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A growing presence

What a celebration we had on the campus quadrangle when the baseball team returned victorious in May with the NCAA Division II national championship! The campus and community turned out in force to welcome home the players who put the University in the national limelight. Read about the road to victory on page 18.

Increasingly, University programs, faculty, students, and alumni put USI in the national and international spotlight. Twenty-three college students from Iraq spent four weeks on campus this summer in a nationally funded leadership program. We have two 2010 graduates who have received \$30,000 fellowships from a national foundation and a senior studying in China on a nationally competitive scholarship. Students from our young engineering program placed recently in a NASA contest, and College of Business students continue to excel in national and international competition. Former student Raul Illarramendi is making a name for himself in the art circles of Europe. Read about all these successes in this issue.

Our main feature focuses on the Early Undergraduate Research Program, funded in part by a grant from the National Science Foundation. Thirty-six students and 17 faculty members work together in this program. Several students are presenting nationally at professional meetings.

In this issue you will notice a new heading in the Departments section on our contents page. USI President Linda L. M. Bennett begins a recurring column called President's Perspective. Get to know what's on her mind by turning to page 2.



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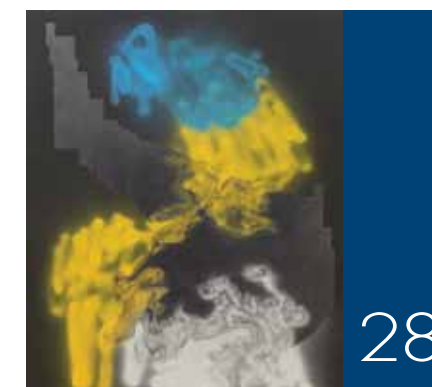
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Moving forward with the strategic plan

I always look forward to the start of a new academic year. Students and faculty return in force to the campus, though many faculty have taught summer classes and squeezed in time for scholarship. Most students juggle summer jobs to save much-needed cash and more students than ever are taking summer classes to make progress toward their degrees. The notion of a lazy summer with little to do is simply not reality for most of the USI family.

We begin this year by continuing work on our new strategic plan. Our vision statement is brief, but powerful: Shaping the future through learning and innovation. Our learning community includes students, faculty, and staff on campus, as well as students across the country through distance-education programming, and scholars across the nation and world who come to connect with communal history in New Harmony. Our mission, which continues to emphasize educational opportunity and its service to a greater common good, is now stated:

The University of Southern Indiana is an engaged learning community advancing education and knowledge, enhancing civic and cultural awareness, and fostering partnerships through comprehensive outreach programs. We prepare individuals to live wisely in a diverse and global community.

The next step in bringing the strategic plan to life will be to focus on our six goals: Experiential Learning, Student Success, Community, Leadership, Diversity, and a 24/7 Campus. We will bring together constituent groups this fall to discuss strategies and objectives to achieve these goals. I hope you will take part in this process by sharing your thoughts through our web site at www.usi.edu/strategicplan. Help to shape the future of your University as we approach the 50th anniversary for USI in 2015. I look forward to hearing from you!



Linda M. Bennett

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett
President



Iraqi students complete leadership training at USI



Iraqi college students learned about leadership and life in America during four weeks at USI.

Twenty-three visiting Iraqi college students volunteered last summer with Habitat for Humanity, digging holes, planting trees and shrubs, and spreading mulch in front of Habitat homes in the Glenwood neighborhood of Evansville.

Community service was just a small part of USI's Young Iraqi Leaders Exchange Program for Undergraduate Students, which included classroom instruction, field trips and site visits, leadership training, conflict resolution, and cultural and recreational activities. The students attended classes in community health and social services. They participated in hands-on laboratory activities mentored by USI faculty in science and nursing and health professions.

USI was one of two institutions selected by World Learning for the program, which was sponsored by the Department of State and the U.S.

Embassy in Baghdad. The program prepares students to make positive change in their country. Forty-eight students participated, with 25 studying at Colorado State University. The students arrived in Washington, D.C., in July and reunited there in August. USI's students met with Senator Richard Lugar before returning to Iraq.

The program received extensive coverage in the news media, including a story on CBS Evening News.

Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of USI International Programs and services, was project facilitator. "What we have done is expose the leadership qualities that the students already have," she said. "They are going to be able to apply those skills to developing something specific for their own situations back home, and they are going to take back a whole different perspective on the United States."

Nawres Mahmood, an Iraqi nursing student, said the students came to know Evansville as America's heartland.

"Culture is not about reading books or watching a movie. You can't understand the culture by those things," she said.

The Iraqi students presented a program about the history, culture, and daily life of their country to a meeting of USI host families. The students enjoyed visiting in the homes of their host families.

The visiting students developed a strong attachment to Evansville and the USI community. When the bus crossed from Illinois into the Hoosier state following a weekend trip to Chicago, Mahmood said they broke into a rendition of "Back Home Again in Indiana."

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USI Theatre

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck November 11-21

The Repertory Project: Two plays in rotation March 17 - April 3

A Little Night Music by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler

The Lion in Winter by James Goldman



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Engineering students place in NASA competition



Engineering students test their robot during the lunabotics competition at Kennedy Space Center. From left are Hasan Odeh, Alex Schnautz, Flint Rasure, Matt Schneider, and Tommy Calhoun.

Five engineering students designed and built a robot that dug and dumped 2.4 kilograms of simulated lunar soil to place third overall in the first annual Lunabotics Mining Competition at the Kennedy Space Center.

The students won \$1,000 and engraved plaques. They also will receive VIP tickets to attend a shuttle launch at

the Kennedy Space Center.

The USI team received an additional \$500 as winners of the team spirit competition. The award was based on teamwork, attitude, creativity, engagement, and originality.

Team members were Thomas Calhoun '10; Flint Rasure, sophomore; Hasan Odeh '10; Alex Schnautz, senior;

and Matt Schneider '10. Faculty advisors were Dr. Glen Kissel and Dr. Paul Kuban.

The competition focused national attention on USI and, in particular, the engineering program. Twenty-two teams of college students tested their robot design in the event sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Kissel said, "It is a testament to the team's hard work that they were able to outperform robotics powerhouses like Carnegie Mellon and Virginia Tech."

Only robots from Montana State University and Auburn University bested the performance of the USI excavator. Montana State's lunabot excavated 21.6 kilograms of simulated moon dirt while Auburn's entry moved 6.6 kilograms. Officially, Auburn and USI were named first and second honorable-mention winners because competition rules specified moving 10 kilograms of material.

The design and building of the robot was a capstone project for the seniors on the team. "I used everything I learned from my engineering classes to complete this project," Calhoun said.

Prior to the competition, the students practiced with the robot at the sand volleyball courts on campus.

College of Business students build USI reputation in team case competitions

Students from the College of Business brought home awards in national and international competition during spring semester.

USI accounting students won first place in the national Student Case Competition sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants for the third straight year. The students presented their case at the 91st annual IMA Conference and Exposition in Baltimore.

Team members included Kiersten Deig '10, Evansville; Ashley Hancock, Evansville; Anna Shade, Henderson,

Kentucky; and Shayne Wheeler, Tennyson, Indiana.

The team received a \$3,000 award as a final-four team and an additional \$2,000 as national winner. Other teams in the final round represented Rider University, Wright State University, and Culver-Stockton College.

A multidisciplinary team placed second in an international business case competition held at Royal Roads University in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Team members were Courtney Mickel, Evansville; Jeff Alexander, Boonville, Indiana; Jamie

Perry, Winslow, Indiana; Jacob Smith, Albion, Illinois; and Adam Franke (alternate), Evansville. They competed against 14 other teams from universities in Australia, Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business, said the successful teams build the reputation of the University and the College of Business on a national and international stage.



More than 10,700 students attend USI.

Enrollment is largest ever

The University of Southern Indiana reports record enrollment. This year's count is 10,702, the largest enrollment ever for the University. Last year's enrollment reached 10,516.

USI continues to attract transfer students and retain current students, showing increased numbers among the upper classes. The sophomore count is 2,023, 155 more than last year; 1,894 juniors, 219 more; and 2,244 seniors, 69 more. The majority of transfer students are coming from statewide Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University.

The first-year undergraduate class count is 2,098, a slight increase over last year's first-year total. First-time graduate students increased to 259 for a graduate student total of 856.

"It's clear the enthusiasm for being a part of the University community is high," said Dr. Ronald S. Rochon, provost. "Retention and graduation rates are improving, and USI students have a definitive understanding of what they want from their educational experience."

First-year students are better prepared with more than 10 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of the senior class and 32 percent ranked in the top 25 percent of the high school class. More than 64 percent of the freshmen live on campus.

Two named Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows

Two spring graduates—Sarah Braun and Edwin Ramos—are among 80 new Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellows selected for 2010.

Each has received a \$30,000 stipend to complete an innovative teacher preparation program at the master's level.

They will begin teaching in Indiana's high-need urban and rural schools next fall. Fellows commit to teach for three years in high-need secondary schools after completing the program.

A biology major, Braun will earn the graduate degree at the University of Indianapolis. She was the Joseph E. and Marie N. O'Daniel Endowed Presidential Scholar at USI. Ramos, a mathematics major, is studying at Purdue University.

Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the fellowship program is intended to encourage exceptionally able candidates to seek teaching careers in STEM (science, technology, education, and mathematics) fields. Fellows were chosen in a rigorous application process from more than 500 applicants.



Braun



Ramos



Wathen

Monika Wathen earns Gilman International Scholarship

Monika Wathen, a psychology and Spanish major, is studying in China this fall as a 2010 recipient of a \$3,500 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Following a 10-day orientation period in Beijing, she is attending Sichuan University in Chengdu, where she takes classes in Chinese history, calligraphy, Mandarin, and Tai Chi. Wathen is from Indianapolis.

Assistant vice president leads Marketing, Communications

A public relations professional who has dedicated his career to higher education, advancing institutions including Sarah Lawrence College, Colorado College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Indiana University, has joined the University of Southern Indiana as assistant vice president for Marketing and Communications.

Todd A. Wilson has experience in communications management, journalism, public relations, and marketing. He was most recently director of Communications at Sarah Lawrence College.



Wilson

Meet the 2010-11 freshman class Top Scholars

Merit scholars come from 19 communities in three states.

USI's most prestigious merit scholarships

- **Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarships** offer admission to USI and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine, a full-tuition waiver for the undergraduate program, and special opportunities to conduct undergraduate research.
- **Presidential Scholarships** cover tuition, laboratory fees, books, and room and board for four years.
- **Deans Scholarships** provide \$2,000 toward tuition.

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Olive Carruthers Clift Endowed Deans Scholarship

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Carmi, Illinois
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Munster, Indiana
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Bringhurst, Indiana
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Joshua Long (biology - pre-med)
Indianapolis, Indiana
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Cincinnati, Ohio
Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship

Jarod Richards (biology - pre-med)
Palmyra, Indiana
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Bryce Beale (English)
Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof Presidential Scholarship

Evansville, Indiana

USI - There's an app for that

A USI mobile app helps visitors find their way around campus, keeps alumni updated on news, and allows students to browse course offerings – all from their iPhones.

Scott Anderson, instructor in computer science, developed the USI iPhone application. It is available now.

The app provides campus maps; contact information for faculty, staff, and students; class schedules; campus news; and sports news. Contact information includes office numbers, phone numbers, and email addresses. New features will be added over time.

USI is among the first universities to develop a mobile app. Mark Rozewski, vice president for Finance and Administration, initiated the project. He said, "As the University moves into new media to tell its story, the iPhone app will position us at the leading edge."

The app is available for free download at the Apple iTunes App Store. Use keyword USI. Anderson said a similar Android platform application likely will be developed at a later date.



USI, Ivy Tech announce concurrent admission

New students enrolling at Ivy Tech Community College, who plan to earn a four-year degree beyond an associate degree, may take advantage of a program called USIvy.

The concurrent admission program will ease the student transfer process to the University of Southern Indiana. Ivy Tech Community College Chancellor Dan Schenk and USI President Linda L. M. Bennett announced the joint program.

A new Ivy Tech student who has at least a 2.5 high school GPA can be accepted into the USIvy program. If that student successfully achieves the program's renewal terms, the student will be guaranteed admission to USI.

Elizabeth TenBrook, USI assistant director of admission, coordinates the program for USI. Her office is located at Ivy Tech Community College Southwest. She is available to talk with interested students about what academic programs are in the Ivy Tech-USI articulated agreement. Students who plan to pursue a degree in a field that requires a separate application (like social work, education, and nursing) are not guaranteed admission through USIvy.

More information is available from the Admission Office at either institution.



Private gifts set the stage for new teaching theatre on campus



The USI Teaching Theatre will provide an outstanding venue for students in the performing arts and will welcome community members to productions that stimulate the mind, inspire, and entertain.

Friends of the University of Southern Indiana have an opportunity to play a leading role in providing a new teaching theatre for the University's program in the performing arts.

The goal of the Campaign for the USI Teaching Theatre is to provide \$2 million in private gifts.

The University will construct a \$16.5 million facility to replace the 50-year-old theatre on Igleheart Avenue, located four miles from campus. The University's theatre program has outgrown the current facility and its distance from campus limits the opportunity for students to easily participate in activities related to the theatre.

Primary funding for the new on-campus theatre comes from \$13 million in bonding authorization received from the Indiana General Assembly in 2009. University funds of \$1.5 million and the previously mentioned \$2 million in private gifts round out the financial support.

The USI Foundation is accepting gifts or pledges to the campaign. The goal is to receive all pledges by June 30, 2011. Pledges may be paid over a five-year period. A donor recognition display in the atrium lobby of the theatre will include the names of donors of \$1,000 or more.

The new facility will support the University's commitment to arts education and to the cultural needs of the community. It will offer a competitive edge in recruiting students interested in theatre arts and contribute to a quality educational experience. The Teaching Theatre also will provide an enhanced venue for events such as special speakers, small performance groups, and musical performances.

Designed by Holzan Moss Bottino Architecture of New York, the 300-seat theatre will be located between the University Center and the Rice Library. Its thrust stage will put the audience in

close connection with the action of the performance.

Elliott Wasserman, professor of theatre and director of USI Theatre, said, "The distance to the stage from the furthest seats in the house will be no greater in span than that of the average living room."

The facility will include a practice lab/classroom and offer state-of-the-art lighting and acoustic design.

Wasserman said the word "teaching" is significant in the name of the new facility.

"From every level of participation—actor, technician, audience—this theatre will have the capability of producing memorable, transformative theatre experiences," he said.

Construction of the building is scheduled to begin once all state approvals have been received.



Kevin Eastridge chairs USI Foundation Board

Kevin Eastridge, president of F. C. Tucker Emge Realtors, was elected to chair the USI Foundation Board of Directors for 2010-12 at the board's annual meeting in May.

He said, "One of the reasons I'm proud to serve USI is that USI has done a better job of long-range planning and of successfully implementing its plan than any other large institution I have ever seen. USI makes our region a better place to live."



"USI makes our region a better place to live."

— Kevin Eastridge

Eastridge has served on the USI Foundation Board for nine years. He recently was named 2010 Realtor of the Year by the Evansville Area Association of Realtors.

New directors elected for three-year terms are Randy Becker, chief operating officer, Berry Plastics Corporation; Jean M. Blanton '01, partner and trial attorney, Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel, & Shoulders, LLP; Sharon K. Ruder, secretary/treasurer, Thomas A. and Sharon K. Ruder Foundation; Jim Sandgren, Southern Region chief executive officer, Evansville Region president, Old National Bank; and Ronald W. Steinhart, principal, Hafer Associates PC.

Alumnus inspires B/MD Scholars



Dr. Thomas L. Klausmeier '82 and his wife, Shellee, right, talk with Dr. Marlene Shaw, professor emerita of biology, during the annual Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Dinner. Klausmeier, a pediatrician and pediatric rheumatologist at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, was guest speaker at the event for scholars and donors.

Support the leaders of tomorrow with a gift to the Annual Fund

Your gift to the USI Annual Fund goes to work immediately to provide leadership training for dedicated and deserving students, state-of-the-art technology for classrooms and labs, grants for faculty research, programs, and activities that enrich student life, and many more resources.

"My college experience has definitely been enriched by my campus involvement as an AMIGO and student leader within the housing community. College is even more exciting and fulfilling because I get to interact with so many diverse people and organizations through my campus involvement!"

Katie Webster

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Business and Engineering Center Opens

The new Business and Engineering Center inspires with dramatic design and offers flexible spaces and state-of-the-art technology to prepare students for jobs in a constantly evolving marketplace.

The 122,000 square-foot building on four levels opened for fall semester. It houses special labs for business and engineering, 10 classrooms, three tiered classrooms, 89 faculty and staff offices, teaching computer labs, computer-aided drafting labs, and a boardroom. The O'Daniel Atrium features a prominent open staircase with glass sides.

Timothy B. Mahoney, instructor in economics, predicts the building will become a popular gathering place for students. The atrium offers views of three floors and a variety of casual seating that promotes interaction.

A window wall, clerestory windows, skylights, and light wells bring natural light into the building's interior spaces. Classroom and lounge spaces, including a lakeside study lounge and balcony, are located to provide views of the campus quadrangle and Reflection Lake.

"It creates an energy," Mahoney said. "There's going to be a lot of human interaction here. It's a nice place to be."

While the brick and limestone building is a significant addition to campus architecture, the work that will take place inside the labs and classrooms holds the most excitement for the USI community.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said locating business and engineering in the same building was purposeful: "When you look at today's world of technology, innovation, economic growth, and new business development, it is critical that individuals in the business world have some technology awareness and those within the

technology and engineering realms have some business-world skills and knowledge."

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business, said the building provides a direction for the future through a layout that embraces flexible use of technology, spaces for collaboration, strong centers of activity, and design symmetries that allow for connection and interaction across disciplines, faculty, and students.

State-of-the-art technology for teaching and learning is a hallmark of the building. Most classrooms are equipped with projectors, document cameras, and interactive white boards or interactive pen displays. Three rooms—a small conference room and two classrooms—offer global videoconferencing capability. Push-to-talk microphone technology in the two classrooms allows the camera to zoom in on the speaker.

Celebrating the opening of the Business and Engineering Center



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Orr Iron Company archway stands tall



An archway removed before demolition of the Orr Iron Company on the Lloyd Expressway commands attention in the University Center expansion. The feature is located in the Fireside Lounge and rises to the second-floor Heritage Lounge. Stairs on one side of the archway will lead to a balcony overlook. The expansion project will be complete in January. The Orr Iron Company was the family business of Governor Robert D. Orr, who signed the legislation that created the University of Southern Indiana.

Kent family gathers for fountain dedication



The family of Robert M. Kent Sr. gathered on campus in May for the dedication of a fountain with a 15-column water display. A focal point of the new roundabout that distinguishes the University's front entrance, the fountain is named the Robert M. Kent Family Fountain to recognize the family's generous support to USI. At the dedication are, from left, Marguerite Kent '72 with arms around Abigail Grace Kent; Lauren Kent; Robert M. Kent Sr.; USI President Linda L. M. Bennett; John Dunn, chair of the USI Board of Trustees; Robert M. Kent Jr. holding Hannah Elizabeth Kent; and Heather Kent holding Robert M. Kent III. See photo of fountain on the back cover with the tower of the University Center expansion project rising in the background.

One of the most talked-about facilities is the stock-trading lab with a 32-foot stock ticker that wraps around one corner of the room. The lab also has a four-monitor touchscreen video wall that allows users to track financial information. An identical interactive display in the hallway outside the stock-trading room gives any building user the same opportunity.

The opening of the building coincides with the College of Business' introduction of a minor in entrepreneurship. A lab with prototyping software which provides 3D modeling capability and other special features supports that program.

New opportunities for collaboration between business and engineering lead Gordon to recall the career of the Pott College namesake, Robert Pott, inventor of the impact wrench. Pott combined technical knowledge, business, and marketing skills to bring his ideas from concept to prototype to market.

"We want to develop the same entrepreneurial mind set and business skills that Mr. Pott had in order to be poised for success in today's ever-changing high-tech world," Gordon said.

To celebrate the opening, the College of Business has arranged a special program on innovation for November 11. It is designed to enhance the college's endeavors to be a catalyst for regional innovation.

At a glance

Cost: The new building cost \$31.9 million and was funded with state dollars. Private gifts from 132 donors provided another \$2 million in programmatic support. A donor recognition display in the O'Daniel Atrium acknowledges gifts of \$1,000 or more.

Location: The building is situated on the southwest corner of the campus quadrangle next to the Technology Center.

From start to finish: Construction took two years.

Pott College of Science and Engineering

Taking student/faculty research to new levels

While the University's Pott College of Science and Engineering has a long tradition of participation in undergraduate research, a program introduced in summer 2009 with funding in part from a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant takes undergraduate research to unprecedented levels.

Students majoring in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields are eligible to apply for the Early Undergraduate Research Program. The selected students begin research during the summer after their freshman year, continue throughout their sophomore year, and conclude with a second eight-week summer immersion. Students receive a \$3,000 stipend for each summer in addition to room and board in USI campus housing. In summer 2010, 36 students conducted research with 17 faculty mentors.

After completing the program, students can opt to continue with their research or seek additional research opportunities through avenues such as national laboratories or corporate research and development firms. "This 'learning science by doing science' approach is a win-win for the faculty, students, and University," said Dr. Scott A. Gordon, dean of the Pott College. "In addition, the region and state benefit from the increasing number of graduates with a high-quality research experience."

The stories that follow offer a look at a few of the projects from the first two years of the program. The NSF grant will fund the Early Undergraduate Research Program for five years.

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Dr. Edie Hardcastle, left, studies plants on undeveloped campus land with biology major Rebecca Reynolds and Mike Homoya from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Assessing the flora and fauna

Campus acreage may become nature preserve

Identifying plants in a rare habitat, finding beetles and butterflies that have not been collected in surrounding counties, and collecting data on amphibians, birds, and other animal life—these are contributions students are making as the Pott College of Science and Engineering pursues a plan to protect hundreds of acres of campus land for teaching and research purposes for years to come.

The students are building their knowledge and skills in the field and in the lab through real-life practical experience. They conduct research with faculty mentors through the Pott College's Early Undergraduate Research Program.

The USI campus increased greatly in size two years ago when the board of directors of Southern Indiana Higher

Education, Inc. (SIHE) voted to dissolve the nonprofit organization and transfer its assets, including more than 900 acres of land valued at \$3 million, to the USI Foundation. SIHE was founded by a group of community leaders who saw a need for higher education in the region, raised funds, and in the mid-'60s purchased 1,400 acres of land west of Evansville, 300 acres of which became the campus of the University of Southern Indiana.

Botanical diversity

In *A Story of Leadership: Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc.*, author Roberta Heiman writes that Dr. Alton Lindsey, a botany professor at Purdue University who had visited every campus in the United States with natural

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holdings, said only one campus in California had greater botanical variety than the 1,400-acre tract in Evansville. He urged careful land management. Famed architect Jean Labaut of Princeton University also assessed the property, calling it “an area of natural, unmolested beauty.”

A Pott College committee is considering the feasibility of protecting a portion of the acreage as a nature preserve. The committee, appointed by Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College, includes chair Dr. Jim Bandoli, professor of biology; Dr. Edie Hardcastle, associate professor of biology; Dr. Eric McCloud, associate professor of biology; Dr. Mark Krahlung, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Joe DiPietro, professor of geology; and Dr. Jim Durbin, associate professor of geology.

The committee is focusing on 740 acres south of Broadway Avenue. Bandoli, Hardcastle, and McCloud are all faculty mentors in the Early Undergraduate Research Program and have involved those students in the work of assessing the flora and fauna. Krahlung is analyzing water quality at the site, while Durbin and DiPietro will assess the area’s geological significance. They plan to present their findings at the end of summer 2011.

Teaching laboratory

Hardcastle received a fellowship from the USI Center for Applied Research to study the formation of a nature preserve. “We are all enthusiastic about it and think it would be a great asset for the University for many reasons,” she said. “The most obvious is teaching. This fall I’ll be teaching plant taxonomy, and I will have students out there using it as a teaching laboratory.”

During the Early Undergraduate Research Program’s eight-week summer session, Hardcastle and her students Daniel Shigley and Rebecca Reynolds worked in collaboration with Mike Homoya, a research ecologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, in identifying plant communities on the acreage. “Mike is one of the most respected botanists in the state,” Shigley said. “To work with him made us feel like what we were doing was important.”

Rare habitat

It is important to identify plant communities when assessing the area to be preserved because some types of communities are rarer than others. “We found a mesic upland forest, and it’s a rare habitat,” Shigley said. “There are only 50 of that habitat type in the state.” The other plant community present is a mesic wetland forest. Although several invasive species are present on the property, so are native species of special interest and ecological importance.

Dr. James Bandoli, at right in main photo, shows student researchers, from left, Lauren Johnson, Emily Haines, and Jon Behrens how to use dip nets to catch fishes stunned by the backpack electrofisher. The fishes collected in a tributary of Bayou Creek were identified prior to release.

McCloud’s students studied invertebrate biodiversity as environmental indicators by collecting dung beetles, butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies. “Southern Indiana has been largely ignored by the biological community,” he said. “We’re coming up with specimens that are county records for things that haven’t been collected in as many as five surrounding counties. It feels good to be contributing to expanding the base of knowledge for the fauna of the state.”

McCloud’s student Luke Maurer was responsible for collecting the dung used to bait and sample the dung beetle population. Collecting dung was not Maurer’s favorite activity, but he understood the ultimate goal. “The main point of the project is to use dung beetles as environmental indicators. The more diverse they are, the better the environment is because it can sustain more life.”

Past, present, and future use

The researchers are impressed with the land’s biodiversity, but they have found that it’s hardly pristine. McCloud said, “People tend to believe that a big patch of woods is there to be used. People drive four-wheelers over it, go hunting in it, use it as a dump, shoot machine guns, and use it for all sorts of other purposes. There was quarrying activity at one time. There’s oil extraction going on. This is a big forest that includes agricultural fields and roads. It is fairly dense with trails, so there are few areas that aren’t showing slight to moderate evidence of past disturbance such as invasive species. The whole area was logged and the oldest trees are less than 100 years old.”

The faculty mentors and their students also are examining the potential impact of the USI-Burdette Park Trail under construction on the land. “We’re in the process of collecting as much data as we practically can on the plants, insects, amphibians, and birds that are there, and then we’ll have that as baseline data to compare to what we see there after the bike trail goes in,” Bandoli said.

In addition, the Indiana Department of Transportation is considering building a wetland on the acreage. “We’re collecting data in that area to see what effect the wetland would have on adjacent woods,” Bandoli said. “This is a huge opportunity for students in biology and other areas to see how wetlands can be developed, and perhaps do some long-term monitoring of what kinds of change this brings about in terms of plants and animals in that area.”

Ann Libbert, main photo, is joined by Luke Maurer, top inset photo, in collecting the ebony jewelwing, a damselfly. Dr. Eric McCloud, at left in middle inset photo, pins insects with Maurer. In lower inset photo, Libbert, Susan Ellsperman, McCloud, and Maurer display a variety of insects collected on campus acreage.





Biology student Evan Niemeier, left, checks plant growth with his faculty mentor, Dr. Henri Maurice.

Research opportunity gives rise to scientific thinking

Before beginning the Early Undergraduate Research Program, Chris Baumgart and Evan Niemeier were certain of their desire to study pre-medicine. Their biology research over the past two summers has one of the students rethinking his career choice. “The program opened my eyes to research and different career paths with biology,” Niemeier said. “I’m now heavily considering attending graduate school for biology.”

Baumgart and Niemeier were paired with Dr. Henri Maurice, chair and associate professor in the biology department.

Baumgart has been working to isolate a plant protein called the Mirabilis Antiviral Protein. Once isolated, this protein could likely be used effectively against plant viruses. His hope is that farmers could use the protein on their crops. “There are so many financial hardships farmers face as a result of damaged crops,” Baumgart said.

Niemeier’s work focused on a plant common to the Evansville area: the begonia. “This is a plant that’s seen everywhere, yet they’re relatively undocumented, scientifically,” Niemeier said.

He was documenting basic physiological aspects of the plant such as the conditions in which tubers would form.

Both students recognized the opportunity they were given when chosen to participate in the undergraduate research. “Being exposed to research as an undergrad will look good on medical and graduate school resumes,” Baumgart said. “It also helps science and engineering majors with problem solving. We had to think things through, process the data, and develop strategies to uncover every possible answer.”

According to Maurice, Niemeier and Baumgart have been given an opportunity that many students don’t get until later in their scholastic careers. “Some students don’t get to do research until graduate school,” Maurice said. “The other students will eventually pick up the scientific way of planning and thinking, but Chris and Evan got the chance to develop this way of thinking far sooner.”

Although Niemeier and Baumgart have finished their required time in the program, both are continuing research in their free time.

Engineering research would facilitate wind energy projects

Wind energy is the subject of research by Joseph Vangampl, a civil engineering major with help from faculty mentor Dr. Marco A. Lara Gracia, assistant professor of engineering. They have developed a computer-based information system that facilitates decision-making in the siting, operation, and maintenance of small wind turbines.

The decision support system they developed facilitates decision making by providing advice on fundamental design and operational aspects of small wind systems and determining the economic feasibility of a particular wind turbine in a specific location. Utilizing data on three commercially available wind turbines, the computer program helps the user to determine how much a turbine would cost in comparison to how much it would save the

user over the lifetime of the turbine.

“The calculations are done for each turbine, and the homeowners can choose which one best fits their needs at that specific site,” Vangampl said.

Lara Gracia presented the paper, “Decision Support Systems for Small Wind Farm Owners” to the Latin America Wind Energy Association (LAWEA) conference in Huatulco, Mexico, in the spring.

Lara Gracia said, “Most people attending the LAWEA conference could not believe that the research I presented was conducted by a sophomore engineering student.”

The next goal is to publish. “We’d like to get feedback to see what people in the industry think about the idea and whether it’s usable,” Vangampl said.



Geology faculty member Carrie Wright, at left in main photo, and undergraduate researchers Ashley Altheide, center, and Kristen Schmeisser study a rock outcrop along I-64 at the Sulphur/English exit in southern Indiana. In lower inset photo, they examine a Pennsylvania sandstone outcrop on campus.

Developing rock kits for STEM classrooms is a blast

In their first summer in the Early Undergraduate Research Program, Kristen Schmeisser and Ashley Altheide worked on two projects and presented their research at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Section of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Carrie Wright, instructor in geology and their faculty mentor, said, “Neither of them is a geology major, and while driving out west, I was able to stop on the side of the road and talk about these different geological concepts. Our laboratory is really outdoors, so it was total immersion in geology for 10 solid days.”

In addition to presenting their research at the NAGT conference, the students performed field work and networked with geoscience educators and students. “It was very gratifying to me, because people were impressed with Kristen and Ashley and what they are doing.”

What they are doing is two-fold.

First, they are compiling rock kits and accompanying curricula for K-12 classrooms. The kits will be delivered to schools by the University’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) trucks. Wright said that because Indiana does not require earth science courses at the high school level, students arrive at college with little knowledge of geology. “The kits, with better rock samples and engaging labs and activities, may make them aware of the possibilities in geology and their future.”

Schmeisser, of New Castle, Indiana, presented on the rock kits at the conference. “I had a blast this summer,” she said. “We learned about the geology of Idaho. We also collected samples for our rock kits. There are a lot of igneous and metamorphic samples out west that are not available in the same way in Indiana. The samples out west tell you more about our history.”

Wright said, “We collected so many rocks that we filled the minivan, and I had trouble driving up the mountains. When driving on the Teton Pass, even in the correct gear, the van was struggling.”

Schmeisser said, “For the rock kits, we are trying to put together really good samples – big enough to bang around on a table, handle and turn over, drop on accident, or do hydrochloric acid tests on to identify the rock or mineral. Many currently in use are rather small samples and not really representative of what you see in nature. Our goal is to provide students with something realistic from the field.”

During the fall semester, the students will process the rock samples, organize the kits, and test the lesson plans in the classroom.

The relationship between the study of geologic structures and development of spatial reasoning in college students is the subject of the second research project.

Eagles battle and win!

USI wins Indiana's first baseball national championship



USI captured its first-ever national championship in baseball at the NCAA Division II Championship Series held at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina.

The University of Southern Indiana did something in 2010 that no other university in the state has ever accomplished: win a NCAA national championship in baseball. Along the way, the Screaming Eagles set a single-season school record with a 52-14 mark.

"I told the team when we got beat in the regional by Grand Valley that we could come back, and we're going to make it a story," said Head Coach Tracy Archuleta. "And, wow, what a story they made it. They battled all the way through and took the championship. I couldn't be more proud. I can't single out any one person on this team,

because every one of them did a great job.

"This has been a special ride for us this year. We're the national champions."

The team began the year 10-7 and then kicked into high gear, winning 29 of the next 34 games. They reeled off a school record of 15 straight victories and won their third straight GLVC West Division title.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL

The Eagles dominated the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, winning four straight games to take

their first GLVC Tournament crown since 1993.

The conference championship earned USI the right to host the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional for the first time since 1992. The Eagles won their first-round game over Wayne State University, 12-10, but slipped into the loser's bracket when Grand Valley State University (GVSU) beat USI, 6-3.

USI rallied that same day with a 6-5 win that eliminated Northern Kentucky University, setting up a duel with GVSU on regional championship day. This time the Eagles regained their footing against the Lakers, beating



Taylor Dennis, junior right hander, NCAA II Championship Series Most Outstanding Player



Brad Vance, junior second baseman, NCAA II Midwest Regional Most Outstanding Player

them twice, 7-3 and 11-4, to win their second regional championship in four seasons.

The performance of junior second baseman Brad Vance earned him the title of NCAA II Midwest Regional Most Outstanding Player.

"After struggling through part of the season," he said, "winning the regional MVP means so much to me because I came through for the team during the most important part of the year—and I did it in front of my hometown fans and family"

Archuleta earns national coaching honor



USI Head Coach Tracy Archuleta talked strategy with senior shortstop Wandy Rosario.

Baseball Head Coach Tracy Archuleta was named the 2010 Diamond/American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Coach of the Year for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II.

Archuleta, who also was named the Midwest Region Coach of the Year by the ABCA and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, led the Screaming Eagles to their first national championship in baseball and to a record-breaking 52-14 record this past spring.

"The championship and the award are great achievements because they are something my assistant coaches—Chris Marx and Jeremy Kuester—and all of the Athletics Department can hang our hats on, not only me," Archuleta said. "A season like last spring is always a team effort."

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

At the end of the NCAA II Midwest Regional, the Eagles lost their number one and three starting pitchers (junior right-handers Trevor Leach and Dan Marcacci) for the first four games of the NCAA II Baseball Championship Series. USI overcame this obstacle when junior right-handers Taylor Dennis and Josh Schultze won three of the first four games of the series. Dennis went on to be named the NCAA II Baseball Championship Series Most Outstanding Player after winning his two starts.

"To win the national championship we had to overcome adversity," he said. "We had to work past early injuries and mold together as a team. As one of the starting pitchers, I appreciate the pressure the offense took away. They scored nearly eight or nine runs a game.

"We won the world series because the offensive and defensive parts of our games were peaking at the right times."

FAN SUPPORT

The Eagles and their fans traveled to Cary, North Carolina, for the national tournament.

Carolyn Mooney, mother of

team member Dylan Mooney, said the USA Baseball National Training Complex was “like a field of dreams.” The Mooneys live in Saint Charles, Missouri.

“We drove on winding backroads and then came to this beautiful facility,” she said. “The NCAA people had it decorated nicely for the championship and were hospitable throughout the series.”

Mooney attended every game of the season except one. She shot photos and posted them online at Shutterfly. Team members tagged her photos on their Facebook pages for friends and family. On championship day, Mooney shot 600 photos.

“We had a huge fan club and that was a big part of getting the players pumped up and excited,” Mooney said. “Our cheering was contagious. The more we cheered, the better the team did.”



Honorable mention All-American catcher Dylan Mooney, who tied a school record for home runs in 2010, shares a moment with his mother, Carolyn.

Dylan Mooney, junior catcher, was named honorable mention All-American.

“As long as I have played baseball, I have had one goal in mind: win a national championship,” he said. “To get the opportunity to represent my school and the city of Evansville in the national spotlight was a thrilling and rewarding experience. I am thankful to all who supported us.”

NATIONAL TITLE

In the NCAA Division II Championship Series, USI cruised to the semifinals with an 8-6 win over Minnesota State University and a 7-1 win against Kutztown University. The Eagles stumbled against Georgia College and State University, 3-0, before advancing to the national championship game with an elimination victory over GCSU, 3-2.

In the title game, USI spotted the University of California San Diego a 2-0 lead in the first inning before rallying with six unanswered runs to take control. UC San Diego tried to come back late in the game, but USI held on for a 6-4 win and its first national title in the history of the baseball program.

Junior right-hander Trevor Leach also was named honorable mention All-American. “It’s a dream come true!” he said. “No feeling like it!”

Approximately 400 people attended a welcome celebration on the USI quadrangle when the Eagles returned triumphant from the national championship. Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, USI President Linda L. M. Bennett, and USI Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall congratulated the team on their unprecedented season.



Trevor Leach, junior right hander, honorable mention All-American

2010 Baseball notes

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. The NCAA Division II Baseball National Championship was the first for USI and for the Great Lakes Valley Conference in baseball. USI was the first conference team to reach the national championship game since 1996.

FIRST IN THE STATE. USI is the first team in Indiana to win a national championship in baseball.

THE VICTORIES. The 52 wins in 2010 were a USI single-season record and tied for second in GLVC history.

RECORD SETTING. The Eagles broke the single-season record for winning percentage (.788, 52-14), hits (715), doubles (136), home runs (49) and RBIs (472).



The University community hailed the historic season with a celebration on the quadrangle.

Basketball live on new sports channel

The Physical Activities Center is the best place to watch basketball action, but fans who can't make it to games this year can catch them live on television.

The new News 25 Sports Channel will televise 15 men's and two women's basketball home games live. In addition, News 25 Sports Director Lance Wilkerson will host a weekly basketball show featuring USI Head Coach Rodney Watson.

USI men's and women's basketball games remain available live over the Internet on the B2 Network.

John Campbell chairs Varsity Club



Campbell

John Campbell '00 M.P.A.'07, USI assistant director of Admission, is chair of the Varsity Club for the 2010-11 year. A member of the Varsity Club board since 2006-07, he has served on the Steak Fry 'n Auction and Golf Scramble committees during his tenure. He is the ninth USI graduate to chair the Varsity Club.

Athletics Council formed

USI has formed a University Athletics Council to provide oversight for and support the development of excellence in intercollegiate athletics. The group also serves as an advisory council to the USI president as part of the strategic planning initiative.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, chairs the 15-member council, which includes faculty and administrators as well as student and alumni representatives.

Former Eagles square off

Two former USI baseball standouts—Jeremy Kehrt of the Portland Sea Dogs and Darin Mastroianni of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats—matched up against each other in the minor league in a Double A contest in Portland, Maine, in June. This was the first time the duo had met since the pair was on the 2007 NCAA Division II Championship Series team. The match-up also marked the first time that two former USI baseball players were featured in a Double A game.



Jeremy Kehrt, left, and Darin Mastroianni

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Alumni Calendar 2010-11 of Events

- October 19** Return to the Heart of Nursing: Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall
- November 4** USI Eagle Hour, 5-7 p.m., Ri Ra Irish Pub Evansville
- November 9** Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m. USI Foundation
- December 4** Varsity Club and Alumni Soup and Hot Dog Supper, 5:30 p.m. following basketball games USI Physical Activities Center
- December 6** Lighting A Tradition, 7 p.m., USI Rice Library
- December 11** Fall Commencement, USI Physical Activities Center
- January 11** Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m. USI Foundation
- January 28** Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, 6 p.m. USI Carter Hall
- January 29** Homecoming 2011, Alumni Party and Greek Reunion, 5:30-7 p.m., USI Physical Activities Center
- February 10** Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Pizza Gathering, 6:30-7:30 p.m. before men's basketball game, University of Indianapolis Nicoson Hall
- March 3** USI Eagle Hour, 5-7 p.m., Ri Ra Irish Pub Evansville

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

1970s

A. John Schiff '72, accounting, is a supervisor of maintenance for Saint Boniface Parish in Evansville.

Kenneth L. Davis '75, social science, has retired from Henderson County Schools after 32 years as an elementary teacher and technology integration specialist in Henderson, Kentucky.

Floyd R. Hertweck '75, social science, has taken the position of staff historian with the U.S. Army-Electronics Command at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Douglas P. Joest '75, accounting, was named vice president/professional education on the board of directors of the Evansville Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Albert Strader '76, communications, is a county coordinator with Goodwill Industries in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Michelle Swearingen Thompson '77, elementary education, was the recipient of the 2009 PRISM Award for Elementary Math in the partnership that serves 10 districts in Central Florida. PRISM is a private/public nonprofit partnership promoting regional improvement in science and math. Thompson is a teacher for the Osceola County District Schools in Kissimmee, Florida.

Laura L. Sanders '79, business administration, is a personal financial representative at Allstate Financial in Evansville. She received the company's Agency Hands in the Community Award for her volunteer efforts.

Scott A. Smith '79, biology, accepted the position of director, Business Coalitions and Advocacy at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals in Raleigh, North Carolina.

1980s

Charles E. Smith '81, accounting/finance, is the director of business analysis at American General Finance in Evansville.

Denise Ritter Kelly '82, accounting, received the Certified Treasury Professional designation from the Association for Financial Professionals. She is a treasury analyst for NASCAR in Daytona, Florida.

Gloria Sampson Horton '83, accounting, executive director of Visiting Nurse Plus, Inc., in Evansville, has received the 2010 Norah J. McFarland Award from the Indiana Association for Home and Hospice Care.

Lawrence E. Crouch '84, computer information systems, was promoted to fundraising specialist for the Boy Scouts of America National Council in Irving, Texas.

Ted E. Ubelhor '84, finance, was promoted to senior vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Joseph M. Per '85, electrical engineering technology, has taken the position of plant manager at the Kokomo Transmission Plant for Chrysler LLC in Kokomo, Indiana.

Dona Adams Bergman '86, art, is the director for the city's recently created Department of Sustainability, Energy and Environmental Quality (SEEQ) in Evansville.

Laurie Nielsen Crawford '86, management, '94, Master of Business Administration, has accepted a position with the E.W. Scripps Newspaper Accounting Office working in newspaper circulation accounting. She is based in Evansville.

Bryon E. Garland '86, marketing, of Evansville, earned a national sales award from Barnes Distribution, North America. He was presented the President's Award for the Southeast Region.

William S. Emerson '87, mathematics, was named assistant superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Santa Rosa County School District in Milton, Florida.

David S. Jochim '87, engineering technology, is a technical support person for General Electric Company in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Kevin Hammett, Alumni Council president

Student involvement taught him how to get things done

When USI President Linda L. M. Bennett rolled out the goals in the strategic plan recently, Kevin Hammett '90 liked what he heard about the University becoming a 24/7 campus.

He believes that students who are active on campus will be energetic members of the University community as alumni.

Hammett is president of the USI Alumni Association's Alumni Council for 2010–11. His close connection to the University began in his student days and continues to grow.

Bringing people together

An accounting major, Hammett was a charter member of the Student Alumni Association, a founding member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, president of the Activities Programming Board, and a cheerleader. In his senior year he received the All-Campus Achievement Award.

"I wanted to learn about organizations, how to run meetings, and how to bring together people for a common cause and actually get things done," Hammett said. "Those were things you couldn't learn in a classroom. I cherish those experiences."

"As a student leader, it was easy to have opportunities to engage with administrators and faculty. When I graduated, I couldn't walk away. I was connected."

Hammett and his wife, Michelle '90, marketing, assisted with the development of the Indianapolis alumni chapter. He served as first president, and she was the first secretary. Her USI roots are deep. Her father, Dr. Percy Clark, served on the Board of Incorporators in the 1980s and on the first USI Board of Trustees.

Hammett is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and the Accounting Circle, an advisory group for the College of Business accounting program.

Returning to Evansville

After a number of years in the Indianapolis area, the Hammetts moved to Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 2005. He served as executive vice president and general manager with SMC Pneumatics (Canada) Ltd. and also as chief financial officer and secretary/treasurer of SMC's subsidiary companies in the United States and Canada. Hammett was associated with SMC from 1997 until relocating to Evansville in 2007 when he became chief financial officer and vice president of accounting/finance for Regency Commercial Associates LLC.

Hammett has enjoyed the return to his hometown of Evansville, where the couple has a close network of extended family. The Hammetts have four daughters—Perri, 11; Evan, 8;

Payton, 4; and Emerson, 3—and a son Carter, 1.

In Evansville, Hammett also relishes opportunities for community involvement that were less available in Toronto, where he was not a citizen. The population of Greater Toronto exceeds 5.5 million people. In addition to his USI activities, Hammett serves on the Board of Patchwork Central in Evansville.

Aiming to increase participation

As president of the Alumni Council, Hammett will focus on three areas. First, he wants to increase participation in association activities from all constituent groups. Alumni Council members have met with the deans of the colleges to discuss how to help alumni become more engaged with the University.

Second, Hammett wants to increase support for activities of the Student Alumni Association. The student group sponsors the annual Breakfast with the President and other events.

Third, Hammett will schedule a summit of leaders from alumni groups to discuss how to help grow their membership and to solicit ideas for what the Alumni Association can accomplish for its members and the University.

Hammett encourages attendance at alumni activities. It's one way of getting to know Bennett, who assumed the presidency in 2009.

"She often attends our events," Hammett said. "She views and values alumni as part of the community."

Bennett recently attended Eagle Hour, a new alumni-networking event held three times a year in downtown Evansville.

The new and improved alumni web site at www.alumni.usi.edu offers information about alumni and alumni activities as well as online registration for many events.



Hammett

Dennis R. Guthery '88, accounting, was named vice president/administration and finance on the board of directors of the Evansville Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Tedd P. Klipsch '88, communications, is a consultant for Towers Watson in Seattle, Washington.

David L. Pearce '88, communications, is the owner of *Posey County News* in New Harmony, Indiana.

Tim Tresslar '88, sociology, is the owner of Plato's Closet in Evansville. He received a Sales Excellence Award from the company at a Plato's conference in San Diego, California.

1990s

Robert W. Zigenfus '90, management, has accepted the position of director of St. Mary's Center for Children. He has management responsibilities for the Center for Children as well as for Dr. Lata Shukla's pediatric practice, the St. Mary's Feeding Center, and Tri-State Pediatrics in Evansville.

Mike P. Huber '92, business administration, was named gas conservation manager for Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

Connie F. Grossman '94, communications, was named vice president/mortgage lender at Ohio Valley Financial Group in Henderson, Kentucky.

Judith Muehlbauer Hausmann '94, nursing, is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Center for Children in Evansville.

Matthew W. Montgomery '94, mechanical engineering technology, was promoted to vice president of operations at PPMI Construction Company in Evansville.

Alan D. Jones '95, business administration, has taken the position of vice president, loan review manager at National Bank of Indianapolis.

Walter C. Royster '95, electrical engineering technology, is the owner of Industrial Solutions, LLC in Henderson, Kentucky.

Allison M. Yancey '95, nursing, has become a board-certified progressive care nurse by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. She is a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

Leigh P. Baldwin '96, nursing, '98, Master of Science in Nursing, has joined Evansville Psychiatric Associates as a clinician.

James E. Doane '96, mechanical engineering technology, is an assistant professor at the University of Evansville.

Kristi Herrenbruck Krack '96, business administration, was promoted to vice president at Union Bank in Evansville.

William N. Nadeau '96, art, is the general manager for Swonder Ice Arena in Evansville.

Kristin Quakkelaar Peerman '96, computer information systems, was hired as an information technology account manager at Information Technology Architects, Inc.

Janet L. Waggoner '96, social work, is co-owner/president of Tranquil Inn & Spa, LLC in Shoals, Indiana.

Jo A. Burke '97, accounting, '06, Master of Business Administration, was named president of the board of directors of the Evansville Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Jane Morrow Below '97, English, has taken the position of enterprise web content manager for the University of Notre Dame.

Melanie Roberts Hobbs '97, health services, is a respiratory therapist at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.



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April Schmuck Boeke '98, psychology, was promoted to vice president of operations and business development for ARC Industries at Evansville ARC.

Allyson Singer Breeden '98, political science, has been named a partner at Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP in Evansville.

Shelby Holsapple Collins '98, dental hygiene, '05, Master of Health Administration, has accepted the position of administrative director of St. Mary's Physician Network in Evansville.

Lois E. Curtis '98, health services, '06, Master of Health Administration, has been named vice president of compliance for Pollux Systems, Inc. of Evansville.

Jason A. Engelbrecht '98, physical education, has taken the position of athletic director at Princeton High School in Princeton, Indiana.

Beth Will Hirshberg '98, business administration, was named marketing data analyst for the Central Research Team at E.W. Scripps. She will be based in Evansville.

Jacob R. Fulcher '99, political science, was named partner at Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP in Evansville.

2000s

Jason N. Roy '00, social science teaching/history, is a special education teacher at Boonville High School in Boonville, Indiana.

R. Kyle Hodgen '01, Master of Science in Nursing, was promoted to major in the United States Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service and actions during his last deployment while assigned to U.S. Special Forces in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan.

Jacob A. Bartley '02, accounting, is a financial analyst at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Stephanie Moll Bricking '02, history, was named the Albert B. Sabin archivist at the University of Cincinnati's Henry R. Winkler Center for the History of Health Professions in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Geri M. Gogel '02, public relations and advertising, is a project coordinator at WorkSpaces LLC in Washington, DC.

Kyle A. Wilson '02, economics, is a mortgage banker at Kirkston Mortgage Lending, LLC in Evansville.

Laura Winter Kopshever '03, Master of Science in Education, has received the "Classroom Champion for Change" Award from the Institute for School Innovation at the National Project CHILD Conference in Tampa, Florida. The award is given to one teacher in the nation implementing the Project CHILD model for instruction. Kopshever is a teacher at South Heights Elementary in Henderson, Kentucky.

Andrew J. Reising '03, finance, has joined Mortgage Masters of Indiana as a loan originator in Evansville.

Michael Sibbitt '03, social science teaching, has joined Mortgage Masters of Indiana as a loan originator in Evansville.

Holly Horne Smith '03, marketing, has joined Ten Adams as an account executive in Evansville.

Anthony J. Black '04, radio and television, is a sports information game-day staff member at University of Notre Dame.

Joshua Y. Ellard '04, mechanical engineering technology, is a project engineer at Burlington Civil, Inc. in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Linnea A. Haseker '04, public relations and advertising, is a sales and research assistant at Cox Media Group in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mathew A. Pochon '04, public relations and advertising, recently became co-owner and president of Cause Creative Marketing in Sherman Oaks, California.

Nicholas A. Shafer '04, business administration, has taken the position of insurance agent at Indiana Farm Bureau in Evansville.

Jeremy S. Begle '05, public relations and advertising, was named account manager at Adams Remco Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Jessica Mills Ellington '05, nursing, has become a board certified progressive care nurse by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. She is a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville.

Scott C. Gowdy '05, business administration, has joined Mortgage Masters of Indiana as a loan originator in Evansville.

Kandra A. Norris '05, psychology, is a family case manager for Indiana Department of Child Services in Gary, Indiana.

Lucas R. Chamberlain '06, management, joined Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative in Evansville.

Andrew S. Gabert '06, art, is a graphic designer/photographer for AXIOM Marketing and Advertising in Evansville.

Mitchell T. Harden '06, psychology, is continuing coursework in pursuit of a doctoral degree in behavioral neuroscience at the University of Missouri. He is an adjunct professor at Saint Charles Community College in Cottleville, Missouri.

Jason R. Lewis '06, economics/finance, was promoted to operations specialist at Capital One in Plano, Texas.

Pastora Martinez Beerman '07, Master of Science in Nursing, recently founded the Alpharetta Wellness Clinic where she works as a nurse practitioner/clinical manager in Alpharetta, Georgia.

Brent J. Hancock '07, general physical education, is a mortgage banker at Kirkston Mortgage Lending, LLC in Evansville.

Jarett D. Buck '08, finance, joined Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative in Evansville.

Jamie L. Renaker '08, elementary education, is a resource teacher for Brownstown Elementary School in Brownstown, Indiana.

Eric A. Vojvodich '08, exercise science, is a healthcare recruiter for Maxim Healthcare Services in Evansville.

Abby J. Waninger '08, public relations and advertising, is a coordinator of special events and projects for The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

Nicholas A. Ficklin '09, accounting and professional services, is a staff account for Blue & Co., LLC in Louisville, Kentucky.

Matthew M. Garza '09, accounting and professional services, was named treasurer on the board of directors of the Evansville Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Nicholas A. Pressley '09, business administration, is an events and programming intern for Special Olympics Indiana in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Judith Wischmeier Tape '09, Master of Science in Nursing, is an employee health nurse for Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, Indiana.

Donna O. Teague '09, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to vice president of fiscal affairs at the University of Evansville.

Kendra L. Vanzo '09, Master of Business Administration, was appointed to Old National Bank's Executive Leadership Group. She is chief human resources officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Brad Morton: Green energy leader



Brad Morton poses with solar panels on top of Central Library in Evansville.

Brad Morton's goal is to make Evansville "the solar hub of Indiana."

Morton, a 1992 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering technology and an associate degree in mechanical engineering technology, is president of Evansville-based Morton Solar and Wind, LLC, a renewable energy systems designer and installer certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP).

"This area has more solar potential than Jacksonville, Florida, in June through September," he said. "If we used solar to power air conditioning, we could help reduce coal consumption

and peak loads. Running the air conditioning is causing the power plants to burn more coal in the heat of summer. If there's any place that needs to improve air quality, it's here."

Morton was named a 2009 Energy Patriot by U.S. Senator Richard Lugar. Lugar's Energy Patriots Awards recognize outstanding Hoosiers who have demonstrated leadership and initiative in taking concrete action to improve America's energy security. Morton was recognized for his efforts to increase the use of solar energy in Indiana.

Recently, Morton Solar and Wind installed the photovoltaic system for the first net-zero library in the Midwest.

A net-zero building generates as much energy as it consumes while producing no carbon emissions.

Recently, the company was awarded a \$2.16 million contract to work on the first net-zero elementary school in the United States. The new Richardsville Elementary School, under construction near Bowling Green, Kentucky, will have the largest photovoltaic system in Kentucky.

Morton's interest in renewable energy began when he was an undergraduate. "Initially it was sparked by a research project at USI in 1989, in which I did a report on solar energy," he said.

When gas prices rose in the early 2000s, Morton knew the time was right to start his business. "Nobody else was doing it, and I knew there was interest."

He started his first business, Industrial Control Engineering, in 2003 and founded Morton Energy three years later. He renamed the company Morton Solar and Wind in 2009.

He has installed solar and wind systems throughout the region, including photovoltaic systems on the Ohio Township Public Library in Newburgh, Central Library in downtown Evansville, and the net-zero Chrisney Public Library in Chrisney, Indiana.

He installed the first solar system in downtown Evansville at VPS Architecture and the city's first wind energy project—a grid-tied wind turbine—at Englebrecht Orchards.

Morton serves on the USI Alumni Council and the USI Engineering Advisory Board.

Kiersten M. Deig '10, accounting and professional services, has joined SRG Global as a staff accountant in Evansville.

J. Allen Kitterman '10, finance, has taken the position of director of petroleum at Martin Rayley, Inc. in Carmi, Illinois.

Marriages

Camy N. Weber '92, elementary education, and Christopher Davis, July 18, 2009

Nicole R. Devine '99, accounting, and Aaron Montgomery, February 14, 2010

April Y. Weadick '00, business administration, and Kenneth Raines, December 19, 2009

Amy C. Louthen '02, exercise science, and Matthew Porter, May 2, 2009

Nichol D. Vittitow '03, elementary education, and Jason Hurd, March 28, 2009

Kelly C. Certain '04, radio and television, and **Amanda M. Kelly '07**, accounting and professional services, June 19, 2010

Janelle L. Merkel '06, psychology, and Cody Byrd, September 27, 2008

Erin E. Phillips '06, elementary education, and **Jacob A. Rhodes '05**, marketing, October 17, 2009

Melea J. Pipes '06, business administration, and Mario Segovia, November 8, 2009

Emily B. Buxton '09, public relations and advertising, and Travis Cromley, December 26, 2009

Kevin M. Cline '09, public relations and advertising, and **Emilee M. Ehret '09**, finance, September 12, 2009

Madeline A. Heine '09, communications, and Gregg Wong, October 10, 2009

Births

Stephanie Sargent Pinkstaff '91, elementary education, and Chris, son, Tyler Andrew, May 9, 2009

Christopher M. Burkhart '94, political science, and Anisia, son, Jackson Bradley, March 23, 2010

Jennifer Post Opitz '94, psychology, and Michael, son, Lucas Michael, July 7, 2009

Sarah Huey Wiley '98, communications, and Mark, daughter, Wren Olivia, July 12, 2009

Heather L. Etherton '99, accounting, and Steven, daughter, Julia Lee, January 1, 2009

Mark DeCamps '00, German/sociology, and **Jennifer Hartlein DeCamps '03**, son, Isaac Ray, January 17, 2009

Stacey Arnold Blume '00, occupational therapy, and **Michael T. Blume '01**, computer information systems, daughter, Ella Anastasia, December 17, 2008

Elizabeth Lawrence Childers '00, business administration, and **William Grant Childers '98**, business administration, daughters, Maret Elizabeth and Harper Gray, February 20, 2010

Artist Raul Illarramendi extends reputation to Europe

Raul Illarramendi, a USI student from 2001–05, had high expectations for a year of study abroad. Indeed, the experience turned out to be an important catalyst for his career in art.

His work is now shown at fine galleries in France and other locations in Europe.



Illarramendi

With arrangements made through USI's Office of International Programs and Services, Illarramendi began a year of study at the University of St. Etienne in southeast France in fall 2005. As soon as his command of French improved, he immersed himself in the art program. He became friends with faculty members, which he said is uncommon in France.

"I'm used to having a close relationship and dialogue with teachers because that's how you learn most," he said.

In October 2006, Illarramendi had his first show abroad at a new gallery owned by a member of the St. Etienne art faculty.

"It came out well," he said. "Almost everything sold. That gave me encouragement."

Illarramendi stayed in France to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in art at St. Etienne.

At USI, he had experimented with many aspects of art. "USI has incredible workshops and studios. You can try everything—wood, sculpture, printmaking," he said.

He said the art program in France is less about studio work. He found the emphasis on art theory and the requirement each year to write a memoir about "where your work is going" helped him refine his direction.

"I got my ideas in place and soon started doing one coherent thing," he said.

Michael Aakhus, interim dean of the USI College of Liberal Arts and professor of art, is a friend and former teacher.

He commended Illarramendi's recent drawings:

"They look like washes but in fact are renderings that are meticulously drawn with many hours of concentrated work to produce these effects. Raul was a master of the drawing medium when he arrived in Evansville having studied for

many years as a child prodigy with some of the masters of the Caracas community in Venezuela. At USI he was able to refine and expand his artwork to produce some exceptional oil painting as well as an outstanding body of drawing. I am proud of his continued accomplishment and expect that he will achieve great things in his career as an artist with roots in Latin America, the United States, and now Europe."

Through work with Art Basel, an international contemporary art exhibition held annually, Illarramendi met representatives of Galerie Dukan and Hourdequin of Marseille, France. This gallery has shown his work in Marseille, Switzerland, and London as well as at its Paris location in the Louvre.

In February 2010, he was pleased to have his work in a group show in Paris at Galerie Karsten Greve.

"This gallery represents some important artists," he said. "There were three of us younger artists in a group of 20 for this show."

Illarramendi majored in art and pursued minors in French and art history. He created a series of panels for the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center that depict activities that take place there throughout the year.

Illarramendi stopped by campus in late August while visiting family in Evansville. At that time, he was in the process of relocating from St. Etienne to Paris.



Stain that looks like Matisse's Jeannette No. 1

Thene name CFO of Alcoa business group

Tony R. Thene '83, accounting, has been named chief financial officer of the Engineered Products and Solutions business group for Alcoa.

Thene was previously Alcoa vice president and controller. He continues as a vice president and has been named to the company's Executive Council. Thene has been associated with Alcoa for 21 years. He is a native of Elberfeld, Indiana.



Thene

Schoettlin named to Indiana Youth Institute board

Kathy Schoettlin '92, communications, has been named to the board of directors of the Indiana Youth Institute, an Indianapolis-based organization that promotes the healthy development of children and youth. Schoettlin is executive vice president and director of marketing and communications for Old National Bancorp in Evansville.



Schoettlin

Mischler joins USI as NSWC Crane partnership manager

Joshua Mischler '07, engineering, has been named to the new position of USI-Crane partnership manager in the USI Division of Extended Services. The position was created to expedite development of University agreements with the Crane Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC Crane) in Crane, Indiana.

Prior to joining USI, Mischler was an electronics engineer at NSWC Crane. He will facilitate USI STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) coordination with NSWC Crane, identify opportunities for greater student and faculty involvement in NSWC Crane research projects, and help facilitate innovation development processes with NSWC Crane.

"My knowledge of both the University and NSWC Crane will allow me to better assess and identify areas where the two can work together," he said. "Resources at NSWC Crane can help elevate the USI science, engineering, math, and business programs to the level envisioned in Dr. Bennett's [USI President Linda L. M. Bennett's] plan for the University as an education leader in the region and beyond. In addition, I want to connect NSWC Crane with services that will enhance its standing as a recognized resource for innovation and technology for the Southern Indiana region."

Mischler will have offices in the new USI Business and Engineering Center and at NSWC Crane.



Mischler

Tracy L. Anderson '01, radio and television, daughter, Sydney Maelynn, September 12, 2009

Ryan J. Beck '01, elementary education, '09, Master of Science in Education, **Jamie Guth Beck '05**, elementary education, '10, Master of Science in Education, daughter, Adalynn Rae, February 13, 2010

Sarah Stafford Browning '01, business administration, and Justin, son, Carter James, July 2, 2009

Peter J. Fehrenbacher '01, business administration, and Jodi, daughter, Lily Kate, April 16, 2010

Rachael Harris Gaffin '02, business administration, and Neil, son, Nathaniel Harris, April 9, 2010

Brock J. Haas '02, accounting, '05, Master of Business Administration, and Heidi, daughter, Alexis Marie, March 31, 2010

Misty Lynn Seaton '03, Master of Science in Accountancy, and **Christopher M. Seaton '98**, computer information systems, daughter, Claire Katherine, April 13, 2010

Summer Schmuck Wilderman '03, Master of Social Work, and **Roger A. Wilderman '03**, psychology, daughter, Bailey Dawn, December 27, 2009

Elizabeth Reever Gonzalez '04, radio and television, and Rafael, daughter, Ella Blu, May 29, 2010

Dustin K. Hetrick '04, philosophy, and Angela, son, Xavier Augustus Kyle, September 2, 2009

Christie Dawson Lemon '04, early childhood education, and **Andy J. Lemon '05**, journalism and computer publishing, daughter, Kaitlyn Gail, August 26, 2009

Scott A. Reed '04, accounting, and Kristina, daughter, Veronica, March 6, 2009

Elizabeth Christian Burgdorf '05, radio and television, and **Eric J. Burgdorf '06**, art, son, Zachary Taylor, August 13, 2009

Bart B. Burke '05, elementary education, and **Sarah Chandler Burke '06**, elementary education, daughter, Olivia Loraine, April 18, 2010

Amanda Rickenbaugh Hoesli '05, psychology, and Adam, son, Able Jamison, June 29, 2009

Lacey Kosikowski Moore '06, elementary education, and **William R. Moore '06**, business administration, son, Banks William, March 7, 2010

Ashley Droste Vignolo '06, elementary education, and **Brandon M. Vignolo '01**, marketing, son, Gavin Anthony, December 15, 2009

Stephanie Copeland Grabert '07, social work, and Jason, daughter, Emma Grace, May 10, 2010

Tammy Crosby Lucas '08, health services, and Alan, daughter, Elaina Marie, June 24, 2010

Brandi Stone Evans '08, social work, and Matthew, son, Jaymes Lennon, September 19, 2009

Amanda Johnson Parkhill '08, journalism, and Jason, son, Lucas Dale, April 6, 2009

Michael G. Dickerson '09, business administration, and Heather, son, Aven Lane, April 23, 2010

In Memoriam

Jared R. Bruner '72, management, of Elberfeld, Indiana, died February 22, 2010. He had worked at Zenith, Jasper Wood Products, and Thermwood.

Neal E. Stremming '72, management, of Bay City, Michigan, and Green Valley, Arizona, died May 26, 2010. He relocated to Michigan while working for Georgia Pacific.

Walter K. Messex '74, communications, of Orange County, California, died February 21, 2010. He had worked as a pipefitter.

Phyllis York Pote '74, social science, of Mount Vernon, Indiana, died April 8, 2010. She was a social worker for the Posey County Division of Family and Children Services for more than 18 years and recently worked at Mount Vernon Housing Authority.

Nancy S. Tyree '74, art, of Evansville, died July 1, 2010. She was an art teacher for Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation.

Jesse M. June '77, political science, of Evansville, died April 30, 2010. He joined the army in 1949 and served as a tank driver in Korea. He completed language and intelligence school and was assigned to Positive Intelligence until 1962. June returned to the Rochester, New York, field office where he conducted background investigations and counter-intelligence duties. He relocated to Evansville and founded Fidelity Search, Inc. and later Hi-Tech Investigative Polygraph Consultants which he managed until his death.

Guy "Bud" Hopkins '79, business administration, of Evansville, died February 17, 2010. He served in the armed forces and fought in the Vietnam War. Hopkins was a master mechanic at Hocker before working for SIGECO for 30 years where he retired as a manager in the meter-reading department.

Carla G. Rice '80, elementary education, of Evansville, died March 2, 2010. She was a former president and active member of Zeta Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Rice was a teacher with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation for 30 years.

Robert S. Montgomery '82, management, of Salisbury, North Carolina, died February 28, 2010. He was an electrical supervisor construction installer. Montgomery was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Matthew K. Harper '85, communications, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, died May 3, 2010. He moved to Myrtle Beach after graduation and worked at Carolina Opry from 1986-91. Harper worked for Hard Rock Restaurant Group and Margaritaville Restaurant Group as a sales manager.

Gregory S. Kleiman '85, sociology, of Evansville, died April 23, 2010. He enjoyed Indiana University basketball and was a devoted Colts fan.

Sharlene Knight '86, marketing, of Thompsonville, Illinois, died June 18, 2010.

Karla Littlepage Mullen '86, social science, of Henderson, Kentucky, died July 25, 2010.

Pierre Ziebell '92, business administration, of Evansville, died March 23, 2010. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. Ziebell worked as a delivery driver for 10 years.

Shades of Ireland

USI Alumni Association trip

June 26 – July 5, 2011

10 days with 13 meals: eight breakfasts and five dinners
Tour operator: Collette Vacations and Lifestyle Tours

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Patrick E. Martin '93, geology, of Camby, Indiana, died June 28, 2010. He was a geologist for Patriot Engineering.

Linda E. Barton '94, business, of Evansville, died July 26, 2010. She was employed at the American Red Cross.

Corellen Baker '98, social work, of Owensville, Indiana, died July 8, 2010. She was a social worker and worked for Owensville Convalescent Center, Forest Dell, and Pine Haven.

Mark S. Boylls '01, social work, of Evansville, died May 10, 2010. He realized his love for working with the elderly during his years at Southwestern Indiana Mental Health and later at the Good Samaritan Home.

Travis E. Neff '03, journalism and computer publishing, of Boonville, Indiana, died April 21, 2010. He was enthusiastic about sports, history, the field of journalism, and animals. Neff was employed as a reporter and photographer at the *Princeton Clarion* and the *Boonville Standard*.

Faculty/staff In Memoriam

Dr. Donald Dean Bennett, vice president emeritus for Student Affairs and professor emeritus of education, died July 9, 2010, in Indianapolis. He joined USI in 1968 and retired in 1996. During his years with the University, he served as assistant dean, dean of Academic and Student Services, vice president for Student Affairs, director of Athletics, and associate professor of education. The campus thoroughfare stretching from University Boulevard near the Physical Activities Center, past athletic fields, and into the Bent Twig Outdoor Education Center is named Bennett Lane to honor his service to the University. Gifts to the USI Foundation in his memory will be used to establish a scholarship in his name.

Remembering University friends

Charles Huppert, WWII hero

Charles Christopher Huppert, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree from USI, died February 19, 2010, in Evansville. He was an Evansville businessman. A World War II pilot, Huppert was flying a plane along Tunisia's coast in 1943 when he was shot down and taken prisoner by Germans. As a prisoner of war, he helped engineer "The Great Escape" from a Nazi POW camp. Huppert delivered the 2005 USI Commencement address.

William H. Mitchell, retired oil executive and philanthropist

William H. "Bill" Mitchell, retired owner and operator of M&M Oil Company in Albion, Illinois, died August 28, 2010. He was a resident of Albion before moving to Evansville in 2008. He and his wife Trudy, who survives him, are longtime friends of the University. They established a Presidential Scholarship and have provided generous gifts to support faculty, students, and technology in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The USI choral program also has benefited from their gifts. For several years they hosted USI information nights for prospective students in southern Illinois. A life director of the USI Foundation, Mitchell received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Commencement in 1984. Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center is named in honor of the couple.

Jane Owen, New Harmony benefactor

Jane Blaffer Owen died June 21, 2010, in Houston, Texas. Her life work was to preserve and revitalize New Harmony, Indiana. She founded the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation and shaped the town into a major cultural center and visitor attraction. She was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from USI at the first Commencement in 1971. Owen supported USI programs including the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, Historic New Harmony, New Harmony Theatre, Historic Southern Indiana, USI Society for Arts and Humanities, RopeWalk Writers Retreat, and the USI Annual Fund.

Stephen S. Pace, artist

A prominent member of the New York Abstract Expressionists art movement, Stephen S. Pace died on September 23, 2010 (as this issue of the *USI Magazine* was going to press). Pace, who received an honorary Doctor of Arts degree from USI in 2002, was a longtime friend of the University and one of the namesakes of the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center & Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries. For more about Pace, see www.usi.edu/magazine.

Dorothea Schlechte, arts patron

Dorothea Schlechte, a supporter of the arts at USI since the 1970s, died April 15, 2010, in Evansville. Her major gift to the USI Foundation made possible the limestone relief on the exterior of the Rice Library. John McNaughton, professor emeritus of art, and Katie Waters, professor of art, collaborated on the design of the Schlechte Façade, which depicts a view of campus as seen from the library. Schlechte also was a longtime supporter of the arts and nature in the community and nation.

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Marat/Apollo, Christine Perri, 2003.

Right: *Ann's Hand: Antwerp*, Ann Lannert, 1996.



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- Ann Lannert Sculptures

November 8 - December 10

- USI Senior Seminar Exhibit
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- 41st Annual USI Juried Student Exhibition
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