

Early childhood education conference

The Reggio Emilia Approach to Teaching Conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, in Mitchell Auditorium located in the USI Health Professions Center. Sponsored by the USI Department of Teacher Education and Vanderburgh County Step Ahead Council, the conference is open to pre-school teachers, elementary school teachers, child care providers, and anyone interested in early childhood education.

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Mr. Robert Mills, childcare licensing consultant for the Vanderburgh County Division of Family and Children, said the conference is being offered to improve teaching in this area. Mills licenses child care centers in southern Indiana. He said many older pre-schools use the techniques without knowing it. “Often, experienced pre-school and elementary education teachers already exhibit Reggio Emilia techniques in their teaching methods. They listen to children and build a curriculum around their interests. This conference will help new teachers gain years of experience and knowledge in a single workshop,” Mills said. Dr. Louise Cadwell, Jennifer Strange, and Chuck Schwall, Reggio Emilia teachers from St. Louis, will conduct the workshop.

The Reggio Emilia Approach to Teaching is named for the Italian city in which it took root in 1945 under educator and psychologist Loris Malaguzzi. This teaching method is unique in that children are encouraged to learn by investigating and exploring topics that interest them. Learning is a social and cultural process that does not occur in isolation from other children, adults, and the environment. The Reggio school environment is designed to accommodate the child’s developmental culture and provide a wide range of stimulating media and materials for children to express their learning, such as words, sounds and music, movement, drawing, painting, sculpting, using puppets and disguises, and photography.

Mills said that project work is based on the child’s experience, not what a teacher thinks the child should learn. In groups or individually, children investigate and discover answers at their own pace with guidance from the teacher. Projects can take one hour to several months to complete.

For more information, contact **Dr. Sherry Boyd**, associate professor of education, 465-1607.

Reservations are required and cost is \$9 for Vanderburgh County residents; \$20 for non-county residents. Reservations may be made by leaving a message for Mills at 421-5435 or by mail to Robert Mills, Vanderburgh County Division of Family and Children, P. O. Box 154, Evansville, Indiana, 47701. Checks should be made payable to Vanderburgh County Step Ahead Council.

USI elmage is being updated

Web Help site can assist content developers

The Office of News and Information Services is redesigning the USI Web pages to create a more efficient and navigable site. To keep the site current, content developers have been assigned in every department and office to maintain and update departmental Web pages. A Web Help site is available to assist the content developers in updating departmental pages and in creating new pages.

The Web Help site is found at www.usi.edu/NEWSINFO/help/help.htm. Links to this page appear on the Events and News main page, the Employee page in the Human Resources site, and on the Computer Center Help page. The site offers guidelines and instructions; two templates; photos of University buildings, landmarks, and classrooms.

The templates, which include USI colors and logo, are a navigation bar and footer that will remain consistent throughout the USI pages creating a graphic identity and more user-friendly site.

Content developers will be able to copy their text, open a template, paste their text on the template, and save it to the USI server. Photos may be copied from the Web Help site to customize the templates. Additional photos are available for a fee by contacting **Ms. Barbara Goodwin**, administrative assistant in News and Information Services, 465-7005.

As content developers update their sites, they are encouraged to remove outdated Web documents from their files on the server. Removing unnecessary files will allow the server to run more efficiently.

Summer theatres open in June

The New Harmony Theatre will feature *Noises Off*; *The Philadelphia Story*; and *Always, Patsy Cline*.
Season tickets are \$36 for employees.
Call the box office at 682-3115.

Young Abe Lincoln opens June 26 at Lincoln Amphitheatre, alternating performances with *The Music Man* beginning July 6.
Season tickets are \$35 for employees.
Call 800/264-4ABE.



USI's 12th annual Ropewalk Writers Retreat offers public events

USI's 12th annual Ropewalk Writers Retreat begins Sunday, June 11 in New Harmony, and although registration is closed, the week-long event offers the public free evening readings by visiting writers and day-time lectures on writing as a craft. Jared Carter will hold a pre-conference public reading at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. All public readings will be held at the Atheneum and the Rapp-Maclure Granary; craft lectures will be held in the Barn Abbey.

Jared Carter, poetry, 7 p.m., Saturday, June 10, Rapp-Maclure Granary

Carter's first collection of poems, *Work, for the Night is Coming*, won the Walt Whitman Award for 1980. His second, *After the Rain*, received the Poets' Prize for 1995. His most recent book, *Les Barricades Mysterieuses*, a sequence of villanelles, was published in 1999 by the Cleveland State University Poetry Center. In addition, Carter has published seven chapbooks of poems, including *Pincushion's Strawberry* and *Situation Normal*. His work has appeared in such magazines as *Poetry*, *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, *TriQuarterly*, and *The Iowa Review*. Carter was a recipient of the Indiana Governor's Arts Award in 1985 and has twice served as writer-in-residence at Purdue University. His fellowships include grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Carter's appearance at RopeWalk marks the beginning of a planned series of appearances by Hoosier artists.

Heather McHugh, poetry, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Atheneum

McHugh is a core faculty member of the M.F.A. program for writers at Warren Wilson College. She has been Milliman Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at the University of Washington in Seattle two thirds of every year since 1984. Between visits to RopeWalk - this is her sixth - McHugh writes books of poetry including *Shades*, *Dangers*, and *Hinge and Sign: Poems 1968-1993* and essays, most recently *Broken English: Poetry and Partiality*. Her poetry also has been featured on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. McHugh's work can be sampled on the Academy of American Poets website www.poets.org/lit/poet/hmchufst.htm.

Victoria Redel, fiction, 7 p.m., Monday, June 12, Atheneum

Redel's first collection of poetry *Already the World* received the Tom and Stan Wick award. Her second publication was a collection of short stories titled *Where the Road Bottoms Out*. She teaches creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College and Vermont College. This, Redel's first visit to RopeWalk, follows a successful appearance in the RopeWalk Reading Series on the USI campus.

Craft lecture - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, Barn Abbey

Heather McHugh will present a lecture on poetry as a craft.

Craft lecture - 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, Barn Abbey

Nikolai Popov, a Joyce scholar who teaches Comparative Literature and English at the University of Washington in Seattle, will hold a craft lecture.

Robert Wrigley, poetry, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Atheneum

Wrigley has published five books of poetry: *The Sinking of Clay City*; *Moon in a Mason Jar*; *What My Father Believed*; *In the Bank of Beautiful Sins*; and, most recently, *Reign of Snakes*. He is the recipient of two National Endowment of the Arts Fellowships, the Kingsley Tufts Award, the J. Howard and Barbara M. J. Wood Prize, the Frederick Bock Prize, the Wagner Award from the Poetry Society of America, and two Pushcart Prizes. Wrigley is the 1997 recipient of the Theodore Roethke Award from *Poetry Northwest* and received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1996. He is a professor of English at the University of Idaho where he teaches in the creative writing program. This is Wrigley's first visit to RopeWalk.

Kim Barnes, creative non-fiction, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Atheneum

Barnes' memoir, *In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in Unknown Country* was published in 1996. It won awards from PEN, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association, and was nominated for the 1997 Pulitzer Prize in Biography/Autobiography. A second memoir, *Hungry for the World*, will be published by Villard/Random House in 2000. Her work has appeared in anthologies including *The Georgia Review* and *Shenandoah*. Barnes also was co-editor, with Mary Clearman Blew, of *Circle of Women*, an anthology of contemporary women writers.

Craft lecture - 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 15, Barn Abbey

Kim Barnes will present a craft lecture on writing creative non-fiction.

Craft lecture - 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Barn Abbey

Victoria Redel will hold a craft lecture on writing fiction.

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Report from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

The following graduate petitions were approved at the May 5, 2000, meeting of the Graduate Council:

Graduate New Course

MATH 638 Fundamental Models in Statistical Inference - 3 hrs., spring 2001 implementation.

Graduate Program Modification

Master of Business Administration, fall 2001 implementation

Description and rationale of the program modification:

1. The aggregate credit hours of survey courses are reduced from a maximum of 15 to 12 hours.
2. The survey courses ECON 501, FIN 501, and MKTG 501 are modified and reduced from three-hour courses to two-hour courses, respectively.
3. The survey course DSCI 501 is modified to combine statistics and operation research topics.
4. The aggregate credit hours of required graduate core courses are decreased from 30 to 25 hours.
5. The aggregate credit hours of required electives are increased from six to 12 hours.
6. The core courses of CIS 601, DSCI 602, ECON 601, MKTG 601, and MNGT 601 are modified and reduced from three-hour courses to two-hour courses, respectively.
7. The core course DSCI 601 is modified to combine advanced statistics and applied quantitative methods.
8. A new three-hour course MNGT XXX/ASBE/XXX Leadership Skills will be developed as an integrated leadership development, team dynamics, and communications course. This should serve as a cornerstone course to the program.
9. The core courses DSCI 601 and MNGT XXX/ASBE/XXX should be designed and coordinated to develop skills in written and oral communication, team dynamics, technology, and applied quantitative analysis. Both courses should be listed as prerequisites for all other required core courses in the program.
10. The core course MNGT 602 Business, Government and Society is modified from a required course to an elective.

Note: The modification and development of specific courses will be accomplished by departments reviewing their courses and submitting course development forms in the fall 2000 semester.

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The University will be closed
Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day

Grant awarded:

The Office of Student Development has received a \$2,000 award from the Indiana Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Project, Communities Against Rape Initiative, for a program which will address the risks of alcohol abuse and sexual assault. Ms. Tamara Kelso, director of student development and orientation, is the project director.

Staff Council Employee Picnic:

The Staff Council Employee Picnic is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, at the University Center Mall. Tickets are free but are required for admission and to pre-register for door prizes. Employees may obtain tickets from the following people:

Debra Clark - Rice Library
Marsha Salee - Physical Plant
Chris Jines - Orr Center
Ginny Hall - Wright Administration building
Lois Stevens - Physical Activities Center
Linda Harmon - University Center
Kathy MacGregor - Liberal Arts Center

Persons interested in volunteering to grill may call Ms. Barbara Goodwin, administrative assistant in News and Information Services, at 465-7005.

USI Alumni Picnic:

The USI Alumni Picnic will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 16, at the University Center Mall. Alumni, the University community, and their families and friends are invited to enjoy a barbecue, clowns, a petting zoo, and face painting. Admission is \$4 per person. Children ages 12 and under are free. Group tables are available for the class of 1975 celebrating their 25-year reunion, or for fraternities, sororities, and other clubs. Call 464-1924 to reserve a group table or make individual reservations.

Exporting opportunities for Indiana businesses:

The Tri-State World Trade Council will host a luncheon and workshop, "Doing Business in the Pacific Rim," from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, in Carter Hall, University Center. Jointly underwritten by Red Spot Paint and Varnish Company and Consolidated Grain and Barge Company, the luncheon will be held from 11:30 to noon. The workshop will follow lunch and will feature William Bishop, director of Asia Operations for the State of Indiana, and Steve Patillo, Association of Southeast Asian Nationals (ASEAN) trade liaison for the State of Indiana. Bishop and Patillo will discuss the growing exporting opportunities for Indiana companies as these Asian nations make economic advances after suffering a significant economic slowdown. The council is an affiliate of the USI Office of Extended Services. For reservations call 464-1864 or email extserv@usi.edu.

USI to hold third annual asthma camp - Camp Wheezer Eezer for children ages 5 to 12

USI will host the third annual asthma camp for area youths ages 5 - 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Friday, June 5 - 9. Camp Wheezer Eezer will be held on the USI campus.

"Statistics show a steady national increase in the past ten years in the number of asthma cases and the level of severity."

Project director **Ms. Julie St. Clair**, instructor in nursing, said, "Statistics show a steady national increase in the past ten years in the number of asthma cases and the level of severity." St. Clair said that asthma has become a major national health issue with seven percent of young people ages 18 and under experiencing various degrees of asthma. After receiving a grant for this project from the Foundation for Community Health, St. Clair began working with other local health professionals to arrange this week of activities for children with asthma.

The camp fills to capacity every year.

Co-director **Ms. Gina Schaar**, instructor in nursing, will participate throughout the program as camp nurse. She is prepared to manage any health care issues and administer emergency procedures should the need arise. Coordinators have scheduled many safe activities for participants as well as a daily education program to learn more about asthma and improve personal management. Camp counselors will be USI students majoring in respiratory therapy or nursing.

Campus activities will be held at or near the Grimes House and Westwood Lodge, located on the east end of USI campus. Registration is still open and cost is \$50 for the program. There is a \$3 per hour charge for before-class day care and a \$4 per hour charge for after-class day care. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Ms. St. Clair at 465-1169.

Openings available in USI's summer programs for children and adolescents

USI offers multiple one-week Super Summer sessions and special enrichment courses for children of varying ages. Classes are held both on-campus and off-campus in June and July.

The programs to be held Monday through Friday, June 5 - 9, at USI include the computer technology topics of World Wide Web discovery and learning word processing, spreadsheets, and graphic design; experiments in science; home alone instructions and babysitting (diapering included); art; and discoveries in pre-history.

Crossroads Christian Church, located at the corner of Outer Lincoln and Epworth Roads, is an alternate site for summer

programs. The Crossroads Christian Church classes will be held Monday, July 17, through Friday, July 21, and include scientific experiments and "magic" with science; Japanese language and culture; drama with professional actors; and environmental science.

Instructors are teachers from local school corporations, USI faculty, and other professionals.

Class times and durations vary. Most classes are either morning or afternoon for one week. Registration fees also vary. For a free Super Summer Enrichment brochure, call 464-1836 or view it at www.usi.edu/extserv/supersummer.

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Stephen Dobyns, 6 p.m. Friday, June 16, Atheneum
Dobyns is the author of ten books of poems, twenty novels, and a book of essays on poetry: *Best Words, Best Order*. His latest book of poetry is *Pallbearers Enjoying the One Who Rides*, published in 1999; his most recent novel is *Boy in the Water*, also published in 1999. His 1997 novel, *The Church of Dead Girls*, was a bestseller. Two of his novels have been made into feature films. Dobyns is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and three National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships. He is a guest writer for the *San Diego Weekly Reader* and has taught at the University of New Hampshire, the University of Iowa, Boston University, and Brandeis.

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Names in the News

USI faculty and administrators were among the panelists at the "Creating Learning Communities" conference co-sponsored by the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications System and Purdue University in May in Indianapolis. **Ms. Christy Baker**, associate professor of social work and director of admission for the Social Work Department, served on the panel session "Creating a Learning Culture." **Ms. Karen Bonnell**, associate professor of communications and director of Instructional Technology Services, discussed distance education in the session "Electronic Learning Here and Now." She also moderated a panel on professional development, "Educating the Educators." **Dr. Nancy Kovanic**, lead consultant for Extended Services Organizational and Professional Development Team, was among the panelists for "Workforce Development Basics." Extended Services associate director **Ms. Linda Cleek** presented "Lifelong Learning: It Really Means All Life Long."

In gratitude:

Thanks to everyone who showed us kindness and support after the death of Ed's mother. We are very grateful for the caring and concern of our friends at USI. - **M. Edward Jones** and **Cynthia Brinker**

Changes to University Notes

University Notes will be printed every other week in the months of June and July. Publication dates are June 9, and 23, and July 7 and 21. We will resume weekly editions August 4. If necessary, News and Information Services will e-mail an abbreviated version of *University Notes* on Friday of the off-week and post it on the Web.

To receive current information about employment opportunities, employees can visit the Human Resources Web site, the Human Resources bulletin boards, or call the USI job hotline. These areas are updated daily with the latest openings. *University Notes* will no longer print job vacancies.

* USI job vacancies are located on the Web at www.usi.edu/hr/Employ/index.html.

* The Human Resources bulletin boards are located in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources office.

* The USI Job Hot line is 465-7117.

M a r k e t p l a c e

For sale

Mt. Vernon - 1215 Mockingbird Lane, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, vaulted ceilings, fireplace with gas logs, storage building, deck, excellent condition. Call LaDon, ext. 7165 or 838-8444.

Brick home - 310 Terrace Green Court, built in 1997, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, 2.5 -car garage, fenced back yard, 1,476 sq. ft., immediate possession. Call 867-6209 to arrange showing.

West side - 1907 Rollett Lane, 2 miles from USI, 3-bedroom, 2-car garage, large family room, extra lot, \$94,000. Call Wanda Hibbits, 422-1810.

1992 Ford F150 4 x 4 pickup truck - 5-speed, 141,000 miles, \$6,700. Call Michelle, ext.1848 or 985-9071 after 5 p.m.

1997 navy blue Saturn SW1 station wagon - 47,000 miles, excellent gas mileage, very good condition, \$9,900. Call ext 7048, or 270-827-2853 after 5:30 p.m.

1993 Buick Century - light blue, 54,000 miles, very good condition, \$4,800. Call ext. 1854 or e-mail lbohleber@usi.edu.

1997 Geo Tracker - 4-wheel drive, 2-door, dark purple with tan soft top. 39,000 miles, extended warranty to 75,000 miles, excellent condition, fun to drive, great graduation gift! \$8,900 o.b.o. Contact Terri, ext. 1657, 422-2969, or twatson@usi.edu.

Coleman tent camper - sleeps 7, ice box, stove, sink, closet, lots of cabinets, very good condition, must see, \$1,800. Call Jennie, ext.1692.

Refrigerator - white, 3 years old, with ice maker, \$200. Call ext. 1614.

Going to Branson, Missouri? Would you like to stay at an exclusive resort? Call 424-8547 for details.

12' Jon boat and oars - \$250. Call 985-2046.

23" Zenith TV - dark oak, 4" swivel stand, excellent condition, 33" long, \$125; oak entertainment center - 6 months old, 30" x 38", holds TV, VHS tapes, stereo system, \$450 new, selling for \$200. Call 422-8904 daytime or 477-2248 night.

Wanted

One-bedroom furnished apartment or efficiency, asap. Call 464-1749.