art works. An independent juror is brought in to assure objective selection of art works and awards, and to provide an educational experience for students in preparation for professional careers in art. Juried exhibitions are standard procedure in group art shows at universities, museums, and art associations.

The opening reception for the exhibition will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 10, in the University Conference Center, and will include an awards ceremony at 4 p.m. The reception is open to the public, and the exhibition will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day through Sunday, April 17.

In the past, over 400 entries have been submitted, with 100 to 125 entries accepted for display, and around 35 entries receiving awards.

Area companies and private individuals generously provide funds for awards presented at the Juried Student Art Exhibition. Awards are given in the form of art scholarships, merit awards, purchase awards, and certificates for art supplies. Awards are given for the quality of student artwork, and are awarded at the discretion of the juror. Merit award, scholarship, and certificate winners retain possession of their work. Scholarships are based on the overall merit of the student's work and are applicable only to USI.

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## Names in the news

### Welcome

**Robert A. Hudson Jr.** has accepted the position of senior administrative assistant in the Office of Graduate Studies. He was formerly administrative secretary for the Division of County Audit for the State of Tennessee.

### Accomplishments

**Sunny Oelling** of Valparaiso, Indiana, softball senior center-fielder, has been named the GLVC Player of the Week for her performances in USI's wins on March 25. The two-time All-GLVC performer is currently second on the squad with a .368 batting average. She has scored a team-high 12 runs and a team-leading 25 hits.

**David Glassman**, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and vice president of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, will be a panel member of the Association of American Anatomists' Experimental Biology symposium on Sunday, April 3, in San Diego. Symposium speakers are physical anthropologists who work with deaths and crime scenes sometimes hundreds of years old and who also are called on to help with modern day crime science investigations, identification of decomposing bodies, and physical signs of injuries related to death. Glassman has been handling forensic identification cases for 25 years, working with a variety of law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. Other panel members include physical anthropologists from the University of North Texas, John Hopkins School of Medicine, and Texas A & M University.

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## FYI

### INDOT public hearing on campus

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center, and offer the public an opportunity to comment on the environmental assessment for the proposed reconstruction of State Road 62 (Lloyd Expressway) from Eickhoff Road to First Avenue.

The project would add a third travel lane to SR 62 in both directions from Eickhoff Road to just west of the Barker Avenue overpass. Access would be limited to interchanges and traffic signals would be eliminated. Local access roads would be needed for properties along SR 62 that would no longer have direct access. The project would displace 28 residences, 19 businesses, and one storage building.

Those interested in making a statement after the presentation must sign up prior to the presentation. All comments collected before, during, and for a period of two weeks after the hearing will be evaluated and addressed, according to INDOT public hearings examiner, Mary Jackman.

The environmental assessment will be available for viewing at the Evansville Urban Transportation Study office, Room 316, in the Civic Center, located at 1 N.W. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

### Conflict resolution class

Extended Services is offering an employee development class, "Conflict Resolution: Managing Differences," from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, in Carter Hall A in the University Center. Led by Dee McDonald of Deaconess Cross Pointe, the program will address the nature of conflict and provide tools for managing and moving beyond it. Participants will learn behaviors to help reduce and resolve conflict. For more information, call 812/464-1989.

### "Kids on Kampus"

The Activities Programming Board is hosting "Kids on Kampus," a super hero-themed day of fun, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in the University Center. There will be games and prizes from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; the movie, "The Incredibles," from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and arts and crafts until 3:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring their families. For more information, call APB at 812/464-1872.

### Weight Watchers on campus

The USI Weight Watchers group is about to begin its second 10-week session. A free meeting is scheduled for noon Friday, April 8, in Room 214 in the University Center. If you are interested in joining the group but cannot attend the meeting, contact **Michelle Davis** in Human Resources at 812/464-1781.

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### Delta Zeta Golf Scramble

The second annual Delta Zeta Golf Scramble will be held at Clearcrest Pines Golf Course on Friday, April 22. Tee off is at noon and there will be 18 holes. The event is a fund raiser for the Delta Zeta Foundation, a charitable organization that focuses on programs for the speech and hearing impaired. The deadline to register for the golf scramble is Monday, April 4. For more information, contact **Christa Merrill**, Delta Zeta sorority philanthro-

py chair, at 812/468-2145.

### **Graduating employees**

Graduating employees and family members of employees who would like to be recognized in *University Notes* should send their names to **Penny White**, senior administrative associate in Advancement, no later than April 22. If the graduate is a USI employee's family member, specify the individual's relationship to the employee.

### **Free alcohol screenings offered**

The Counseling Center will conduct alcohol screenings from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in Room 1051 in the Orr Center. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to take the screening, which consists of a five-minute written self-assessment followed by a confidential meeting with a Counseling Center professional. For more information contact **Brooke Orth**, staff counselor, at 812/464-1867.

### **Summer Enrichment Camp**

Limited numbers of full-time and part-time enrollments are now available in USI's Summer Enrichment Camp, May 25 through July 29, from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi, one mile east of USI on Hogue Road. Children entering grades 2-5 in the fall are eligible to attend. For more information or a pre-enrollment form, contact **Jaclyn D. Cline** in Extended Services at 812/465-1274.

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### **Marketplace**

#### **1994 Acura Integra GS-R**

White with black leather interior. 169,000 miles, VTEC 4 cylinder engine, 5-speed manual, moon roof, power windows, power locks, 4 wheel disc/ABS brakes. New shocks, struts and tires. Dual front airbags. \$3,900 OBO. Call 985-3855 or 431-6021. Call 812/431-6021 or email [primus462@aol.com](mailto:primus462@aol.com).

#### **Condo for rent**

Located in Coco beach Florida. Available April 24 to May 1, 2005. Sleeps six people. Two full baths, small kitchen, electric hot plate and skillet, microwave and refrigerator. Does not have a stove. All dishes and linens furnished and cleaned each day (if needed). Rent \$550 for the week. Call 812/473-1965 or 812/760-4574. Call 812/760-5599 or email [gcurry@usi.edu](mailto:gcurry@usi.edu).

#### **Delta Zeta golf scramble**

You are invited to the second annual Delta Zeta golf scramble. The event will be held at Clearcrest Pines Golf Course on April 22. We invite you to sponsor one of our eighteen holes and/or donate prizes, to be won at each hole. You can become a platinum sponsor for \$400, a gold sponsor for \$300, a silver sponsor for \$200, and a bronze sponsor for \$150. All proceeds will go to the non-profit Delta Zeta Foundation. To reserve your hole, please send a reply letter to Delta Zeta-Lambda Beta Chapter, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47712. Include your company information and check made out to Delta Zeta. Please reply by April 4. Call 812/468-2145 or visit [www.deltazeta.org](http://www.deltazeta.org).

#### **Donations needed**

Board games suitable for children ages 7 to 11 years old. The games will be used at USI's Summer Enrichment Camp. Games may be dropped off at Extended Services, located on the first floor of the Orr Center. Call 812/465-1274 or email [jdcline@usi.edu](mailto:jdcline@usi.edu).

#### **Lawn mowing service**

Wanted, lawns to mow. Mowing, trimming, and leaf removal. Will provide free estimates. Provide my own equipment to do the job. Call 812/838-0870 or 812/449-8506.

#### **Love seats**

Two bright yellow love seats. Only two years old. \$175 for both or \$100 each. Call Ext. 1840 or 812/424-8547 after 5 pm.

#### **Miscellaneous items**

Standing black halogen lamp, \$5. Slightly oversized plaid chair, \$40. Cherry red book shelf, \$75. Small storage bench, \$10. Email me if you would like digital photos. Call 812/461-5224 or email [jathomas@usi.edu](mailto:jathomas@usi.edu).

#### **WalkAmerica 2005**

Teams for WalkAmerica 2005 are currently forming. Walk with co-workers or with your family. Walk for someone you love. Games for kids, prizes to be won, and entertainment including music and a "mini animal encounter" provided in part by Mesker Park Zoo. Lunch provided in part by Chick-fil-a. Registration at 9 a.m., April 30 at Sunrise Park. Call 812/473-3300.

#### **Wedding dress**

Full length beaded wedding dress with straps and a lace-up corset back. Featured in a Super Bride Sunday style show. Size two. Asking price \$350. Call 812/853-3130 or email [jencampbell1016@aol.com](mailto:jencampbell1016@aol.com).

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