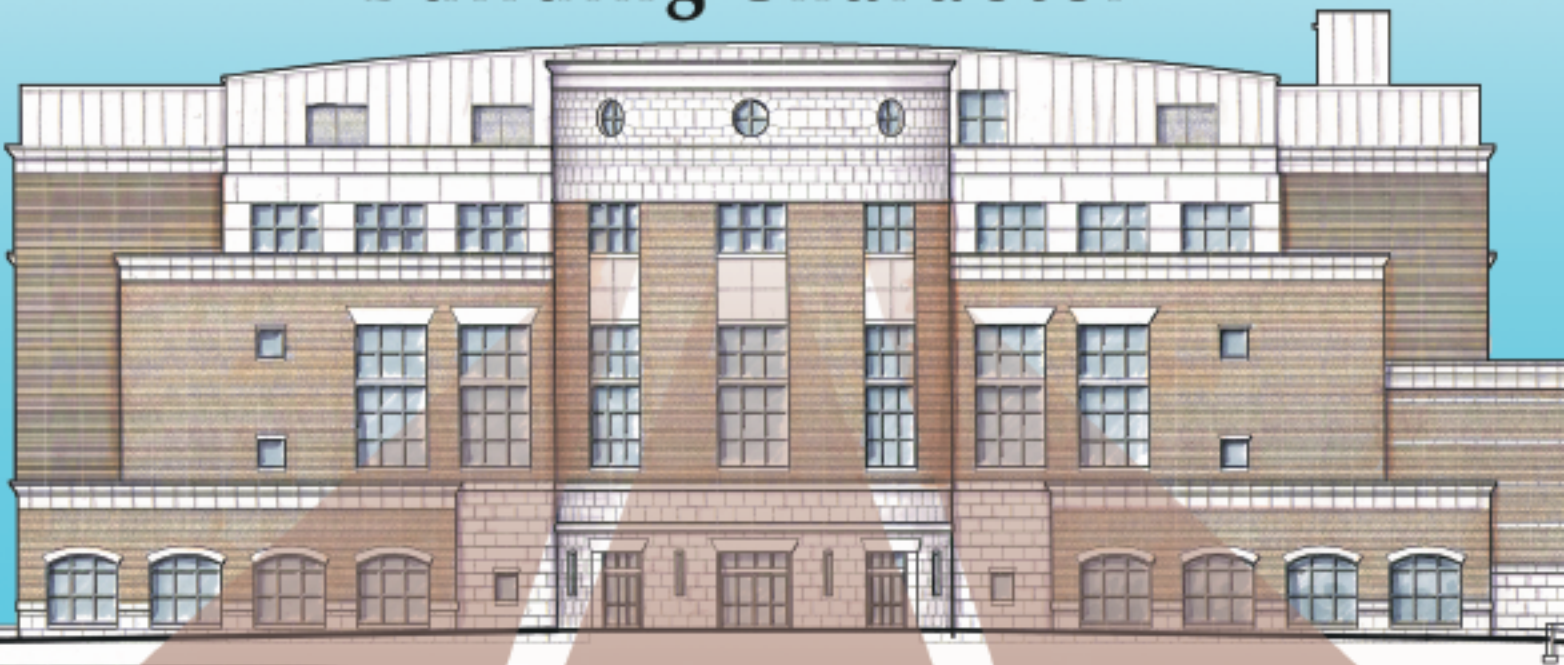


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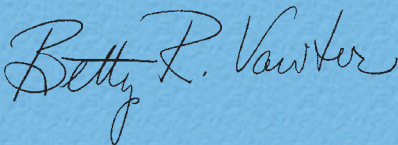
Marking the decades

Coincidentally, this issue of the magazine offers articles on two University programs that are marking anniversary years.

Ten years ago the University instituted the University Core Curriculum. The core's 50 credit hours of courses ensure that graduates are well educated no matter how they earn a living. See page 2.

Thirty years ago the doors of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art opened in New Harmony, Indiana. The creation of a space where living artists could exhibit their work saluted the progressive ideas of early New Harmony settlers and established a new reason to visit the town. While I was at the gallery recently to talk with Connie Weinzapfel and April Vasher-Dean, Malcolm and Janet Roessler of Louisville, Kentucky, dropped in to shop for gifts in the consignment shop. The Roesslers discovered New Harmony 20 years ago when his business contacts first brought them to Posey County and they have been coming back ever since. They admit to being charmed by the gardens, the homes, and the friendly people as well as the gallery. Learn more about the gallery and its 30th Anniversary Show on page 4.

Another big anniversary—the University's 40th—is coming up. You can help us tell that story. See the inside back cover.



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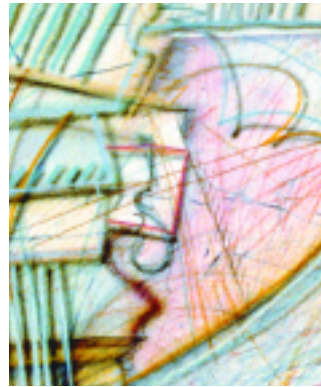
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University Core Curriculum

The cornerstone for a lifetime of thoughtful living

A USI School of Business graduate likens the University Core Curriculum to a well-diversified financial portfolio.

“In today’s economy, we know that investing all of our money in one fund or stock is foolish because that fund or stock’s value could suddenly plummet, and as investors, we would lose everything. It is just as important to diversify our education by being competent and knowledgeable in several areas as it is to diversify our financial portfolio. Otherwise, as the world changes and technology improves, we could be left with skills that are no longer in demand,” said Zachary Jackson ’01, who earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics. As a senior, he was the student representative on the University Core Curriculum (UCC) Council.

Just as a balanced financial portfolio weathers various economic conditions, USI’s core curriculum prepares students to live wisely in all aspects of their lives.

“The math, composition, speech, history, science, and cultural classes that I took as part of the UCC requirements help me do what I do every day,” he said.

After graduating from USI, Jackson earned a master’s degree in public affairs from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He is now a policy analyst for the State of Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning. He also prepares an annual report, “The Compilation of State Rankings,” for the Indiana Economic Development Council.

Like thousands of other graduates in recent years, Jackson completed USI’s core curriculum, a selection of courses required of all degree-seeking students regardless of major. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the introduction of the core, which includes courses from all schools of the University. Students choose and must complete 50 semester hours, distributed to fulfill various components.

Dr. John H. Gottcent, professor of English and director of the University Core Curriculum, said that a decade after



John Gottcent is director of the University Core Curriculum.

the core’s introduction “we can be a little more certain that we are graduating students with some sense of ethical responsibility, a sense of where they came from, and a sense of the world as a whole.”

Overall goals of the core curriculum are to develop skills in critical thinking and information processing. The core includes courses designed to help students understand themselves and the world so that they can become responsible citizens and leaders.

Eric vonFuhrmann, associate professor of English, believes every student should be exposed to certain subjects and ideas to be considered an educated person. He is the recipient of USI’s 2004 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.

“The core curriculum is the central part of the college,” he said. “The other part is vocational training. You take a major. That gets you a job and the money you need for rent and a car, but the important part of the college is the exposure to books, professors, and ideas.

“In the core, students get exposed to things that they would never get in their major. It’s the common experience that

students should have at college. It binds us as a people, binds us as a nation, and binds us as educated people.”

Though the introduction of the core goes back 10 years, its development is rooted in issues that came to the forefront more than 20 years ago.

In 1984, William J. Bennett, who was then chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, published a report called “To Reclaim a Legacy: a Report on the Humanities in Higher Education,” in which he decried the value of a bachelor’s degree.

The report said, “Although more than 50 percent of America’s high school graduates continue their education at American colleges and universities, few of them can be said to receive there an adequate education in the culture and civilization of which they are members. Most of our college graduates remain shortchanged in the humanities—history, literature, philosophy, and the ideals and practices of the past that have shaped the society they enter.”

It continued, “If the teacher is the guide, the curriculum is the path. A good curriculum marks the points of significance so that the student does not wander aimlessly over the terrain, dependent solely on chance to discover the landmarks of human achievement.”

One of several recommendations was that universities reshape their curricula “based on a clear vision of what constitutes an educated person, regardless of major, and on the study of history, philosophy, languages, and literature.” Bennett served as secretary of education for President Reagan from 1985-88.

Gottcent heard Bennett speak at a conference at Rockford College in Illinois as USI, like many universities throughout the nation, began to address the issues he was presenting.

Previously, all USI students had been required to take the “general education program,” a set of guidelines with a few required courses in English, speech, physical education, the humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences.

CORE CURRICULUM

While well-intentioned, that program could result, if students were not careful, in their choosing a hodgepodge of courses with little coordination. By 1989, the humanities area had been strengthened with two courses in the Western tradition. Soon, the University was looking at the general education program from the ground up.

Chaired by Gottcent, a committee developed the University Core Curriculum over two years from 1991-93. Over the next two years, decisions were made about which courses fulfilled specific goals. The University Core Curriculum

“There is no way I could function in my current position if I hadn’t acquired the skills I need from my general education courses and experiences.”

**— Jerry Cain
Dean
Pott School of Science
and Engineering**

was introduced as a requirement for all freshmen entering in fall 1995 and for transfer students entering in fall 1997.

Gottcent said that the development of the core was a deliberate process, accomplished only with much discussion and debate. Some faculty wanted categories that belonged only to a single department; others felt categories should cross departmental boundaries. The result is a compromise. Some core requirements (mathematics, for instance) must be fulfilled with courses offered by a single

department; others (global communities, for instance) may be fulfilled with courses from a variety of departments.

The core is not static. The University has been especially attentive to interdisciplinary courses and courses in the global communities category in recent years. Some of the newer UCC courses are in gender studies and the art of ancient Mexico. A course may be deleted from the core curriculum at the request of the academic department, if it is no longer offered, or if it does not measure up in the assessment process

Assessment is ongoing. In 1997, the UCC Council looked at the broad categories and considered whether the courses in each one were still meeting the goals. A more detailed assessment which began in 2003 will take seven years. The core presently includes almost 170 courses. The council is reviewing approximately 25 courses each year.

Students begin taking UCC courses as freshmen. Their course load is heavy in core courses at first with more study in their majors as their academic careers progress. “But the core never disappears,” Gottcent said.

The synthesis requirement is a senior-level course that requires students to develop interdisciplinary responses to problems and issues of contemporary life—a chance for them to demonstrate that they can think critically and process information.

Dr. Jerome R. Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, champions the core.

“We seek feedback from the employers that hire our graduates and the professional/graduate schools that accept them for advanced study about what our graduates should know,” he said. “Almost never do they tell us that our chemistry majors should know more chemistry or that our mathematics majors should know more mathematics. Rather, employers and graduate schools tell us to send them graduates who can communicate both verbally and in writing, who can solve problems, who can work effectively

University Core Curriculum

Core courses fall into the following categories:

- A. The Mind: Enhancement of Cognitive Abilities
 1. Composition/Speech
 2. Math
- B. The Self: Enhancement of Individual Development
 1. Ethics
 2. The Arts
 3. Health/Fitness
- C. The World: Enhancement of Cultural and Natural Awareness
 1. History
 2. Individual Development/Social Behavior
 3. Science
 4. Western Culture
 5. Global Communities
- D. The Synthesis: Integration and Application of Knowledge

as a member of an organization, and who have learned how to learn.”

Cain uses himself as a prime example of why a strong general education is important. “I hold a Ph.D. in biology and am trained as a research biologist,” he said. “And now as a dean, what do I do day in and day out? Communicate. Solve problems. Develop ideas for future directions. Work with others who are part of teams. In short, there is no way I could function in my current position if I hadn’t acquired the skills I need from my general education courses and experiences.”



For 30 years
a forum for Midwestern artists



New Harmony Gallery Of Contemporary Art

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will be celebrating this year with a 30th anniversary exhibition and a catalog encompassing three decades of shows.

In 1975, the creation of a gallery to showcase contemporary art in New Harmony, Indiana, seemed logical, given the community's heritage. Today the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art has proven its staying power as a forum where living artists, primarily from the Midwest, can present their work and viewers can contemplate it.

The gallery was established at a time of re-invigoration for the southwestern Indiana community, the site of two 19th century utopian experiments. Leaders from Historic New Harmony, Inc., a private nonprofit organization charged with preserving buildings, artifacts, and heritage, and other interested organizations got together to develop programs that would continue to manifest the progressive ideas of a utopian community and at the same time attract tourism and other development.

John Begley, founding director of the gallery, said, "New Harmony was a place of ideas...so contemporary art did not seem a stretch. In fact, it seemed to echo and reinforce the revolutionary spirit of the place."

Begley likens the summer of 1975 in New Harmony to Robert Owen's "Boatload of Knowledge" that arrived on the banks of the Wabash in 1825 to establish the second of the two communal experiments.

"With the newly re-formed New Harmony Commission, the Red Geranium Enterprises with their new inn, the area's

New Harmony Gallery
of Contemporary Art

30th Anniversary Show
Mixed Media
May 21 – June 30

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universities, the Owen family leadership, and the Lilly Endowment's support, new opportunities were possible, unlike anything since the original Harmonist/Owen communities," he said.

Now, the gallery in the town of 850 persons is widely known and sought after by both artists and audience. The nearest established contemporary gallery is at least a two-hour drive away.

Showing the work of about 50 professional artists a year, the New Harmony Gallery offers a mix of solo, group, and themed shows and a wide selection of art from wood and textiles to painting and installations like the 10,000 cows' tails in the Sad Wave exhibit of 1997.

The University of Southern Indiana assumed management of the nonprofit Historic New Harmony, Inc., including the gallery, in 1985.

Connie Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony, was director of the gallery from 1985 through 1996. It is one of the few venues in the Midwest for contemporary art outside the cities.

"Because the gallery is not-for-profit, we can take chances," she said. "The gallery has a good reputation. Some of the artists are making a living at their art, and some are not, but all are professional artists."

April Vasher-Dean, director of the gallery since 2002, said the gallery space is enviable. Two Victorian storefronts at 506 Main Street lead inside to an exhibit area with high ceilings and wooden floors. A varied and sophisticated audience views the work of gallery exhibitors. New Harmony attracts area visitors as well as scholars and tourists from around the world.

The gallery will have a special 30th anniversary show May 21 through June 30. The five former directors each have recommended one artist with whom they worked during their tenure to participate in the show. The gallery will publish a catalog highlighting the past 30 years.

Begley, now gallery director at the Hite Art Institute of the University of Louisville, has recommended Rick Paul of Indianapolis. Paul is known for his installations and sculptures.

Jonathan Soard, director from 1983-85, has recommended Mary Beth Edelson, an internationally known printmaker and feminist artist who lives in New York City.

Also a New York artist, Soard said, "I thought long and hard about criteria for choosing one artist for the 30th anniversary year. Whoever or whatever—would have to have a continuing connection to the region, a place in the art world (whatever that is) as an esthetic and/or intellectual force, and the understanding that their connection to New Harmony was/is important. On the first two points, I was fairly certain that she was the right choice. When she accepted and was excited by the inclusion, I was positive."

An Indiana native, Edelson will return to New Harmony again in 2006 for an exhibition with a utopian theme which she is designing specifically for the community.

Begley and Soard continue active participation with the gallery as members of the board of advisors.

Weinzapfel's pick for the anniversary show is Karen Thompson, a faculty member at University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne. Her photography and digital imagery reflect themes in her teaching field, art history. Thompson's original exhibit at the gallery was in 1991.

Scott Knauer, gallery director in 1996-97, selected Cheonae Kim, a minimalist painter from the Carbondale, Illinois, area.

Blake Cook, who directed the gallery from 1997-2001, chose Evansville artist Ann Lannert, who had a solo show in 1999. Lannert creates assemblages from found objects.

The gallery works with USI art faculty to coordinate a show each year for senior art students. This year 57 students in the senior art seminar exhibited their work during January and early February. The show was divided into two separate exhibitions,

each about two weeks long, due to growth in the art program. In 1992, seven seniors participated in the first student show at the gallery.

Katie Waters, USI professor of art who teaches the senior art seminar, said the New Harmony exhibition is a professional experience in many ways for the students. They gain firsthand knowledge of contracts, consignment of artwork, pricing of work, and correct professional presentation. They must meet deadlines, prepare an artist statement and resumé for display, and experience public reaction to their art at the opening reception and during the show.

As director of the gallery, Vasher-Dean is committed to enhancing the gallery's mission to showcase artists—usually emerging artists — from the Midwest. "I try to find those artists and introduce them to the community and the community to them," she said.

Most artists come from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan.

Vasher-Dean plans the exhibits no more than a year in advance. "I want the work to be as fresh as possible and as close

to what I see when accepting the artist for the show," she said, adding that artists often change their work or styles over time.

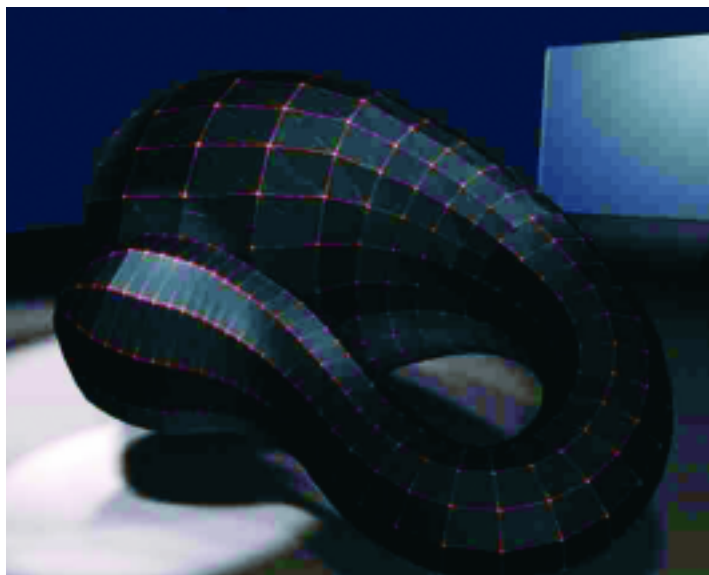
In art, Vasher-Dean said that "nothing ever goes away" although different media may be more prevalent in certain time periods and content may change to reflect the social and political issues of the day. Looking back, Weinzapfel remembers that shows in the '70s were heavy with textiles and pottery. Landscape and figurative art are timeless and seen consistently. Last spring the gallery featured digital imagery, unheard of 30 years ago.

A consignment shop featuring the work of more

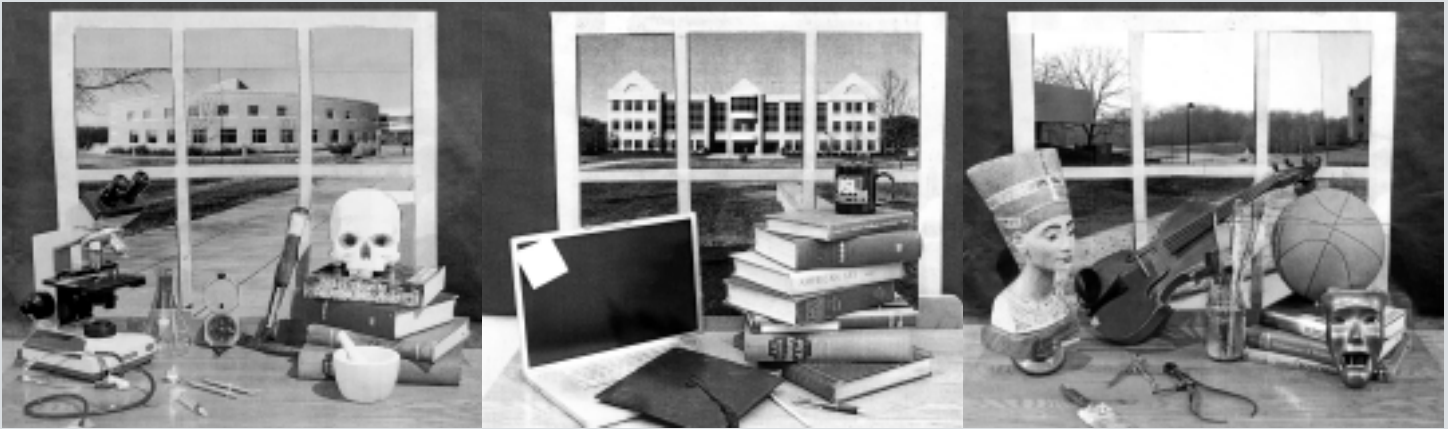
than 300 regional artists complements the gallery. Pieces are consigned for a year. "We get such a different tourist crowd every season of the year," said Vasher-Dean. "You just never know when the right owner for a piece is going to walk through the door."

Erika Myers-Bromwell, assistant director of the gallery, handles much of the responsibility for the consignment shop.

In addition to its exhibitions and consignment shop, the gallery provides tours for school groups, specialized tours for other groups such as Elderhostel classes, conservation framing services, and art strolls in co-operation with fellow New Harmony arts groups. The gallery also co-sponsors a visiting artist program with the USI Department of Art, Music, and Theatre.



Rick Paul's "History Vessel" (plywood and milk paint, 8 feet by 6 feet by 6 feet) is a work in progress that can be seen at the gallery's 30th Anniversary Show.



No need to look back

Artistic facade of new Rice Library to reflect campus architecture, scenes

Dorothea Schlechte underwrites distinctive limestone reliefs

Visitors approaching the new state-of-the-art David L. Rice Library will need only to look straight ahead to see what is behind them.

Two USI professors have engaged in a creative collaboration to design three limestone reliefs for the entrance facing the Liberal Arts Center. John McNaughton, who retires this year after 35 years with the University, said that he and colleague Katie Waters wanted the sculpture to be a panoramic view of the campus as seen from the new building.



Schlechte

Each of the three limestone panels represents a window looking out the front of the library. The background of the center relief or “window” reflects the Liberal Arts Center straight ahead. The panel on the left (if the viewer is facing the library) reflects the University Center. The third panel features Reflection Lake. The foreground of each relief is a still life depicting objects indicative of University life, such as a computer, books, stethoscope, dividers, mortarboard, and athletic gear.

The artistic façade is made possible by a major gift from Dorothea Johnson

Schlechte, an Evansville resident since 1948 and longtime supporter of the arts in the community. She celebrated her 97th birthday in December.

When McNaughton, as a new faculty member, was seeking a venue in 1970 for a student art show, Schlechte arranged an exhibit in a gallery at the Washington Square Branch of Old National Bank. Her husband Walter was chairman of Old National.

McNaughton said, “She was the first person to reach out, and now as I retire, she’s still helping me out.”

Each limestone relief will be approximately nine feet by 10 feet in size and will be positioned about 30-feet high on the building. Stone masons at Evans Limestone Company in Bedford, Indiana, a company internationally known for limestone production, will carve the panels.

Plaster castings of the three reliefs will be on permanent display in the new building along with a plaque recognizing Schlechte.

The \$27.5 million library will be the tallest building on campus and twice the size of the present library. Opening is scheduled for June 2006.



John McNaughton and Katie Waters work on clay models for the library reliefs. McNaughton will be guest curator in June for an exhibit at Chapman Friedman Gallery in Louisville, Kentucky. His work also can be seen at Mobilia Gallery in Boston during May and on the grounds of the Indianapolis Art Center in the Broad Ripple area in May. For more on Katie Waters, see page 10.

Selma Wietrich, friend we never knew, tops list of recent donors

Selma E. Wietrich, 98, retired executive secretary and a friend we never knew, has left a \$590,000 perpetual trust to provide \$30,000 in annual scholarships to benefit USI students. The Frederick Wuetherich Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund will be managed as a perpetual trust by Ron Boren '81, her longtime investment advisor at Hilliard Lyons. Her will, which specified that the USI Foundation receive 12 scholarships valued at \$2,500 every year in perpetuity, mentions the high regard which her parents Frederick and Louisa Wuetherich had for higher education. The first scholarships will be funded in 2005-06.

"Other recent gifts also will have a profound impact on the USI Foundation's private scholarship program," said Suzanne A. Nicholson, president of the USI Foundation. Recent donors also include those who underwrote the cost of the Foundation's two new donor recognition wall displays—the President's Associates' new Legacy of Lifetime Giving and the USI Visionaries.

- **Azteca Milling Company** has committed an annual \$1,000 scholarship for an Hispanic student attending USI.
- Former USI trustee board chairs **Bruce Baker** and **Jim Will Sr.**, along with USI Foundation advisory council member **Pat O'Daniel**, have committed a total of \$12,000 to underwrite the cost of the new USI Visionaries wall display featuring trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff who have either established or been honored by scholarships for USI students. Pat O'Daniel's gift honors his late father Joe O'Daniel, who also chaired the University's Board of Trustees.
- **Virginia Bantle Cox**, of New Harmony, endowed a memorial scholarship at \$55,000 through her will. The Cox Scholarships will provide financial assistance for deserving students.

- **Emma Gorby's** estate gift totaled \$129,502, establishing the Melville Paul and Emma A. Gorby Deans Scholarship.
- **Daisy P. Hardy**, who lost her life in 2004 when her Evansville home exploded from a gas leak, left a \$25,000 unrestricted gift to the USI Foundation in her will.
- **Ed Harrison's** scholarship endowment has been boosted to more than \$1 million through his estate gift. The Harrison Scholarships will continue to support pre-med and nursing students.
- **Russ Neathery** has contributed \$150,000 to establish the B. Russell and Helen G. Neathery West Side Optimist Scholarship to benefit Mater Dei and Reitz High School students attending USI.
- **Hazel Roesner**, a charter member of the *Reflections* planned giving society, made provisions in her will to establish the Raymond W. and Hazel D. Roesner Scholarship for business students with a \$37,500 bequest.
- USI Foundation board chair **Ron Romain '73** has contributed a \$10,000 endowment to fund an annual Romain Baseball Scholarship to enhance USI's baseball program.
- **Bob and Carole '77 Rust**, of Mount Vernon, took advantage of the Lilly Endowment matching challenge gift in 2003 to establish two scholarships totaling \$50,000, including corporate matching gifts. Their gift endows the Rust Engineering Scholarship and the Rust Foreign Language Scholarship. Carole is a former USI trustee and Bob is USI staff engineer. The Rusts more recently initiated funding for the Bob and Carole Rust Endowed Presidential Scholarship, becoming the 31st endowed Presidential Scholarship, 19 of which are active.

- The **Edgar W. and Lucile E. Schergens Foundation**, of Tell City, established the Perry County Laurel Award benefiting USI students from Perry County with an annual \$8,500 comprehensive merit scholarship.
- **USI Black Alumni Society**, a new organization representing USI's 284 African-American graduates, has established an annual scholarship to assist a student each year with tuition, fees, and/or book expenses. USI Trustee Harolyn Torain '71 has funded the first scholarship.
- The 1,000-member **USI Nursing Alumni Society** kicked off a fundraising campaign in October for its new scholarship to benefit both undergraduate and graduate nursing students.
- Alumna **Janet Waggoner '96**, of Bloomington, along with her husband **Richard Yowell**, remembered the daughter of classmate **Jean Wilson M.S.W. '97** with the Jenny Ann Memorial Scholarship in social work for Shoals High School graduates.
- **Betty Worthington** honored the memory of her late husband **C. Wayne Worthington**, president of National City Bank and USI Foundation board chair from 1987-1992, by underwriting the cost of The Legacy of Lifetime Giving donor recognition wall display. The display provides permanent recognition of those whose lifetime giving in support of the University has been significant.
- **Ruth Gray Yates**, of Tell City, Indiana, retired teacher who died in January at age 95, left a bequest endowing the Presidential Scholarship she began as a four-year scholarship. She was honored posthumously with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 2004 Commencement.

Engineering scholarship endowments growing toward \$1 million goal

Nine southern Indiana businesses and individuals have committed \$622,500 for engineering scholarship endowments in response to the Lilly Endowment challenge to reach a total of \$1 million by December 2007.

Lilly Endowment Inc. established the challenge with its own \$200,000 scholarship endowment as part of a \$1 million grant to the University of Southern Indiana in 2003 from its "Initiative to Promote Opportunity through Educational Collaborations."

Separate engineering scholarship endowments have been established by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, \$275,000; Lilly Endowment, \$200,000; Vectren Foundation, \$100,000; Alcoa Foundation, \$50,000; Biagi, Chance, Cummins, London, Titzer, Inc., \$50,000; Hafer Associates, \$50,000; USI staff engineer Bob Rust and his wife Carole Rust '77, a former USI trustee, \$37,500; Koch Foundation, \$25,000; Veazey, Parrott, Durkin & Shoulders, \$25,000;

and Fritz H. and Henrietta W. Zurstadt, \$10,000. The USI Foundation will be seeking additional engineering scholarship endowments over the next several years to reach the \$1 million goal.

Endowed scholarship funds in the USI Foundation provide a permanent income to underwrite the annual scholarship awards. The historic gift value establishes the endowment, which then is invested in perpetuity. The Foundation's spending policy is 4.5 percent of a rolling 12-quarter average of the endowment's value.

In a major effort to support its new engineering program, the University of Southern Indiana's proposal to the Lilly Endowment for its educational collaborations grant focused on expanding cooperative educational opportunities for its engineering students. In addition to its \$200,000 engineering scholarship endowment, Lilly Endowment also provided \$376,000 for scholarships for engineering co-op students and \$424,000 for incen-

tives for employers to provide engineering co-op opportunities.

The University, according to President H. Ray Hoops, believes it is imperative that USI engineering graduates accept positions with in-state employers to fill the need identified by a University task force that surveyed economic and workforce development needs in 2000. The report of that task force led to the development of the engineering program to meet an expressed critical need for engineers in the southern Indiana region. In 2004-05, 212 students are enrolled in the engineering program.

At the end of the Lilly Endowment's grant period in 2007, USI expects that the endowment fund will perpetuate the scholarship program and that employers who have received incentives will, from their own budgets, assume the cost of the co-op and internship salaries. USI also believes that co-op and internship opportunities will widen as potential employers learn the value of these relationships.

Nick and Ann Carter Scholarships

New \$1 million endowment sets up permanent income

The proceeds from a charitable remainder unitrust established in 1998 by generous USI friend Nick Carter will provide the basis for a \$1 million endowment to underwrite the Jennings D. and Ann Y. Carter Scholarships for students needing financial assistance to attend the University of Southern Indiana.

Ann Yates Brightmire Carter, formerly of Evansville, died at her Vero Beach, Florida, home on December 24 at age 84. She was the widow of Nick Carter. They were married for six years at the time of his death in December 2002 at age 94. He previously had been married to Josephine Kizer Carter for 58 years at the time of her death in March 1996. Nick Carter's leadership gift during *Campaign USI* provided funding for the University Center's Carter Hall, which is named for Jo Carter.

Remembered as the donor of USI's first million-dollar gift, Nick Carter established two major scholarship endowments. The first endowment for the Jennings D. and Josephine K. Carter Scholarships, established in 1996, is valued today at more than \$1.5 million. The second endowment for the Jennings D. and Ann Y. Carter Scholarships will be worth over \$1 million. Both endowments will provide permanent income for the Carter Scholarships, which—if annual earnings reach five percent per year—will produce \$125,000 annually in scholarship awards.

A memorial service for Ann Carter was held in Vero Beach on January 8. Survivors include a daughter Barbara Bush, a son Richard Brightmire, a brother Ed Yates, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

2004-05 USI Annual Fund As of December 31, 2004

Gifts to the 2004-05 USI Annual Fund may be made through June 30, 2005.

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$110,000	\$ 65,000	\$225,000	\$400,000
Actual	\$ 88,875	\$ 56,675	\$183,108	\$328,658

New USI Visionaries identified

Sixteen new scholarships and awards have been created over the past 18 months by USI Visionaries (USI trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff) since the original lists of USI Visionaries were published in 2003 in *USI Magazine* Foundation pages.

The following Visionaries have established scholarships or awards:

Michael and Patty Aakhus

Art Travel Scholarship

Patricia Aakhus: instructor/English

Michael K. Aakhus: associate dean/Liberal Arts, professor/art

Jack Marr Biology Scholarship

Dr. Jackson L. Marr: associate professor emeritus/biology

Ropewalk Advanced Creative Writing Award

Matthew R. Graham: associate professor/English

Bob and Carole Rust Endowed

Presidential Scholarship

Bob and Carole Rust

Engineering Scholarship

Bob and Carole Rust

Foreign Language Scholarship

Robert A. Rust: USI staff engineer

Carole D. Rust '77: former USI trustee

Joseph Sayyah Memorial Award

Patricia Aakhus: instructor/English

Michael K. Aakhus: associate dean/Liberal Arts, professor/art

As of December 31 a total of 79 scholarships and awards are attributed to USI trustees and employees, representing more than 10 percent of all private scholarships and awards managed by the USI Foundation.

The following Visionaries have been honored with a scholarship or award:

Augustine Jay Fredrich Scholarship

Jay Fredrich: associate dean emeritus/ Pott School of Science and Engineering

Marie Hankins Chemistry Scholarship

Dr. Marie G. Hankins: professor emerita/chemistry

Tim Mahoney Business Scholarship

Timothy B. Mahoney: instructor/economics

Dan Miller Senior Prize in History

Dr. Daniel A. Miller: professor emeritus/history

Oscar Ozete Spanish Scholarship

Dr. Oscar Ozete: professor emeritus/Spanish

Jean Schneider Memorial Scholarship

Jean Schneider: senior accounting assistant/ Business Office

Mary A. Schroeder Scholarship in Communication Studies

Mary A. Schroeder: associate professor emerita/communications

Ruth Tompkins Helfrich Park Scholarship

Dr. Ruth S. Tompkins: associate professor emerita/education

Dan Wade Accounting Scholarship

Dr. Daniel E. Wade: professor/accounting

Susie Gumberts' bequest provides \$1 million for business scholarships

Susie Gumberts, well-known Evansville horticulturist, has enabled USI's School of Business to establish a major scholarship program through her estate plan, leaving \$1 million in scholarship endowments. She died August 31 at age 88.

The two scholarship endowments—each valued at \$500,000—are named for Gumberts and her husband, Susie and Richard A. Gumberts Scholarship, and for her parents, Anna B. and Eugene J. Wells Scholarship. Her husband owned R & G Furniture Company in downtown Evansville for many years. Her parents owned Wells Department Store, also on Main Street.

Dr. R. Eugene Klippel, dean of the School of Business, has been meeting with the school's scholarship committee to develop strategies for awarding the two scholarships not only to benefit business majors but also to strengthen the academic school through recruitment of top students. The income from the Gumberts and Wells Scholarships initially will total \$45,000 annually, based on the USI Foundation's spending policy.

Gumberts gave her residence to the USI Foundation during *Campaign USI* in 1996. Proceeds from the house sale will underwrite the Susie and Richard A. Gumberts Endowed Presidential Scholarship.

She was a founding member and life board member of Operation City Beautiful (now Keep Evansville Beautiful) and active in a number of other community activities, including the Evansville Philharmonic Guild and Regional Reading Aid.



Dr. Darrel Bigham, professor of history, is pictured in front of the new USI Visionaries recognition wall which hangs in the University Center. USI Visionaries are defined as trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff who have established or been honored by scholarships and awards benefiting USI students. The Hitchcock Memorial Award was created in 1976 by Bigham and his wife Polly as a tribute to her parents and to recognize a top history student. It was the first scholarship or award established by USI faculty and staff. The USI Visionaries display is the gift of USI Trustees Bruce Baker and Jim Will Sr., and Pat O'Daniel in memory of his father, Trustee Joe O'Daniel.

USI self study is preparation for re-accreditation

The University of Southern Indiana is conducting an institution-wide self study as it prepares for re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 2006.

The HLC is asking all schools to examine their performance in five principal criteria: Mission and Integrity; Preparing for the Future; Student Learning and Effective Teaching; Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge; and Engagement and Service.

Faculty, staff, and students are serving on five subcommittees, one representing each criterion, with their work being overseen by a steering committee of faculty and staff. They will publish a report of their findings and will welcome an evaluation team from the HLC to campus for a site visit in fall 2006.

Dr. Charles F. Harrington, chair of the self-study steering committee, said the self-study should provide a road map to help move the University forward.

As a part of the self study, campus focus groups have been conducted among faculty, staff, and students, and community focus groups have been conducted among alumni, media, and business and community leaders. The focus groups collected data and



In the self-study report, the Higher Learning Commission will learn about USI's commitment to academic excellence in undergraduate education as well as the University's reach into the community with programs such as professional summer theatre in New Harmony, Indiana.



comments principally about University mission and community engagement.

A brochure published by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) explains that in the United States, schools and colleges voluntarily seek accreditation from nongovernmental bodies. There are two types of educational accreditation: institutional and specialized. There are six regional associations, including the North Central Association, which extend institutional accreditation. According to the HLC,

the regional associations accredit the organization as a whole, assessing formal educational activities and evaluating such things as governance and administration, financial stability, admissions, student services, institutional resources, student learning, institutional effectiveness, and relationships with internal and external constituencies. The most recent USI re-accreditation was granted in 1995, for the maximum period of 10 years.

Specialized accrediting bodies evaluate particular units, schools, or programs within an organization. USI carries both institutional and specialized accreditation in every program for which it is possible.

Arts Council selects Katie Waters as Artist of the Year

Katie Waters, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, has been honored as the 2004 Artist of the Year by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana.

She said that one of the most rewarding aspects of the recognition was that two other 2004 award winners have USI connections. Both the Art Educator of the Year, Jane-Case Vickers '89, and the Young Artist of the Year, Signature School senior Whitney



Waters

Oliver, have been students of Waters in USI art courses.

On sabbatical this semester, Waters will spend part of the time in the studio of her Evansville home. From mid-April through May, she will live and work at the Ragdale Foundation, an artists' retreat in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Waters joined USI in 1981. She teaches courses in drawing and painting and conducts the senior art seminar. Her work appears in many private and corporate collections, and her drawings and paintings have been exhibited widely at the national and regional levels.

In 2000, she was the only artist from Southern Indiana selected for inclusion in the State of Indiana exhibition at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Rutgers administrator named vice president for Business Affairs

Mark Rozewski has been named vice president for Business Affairs. He assumed responsibilities in March as the chief business and fiscal officer for the University.

Rozewski was associate provost for Finance and Administration at Rutgers University, Camden (New Jersey) campus, a public research university with an international reputation for teaching, research, and service, before coming to USI.

The Camden campus has almost 6,000 students enrolled in an undergraduate college, a school of business, and a law school. Comparing the Camden campus to USI, Rozewski said that both are student-centered institutions where teaching and quality are important. He praised both for having excellent facilities and noted that both are in periods of growth.

Rozewski has been associated with Rutgers since 1978, both on the main campus and at Camden, and has held positions of increasingly greater responsibility in planning, physical plant, budgeting, major capital project planning,

finance, and administration. He has held his present position since 1996.

At the Camden campus, Rozewski chaired the Self Study Committee in preparation for an accreditation site visit; gave leadership to major new campus developments to support campus expansion and enrollment growth, including \$20 million in general campus construction, a \$31-million law school, and the development of new student housing via a public-private partnership; and gave leadership to a broad-based effort to share support services such as libraries, recreational and student health services, security, parking, facilities services, and debit cards, with two other colleges in Camden.

Rozewski earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning and a master's degree in city and regional planning, both from Rutgers, and has taken additional graduate work at Texas A&M University. He is licensed by the American Institute of Certified Planners and completed the Harvard University Higher Education Management Development Program.

Historic Southern Indiana helps regional corridor get scenic byway designation

A two-pronged corridor of U.S. 50 and U.S. 150 in Southern Indiana is the newest addition to Indiana's scenic byways.

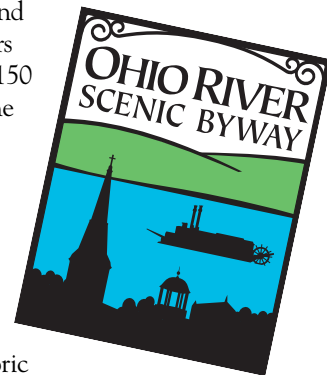
Called Indiana's Historic Pathways, the 250-mile corridor runs along U.S. 50/U.S. 150 from Vincennes east to the town of Shoals. It splits there, continuing along U.S. 50 to Lawrenceburg near the Ohio and Kentucky borders and along U.S. 150 to the Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, Indiana, near Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Darrel E. Bigham, director of Historic Southern Indiana (HSI) and USI professor of history, and Leslie Townsend, HSI program coordinator, have worked since 1998 with representatives of counties along the byway to research the routes and inventory their assets. The pathway includes remnants of the Buffalo Trace, the prehistoric path carved out by bison and later used as a route for pioneers and settlers.

Announced December 15, the byway designation will help boost efforts to market the region and its unique attractions.

State byway status makes the corridors eligible to compete for federal dollars. Indiana's Historic Pathways could seek national scenic byway status, making it the third such corridor in the state. It would join the Historic National Road and the Ohio River Scenic Byway.

Historic Southern Indiana is an outreach program of USI's Extended Services.



Accelerated nursing program ideal for career changers



Students who already have an undergraduate degree can earn a bachelor's degree in nursing in 16 months through a new accelerated program offered by the School of Nursing and Health Professions. The program is an efficient method for career changers and helps combat a national and regional shortage of nurses. The first students entered the program in fall 2004 and will graduate in December.

University presents operating budget request

The University of Southern Indiana has presented to the State Budget Committee an operating budget request of \$45.6 million for the first year of the 2005-07 biennium and \$47.9 million for the second year.

The University prioritized the needs it believes are required to maintain current programs, sustain the current pattern of enrollment and support increases in enrollment, and address critical state and regional needs. The request supports the University's commitment to provide an affordable quality education, and it recognizes the needs of a growing and developing campus.

A new service program for regional workforce and economic development

demands, an accelerated baccalaureate professional nursing education program, and a baccalaureate degree program in manufacturing technology are the quality improvement initiatives in the budget request.

A Center for Applied Research and Economic Development will coordinate University resources to assist business, industry, governmental agencies, and entrepreneurial groups in a variety of applied research, technical assistance, development, and educational and training activities.

The accelerated nursing degree will allow individuals with non-nursing bachelor's degrees to complete requirements for a second degree in nursing to help supply nurses to cover the nursing

shortage that continues to be a major challenge for health-care providers in Indiana.

The manufacturing technology degree will prepare students for employment as skilled technologists for advanced manufacturing. Other funding is needed for plant expansion for the David L. Rice Library scheduled for completion in 2006.

The operating budget request includes appropriations for Historic New Harmony and Lincoln Amphitheatre, two University outreach programs. The request for Lincoln Amphitheatre is for increased funding to enhance the production of *Young Abe Lincoln* and to renovate the amphitheatre.

Better maintenance management adds value

USI certificate program builds expertise

Smarter maintenance pays off. A number of companies in the Tri-State have developed and improved their maintenance processes with the knowledge and skills gained by maintenance professionals who have completed a Certificate in Maintenance Management offered through USI's Office of Extended Services.

Floyd McKeag, principal consultant with Corio Consulting of Evansville, coordinates the certificate program with Charmaine McDowell, manager of marketing and business development for Extended Services. McKeag has extensive experience in industrial maintenance and brings in nationally known experts to teach some of the courses.

The program includes four required courses and two electives. Participants must complete the required courses and one elective to earn the certificate.

A pioneer in vibration analysis, Dr. Art Crawford, teaches the elective course on that topic. McKeag said, "Not many people in the country have the expertise that Art has. If you have a problem that you can't figure out, he knows it or has seen it, or he can get you there pretty fast."

Bryan Dodson, director of quality and reliability for Visteon Corporation in Detroit, teaches advanced reliability techniques. Each class participant receives a license to use a computer software program which he developed to analyze and improve equipment reliability.

In the culminating maintenance project class, participants develop a presentation they could give to their own company management to improve a practical issue they have encountered on the job.

In 2003-04, approximately 35 individuals from 20 companies enrolled in the maintenance program. USI awarded 27 certificates which represented 24

maintenance projects that would result in a combined annual savings of more than \$3 million to Tri-State companies if all projects were approved and implemented by the companies.

Rick Feitl of Alcan Aluminum in Sebree, Kentucky, said the USI program helped his company's casting maintenance operation become more effective at doing planned work. The certificate program is becoming a requirement for all Alcan Sebree maintenance professionals.

Myles Patterson, maintenance superintendent for the Champion Laboratories plant in West Salem, Illinois, said the program offered an opportunity "for us to add more tools to our tool box."

All courses are one day in length with the exception of the maintenance project class, which meets for two days. The series at USI begins in September. The program also can be offered on site at area companies.



Floyd McKeag, second from left, coordinates the maintenance certificate program with USI's Office of Extended Services. Vendors demonstrate the latest technology to class participants.

Academic units get new designation

'College' replaces 'school'

The five academic units of the University of Southern Indiana are getting a name change. Effective July 1, the designation of "college" will replace the designation of "school."

The five academic units will be:

- The College of Business
- The College of Nursing and Health Professions
- The College of Liberal Arts
- The Robert H. and Elaine H. Pott College of Science and Engineering
- The Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services.

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the designation of "school" usually denotes a narrowly focused professional program with limited degree offerings. The five academic schools at USI offer a complex array of undergraduate programs and four of the five schools offer graduate programs.

"USI has experienced rapid change in the past decade," Bennett said.

"Changing the names of the schools to colleges reflects the impact of that growth, but it is also possible because our schools have established reputations for academic excellence. When I listen to accounts from alumni about the outstanding education they have received at USI, this change seems a natural result of the high quality of education we have been offering students for 40 years. We have grown, but we remain focused on academic excellence and service to our students and community. There are great things ahead for USI and we have always adapted well to change."

The Board of Trustees approved the new designation January 13 following recommendation by the Faculty Senate, the Academic Affairs Council, and USI President H. Ray Hoops.

The academic units have been known as "schools" since 1988. Prior to that, they were called academic "divisions."

Volunteer USI earns gold award

The Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services has won a gold award for the Volunteer USI program.

The program received the top award in the category of "volunteer engagement" at the District V conference of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. This was the inaugural year for the district awards.

Judges commented that the USI program goes "beyond fund-raising to incorporate volunteers in meaningful ways" and is a "comprehensive effort from recruitment of volunteers through public acknowledgment of their service."

CASE V includes universities in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The December conference was held in Chicago.

An innovative concept for higher education, Volunteer USI is a centralized program that coordinates students, alumni, and community individuals who wish to share their time and skills to benefit the University, its outreach programs, and the Evansville community.

Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, said that more than 3,300 volunteers have logged 654,860 hours of service since July 1996, when the program was founded. Calculated at the national volunteer wage, this amounts to more than \$10 million in service to the University and the community.



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City of Evansville wins with Vectren Community Classic

The long-anticipated men's basketball game between USI and the University of Evansville took place in November before a sell-out crowd of 12,441 at Roberts Stadium. The Vectren Community Classic—the first-ever match between the Aces and the Eagles—was close throughout the first 30 minutes with the game tied 51-51 with 11:54 to play. The Aces prevailed 88-75 in the exhibition game.

Vectren ignites academic possibilities

Vectren provides electric and natural gas services to more than one million customers in Indiana and Ohio. The power-supply company is extending its generating capacity to academic possibilities for USI students in a triple contribution to the University by establishing an engineering scholarship endowment, sponsoring an academic research and recognition program, and offering a power station as a lab for engineering students.

Vectren has established a \$100,000 engineering scholarship endowment in response to a Lilly Endowment challenge following the Lilly Endowment's own \$200,000 scholarship endowment. The gift will help expand cooperative educational opportunities for students in USI's new engineering program. In response to the Lilly Endowment challenge gift, the University is seeking to establish engineering scholarship endowments totaling \$1 million (see page 8).

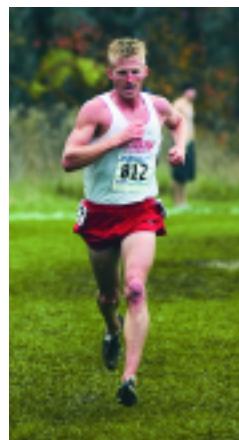
Vectren is also the sponsor of RISC, an undergraduate research and creativity program which encourages student scholarship and innovation. RISC strengthens the undergraduate experience at USI. The Vectren RISC Showcase is held each spring to allow undergraduates to exhibit their work.

In a third contribution, Vectren is offering a number of joint activities at its A.B. Brown Generating Station located in Posey County near USI. These activities will provide students with field experience and exposure to power production and the electric utility business. In the beginning, activities may include plant tours and speakers on various topics on power production, senior design project opportunities, and class assignments.

Dr. David Schultz, assistant professor of engineering, said that as the partnership develops, more opportunities for collaboration will be possible.

USI President H. Ray Hoops called the Vectren partnership “a classic example of what can be achieved in a public/private partnership.”

“Vectren recognizes that USI's engineering program is needed to boost regional and state economic development, and is willing to make an investment in scholarships, internships, and to share access to equipment and processes our students and faculty otherwise would not have access to. We think the opportunities for this partnership are endless,” he said.



NCAA II Cross Country Championships attract almost 400 runners to USI

Western State's Kelly Christensen (812) takes the lead on the way up Strueh Hendricks hill during the running of the NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships on the USI cross country course in November. Christensen finished third overall while Western State claimed the overall team championship. The meet brought 376 runners from across the country to Evansville.

USI Student Athletes — The Next Generation

Screaming Eagles fans are witnessing the next generation of student athletes.

Junior baseball player Matt Goans, sophomore men's golfer Jason Pinkstaff, and sophomore soccer player Kara Marcum all have one thing in common — their parents were USI student athletes.

Kara's mother, Patty Riggs Marcum '80, was a member of the first women's basketball team in the mid-1970s. Marcum, who is an instructor in USI's Physical Education Department, did not have many sports to pick from when she wanted to become a student athlete at then Indiana State University-Evansville.

"When I attended the University, tennis, basketball, and softball were offered," said Marcum. "Track would have been more up my alley, but those three were the only sports available. I chose basketball because I knew I could get by on my athleticism."

"I was on the track team in high school, participating in the high jump, throwing the shot put, and running the 400m, 800m, and the hurdles. Evansville high schools started organized girls' basketball the year after I graduated."

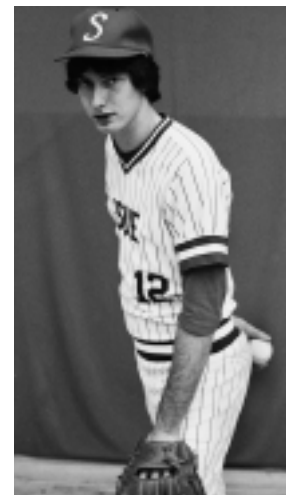
Another difference was that women's sports were not a part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association at that time, but a part of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW).



Patty Riggs Marcum 1974



Bill Pinkstaff 1979



Steve Goans 1978

"We always played Evansville, Indiana State, and all of the small colleges," Marcum said.

Midfielder Kara Marcum thinks it is neat to have her mother on campus during her University career.

"A lot of people already knew me since my mom teaches here. She tries to stay out of my way and let me have my own college experience,"

the younger Marcum said.

Matt's father, Steve Goans played on the baseball team in 1978.

"One of the differences between now and when we played is the field," said Goans, manufacturing systems training manager

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From left, Kara Marcum, Jason Pinkstaff, and Matt Goans.



for Rexam Closures. “The baseball field with the stands is beautiful and the dug-outs are new. Also, the trees were a lot shorter back then.”

Another difference is the athleticism of the players. “Today’s players do so much more in the weight room and are just stronger and faster,” Goans said. “They work out three and four times a week where we were hit or miss. The weight-room facilities also are better than what we had at the Central gym.”

University teams played at the ISUE Central Arena, the old Central High School gymnasium in downtown Evansville, before the Physical Activities Center opened on campus in 1980.

Matt Goans’ father is one of the reasons that Matt chose USI. “Dad’s experience was one of the reasons I came to USI because we had a history here. It is really neat to follow in his footsteps and live out one of his dreams,” Matt said.

One thing that father and son agree on is that everyone in college baseball needs to use wood bats. The Great Lakes Valley Conference is currently one of just a handful of conferences in college baseball that restricts hitters to wood bats.

“Wood bats make things more realistic,” said Matt. “If everyone would convert to wood, it would separate the good players from the mediocre.”

While Kara Marcum and Matt Goans had one parent who was a former student athlete, Jason Pinkstaff has the unique position of having both parents as former student athletes. Jason follows his father Bill, who was on the golf team between 1978 and 1981. His mother Joni (Wibbeler) ’83 A.S. ’95 B.S. was a member of the softball team in 1979 and 1980.

While the typical golf course has not changed much over the last 20 years, the equipment has advanced signifi-

cantly. “Golf has changed quite a bit from the equipment standpoint and kids play so much more and are so much better at this age than when I played,” said Bill Pinkstaff, an agent for Farm Bureau Insurance in Jasper, Indiana.

Jason Pinkstaff said, “[Dad’s generation] did not have the titanium drivers, but had the old wood clubs and steel shafts. Over the past 10 years with the emergence of Tiger Woods, golf has become a big industry.

“It is a game of power now, rather than a game of finesse. Dad said that his team shot the same score at Helfrich that we shoot now, but the difference is that he would use an iron in the fairway while we use a sand wedge.”

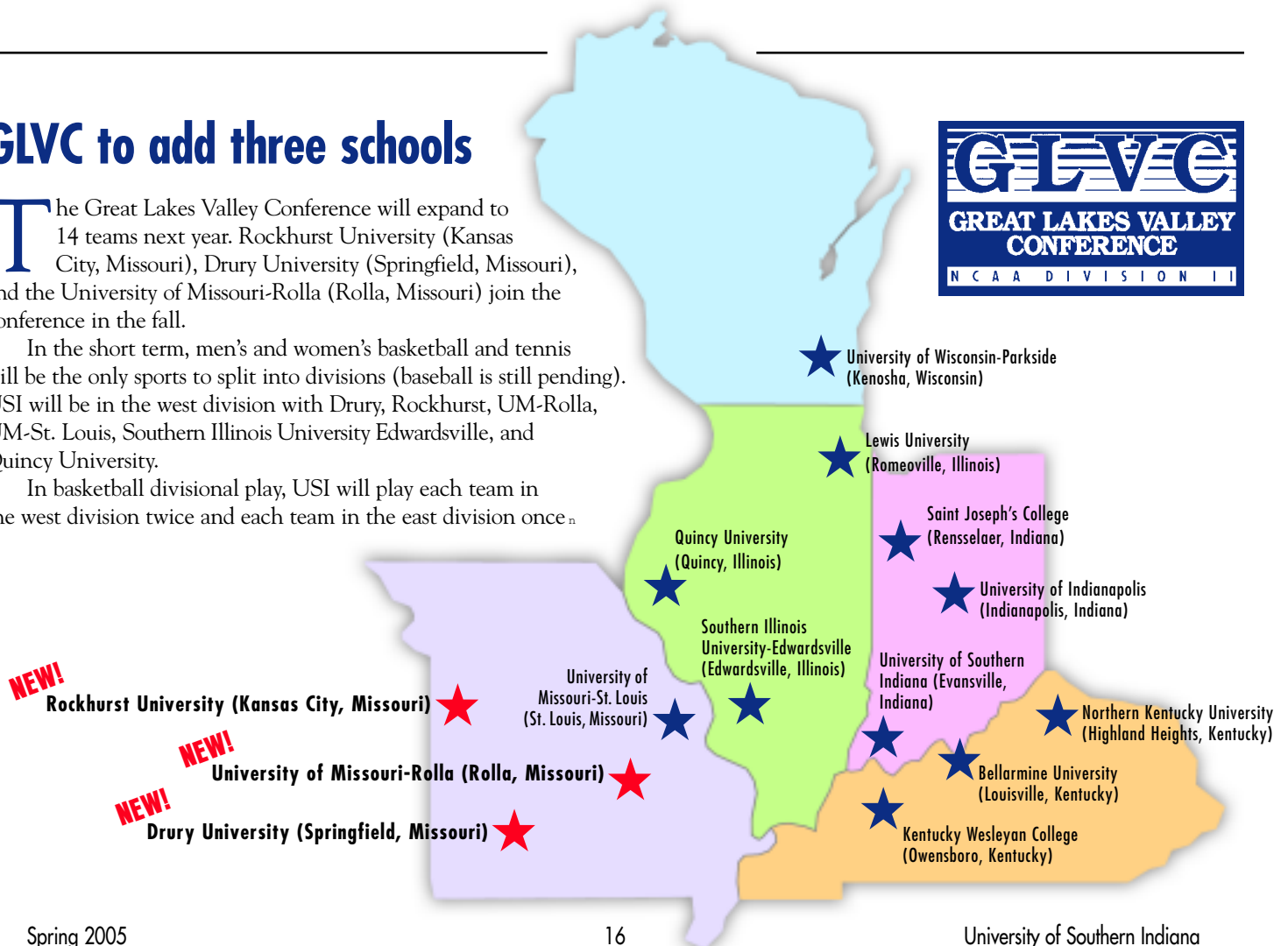
Kara, Jason, and Matt are examples of the modern student athlete and the continuation of proud family traditions.

GLVC to add three schools

The Great Lakes Valley Conference will expand to 14 teams next year. Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Missouri), Drury University (Springfield, Missouri), and the University of Missouri-Rolla (Rolla, Missouri) join the conference in the fall.

In the short term, men’s and women’s basketball and tennis will be the only sports to split into divisions (baseball is still pending). USI will be in the west division with Drury, Rockhurst, UM-Rolla, UM-St. Louis, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and Quincy University.

In basketball divisional play, USI will play each team in the west division twice and each team in the east division once.



1970s

Tonia Arnold Sherrod '72, elementary education, is the postmaster for the United States Postal Service in Burlington, Indiana.

Christine Bippus Cheshire '73, elementary education, is assistant contract coordinator for Atlas World Group in Evansville.

John A. Hedinger '73, management, is president of J. Hedinger & Associates in Greensburg, Indiana.

David T. Raibley '73, business administration, is president of Two Men and a Truck in Evansville.

Donald R. Adler '74, general science, a professional engineer and land surveyor with Three I Engineering, Inc., has advanced to become a principal in the company.

Michelle L. Majors '74, secretarial administration, owns Wildflower Boutique in San Antonio, Texas.

Robert L. Schoenbaechler '74, biology, has joined T.J. Maxx as a loss prevention officer in Evansville.

Robert M. Stuckey '74, biology, is associate director of science and technology for Applied Food Biotechnology International, Inc., in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Douglas P. Joest '75, accounting, is the chief financial officer for Linco Services, Inc., in Washington, Indiana.

Lisa Vescovi Kohl '75, mathematics, is the vice president for Northrop Grumman Space Technology in Redondo Beach, California.

Del Bromm '76, accounting, is a managing broker for Better Homes Realty & Auctions in Huntingburg, Indiana.

David W. Herrenbruck '76, marketing, has been promoted to vice president, private client group, at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Linda C. Stilwell '76, elementary education, is a kindergarten enrichment teacher for Fairlawn United Methodist Church in Evansville.

Thomas R. Farrar '77, accounting, is president of Farrar Financial Services, Inc., in Germantown, Tennessee.

Victoria Pigott receives Nursing Alumni Award

Victoria Pigott, special projects director for the School of Nursing and Health Professions, received the 2004 USI Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award recognizing a graduate who has made outstanding achievements in career or public service.



Pigott

The first president elected for the Nursing Alumni Society, Pigott has been a major influence in the development of the Nursing Alumni Scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time during this year's Honors Week.

Prior to coming to USI, she was director of Health Care Quality and Education at the Tri-State Business Group on Health. She also has experience as a staff nurse and staff development coordinator.

Pigott teaches in the health professions program and has served as a clinical instructor for nursing. She coordinates nine continuing education certificate programs with enrollees from every state and 13 countries.

A 1988 graduate of the Deaconess School of Nursing, Pigott completed a B.S.N. in 1995 and an M.S.N. in 2001 at USI.

Wendholt honored by statewide group

Norman Wendholt '80 of St. Anthony, Indiana, was named County Engineer of the Year in December at the annual conference of the Indiana Association of County Commissioners. Wendholt has served as the county engineer for Dubois County since December 1991. He majored in civil engineering technology at USI.

Douglas H. Barnhart '78, respiratory therapy, is the financial manager for Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dan A. Green '78, psychology, is a senior vice president in residential mortgage lending at Fifth Third Bank of Western Ohio in Dayton, Ohio.

Susan Coker Nelson '78, elementary education, is a developmental therapy specialist at Evansville ARC.

Grant B. Olds '78, marketing, was appointed senior vice president for Integra Bank in Evansville.

Margaret F. Harmeier '79, psychology, '98, Master of Social Work, is a medical social worker at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Richard P. Hodge '79, dental laboratory technology, is a director of the synthetic organic chemistry core laboratory at the University of Texas in Galveston, Texas.

Stephen R. McDonald '79, mining engineering technology, is a real estate agent for Prudential Prime Locations in Evansville.

Debra K. Wakeland '79, elementary education, is the director of operations for Sylvan Learning Center in Evansville.

1980s

Jean Berberich Morgan '80, marketing, is director of marketing with T.H. Eifert Mechanical Contractor in Lansing, Michigan.

Penelope Pirkle Gambrall '81, English, is the owner of Jennifer's Hallmark in Evansville.

Relma Martin Miller '81, mining engineering technology, is a lawyer with Pruitt Gushee in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Brenda Schmidt Altstadt '82, business, is vice president of Altstadt Office City, Inc., in Evansville.

Lori Carroll Bryant '82, art, is the manager of community partnerships at CAPE Children's Services in Evansville.

Brent L. Johnson '83, civil engineering technology, has been named the cold mill superintendent at Alcoa Warrick Operations in Newburgh, Indiana.

Daniel H. Lewis '83, management/marketing, is the owner of H.A. Lewis Heating, Cooling & Plumbing in Evansville.

B. Dean Webster '83, communications, is an agent with State Farm Insurance in Tell City, Indiana.

Donita F. Wolf '83, accounting, is the broker/owner of Donita Wolf Realty, Inc., a Century 21 franchise, in Evansville.

David L. Albin '84, finance, is vice president/partner of Global Wire Technologies in Evansville.

Stanley W. Freeman '84, biology, is a physician at Desert Anesthesiologists in Las Vegas, Nevada.

W. Kerry Jackson '84, accounting, has been promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer for Shoe Carnival, Inc., in Evansville.

Steven Y. Karp '84, accounting, is a certified public accountant/partner with Melamed & Karp, P.A. in Coral Springs, Florida.

Michael E. Klausmeier '84, biophysics, is a principal engineer with Micropact Engineering, Inc. in Herndon, Virginia.

Bradley S. Schmett '84, political science, is a broker/owner of Schmett & Company in LaQuinta, California.

David L. Smith '84, psychology, recently retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service. He is branch manager for W.W. Grainger in Lima, Ohio.

Lisa Evras Toelle '85, marketing, has joined Heritage Federal Credit Union as a mortgage loan officer in Evansville.

Kenneth L. Colbert '86, management, is a real estate developer with Benedna Corporation in Evansville.

Cindy Eskew Erwin '86, communications, has been named marketing supervisor for Visiting Nurse Plus in Evansville.

Tina Kern-Raibley '86, management, has joined Corporate Design, Inc., in Evansville as director of sales.

Bruce W. Woodruff '86, mechanical engineering technology, is an engineer with Three I Engineering in Evansville.



ALUMNI Calendar of Events

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| April 23 | USI Day at the Zoo
10 a.m.–3 p.m., Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo |
| April 28 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting
7 p.m., Alcatraz Brewing Co., Circle Centre Mall,
49 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis |
| May 7 | Alumni Association Annual Meeting
5:30 p.m., Class of 2005 Graduation Celebration follows
in USI's Carter Hall |
| May 8 | USI Commencement |
| June 5 | Alumni Family Picnic
4-6 p.m., USI University Center Mall |
| June 7 | Alumni Council Meeting and Orientation
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| July 14 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting
7 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard, Indianapolis |
| July 23 | USI Night with the Evansville Otters, Bosse Field |
| August 19 | Greater Indianapolis USI Scholarship Golf Scramble
12:30 p.m., The Links Golf Course, New Palestine, Indiana |
| September 16 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble
11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville |

All alumni are invited to attend these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924. Check out the Alumni Web site at www.usi.edu/alumni.

M. LaDonne Craig '87, communication, is the general sales manager with WIKY/WJPS/WYXY radio in Evansville.

Sharon Rothrock Gieselmann '87, political science, is an assistant professor at the University of Evansville.

Sarah L. Later '87, management, is director of Anderson Public Library in Anderson, Indiana.

Sherry Schneider Meeks '87, mathematics, owns the Midwest Coffee Co., a wholesale business, and a new companion retail specialty coffee shop, Bear Mountain Coffee, both in Evansville.

Pamela Taylor Schocke '87, accounting, is the district manager for Wal-Mart in Jasper, Indiana.

Roger A. Scott '87, communications, was recently promoted to major in the United States Air Force. He teaches English at the USAF Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lee A. Bilderback '88, social science teaching, teaches at Pine Ridge Elementary School in Birdseye, Indiana.

Diane Schepers Denk '88, management, is director of human resources at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Richard L. Denk '88, accounting, is the owner of First Impressions Landscaping in Jasper, Indiana.

Jacqueline L. Heathcott '88, elementary education, teaches reading at Plaza Park Middle School in Evansville.

Kent E. Hormuth '88, communications, is the vice president of sales and product development for Brown Jordan International in El Monte, California.

David W. Kent '88, political science, has joined the law firm of Johnson, Carroll, Griffith, and D'Amour in Evansville.

Michael J. Meeks '88, accounting, owns Midwest Coffee Co., a wholesale business, and a new companion retail specialty coffee shop, Bear Mountain Coffee, both in Evansville.

George O. Thompson III '88, biophysics, is the sole proprietor of Light Tackle Designs in Evansville.

Elisabeth K. Johns '89, elementary education, has been promoted to principal at Tekoppel Elementary School in Evansville.

Brian S. Kirchoff '89, social science teaching, is a government and history teacher and head basketball coach at Northeast Dubois High School in Dubois, Indiana.

Carol M Kissinger '89, English, is a youth service assistant for the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library.

Giesla Knies Schepers '89, communications, is a telecommunications analyst for Information Services Agency of Marion County in Indianapolis.

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Ryan W. Enlow '90, communications, works in sales at Builders Concrete and Supply in Indianapolis.

Kevin L. Hammett '90, accounting, is chief financial officer for SMC Corporation of America in Indianapolis.

Michelle Clark Hammett '90, marketing, is an employment consultant for American United Life Insurance Co., in Indianapolis.

Black Alumni Society plans scholarship, mentor program

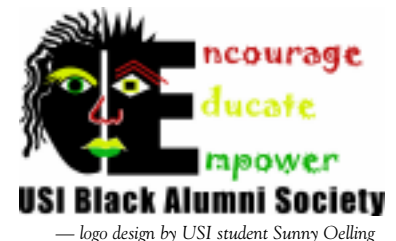
Establishing a scholarship to be awarded for the first time during Honors Week this year is the chief priority of the new USI Black Alumni Society. Grace Moredock, president, said, "Private scholarship support has been a lifesaver for many of us during our years at USI, and that's why the newly-organized USI Black Alumni Society's number-one priority is to establish and fund a scholarship."

The goal is to award one \$500 scholarship which may be applied to tuition, fees, and/or books. As the scholarship fund grows, the organization plans to increase the number of awards.

The Black Alumni Society also is developing an alumni mentoring program in conjunction with the existing Excel mentoring program offered by USI's Multicultural Center. Alumni who are matched with minority freshmen will e-mail, write, or call the students to encourage them throughout the year. Alumni also may choose to send a care package or finals/mid-term survival kit to their individual student. At the end of the year, the Black Alumni Society will host a reception for mentors and students at the Multicultural Center's annual awards program.

In addition to Moredock, officers are Katherine Webb '89, vice president; Alethea Hunter '00, secretary; and Janice Outlaw '94, treasurer. The USI Black Alumni Society was organized in April of last year.

For information about membership or activities, contact alumni@usi.edu or 812/464-1924.



Mission statement

The USI Black Alumni Society advances and promotes the interests of black alumni at the University of Southern Indiana. To this end, we seek to assist in the recruitment, retention, and graduation of black students by offering scholarships and by enhancing the activities of the Multicultural Center and Black Student Union.



Nancy Johnson '83, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, thanks Indianapolis Gold \$1,000 Hole Sponsors Bob Roeder '71, left, of Mercer Human Resource Consulting, and Jeff Lewis of Ice Miller Legal and Business Advisors.

Golf outings fund scholarships

Proceeds of two alumni golf events support student scholarships.

The Alumni Association and the Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter express thanks to the following 2004 corporate hole sponsors.



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Luzada Hayes '90, social work, '95, Master of Social Work, is the executive director for Evansville Coalition for the Homeless in Evansville.

Dolli Kuehn Kight '90, management/marketing, has taken the position of development coordinator for Evansville ARC.

Tammy Robertson Liebchen '90, management, is a merchandise planning manager for Beall's Department Stores in Bradenton, Florida.

Marcy McDonald Mohler '90, communications, and husband Joseph recently adopted Alena and Irina, both three years old, from Mogilov, Belarus. Brothers Collin, 9, and Carson, 6, welcomed them home in Chandler, Indiana.

Eleanor Aydtt Naas '90, elementary education, is a technology coordinator for Resurrection School in Evansville.

Brad D. Apple '91, marketing, is vice president of operations for Quest Building Services in Carmel, Indiana.

Brian D. Cherry '91, political science, is the graduate program director for Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan.

Denise Mathew Dike '91, business, is a deputy payroll clerk for the City of Mount Vernon in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Trevor A. Dunville '91, art, is the owner of Bird of Prey in Wichita, Kansas.

Lisa Wiseman Hale '91, elementary education, is the principal of Fairlawn Elementary School in Evansville.

Rebecca S. Hennessy '91, radiological technology, is a nuclear technician/consultant for United Tech Staffing, Inc., in Cape Coral, Florida.

Keith R. Kinney '91, management, has joined Woodward Commercial Realty as an agent in Evansville.

Jason L. Lents '91, accounting, is a group financial manager for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Jane A. Nunez '91, accounting/business administration, is the controller/office manager for Dr. Mero Nunez, Jr. Chiropractic Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

Ann Niemeier Claspell '92, business, is human resources service center manager with Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

Geoff A. Gentil '92, business, was promoted to assistant vice president, relationship manager for Integra Bank in Evansville.

Brandon T. Kibby '92, business administration, is a physician at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Amy Risk Michelsen '92, accounting, is director of business development for Hitachi Consulting in San Francisco, California.

Bradley D. Morton '92, electrical engineering technology, is the owner of Industrial Control Engineering in Evansville.

Linda M. Polito '92, general science, is a dentist with Gwyn Davis DMD & Associates in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Tasmina Ali Quddus '92, accounting, is a senior staff accountant with Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas.

Veronica S. Stephens '92, English, is a financial analyst for General Electric Power Systems in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ronald N. Sweeney '92, accounting, is the general manager of Cincinnati Bell in Dayton, Ohio.

Tina L. Tullos '92, chemistry, is a research manager for Rohm and Haas in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Kelli Recker Witsman '92, elementary education, is a program coordinator for the Indiana Department of Education in Indianapolis.

Jeffrey H. Bosse '93, communications, is the marketing director for Bosse Title Company in Evansville.

Timothy A. Deem '93, business administration, is a senior networking solutions architect at Keller Schroeder & Associates, Inc., in Evansville.

Jacqueline L. Graber '93, biology, is an anesthesiologist with Riverview Anesthesiologists PC in Noblesville, Indiana.

Thomas H. McCool '93, elementary education, is the principal of Freetown Elementary School in Brownstown, Indiana.

USI alumni reach national tournament

Former USI men's tennis players Tony Bacon '96 and Jason Fisher '98 and alumnus Mark Veal '92 competed in the fall in the USA 4.0 League men's tennis national finals in Tucson, Arizona. They were members of a Henderson, Kentucky, team, which gained a berth by winning the Southern Sectional in Columbia, South Carolina. In pool play at the national event, they won one of three matches.

Men's tennis team holds fifth reunion

USI men's tennis players held their fifth annual reunion October 9-10 in Evansville. Sixteen former players attended. Alumni defeated the men's varsity to maintain their hold on the Alumni Challenge Trophy. Jason Coomer '01 planned the reunion.

Cynthia A. Moore '93, communications, is a nursing recruiter for Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Jeffrey B. Mulzer '93, Master of Business Administration, received the Richard A. Schlottman 2004 Business Person of the Year Award. He is vice president of administration for Mulzer Crushed Stone and president of J.H. Rudolph in Evansville.

Kristel M. Swan '93, business administration, is the community relations director for Southern Care Hospice in Evansville.

Eric R. Babillis '94, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to plant manager for Berry Plastics Corporation in Evansville.

Christina L. Clayton '94, accounting, has been promoted to director of finance for the Evansville Courier Company.

Julie Jenkins Eder '94, Spanish, is a material management analyst for Dana Corporation in Henderson, Kentucky.

Mark A. Funkhouser '94, English, is a probation officer with the Posey Superior Court in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Deborah J. Gilham '94, early childhood education, is director of children's programs at Evansville ARC.

Donna C. Harris '94, business administration, '01, Master of Business Administration, has joined Fifth Third Bank in Evansville as vice president and senior business partner/human resources.

Marcia Hill Hires '94, social work, '95, Master of Social Work, is the director of Another Way, Inc., in Morganfield, Kentucky.

Andrew R. Lampert '94, communications, is the general manager for Structured Communications in Centennial, Colorado.

Carolyn H. Lucas '94, health services, is a dental hygienist for M.A. Sontz DMD of Evansville.

Raymond H. Trapp '94, social science teaching, is a tennis pro at Edens Tennis Club in Skokie, Illinois.

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Emily Gartner gives long-playing style to old album covers

Emily Gartner blurs the line between old and new. “I try to incorporate something old and make something modern,” she said.

Gartner’s business, Contemporary Heirlooms in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, offers items custom-designed by her and handles vintage fabrics, antiques, and collectibles as well. Some of her hottest sellers are handbags made from old long-playing album covers. While the technology to play the records is definitely passé, the retro cover graphics make the bags a perfect complement to vintage clothing or an outward salute to the owner’s taste in music.

“I have people bring me boxes of albums,” said Gartner, who earned undergraduate degrees in both business administration (’84) and marketing (’85) after first considering art as a major. After graduation, Gartner moved to New York City where she worked in the garment district for several years, sharpening her skills in sales, fashion promotion, merchandising, marketing, and design. After a move to Pennsylvania, she



Emily Gartner puts old album covers to new use as handbags.

became assistant curator for the textile collection at Allentown Art Museum, taking care of the 10,000-piece collection and installing about a dozen exhibits a year.

Gartner began doing trunk shows part-time a few years back and branched out full time on her own about three years ago. Her business is online at www.emilygartner.com.

An incurable recycler, Gartner also makes handbags from book or magazine covers. Last fall when she was invited to hear Teresa Heinz Kerry speak, she gave a bag made from a magazine cover featuring John Kerry to a staff member to pass on to the candidate’s wife. “She got word to me after the event that she loved it. And that was enough for me,” Gartner said.

A recent handbag design incorporates photos of Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn for a customer whose friend lives in a Connecticut bungalow where the couple once lived.

“I pride myself in locating the hard-to-find and came up with some beautiful black-and-white photos of them over the years,” Gartner said.

Mary E. Walker '94, business administration, is a cardiovascular healthcare specialty representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. She resides in Evansville.

Pamela J. Barber '95, accounting, is a field examiner for the State Board of Accounts in Indianapolis.

Glenna G. Bower '95, physical education, is an assistant professor in the Physical Education Department at USI.

Ashley A. Ray '95, psychology, is a small business underwriter for Hancock Bank in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Deanna Davis Brown '96, political science, is a manager of employment and security with BWX Technologies in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Cynthia Mahaney Crowley '96, business administration, is a training specialist at Heritage Federal Credit Union in Newburgh, Indiana.

Bradley A. Dillon '96, political science, is a financial advisor for Wachovia Securities in Evansville.

Bryan R. Harper '96, communications, has taken the position of marketing manager with the Minnesota Vikings in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Caron J. Leader '96, Master of Social Work, is a self-employed psychotherapist with Ahal Architects of Human Awareness in Evansville.

Angela Emmons Lueke '96, communications, is an executive assistant for Martin & Bayley, Inc., in Carmi, Illinois.

Heather Daugherty Mills '96, communications, is president and chief executive officer for Ine Source Communication in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Rachel J. Ramsey '96, Master of Social Work, is a psychotherapist for Anderson Psychiatric Clinic in Anderson, Indiana.

Lafe A. Ransom '96, physical education, has been appointed a mortgage loan originator for Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Misty Kiger Duncan '97, mathematics, is a guidance counselor for Compass Middle Charter School in Bartow, Florida.

Scott T. Edmond '97, business administration, '00, Master of Business Administration, has taken the position of commercial real estate officer at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Tera Lane Henson '97, radiological technology, is a radiologic technologist at Harrisburg Medical Center in Harrisburg, Illinois.

Nicole Cable Hume '97, earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from Purdue University in December. She teaches at Faith Christian School in Lafayette, Indiana, and works for the Women in Science Program at Purdue.

Jose Manning '97, accounting, is a branch manager for Integra Bank in Newburgh, Indiana.

Carrie Webb McCune '97, sociology, has been hired by Hawthorn Pharmaceuticals of Madison, Wisconsin, to market the company’s products in the Evansville area.

Sara Langland Mindell '97, nursing, is a vocational nurse instructor with the Concorde Career Institute in North Hollywood, California.

John P. Mullen '97, English, is the principal of Loogootee Junior/Senior High School in Loogootee, Indiana.

Randy J. Otto '97, Master of Business Administration, received a promotion to general manager at Premier System Integrators in Smyrna, Tennessee.

F. Michael Sizemore '97, communications, is promotions manager with Shoe Carnival, Inc., in Evansville.

Shayne L. Stock '97, social science teaching, is a basketball coach for Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky. He received Coach of the Year honors for 2004.

Valerie A. Turpen '97, biology, has joined Welborn Clinic as an acute care nurse practitioner in Evansville.

Joseph J. Vidmar '97, business administration, '04, industrial management, was promoted to ingot casting superintendent at Alcoa Warrick Operations in Newburgh, Indiana.

William R. Walz IV '97, psychology/business administration, is an attorney with Wagoner and Walz in Angola, Indiana.

Allyson Singer Breeden '98, political science, is an attorney with Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders in Evansville.

Heather B. Graves '98, communications, is the president of How Charming in Bloomington, Indiana.

Kena Liniger Hollingsworth '98, English/Spanish, is an attorney with Hollingsworth Jocham & Zivitz LLC in Carmel, Indiana.

Brenda G. Latham '98, early childhood development, is the vice president and owner of Red Car Brewery & Restaurant in Torrance, California.

Patsy A. Popejoy '98, communications, received an Award of Honor in the marketing communications category for an exhibit in the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

Cynthia Wallis Schrodt '98, English, is the lead teacher of adult secondary credit at North Gibson School Corporation in Princeton, Indiana.

Jamaison R. Schuler '98, communications, has taken the position of communications associate in marketing for Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals in Indianapolis.

Laura M. Symon '98, communications, has been named market master at Evansville Municipal Market.

Sarah Hutchison Warren '98, communications, is an instructional assistant for the Resource Center at Carmel Elementary in Carmel, Indiana.

Toby A. Wolfe '98, sociology, is a deputy with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and co-owner of Cookies By Design in Evansville.

Paula Willinger Bone '99, communications, is an account executive for WTVW News Channel 7 in Evansville.

Angela Hendrix Humphrey '99, accounting, is a financial analyst with Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Emily A. Kemper '99, communications, is a box-office manager for SMG Management in Pensacola, Florida.

Ed A. Nichols '99, electrical engineering technology, is an electrical engineering supervisor for Corning, Inc., in Corning, New York.

Paula R. Wurmnest '99, elementary education, teaches second grade at Evansville Christian School.

Former soccer forward scores full-time job after internship

Got Milk? Aisha Earle-Smith '04 does—the account, that is. Earle-Smith is an assistant account executive in the Chicago office of Weber Shandwick, a leading public relations firm with 75 offices around the globe.

After earning an undergraduate degree in public relations and advertising, Earle-Smith completed an internship with Weber Shandwick and then was hired full time in the fall to work with four consumer accounts — Got Milk?, Angel Soft, Spanish Olive Oil, and Whiskas cat food. As a team member on these accounts, she pitches stories to the media, conducts research, and drafts press kit materials.

Much of her time on the job is spent planning special events. For Angel Soft, she is helping to arrange a 12-city tour to promote the company's Angels in Action community service program this year. She will attend six of the three-day events, one at her home base in Chicago and others in Dallas, Seattle, Minneapolis, Atlanta, and Los Angeles, while firm colleagues will do the map-trotting to the remaining six cities.

A forward for four years on USI's women's soccer team, Earle-Smith said, "Balancing sports and academics really gave me the upper hand when it came to presenting my skills. I learned

early on how to multitask. In the work place, you really need to be able to do many things at once and meet numerous deadlines. It's a great skill to have."

Earle-Smith came to USI after graduating from Klein High School in Spring, Texas.

Having landed a full-time job following an internship, Earle-Smith reaffirmed the importance of hands-on experience. "That could be the deciding factor between you and the next candidate," she said.



Aisha Earle-Smith, right, and a fellow intern enjoy a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field during an intern outing last summer.

Chanda Davis Zirkelbach '99, social work, is a development officer at the United Way of the Bay Area in San Francisco, California.

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Abigail Floyd Adler '00, public relations and advertising, is a marketing specialist for Card Management Company in Evansville.

Kimberli E. Balder '00, elementary education, is a third grade teacher at Cowden Elementary School in Cowden, Illinois.

Kara D. Baskett '00, business administration, was appointed to the Associate Board for the Chicago International Film Festival and is the college chapter director of Delta Zeta Sorority at Northwestern University. She graduated in December 2004 with a Master of Management degree from North Park University. Kara is the senior admission counselor at North Park University in Chicago.

Dana Davis Bates '00, computer information systems, is a business systems analyst at American General in Evansville.

Ana L. Cole '00, nursing, is a registered nurse at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

Mandy E. Damm '00, accounting, is a senior accountant for Norwood Promotional Products in Indianapolis.

Joyce Bowles Deutsch '00, nursing, is a certified nurse case manager for workers' compensation at General Electric Plastics in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Jason L. Dyer '00, business administration, was promoted to vice president of commercial banking at National City Bank in Madison, Indiana.

Jamie R. Fiscel '00, business administration, is the branch manager at American General in Greenwood, Indiana.

Ryan P. Johnson '00, biology, is an emergency room trauma physician at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia.

Jamie M. Lane '00, elementary education, teaches at Marietta City Schools in Marietta, Georgia.

Nathan R. Lengacher '00, business administration, is the director of marketing with EvanTell in Dallas Texas.

Kevin M. Lottes '00, theatre arts, has written a book entitled *First Person Last*. It is scheduled for release in March. He resides in Westerville, Ohio.

Steven G. Magruder '00, accounting, is the accounting manager for GAF Materials Corporation in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Yvonne Kahre Mans '00, early childhood development, teaches preschool at the YMCA in Evansville.

JoLynn M. Miller '00, communications, is the client service manager for PMI in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Sarah Wood O'Daniel '00, elementary education, teaches at Cairo Elementary in Henderson, Kentucky.

Jennifer R. Tamillo '00, communications, is an admission advisor at DeVry University in Indianapolis.

Leonard G. Wagers '00, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to audit manager for Federal Home Loan Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Toni M. Auberry '01, occupational therapy, published her first novel *Whispered Secrets*, a novel on child abuse. She resides in Washington, Indiana.

Crystal A. Beitler '01, social work, graduated with a Master of Social Work in May 2002. She is currently in her second year of law school in Lansing, Michigan.

Brian M. Coffey '01, business administration, is a financial advisor for Bank One in Indianapolis.

Alycia J. Crnkovich '01, public relations and advertising, is an account manager with Suncoast Beverages Sales in Fort Myers, Florida.

Jeffrey Fischer '01, sociology, has been promoted to human resources supervisor at Silgan Closures in Evansville.

Paul J. Goben '01, business administration, is a corporate investigator and divisional collections manager with Automotive Finance Corporation in Carmel, Indiana.



Alumni support men's basketball exhibition game in Cincinnati

Alumni got together before the USI men's basketball team met the University of Cincinnati in an exhibition game November 13 in Cincinnati. Seated from left are Rebecca Stegemoller '01, Cori Smith Fuller '01, and Ruth Murfin Fuchs '00. Standing from left are Michael Dunigan '77, Joe Lake '86, David Slaubaugh '95, David Herrenbruck '76, Bob Wallace '74, and Nancy Johnson '83, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services.

Katrina A. Gramelspacher '01, psychology/public relations and advertising, is a trainer for Absentys in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Jessica Bradley Green '01, accounting, is a financial analyst with Kimball International, Inc., in Jasper, Indiana.

Scott R. Harvey '01, radio and television, the morning news anchor for WKYT-TV CBS 27 in Lexington, Kentucky, won an Emmy for coverage of a winter storm.

Timothy Jones '01, accounting, was promoted to assistant controller at Smithville Telephone Company in Ellettsville, Indiana.

Chris T. Leek '01, biology, is an environmental consultant for Biological Research Associates in Tampa, Florida.

Mark C. Lipscomb '01, communications, was hired as a regional sales manager for Hercules Manufacturing Company in Henderson, Kentucky.

Brooke Frary McNally '01, marketing, is serving as a volunteer corps coordinator for the U.S. Army in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mark D. Moesner '01, radio and television, is a radio broadcaster and director of media for the San Angelo Colts in San Angelo, Texas.

Ralph E Plunkett '01, computer information systems, completed a Master of Science degree in computer information systems in August 2004. He works at MRC, Inc., as a help desk manager in Evansville.

Melody A. Puller '01, public relations and advertising, is an account executive for Playwerks, Inc., in Fishers, Indiana.

Bobbie Rasche Rust '01, accounting, is a staff accountant with Umbach & Associates, LLP, in Evansville, Indiana.

Hans R. Schneider '01, civil engineering technology, is a project engineer for MRV Engineers & Construction in Georgetown, Texas.

Daniel A. Watson '01, elementary education, is a fifth grade teacher at Lodge Elementary School in Evansville.

Kelly Sergesketter Watson '01, elementary education, is a fifth grade teacher at Sharon Elementary School in Newburgh, Indiana.



Twosomes among Presidential Scholars

A fall reunion returned Presidential Scholars to campus — sometimes in twos. Shown here at Grimes Haus are two married couples. Both husbands and both wives are alumni of USI's most prestigious scholarship program. (Top photo) Jason Hume '97 and Nicole Cable Hume '97 of Lafayette, Indiana, brought their daughters Elizabeth and Joslyn. (Bottom photo) Jeanne Barnett, left, professor of biology and co-coordinator of the Presidential Scholar program, talks with Tabitha Blake Simpson '98 and Darin Simpson '97, holding their son Blake. The Simpsons live in Dugger, Indiana.

Sara M. Bigger '02, elementary education, is a fourth grade teacher at Minglewood Elementary in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Kyle J. Davis '02, computer publishing and telecommunications, is the residence hall director for Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Joshua P. Frazer '02, marketing, is an IBM sales trainer for IBM in Tempe, Arizona.

Rachael C. Harris '02, business administration, has the position of fixed assets process lead for The Walt Disney Company in Celebration, Florida.

Misty D. McGregor '02, business administration/Spanish, has taken the position of financial service consultant for Heritage Federal Credit Union in Newburgh, Indiana.

Ashley J. Morris '02, finance, has been hired by Integra Bank as a mortgage originator in Evansville.

Michael V. Pace '02, psychology, is a staff specialist for Quinco in Columbus, Indiana.

Ryan G. Scheidler '02, Master of Business Administration, has been appointed an assistant vice president, commercial relationship manager, at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Amber Graber Smith '02, elementary education, has joined Loogootee Elementary West as a kindergarten teacher in Loogootee, Indiana.

Jeremy E. Vehslage '02, business administration, has joined Citizens Bank as a manager in Mooresville, Indiana.

Kristen M. Barber '03, accounting, is a public accountant for Gaither Rutherford & Company in Evansville.

Ryan J. Berry '03, marketing, has joined Coldwell Banker Fortune as a realtor in Wasilla, Alaska.

Jerry L. Blanton '03, Master of Business Administration, has been named executive director of One Point LLC in Evansville.

Andrea L. Daub '03, accounting/finance, is a research analyst with the University of Evansville.

Michael L. Forrest '03, social work, is a family counselor at Ireland and Luzio Behavioral Services, Inc., in Evansville.

Renee R. Gelarden '03, elementary education, teaches eighth grade math at Greenfield Middle School in Greenfield, Indiana.

Alumni gather for Chicago reception



Chicago area alumni met at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in December for a holiday reception. From left are Mike Bauer, Rob Hon '89, Kara Baskett '01, and April Whitehead Bauer '90 M.B.A. '96.

Mark J. Hinkey '03, physical education, is the men's basketball coach at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana.

Lyle A. Mehringer '03, civil engineering technology, is the staff engineer at the city engineer's office in Evansville.

Kristen L. Pixley '03, political science, is a legislative assistant with the Indiana House of Representatives in Indianapolis.

Jesse J. Southerland '03, art, has joined Tucker Publishing Group as a graphic designer in Evansville.

Nathan L. Vandiver '03, mechanical engineering technology, has taken the position of mechanical and process engineer at Hercules Manufacturing Company in Henderson, Kentucky.

Erika L. Weaver '03, accounting, is an accountant for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Daniel A. Wilder '03, finance, has taken the position of commercial administrator for First Indiana Bank in Indianapolis.

Katherine M. Bittel '04, marketing, is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Madison, Tennessee.

Michael J. Drake '04, accounting and professional services, joined the general services staff at Harding Shymanski & Company in Evansville.

Jeremy E. Gallion '04, accounting, is a staff accountant with Ernst & Young, LLP in Indianapolis.

Tonya S. Heim '04, Master of Health Administration, has accepted a position as assistant administrator of patient services at Gibson General Hospital in Princeton, Indiana.

Kelly A. Kahre '04, public relations and advertising, has accepted the position of administrative assistant for Kitch & Schreiber in Evansville.

Sarah M. McCarty '04, finance, has joined Western-Southern Life as a sales representative in Evansville.

Dusty L. Onyett '04, accounting and professional services/finance, is an accountant for Action Steel of Evansville.

Steven D. Owen '04, management, has taken the position of credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial Service in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Angela T. Reckelhoff '04, accounting and professional services, joined the general services staff at Harding Shymanski & Company in Evansville.

Justin E. Riat '04, business administration, has joined Anchor Industries of Evansville in the sales department.

Nickolas A. Shafer '04, business administration, has been promoted to an assistant cashier at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Hillierie A. Welch '04, public relations and advertising, is the events coordinator for Easter Seals Rehab Center in Evansville.

Gloria C. Wisner '04, Master of Science in Nursing, is the manager of clinical operations at Clarian Health Partners in Indianapolis.

Anna E. Woosley '04, public relations and advertising, is a qualified mental retardation professional for Evansville ARC.

Marriages

Sheri L. Burnes '95, psychology, and Scott Redelman, April 24, 2004

Jenna R. Martin '97, communications, and James Eup, October 16, 2004

Laurissa M. Becher '98, computer information systems, and Joseph Bray, September 4, 2004

Krista L. Perkins '98, business administration, and Duane Decker, May 1, 2004

Michelle M. Johnson '99, sociology, and Steven Orange, August 10, 2004

Kelly D. Evans '00, health services, and Yancy Wollenmann, July 31, 2004

Brian A. Hubbard '00, communications, and Whitney Graham, September 18, 2004

Rachel C. Lee '01, business administration, and Lee Lawmaster, August 14, 2004

Melody A. Puller '01, public relations and advertising, and Michael Freeman, September 5, 2004

Wendy J. Wade '01, computer information systems, and George Taylor, October 17, 2004

Amanda D. Miller '02, elementary education, and Jason C. Smith '99, sociology, July 24, 2004

Katherine Moore-Woolley '02, radio and television, and Samuel Smith, April 5, 2004

Michael C. Neal '02, occupational therapy, and Deon Bufkin, July 31, 2004

Julie A. Walker '02, elementary education, and Derek Faucett, June 5, 2004

Erin M. Bush '03, public relations and advertising, and Cheyenne Buse, September 18, 2004

Amber N. Hazelwood '03, journalism and computer publishing, and Andrew Wood, May 22, 2004

Alan C. Horstman '03, elementary education, Kari Simonsen, July 24, 2004

Kalah S. Koester '03, physical education, and Ryan Muensterman, August 28, 2004

Emily J. Smith '03, physical education, and **Christian J. Blome '02**, elementary education, July 24, 2004

Erin E. Evans '04, business administration, and Freddy Ghiassi, August 28, 2004

Jamie M. Will '04, business administration, and Zak Kleinschmidt, August 28, 2004

Births

Teresa Boyer Fishbach '89, communications, and **Marc A. Fishbach '90**, communications, daughter, Calista Morgan, August 9, 2004

Barbara Burch Sargent '89, elementary education, and **Eric S. Sargent '89**, management/marketing, daughter, Hallie Elizabeth, June 29, 2004

Thomas W. MaVeety '90, art, and Dinah, daughter, Madolyn Jean, August 23, 2004

Lana Stoll Helms '92, biology, and Charles, daughters, Jennica Lanae and Jocelyn Rae, June 7, 2004

Natalie Tindle Reidford '93, art, and **Jon M. Reidford '92**, psychology, daughter, Lindsey Anne, May 1, 2004

Jo Ellen Barth Wassmer '93, elementary education, and Jeff, daughter, Kelsey Ann, February 1, 2004

Amy Cissna Hassler '94, elementary education, and John, daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, July 20, 2004

Amber Lucas Soderling '94, elementary education, and Scott, son, Jonathan Wilson, September 11, 2004

Shelia Miller Naab '95, communications, and Justin, daughter, Keira Justine, August 2, 2004

Kristi Hoffman Siegel '95, communications, and Brandon, son, Jack Lucas, May 29, 2004

Megan Roney Decraene '96, elementary education, and Mike, daughter, Bridget Michelle, March 3, 2004

Deena Dennis Gibson '97, biology, and **Christopher T. Gibson '99**, biology, son, Landon Christopher, July 21, 2004

Michael L. Good '97, communications, and Heather, daughter, Avery Kay, June 23, 2004

Gena Kingen Turner '97, communications, '02, Master of Social Work, and Michael, son, Brayden Michael, August 28, 2004

Kerri Guinn Boyd '98, elementary education, and Kory, son, Karsen William, May 12, 2004

Shelby Holsapple Collins '98, dental hygiene, '04, Master of Health Administration, and Matthew, son, Leo Ryan, September 12, 2004

Andrea Brenner Greaney '98, elementary education, and John, son, Conor Owen, June 11, 2004

Kirk R. Jocham '98, communications, and Stephanie, son, Kye Christian, April 1, 2004

Tamara Smith Smith '98, dental hygiene, and James, daughter, Avery Jean, March 18, 2004

Velvet Litsey Wathen '98, English, and **David E. Wathen '98**, electrical engineering technology, daughter, Cydney Brown, June 24, 2004

Emily Stansberry Fehrenbacher '99, health services, and Marc, daughter, Sophia Marie, July 12, 2004

Tara Black Lucas '99, physical education, and Christopher, daughter, Madison Kay, July 21, 2004

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Jenny Pate Weilbrenner '99, elementary education, and Alex, son, Charles Clay, February 2, 2004

Jennifer L. Kemper '00, nursing, and Mark, daughter, Lillian Grace, February 10, 2004

Lisa Amiano Sharp '00, elementary education, and **Andrew D. Sharp '00**, biology, son, Dominic Andrew, August 24, 2004

Crystal Virgin Fisher '01, public relations and advertising, and **Jason M. Fisher '98**, business administration, '03, Master of Business Administration, daughter, Madison Riley, February 7, 2004

Kristi Butler Kain '01, public relations and advertising, and **Josh '02**, daughter, Megan Renee, April 30, 2004

Misty Risse Beard '04, nursing, and Greg, daughter, Reagan Nicole, July 9, 2004

Teresa M. Lutz '04, elementary education, and Mark, daughter, Rebecca Nicole, March 12, 2004

Lindsay Boswell Major '04, health services, and **Mark A. Major '02**, business administration, daughter, Mollianne Elizabeth, September 16, 2004

In Memoriam

Mary Jane Alles '74, secretarial administration, of Evansville, died September 25. She retired from Product Acceptance and Research.

Laurence E. Hammond '77, accounting, of Indianapolis, died October 5. He was a Vietnam War Air Force veteran.

Kelly Hamlin '91, management, of Evansville, died October 19. She was a pharmaceutical representative for Ortho-McNeil/Johnson & Johnson.

Johnny A. Knable, Jr. '93, accounting, of Tell City, died September 28. He worked as a carpenter and was most recently employed with Swiss Plywood of Tell City.

Mark A. Messmer '93, business administration, of Jasper, Indiana, died December 21. He was the information systems manager for JOFCO International in Jasper and was a former employee of USI. He was president of the Dubois County USI Alumni Chapter from 1996 to 2004.

Karen L. Farthing '95, political science, of Evansville, died December 26. She was an avid reader and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Patricia A. Bailey '96, health services, of Henderson, died September 27. She was a nurse and retired from Ivy Tech State College.

Jennifer L. Hassfurth '00, elementary education, of St. Meinrad, Indiana, died January 4. She worked for a Touch of Class in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Faculty

Dr. Richard G. Landini, former Indiana State University president, '75, died on October 24. He was ISU's president from 1975 to 1992. During his administration until 1985, USI was a regional campus of ISU and was called ISUE.

Sandra Lawrence, who served USI for 16 years in the Student Health Center and Student Wellness program, died November 23. Lawrence received the first USI Volunteer Inspiration Award in August. She was honored for founding the Aunt Sophie's Chicken Noodle Soup Special Event in 1998 to provide a healthy meal to a different USI athletic team each year.

Dr. Tom Philleo, assistant professor of education and coordinator of graduate programs in education, of Mount Vernon, Indiana, died November 1.

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