



FIVE DEANS NAMED
TO HEAD RESTRUCTURED SCHOOLS
AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

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Dr. C. Thomas Pickering and Dr. Glenn A. Pitman have been named deans of the School of Education and Human Services and School of Business, respectively, at the University of Southern Indiana, positions created by USI's July 1 reorganization from academic divisions to schools structured to accommodate future institutional progress.

They join three other deans named in March -- Dr. James R. Blevins, School of Liberal Arts; Dr. Nadine A. Coudret, School of Nursing and Health Professions; and Dr. Frank L. Stanonis, School of Science and Engineering Technology.

Dr. Pickering was dean of the School of Education at Fort Hays State University, Kansas, where he administered a school with four academic departments and was certification officer with primary responsibility for overseeing 47 state-approved teacher and administrator education programs. His leadership in three years at Fort Hays was credited with successful efforts to professionalize course offerings and provide greater efficiency of curriculum. The FHSU School of Education offers large numbers of courses in off-campus setting. Dr. Pickering established programmatic offerings and in-service programs in the off-campus centers, including a highly regarded annual full-day program for more than 400 teachers and administrators.

Dr. Pickering received his B.S.Ed., M.Ed., and Ph.D. from Ohio University, Athens. He previously has been a classroom teacher in Johnstown, Ohio, a part-time instructor at Ohio University, intern school psychologist in Logan Ohio; assistant professor of elementary education at Western Carolina University; assistant professor of early and middle childhood education at Ohio State University; professor and head of the Department of Elementary Education and Reading at Western Carolina; and professor and chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Pitman had been assistant dean for graduate programs since 1984 in the University of Connecticut School of Business Administration at Storrs. Under Dr. Pitman's leadership, a five-year decline in enrollment at the scattered sites was reversed, Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores (MORE)

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were increased up to 10 percentiles, and new placement programs were introduced. Dr. Pitman has been involved with MBA curriculum reorganization at each institution he has been affiliated with -- UC, Pennsylvania State University, and West Virginia University -- and participated in American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation, which eventually will be sought for business programs at the University of Southern Indiana. Dr. Pitman has been a trustee of the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), member and chair of the GMAC Committee on the Test (managing a \$6-million testing program administered by the Educational Testing Service); and member of the GMAC Selection Committee which developed the GMAC test and laid the groundwork for the GMAT.

Dr. Pitman received his B.A. in history from Pennsylvania State, his MBA in marketing from the University of Miami, and his Ph.D. in business administration from Pennsylvania State. Dr. Pitman serves as a consultant to large multi-national organizations such as Barclay's Bank (English) North America, CIGNA, GTE, and Kodak, as well as medium and smaller companies such as Micromedic Systems, Immunar, Sparkomatic, and others.

Dr. Blevins has been with USI since 1966 and chairman of the Division of Humanities since 1970. He received his B.A. from David Lipscomb College, M.A. and Ph.D. from George Peabody College, and completed two terms of post-doctoral work at the University of California-Los Angeles. He is an active member of various University and community organizations devoted to enhancement of the arts and was instrumental in the organization of a USI Society for the Humanities to broaden the influence of the University and the community upon each other in the development of humanities programs.

Dr. Coudret was dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Evansville prior to moving to USI. Her numerous professional affiliations currently include member, Indiana State Board of Nursing; director, UE Institute for Alcohol and Drug Studies; and chairperson, Evansville Coalition for Nursing and Evansville Consortium for Nursing Continuing Education. She is a graduate of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Evansville, and received her B.S., M.A., and M.S.N. degrees from UE, and an Ed.D. degree from Indiana University. She joined the UE nursing program in 1970.

Dr. Stanonis joined the USI faculty in 1969 and resumed chairmanship of the Division of Science and Mathematics in early 1988, having served in that position from 1973 to 1979. He took a one-year leave of absence in 1976 to serve as commissioner for environmental quality for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He received his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Kentucky and his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University, and had operated a geological and exploration consulting firm in Henderson, Kentucky, prior to joining the USI faculty.