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USI students move in amid a flurry of activities

Freshman students begin moving into campus residence at University of Southern Indiana at 8 a.m. on Friday, August 28. Following the move into their new homes, the Office of Student Development has scheduled a weekend full of activities for these new college students in an effort to orient them to campus life and allow them to make new friends. The weekend-long orientation program is called "Connections '98" and includes activities for students and parents on Friday night, then only students the rest of the weekend.

Friday, August 28	4:30 p.m.	Check in at University Center (UC)
	5 p.m.	Picnic supper and a capella music at the UC Mall for students and their families
	6:30 p.m.	Small group meetings with other freshmen
	7:30 p.m.	Hilarious hypnotist Kevin Wharem appears in the Physical Activities Center (PAC)
	9 p.m.	McDonald West Recreation Area will be the place to be with intramural competitions, fun, food, and prizes
Saturday, August 29	9 a.m. -noon	Empowering the Leader Within You - a leadership workshop, PAC 200
	12:30 p.m.	Lunch
	1:30 p.m.	Creative Dating - audience participation workshop where students will learn 250 new ideas for dating that are fun, cheap, and safe
	3:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.	Students choose between workshop topics - academic skills, cross-cultural communication and harmony, college loans, Greek organizations, campus involvement, roommates, alcohol, and commuting
	5:30 p.m.	Student Government Association hosts a welcome dinner

	9 p.m.	Wild Video Dance Party , UC Carter Hall
	midnight - 4 a.m.	Walther's Golf and Fun Center - open for USI students only. A campus shuttle will transport students to and from the First Avenue center.
Sunday, August 30	10 a.m.	Catholic Mass - UC Dining Room
	10 a.m. - noon	Community Service Project - meet at UC Mall
	noon	lunch for Community Service volunteers
	1:30 p.m.	Laughing for Understanding - how to cope with college stress through humor, Mitchell Auditorium
	4:30 p.m.	Ice cream social and volleyball - O'Daniel volleyball courts (sponsored by Student Christian Fellowship and Kappa Chi)
	6 p.m.	Dinner
	7 p.m.	Freshman Convocation - inspirational ceremony including USI dignitaries, faculty, and staff; keynote speakers: Jeff Desjarlais, David Hellstrom*; UCC Carter Hall

***In 1992 Desjarlais joined with David and Susan Hellstrom to establish Real World Productions, a health promotion company dedicated to creating programs and materials that offer a realistic approach to working with students on topics ranging from sexual abuse to AIDS education.**

Jeff Desjarlais has worked in higher education for 10 years. He combines music, humor, and drama in presentations to college students.

David Hellstrom, director of Education for The BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network, uses humor, story-telling, and straight-forward educational information to reach out to colleges students in this program.