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Wade to head USI accounting; Peluchette takes over MBA program; Lockridge is computer assistant

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Daniel E. Wade, associate dean of the University of Southern Indiana School of Business and an associate professor of accounting, has been named director of Accounting Programs at the University. Joy Van Eck Peluchette, associate professor of management, will succeed Dr. Wade as director of the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) Program.

Dr. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the School of Business, said, "Dr. Wade led the successful introduction of our M.B.A. program, and can put that experience to good use as we introduce our new M.S. in Accountancy Program next fall. Dr. Peluchette was co-chair of USI's North Central reaccreditation report last year and proved that she has the leadership and administrative skills to continue to advance our M.B.A. Program." The M.S. in Accountancy was approved after the Indiana legislature enacted legislation requiring 150 hours of college work to become a certified public accountant (CPA), beginning in 2000.

Wade was the first director of USI's M.B.A. Program, appointed in the fall of 1991. He previously was chair of the Accounting and Business Law Department and teaches in graduate and undergraduate programs. He was selected as the Indiana CPA Society Outstanding Educator in October 1996. Dr. Wade received his bachelor's degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, an M.B.A. from Indiana State University, and D.B.A. from the University of Kentucky.

Peluchette joined the USI faculty in 1991 after earning a D.B.A. at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia University and previously taught at the University of Wyoming, SIU-C, West Virginia, and Salem College. Last year, Dr. Peluchette received the USI School of Business Teaching Excellence Award. She is chair of the board for Midwest Academy of Management and is involved with the Evansville Personnel Association and ANEW (network for women).

In another mid-year appointment, Timothy S. Lockridge has been named assistant director of the USI Computer Center. The Richland, Indiana, resident received a B.S. in computing services from the University of Evansville and previously worked as operations manager for KLF Business Communication and as a programmer/analyst for Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company.