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Speaker Fran Kick will "KICK IT IN" for USI students

Educational consultant and motivational speaker Fran Kick will present "Getting a KICK out of your First Year" as part of University of Southern Indiana's Connections II orientation program for first year and transfer students. He will deliver the keynote address at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, August 27, in Carter Hall immediately following a convocation at 6:30 p.m. His presentations focus on such topics as paying attention and responding appropriately to opportunities on campus, positively reinforcing yourself and others to make healthy choices, and getting involved and cooperatively contributing on campus.

Lisa McGuire, program advisor for the Office of Student Development Programs, said "I met Fran at the National Leadership Symposium in Rhode Island several years ago and was impressed by the work he had done with leadership and youth at Wilmington College. He has come to campus twice since then - Activities Programming Board had seen him at one of their conferences and brought him in spring 1998; I brought him in last January for Greek Transitional training. He brings a sound message to new college students. He tells them things they need to hear."

Since taking an educational leave of absence from teaching, Kick presents over one hundred programs in the U.S. every year to thousands of college, high school, and middle school students; and the many educational professionals who work with them. In addition, he works with association, convention, and corporate organizations actively engaged in the learning process.

Kick has also appeared on television programs including WDNT-TV News, an ABC affiliate, and WRGT-TV, an affiliate of the FOX Television Network, where he was the host and co-producer for the TV show **TEENTALK**.

Kick's writing has appeared in state and national educational publications. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement's ERIC/CAPS Clearinghouse has published his work "The Self-Perceptions of Self-Concept and Self-Esteem" and selected it for inclusion for the Resources in Education Index. He also co-wrote "Portfolios Across the Curriculum and Beyond" currently in its third printing published by Corwin Press, Inc. Kick holds a B.A. in education and an M.A. in educational psychology.

For more information about Connections II, call Lisa McGuire, program advisor in the Office of Student Development Programs, at 812/465-1031. For more information about Fran Kick and his program "KICK IT IN," view the website at <<http://www.kickitin.com>>.

