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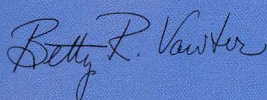
**T**his issue of our magazine has a new look from the inside out.

No doubt you have already noticed that the name on the cover is different. The former title, 8600 University Boulevard, developed years ago when the campus was new and some folks thought State Highway 62 might be widened and renamed University Boulevard. As most of our readers know, the improved road became the Lloyd Expressway instead. The main drive through campus took on the name of University Boulevard, but even that is destined for change. The master plan calls for vehicular traffic to be routed around the perimeter of the campus in the future.

Our main goal in renaming the publication was to give it a name that would immediately connect it with the University so we opted for the obvious. The new name is simply *USI Magazine*. When people see this magazine on your coffee table or in your office reception area, the new name should give them a better idea about what's inside.

Speaking of inside, the big change is color. Frequently, we have needed more pages to bring you University news. We figured that into our budget this year along with the possibility of adding a second color. To our surprise, we are able to put the publication with an increased number of pages on a larger press and achieve economies of scale. Combined with advances in printing technology, this gives us the opportunity to bring you color throughout at an affordable cost.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *USI Magazine*.



Betty R. Vawter

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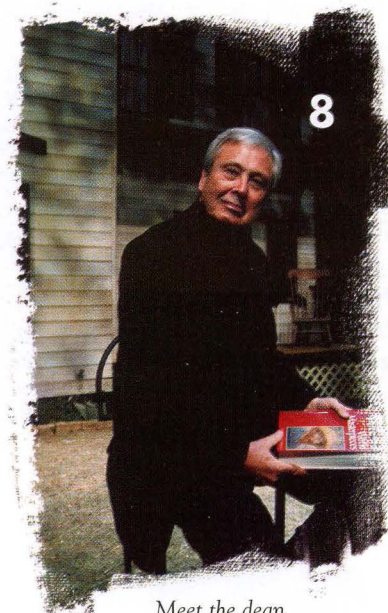
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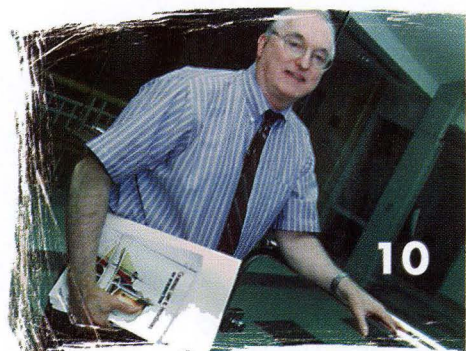
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### ON THE COVER

"Frustration" by USI art major Megan Russell is one of three sculptures representing the United States in competition at the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. See story page 2.

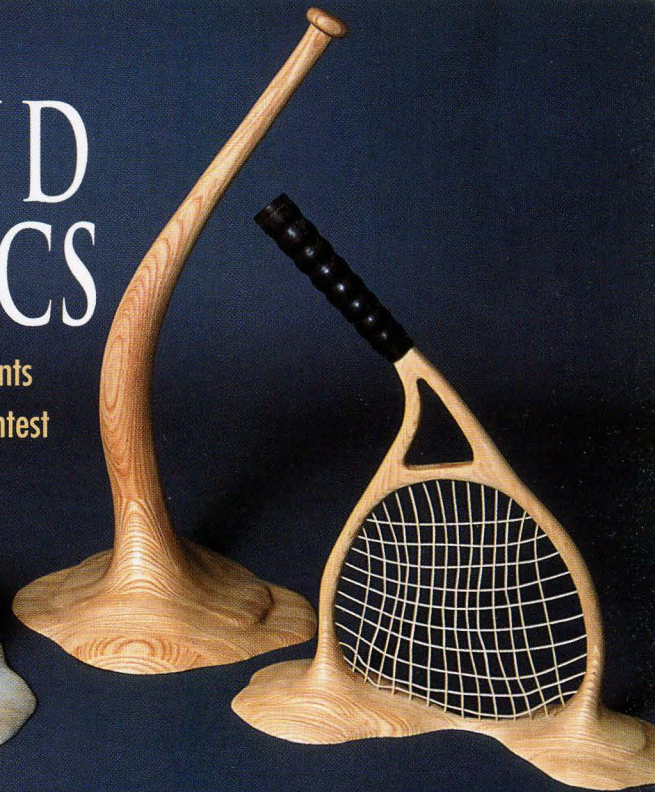
**U**SI senior Megan Russell rates an "A." Make it two—one for artist and another for athlete.

An art major and an All-American soccer player, Russell is the bronze medalist in the sculpture division of the Olympic Art & Sport Contest. Her piece is one of three representing the United States in the next level of competition at the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. A victory in Switzerland could lead to recognition at the summer games in Sydney. Winners of the international competition will be announced in March.

The winning sculpture, titled "Frustration," is a tennis racket carved from ash with a handle of a dark wood called wenge and strings of wood filament. Russell entered the racket along with sculptures of a soccer ball and baseball bat as a collection she called "Hot Competitions." All three of the pieces appear to be melting. Russell said her inspiration was the idea that the Olympics are, indeed, hot competitions. She focused her interpretation on the summer heat and the idea of the heated battle in the Summer Olympics.

# ART AND ATHLETICS

**Sculpture by USI senior represents United States in Olympic art contest**



*Hot Competitions*

Elizabeth Courtney-USI

The artist-athlete was one of five art students who created sculptures last summer for the Liberal Arts Center, which opened in the fall. Russell's work was a glass-topped table supported by a base in the shape of a giant pair of scissors. Since that table went on display, she has been asked to make a similar one on a commission basis. She recently made a wooden cane on commission and will be making a piece, probably a "wacky" mirror, for an auction sponsored by the USI Society for Arts and Humanities.

Russell concluded her athletic career at USI as a 1998 women's soccer National Soccer Coaches Association of America second team All-American, a three-time All-Region player (twice on the first team), and a three-time All-GLVC performer. She holds or is tied for 11 USI career, season, or single game records, including

points and goals. A team captain each of her four years, she also helped lead USI to the NCAA Division II Tournament quarterfinal in 1998.

After completing a bachelor's degree at USI, Russell is considering a year in a residency program with other artists to build her portfolio and prepare for graduate school. She thanked Hilary Braysmith, the assistant professor of art history who told her about the Olympic Art & Sport Contest, and John McNaughton, another professor of art who supported and encouraged her entry.

The United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama, is the U.S. sponsor of the art competition for athletes who participate in Olympic-type sports, or those associated with Olympic-type sports, regardless of age.



*Russell*

# Getting a jump on college



## High school students take USI courses through video link

**A**dvanced seniors at South Spencer High School in Rockport, Indiana, are getting a jumpstart on college. Through a partnership with the University of Southern Indiana, 10 students are taking college courses via an interactive video link.

By the time this academic year is finished, they could have earned as many as 13 hours of college credit, all without leaving their own school. They also will earn high school credit for the courses they complete.

Students in Rockport meet at the same time the classes are held on the USI campus and watch on a big screen television in their learning lab. They can see and hear the USI faculty member, ask questions, and participate in class discussions with the USI students who are enrolled in the same section. The link works both ways so the students and professor at USI can see and communicate with the students at the high school. The program uses technology installed at South Spencer High School about two years ago through the Vision Athena learning network for which USI provides instruction.

The students also make at least one visit to campus during the semester to meet face to face with the USI students and instructor.

An algebra course and a biology class focusing on environmental issues are in progress this semester.

The partnership began in the fall with classes in English and speech.

Dr. Althea Rhodes, USI instructor in English, taught the first freshman composition course. She met with the students in person last spring at their high school to discuss the program. All courses follow the same syllabus as on-campus

see what is expected of them at the university level while they are still in a familiar environment.”

Dr. Gerald York, director of the program for South Spencer, met with the students at that site and took charge of the camera during class time. He said, “The program has exceeded our expectations. The technology has been very effective in terms of a delivery system, and our students have grown both educationally and socially.”

Dr. M. Edward Jones, USI associate vice president for academic affairs and director of Extended Services, said that dual-credit programming is becoming more popular throughout the state, particularly for high-achieving students who often complete their

high school requirements before their senior year. Although this is the first partnership using two-way interactive media, USI generally enrolls about 350 high school students each year in other forms of dual-credit courses.

Jones expects more high schools to be interested in this kind of partnership. “Dual-credit courses are usually a cost- and time-efficient way for high school students to earn college credit and enable the schools to partner in a way that capitalizes on their resources.”

*The collaboration with South Spencer High School for long-distance learning is one of several USI partnerships which meet needs in the Tri-State.*



*Dr. Althea Rhodes teaches at USI with students at South Spencer High School participating through an interactive video link.*

courses, and expectations for student work are the same as for on-campus courses.

The high school students sent their written assignments to Rhodes by e-mail or by regular mail, and she held student conferences through the video link. A USI student worker controlled the classroom camera while Rhodes was teaching.

Rhodes said, “This program offers an excellent chance for students to

While none of us may ever become perfectly wise, we can learn a lot about ourselves while we're trying. Professor Richard Mussard makes us think about how we combine knowledge and conduct in our journey to attain wisdom.

# In pursuit of wisdom

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**W**hat is wisdom? Can anyone hope to attain perfect wisdom? Dr. Richard R. Mussard, associate professor of philosophy, ponders these questions with graduate students in a course called “Becoming Wise.”

Several students completed the course during fall semester as a capstone to their experience in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program. The course is designed to help students synthesize in a broader context what they have studied in other graduate-level courses.

Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, director of the M.A.L.S. program, said students bring a mix of backgrounds to the capstone experience. While some in the program have focused on the humanities and others on the sciences or social sciences, they all can benefit from the universal nature of the capstone course. The “Becoming Wise” course is a new option. Some M.A.L.S. students choose to culminate the degree program with a project related to their field of study or work.

In the course, Mussard, a USI faculty member since 1968, talks about the necessary and sufficient conditions for a human to be “perfectly wise.” That person should have “a body of knowledge that is properly pure, comprehensive, artful, organized, and profound,” and should “never fail to properly exemplify this knowledge in his or her conduct or character.”

In other words, it's not enough to have knowledge. One must live one's life in terms of that knowledge.

“A perfectly wise person knows the right stuff and lives his or her life in perfect conformity to that knowledge,” Mussard says. “It is when this kind of integrity between knowledge and life exists that we have wisdom.”

Mussard says he cannot find anyone living or dead, not even Socrates, who fits the criteria.

“The goal of perfect wisdom is logically possible, but given the richness of the ideal and the variety of human weaknesses, its realization is extremely improbable,” Mussard said.

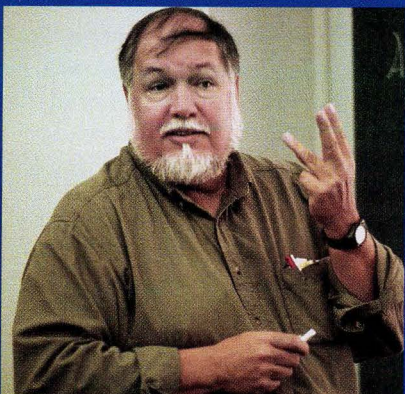
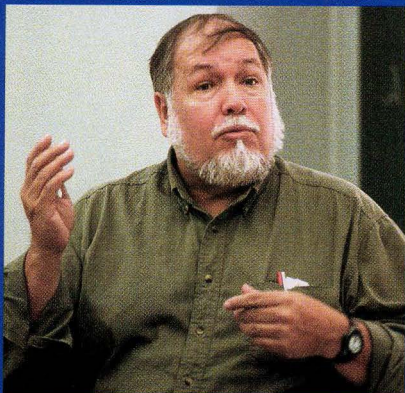
Since no one meets the perfectly wise standard, Mussard offers some degrees of wisdom, analyzing the conditions for a person to be “passably wise” and even the conditions for a level he calls “almost passably wise.”

Those who would be passably wise, according to Mussard’s theorizing, must meet some less stringent requirements concerning the purity, comprehensiveness, organization, and profundity of their knowledge inventory. They should exhibit no serious flaws in conduct or character, and they should be working all the while to remove any deficiencies that make them barely passable.

Mussard says, “The passably wise are, of course, not perfectly wise, but neither are they foolish persons on the whole, nor even persons who exist in that intermediate state of being neither wise nor foolish. They are close enough to the ideal of perfect wisdom to be passably wise.”

But some people cannot make the cut to be passably wise, Mussard says, because they have some flaw so serious that it makes them unworthy. He calls these defects “flunkers.” A child molester or an anti-Semite would not be passably wise.

For those who flunk, he offers the category called almost passably wise. The people who would fit into this level must come close to meeting the various reduced requirements



Mussard

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for being passably wise. They must also recognize their failures and have a clear plan for overcoming them and reaching a passable level of wisdom. “Follies...do not exclude one from ever being passably wise,” Mussard says. “Past follies can often be overcome, and foolish wrongful acts can sometimes be righted.”

Donald D. Broshears, custodial services supervisor for USI, completed M.A.L.S. requirements with the course on wisdom last semester. “This was a subject I had never explored,” he said. “Most of us take classes that are objective. When we finish, we can say, ‘I learned how to do this.’ This class was more on the order of allowing you to expand your horizons and your mind.”

After studying the subject of wisdom for a semester, Broshears agrees that the perfectly wise category could never be attained. “It never has and never will,” he said.

As he assessed the profundity of his own wisdom, he gave himself credit for having knowledge in some of the categories which Mussard listed but admitted that from a behavioral standpoint he doesn’t always do what he should—“like lose 20 pounds.”

Several kinds of knowledge, none of which can stand alone, are important to the pursuit of wisdom. Mussard identified this inventory: common sense, scholarly and scientific knowledge, methods of inquiry, experiential knowledge, skill, self-knowledge, value knowledge, and knowledge of God.

He led the students in discussing what is true knowledge. Is there room for any false belief or inconsistency? Is there a place for trivial knowledge?

Mussard also examined with the class how one’s knowledge is exemplified in character. Is it a breach of integrity to want to win the lottery if one knows the improbabilities of the lottery? Is it a breach only if one plays the lottery?

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For Sharon Duell '92, one of the most interesting aspects of the study of wisdom was the emphasis on evidence. "There's a difference between belief and proof," said Duell, "and sometimes we don't think about that." Mussard brought in James H. Bandoli, associate professor of biology, and Craig McCarron, instructor in mathematics, to demonstrate the kinds of evidence or proof they look for in their disciplines.

Mussard also found it helpful to talk about what wisdom is not:

**1** It is not specialized knowledge or professional expertise. "One can be an expert chemist or physician and still be what would commonly be called a fool," Mussard said. "There is nothing inherent in the possession of scientific knowledge to prevent the possessor from acting foolishly."

**2** Wisdom is not encyclopedic knowledge. A person who knew everything there was to know about everything could still act foolishly.

**3** Wisdom is "not merely a state of knowing." It is a "matter of conduct as well as knowledge." Mussard says certain kinds of conduct can, in spite of one's knowledge, exclude a person from being wise. Smokers who know they should not smoke are not acting in accordance with their knowledge.

**4** Wisdom is not common sense. Common sense is merely believing what is commonly believed, and Mussard points out that what is commonly believed has often turned out to be mistaken. "The earth turned out not to be flat," he said.

**5** Wisdom is not ordinary prudence. Many people make good judgments about what to do in common situations precisely because these situations have commonly known solutions, he said. But, wisdom requires extraordinary prudence to solve problems of more complexity.

**7** Mussard rejects the notion, associated with Socrates, that "wisdom is believing that one knows nothing." He does, however, think that a person who "knows what he does not know" is wiser than a person who claims to know something which he does not know.

# becoming wise

**6** While extraordinary prudence may contribute to wisdom, it alone is not sufficient. Some knowledge must be valued for its own sake.

**8** Mussard also thinks it insufficient to claim that "one has received knowledge as a pure gift from a source and that the source revealed that knowledge to be wisdom." Any knowledge that is revealed must be certified.

Why even discuss wisdom if it is a pie-in-the-sky ideal that can never be reached? Mussard sees its contemplation as a tool to help people get a better understanding of themselves. "The idea of idealizing is a device to help us see what we know and don't know and where we are and where we are not."

Duell said that the study of wisdom "makes you think about the things in your life you might be able to do better."

"It's not over when the course is over," she said

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# *Fine art* finds *a home* at USI

## **McCutchan Gallery opens with show of Hoosier artists**

A stroll down the hall of the Wright Administration Building is now a tour of fine art. The Kenneth P. McCutchan Gallery, which opened in October, is named in honor of the man who donated an impressive collection of works by Indiana artists to the University.

The first display in the glass-enclosed showcase is a collection of 19 pieces by 17 noted regional artists. The works are among approximately 75 pieces presented to USI by Ken McCutchan, a well-known local historian and radio personality. Now retired, McCutchan lives at the Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community near campus. He developed an interest in Indiana artists a number of years ago and began seeking out their work at auctions, galleries, estates sales, and anywhere he could find them.

The renovation that created the gallery also included the installation of a storage system with slide-out racks for proper care of the important collection and pieces from other donors. The USI art committee has directed that art from donors be used and exhibited as a

study collection for students and the community, rather than hung in offices where it may be inaccessible to the public.

Blake Cook, director of the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art and chair of the art committee, said the gallery space also will be

used to show faculty work, student art, and exhibits in cooperation with community arts organizations.

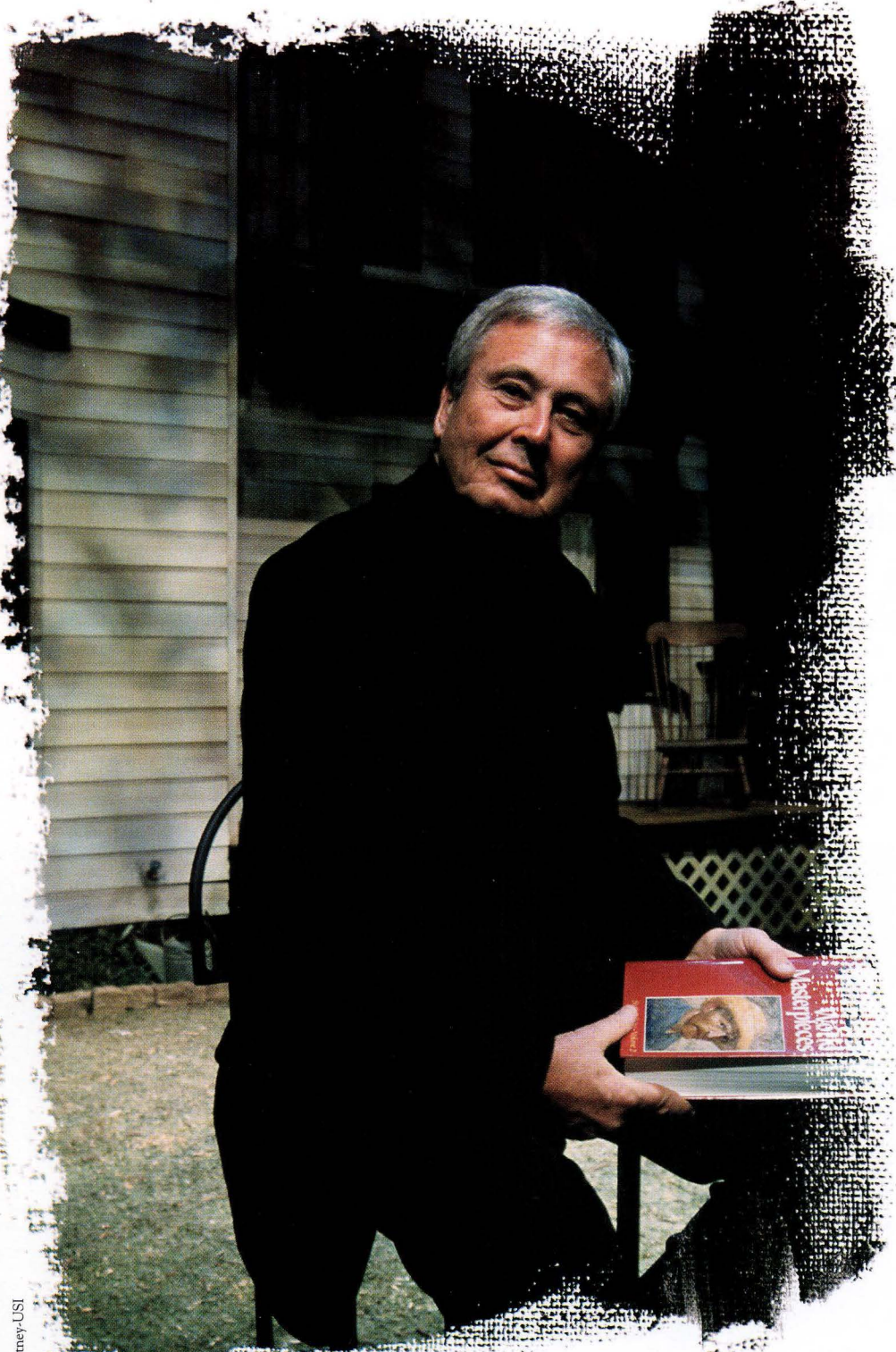
Margaret Skoglund, chair of the art and music department, said the showcase is "a particularly wonderful addition in terms of the art department's needs." The showcase offers a year-round presence in a heavily traveled area where exhibits will be viewed and enjoyed by many people, she said. She envisions the space being used to preview the student art show in the spring, to exhibit work done by art faculty during sabbaticals, and to promote events such as the auction sponsored by the Society for Arts and Humanities.

Michael Mohr, staff architect, said the gallery and adjacent storage area are equipped with temperature and humidity controls. Further renovation tentatively scheduled for summer will improve the hallway and corridors and provide comfortable seating in the area of the gallery.



Elizabeth Courtney/USI

*Ken McCutchan, left, toured the gallery on opening day with Chair of Art and Music Department Margaret Skoglund and USI President Ray Hoops.*



## James R. Blevins

School of Liberal Arts

### Leading role

James R. Blevins thinks of himself as a great theatre spectator. When he goes to New York, which he does regularly, he may see nine plays in seven days. But at the University of Southern Indiana, he is more than an observer. In theatrical terms, he is player, director, and producer in the broadest sense of the words. For better than 30 years, he has played a leading role in the development of the University's programs in the liberal arts.

Blevins joined the faculty in 1966 as assistant professor of English. Over the years he took on increasing responsibilities as associate professor and professor, chairing the University's Division of Humanities from 1969 until 1988 when the divisions were reorganized into schools. At that time he became dean of the School of Liberal Arts. He has announced his intention to retire June 30.

### The possibilities

The dean's love of learning goes back to childhood in Elizabethton, Tennessee, a town of 12,000 in the upper eastern part of the state. "My mother always read to us, and we always had books available," he said. As a teenager, he attended plays in nearby Abingdon, Virginia, at the well-known Barter Theatre. When he reflected on his career choice, he said that he was really turning an avocation, the love of literature, into a vocation. Blevins gravitated to Nashville, Tennessee, completing a B.A. in English at David Lipscomb College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at George Peabody College. After teaching in the Nashville public schools for three years, he moved to the college level, teaching for three years at Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis).

When Blevins arrived in Evansville 34 years ago, USI had 893 students, most of whom were

part-time, and 17 full-time staff members, including faculty and administration. Today the University has almost 8,700 students and 420 full-time faculty and administrative staff members as well as many part-time faculty members. Except for Purdue University, USI has a greater percentage of students living in campus housing than any other state-supported university in Indiana.

"All of us who were here in the early days got caught up in the growth and in the possibilities," Blevins said. Despite his long career with the University, he said he has never had "the same experience two years in a row." The change was that dynamic.

## The impact

As jobs in the marketplace continue to evolve, Blevins is convinced that the study of liberal arts provides students with the kind of education they can always use. He said, "I've often heard CEOs say that they want people who can reason, communicate, and be flexible. I can't think of a better education to promote those qualities than an education in the liberal arts."

With the opening in the fall of the new Liberal Arts Center, USI offers students a state-of-the-art facility with a studio theatre, foreign language labs, music studio, lecture halls, and other facilities with the latest in technology. The building brings together Liberal Arts faculty who were scattered in classrooms and offices throughout campus. Blevins said the building is the first on campus in which the people using it had significant input into the design.

The School of Liberal Arts also has new facilities for classes in painting and printmaking in an art studio adjacent to the Technology Center.

But long before the new facilities opened, the School of Liberal Arts was contributing to the community

not only by educating students but also through a number of outreach programs. Blevins, the 1994 recipient of the Mayor's Arts Award, has been involved in many cultural outreach programs.

In 1987-88, he directed the University production of the Arthur Miller drama, *All My Sons*, and last fall he brought that play back to USI to open the new Helen Mallette Studio Theatre. For the program notes, he reflected on the development of USI Theatre, beginning in 1970 with the hiring of one professor and the acquisition in 1971 of the playhouse on Igleheart Avenue, which is still the main stage. "Throughout the '70s and most of the '80s, we maintained an annual performance schedule, sometimes with the help of guest directors, and gradually developed an academic program.... During this entire time, however, the full-time faculty numbered only one," he wrote. Then a period of growth began. In 1988, the University assumed management of New Harmony Theatre and a year later joined the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in producing the Lincoln Amphitheatre. Blevins believes USI to be the only university in the country to produce two professional theatres. Last summer more than 140 artists, technicians, and managers worked on the New Harmony and Lincoln productions. The USI Theatre program now includes a full-time faculty and management staff of nine.

Just a few of the other programs that contribute to the cultural environment of the Tri-State include the RopeWalk Writers Conference, the Center for Communal Studies, Historic Southern Indiana, Historic New Harmony, and the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art. Blevins is founder of the USI Society for Arts and Humanities, a community support group with 200 members.

## The teacher

As a teacher, Blevins likes to bring good material before good students and provide interaction. He recalled a film course which he developed and instructed for about 15 years. "I still routinely run into people who remind me they were in my film class and enjoyed it," he said. Blevins prepared for the course during a sabbatical with post-doctoral study at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Another course he has developed more recently is on the topic of Southern literature. "It's generally understood by people in the field of literature that the premier region for great literature in the 20th century has been the South," he said. The course focuses on the years from 1925 through 1975 and writers such as William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, and Robert Penn Warren.

"The South has a tradition of storytellers and closely knit families who pass down their stories for generations," Blevins said.

## Turning the page

The dean and his wife Barbara live in a restored home in downtown Evansville. She retired in 1996 from teaching English at Helfrich Park Middle School. After his retirement, they plan to stay in Evansville. "I felt at home here from the beginning," he said. Blevins may return to campus occasionally to teach the course on Southern literature. The opening of the Liberal Arts Center was a longtime goal, one that he feels good about attaining during his tenure as dean.

His vision for USI is that it keep the common touch. "As the University grows, I would like to see it maintain its friendliness, open door, and interest in the undergraduate student," he said. While he has witnessed dramatic change since 1966, he said, "Even now, the youngest freshmen and the president all look for parking places together."



*USI students participate in a family craft day at Cedar Hall Elementary School. Cathlin Gray '85 (at right) is principal of the school and an adjunct faculty member at USI.*



# The adjunct advantage

Students benefit from expertise of professionals who bring practical knowledge to bear on textbook topics

Adjunct professors come from all walks of life—lawyers, engineers, business executives, health care professionals, and more. They bring to the classroom present-day examples from their experience, but their contributions go deeper than that.

“They can all tell war stories,” said Stephen Zehr, chair of the sociology department, “and students are captivated by that. But the best adjunct professors go beyond that. They are able to analyze those stories and connect what is happening in their day-to-day lives with the larger theories of the course.”

The University of Southern Indiana has a distinguished group of part-time faculty members. Most instruct only one or two courses each semester. After a day of work in their chosen field, they often teach at night. Many adjunct faculty members say their reason for teaching is simply that they want to share their knowledge and experience.

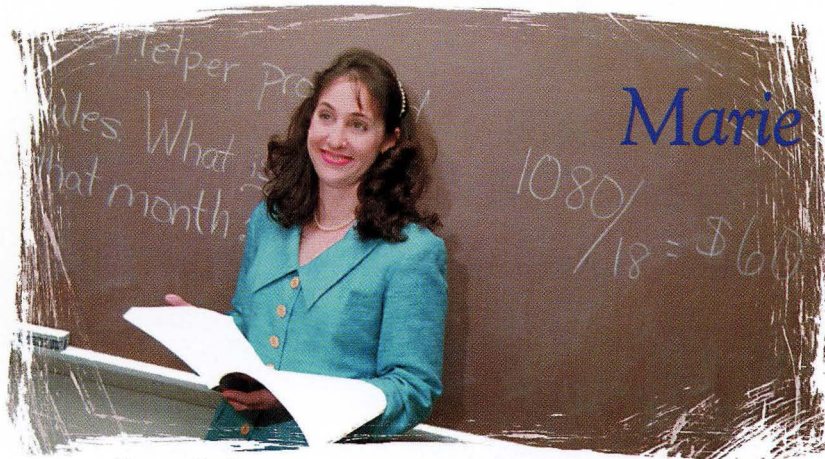
The University employs part-time faculty for several reasons: to accommodate the short-term need for instructional personnel in additional course sections, to teach for full-time faculty who are on sabbatical or doing research, and

to provide teaching expertise in specialized academic areas. Most department heads work with adjunct faculty members to advise and communicate department goals.

Charles Price, chair of the teacher education department for the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, said adjunct faculty bring credibility to the classroom. Students know that adjunct professors are dealing on a day-to-day basis with the issues they are teaching. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the School of Business, noted that different adjunct professors bring different qualities to their positions. Some are more involved in the cocurricular aspects of student life than others.

Charles T. Barber, a political science professor who has worked with a number of adjunct faculty members over the years, said that interaction between the University and the community is an important outgrowth of having adjunct faculty. “Students get to know leaders in different fields and develop more of a sense of community,” he said. In the sections that follow, we profile four adjunct faculty members who enrich the USI experience.

Photos by Elizabeth Courtney-USI



Bussing-Burks

## Marie Bussing-Burks

Dr. Marie Bussing-Burks is the author of *The Young Zillionaire's Guide to Taxation and Government Spending*, a textbook to be published in the spring by Rosen Publishing Group of New York. While the information is aimed at middle school students, Bussing-Burks has expanded many of the topics to the college level for the courses she teaches in economics as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Business.

For the new text, Bussing-Burks researched information on state sales and income taxes, a subject that inspired a group of her USI students to do a project on the tax implications of living in different states. Another theme she has developed is a discussion of the national debt, which started in 1790 at \$75 million and now stands at \$5.6 trillion. Her investigations for the book also helped her amass a list of Websites to share with USI students.

"I try to relate my professional life and my life as a consumer to the

classroom," she said. Recently, classes have discussed Microsoft and monopolies and how the Federal Reserve's actions influence credit card rates.

The mother of children ages 2 and 5, Bussing-Burks also writes for business publications on the topics of economics and finance. Her part-time teaching schedule allows USI students to benefit from her expertise while she continues her family and other professional responsibilities.

Bussing-Burks is in her ninth year as an adjunct faculty member. She earned B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Evansville and a Doctorate of Arts in economics from Middle Tennessee State University. At USI, she is a founder of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and retains an interest in the Economics and Finance Club.

## Cathlin Gray

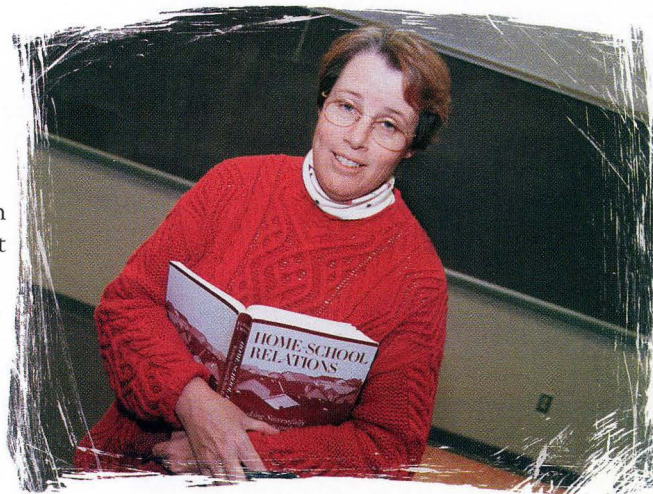
Cathlin Gray '85, principal of Cedar Hall Elementary School in Evansville, is new this year to the USI adjunct faculty. She teaches a course in family, school, and community partnerships, a topic she knows well through her experience in building Cedar Hall into a "full-service" school that works with community agencies to offer medical, social, and recreational services to students and their families. USI students enrolled in the course are majoring in elementary education with a kindergarten endorsement or in early childhood education.

Gray said, "Students preparing to be teachers don't understand how important it is to work with the whole child. We try to take the blinders down and help prospective teachers learn how the parent is an integral part of what happens to make children successful in school."

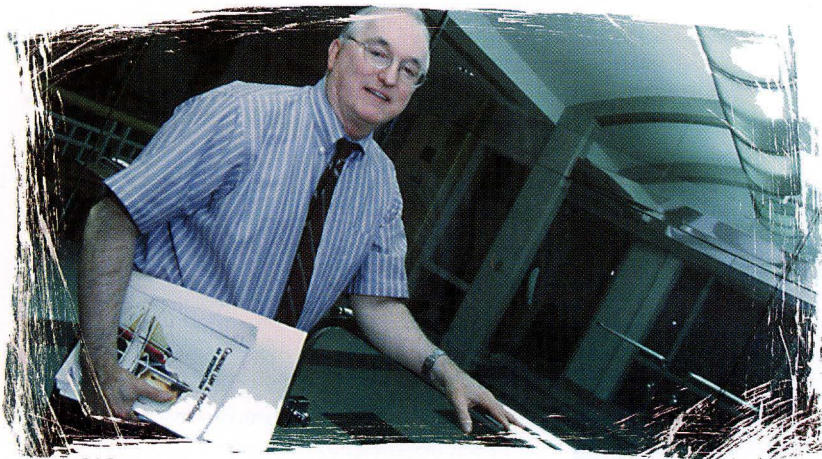
The adjunct faculty member credits Dr. Jane E. Meyer, associate professor of education, with helping her make a seamless transition into teaching at the college level. Meyer also teaches the course so the two have shared resources. USI students have visited Cedar Hall to participate in parent/teacher conferences, attend meetings with representatives of community agencies, and observe other operations of a full-service school.

Gray completed a B.S. degree in elementary education with kindergarten endorsement at USI. At Indiana State University, she earned an M.S. degree and certification in elementary school administration and supervision. Gray was a 1998 winner of the prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award,

a \$25,000 prize for leading educators. In 1996, she was selected as Alumna-in-Residence for the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services and delivered a lecture on "Building School-Community Collaborations."



Gray



O'Connor

# Maurice O'Connor

He also thinks it is important for students to learn to express themselves, so he encourages them to chime in with their opinions, whether they agree or disagree. To stimulate thinking, he often assigns the students roles that may be different from the philosophical viewpoints he perceives them to have. For instance, a student who may be a liberal thinker will take on the role of prosecutor in a case the class is discussing.

O'Connor earned a B.A. degree with a double major in economics and political science from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, and a law degree from Indiana University, Bloomington. He has been an adjunct faculty member at USI for approximately 18 years.

When Maurice O'Connor, a judge in Vanderburgh Superior Court, leaves the bench on Tuesday evenings and travels to USI to teach classes in criminal justice, he brings with him the experience of courtroom drama as it happens in the real world.

O'Connor finds that many of his USI students in criminal justice administration and criminal law have never been inside a courtroom. Their ideas about the justice

system are based mostly on what they have seen on television where the performances are polished and the actors who play the judges and lawyers are not bound by rules and procedures that might get in the way of telling the story.

"I try to relate the material we are discussing to trials that are going on or that I have had recently. I point out how what we are studying has an actual relationship to court proceedings," the judge said.

# David E. Schultz

David E. Schultz sees his role in the classroom as an opportunity to help students understand the relationship between the workplace and academia and between business and engineering technology. He brings to the classroom 23 years' experience with Big Rivers Electric Corp., 10 years' experience with Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, and academic credentials in the fields of engineering and business.

He began teaching at USI part-time in 1974 for the School of Business and in 1987 became an adjunct faculty member in engineering technology. Most recently manager of corporate planning for Big Rivers, he joined USI full-time in fall 1999 as assistant professor of engineering and director of the master's program in industrial supervision. He continues to teach

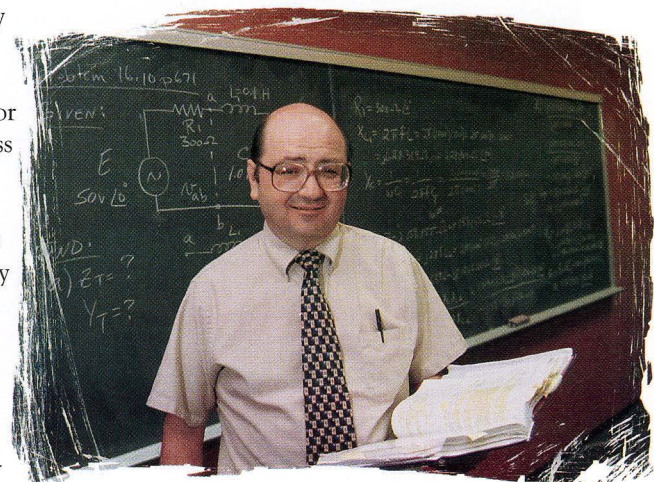
for the School of Business in the field of decision science.

"One of the problems in industry and in education is that people are fairly focused on the experiences and thought processes in the jobs they do," Schultz said. "My experience in both engineering and academia gives me a diversity that I can share."

Schultz uses his industry experience to demonstrate, for example, to students in a class on statistics how to use forecasting as the basis for running an organization. "I have had students tell me that they get a great deal of insight from how we dealt with certain issues," he said.

Schultz earned a B.S. in electrical engineering, an M.B.A., and an M.S. in engi-

neering management, all from the University of Evansville, and is working toward a doctorate in business administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is a registered professional engineer in Indiana and Kentucky.



Schultz

## \$1 million gift from Hazeltines to provide unrestricted support

Donald and Allene Hazeltine of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Evansville, have contributed a \$1 million gift to the University of Southern Indiana. Their generous contribution is in the form of a deferred charitable gift to the USI Foundation which will pay an income to the Hazeltines during their lifetimes and then turn over the investment as an unrestricted gift to the University.

The Hazeltines' contribution is the first million-dollar gift by a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Hazeltine served on the Foundation Board beginning in 1982 and was appointed to the Foundation's Advisory Council in 1989.

"While working with the Foundation Board, we worked closely with David and Betty Rice, then president and first lady of USI," Mr. Hazeltine said. "I was impressed with the good they were doing with the money they had. Evansville has



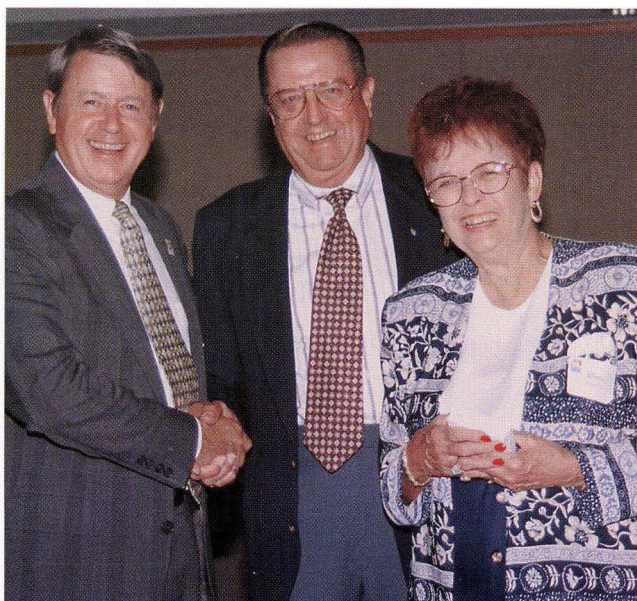
been good to us, so we thought giving the money to the University would be a good way to give back to the Evansville community."

In 1997, the Hazeltines contributed an endowed Presidential Scholarship as a part of *Campaign USI*.

A native of Beloit, Wisconsin, Mr. Hazeltine retired in 1988 as president of Southern Indiana Operating Co., Inc., which owned and operated a McDonald's restaurant franchise in southern Indiana and central Kentucky. He and his wife came to Evansville in 1959 to start a McDonald's restaurant on Highway 41 South. They moved to Florida in 1993.

In the mid-80s Mrs. Hazeltine helped initiate a sorority system on campus through her work with Tri Sigma.

This is the sixth gift of \$1 million or more to USI. Other million-dollar donors are Nick and Jo Carter in 1994, Nick Carter in 1996, Dallas Suhrheinrich in 1997, Robert and Elaine Pott Foundation in 1998, and Epi-Hab Evansville in 1999.



USI President Ray Hoops, left, greets Donald and Allene Hazeltine.

## Deans' Scholarships to draw top students

Five Deans' Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis in August 2000 to entering freshmen as part of the University's ongoing program to attract and retain top students.

The new scholarships are prestigious awards valued at \$12,000 over four years. To qualify, students must earn a minimum SAT score of 1100 or an ACT score of 25 on a nationally administered test, or they may meet one of the following criteria: rank in the top five percent of their high school graduating class, qualify as a National Merit Semifinalist or Scholar, or meet USI Presidential Scholarship requirements.

The Deans' Scholarship program is considered an additional major recruitment tool for the University. Prospective donors are sought. Funding opportunities include the following:

- Annual scholarship at \$3,000 each year
- Four-year named scholarship at \$12,000
- Endowed named scholarship at minimum \$75,000

To attract the best of the state's high-school graduates, USI began a Presidential Scholarship program in 1988 and currently awards 10 such scholarships each year. They are valued at more than \$25,000 over four years. The new Deans' Scholarships are expected to attract more outstanding high-school graduates to USI.



## Pumphreys establish 1st Deans' Scholarship

Endowment will fund two awards

Dr. Olen and Inez Pumphrey of Fort Branch, Indiana, have established the first Deans' Scholarship through a gift to the Gibson County Community Foundation, which qualifies for a Lilly Endowment match.

With the funding in place, the Dr. Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey Endowed Deans' Scholarship Endowment is valued at \$156,700. The gift initially will fund two scholarship awards.

Dr. Pumphrey established the first veterinary clinic in Fort Branch, serving the Tri-State for more than 40 years before his retirement in 1988. Mrs. Pumphrey is a retired elementary and high school teacher who taught at Marlette Grade School and Fort Branch High School.



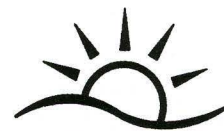
Inez and Olen Pumphrey

## USI Foundation helps establish Leave a Legacy

The USI Foundation's new home is in the former Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity house at 7601 Clarke Lane, just west of Schutte Road. Renovated to house the University's development staff, the new headquarters has six offices, a small conference room, and other space to be renovated in the future.

The USI Foundation staff provided key leadership in bringing the Leave a Legacy program to Evansville area not-for-profits that will benefit from the annual community awareness program promoting wills and other deferred gifts. David Bower, USI Foundation planned giving officer, convened a group of local development officers, attorneys, and probate judges to inform them of the Leave a Legacy education program sponsored by the National Committee on Planned Giving. That meeting led to the formal organization of the Evansville Council of the National Committee on Planned Giving, which has attracted 22 charter members to date, among them Bower, who serves as local council president, and Suzanne Nicholson, president of the USI Foundation.

The Evansville council will sponsor workshops for the 100 not-for-profit organizations, including social service agencies and churches, which have expressed an interest in participating in a community-wide Leave a Legacy emphasis May 26-June 30. The program is designed to educate people from all walks of life about the benefits of charitable giving and to promote interest in including favorite not-for-profits or charitable organizations in will or estate plans.



**LEAVE A LEGACY™**  
In Evansville and the Tri-State Area

*You can make a difference in the lives that follow.*

## Scripps Howard Foundation endows scholarship fund

The Scripps Howard Foundation has established a \$50,000 endowment in the USI Foundation to perpetually fund the Scripps Howard Scholarships for key communications majors at the University of Southern Indiana.

"We are pleased to continue our support of USI and look forward to an ongoing and productive partnership," said Judith G. Clabes, president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation. In a leadership gift during *Campaign USI*, Scripps Howard Foundation made a \$200,000 commitment to equip and furnish the Scripps Howard Center for Media Studies in the Liberal Arts Center. The new Scripps Howard Scholarship endowment will underwrite annual \$1,000 merit scholarships to recruit and retain highly qualified incoming freshmen who plan to major in journalism and computer publishing, public relations and advertising, or radio and television. The scholarship recipients will be expected to participate in related activities, such as helping staff the student newspaper, the television center, or the radio station.

Dr. Dal Herring, chair of the USI communications department, said, "Receiving scholarship money as a part of our partnership with Scripps Howard will add a new dimension to our Center for Media Studies, which Scripps Howard is in the process of funding. We look forward to adding more outstanding students to our academic ranks."

Beginning in the 2000-01 academic year, the scholarship will be awarded each year to a top high school graduate entering USI as a freshman. To qualify for renewal of the scholarship, the student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

# USI, IU collaborate to deliver instruction

Students can complete graduate program in early childhood education in Evansville

A new collaborative agreement between the University of Southern Indiana and Indiana University will make it possible for students to complete IU's Master of Science in Early Childhood Education program in Evansville.

Qualified students will be admitted to the IU program. Faculty from both universities will deliver instruction. Indiana University faculty will teach the core courses in IU's early childhood education graduate program to students on the USI campus through distance education, primarily interactive video link. Students also will take up to 15 hours of graduate courses offered by USI and transfer those credits into the IU program. USI's Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services offers master's programs in elementary and secondary education.

Students in the collaborative-delivery program will be jointly advised by USI and IU faculty. The master's degree will be awarded by Indiana University.

Dr. Jane E. Meyer, USI associate professor of education, said that many people in southwestern Indiana who work in child care, Headstart, and kindergarten through primary grade programs want an emphasis in early childhood education in their graduate

studies. The new agreement between USI and IU provides these individuals an opportunity to do all of their graduate work close to home.

IU has offered some of its graduate courses in early childhood education at USI through distance education for three years. Catherine Bennett, a Headstart child development specialist with the Community Action Program of Evansville, has completed some of those courses and was an advocate for making the degree program available in Evansville. She said the specialized advanced study will help teachers understand more about how young children develop and learn.

C. Thomas Pickering, dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, said, "Early childhood education is a recognized area of expertise in the profession, and people who are committed to working with young children can benefit from having a degree program that is focused on that field."

The five-year agreement begins in the 2000-01 academic year.

## New summer program available at Harlaxton

No time for a year abroad?  
Make the most of eight weeks

Students who want to study abroad but cannot fit a full semester into their curriculum can take advantage of a new summer opportunity.

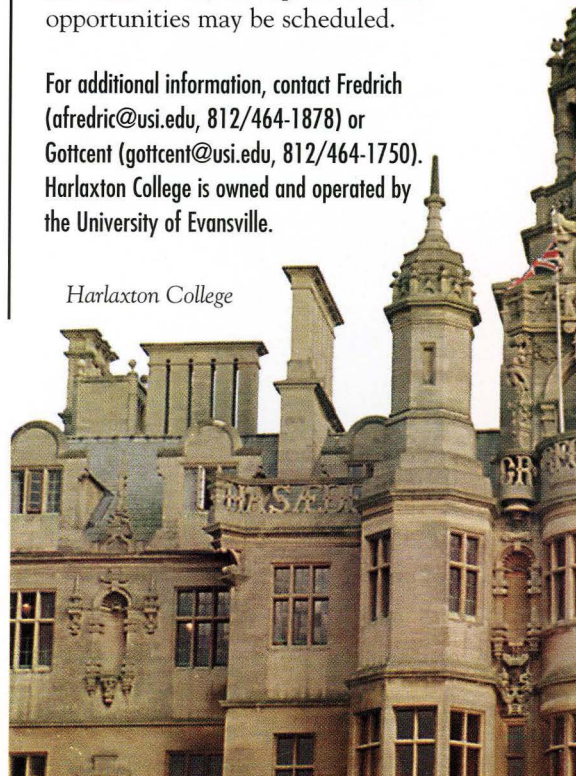
The program enables students to complete two courses in eight weeks to satisfy requirements in the University Core Curriculum. It will be offered at Harlaxton College in England for the first time beginning May 15.

This summer opportunity was designed for students preparing for professional careers, because a semester abroad can sometimes interrupt their progress toward fulfilling degree requirements. Alumni and friends of USI also may enroll.

Augustine J. Fredrich, associate dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology, will teach a course on cathedrals, and Dr. John H. Gottcent, professor of English, will teach concepts of evil in literature. Both courses include trips to points of interest relevant to the curriculum, and optional travel opportunities may be scheduled.

For additional information, contact Fredrich (afredric@usi.edu, 812/464-1878) or Gottcent (gottcent@usi.edu, 812/464-1750). Harlaxton College is owned and operated by the University of Evansville.

Harlaxton College



## Staff honored for years of service



Receiving 25-year awards are, from left, Dr. M. Edward Jones, Linda Cleek, Pauline Schuler, Barry Schonberger, and Steve Selby.

Five members of the USI staff were recognized for 25 years of service during the eighth annual Founders Day program in September. Reaching the quarter-century mark were Linda L. Cleek '82, associate director of Extended Services; Dr. M. Edward Jones, associate vice president of Academic Affairs and director of Extended Services; Barry K. Schonberger, dean of students; Pauline M. Schuler, library clerk; and Steven E. Selby, motor vehicles operations supervisor.



THE NEW HARMONY THEATRE

## Theatres announce summer offerings

The New Harmony Theatre will bring two comedies and a musical to its stage this summer; Lincoln Amphitheatre will continue its popular productions of *Young Abe Lincoln* and *The Music Man*.

*Noises Off* by Michael Frayn opens the New Harmony season. The Tony award-winning comedy portrays a wacky British theatre company. New York guest artist Michael Unger is slated to direct the show June 9-25.

Next up will be Philip Barry's *The Philadelphia Story*, directed by Scott N. LaFeber, New Harmony Theatre artistic director. The 1940 movie starring Katherine Hepburn, James Stewart, and Cary Grant is perhaps the best known version of the play about a socialite and her brush with the newspapers over coverage of her second marriage. *The Philadelphia Story* runs July 7-23.

The season concludes July 28-August 13 with *Always, Patsy Cline* by Ted Swindley. The musical, also directed by Scott LaFeber, showcases 27 of the country singer's greatest hits, including "Crazy" and "Your Cheatin' Heart," and focuses on Cline's friendship with a Texas woman, Louise Seger.

Performances are Thursdays through Sundays in Murphy Auditorium, New Harmony, Indiana. Call (toll free) 877/NHT-SHOW (648-7469) for ticket information.

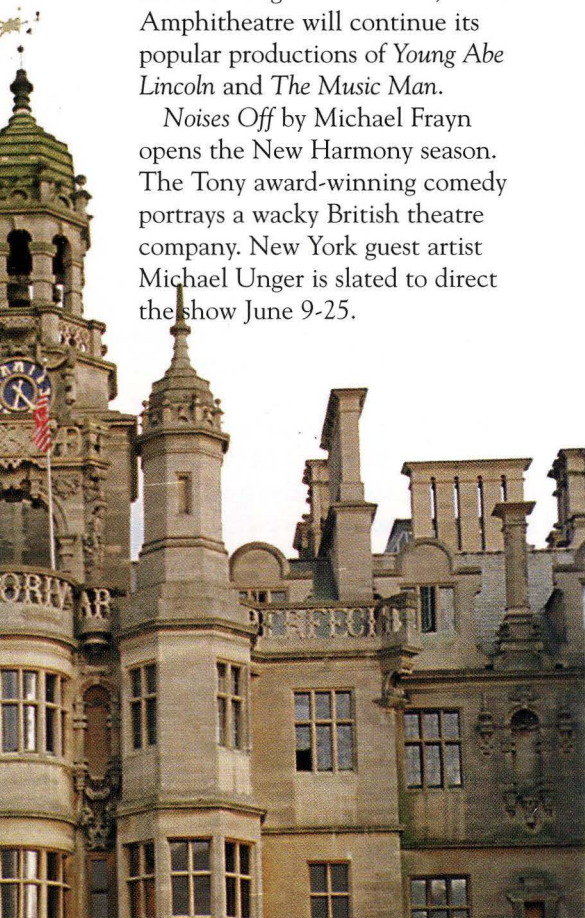
At Lincoln Amphitheatre, the long-running *Young Abe Lincoln* will be performed alternately with *The Music Man*, which will be in its

second season. The performances begin June 23 and continue through August 19. Call 800/264-4223 for information.

### USI Theatre staff can fly on your Frequent Flier Miles

The USI Theatre artistic directors take an extraordinary number of flights to audition actors and actresses for the New Harmony Theatre and Lincoln Amphitheatre. Many trips are to New York City. If you have Frequent Flier Miles which you can't ever seem to use, Scott LaFeber and Elliott Wasserman will welcome the opportunity to use them—something which will help reduce their large travel budgets.

Please call Jean Brubeck in the USI Foundation Office, 464-1918, if you can help by contributing your miles to the USI Theatre department. As our way of saying thanks, we will give you a charitable gift-in-kind credit for the value of your donated miles.



## ALCOA FOUNDATION FUNDS KIDS AND CHEMISTRY

Dr. Marie Hankins, associate professor of chemistry, finds that kids and chemistry do mix. She has developed a Kids and Chemistry program that reaches students in 86 elementary school classrooms in southwestern Indiana.

"I want kids to stay excited about science," Hankins said. "When they're little they really enjoy it. If we can get them excited about it, we'll have more kids interested in science as they get older."

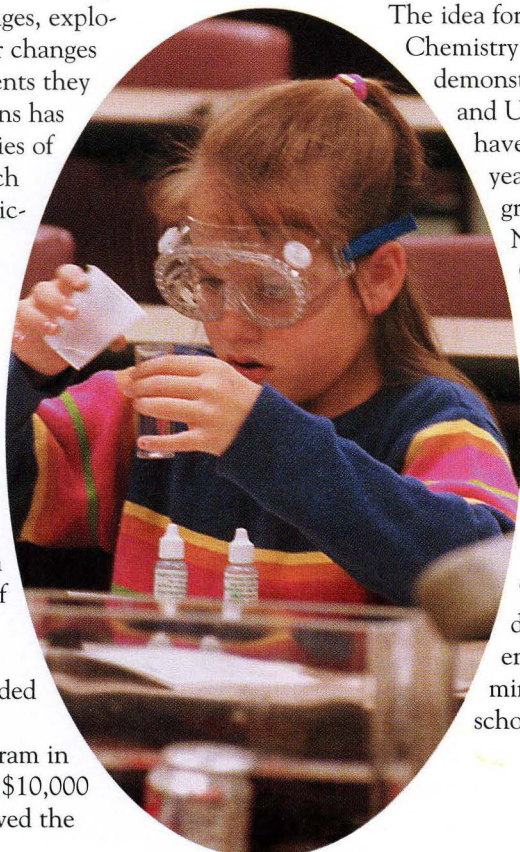
Her Chemical Reactions and Solution Surprises units involve the young students in looking for bubbles, color changes, explosions, and other changes in the experiments they perform. Hankins has developed a series of videotapes which teachers at participating schools use to familiarize themselves with the experiments and with a special kit of materials that provides the supplies and equipment for a full classroom of students.

The Alcoa Foundation funded the Kids and Chemistry program in 1998-99 with a \$10,000 grant and renewed the

grant this year for the same amount. Schools in Evansville, Warrick County, and Spencer County are participating this year.

Hankins was on sabbatical during the fall semester to write a grant proposal to develop the program statewide. She also has found that there may be interest in the program on a national basis. When she presented the concept last summer in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society, officials of the organization requested copies of her instructional tapes.

The idea for Kids and Chemistry developed from demonstrations Hankins and USI students have done for many years with fourth graders during National Chemistry Week. Dr. Jerry Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering Technology, said the program helps fill a "tremendous demand for science programming" by area schools.



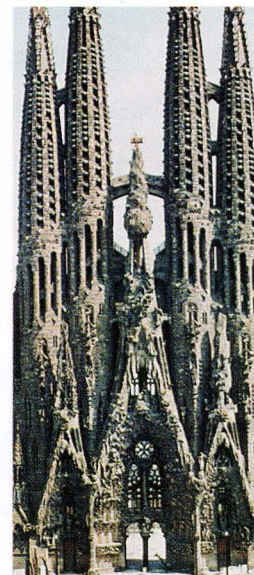
*Kids and Chemistry makes science appealing to young students.*

## SKOGLUND LEADS TRIP TO SPAIN

Dr. Margaret Skoglund, chair of the USI art and music department, will lead a study/travel venture to Spain from May 24 to June 9. The trip includes time in Madrid, Seville, Granada, Toledo, Barcelona, and other cities.

Travelers will visit numerous attractions, including cathedrals, the Prado Museum, and the Picasso Museum. Three hours' credit in art history is available.

For more information and a complete itinerary, contact Skoglund (skoglund@usi.edu), 812/465-7046 or 812/465-1023.



*Travelers to Spain will visit architect Antonio Gaudi's Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.*

## Think Italy or go Greece

If you are leaning toward a trip to Italy or think Greece would be great, check out travel opportunities with Eric vonFuhmann, assistant professor of English.

He will lead an educational tour of Italy from March 12-24. While the deadline has already passed for this year's tour, there is plenty of time to reserve your place for a spring tour of Greece with him in 2001. The destinations alternate each year so he will be back in Italy with a group for spring 2002.

For more information, contact vonFuhmann (evonfuhr@usi.edu), 812/464-1749.

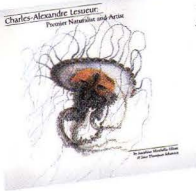
## Books by USI faculty available in bookstore

The following recently published books by University of Southern Indiana faculty members are available in the USI Bookstore.

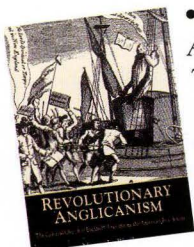
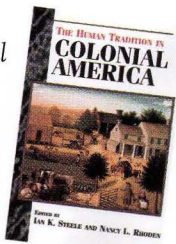
- *New Harmony, Indiana: Robert Owen's Seedbed for Utopia* (second edition), by Dr. Josephine Elliott and Dr. Donald Carmony. Elliott is USI archivist emerita.



- *Charles Alexandre Lesueur: Premier Naturalist and Artist*, by Dr. Josephine Elliott and Dr. Jane Thompson Johansen, associate professor of business education.



- *The Human Tradition in Colonial America and Human Tradition in the American Revolution*, co-edited by Dr. Nancy Rhoden, associate professor of history.



- *Revolutionary Anglicanism: The Colonial Church of the England Clergy during the American Revolution*, also by Rhoden.

# Fore! Recreation and Fitness Center takes shape

A \$4.1 million Recreation and Fitness Center is rising where ground was broken in November between the Physical Activities Center and Fred C. Newman Residence Center.

The facility will have two basketball courts, an area for weight lifting and exercise, a suspended track above the courts, an aerobics area, showers, lockers, and office space. Offices of Intramural and Recreational Sports, Wellness, and the Fitness Center will be located in the building, which will have 45,045 square feet of space. The facility is expected to open in 2001.

Funding will come from bonds that will be paid from student fees. USI students through the Student Government Association have supported an increase in fees to have a fitness facility on campus. The 1.5 percent fee increase that went into effect in fall 1999 will be used to fund the debt service and operating expenses for the facility.

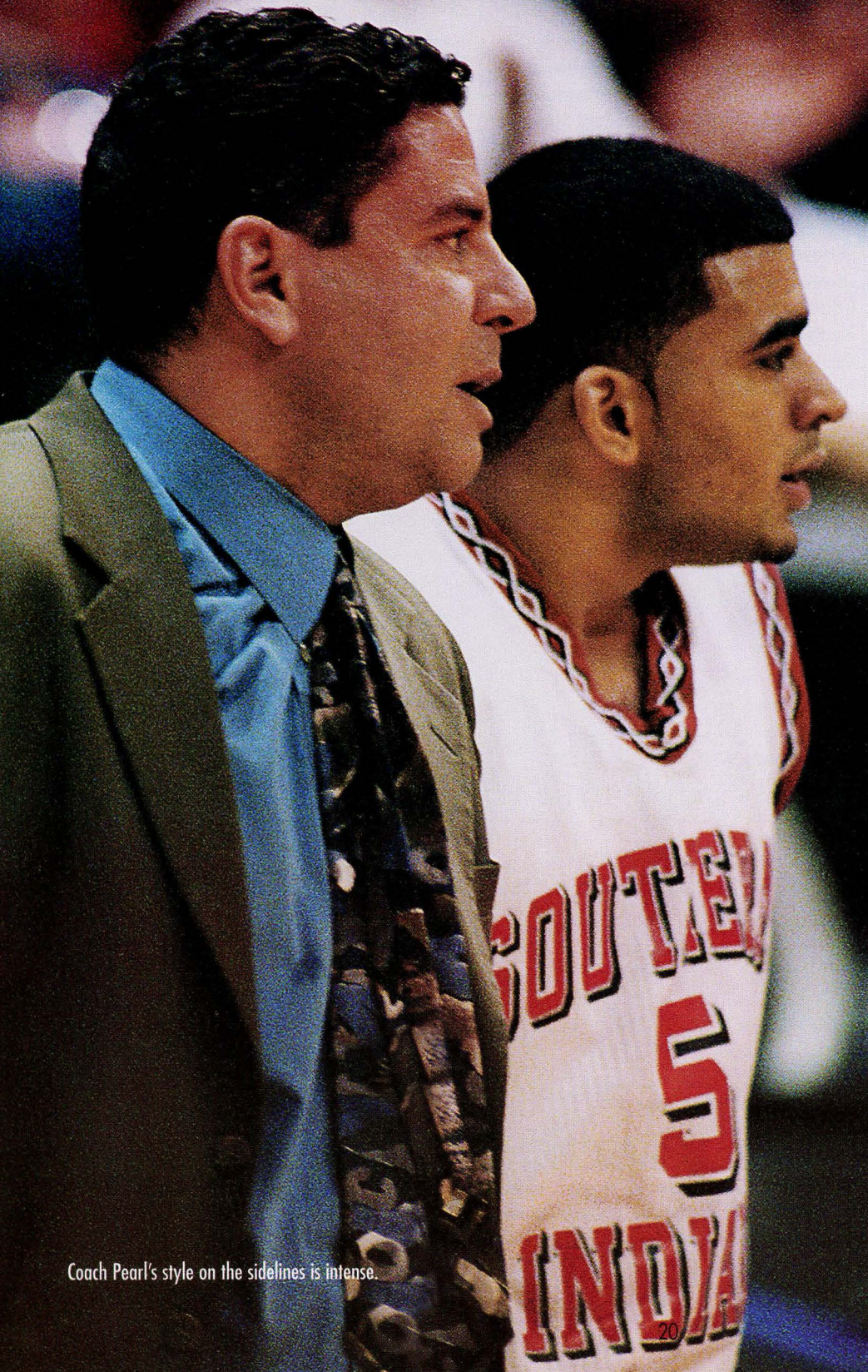
The current Fitness Center is located about three miles east of campus in the University Shopping Center. Because of space constraints, activities at that facility are limited to weight training and small aerobics classes.



Members of the USI Board of Trustees, student leaders, and other University officials broke ground for the Recreation and Fitness Center by swinging golf clubs to make divots on the turf. The groundbreaking was held November "fore" and participants wore "tee" shirts. At left are State Representative Brian Hasler and Richard Schmidt, USI vice president for Business Affairs.

# A shining community Pearl

Grateful coach finds way to say thanks to Evansville



He is everywhere! You can't live in the city of Evansville and miss him, yet Bruce Pearl does not consider himself a celebrity.

Everyone in the city is familiar with his intensity on the sidelines and with the success he has brought to the program as USI's head coach for men's basketball. But how many people realize what he gives back to the community?

Over the past seven years, Pearl has become involved in projects ranging from fund-raising events for national organizations—Cancer Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Easter Seals, Komen Race for the Cure, and Muscular Dystrophy Association—to working with grade-school children on and off the court. Since the start of the 1999 fall semester, Pearl has been a major player with events for five not-for-profit organizations, a leader in two reading programs, a speaker to countless civic groups, and a counselor in drug and alcohol education programs for youth.

"I do not expect the community to support our teams, but I appreciate it when they do," Pearl said.

He recalled the 1995 game for the national championship. "I never forgot the 4,000 people who were on their feet in Louisville. At half-time, when the team returned to the floor after a very disappointing first-half performance, the fans gave us the confidence to win. This community helped me win USI's first national championship, and I believe in giving back."

Pearl breaks himself down almost as he would break down an opposing team in a scouting report. "I view myself in several roles," he said. "My most important job is being a good parent and the second

Coach Pearl's style on the sidelines is intense.

is being a good teacher." Pearl and his wife, Kim, have four children. "My role as a teacher is to help influence the lives of the student athletes, to encourage them to be the best they can be on and off the court, and to try to be a role model for our young people. I involve myself and my players in projects so they will have the desire to continue to do things in their community when they leave USI," the coach said.

If Pearl has one problem, it is focusing on just one thing. "I have a hard time saying no," said USI's winningest basketball coach. "As a result, I try to do a little bit to help a lot of people. I don't focus on one group. I try to help them all." Pearl is particularly proud of the way the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Golf Tournament, activities for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Eagle Math have grown.

"I helped organize the first CF golf tournament in Evansville with Tom Durkin. It has become one of CF's best tournaments in the entire country," said Pearl, who has been honorary chair since the tournament's inception seven years ago.

A father, whose brimming date book looks as if one of his children scribbled in it, credits the University for his visibility. "The great thing about USI is that its leaders did not give me a whistle and a pair of gym shorts and tell me to stay down in the gym," the Boston native said. "From the beginning, the University has asked me to be out in front and be a part of USI's growth.

"When I go out and speak, I'm not just representing men's basketball, but the University community. I am honored that our leadership allows me to be a part of what is the most exciting college campus in the country."

USI Director of Athletics Steve Newton is thrilled with Pearl's efforts in the community. "Coach



Bruce Pearl cheers on elementary school students in the Eagle Math competition.

Pearl personifies the meaning of community service. The Athletic Department is a very service oriented part of the University and Coach Pearl's efforts are an example to follow. He is a major part of the incredible growth the University and Athletics have seen over the last five years."

A big fan of Pearl is Debbie Hebbeler, executive director of the Evansville unit of the Indiana chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She said,

"Evansville is so lucky to have Bruce Pearl. He is willing to do anything for anybody.

"All you have to do is be around him at one of these events to feel his warmth and energy. He has the ability to make you want to go do something positive. I wish we could bottle and market him."

Pearl was the recipient of the 1995 Multiple Sclerosis Hope Award for leadership in the community. Hebbeler said, "The award is given at the same time we present the Courage Award to a person with MS. Bruce decided that since he and Ella Minor were sharing the spotlight as award winners, they should spend some time together. They got to be buddies, and he still calls her on her birthday. He goes the extra mile, not because we expect it, but because he expects it of himself."

Over his seven-year tenure, "Coach," his assistants, and players have helped with reading programs at West Terrace Elementary School, participated in the Eagle Math program at USI, and acted as mentors at the Carver Community Center. Pearl strives to make a difference at the school assemblies for Eagle Math, a learning program for second- and third-graders which was created by the late Dr. Charles Bertram, a USI professor of education and mathematics.

Pearl gets the young people's attention by making an everyday school assignment seem fun and worthwhile. "Making a difference is what Dr. Bertram wanted to do," said Pearl. "He saw the problem of declining math scores and came up with a way to solve the problem. My job is to deliver his message as enthusiastically as possible."

With the busy schedule he keeps on the court and in the community, Pearl should never have trouble sleeping. He ought to rest easy at night, knowing that he has made a difference in Evansville.

## Homecoming 2000 Think basketball

USI basketball teams have two doubleheaders at home in February during the week of Homecoming 2000. USI plays the University of Indianapolis February 24 and takes the court against Northern Kentucky University two days later. Lady Eagles' games begin both days at 5:15 p.m., followed by the men at 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Activities Center.

The Varsity Club and USI Alumni Association will sponsor a dance following the February 26 games. For information and tickets to the after-game festivities, call 812/464-1924.

## 1970s

**Jon Hartz '76**, elementary education, has been promoted to president and CEO of Old National Bank in Tell City, Indiana.

**Pamela Foster Howard '76**, math/Spanish, teaches seventh grade math at Mount Vernon Junior High School in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

**Gary L. Burdsall '77**, business, has been named senior employee benefit consultant for Benefit Resource Inc., in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Darla Thene Woodall '77**, sociology, has been appointed Evansville postmaster. She has been with the United States Postal Service for 21 years.

**Edward A. Allison '78**, marketing, has been appointed president of the hospital-based division of InfoCure Systems, Inc. InforCure provides accounting, billing, and computer-based medical records for physicians in the United States. Allison is located in San Diego, California.

## 1980s

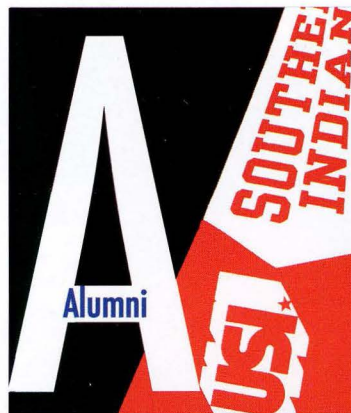
**Patrick T. Riley '82**, marketing, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps during a ceremony at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. He is a strategic plans officer at the base.

**Jayne Brandsasse Aki '83**, elementary education, is a teacher at Harwood Middle School in Evansville.

**Mark A. Hipp '83**, electrical engineering, has been promoted to director of GTR Engineering at Siemens E.C. in Peachtree City, Georgia.

**Beth Niehaus Folz '84**, history/political science, has opened the law firm of McFadin Higgins & Folz in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

**Emily J. Gartner '84**, business administration, is assistant curator of textiles/educator at the Allentown Art Museum in Allentown, Pennsylvania.



## Calendar of Events

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| February 19  | Greater Louisville Alumni Gathering follows USI vs. Bellarmine basketball games in Louisville, Fifth Quarter Steak House  |
| February 26  | Homecoming 2000: USI vs. Northern Kentucky; Alumni Basketball Game 3 p.m.; Women's 5:15 p.m.; Men's 7:30 p.m.; Alumni/Varsity Club Dance featuring Little Moe & The Atomic Two-Tones follows basketball games |
| March 21     | Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI University Center  |
| April 8      | USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m., USI Physical Activities Center   |
| April 27     | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Champps Americana Restaurant, Indianapolis   |
| May 5        | Alumni Association Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall; Senior Reception and Dinner follows Annual Meeting   |
| June 16      | Alumni Picnic & Class of 1975 25th Reunion, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., USI University Center Mall   |
| September 15 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble, 12:30 p.m., Clearcrest Pines, Evansville  |

All alumni are welcome to attend these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924.



**Susie Sarver Mattingly '84**, management, has a new position as technical recruiter/business developer for Keller Schroeder & Associates in Evansville.

**Michael J. Goelzhauser '85**, accounting/management, is the USI bookstore manager. He has earned official designation as a certified store professional through the National Association of College Stores. He has been with the bookstore since 1989 and became manager in 1994.

**Robert G. Hill '85**, accounting/management, joined the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association as its general auditor in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Patrick R. Sullivan '86**, business administration, communications, has taken the position of operations manager for Kern Bros. Office Systems in Evansville.

**Deborah L. Alexander '87**, management, director of human resources for West Pharmaceutical Services, Clinical Services Group (which includes GFI Research), has earned certification as a professional in human resources. She lives in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Ronald A. Hurm '87**, accounting, has recently been promoted to manager, U.S. supply chain finance for Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Evansville.

**Randall J. Zimmermann '87**, marketing, is an advanced sales representative for the 3M Company in Plano, Texas.

**Sharon Bayer Bradford '88**, business administration, has been named assistant secretary and manager of the Towne Center branch of Permanent Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

**Linda J. Gray '89**, accounting, has been promoted to senior auditor II at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

**Troy L. Mann '89**, management, is working on the start-up of a telecommunications company, Ben Nederlands, in the city of Hague in the Netherlands for Ameritech International.

## ANDREA WAHL BEHIND SCENE AT CNN

Wherever breaking news is happening, Cable News Network's Andrea Wahl '91 may be the video editor/sound technician behind reports from the scene.

In the fall, Wahl was stationed with CNN reporters at the hotel in Newport, Rhode Island, where families of victims in the EgyptAir crash received updates from the National Transportation Safety Board. During 1999, her job also took her to the scene of the school shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado, the tornado damage in Oklahoma City, and the crash of Swissair Flight 111 in Nova Scotia.

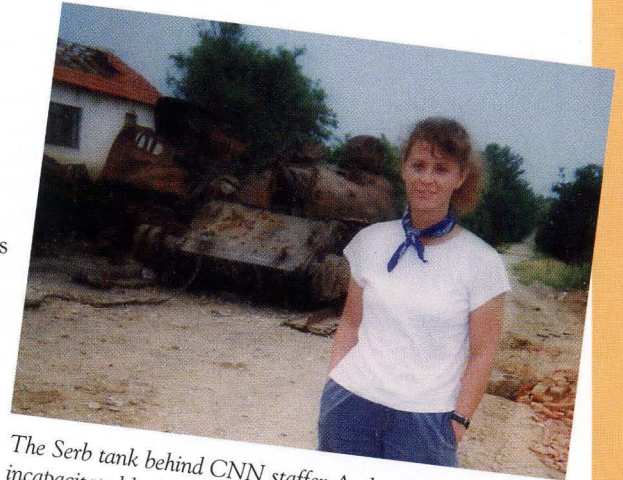
Covering the war in Kosovo last summer was an experience unlike much of the other news she has witnessed, Wahl said. While news crews often go on location to report the follow-up of an event, the war coverage was an ongoing story.

"I spent a month in Kosovo in the capital, Pristine, avoiding land mines and sniper fire," she said. "We covered stories of bodies found in wells and children in hospitals with their legs blown off from land mines. I met a lot of incredibly strong and courageous people with so many sad stories."

Not all projects are hard news. Wahl also has worked on lighter features such as the network's weekend programs "Travel Now" and "On the Menu."

Shooting in Vail, Colorado, and Park City, Utah, for these lifestyle shows has afforded opportunities for her to go snowmobiling and sample foods prepared by the featured chefs.

Wahl earned a B.S. degree in communications at USI and has been associated with the Atlanta-based network as a full-time staff member for seven years. An internship with CNN following her junior year in USI's radio/tv program convinced her that the newsroom was where she wanted to be after graduation. Her experience also includes work in Evansville at WFIE, WNIN, and at Jim Gilmore Productions, which produces commercials for WEHT.



*The Serb tank behind CNN staffer Andrea Wahl was incapacitated by NATO troops.*

**Eric S. Sargent '89**, marketing/management, has been promoted to national accounts sales manager for Aristokraft Cabinets in Jasper, Indiana.

### 1990s

**Lee Ann Kipta '90**, respiratory therapy, has been named home service business coordinator for Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

## Dubois County alumni attend reception



Attending an alumni reception at German American Bank in Jasper are, from left, Nancy Johnson '83, M'95, director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, Diana '71 and Chris '72 Melton.

## Take time to tutor

You can help an elementary school child develop skills by becoming a One-on-One tutor. The University of Southern Indiana Alumni Association, Volunteer USI, and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation sponsor the program. For information contact Volunteer USI at 812/476-1215 or [VolunteerUSI@usi.edu](mailto:VolunteerUSI@usi.edu).



**Owen R. Reeves '90**, Master of Business Administration, has accepted the position of gas system director for the city of Henderson, Kentucky.

**D. Scott Bennett '91**, accounting, has been named general manager of Roberts Stadium, Mesker Amphitheatre, and the Victory Theatre for Ogden Entertainment in Evansville.

**Margaret D. Farmer '91**, accounting, has joined the Evansville accounting firm of Wright Consultants LLC as an accountant specializing in tax and small business consulting.

**Donald B. Patton '91**, post baccalaureate certificate in professional accountancy, has been promoted to financial analyst for Walt Disney World Co., in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

**Jennifer L. Scott '91**, social work, recently completed license requirements for school counseling and has accepted a position as guidance counselor at Shakamak Junior/Senior High School. She lives in Montgomery, Indiana.

**John P. Wible '91**, business administration, has recently been promoted to manager of Internal Systems Management in Roswell, Georgia.

**Bob D. Beuhler '92**, business administration, was named information services manager for Grain Processing Corporation in Washington, Indiana.

**Christine Eilert Wire '92**, communications, is working as a technical sales consultant at Cornerstone Systems in Evansville.

**Frances D. Atkins '93**, business administration, has been promoted to deposit support manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Shannon Wendt Marshall '93**, accounting, has been promoted to corporate trust officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Karen Chavers Smith '93**, nursing, has joined GFI Research Center, Evansville, as a clinical coordinator.

**Lori Kostbade Wood '93**, political science/psychology, has opened Vincennes Business Systems in Vincennes, Indiana.

**Michael Andrew Lockard '94**, business administration, has recently taken a position as administrator for Talley Medical/Surgical Eye Care Association in Evansville.

**Amanda L. Burch '95**, Spanish, has been promoted to operations analyst of management information systems at Card Management Corporation in Evansville.

**Kelly M. Coleman '95**, nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, has been named nurse practitioner for Deaconess MedWise Center/Weinbach in Evansville.

**Gayle A. Dierlam '95**, communications, has been named director of the March of Dimes Southwestern Indiana Division in Evansville.

**M. Catherine Fanello '95**, accounting, has joined the accounting firm of Wright Consultants LLC, Evansville, as an accountant specializing in individual and business accounting and taxes. She has announced her candidacy for Vanderburgh County Commission.

**Alan D. Jones '95**, business administration, has been promoted to loan review officer at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

**Victoria G. Kelley '95**, nursing, has joined the University of Southern Indiana as special projects director in the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

**Shara L. Mitchell '95**, management, has been promoted to associate director of customer and account servicing at MorEquity, a subsidiary of American General Finance in Evansville.

**Luann Pollert Reynolds '95**, business administration, is marketing manager for Waterjet Technical Services in Seymour, Indiana.

**Megan Roney Decraene '96**, elementary education, has recently been promoted to media development editor for IDG Books Worldwide in Indianapolis.

**Kristi M. Hoffman '96**, communications, is account manager for WMMS, Clear Channel Communications in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Mike D. Lewis '96**, communications, has been named branch manager for the Westside branch of Old National Bank in Evansville.

**John B. Phipps '96**, business administration, has been named vice president of consumer lending at United Fidelity Bank in Evansville.

**Ronald L. Winiger '96**, English, has enrolled in the Master of Information and Library Science program at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York.

**Melissa Schroering Barthel '97**, business, has joined Harding Shymanski & Co., Evansville, as staff accountant.

**Ryan T. Dearth '97**, communications, has joined the Indiana State Chiropractic Association in Indianapolis as events coordinator and editor of the organization's bi-monthly newsletter.

**Bridget Gries Martin '97**, health services, is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She resides in Evansville.

**Shannon R. Martin '97**, elementary education, has joined the University of Southern Indiana as an admission counselor.

**Nathan L. Sugarman '97**, sociology, has been named a deputy sheriff in Evansville.

**Daniel S. Diehl '98**, Master of Social Work, has joined Mulberry Psychological & Counseling Associates in Evansville as a child and adolescent outpatient therapist.

**Tracy L. Ford '98**, English/Spanish, has been named office administrator at Oswald & Associates in Evansville.

**Jason R. Ludwig '98**, communications, has joined Gray Loon Marketing Group in Evansville as a graphic designer.

**Brian K. Ricketts '98**, English, has joined the University of Southern Indiana as senior library assistant in Library Services.

**April D. Schmuck '98**, psychology, has joined the March of Dimes as community director for the Southwest Division in Evansville.

**Cynthia Wallis Schrodt '98**, English, was hired by North Gibson School Corporation to institute an adult secondary credit program for Gibson County. The program was new in 1998 and produced three graduates for the Class of 1998.

**Jeffrey P. Barnes '99**, computer information systems, has taken a position as lead information technology project coordinator for the SBC Alliance within the Williams Communications Group in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## Homecoming 2000

Come to the Party with Swing, Sway, Jive, & Jitterbug

Little Moe & the Atomic Two-Tones, 9:30 p.m.

USI Physical Activities Center Room 200

### Games

3:00 p.m. 13th Annual Alumni Game

5:15 p.m. USI Lady Eagles vs. Northern Kentucky University

7:30 p.m. USI Screaming Eagles vs. Northern Kentucky University

## Saturday, February 26

Tickets/Information, call 812/464-1924

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**Allison P. Bender '99**, English, teaches at Henderson County High School in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Cheryll Tomlinson Bealmear '99**, elementary education, is teaching fifth grade at Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Evansville.

**Paula Kozar Carlisle '99**, Master of Secondary Education, is a chemistry teacher for Warrick County Schools in Boonville, Indiana.

**Melissa L. Chambers '99**, English, is employed with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana in Princeton. She specializes in internal communications.

**Mike W. Chambliss '99**, business administration, has been promoted to manager of the Fort Branch and Mount Vernon districts of Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. He has been with the company for 21 years.

**Michael Conati '99**, communications, has accepted the position of director of marketing and sales for Ogden Entertainment in Evansville.

**Todd L. Denk '99**, communications, has accepted the position of box office manager for Ogden Entertainment in Evansville. He will be operating Roberts Stadium, Mesker Amphitheatre, Victory Theatre, and The Centre.

**Landon D. Etheridge '99**, business administration, is working as a personal banker for National City Bank in Evansville.

**Ricky A. Fiene '99**, physical education, teaches health in grades six through eight at Pierre Moran Middle School and Northside Middle School in Elkhart, Indiana.

**Edward J. Hull '99**, accounting, has a new position as trust tax coordinator for Old National Trust Company in Evansville.

**Ryan M. Humphrey '99**, business administration, is operations accountant for C3, Inc., in Morrisville, North Carolina.

## Thanks to our corporate hole sponsors!

Students benefit when University of Southern Indiana alumni enjoy golf outings. Proceeds of two recent events support student scholarships. The Fourth Annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble at Quail Crossing Golf Club in Boonville, Indiana, raised \$2,250, and the Third Annual Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Scholarship Golf Scramble raised \$3,300.

The Alumni Association expresses thanks to the following corporate hole sponsors:

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Rotz Engineers

**Farrah Stichler Jones '99**, accounting, is a staff accountant for R.J. Maloney Company in Manchester, New Hampshire.

**Emily A. Kemper '99**, communications, is working for Ogden Entertainment as assistant box office manager for the Victory Theatre, Roberts Stadium, and Mesker Amphitheatre in Evansville.

**Brent C. Ketcham '99**, chemistry, has been hired as a quality-control analyst for Grain Processing Corporation in Washington, Indiana.

**Tonya Hufnagel Kirkland '99**, accounting, is a staff accountant at Harding, Shymanski & Co., P.C. in Evansville.

**Melissa L. Love '99**, accounting, has joined the CPA firm of Berry & Kington, PSC and is working on governmental audits, corporate income taxes, estates, trusts, and individual taxes. The firm is located in Madisonville, Kentucky.

**Edward A. Nichols '99**, electrical engineering technology, has taken a management position with LTV Steel in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Delta A. Nordhorn '99**, business administration, has a new position with Polaris Pool Systems as a technical sales manager. She covers the Midwest territory from the home office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Kevin M. Schiff '99**, psychology, has joined Deaconess Cross Pointe in Evansville as a mental health technician.

**Jill R. Shelton '99**, communications, is assistant marketing director for Ogden Entertainment in Evansville.

**Michelle Sutliff '99**, communications, is working at Long Beach (California) Convention and Visitors Bureau as a marketing manager.

Jennifer D. Terrell '99, accounting, has joined the general services department of Harding, Shymanski & Co. in Evansville.

Dee Ann Winters '99, sociology, is a social worker for Ireland & Luzio Behavioral Services, Inc., in Evansville.

Pamela Melchior Zahn '99, accounting, has joined the audit department of Umbach & Associates in Evansville.

Marriages

Jeff D. Kniese '87, finance, and Alicia Jones, June 26, 1999

Jamie Hagan Neel '90, communications, and Donald R. Neel '85, accounting, June 25, 1999

Marya C. Emmert '92, elementary education, and Kurt Wilmes, June 12, 1999

Amy J. Rapp '95, social work, and Corne van Dyk, August 14, 1999

Laurie A. Stone '96, business administration, and Jeffrey Robertson, October 16, 1999

Amy L. Underwood '96, sociology, and Christopher Rubino, November 20, 1999

Kristen L. Durkee '97, communications, and James Burnett, September 11, 1999

Jennifer Ann Boyle '98, accounting, and Michael Wagner, July 31, 1999

Angela Hendrix Humphrey '99, accounting, and Ricky Humphrey, October 1, 1999

Jessica A. Michl '99, communications, and Tony Fehrenbacher, June 5, 1999

Births

John Paul Devine, Jr. '85, biology, and Mary, daughter, Hannah Grace, July 24, 1999

Debra Taylor McMullen '85, business administration, and Edwin, daughter, Rachel Grady McMullen, September 24, 1999

The best college course I ever took

Alumni, here's your chance to let other readers benefit from your hindsight.

We are asking you to reflect on your years at USI and your career and life experience since that time. We have two questions for you. First, what was the college course you completed at USI that has helped you the most in your career? Second, what course has helped you most in living your life to the fullest? In each case, tell us why.

We want to compile some of your responses into an article for a coming issue.

Think about it and let us hear from you!

The USI course that has helped me most in my career was

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Here's why:

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Tell us about your career (job title and place of work).

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The USI course that has helped me most in life was

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Here's why:

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Send your comments about "The best college course I ever took" to Alumni and Volunteer Services, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712.

Or e-mail your comments to alumni@usi.edu.

**Kathleen Craney Vaske '85**, marketing/management, and Raymond, daughter, Skye Anna, July 25, 1999

**Jeanette Maier-Lytle '88**, accounting, Master of Business Administration, and Gary, son Alexander Wade, May 18, 1999

**Teresa Boyer Fishback '90**, communications, and **Marc A. Fishback '89**, communications, twin daughters, Grace Ansley and Hope Erin, September 21, 1999

**Stephanie Sargent Pinkstaff '91**, elementary education, and Chris, son, Logan Michael, June 28, 1999

**Dorothy Wade Jaquema '92**, business administration, and Jerry, daughter, Mya Lynn, September 23, 1999

**Brandon T. Kibby '92**, biology, and Jamie, daughter, Sydney Nicole, November 4, 1999

**Marcus D. Gresham '93**, communications, and Connie, daughter, Ivy Jewel, September 2, 1999

**Leslie Deen Hunter '93**, radiologic technology, and Jeff, daughter, Haley Ruth, August 16, 1999

**Angela Mattingly Kaiser '95**, radiologic technology, and Paul, daughter, Katelyn Nicole, October 2, 1999

**Sabyn Jamison Rudolph '95**, elementary education, and Nathan, daughter, Adrienne Nicole, August 9, 1999

**Christopher M. Sollman '95**, communications, and Mary, son, Kyler Kristopher, September 26, 1999

**LeeAnn Coplen Holzmeyer '97**, nursing, and Jason, son, Grant James, October 26, 1999

## In Memoriam

**Steven R. Cowan '73**, management, computer information systems, died November 10, 1999, at his home in Evansville. He worked for Cherokee Windows and Siding Company.

**Pamela A. Burke '78**, business administration, died August 31, 1999, in Evansville. She worked for 20 years at St. Mary's Medical Center, the last 10 years as office manager at Regina Continuing Care.

**Norma L. Webber '78**, accounting, died October 24, 1999, in Evansville. She had been the office manager at the Evansville Obstetrical & Gynecological Association, Inc., for 11 years, retiring in 1991.

**James M. Stricklin '82**, respiratory therapy, died November 2, 1999, in Fort Myers, Florida. He was formerly of Harrisburg, Illinois. James retired from working as a respiratory therapist at Welborn Hospital in 1986.

**John E. Alexander '83**, business, died September 11, 1999, in Harrisburg, Illinois. He played basketball for the University of Southern Indiana from 1978 to 1980. He was a corrections counselor for the Vienna Correctional Center.

## Campus Visit



*USI student Jason Michl, left, greets State Representative Russell Stilwell '77, Boonville, and State Representative Patrick Bauer, South Bend, chair of House Ways & Means Committee before a committee meeting on campus.*

## We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Use this space to let us know! If you have been quoted in a newspaper article, send us a copy. We want to hear from you.

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We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).

# Spotlight



Sherianne Standley-USI

*Sendelweck*

## A way of life

### Ken Sendelweck keeps in touch with change

**K**enneth L. Sendelweck's continuing involvement with the University of Southern Indiana has convinced him that the University is committed to a never-ending journey of improvement. His active interest makes him a part of the journey.

The president of German American Bank in Jasper, Indiana, completed a B.S. degree in accounting from USI in 1976 and has earned advanced certifications as a certified public accountant and certified cash manager. He continues his close ties with the School of Business by serving on its Board of Visitors, a group of top-level business executives who

advise the school and help it keep in touch with the needs of the business community. He talks with pride of the accreditation earned in 1998 by the School of Business and of new initiatives in the accounting department. Sendelweck also is treasurer of the USI Foundation and chair of the Foundation's Finance Committee. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the USI Alumni Association in 1997. A believer in bringing alumni together, he hosted a networking reception at the German American Bank in the fall for the Greater Dubois Alumni Chapter.

"I feel the education I got at USI was my springboard to the business world," Sendelweck said. "Without that, I don't know that I would have had the opportunities that have presented themselves to me."



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## **USI Eagle 5K Run/Walk**

**Saturday, April 8, 2000  
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**5K Run, 5K Race Walk,  
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