



University Notes

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Consortium to tackle education issues

The University has joined Indiana's four-year public universities in an agreement to respond to the needs of Hoosier students, educators, and schools.

A resolution signed July 25 at the Indiana Statehouse by the Indiana Consortium of Education Deans brings together the resources of USI, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, and Purdue University. The presidents of the universities previously endorsed the resolution.

"As a group, consortium universities are the largest provider of teachers and school-related human service professionals in Indiana. Speaking on behalf of hundreds of teacher educators and thousands of teachers and prospective teachers, the consortium can speak from a perspective that many will recognize as valuable for policy and resource allocation questions," said Dr. Tom Pickering, dean of USI's Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services.

The resolution states the consortium has been formed to: advance, stimulate, improve, and coordinate programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; collaborate in assisting preschool-12 schools address critical issues; and work in partnership with state policy-makers and others to ensure a preschool-university educational system that is responsive to the needs of the state of Indiana.

"This is not a reaction to any one thing; rather it's the result of a commitment of the deans to work together to improve the quality of education in the state," said Dr. Jack Maynard, dean of Indiana State's School of Education.

The deans say the resolution formalizes a working relationship they have been building over the past year, and they say ideas they already have shared on transition-to-teaching programs give them hope for future success.

Transition-to-teaching programs try to address teacher shortages by allowing non-teachers with math or science degrees to take a specific number of courses and gain a teaching certificate. Teachers without special education certification also can gain it through the program.

"We believe the transition-to-teaching programs should have highly qualified candidates, an intensive field-based cohort model, a master teacher mentor, a rigorous admissions process, and programs based on research and performance standards," said Dr. Roy Weaver, dean of Ball State's Teachers College. "We've agreed to this set of principles, which provided guidance to the development of our individual, institutional programs and should make them stronger."

The deans also have discussed ways to develop teaching programs aligned with performance-based teaching standards.

"As the state has adopted new performance-based standards for licensure, we have all undergone major reform in our teacher preparation programs," said Dr. Jerry Peters, interim dean of Purdue University's School of Education.

"Although each institution may have different methods of preparing their teacher education students for the classroom, we must all adhere to the same performance-based standards for licensure, so it is imperative that we collaborate as progress and change is made to the licensure framework."

The consortium will not just be a reactive body. The deans say they want to lend their expertise and the resources of their institutions when lawmakers consider future policy changes.

"By showing unity and expressing determination in achieving a goal or impacting a decision, the deans can multiply their individual impact and influence," USI's Pickering said.

The deans have not set guidelines for measuring the consortium's success, but it most likely will be measured on an issue-by-issue basis.

"Perhaps an indicator of success is simply the extent to which we can implement joint initiatives that take advantage of the strengths each of our programs bring to the effort," said Dr. Gerardo Gonzalez, dean of Indiana University's School of Education. "For example, we may pursue grant opportunities jointly where one institution provides evaluation expertise, another brings program development expertise, and a third provides access to technology."

The most important indicator will be how students are performing in the classroom.

"A major issue is quality," Pickering said. "We want to expand the discussion beyond tests and test scores and help to maintain a focus on education as a means of enhancing human potential across many dimensions of living. We want to illuminate literacy, the fine arts, and health and fitness, along with conventional disciplines in promoting a holistic view of education, with emphasis on the well being of individuals."

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Cleek named director, associate dean

A longtime University employee has been appointed director of Continuing Education and associate dean of Extended Services.

Formerly the associate director of Extended Services and conference coordinator, Linda Cleek's association with the University began in 1974, when she was hired as secretary for the two-person office headed by Dr. Ed Jones, now the associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Extended Services.

"I consider myself part of the second wave – those who came after the founders but who have been here a long time. It's been exciting and fun to watch the development and growth of the University and to have been a part of that growth. The day the USI Independence Bill was signed was a real highlight," Cleek said.

"I have been very fortunate to work with Ed Jones, who has always had more confidence in me than I have in myself."

Working her way through the ranks, Cleek served in various secretarial roles before joining the University's administrative staff as assistant director of Continuing Education.

The Department of Continuing Education evolved into Extended Services – with Continuing Education remaining under its umbrella – and Cleek became assistant director of Extended Services. Later she was appointed associate director and conference coordinator.

"Lots of titles, but essentially one job," she observed. "Helping to bring lifelong learning to the region."

A native of Holland, Ind., Cleek attended Indiana University and holds both a B.S. in history and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from USI.

She also is a graduate of Leadership Evansville, secretary of the Westside Improvement Association, and past chair of the University Continuing Education Association Conferences and Professional Programs Division. Cleek and her husband Randy reside in Evansville.

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Volunteers to be honored

Nearly 450 individuals who donated 20 or more hours of service to the University last year will be honored at the annual Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner Thursday, August 8. The University's highest volunteer honor, the Volunteer of the Year Award, also will be presented at the event.

"Volunteers are the core of the University," said Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services. "This annual dinner is an opportunity for USI to say thank you for the thousands of hours donated by volunteers."

During the 2001-02 fiscal year, 820 volunteers gave their time to the University and its outreach programs. Of those volunteers, 449 contributed 20 or more hours of service, which means more than 100 additional volunteers met the 20-plus bench mark in 2001-02 than in the prior fiscal year.

Total volunteer hours for 2001-02 reached 103,750, bringing the number of volunteer hours since the program's inception in July 1996 to 471,697.

The Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in Carter Hall. Formal invitations are being sent. For more information, call extension 1924.

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Amphitheatre presenting dance concert

A live dance performance is an added attraction at Lincoln Amphitheatre this summer.

Lincoln Kaleidoscope, featuring the amphitheatre's dancers and singers, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 31 and August 7. Choreographed by Barbara Brandt, the performance will be *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a dance adaptation of Shakespeare's classic with music by Felix Mendelssohn and other composers of the same era.

Brandt is choreographer for *Young Abe Lincoln* and *The Sound of Music*, the musical dramas in repertoire at the amphitheatre. She has performed or choreographed productions on stages from Arkansas to New York.

Regular Lincoln Amphitheatre ticket prices - \$15, adult; \$13, senior (60+); and \$8, child under 18 - apply for the dance concert. USI employees receive a \$3 discount on the regular adult ticket price by presenting a valid Eagle Access Card.

Call 800/264-4223 for tickets or additional information, or visit www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com. The amphitheatre's productions of *Young Abe Lincoln* and *The Sound of Music* will continue through August 10. The productions alternate evenings Thursday through Sunday. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

Lincoln Amphitheatre, located in Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind., is produced by USI in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and support from the Indiana Arts Commission.

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Names in the news

Welcome

A former assistant volleyball coach at Mississippi State University has accepted the position of head volleyball coach and instructor in physical education. Craig Bere, Evansville, holds both a bachelor's degree in health and a master's in health, physical education, and recreation from Morehead State University, where he also worked with varsity women's volleyball as an undergraduate, graduate student, and full-time assistant coach.

Elizabeth Cheaney has accepted the position of admission counselor in the Office of Admission. The Newburgh resident previously worked as a substitute teacher for the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. and as a case worker/home visitor for the Community Action Program of Evansville. She holds a B.A. in English from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Dr. Greg Murphy has accepted the position of assistant professor of management. The Newburgh resident previously worked as an assistant professor of management at University of Evansville. He holds a Ph.D. from University of Houston and was honored with a Ewing Marion Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship.

The University community welcomes Sue Schweitzer, who has accepted the position of custodial worker in the Physical Plant. The Evansville resident is a professional disc jockey and is a certified volunteer firefighter for the Knight Township Fire Department, which she also serves as secretary.

Pamela J. Van Vorst has accepted the position of administrative assistant in Human Resources. The Evansville resident previously worked as the auction coordinator at WNN-TV 9, in inside sales at Premium Financing Specialists in Baltimore, and as an account analyst for Transamerica Insurance Finance in Buffalo, N.Y. She holds a B.A. in humanities from State University College at Buffalo.

Jesse Watkins has accepted the position of men's basketball assistant coach in Athletics. The Mt. Carmel, Ill., resident previously worked as a men's assistant basketball coach at Wabash Valley Junior College, where he helped lead the Warriors to the 2001 NJCAA National Championship. He holds a B.S. from Lincoln Memorial University, where he played and coached before joining Wabash Valley.

Promotions and transfers

- Diane Alvey, from business coordinator, Bookstore, to assistant manager-operations, Bookstore.
- Stephen Dunmire, from security officer, Safety and Security, to sergeant, Safety and Security.

In memoriam

George R. Eadie, 78, professor emeritus of mining engineering technology, died July 21 at the Eldorado Care Center in Eldorado, Ill. He held a Master of Science in Engineering Management from University of Illinois and taught at USI from 1976 to 1989.

Eadie is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Crockett and Rosalyn Uzzle; a sister, Helen Harper; and four grandchildren. Services were held July 24 at Colonial Terrace Funeral Home in Eldorado.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to Kathy Carr, senior administrative assistant in Student Financial Assistance, whose father-in-law Ottie A. Carr, 67, Evansville, died July 13. Services were held July 16 at Pierre Funeral Home.

In appreciation

"To My University Family,

"Thank you for your wishes of condolence and expressions of sympathy for the death of my mother Margaret Davis. Mother lived a long time, 90 years. Her health was relatively good until the last two months of life. She was able to be in her home until her death, and the dying process was quick (six weeks) and peaceful. She told me many times she had lived long enough and had done what she wanted in life. I should be so lucky. Again, thank you for your support." - Dr. Jane Davis-Brezette,
chair of the Physical Education Department

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Marketplace

For sale

- 4701 Meadow Crest Court - quiet westside neighborhood. Beautifully landscaped three-bedroom, two-bath home with two-car garage on cul-de-sac. Located next to woods. Follow Boehne Camp Road south, turn left on Middle Mount Vernon Road, and then left into Westwood Subdivision. Must see. Priced to sell at \$128,900. Phone 464-5818 or 204-2448.
- 1244 Oriole Circle - five bedrooms, two baths, 2,338 sq. ft., two stories, mature trees, formal living room, large country kitchen, den with woodburner and French doors, screened porch, chain-link fenced backyard, two-car attached garage with attic storage, above-ground pool with deck, new furnace and gas water heater, central air, \$104,500. Contact 838-3228, 455-2530, or s.londt@att.net.
- 113 North Woods - three bedrooms, one bath, carport, and workshop. Mother-in-law's house in backyard. Roof, furnace, and water heater all less than 5 years old, \$69,000. Call Jack, 425-2032.
- 1999 Kawasaki Vulcan 750cc - approximately 5,000 miles, excellent shape, black and gray, \$4,200. Call Kim, 464-1700 days or 838-6121 evenings.
- 1990 Ford Bronco ELT - All power, loaded, with 351 auto overdrive. New tires and exhaust. Blue and silver, very good condition inside and out, \$5,700. Call Matt, 985-0721.
- 2000 Saturn SL2 - reduced! 28K miles, sunroof, spoiler, custom stereo, remote keyless entry with alarm system, \$9,950. Call Mandi, Ext. 1067.
- Loft - a good investment for anyone who has a college student living in a dorm, \$100. Thomas organ - \$500 OBO. Contact mweigand@usi.edu, 465-7020, or 985-2139 after 5 p.m.
- Bunk beds - solid wood (medium oak finish) in very good condition. Can be separated for use as twin beds. Includes two mattresses in good condition as well as wood top-bunk rails and wood ladder: \$250. Call Ext. 1680 or 425-0902.
- Futon - single-size, like-new, wooden frame, mattress cover, \$70 OBO; Cabinet - cherry color double-door and drawer with custom-made hunter green counter top, \$75 OBO; Cabinet - corner with front and side door, excellent condition, can be used as upper or floor cabinet, hunter green cabinet top, \$75 OBO. Call Stacy, 465-7110.

■ Le Coultre Atmos Clock - in running condition. Glass in fine shape, bit of pitting to brass trim on outside of clock. Kept in "as found" condition. Works of clock are immaculate. Runs on perpetual motion; never needs winding: \$600 OBO. Call Mary, Ext. 1989.

■ Books - lots of Stephen King hardbacks in great shape: \$5 each or three for \$12. E-mail cnorrick@usi.edu.

■ Signet clarinet with case - just replaced pads and corks. Great for student: \$250. Call Caitlin, 464-1899 (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or 491-3688 (2 to 9 p.m.).

■ Dinette - medium-color wood, oblong shape, two leaves, eight chairs, good condition, \$550. Call 422-7525.

■ Well-Trol diaphragm pressure tank - 40 gal., \$40; oak youth bed frame with trundle and brass fixtures - \$40; like-new single bed mattress, inner spring, frame - \$100; queen size oak waterbed - with liner, mattress, and storage space in headboard, \$75. Call Ext. 1709 or 479-3409.

■ One-half carat marquise-cut diamond ring - 14 K, very thick, solid 14 K mounting. Center diamond is marquise cut with channel-set round diamonds on each side. Appraised at \$1,400, will take \$800. Call Ext. 1831.

Pet

■ White Jack Russell terrier - needs good home. Free to a family with lots of love and time, 11 months old. Has been around children and is very good with them. Call 424-8547 or Ext. 1840.

For rent

■ Serene one-bedroom apartment in historic area of Evansville - hardwood floors, claw-footed tub, window treatment, some furnishings. Veranda and fenced, well-treed yard. Includes water, heat, and refuse: \$390/month. Call 423-8859.

■ Hillcrest Apartments - Newly remodeled one-bedroom apartment with electric utilities. No pets, non-smoking. One year lease, \$350/month, \$150 security deposit. Call 476-3411.

Services

■ Energetic and conscientious high school student seeking housecleaning work for special occasions or on a regular basis. Hourly rate: \$7. Contact Johannah (Joey) Rivers, 423-7101.

Wanted

■ Someone to help paint and ready a home that has just been moved into by a faculty member. About four or five days, \$10 an hour. Call 402-7636.

■ Donations of used games, puzzles, aquarium, etc. for use in residence halls and lobby. Contact Pat Jordan, 468-2300 or pjordan@usi.edu.

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August calendar

Thursday, August 1

New Harmony Theatre presents *Pump Boys and Dinettes* - 7:30 p.m., Murphy Auditorium, New Harmony. Additional performances: 8 p.m. August 2, 3, 9, 10; 7:30 p.m. August 8; 2 p.m. August 4, 10, 11. Tickets: \$20 adult; \$18 senior/student; \$17 group of 20 or more; \$3 discount for USI employees presenting a valid Eagle Access Card. Tickets/information: 812/682-3115.

Lincoln Amphitheatre presents *The Sound of Music* - 7:30 p.m., Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind. Additional performances: 7:30 p.m. August 3, 9, 10. Tickets: \$15 adult; \$13 seniors

60+; \$8 children under 18; \$3 discount for USI employees presenting a valid Eagle Access Card. Tickets/information: 800/264-4ABE or www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com.

Friday, August 2

Last day to drop or withdraw - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: registrar@usi.edu.

Lincoln Amphitheatre presents *Young Abe Lincoln* - 7:30 p.m., Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind. Additional performances: 7:30 p.m. August 4, 8. Tickets: \$15 adult; \$13 seniors 60+; \$8 children under 18; \$8 per person Sunday Family Night; \$3 discount for USI employees presenting a valid Eagle Access Card. Tickets/information: 800/264-4ABE.

Sunday, August 4

USI Night at the Otters - 4 to 6 p.m., sandwiches, chips, beverages before the game across from Bosse Field; game at 6:05 p.m. at Bosse Field. Cost: \$6 per person, \$2 children 5 and younger. Tickets/information: Ext. 1904.

Wednesday, August 7

Lincoln Amphitheatre presents Lincoln Kaleidoscope - featuring the amphitheatre's singers and dancers, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind. Tickets: \$15 adult; \$13 seniors 60+; \$8 children under 18; \$3 discount for USI employees presenting a valid Eagle Access Card. Tickets/information: 800/264-4ABE.

Thursday, August 8

Foundation Orientation Meeting - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., University Center. Information: Ext. 1918.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner - 6 p.m., Carter Hall. Formal invitations will be sent. Information: Ext. 1924.

Southwestern Indiana Nursing Workforce Summit - 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium. Information: Ext. 1151.

Saturday, August 10

Ben Dallas and Tim Van Laar - painting exhibit, August 10 through September 21, New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, 506 Main St., New Harmony. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Information: 812/682-3156.

Little Pigeon Creek Playhouse presents *Rutherford Wolf* - a children's theatre production, 2 p.m., Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind. Tickets: \$1.99 at amphitheatre productions. Information: 800/264-4ABE.

Tuesday, August 13

Support Staff Luncheon - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Carter Hall.

Thursday, August 15

Support Staff Meeting - 8 to 10 a.m., Mitchell Auditorium.

Friday, August 16

Third summer session ends - Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Sunday, August 18

Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Indians Outing - picnic at 1 p.m., game at 2 p.m., Victory Field: Indianapolis Indians vs. the Toledo Mud Hens. .

Living History - August 18, September 15, October 20, George Rogers Clark National Historic Park, Vincennes, Ind. Volunteers will dress in Revolutionary War period clothing, speak to visitors, and demonstrate period handicrafts.

Monday, August 19

Faculty and Administrators Meeting and Luncheon - 8:30

a.m. to 1 p.m., Carter Hall. Continental breakfast at 8:30; meeting at 9; lunch at noon. Information: bbauer@usi.edu.

Tuesday, August 20

Schedule changes - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar.

Academic Affairs Administrative Workshop - for deans, department chairs, and directors, New Harmony, Ind.

Thursday, August 22

Fall 2002 new student registration - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., office of the student's major. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Housing opens - for students participating in Connections II. Information: Ext. 2000.

Friday, August 23

Fall 2002 open registration - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., office of the student's major. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Connections II: Welcome Weekend - August 23 through 25, on campus. Information: connect@usi.edu.

Greater Indianapolis USI Alumni Chapter Golf Outing - 12:30 p.m., Links Golf Course, New Palestine, Ind.

Women's soccer hosts Murray State University - scrimmage, 7 p.m., Strassweg Field.

Saturday, August 24

Housing opens - for all USI students. Information: Ext. 2000.

Witness Project - health screening for African-American women, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Memorial Baptist Church, 605 Canal St., Evansville. Information: dakinney@usi.edu.

Sunday, August 25

Presidential Scholar Welcome Picnic - 3 to 6 p.m., Physical Activities Center. Information: barnett@usi.edu.

All Sports Picnic - evening, Outdoor Education Area. Information: Ext. 1622.

Monday, August 26

Fall 2002 classes begin - Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Schedule revision and late registration period - August 26, 27, 28, 29, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Office of the Registrar.

Wednesday, August 28

Welcome Back Rec Fest - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m., library lawn. Free food and fun for students and staff.

Friday, August 30

End 90-percent refund - 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar.

Schedule revision and late registration period - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: kkdupont@usi.edu.

Women's soccer hosts University of Montevallo - 5 p.m., Strassweg Field.

Volleyball at North Alabama Tournament - August 30 and 31, Florence, Ala.: August 30 - 2:30 p.m. vs. North Dakota State University, 7:30 p.m. vs. Bryant College; August 31 - noon vs. University of North Alabama, 2:30 p.m. vs. Henderson State University.

Saturday, August 31

Presidential Scholar Alumni Reunion - 3 to 7 p.m., Outdoor Education Area. Information: barnett@usi.edu.

Men's soccer at Truman State University - 1 p.m., Kirksville, Mo.