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USI extending enrollment, tuition-free, to students displaced by Katrina

University of Southern Indiana **President H. Ray Hoops** announced today that USI will extend to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina the opportunity to enroll tuition-free for one semester at USI. The enrollment opportunity will extend through close of business Wednesday, September 7. Classes have been underway at USI since Monday, August 29.

"We will have staff on call through the holiday weekend to expedite the enrollment process for any students who are unable to take classes at their home campus this fall. We want to assist these storm victims in continuing their academic pursuits, whether they are undergraduate or graduate students," President Hoops said. The tuition waiver applies to both Indiana residents and out-of-state residents.

Displaced students can call 812/480-0097 for assistance in enrolling.



Southern Hospitality Days introduce students and families to USI

Shannon Hile, senior admissions counselor, has no doubt that Southern Hospitality Days, the University's visitation program, is important for recruitment. "It's very important, because over 80 percent of students who participate attend USI," she said.

Southern Hospitality Days are held on four Saturdays during the fall and spring semesters. The next will be Saturday, September 24. **Robert Parrent**, vice president for Student Affairs, will welcome students that day. Other faculty and staff have performed that role in the past. That part of the program takes place in either Carter Hall or Mitchell Auditorium.

Later, students are introduced to residence life and student life, the academic colleges, honors programs, scholarship opportunities, etc., in classrooms in the Health Professions and Science and Education centers.

Student ambassadors give attendees a walking tour of the campus, after which they have the opportunity to go to financial aid sessions. "That's optional, but we strongly encourage students and their families to attend those sessions," Hile said.

After a complimentary lunch in the Eagles Nest, students and their families are given a housing tour. "They get to see both styles of housing, the residence halls and the apartments. METS transportation takes them over to both," Hile said.

"During that time we have an information fair in which we strongly encourage clubs and organizations to participate, so they can provide information to prospective students about the different things in which students can get involved."

Attendees also meet with admission and financial aid counselors, and the USI Bookstore gives them discounts on clothing.

Hile said prospective students' typical questions involve cost,

scholarships, average class size, majors, clubs and organizations, and athletics. They also want to know if they can have cars on campus. (All USI students, including freshmen, can.)

Prospective students find the suites in the residence halls attractive, in part because the rooms are air conditioned and two residents share one bath; each suite has two bedrooms, two baths, and a shared lounge area for four students. Students also find USI's tuition attractive in comparison to other state institutions.

Fall 2005 Southern Hospitality Days are September 24, October 15, October 29, and November 19. Spring Southern Hospitality Days are February 4, February 25, March 25, and April 8.

For more information about Southern Hospitality Days, or to volunteer, call the Office of Admission at 812/464-1765.



Faust's film features USI faculty and staff

Nick Faust, adjunct instructor in theatre, spent his summer making a horror movie.

Faust, who teaches Acting I and Introduction to Theatre, produced and directed "Symbiotica," his third film, on location in Evansville. It features performances by USI faculty and staff, and members of the community. Faust's long-time collaborator, Joe Goodrich, wrote the script.

Faust taught at USI in the mid-90s and directed a production of "Mad Forest" for USI Theatre. For the last decade, he has lived in New Orleans, where he owned a video store and taught at Tulane University. He returned to Evansville for the purpose of shooting his film.

"Symbiotica" is about a Pulitzer-prize winning playwright who learns a terrible secret about her past as she is cleaning out her late father's home. "Kate is tormented, discovering horrible, traumatic things about herself," Faust said.

Seattle-based performance artist Vanessa Skantze plays Kate and Bob Porch, a graduate of the University of Evansville, plays her husband, Ben.

Members of the USI community appearing in the film include **Elliot Wasserman**, director of USI Theatre, **Doug Hubbell**, associate professor of theatre, **Wendy Knipe Bredhold**, writer in News and Information Services, and **Jolie McCraw DeVries '98**.

Faust and his director of photography, Jason Matherne, shot in locations all over Evansville, including Faust's Crystal Court home, University of Evansville's Shanklin Theatre, The Book Broker, Buy Low, and Holy Spirit Catholic Church. **Shan Jensen**, costume designer for New Harmony Theatre, is art director for the film.

Faust and Matherne, who runs a film company in New Orleans called Terror Optics, had been discussing the project for two years. "Jason is completely self-taught, and is brilliant at this," Faust said. "I've learned a great deal from him and maybe he learned something from my directing experience. If that's the

only thing that comes out of the whole experience, then it's worth it."

Faust would like to use "Symbiotica" to promote Evansville as a movie-making destination. "I can make a low budget feature here for an amount of money that would buy me a week in Los Angeles," he said. "In Evansville, I have a lot more time."

"Regional filmmaking is the next new wave. Digital and home editing have demystified the process, so anybody can make a movie. Regional filmmaking will be to Hollywood what regional theater is to Broadway."

He has no specific plans for the film once it is finished. "I hope that I can show someone what I've done on a low budget in Evansville with a modicum of style, characters, drama, and good performances."



Darrell is director of Humanities

Sherry Darrell, professor of English, assumed the position of director of Humanities in August, succeeding **Dine Moeller-Sahling**, assistant professor of German.

"Sherry is no stranger to the Humanities program and her involvement can be traced to its initial development at USI, and its incorporation into the University core curriculum," said **David Glassman**, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Sherry brings strong leadership skills and experience to the program. I know she will be a tireless advocate for its recognition of excellence on campus, and its importance in the University experience."

Darrell joined the University as a part-time assistant professor of English in 1975 and became full time in 1978. She also has served USI as Academic Skills coordinator, Honors Day coordinator, and inauguration writer, as well as founding sponsor of Alpha Chi Honorary.

An Owensboro resident, she is the recipient of a Faculty Research and Creative Work Grant, an Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award, a Kentucky Women's Foundation Grant, and a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar in Greek tragedy at Dartmouth College.

She is an active writer and board member for Hospice and Palliative Care of the Ohio Valley in Owensboro and teaches an adult Sunday school class with her husband at Trinity United Methodist Church in Evansville.

Darrell holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from George Peabody College for Teachers, Vanderbilt University; and a B.A. in English and philosophy from McMurry College.



New group connects parents and families to USI

The Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services has formed a new organization, the USI Parents and Families Association.

"We formed the association to improve communications between parents, families, and the University," said **Trisha Kennedy**, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services. "Parents and students will know more about what is going on campus, and parents will feel there is someone at USI they can contact if they have a concern."

"We're also hoping to build a parent mentoring network, so that this time next year, members can mentor new parents, and talk about how they coped with their children going away to college, and any other concerns they have."

The Parents and Families Association is governed by a 21-member council made up of parents and family members of current and former students. Officers are **Darrell Ragland**, president; **Ingrid Lindy '90**, manager of Human Resource Information Systems, president elect; **Tina Kern-Raibley '86**, secretary, and **Cindy Bippus**, treasurer. Lindy acts as vice president and will become president in 2006-2007.

All parents and families can be members, but those who contribute \$25 annually are considered active members.

"To be on the council you have to be an active member, but we want to be open to all family members, past and present. Parents are a resource for the University. There are many different ways they can support and work with the University," Kennedy said.

Active members receive additional benefits, including:

- *USI Magazine*
- Access to services of Rice Library
- Discounts at participating Evansville restaurants and businesses
- Discounts on USI memorabilia and clothing at the USI Bookstore
- Eligibility to vote and hold an office in the USI Parents & Families Association

The association's Web site, www.usi.edu/family, "went live" in July, and Kennedy said parents and families have been joining through the site. The association's goal is to have 500 members by the end of its inaugural year. Alumni and Volunteer Services has prepared a brochure to boost membership.

Along with the Alumni Association, the Parents and Families Association sponsored the USI Eagle Roundup picnic for new freshmen and their families during Welcome Week. About 1,800 people attended.

For more information, contact Kennedy at 812/465-1215.



Names in the news

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of **Weston Wallwork**, a junior in the College of Business, who died as the result of an auto accident on August 27. Services were held August 31. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vanderburgh Humane Society, P.O. Box 6711, Evansville IN 47719 or the First Presbyterian Church, 609 SE Second Street, Evansville IN 47713.

The University community extended sympathy to **David Whitmore**, lead maintenance mechanic for Historic New Harmony, whose father, John W. Whitmore, died August 27. Services were held August 31. Memorial contributions may be made to Johnson United Methodist Church, 403 Raintree Street, New Harmony IN 47631.

Welcome

Ginette Aley, a former visiting assistant professor at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and instructor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia, has accepted a position as assistant professor of history. Aley has a Ph.D. from Iowa State University and master's and bachelor's degrees from Virginia Tech. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and won two teaching awards at Iowa State University. She won best graduate paper from the Missouri Valley History Conference. She is a member of the Organization of

American Historians, American Historical Association, Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Agricultural History Society, Southern Historical Association, and Western Historical Association.

Marilyn Hurst has accepted a position as instructor in chemistry. She was an adjunct instructor in chemistry during the 2004-2005 academic year at USI. She was formerly assistant professor of chemistry at Kent State University and was a manager in research and development at Quantum Technology. She also was assistant professor of chemistry at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Niagara University. She has a Ph.D. and master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree from Centre College. She owns six patents, has published papers in many journals, and often speaks at the Pulp and Paper Technical Conference, at which she was the recipient of an outstanding presentation award.

Mary Knust, a former math instructor at the University of Akron, has accepted a position as instructor in math. She is a graduate of the University of Akron with a Master of Science degree.

T.J. Park has accepted a position as visiting instructor in history. He is a former visiting instructor at West Virginia State University and graduate instructor at West Virginia University, and has a Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University and a Master of Art degree in history from the State University of New York-Albany.

Thomas E. Rodgers has accepted a position as instructor in history. He was formerly an adjunct instructor at USI, and also taught at Indiana State University, Ball State University, and Ivy Tech in Evansville. His Ph.D. is from Indiana University, and his master's and bachelor's degrees are from Indiana State University. He is the recipient of the Good Neighbor Award from Crane Naval Weapons Center; an Indiana Historical Society graduate fellowship; and the Roll Award for an outstanding history graduate student from Indiana State University. He is a member of the American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, and Indiana Historical Society.

Suzanne Schroeder has accepted a position as administrative assistant in Academic Skills. She was formerly employed as a secretary at Zion Lippe United Church of Christ. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University.

Virginia "Ginny" Smith has accepted a position as instructor in education. She was formerly an elementary teacher with Good Shepherd School. She has a Master of Science degree from Indiana State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from USI.

Marlissa K. Stauffer has accepted a position as instructor in teacher education. She was formerly a graduate assistant and instructor at Indiana University and a teacher with the Evansville-Vanderburgh County School Corporation, for which she taught at North High School and Signature School. She is the recipient of the Chancellor Fellowship from Indiana University and is a Presidential Scholar Teacher Recipient. She also is a member of the American Education Research Association.

Mary Lyn Stoll has accepted a position as assistant professor of philosophy. She was formerly assistant professor of philosophy at Muskingum College and Minnesota State University, and an instructor and teaching assistant at Purdue University. She has a Ph.D. and master's degree from Purdue University and a Bachelor of Arts in math and philosophy from Hillsdale College. She is a recipient of a Purdue Research Foundation Fellowship and is a member of the American Philosophical Association.

Mary D. Tucker, an adjunct lecturer in chemistry at USI

since 1992, has accepted a position as instructor in chemistry. She has a Ph.D. and master's degree from the University of Illinois and an associate's degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan-Flint.

Accomplishments

Tonya Northenor, instructor in composition and creative writing, has had her poem, "Unfinished Sculpture," accepted for publication by *Calyx: A Journal of Art and Literature by Women*.

Maurice Hamington, assistant professor of philosophy, was interviewed by Reggie Finlay, "Infidel Guy," on the subjects of feminism, men in feminism, religion, politics, same sex marriage, and Hamington's background on a radio program on www.infidelguy.com on August 26. The two-hour interview, which included live call-in questions and questions via e-mail, is available for download at the site.

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40th anniversary events

USI will celebrate 40 years as a public higher education institution in September. The University opened on September 15, 1965.

The 40th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 9, in Carter Hall in the University Center. Tickets are \$40, and the University community and the public are welcome. For reservations, call the Office of Special Events at 812/464-1930.

The University will celebrate with several events on Thursday, September 15, the anniversary date. At 11 a.m., there will be a dedication ceremony for a flag display donated to Residence Life by VFW Post 1114 at the Fair Residence Life Office. A cornerstone and time capsule will be placed at the construction site of the new David L. Rice Library at 1:30 p.m.

Immediately following the cornerstone placement, there will be a birthday celebration for the University community in the University Center Mall, with birthday cake, ice cream, and entertainment by Rowan Tree, a Celtic group featuring **Dan Craig**, assistant professor of music.

The annual Founders Day Ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. The ceremony will honor 25-year employees.

John Baburnich, student records data manager in the Office of the Registrar; **William Henderson**, assistant professor of computer information systems; **Doug Hubbell**, associate professor of theatre; **Joyce Lasher**, senior payroll assistant in Human Resources; **Rose Scruggs**, library associate in Library Services; and **Julia Yancey**, manager of payroll in Human Resources.

An exhibit celebrating the University's anniversary is on display through the fall semester in the McCutchan Gallery in the Wright Administration Building.

Visit the University's 40th anniversary Web pages at www.usi.edu/1965/ for more information.

Success Series workshops in September

Academic Skills is sponsoring the following Success Series workshops during the first two weeks of September. They will be held from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 1102 in the Education Center, and are open to students, faculty, and staff.

- **Time Management.** Get your semester off to a great start by learning the tips and techniques of time management that suc-

cessful students and teachers already know. Learn the value of assessing needs by self-monitoring, delaying gratification, and self-rewarding. Presented by **Patty Beagle**, instructor, Academic Skills, Wednesday, September 7, and Tuesday, September 13.

- **Noteworthy Note taking.** Learn techniques for effective listening, the three steps involved in taking notes, and several types of note-taking methods, including the Cornell Method. Presented by **Lori Saxby**, study skills specialist, Academic Skills, Thursday, September 8, and Wednesday, September 14.

- **Top Ten Tips for Studying in College.** Many University employees are students, too. Are you overwhelmed with the demands of college? Take control over your learning. Come to this workshop and learn specific study strategies for college success. Presented by **Jann Hickey**, learning specialist, Academic Skills. Thursday, September 15.

For more information, contact Saxby at 812/464-1743.

Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Under the Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, University employees are required to file disclosure statements stating any financial interest which the individual may have in any University contract or purchase. The responsibility for filing disclosure statements rests on the person with the potential conflict of interest. Copies of the *Conflicts of Interest: Compliance Disclosure Requirements* and the disclosure statements are available in the Office of Business Affairs, and may be downloaded from MyUSI under Indiana "conflicts of interest" law, found in the Personal Announcements section.

If you have questions concerning conflicts of interest and the statutory requirements, contact **Mark Rozewski**, vice president for Business Affairs, at 812/464-1849.

European tour to be led by von Fuhrmann

Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, will lead his 19th European Tour, to Spain and Morocco, March 2-13. Von Fuhrmann designed the tour, which will include stops in Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Gibraltar, Tangiers, Granada, Cordoba, and Valencia. All USI students, faculty, staff, families, friends, and friends of the University are invited to participate. The \$2,300 cost includes transportation from USI, lodging in four-star hotels and most meals. A \$450 deposit is required. For more information, see von Fuhrmann in LA 3031 or call 812/464-1749. Deposit and reservations are due by September 30.

Tenth annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble

The 10th annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble will be held at Helfrich Hills Golf Club on Friday, September 16.

Check-in is at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a "shotgun" start at 11:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$65 per individual or \$250 per foursome. The fee includes green fee, cart, and a sandwich lunch.

There will be prizes for women's, men's, and mixed foursomes, and a gift for every player. There also will be several contests including Hole-in-One prizes.

Helfrich Hills is located at 1550 Mesker Park Drive in Evansville. For more information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 or email alumni@usi.edu.

Bridge players wanted

A group of faculty and staff who play bridge during the lunch hour is seeking more players. The games are the last vestige of the

Faculty Club, a group that played bridge daily in The Loft. "Many players have retired. We need to recruit new players," said **Linda Cleek**, associate dean of Extended Services.

Anyone who would like to learn to play bridge can take courses offered by the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club. Cleek said several USI faculty and staff are members of the club. For information about Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club lessons, contact Cal or Sallie Wade at 812/479-0117.

For information about the bridge games on campus, contact Cleek at 812/464-1863.

Join USI's Race for the Cure team

The deadline to register for USI's Race for the Cure team is Tuesday, September 6. The entry fee is \$20. Team members will enjoy a pizza luncheon and take pictures with Archibald Eagle on Friday, September 16. The race is Sunday, September 18. Participants will receive USI and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation T-shirts.

To register online:

- Go to: www.komenevansville.org
- On the right side about halfway down the page is an icon that reads "register now." Click on the running person
- Click "Join an existing team" on the right
- Select team: University of Southern Indiana
- Choose participation type
- Provide contact information
- Agree to waiver and submit
- Provide billing information
- Confirm transaction

The proceeds, a portion of which stay in the Evansville area, will benefit breast cancer research. For more information or an entry form, contact **Sandra G. Migonis**, senior administrative assistant in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, at 812/464-1904.

Employee Bible Study

An employee Bible study group begins meeting on Wednesday, September 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 214 in the University Center. The group will be studying the Book of John. Participants bring their own lunch. For more information, call **Philip Orr**, distance librarian, at 812/461-5328 or **Susie Kempf**, senior computer operator, at 812/464-1793.

TIAA-CREF counseling sessions September 29-30

A TIAA-CREF consultant will be on-site to provide free one-on-one counseling sessions on Thursday, September 29, and Friday, September 30. Schedule an appointment to have your financial questions answered by an expert consultant. Topics might include long-term investment strategies, how to find the right investment allocation for you, new savings opportunities, or lifetime income vs. cash withdrawal options. Sign up online at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc. If you have questions, call the TIAA-CREF Indianapolis office at 877/267-4507. The sessions are 45 minutes long and will be held in Room 091 in the Orr Center.



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