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December 9, 2006

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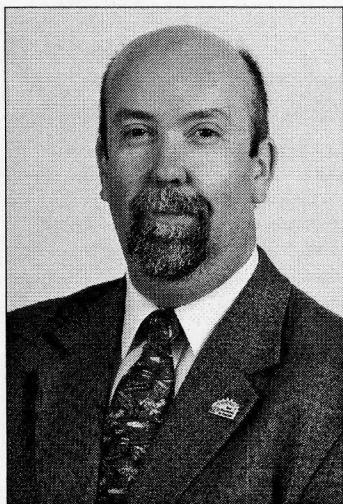
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Timothy J. Schibik

Today's Commencement Address will be delivered by Dr. Timothy J. Schibik, professor of economics and director of the USI Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. He was recipient of the 2005 Integra Bank

Distinguished Professor Award, given in recognition of significant achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service at the University of Southern Indiana.

Dr. Schibik earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1989 and the Master of Arts in 1986 from West Virginia University. He also holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Youngstown State University. Dr. Schibik joined the University of Southern Indiana in 1988 as assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1995 and full professor in 2001. He also has served as a member of the Graduate Faculty since 1988.

In addition to teaching both undergraduate and graduate economics courses, Dr. Schibik has been active in many University and professional initiatives. From 1999–2002, he was coordinator of the Lilly Retention Initiatives project, overseeing a grant from the Lilly Endowment. An active consultant-evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, he visits colleges and universities in the region to evaluate them for accreditation. Dr. Schibik also has been a systems appraiser for The Academic Quality Improvement Program of the Higher Learning Commission.

A respected leader in his field, Dr. Schibik is past president of the Midwest Business Economics Association, which he also has served as program chair. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Academy of Business Economics and the Advisory Board of the Midwest Business Administration Association. Dr. Schibik has received the USI College of Business Teaching Award, Academic Advisor Recognition Award, and twice has received the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award. The Indiana Association for Institutional Research has chosen him for its highest awards for a paper and a presentation. Dr. Schibik's research in economics and in pedagogy appear in many refereed journals and presentations. He has recently been named editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Economic Development and Business Policy*.

Dr. Schibik has served as chair of the Faculty Senate, chair of the University Promotions Committee, and is a member of the Student Affairs Committee this year. In addition, he has served on the Board of Directors for Historic Southern Indiana, an outreach program of the University.

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Presidential Medallion

During the Middle Ages, medallions signified membership in religious orders and guilds and, in the Renaissance, membership in elite orders of knighthood and prominence in government office. Today, colleges and universities strike medallions to commemorate important events and achievements. The University of Southern Indiana Presidential Medallion signifies the authority invested in the president.

Fabricated in bronze, the Presidential Medallion celebrates the 1995 inauguration of President H. Ray Hoops. At its center the bronze medallion bears a three-inch reproduction of the University seal, surrounded by a half-inch rim; on the back of the medallion are the names and dates of appointment of the University's presidents.

Gonfalons

Gonfalons, ceremonial flags, originated in the Middle Ages for military and civil processions. They often appeared beneath the steel head of a knight's lance. In Italy, gonfalons designated Italian republics; and the bearer, or gonfalonier, served as chief magistrate or held other high office. The University of Southern Indiana gonfalons represent each of the academic units of the institution, and they are carried by deans or department heads. Gonfalon colors derive from traditional colors for academic disciplines in each college. Our commencement gonfalons come as a gift from the USI Bookstore.

University Seal

The University seal bears the University's colors—red, white, and blue—with gold. The shield signifies the importance of higher education in defending citizens against ignorance. Between the two banners carrying the University's name appear a band and an open book bound together by the torch of knowledge. In the band, rays of light emanate simultaneously from a rising sun, symbolizing the young University, and from the torch, symbolizing the light of knowledge and the passion for scholarship. Trees on either side of the flame suggest not only the University's pastoral southern Indiana setting but also life, growth, continuity.

Beneath this band, an open book emphasizes the importance of teaching and learning; *academia populi* and *academia populo* indicate that the University of Southern Indiana is a scholarly academy founded and supported by the people, for the people. Finally, the laurel branches to the right and left of the book represent victory: the light of learning overcomes the darkness of ignorance.

University Mace

In the Middle Ages, bodyguards of French and English monarchs carried ceremonial maces. Later, the mace became an important symbol of office in civil processions and academic pageantry; at the University of Southern Indiana, the Grand Marshal, a distinguished member of the faculty, carries the mace.

A replica of the walking cane of Richard Owen (1810-1890) serves as the centerpiece of the University mace. A respected geologist and

professor of natural science at Indiana University, Owen became the first president of Purdue University. He was a son of Robert Owen (1771-1858), the Welsh industrialist who established New Harmony, Indiana, as a center for education and enlightened social reform in the early 1800s. The 32-inch-tall, wooden cane was presented to Richard Owen in 1874 and, through the generosity of his descendant Kenneth D. Owen, served as the Grand Marshal's staff until the mace was fabricated for the University's first Presidential Inauguration in 1995.

Designed and fabricated by Nicholas Logsdon of Indianapolis, the University mace encloses a replica of the Owen cane and is gold-plated. At the top, above the cane's golden head, an open orb holds a replica of the University seal. The free-flowing design of the orb symbolizes the interrelationships among all academic disciplines. Below the cane's tip are three golden rings engraved with the names and appointment dates of the University presidents. A finial at the tip of the cane bears the names of Kenneth Dale Owen, Jane Blaffer Owen, and James A. Sanders, donors of the mace.

Created by alumnus Kenny Fisher '77, the replica of the cane and the base are made of walnut from the Owen mansion built in New Harmony during the 1830s. The University mace is cared for by Paul F. Groeninger, Master Jeweler.

Academic Dress

The academic costume dates from medieval days when university students wore woolen and fur garments for warmth in damp and drafty buildings. Most of those studying were clerics in holy orders; they wore a cloak to which was attached a hood that could be pulled up to cover their tonsured heads. Simplified today, the costume serves to remind us that its wearer is a member of an ancient and venerable profession; it also indicates by its color and design the wearer's degree and the institution by which the degree was conferred.

In the United States, black has been the traditional color for academic gowns, but some institutions authorize holders of their doctorates to wear colors of the institution. The bachelor's gown is distinguished by its long, open sleeves; the master's by its closed, slitted sleeves; the doctor's by its full sleeves trimmed with bands of velvet, which may be black or a color denoting the field in which the degree was taken.

The mortarboard cap, proper for all degrees, is black. Tassels, usually black, are worn over the left front quarter of the cap. Holders of the doctorate may wear tassels of gold thread.

Alumni Association Pins

Graduates in today's ceremony are receiving lapel pins with the University logo as a gift from the University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association.

Hooding Ceremony

Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree attained and are lined with the colors of the institution by which the degree was granted. Hooding signifies the induction of the graduate into the fellowship of the academy, a welcoming gesture by those who represent the high standards of scholarship and creative achievement. During today's ceremony, master's degree candidates will receive hoods distinctive to their degrees.

Baccalaureate Scholarship Honors

The baccalaureate degree candidate graduating with the highest scholarship index is graduated *summa cum laude*. Baccalaureate students graduating with a scholarship index of 3.80 or higher are graduated *magna cum laude*. Those with a scholarship index between 3.60 and 3.80 are graduated *cum laude*. These achievements are set forth on the individual diplomas. Honor students can be recognized in the Commencement Exercises by colored stoles and tassels. Gold indicates *summa cum laude*; red, *magna cum laude*; and blue, *cum laude*.

Because students enrolled in master's degree programs are expected to maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, and most achieve much higher levels, scholarship honors at Commencement are given only to baccalaureate students.

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Honors Scholars

The designation of University Honors Scholar is awarded to students who successfully complete the Honors Program. They can be recognized in today's ceremony by the white honor cords worn with their regalia.

Photography

During Ceremony

A commercial photographer is taking photographs of each graduate as he/she shakes hands on stage. Each graduate will receive a proof from which duplicates can be ordered. Family members who wish to take still or video photographs during the ceremony are asked to use the restricted area on the floor. Your cooperation ensures the dignity of the Commencement ceremony.

Commemorative Video

In response to requests from graduates and families, a high quality commemorative videotape of today's ceremony is being produced by the USI Office of Instructional Technology Services in cooperation with the USI Alumni Association. The tape includes the entire ceremony, depicting each graduate receiving a diploma cover, as well as candid behind-the-scenes shots. To order a videotape (\$20 each) please call 800/813-4238 or 812/464-1924.



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