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Media Advisory

Student-designed steel geometric sculpture to be installed at USI on Saturday, August 26

A 10' sculpture made of cor-ten steel alloy and mild steel will make its way across town on a drop deck semi tractor trailer on Saturday, August 26 and will be installed on the University of Southern Indiana campus near Governors Hall, the new freshmen residence hall that opened this week. Installation is expected to take about 45 minutes and begin at 8:45 a.m.

The sculpture was fabricated at Sterling Boiler & Mechanical, Inc., 5416 E. Morgan Avenue. "It weighs 2,325 lbs.," said Lan Bradley, the fabrication superintendent. Bradley's son Kyle, a USI graduate who studied art and now works at the fabrication company, coordinated the effort. The company donated both materials and time to fabricate and weld the sculpture.

USI students Damon Dawson, Evansville, Peter Fehrenbacher, Evansville, Jon Hittner, Princeton, and Brandon Kight, Evansville, designed the structure during a summer workshop under the direction of USI art professor John McNaughton. It has become a summer tradition dating back to the mid-'70s for McNaughton to offer the sculpture workshop, and pieces from the workshop are installed at various places on the USI campus and in Evansville. Last year a sculpture was placed on the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage.

Processing Component is the name of the sculpture, which consists of a bundle of individual square tubes. The sculpture sits at a 45-degree angle on its point on a three-foot cor-ten steel cube. "It depicts a processor and its abstract nature is open to interpretation by the viewer," said Brandon Kight, who completed requirements for his art degree with this class project.

John McNaughton and the students will be at the installation.

Directions to installation: Governors Hall is located on south campus near the construction site of the Fitness Recreation Center. Follow University Boulevard south to Rankin Drive, turn left on Rankin Drive, and follow the road past Newman Hall to Governors Hall.