

University Notes

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"Good laughter, great delicacies, and stirring music"

USI's "oldest living tradition" (according to **Daniel Craig**, director of music) the 38th Annual Madrigal Feaste will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, November 29-December 1, and 6 p.m. Sunday, December 2.

Full of pageantry, feasting, song, dance, and mirth, the Madrigal Feaste is staged in Carter Hall in the University Center by members of the USI Chamber Choir. The menu includes salad, hot wassail (spiced cider), breast of chicken, vegetables, His Majesty's royal bread pudding with rum sauce, rolls, water, tea, and coffee.

"It is the perfect opportunity for someone to begin their holiday season in the midst of the holiday rush," Craig said. "If you come to the feast, you sit, you are taken care of, and for two hours you don't have to do anything but enjoy. It's the ultimate start to the holiday season - full of good laughter, great delicacies, and stirring music."

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$27 for children, students, and senior citizens. For reservations and group rates, call 812/461-5237. Payment in advance is required. Make reservations by November 24 or order online at www.usi.edu/libarts/Arts/Music/madrigals.asp.

University formalizes service learning with new program

Faculty and staff who would like to engage in service learning projects with students and the community will have support from an Extended Services program currently under development.

The Service Learning Program is an approach to education that incorporates community projects into courses with the goal of enhancing student learning and providing valuable services to the community.

Dr. Anne Statham joined the University this semester as director of service learning and visiting professor of sociology. She has extensive experience with development and implementation of service learning programs at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside; spent the last 10 years working with community-based learning in Kenosha; and has published on the scholarship of engagement.

"The University is putting more emphasis on outreach and engagement, broadly," said **Dr. M. Edward Jones**, dean of Extended Services. "We have a long history of involvement, and if you look across the University there are many examples of how faculty and staff and some students are involved in outreach projects. However, we have fairly limited opportunities for formal service learning outreach activities by students."

"In order for us to complete the circle of involvement in outreach efforts, we wanted to begin a formal program of service learning where we increase support through extended services for faculty and student service engagement with initiatives across the region."

Statham said the Service Learning Program will match requests from the community with courses; find projects for faculty interested who want to incorporate service learning; and offer general support for projects in a variety of ways. "We'll help with whatever people need to make a project run smoothly and take the burden off of individual faculty members," she said.

She is currently working with the Sociology, Education, and Social

Work departments on a Habitat for Humanity survey. The organization approached the University through the Center for Applied Research. She also is developing engagement projects with the Office of Student Affairs to create opportunities for student involvement outside of the classroom.

Statham and Jones both acknowledge that many individual departments and faculty members are already committed to service learning and have built projects into their curriculums.

"There are some very creative and excellent examples of service learning being done on campus already," Jones said, "but we wanted this to be a more formalized approach with the type of support mechanisms that make it easier for faculty to develop and implement service learning projects."

For more information on Service Learning at USI, contact Statham at 812/465-1203.

Submit your ornament for Lighting A Tradition

The Student Alumni Association's 18th annual Lighting A Tradition holiday tree-lighting ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 2, in the Orr Center lobby.

All USI students, faculty, staff, and alumni as well as their families are invited to gather for this festive event. Guests will enjoy hot chocolate and holiday treats and children can visit with Santa and have their photo taken with him for free. This year the event also includes a performance by USI's gospel choir, *Designed by Grace*.

Student organizations and individuals are encouraged to make an ornament SAA members will use to decorate the 21-foot tree. Ornaments should not be larger than seven inches in diameter and should be submitted to the Office of Alumni & Volunteer Services by Monday, November 26.

Admission to Lighting A Tradition is one canned good or non-perishable food item. All donations will be given to Archibald Eagle's Food Closet which was established by the USI Health Services Office to assist USI students through difficult times.

For more information, contact **Lisa Schaefer**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at 812/465-1215.

Employee Retirement Reception to honor eight

The University will honor the contributions and careers of eight retiring employees at a reception at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Retiring employees to be recognized include **Dr. Darrel Bigham**, **Larry Bohleber**, **Leonard Cook**, **Linda Culver**, **Barry Hart**, **Mabel Hawkins**, **Marjorie Labhart**, and **Eric von Fuhrmann**.

Barry Hart will be stepping down as director of Security after 17 years. Hart's favorite day while at USI was the day of the parade from the Evansville regional airport when the men's basketball team came home as finalists from the 1994 national championship game.

"We won the 1995 title, but 1994 is the year I remember because of the enthusiasm of USI fans and the coverage in national publications of our student athletes and coaches," Hart said.

USI Director of Athletics **Jon Mark Hall** said, "Barry has been and will continue to be a friend to the student athletes and Athletics. He has been there during the many times of celebrations and a few moments of disap-

pointment.

"Barry's guidance and help was instrumental in USI and Athletics hosting major events on campus such as NCAA Division II Great Lakes Basketball Regionals and the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships."

Hart is proud of the security force in place at USI. He said the expectation among the USI community is that the force is prompt, courteous, and professional. The department's emphasis on medical response also gets high marks from the retiring director.

"All the security officers are emergency medical technicians (EMT) or are have reached levels of certification training," he said. "I know we have had an impact on campus, and we have saved lives."

Hart graduated from the University of Evansville with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and was on the Evansville Police Department for 21 years. He is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy.

He plans to stay in Evansville after retiring and looks forward to sleeping through the night.

He said, "I have slept with one eye open for 38 years. I'm going to stop watching the phone waiting for it to ring."

Larry W. Bohleber '72, manager of the Center for Human Resources Development, retires after 23 years with the University. His long tenure with USI Extended Services has been marked by innovation.

Bohleber was instrumental in developing USI's Management Diagnostic Center, a national award-winning program that continues to assist businesses in developing supervisory and management talent. He is an expert at organizational assessment, helping to clarify goals and build development plans that go far beyond just "training."

Dr. M. Edward Jones, dean of Extended Services, said, "Larry developed the nucleus of training and assessment programs for business and industry on which much of our outreach programs to area employers was built. His talents and creativity will be missed."

Bohleber has been the primary liaison between USI colleges and area businesses needing on-site credit courses and specialized degree programs.

Linda Cleek, associate dean of Extended Services, said Bohleber is a creative and engaging facilitator and instructor who frequently calls upon his talents as an amateur magician to add to classroom fun and learning.

Hundreds of noncredit students have enjoyed his courses on management, especially "Adventures in Attitudes." He developed and delivered a well-received and effective customer service program, "Advanced Connections," for USI employees. He has taught courses for the colleges of Business and Liberal Arts, filling a section of introductory sociology nearly every semester. He writes a regular column for *Evansville Business Journal*.

Cleek said, "Larry's dedication to USI and Extended Services has been exemplary. I will miss his sense of humor as well as his ability to make the complex manageable."

Leonard M. Cook, associate professor of engineering, joined USI in 1975 and retires after 33 years of service.

"Len is the consummate professional," said Eric Sprouls, chair of the Department of Engineering. "He has willingly taught overloads during the school year and courses in the summer session."

Cook was the coordinator of the mechanical engineering technology (MET) program from the inception of the engineering technology program at USI. Since the development of the undergraduate major in engineering, he has coordinated the mechanical engineering (ME) option. The MET program was the largest in the technology program; the ME option is the largest in the bachelor's program in engineering.

Marjorie Labhart was one of only two full-time instructors in 1965 on the day USI opened its doors. She taught mathematics for three years, took a couple of years off while her children were young, returned as a part-time instructor for 17 years, and resumed full-time teaching in 1987.

"Every year has been great," she said. "I leave thinking I've had the

greatest run in the world. It's been a wonderful 43 years from start to finish."

Prior to joining USI, Labhart was a math teacher at Harrison High School in Evansville. When she had the opportunity to teach at the college level, she found it suited her perfectly.

"It is so much fun to see students as young adults grow and change and figure out what college is all about," she said.

At Commencement in 2005, the University's 40th year, Labhart presented reflections about the early days of USI. She said, "Would you have liked having classes only between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday? That means no class on Friday – no class before noon. Perfect, you say! Well, that was truly the scenario that first academic year! Of course, it didn't stay that way long! Student enrollment increased so much that by the second year, the starting time for classes was moved to noon and by the third year, we were offering classes all day long, five days a week."

Labhart has seen USI enrollment grow from 412 students in 1965 to 10,000 students.

In retirement, she looks forward to playing more golf and the flexibility to travel at times of the year not dictated by the school calendar.

Editor's note: Look for stories about Bigham, Culver, Hawkins, and von Fuhrmann in the November 30 edition of *University Notes*. (There will be no new Notes on Friday, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Business Idea Competition

Bryce Taylor, a junior majoring in finance, is the winner of the Second Annual Business Idea Competition sponsored by the College of Business for his idea to start a more environmentally friendly lawn-care business.

Tied for second in the competition were **Nicole Johnson** for her idea for a feminine emergency kit and **Faith Wells** for proposing a pager system in hospital patient rooms. Johnson is a senior majoring in business administration. Wells is a senior majoring in management.

Taylor received a \$250 award for his winning idea. His proposed business would use biodiesel fuel and solar-charged batteries for its equipment and employ environmentally friendly practices such as composting.

Johnson and Wells received \$125 each. Johnson's idea involved packaging a selection of care products in a zippered pouch.

Wells is employed in the gift shop at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. She conceived the idea for a paging system linked to patient rooms after observing visitors in the hospital who were concerned about being in other hospital areas, such as the dining room or gift shop, while a family member was in a hospital room. The paging system would be similar to those used in restaurants. A nurse or other health-care professional caring for the patient would alert a family member via the pager in case of a change in the patient's status. Wells' research indicated other paging systems in hospitals, especially for physicians, but none connecting patient rooms to family members.

Other finalists in the competition were **Jeff Aussenbaugh**, **Drew Heckert**, **Sara Longenecker**, **Amy Meador**, and **David Swartz**.

Dr. Gregory B. Murphy, associate dean of the College of Business and associate professor of management, coordinated the Business Idea Competition. He said the competition is consistent with the College of Business mission to promote an entrepreneurial mindset.

"We were very pleased with the level of participation as well as the quality of the ideas presented," he said.

Forty-one students submitted 47 different ideas for the competition, which was open to all USI students. Sixteen students entered last year's competition.

Finalists made oral presentations to a panel of judges from the Evansville chapter of SCORE on November 7 during Entrepreneurship

Week, which was celebrated November 5-9 throughout the State of Indiana. The week is sponsored by Indiana Economic Development Corporation and TechPoint.

Horace M. Lukens III, an adjunct faculty member for the College of Business, coordinated the participation of SCORE members. They reviewed all ideas submitted, chose finalists, and selected winners after hearing oral presentations. SCORE is a group of experienced experts who provide general business advice to existing small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. SCORE judges for this year's competition were **Ron Dame**, **Gordon Sides**, **Bob Milne**, and **Tom Stein**.

Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **David S. Deering**, bookstore manager emeritus, who died Wednesday, November 14. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 16 at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jeffrey S. Deering Memorial Scholarship fund at USI.

Accomplishments

Matthew Graham, associate professor of English and director of Creative Writing, gave a poetry reading of his new work at the Indiana Writers Center in Indianapolis on November 7.

Instructional Technology Services recently received five 2007 International Davey Awards for a promotional video production created for the Pott College of Science and Engineering. The production crew earned three gold awards in the categories of recruitment, editing, and music, and two silver awards in the categories of education and copywriting. The DVD titled "Learning Science by Doing Science" includes all original music and was shot in high-definition video. The project was written and produced over the past year.

"It's easy to make the University of Southern Indiana look good, but our team also works hard to produce a high-quality video production. It's very nice to be recognized for that effort," said **Dana Willett**, director of Instructional Technology Services. The ITS production team includes **Andrew Black** and **David Le Roy** and is currently at work developing a video project for the Office of International Programs and video elements for distance education courses. Several video productions created by the department have aired locally on WNIN.

The Davey Awards are judged by the International Academy of Visual Arts (IAVA). More than 4,000 entries were received from around the world.

Conferences

Philip Orr, distance learning librarian, and **Joanne Artz**, assistant director and head of User Services, co-presented "Can You Get There from Here? Designing a Library Signage System," on November 14, at the Indiana Library Federation 2007 Conference in Indianapolis.

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Call for Submissions for 2008 Scavone Awards

USI faculty and students are invited to submit projects for the **Scavone Awards** in Medieval Manuscripts and Culture. Two \$1,000 awards are available; one for faculty, and one for a graduate or undergraduate student. **John M. Lawrence '73** created the awards for original and scholarly work on medieval manuscripts in honor of **Dr. Daniel Scavone**, professor emeritus of history, and his wife Carolyn. The 2007 faculty recipient of the Scavone Award was **Dr. Jason Hardgrave**, assistant professor of history, for his research entitled, "Medieval Women's Identities as Formed by Medieval Manuscripts." For specific criteria, email **Dr. S. Elizabeth Passmore**, assistant professor of English, at epassmore@usi.edu. Submissions are due by Friday, January 18, 2008.

Make reservations for Holiday Reception

All employees are invited to a Holiday Reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, December 6, in Carter Hall in the University Center. The reception includes a buffet meal, dessert, and the opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and holiday spirit with friends and colleagues. Contact the Office of Special Events to make a reservation before Saturday, December 1: 812/464-1930 or conferences@usi.edu. If you need disability-related accommodation in order to participate, contact **C.J. Regin**, director of Special Events, at 812/465-1654 by December 1.

Camiscioli to present Community of Scholars lecture

Dr. Elisa Camiscioli, assistant professor of history at the State University of New York, Binghamton, will present the 2007 College of Liberal Arts Community of Scholars lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 29, in Klemeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. The title of her presentation is "Individual Rights and Reproductive Obligations: Independent Nationality for Married Women in Early Twentieth-Century France." Camiscioli serves as director of undergraduate studies at SUNY Binghamton. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. The College of Liberal Arts engages a speaker for the Community of Scholars presentation each fall. The History Department hosts the 2007 program. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Dixon, assistant professor of history, at 812/465-1093.

Enjoy Spirits in Harmonie November 24

Historic New Harmony's Spirits in Harmonie will be held from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, November 24, at various historic sites in New Harmony. Live music, festive foods, and unique shopping will be available at several of the venues. The event begins at the Athenaeum/Visitors Center with wine tasting by the New Harmony Wine Society. Next, Turoni's Main Street Brewery will have beer tasting and classical guitarist Tom Brown will perform at the 1775 Double Log Cabin. Hard cider will be available at the Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott House. The Ohio Valley Homebrewer's Association will be at the Rapp-Owen Granary, with fair-trade items from A Greater Gift, a cash bar, and music by Swan Dive. Food provided by the Granary Auxiliary will be available at each site. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance (and for seniors over 50 and AAA members) and \$25 the day of the event. You must be 21 to attend. For tickets or more information, call Historic New Harmony at 812/682-4474 or 800/231-2168.

Six \$1,000 scholarships available

Students can apply now for one of six \$1,000 scholarships in the USI/Epi-Hab Center for Disability Studies Scholarship Program. A student does not have to have a disability to qualify, but is asked to write an essay about his or her perceptions of disability in America. The application deadline for the 2008-2009 Epi-Hab Scholarship is Friday, December 7, 2007. The essay and two letters of recommendation are required. Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a minimum of three semester hours at USI at the time of application and award (spring semester)
- Have completed at USI, or have had accepted for transfer to USI, a minimum of 12 semester hours
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 (undergraduates) or 3.0 (graduates)

A \$1,000 award is given to one student from each of the five colleges at USI, and a sixth one is available to either a student in the University Division or from the Bachelor of General Studies program. Students can download an application from the Epi-Hab Web site. For more information, call Kitty Wustig in Extended Services at 812/464-1863.