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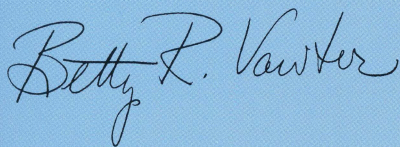
From the editor

Reaching out

Recently while attending the regional forum on Energize Indiana that brought the governor, lieutenant governor, and about 200 business and community leaders throughout the region to campus, I overheard one of the attendees on his cell phone after the meeting. He was telling someone what an attractive campus USI has. It must have been this man's first time to see it for himself. Host for the forum was the Region 11 office of the Indiana Department of Commerce, which has been located on campus since its formation late last year. This and other entities that have space on campus increase the exposure of USI in the region, across the state, and even throughout the world. Read about them in the articles on pages 6-9 of this issue. You will see that these organizations have more than location in common with USI. They all share in some way in the University's mission to increase the level of education in our region or support economic and community development.

In the same way that we welcome new people to campus, we applaud members of the University community who are engaged in meaningful off-campus experiences. Several social work students are developing relationships with older adults through a service project at Seton Residence in Evansville. Their story begins on page 2.

On and off campus—there's plenty going on.



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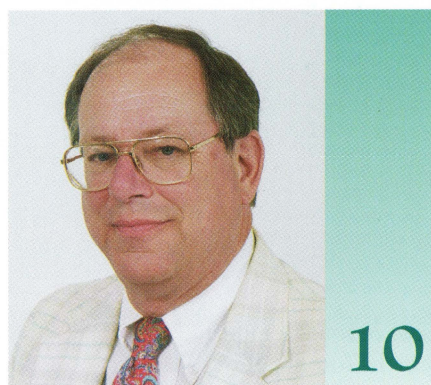
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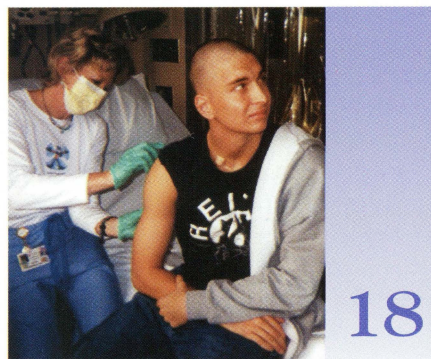
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Social work students and retirees share thoughts on career and life. See page 2.



Friendship knows no age limits

The USI Department of Social Work prepares its students to serve a growing number of older adults

A couple of times a month Rachelle Turner goes to see her friend. They go for long walks or sit and talk about what is going on in their lives, the places they have been, and what the future may hold.

Turner is a senior majoring in social work at the University of Southern Indiana. Her friend is Sister Regina Triche, who lives at Seton Residence, a facility for retired Daughters of Charity in Evansville.

The two are among 13 students in the social work program and an equal number of retirees at the residence on New Harmony Road who are paired in a mentoring and relationship program. On a personal level, the students and sisters have developed friendships that have blossomed as they have come to know one another better. On a professional level, the students have learned

about the lifework of these women, many of whom have been social workers, nurses, or teachers.

Turner said, "I have really enjoyed this. At first, I wondered what I would have in common with her, but we walk around that huge lake and I can hardly keep up with her. I've learned about her life, and she's interested in mine."

The social work students participating in the match program are volunteers, taking advantage of a service-learning opportunity that supplements what they learn in the classroom about the needs of older adults.

Dr. Kathy Elpers, associate professor of social work, said one purpose of the program is to give the social work students a positive experience with older adults.

The USI Department of Social Work has received a \$60,000 grant from the

John A. Hartford Foundation to infuse geriatric information into the curriculum of the social work program at both the bachelor's and master's degree levels. Based in New York City, the Hartford Foundation champions innovations in health care, training, and research that will ensure the well-being and vitality of older adults. Its goal is to increase the nation's capacity to care for a growing number of older adults.

The Department of Social Work is using the funds to implement programs that increase students' knowledge about aging as well as their interest in working with older adults. Knowledge and attitudes may be important factors that influence the students' choice of work following graduation.

Learning about the senior population is especially important for social work students who may have careers in the

Tri-State area. The U.S. Census report in 2000 ranked 245 cities with the largest percentage of adults age 85 and older. Evansville ranked ninth in the nation. Evansville has a population of 121,582 persons, and 2.3 percent of that population is in the 85 and older age group.

The Tri-State area also has a high percentage of its population in the 65-plus age group. According to the 2000 census, 12.4 percent of the entire U.S. population is 65 or older. Vanderburgh County has 14.3 percent of the population in that age category, almost two percent more than the national average. Area counties also top the national average: Gibson County, 15.5 percent; Perry County, 14.9 percent; and Spencer County, 13 percent.

Elpers said that Sister Anthony Prugger, administrator of Seton Residence, and Mary Titzer, a former member of the USI nursing faculty and now a parish nurse, were instrumental in formulating the idea for the one-on-one relationship program with Seton residents. Titzer serves on a community advisory panel related to administering the Hartford grant.

Seton provides living areas for self care, assisted living, and skilled nursing care. About 60 sisters currently live there. Many had long careers that involved young people and miss the contact with that age group. The residents who participate in the matching program are ambulatory and able to share conversation about life and career. As a regional retirement center, Seton Residence serves sisters who have not necessarily worked and lived in the Evansville area. The visits from USI students help to give them a local connection.

As in all friendships, the nature of the relationships forged in the USI-Seton endeavor depends on the participants. Tonya Gunter, a sports enthusiast, has enjoyed telling Sister Gertrude Bastnagel about local sports figures who have played nationally. Elizabeth Wilderman learned that her friend, Sister Jo Tarquini, was adopted and came to the United States when she was a small child after surviving an earthquake in Italy. Elaine Weller finds that Sister Gaynelle Barret is often busy making Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls that are sold in the gift shop at the residence.



Left, Matt Treado and Sister Fidelis Malloy share time together.

Above, During visits to Seton Residence, Rachele Turner has learned about the life of Sister Regina Triche, whose career in nursing education and nursing administration took her to Ecuador and France as well as to several domestic locations.

Do you care for an elderly person?

Join a support group

Learn how to cope with the challenges of the caregiver role. The Department of Social Work is forming a support group for individuals who care for an aging relative. Students in the master's program will help facilitate the sessions.

The group is an outgrowth of a continuing education program called "Someone's Loved One—Maybe Yours." Participants learned strategies for balancing work, family, and caregiving; explored in-home and long-term care options and decisions; discovered ways to meet the patient's needs and their own; and became aware of resources to reduce tension and guilt.

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Kathy Elpers, left, and Sister Anthony Prugger meet about the mentoring program.

Student Matt Treado said that Sister Fidelis Malloy meets him with a warm smile and a hug on his visits.

"She's always doing something for me. She went to the library and copied information on St. Matthew," said Treado, who shares a first name with the patron saint.

The visits to Seton Residence began in February and continued through a special dinner at the residence in April for all those participating in the project.

Sister Anthony said at the dinner, "We are here to celebrate friendship. You have given myself and the sisters the gift of yourself for these weeks. The sisters have enjoyed the company and the surprises that some of you have made a part of your visit."

Another surprise was in store for the Seton residents at the dinner. Treado and other students put together bouquets of flowers to present to their friendship partners.

Some of the students and nuns continued their relationships through the summer.

As they prepared to develop relationships with the sisters, the USI social work students read the book *The Ageless Self: Sources of Meaning in Late Life* by Sharon R. Kaufman to learn about issues affecting older adults. Students used some of the suggestions in the book as conversation starters in their early visits. Copies of the book were made available to students with funds from the grant.

USI's successful grant proposal for the geriatric enrichment program was written by Dr. Iris Phillips, an assistant professor of social work who joined USI in 2001. Phillips has been working with issues affecting older adults since the '70s.

The relationship with Seton Residence is just one program that has evolved from the grant. The Hartford Foundation requires the programs it supports to

demonstrate "sustainability and pervasiveness." Thus the USI social work faculty has worked to build stakeholder participation with community linkages, innovative teaching methods, and interdisciplinary team-teaching so the positive steps made possible by the grant will have a long-lasting effect.

The advisory panel of professionals who work with the older population was formed to brainstorm issues and help determine needs related to preparing social workers for careers working with older adults. The panel includes representatives from community agencies and USI. One sub-group is looking at the curriculum in social work to see where information about aging is present or could be incorporated. Another sub-group is developing resources for faculty and students. For instance, some agencies or organizations that serve older adults may offer site visits, shadowing opportunities, or expert speakers.

Another aspect of the geriatric enrichment program is a partnership with Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional Geriatric Education Center (OVAR/GEC) at the University of Kentucky. OVAR/GEC offers a number of resources, including printed materials, a video library, and online instruction. These resources are available as continuing education opportunities for geriatrics faculty, professional service providers, and students in the USI service area.

The grant also is being used to provide professional development. Elpers and Phillips recently attended a three-day national conference called Summer Series on Aging at the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky.

While curriculum review, continuing education, and professional development are important in developing students and practitioners who have the knowledge to work with the elderly, a major thrust of activity related to the grant remains focused on changing attitudes—increasing interest in working with older adults.

In initiating the grant program, a survey of USI social work students revealed that most believed they would prefer working with families or young people. When students contemplated a social work career that involved older adults, their thoughts leaned toward

what they considered unpleasant issues—health problems, depression, and death. The students also indicated in the survey that more field experiences with the elderly might encourage them to think about working with older adults.

Phillips pointed out that one reason for a lack of interest in working with the elderly population could be that young and old in today's society often do not have common ground for interaction. It is possible for the elderly and the young to live almost separate from one another. A three-generation family in the same house is no longer common. Even some churches or neighborhoods can be identified, either formally or informally, as serving young families or older adults.

In addition to the Seton Residence connection, the social work faculty has developed other opportunities for students to have contact with older adults. In one assignment, Phillips asked students to talk with older adults about what policy had affected them as working adults and as retired adults. Once the generations start talking with one another, she found that they often are interested in each other's issues. One student came back with stories about a grandparent experiencing the era of segregation and the civil rights movement. Another learned about an adult who became a teacher before a college degree was required and then was affected by changes in teacher certification requirements.

The Hartford grant funded activities from January 2002 through August 2003. The University provided \$20,000 in matching funds to show its commitment to the project. The Department of Social Work will use carry-over dollars to continue program activities through August 2004.

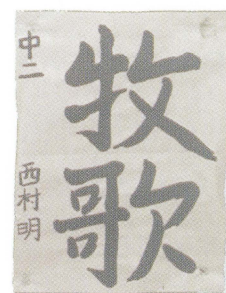
With a rapidly increasing older population at its doorstep, the USI Department of Social Work is engaged in preparing students to address the needs of older adults.

Lisa Mason, a student who has participated in the Seton Residence visitation program, said that sometimes a busy schedule leaves her feeling rushed on her way to see her older friend, Sister Rene Fischer.

"Then I see her bubbling face, and I always leave with a peaceful, calm feeling," Mason said ■



Students enjoy learning in their native language at Southern Indiana Japanese School.



Think Japanese

School bell rings on Saturday for children of Japanese employees in Tri-State

By LIBBY L. KEELING
USI News and Information Services

Pigtails bobbing, the six-year-olds put raven heads together, engaging in a brief but lively discussion that erupts in a burst of uncontrollable giggles.

Stumped and apparently amused by the question—"What are your last names?"—Kana and Kaori then return puzzled gazes to a visitor at the Southern Indiana Japanese School, which is located on the second floor of Nativity School on Evansville's southeast side.

The youngsters are part of the Japanese school program that serves nearly 60 students in grades 1-12. The majority are from Evansville and Newburgh, Indiana. Others come from Hopkinsville and Owensboro in Kentucky as well as Marion, Illinois.

An outreach program of Extended Services at the University of Southern Indiana, the Southern Indiana Japanese School opened with fewer than 10 students in 1997 to fill a need expressed by Japanese companies locating in the area. SIJS enables the children of Japanese employees to study the same curricula as their peers in Japan, while preparing them for a successful return to Japanese academics.

According to SIJS Principal Keietsu Nishimura, many of the students are only in the United States temporarily and will return to Japan after three to five years.

"Without our school, I'm sure it would be very difficult for these students to keep up with their friends in Japan when they return," he said.

SIJS students study Japanese, math, English, and composition as well as

Japanese history, geography, and social studies. The students use the same textbooks as their Japanese peers, and due to the school's small size, each class typically serves pupils studying at two different grade levels.

"I think it's a great opportunity for kids. They're usually surrounded by English. Here they get to speak in their own language and talk about Japanese stuff," said Yuka Somiya, a USI student volunteering as a teacher at the school. "It's the same thing as going to school in Japan. It helps them adjust."

A native of Toyota, Japan, the 21-year-old English major attended a similar school in Lexington, Kentucky, when her family relocated to be near her father's job with Toyota Motor Manufacturing about 15 years ago.

Although Somiya said she learned English quickly and liked American school, the Japanese school gave her an opportunity to keep up with trends in her native country.

"You feel really comfortable when you're with people you really know and speak the same language, and have the same background," she said.

During the academic year, SIJS students attend local schools on weekdays. SIJS is primarily a Saturday school, but additional classes are offered on Fridays in June and July. With nearly 50 instructional days, SIJS offers more class time than other Japanese supplementary schools because it is not limited exclusively to Saturdays.

Hiromi Hyodo, who did not speak English when he moved to Newburgh

with his family about two years ago, enjoys talking about sports and studying math and Japanese at SIJS.

The best part, in his estimation: "We can talk in Japanese."

Only a handful of students at Castle High School speak Hyodo's native language, and the classes are difficult, the 17-year-old explained, because both the language and subject matter are different.

"When they come here, they cannot make themselves understood in English very well. It is difficult to understand the local American schools," agreed Principal Nishimura, who also teaches grades seven through 12. "They really cannot think because of the lack of English ability.

"Because they understand the classes here, they can think here. In that sense, I think our school is important for them."

The Southern Indiana Japanese School is another example of how USI partners with regional business and industry to provide an important educational service while also supporting economic development in the area, explained Dr. Edward Jones, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of Extended Services.

"The school is a response to the concerns of Japanese companies that their employees' children maintain academic skill levels comparable to their peers in Japan," he said. "Having the school in the Tri-State area is a factor for Japanese companies in determining plant site location ■"

The University of Southern Indiana campus embraces a number of organizations that have a full-time presence on campus although they are not, strictly speaking, a part of the University itself. Some are organizations that help USI serve its students better; some are affiliated organizations related to the school's mission to support economic development. Meet these partners who share space and purpose with USI.



USI Presidential Scholar Rachel Byerley, right, of New Albany, Indiana, was awarded a fellowship to conduct research during the summer with Dr. Tracy Anthony at Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville Center, located in USI's Health Professions Center.

Invited guests
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Indiana University School of Medicine—Evansville Center

When you exit the north elevator on the third floor of the Health Professions Center, you will see—not the red and blue of the University of Southern Indiana—but the cream and crimson insignia of the Indiana University School of Medicine—Evansville Center.

The IU School of Medicine celebrates its 100th anniversary this fall, and for 32 of those years it has shared an affiliation with USI. IU established eight regional centers for medical education in 1971 to encourage a more widespread distribution of practicing

physicians. The Evansville Center originally held some classes on the USI campus and some at the University of Evansville.

The center's faculty, staff, and students were consolidated in 25,000 square feet of space designed especially for their needs when USI's Health Professions Center opened in 1995.

Sixteen students are accepted each year to study for two years at the Evansville Center.

They complete their third and fourth years at the IUSM main campus in Indianapolis.

Fourth-year students have the option of coming to Evansville for some of their clinical experiences.



Rex Stith, director of IUSM-Evansville Center, said that about 100 of the approximately 600 physicians practicing now in the Evansville area completed part of their medical studies at the Evansville satellite center.

Jeanne Barnett, USI professor of biology and advisor to pre-medicine students, says the location of the School of Medicine satellite center offers advantages for USI, including interaction between USI and IUSM-Evansville Center students and faculty.

During 2002-03, three of the 16 students in the second-year class at the Evansville Center and five in the first-year were former USI students. USI undergraduates often serve as student workers for IUSM-Evansville Center.

Rachel Byerley, a USI Presidential Scholar whose career goal is to become a physician, has worked in the center's laboratories since her freshman year. Now a junior, she was awarded one of the Evansville Center's five undergraduate research awards for the summer of this year. Her work with Dr. Tracy Anthony, assistant professor of biochemistry, centered on the drug Asparaginase, which is used to treat children with a certain kind of leukemia.

"We're looking at its mechanism of action and trying to make it better so children in the future won't get as sick when they take the drug," Byerley said.

Her affiliation with the medical school as an undergraduate allows her to test what she learns in the USI classroom as a biophysics major. "Besides, it's just an interesting job," she said.

John Meunier, a 2002 USI graduate, is a second-year student at the Evansville Center this fall.

"USI has a great biology program and a great pre-med program," he said. "While at USI, we were encouraged to attend monthly Friday seminars at the medical school. These lectures were given by doctors from Indy or professors from the medical school about their current research. These lectures gave us a little access to the medical school and also got me somewhat familiar with the medical school faculty."

Mike Sanford, another 2002 USI graduate, said the transition from college to medical school at the Evansville Center could not have been easier.

"Obviously the campus was familiar, but I also already knew several of the faculty at the medical school because of the exposure I had as an undergraduate. Several of the medical school professors gave guest lectures in my undergraduate biology classes."

Sanford was a USI Presidential Scholar.

An even closer affiliation between USI and the Evansville Center developed three years ago with the introduc-

tion of the Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine program. The BMD program offers talented incoming freshmen admission to USI and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville Center, a full-tuition waiver for the undergraduate program, and special opportunities to learn more about medicine as a career.

"The word has gotten out about this program," Barnett said. "It has brought some excellent students to campus ■"

Region 11 Indiana Department of Commerce

With a regional office on the University of Southern Indiana campus, the Indiana Department of Commerce is bringing its services closer to the people.

The Region 11 office helps business and community leaders in the 11-county southwestern Indiana region "act locally in order to compete globally," in the words of the Department of Commerce mission statement.

Connie Fowler, director of Region 11, said, "We can provide better communication, better service, and a better understanding of the issues that affect this particular region."

The formation of 12 regional offices was announced in July 2002 by Lt. Gov.

Joe Kernan in an initiative to modernize the Department of Commerce.

Fowler began work in November in the Administrative Services Annex North overlooking Reflection Lake.

In choosing USI as the location for the Region 11 office, Kernan said that economic development and education are a natural partnership, both dedicated to improving the lives of Hoosiers.

Dr. M. Edward Jones, USI associate vice president for academic affairs, said the Department of Commerce is critical to a broad range of economic development activities in which USI is involved as a regional university. Having the regional commerce office on campus enhances partnership opportunities and the sharing of information and data.

The Region 11 office is working to develop and maintain partnerships with regional business and community organizations and their leaders, collaborate with regional governments and local organizations on economic development projects, evaluate regional development needs, and educate the public on programs and services offered by the Department of Commerce ■



Connie Fowler, director of Region 11 for the Indiana Department of Commerce, talks with Joseph M. Stellern, left, of Kerry Coatings in Evansville, and Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan during a forum that brought state officials to USI to talk with regional business leaders and elected officials about the Energize Indiana economic plan and state resources available for economic and community development.

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Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission

Four counties are working together to make greater progress in community and economic development. Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties combine efforts through the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission (SWIRDC).

Judith Weatherholt, director of SWIRDC, said, "We all operate with scarce resources. We talk about how we can pool our resources and access more services."

Long-range goals of SWIRDC relate to improving wages, standard of living, productivity, compliance with state and federal laws, recreational opportunities, transportation, regional planning, school performance, and job opportunities requiring higher education. SWIRDC also provides grant-writing administration and research.

"We want to be a regional tool for almost anybody who needs help," Weatherholt said.

Formed in April 2002, SWIRDC's 28-member board includes elected and

appointed officials and private citizens from each county. During its first year, the commission was supported by local funding and the Indiana Department of Commerce. Now in its second year, the organization has funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration in addition to local dollars.

The SWIRDC office is located in USI's Orr Center with USI's Office of Extended Services providing administrative support. The organization can take advantage of University resources, including technology to provide teleconferences on topics of interest for SWIRDC members and interested stakeholders.

"USI is helping to stretch the funding dollars and reaching out to the region," Weatherholt said.

For University officials, the SWIRDC presence on campus increases awareness of regional economic development and creates more opportunities for USI to be involved in such activities ■



Tri-State World Trade Council

Revolving doors, paint, conveyor systems, automotive parts, corn, soybeans, and wheat are just a few of the products that leave the Tri-State each year for destinations around the world.

The Tri-State World Trade Council, an organization that promotes international trade to and from the region, meets monthly on campus. At the September meeting, members learned about the legal aspects of doing business abroad.

Larry Bohleber of USI's Extended Services is coordinator for the organization which includes more than 260 individuals representing almost 50 businesses or organizations.

"Interest is increasing. It's surprising how many area companies do business internationally," he said.

The Tri-State World Trade Council has been an affiliated organization of USI since 1997 ■



A SWIRDC-sponsored regional forum on at-risk youth recently brought more than 50 service providers together at USI. From left are Judy Weatherholt, director of SWIRDC; Jonathan Weinzapfel, and Pam Hendrickson. Weinzapfel and Hendrickson are past president and president, respectively, of the commission's board.

English as a Second Language International

Twenty-five hours a week studying the English language and a chance to practice what they learn through participation in campus life are steppingstones to USI enrollment for international students recruited by English as a Second Language International (ESLI).

"Immersion is the best way to learn," said Susan Edwards, coordinator of the ESLI program for USI. Her office is in USI's Orr Center.

ESLI recruits international students to university campuses and provides an intensive language program on campus for them. Students are placed in beginning, intermediate, or advanced English classes according to their proficiency level. When they meet language proficiency standards, they enroll in university degree programs.

The first five students recruited by ESLI to study at USI began their language instruction in spring semester. During the summer eight students participated.

At least a dozen ESLI students were expected for fall semester with those new to the program coming from South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

In addition, three students attained proficiency and entered USI degree programs in the fall semester.

Edwards recruited in South Korea in March and will go to Thailand to recruit in October. USI is among several

U.S. and Canadian universities that partner with ESLI, which has a processing center located in Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

ESLI students live in campus housing and participate in student activities. USI's Recreation and Fitness Center is a favorite place where they spend leisure time and interact with other students.



During the summer Susan Edwards taught English language classes to ESLI students from South Korea and Turkey.

Dr. M. Edward Jones, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said ESLI provides a high-quality recruitment program which complements the recruitment by USI's own Office of International Programs and Services and allows the University to provide a more diverse student body ■

Tri-State Industrial Safety Council

Companies in the Tri-State are collaborating to raise the level of safety for the entire community with an innovative solution to providing general safety orientation to contract workers.

Ten companies recently formed the Tri-State Industrial Safety Council (TSISC), which has become a member of the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils, Inc. (ARSC). ARSC is a nationwide association that provides consistent and cost-effective reciprocal safety education that conforms to regulatory standards and industry-accepted practices.

In the past, each area company has had to provide general safety orientation for its contract workers, even if the same workers had received similar orientation while working for another company.

With the formation of TSISC, contract workers who complete ARSC training are awarded a reciprocal badge honored by all TSISC members as well as ARSC-affiliated companies throughout the country. Companies will still provide their own site-specific safety orientation as mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Charmaine McDowell '85, training consultant for USI's Extended Services, facilitated the organization of TSISC after meeting last year with representatives responsible for safety in their companies. McDowell said the representatives identified a need for improvement in the way contract workers receive safety orientation.

"The real value of TSISC is the willingness of these company representatives to collaborate to increase efficiency and

reduce redundancy," McDowell said.

USI will offer the ARSC safety orientation program in the University Conference Center. Instructors will be experienced safety professionals. The initial program is a five- to six-hour course. Workers must complete a two-hour refresher program each year. USI is authorized to issue the reciprocal badge on behalf of ARSC. The program is expected to serve more than 4,000 contract workers each year.

Stephanie Lancaster, manager of safety and industrial hygiene for Bristol-Myers Squibb, chairs the council. Current members include Alcan, Alcoa, American Electric Power, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Commonwealth Aluminum, Ferro Corporation, GE Plastics, Toyota, Vectren, and Weyerhaeuser. Membership is open to all organizations in the Tri-State ■

Jay Fredrich receives Cooper Award

His father's words inspire lifelong interest in cathedrals

The words of his father returning from the European Theater of World War II inspired this year's winner of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award to develop one of the University's most popular courses.

Longtime faculty member Augustine J. "Jay" Fredrich, said, "I remember my dad telling my mother that he had seen cathedrals so big that you could put Saint Edward's in them and never know it was there."

Saint Edward's Catholic Church was the house of worship the family attended in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was, by far, the largest church 8-year-old Jay could imagine.

"That stuck with me," Fredrich said, "I hoped that one day I would get to Europe to see those churches."

Fredrich did get there, but not until after he developed a course on cathedrals that includes sections on spirituality, the economics of construction, medieval history, technology, education, stained glass, sculpture, and music. A member of the committee that designed the guidelines for USI's core curriculum, Fredrich said the cathedrals course was the first one approved for the synthesis category, which includes courses that show the interrelation among areas of knowledge.

Fredrich teaches both undergraduate and graduate versions of the course. He has led study tours of Europe's historic churches and also has visited cathedrals on personal trips. He taught the cathedrals course at Harlaxton College (owned and operated by the University of Evansville) in England this past summer and then visited cathedrals in the south of France.

"The course is a real labor of love for me," he said.

Over the years, Fredrich has amassed "a couple of thousand" slides which he shares with his class. He also collects recordings of music played in the churches.

"I try to make a point of going to mass to experience the cathedrals in



Jay Fredrich, left, and students tour Westminster Abbey in London.

the way they were intended to be experienced," he said. "And I like for the students to hear the music in the way it was meant to be played."

Fredrich joined USI in 1979 and retired this year as professor of engineering and associate dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering. Although retired, he will continue to teach the cathedrals course.

As the Cooper Award winner, Fredrich will deliver a presentation to the USI community during the 2003-04 academic year. The tentative title of his presentation is "I Know a Place: Using Medieval Cathedrals to Teach 21st Century Students about the Good Life."

The Cooper Award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, Evansville philanthropist and longtime USI supporter. It includes a generous stipend, a plaque, and additional monies for travel and related faculty development. The University Core Council selected the winner from peer nominations.

The award honors a faculty member whose teaching in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful. All USI students, regardless of major, must complete at least 50 credit hours of courses in the core curriculum ■

Meet the 2003 Scholars

Presidential Scholars

Amy Alich, biology (pre-medicine), Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Indiana

Kevi Baumgartner, psychology, Clay City High School, Coal City, Indiana

Marissa Brown, elementary education, North High School, Evansville, Indiana

Jenna Gingerich, biology (pre-medicine), North Daviess High School, Odon, Indiana

David Isaacs, biology (pre-medicine), Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana

Adam Knepp, business administration, Barr-Reeve High School, Montgomery, Indiana

Elizabeth TenBrook, biology (pre-medicine), Hamilton Heights High School, Cicero, Indiana

Robin Verble, biology (pre-medicine), Orleans High School, West Baden, Indiana, *National Merit Finalist*

Meghan Vogt, biology (pre-medicine), DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana

Stephanie Weinzapfel, theatre, Castle High School, Newburgh, Indiana, *National Merit Finalist*

Deans Scholars

Ryan Berning, Heritage High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana (*A nationally ranked figure skater, Berning plans to play for the Ice Eagles hockey club at USI.*)

Molly Gilland, Jac-Cen-Del High School, Osgood, Indiana, *National Merit Finalist (Gilland, fourth in the high jump at the Indiana High School Track and Field Championship, will compete in track and field at USI.)*

Daniel Livesay, engineering, Grayville High School, Grayville, Illinois

Jessica "Nikki" Nichols, Henderson County High School, Henderson, Kentucky (*Nichols will play softball at USI.*)

Amanda Probst, Newton High School, Wheeler, Illinois (*Probst will play volleyball at USI.*)

Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Recipients

Simone Elmi, Reitz High School, Evansville, Indiana

Jenna Gingerich, North Daviess High School, Odon, Indiana (*also a Presidential Scholar*)

David Isaacs, Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana (*also a Presidential Scholar*)

Amanda Stevens, Central High School, Evansville, Indiana

Robin Verble, Orleans High School, West Baden, Indiana, *National Merit Finalist*

Alia Whitman, Leo High School, Grabill, Indiana (*Whitman will play softball at USI.*)

USI: School of choice for outstanding students

Take a look at this year's recruits for the University of Southern Indiana's most competitive scholarships and awards. From Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Henderson, Kentucky, more high-achieving high-school students are continuing to choose USI.

The freshman class for 2003-04 includes three National Merit Finalists and students who excel at everything from academics to softball to figure skating.

Mark Rusk, assistant director of admission, cites these additional freshman facts:

- Fifty-five entering freshmen are high-school valedictorians.
- Average SAT score of the Presidential Scholars is 1350.

Rusk said, "This is undoubtedly the most academically talented freshman class we've ever seen. USI has quickly become the primary institution of

higher learning in the southern portion of Indiana."

Top scholars who received awards offered by USI are listed at left. The freshman class also includes three Lilly Endowment Community Scholars, outstanding students chosen by the community foundations in the areas where they live. Lilly award winners may use the scholarship at the four-year institution of their choice in Indiana. Those who chose USI are listed below.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

Hannah Anderson, health services/health care administration, Blue River Valley Junior/ Senior High School, Oaktown, Indiana

Emily Dudenhofer, elementary education, North Knox High School, Mooreland, Indiana

Kelsi Smith, psychology, Turkey Run High School, Russellville, Indiana

About the scholarships

- **USI Presidential Scholarships** cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board.
- **USI Deans Scholarships** cover tuition.
- The **Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD)** award offers admission to USI and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville Center, a full-tuition waiver for the undergraduate program, and special opportunities to learn more about medicine as a career, including experience with undergraduate research.
- The **Lilly Scholarship** provides full tuition and an allocation for required books. It is supported by the Lilly Endowment and administered by community foundations throughout the state ■



USI offers...

- Qualified faculty who love to teach
- More than 70 majors
- Small classes
- Lowest tuition of any four-year institution in Indiana
- Modern suite-style residence halls and apartments
- More than 80 student organizations
- 15 intercollegiate sports
- 300-acre suburban campus
- State-of-the-art teaching and learning technology
- Distance education
- Accredited programs

YOU can be a student recruiter

Help us spread the word about the value of a University of Southern Indiana education. Send us the names of prospective students who are high-school sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

Name _____
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 High School Graduation Year _____ Academic Area _____

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 High School Graduation Year _____ Academic Area _____

Send information to Admission Office, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712-9977 or enroll@usi.edu.

Romain is first graduate to chair Foundation board

Ronald D. Romain '73, president of United Leasing, is the first USI graduate to chair the 68-member USI Foundation board of directors. He assumed office on July 1. Elected to serve with him are Doris Halwes, vice chair for development; Nancy Hartley Gaunt, vice chair for planning; and Robert Goocher, treasurer.



Romain

Romain, a former board secretary, has been a Foundation board member since 1994. He and his wife Connie '74 co-chaired the successful Alumni Division for *Campaign USI*, the University's first capital campaign.

During the past year, the couple co-chaired the alumni major gifts committee for The Challenge for Academic Excellence. Romain also has served on the School of Business Board of Visitors for 11 years.

Other officers include Donita F. Wolf '83, president of the USI Alumni Association, who serves as vice chair for alumni. Marie Bussing-Burks continues as secretary. Robert Ruble, the University's vice president for Business Affairs and treasurer, serves as assistant treasurer. Susie Nicholson, the University's director of Development, serves as president and chief operating officer.

New directors elected for three-year terms are Ed Brundick, M.D., a physician with Orthopaedic Associates; Sharon Hafer, community volunteer; Dan

Hermann '79, president, Black Beauty Coal Company; and Andy Hubbard, M.B.A. '98, vice president and treasurer of Evansville Sheet Metal Works. Jonathon DeLong, assistant general manager for Production Control at Toyota, was elected to fill a two-year unexpired term.

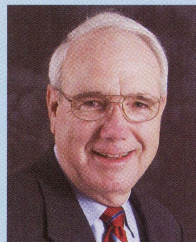
Annual appointments by USI President H. Ray Hoops to the Foundation board include Dr. R. Eugene Klippel, dean, School of Business, representing the deans; and Dr. Charles Price, chair, Teacher Education Department, representing the faculty. Jamie L. Wicks '91, M.B.A. '97, president-elect of the USI Alumni Association, also joins the board for a three-year term. Pat O'Daniel was elected to the board's advisory council ■

USI Annual Fund leadership named to direct three campaigns

USI Foundation directors Bruce Baker, David Herrenbruck '76, and Frank McDonald II '73 will provide the leadership for the USI Annual Fund's three campaigns to raise unrestricted dollars in 2003-04.

Charitable gifts to the Annual Fund will include support for student leadership development opportunities and faculty professional development, plus general support for the Presidential Scholarship program.

Gifts to the USI Annual Fund will qualify for the Lilly Endowment initiative, which the University is calling The Challenge for Academic Excellence. Lilly will match all gifts received by December 31 which support academics from alumni, friends, parents and family members of students and alumni, and employees.



Baker



Herrenbruck



McDonald

Baker, Newburgh Health Care owner and longtime member of USI's Board of Trustees, will head the Friends Campaign, which traditionally brings in half of the total Annual Fund. Dr. Ed Brundick will serve as vice chair.

Herrenbruck, Fifth Third Bank investment management consultant and immediate past president of the USI Alumni Association, will chair the Alumni Campaign. Vice chair will be

Donita Wolf '83, F.C. Tucker Emge broker associate and Alumni Association president.

McDonald, Integra Bank-Evansville, senior vice president, is heading the Corporate Campaign.

Vice chair is Dan Hermann '79, president of Black Beauty Coal Company.

Growing the USI Annual Fund is one of the USI Foundation board's five targeted goals. Unrestricted funds provide the University with the flexibility to meet its highest priorities and most urgent needs. Earlier this year \$300,000 in accrued Annual Fund monies were allocated to purchase equipment for the new Science Center laboratories ■

2002-03 USI Annual Fund up 22 percent!

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$100,000*	\$68,000	\$185,000*	\$353,000*
Actual	\$ 99,838	\$73,931	\$192,161	\$365,930

*New stretch goals

Gifts to the 2002-03 Annual Fund totaled \$365,930, an increase of \$67,120 or 22 percent over 2001-02 campaign totals. Friends and alumni helped top the stretch goal in their response to The Challenge for Academic Excellence, with their gifts qualifying for Lilly Endowment matching grants. Original goal was \$325,000.

Olive Clifft bequest brings lifetime giving to over \$1 million

Olive Carruthers Clifft, of Evansville, who taught social studies and government at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis for 41 years, died April 22 at age 95. Clifft had established several scholarships at USI prior to her death, and her bequest brings her total lifetime giving to over \$1 million.

She and her husband Homer Clifft lived on Hogue Road near USI, and she "watched the University grow." Her initial involvement was to establish a liberal arts scholarship and then a Presidential Scholarship, both of which will be endowed with monies from her bequest. She explained that her contributions to education were simply the same as any number of teachers, and that her involvement in the lives of USI students gave her enormous joy.

The University's Board of Trustees awarded her a posthumous honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the May 11 commencement ■

Dallas Suhrheinrich's \$1 million gift endowed academic school at USI

Dallas Bower Suhrheinrich, Evansville philanthropist and former teacher, died June 3 at age 91. She gifted USI's School of Education and Human Services with a \$1 million endowment during *Campaign USI*, the University's first capital campaign. In recognition of her gift, the school, which includes departments of teacher education, social work, and physical education, bears her name.

After learning of the Suhrheinrich gift, the school's dean, Dr. Tom Pickering, remarked, "This is a great day in the history of the University. Dallas Bower Suhrheinrich, a beloved teacher herself, has elevated the importance of teaching, teacher education, and human service at the University. Her gift will be a legacy to excellence in human service and the teaching profession."

The endowment provides for ongoing faculty development support, initiated the school's program to promote teaching excellence, and established the William H. and Dallas B. Suhrheinrich Endowed Presidential Scholarship. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1998 ■

Plaque to list awards honoring employees

A number of University of Southern Indiana employees have been honored with a scholarship or award. These names appear on a plaque in the University Center alongside other USI Visionaries, members of the University faculty, administration, and support staff who have established scholarships and awards to benefit USI students through the USI Foundation.

Larry W. Arp Business Scholarship

Dr. Larry Arp: professor emeritus/business education

Bennett, Bertram, and Pearl Scholarships

Dr. Don Bennett: vice president emeritus/Student Affairs

Dr. Charles Bertram: professor/math education
Bruce Pearl: former coach/men's basketball

Charles J. Bertram Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Charles Bertram: professor/math education and math

James R. and Barbara Blevins Student Development Award

Dr. James Blevins: dean emeritus/School of Liberal Arts

Melvin W. Denner Health Professions Award

Dr. Melvin Denner: professor emeritus/biology

Phil Fisher Business Scholarship

Dr. Phil Fisher: dean emeritus/School of Business

Judy Goen Memorial Scholarship

Judy Goen: senior administrative associate/President's Office

Wanda B. Hibbitts Accounting Scholarship

Dr. Wanda Hibbitts: professor emerita/business

Walter Jermakowicz Memorial Scholarship for International Studies

Dr. Walter Jermakowicz: professor/management

Velva Kaffenberger Scholarship

Velva Kaffenberger: retired senior secretary/career services

Barbara J. and Edward D. Marting Scholarship

Dr. Barbara Marting: professor emerita/management

Dr. Edward Marting: professor emeritus/accounting

William McGucken Memorial History Award

Dr. William McGucken: chair/History Department

David L. Rice Deans Scholarship

Dr. David Rice: president emeritus

Renee Tanner Memorial Scholarship

Renee Tanner: director/distance education

Board approves operating budget, new fees

The Board of Trustees has approved the 2003-04 operating budget of \$63.9 million and new fees that were effective at the beginning of fall semester. The budget is based on estimates of fee revenue, state appropriations, and other available sources.

"USI has a history of fee restraint. A year ago, when Gov. O'Bannon called for rate increases below 10 percent, USI complied in a year in which circumstances made it very difficult for state universities to do so," USI President H. Ray Hoops said.

He also explained that the State of Indiana and Indiana Commission for Higher Education expect state universities to report fee increases in terms of tuition and all mandatory fees for full-time students.

A full-time, in-state undergraduate student attending USI in spring semester 2003 paid tuition and mandatory fees of \$1,800 per semester. At that rate, USI was the lowest-cost university in the state.

For the fall, USI's rate for a full-time, in-state student has increased to \$1,942.50 per semester, still the lowest-cost baccalaureate university in the state.

An Indiana student attending USI this fall will pay \$1,500 less in tuition and required fees than an Indiana student who attends the state university with the second-lowest charges for tuition and fees.

The new USI fees are calculated on the basis of 15 credit hours, using tuition of \$127.50 per credit hour, plus the mandatory University services fee of \$30 for a full-time student.

USI...still the lowest-cost baccalaureate university in the state

"Ball State, Indiana University, Indiana State University, and Purdue are all applying a \$1,000 surcharge for every new student," Hoops added. "If you compare the effect of that surcharge combined with their regular fee increases, USI's increase will be the lowest in the state."

New fees for nonresident, full-time undergraduate students, using tuition of \$304.25 per credit hour, plus the mandatory University services fee of \$30 for a full-time student, will be \$4,593.75.

The new graduate fee for Indiana residents will be \$185.25 per credit hour plus a mandatory University services fee of \$30. Nonresident graduate students will be assessed \$366 per credit hour plus the mandatory University services fee.

University officials expressed appreciation to the legislature for USI's appropriation that included support for operating expenses for the new Education Center and Science Center, some recognition of enrollment growth, and partial restoration of reductions in base funding for 2002-03. In addition, funding was included for equipment and programming needs for the new baccalaureate engineering degree.

"The USI operating budget consists of \$32.7 million in state appropriation and a fee increase, which when combined will allow the University to make some progress and to recognize the hard work of our faculty and staff," Hoops said ■



Henry Ruston, third from left, and the sons and daughters of his late wife Betty Jane, prepare to turn dirt to mark the start of construction of Ruston Hall.

New library authorized; residence hall under construction

Thanks to legislative authorization, planning for a new \$29 million library is under way. The new Rice Library will be located on University Boulevard across from the Recreation and Fitness Center and facing into a quadrangle anchored by the Liberal Arts Center, Technology Center, and University Center.

Architects for the library are Edmund L. Hafer and Associates with Woollen, Molzan, and Partners. University officials expect to break ground in late spring 2004 and to be able to occupy the library in 2006. When the present library is vacated, the interior will be renovated into badly needed University Center space.

The present library was the second building constructed on campus, opening in 1971 and intended to serve a student population of 3,500 to 5,000 students. USI's enrollment is nearing 10,000 today. The new library will provide additional space to accommodate growing numbers of students and faculty, incorporate advanced technology, and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of library operations. Several general purpose classrooms also will be included, along with programming and office space for Academic Affairs.

Ground was broken August 1 for the University's fourth suite-style residence hall. The 64-unit, 220-bed facility will be named Ruston Hall in honor of Henry W. Ruston, one of USI's most generous benefactors, and his late wife Betty Jane ■

Accounting programs earn special AACSB accreditation

The University of Southern Indiana has joined an elite group of approximately 160 colleges and universities that have earned separate AACSB accreditation for accounting programs.

The accreditation was announced in the spring in New Orleans at the national conference of AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The School of Business received initial accreditation for all of its business programs in 1997. Internationally, 454 institutions have earned this recognition. Of these accredited institutions, only 163 have received separate accreditation for their accounting programs.

In Indiana, 12 schools have AACSB accreditation for their business programs and four of them have earned separate accreditation for accounting. In addition to USI, schools in the state with accounting accreditation are Indiana University, Ball State University, and University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Daniel Wade, director of accounting programs for USI, said the quest for separate accreditation was a five-year process, which included a final year of self-study.

The School of Business offers both bachelor's and master's programs in accounting. The programs include 10 full-time faculty members and about 350 students ■

Student enrollment for fall semester sets all-time high

A record number of students are filling the classrooms at the University of Southern Indiana this semester. The enrollment of 9,899 students is a two percent increase over the 9,675 who attended last fall.

The majority of USI students, or 5,143, come from Vanderburgh County and the surrounding counties of Posey, Warrick, and Gibson.

Another 1,162 students come from other counties in southwestern Indiana. Every county in the state is represented.

Students from 36 other states and 39 other nations also attend USI.

Female students continue to outnumber male students on campus. This year's enrollment includes 6,028 women and 3,871 men.

Minority and international students represent approximately six percent of the student population.

Adult learners 25 years of age or older number 2,300.

The University offers campus apartments and suite-style residence halls that are the housing of choice for 2,800 students this fall.

Enrollment numbers for the University have shown steady growth over the years. Student population for the past five years is as follows:

Year	Total Enrollment
2003	9,899
2002	9,675
2001	9,362
2000	9,012
1999	8,695

West Side Nut Club commits to eight 4-year scholarships

Members of the West Side Nut Club, already on record with \$130,000 in lifetime giving support to University of Southern Indiana's students and programs, have implemented a new scholarship program to benefit Mater Dei and Reitz High School students attending USI.

The first two recipients of the new West Side Nut Club Foundation Scholarship—Kayla Owens and Andrea Schenk—were named for the 2003-04 academic year.

The project, spearheaded by two of the club's past presidents, Dan Fulton and Joe Beck, is a commitment of two four-year scholarships—one for each high school – every year. Each scholarship is valued at \$1,500. When all eight scholarships are in place, the club's annual scholarship support will total \$12,000. The funds will derive from annual Fall Festival proceeds and the club's foundation.

Criteria for the WSNC Foundation Scholarship include graduation from either Mater Dei or Reitz High School with a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) between 2.5 and 3.3, enrollment at USI as a full-time student, and demonstrated involvement in community, school and/or church activities. The scholarship will be renewed automatically if the student maintains a minimum 2.0 GPA.

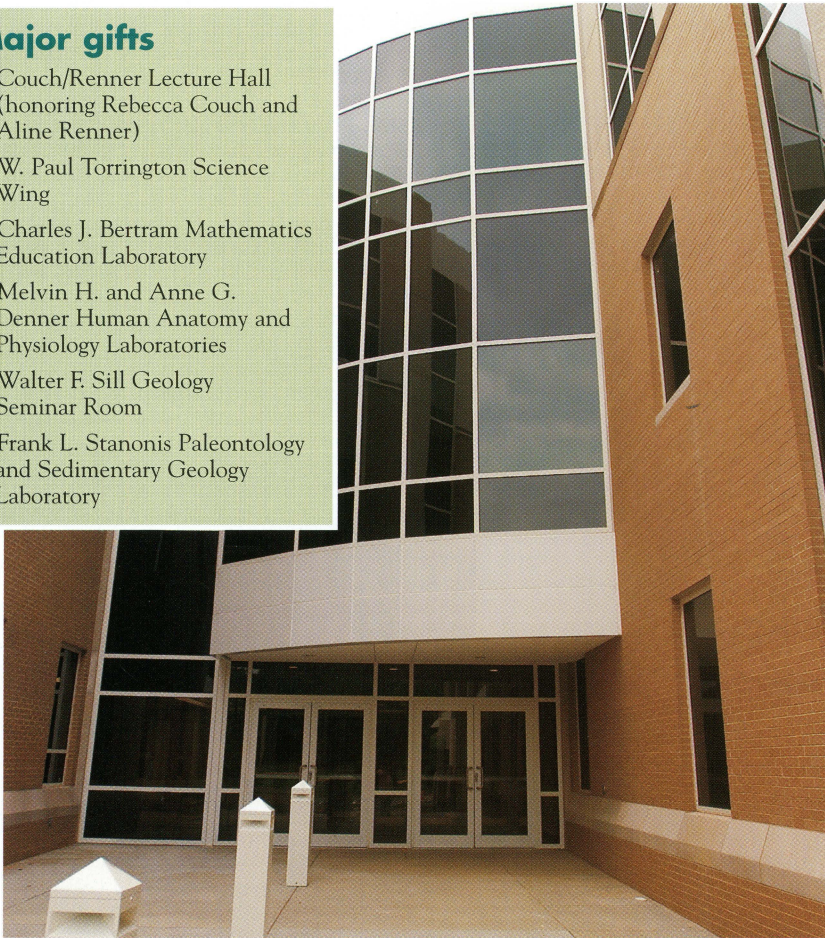
Traditionally, Nut Club members support student athletes by helping purchase new uniforms and warm-ups for varsity sports and cheer teams, bus transportation for area students to attend Historic New Harmony's annual Heritage Week, and the Screaming Eagles Scholarship program.

Applications for the scholarship may be obtained from the USI Office of Financial Assistance. Deadline each year will be March 1 ■

New Education Center and W. Paul Torrington Science Wing now in use

Major gifts

- Couch/Renner Lecture Hall (honoring Rebecca Couch and Aline Renner)
- W. Paul Torrington Science Wing
- Charles J. Bertram Mathematics Education Laboratory
- Melvin H. and Anne G. Denner Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratories
- Walter F. Sill Geology Seminar Room
- Frank L. Stanonis Paleontology and Sedimentary Geology Laboratory



Education Center and Torrington Science Wing

Join USI for Open House October 12

The teachers and scientists of tomorrow are preparing for their careers as never before in the outstanding facilities provided in the University of Southern Indiana's new \$23.1 million Education Center and W. Paul Torrington Science Wing.

The 130,000 square feet of new space for classrooms, laboratories, and offices was completed in August. The public is invited to open house from 1-3 p.m. October 12.

The Education Center, the south wing, includes the office of the dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, the Department of Teacher Education, University Division, and Academic Skills. Special features include computer labs equipped to help students learn how to use technology as a teaching tool and a professional development center for collaborative projects. An unfinished lower level will be completed later as additional classrooms and offices.

The new W. Paul Torrington Science Wing is connected to the existing Science Center. The space includes a number of laboratories with state-of-the-art technology as well as a roof-top greenhouse, a groundwater monitoring laboratory, and a vibration isolation column. Offices for the Pott School dean and associate dean also are here.

The 150-seat Couch/Renner Lecture Hall serves both the Education Center and the Torrington Wing ■

Engineering program powers up

First co-op student at Evansville firm

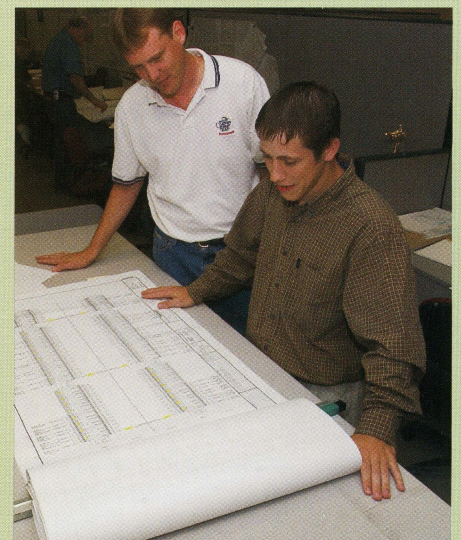
When Ryan Ebler enrolled at the University of Southern Indiana as a freshman in 2000, he thought that dentistry was the career for him. But that was before he spent two summers working at the power plant operated by Indianapolis Power and Light in Petersburg, Indiana, near his hometown of Washington.

While his summer work at the plant involved everything from laying gravel to tearing down fences, he picked up a good idea of what professional engineers do. From then on, engineering was the field for him.

Now a junior engineering major, Ebler is the first USI student in the

new engineering program to complete a co-operative program. During the spring semester and summer sessions, he worked at Professional Consultants Inc. (PCI) in downtown Evansville.

USI's engineering technology programs were converted into the Bachelor of Science in Engineering program following approval by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education in 2002. The engineering program meets the requirements for professional licensing in all states. USI offers the program in response to employer demand and job opportunity in southwestern Indiana ■



Engineering student Ryan Ebler, right, works with Mark Dahlgren of PCI on a controls upgrade for Vectren Corp.'s A.B. Brown Power Plant in Posey County, Indiana.

Creed calls students to high standards of civil behavior

“We want this to be contagious,” said Pam Hopson, director of the Multicultural Center.

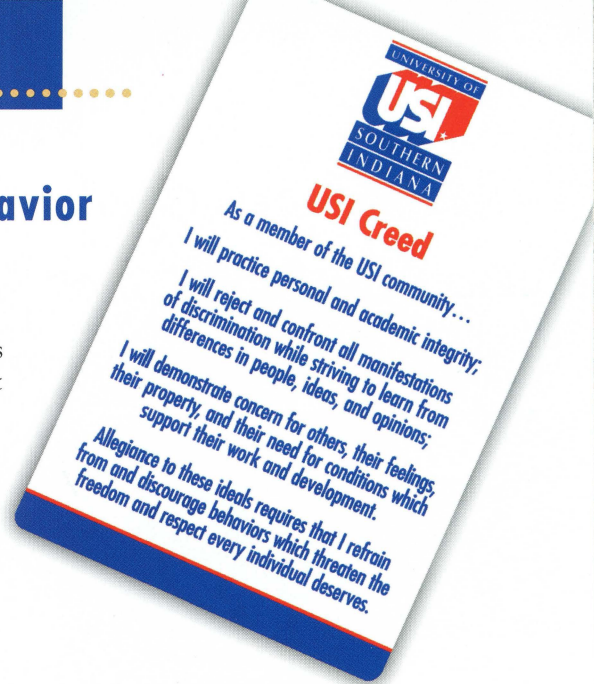
What Hopson wants students to catch is the message in the USI Creed, a code conveying expectations about the way members of the University community should treat one another. It complements the Student Code of Conduct.

The creed is visible on wallet-sized cards distributed to students, faculty, and staff; on T-shirts presented at fall Convocation; on a banner in the University Center; on posters in

residence life areas; and on table tents in the dining areas.

Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, said the USI Creed was established as a statement of commitment to value embracing cultural and ethnic diversity and pluralism.

“This commitment upholds academic integrity; promotes the respect, honor, and dignity of others; and creates an environment which celebrates the contributions of all members of the community,” he said ■



THREADS: In celebration of diversity

Hear a best-selling author with American and Hispanic roots and see all the right moves of traditional Spanish dancing.

These are just two opportunities in the first month of THREADS (Teaching Human Respect and Encouraging Action Diversity Series), a campus-wide series bringing attention each month to a different aspect of diversity.

Carrie Wilkerson, program advisor for the Multicultural Center, said the THREADS program encourages the University community to explore the cultures of the diverse populations on campus. Campus organizations that sponsor activities associated with diversity will list opportunities on the THREADS calendar for greater coordination and awareness.

THREADS includes a film and display series; community service opportunities; a series of speakers, workshops, performers, and cultural events; and brown-bag panel discussions.

Programming began in mid-September with a focus on Hispanic heritage. Latina author Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez was scheduled to speak October 2 on “Breaking Stereotypes of Latina Women.” She is author of the recent bestseller *The Dirty Girls Social Club* about six Latina friends who share successes and struggles in the years following graduation from college.

Cultural activities during the Hispanic emphasis include a Latin American Dance night and an exhibition by Ballet Espanol of Louisville.

The remainder of the schedule for THREADS is:

- October 15-November 15: CommUNITY (emphasis on awareness of homelessness, disabilities, and Native Americans)
- November 15-December 15: Religious Awareness (emphasis on Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and Judaism)
- February: Black History

- March: Women’s History
- April: Lifestyle Awareness (emphasis on awareness of non-traditional students; gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender orientations; and non-traditional families) ■

Design a logo

YOU could be a winner in the contest to design a logo for the THREADS series. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are eligible. Deadline is November 3. The winning designer will receive a prize valued at \$200 and recognition on the THREADS Web site, in *USI Magazine*, and at a THREADS event.

For guidelines...

contact the Multicultural Center at 812/465-7188, pattebury@usi.edu, or www.usi.edu/threads/contest.asp.

USI Theatre 2003-04 season

For ticket information, call 812/422-3970

Waiting for Godot

October 8-11, 15-19

Helen Mallette Studio Theatre
Liberal Arts Center

A...My Name is Alice

November 12-15, 19-23

USI Theatre
3001 Igleheart Avenue

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February 18-21, 25-29

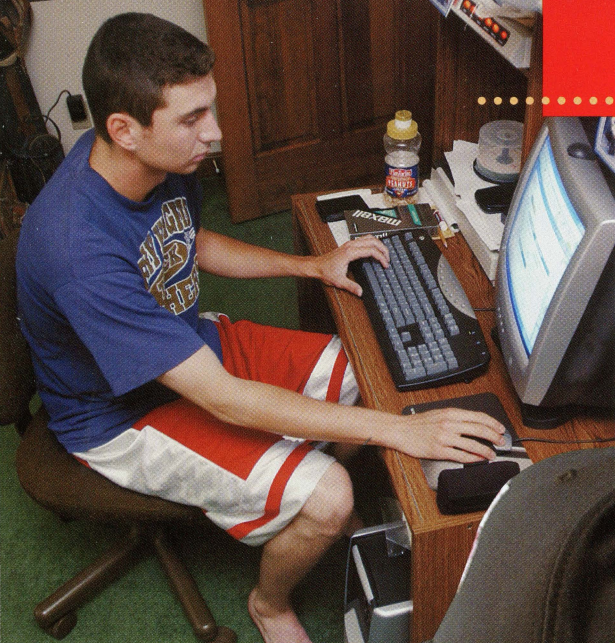
USI Theatre

Charley’s Aunt

April 14-17, 21-25

USI Theatre

Since Jourdan could not attend classes for fear of infection and illness, he kept up with classwork through Internet-delivered instruction.



What a difference a year makes

Student athlete shuts out rare disease

By RAY SIMMONS
Sports Information Director

Living through the last year has been a significant triumph for University of Southern Indiana sophomore student athlete Dustin Jourdan. He may not have had the type of performance on the field that most people would cheer about (a right-handed pitcher with a 12.86 ERA in seven appearances for the baseball team), but then most people haven't beaten the type of opponent he has. The opponent Jourdan defeated in the last year was aplastic anemia, a disease that causes the immune system to kill the bone marrow and replace it with fatty tissue. This foe, which attacks only three out of every one million persons, put a well-conditioned Jourdan in the hospital in just a short time last October.

"I started getting tired real easy and started losing energy," Jourdan said. "In addition, I started getting headaches once or twice a week, then every day, and then all of the time. It got to the point where I could not walk upstairs without breathing real heavy and I had to sleep all of the time.

"I got a doctor's appointment. He said you are supposed to have seven to eight pints of blood and you have one or two. He told me that he did not understand how I was standing up."

Jourdan, a graduate of Reitz High School in Evansville, was admitted immediately to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville for



1970s

Claudette Kirtley Branson '76, elementary education, has been retained by Atlas World Group to develop and implement strategic public relations and media communications for the global company. Branson Pritchett Public Relations is located in Evansville.

Delmar D. Bromm '76, accounting, is the managing broker of Brockman Better Homes Real Estate & Auctions in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Daniel A. Julow '76, mathematics, is a systems programmer for Indiana state government.

1980s

Michael R. St. Clair '81, accounting, has been promoted to mortgage financial specialist at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Gregory A. Isbill '82, marketing, is a purchasing specialist for Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Indiana.

Steven L. Walker '82, finance, has been promoted to senior vice president in commercial banking activities at Bank of Evansville.

Kelly R. Williams '83, management, is the owner of Alliance Polymers, Inc., in Peachtree City, Georgia.

David E. Mitchell '85, finance/management, has been promoted to senior vice president in the management department at Integra Bank in Evansville.

Kelly Franz Mitchell '87, sociology, '02, Master of Business Administration, has been named chief executive officer of Southern Indiana Resource Solutions, Inc., in Boonville, Indiana.

Kathy A. Yearwood '87, accounting, has joined Shoe Carnival, Inc., as corporate controller in Evansville.

Alvey D. Albin '88, marketing, was promoted to district manager for Kraft Foods —Pizza Division in Evansville.

Tamara Fleischer Caliendo '88, elementary education, has been named member services director at Evansville Country Club.



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| October 9 | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting, 7 p.m., Champps at Keystone, Indianapolis |
| October 12 | Education Center and Torrington Science Wing, Open House, 1 p.m., USI Campus |
| October 23 | Return to the Heart of Nursing: Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner, 5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall |
| October 25 | USI Women Build Habitat Day |
| November 11 | Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| December 7 | Lighting A Tradition, 4 p.m., USI Orr Center, Holiday tree-lighting featuring the USI Madrigal Singers and Santa photos with children |
| December 13 | Chicago Alumni Gathering, location to be announced |
| January 13 | Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| January 24 | Varsity Club & Alumni Chili Supper, 5:30-7 p.m., Physical Activities Center 200 |
| February 7 | Homecoming 2004: Passport Around the World |

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

David L. Pearce '88, communications, will oversee advertising activities for Mount Vernon Ford in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Jennifer Whitsell Pressley '88, radiologic technology, is registered to perform Ultrasound OB-GYN and works at Deaconess Women's Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana.

Brett A. Gardner '89, accounting, has recently taken the position of teller with Evansville Federal Credit Union in Evansville.

Scott A. Hyatt '89, finance, has joined Summit Real Estate as a broker assigned to commercial sales and leases in Evansville.

Sara Wilderman Lipking '89, communications, has been promoted to assistant director of human resources at Casino Aztar in Evansville.

Elizabeth Phipps Mercer '89, elementary education, was installed in May as president of the Indiana State Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood. She is a teacher at Oak Hill Middle School in Evansville.

1990s

Alan W. Leistner '90, civil engineering technology, has been named project engineer with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., in Evansville.

Julie Chipps Morrow '90, marketing, has been promoted to director of sales and provider relations at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Sean Ferguson '91, communications, has been promoted to vice president in charge of marketing at Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union in Evansville.

Denise Kerstiens Rexing '91, accounting, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Thomas R. Stratman '91, business administration, has been named investment specialist with Vineyard Financial Partners in Evansville.

Kelly Riesenbeck Dillon '92, business administration, has been promoted to private client officer for Old National Bank in Evansville.

So many ways alumni can help

Alumni Association president invites graduates to speak up, stay in touch, and find a meaningful role in activities

Are you an alumnus with a yen to be involved in the University that gave you preparation for life and career? Then Donita Wolf '83, president of the USI Alumni Association for 2003-04, is looking for you.

"I think a lot of graduates want to be a part of the University but don't know when or where to go about it. I want to find those people and get them involved," said Wolf, who began a one-year term in July.



Wolf

A 1974 graduate of Tell City (Indiana) High School, Wolf started her college career at Indiana State University in Terre Haute and then attended Valparaiso University. When she enrolled at USI, she was living again in Tell City and had two small children. She needed about a year's worth of courses to complete a degree in accounting.

"The USI professors were very willing to work with me," Wolf said. "They helped me coordinate my schedule so I could do an internship for a construction company. They showed faith that I was going to accomplish this goal. I felt a lot of support."

Now as a broker associate with F. C. Tucker Emge Realtors in Evansville and state governor for the Women's Council of Realtors, she understands more than ever the need for a vibrant university.

"Having a strong university is important to every type of business in our area," she said. "The stronger we help the University to be, the more our degrees are worth and the more we give back to the community."

The Alumni Association offers many avenues for volunteer activity or participation. Alumni help with annual fundraising campaigns or raise money for scholarships for students in their region. They also participate in activities involving student interaction. Some alumni help recruit students in their home areas. Others increase student awareness of the Alumni Association by roasting wieners or cooking chili for students during finals week. Many alumni provide career mentoring activities or serve on the Alumni Speakers Bureau. Graduates also enjoy social get-togethers or service projects such as Homecoming, the annual picnic, Zoo Day, or the recent Habitat for Humanity project.

"A lot of our activities make the community more aware of the University itself," Wolf said ■

For more information about alumni activities and involvement, click on www.usi.edu/alumni/ or call 812/464-1924.

Michael C. France '92, economics, is a finance manager for J. Anderson Enterprises in Henderson, Kentucky.

David A. Hynes '92, civil engineering technology, is project engineer with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., in Evansville.

Ruth R. Roat '92, English, has joined the design team at Ethan Allen in Evansville.

Angela Conrad Wooton '92, nursing, is nurse practitioner with Ohio Valley Healthcare in Evansville.

F. Denise Atkins '93, business administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Kirk W. Knight '93, business administration, is owner of Champ Torque Connectors, Inc., in Evansville.

Martha Meredith McClain '93, business administration, '96, post baccalaureate certificate in accountancy, has been appointed controller of Deaconess Women's Hospital in Evansville.

Erik A. Beck '94, biology, works for the City of Evansville as an animal curator at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Gardens.

Melanie Meador Lee '94, English, was recently promoted to assistant professor of English and Humanities at Hopkinsville Community College in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Debra M. Knight '94, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher with Tekoppel School in Evansville.

Elizabeth Grimm Beck '95, geology/bio-physics, is manager of energy delivery systems at Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

Sharon M. Beckman '95, communications, is a sales executive with *The Indianapolis Star* in Indianapolis.

Virginia Rapp Isbill '95, nursing, is assistant director of nursing at Woodlands Convalescent Center in Newburgh, Indiana.

Shara L. Mitchell '95, management, '02, Master of Business Administration, has joined Old National Bank as vice president, business support manager in Evansville.

Pala F. Peach '95, biology, is a medical technologist at Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen, Colorado.

Dave R. Slaubaugh '95, communications, is a regional sales executive with LexisNexis in Dayton, Ohio.

Kevin M. Bayer '96, communications, is communications supervisor at Central Dispatch in Evansville. He was recently appointed to chair a committee that organizes a local celebration of the National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week.

Jason D. Martin '96, elementary education, teaches seventh grade at Saint Bernard School in Rockport, Indiana. He also worked for the summer at Holiday World as human resources manager.

Angelo P. Ruehmkorff '96, business administration, is director of family services with Ziemer Funeral Homes in Evansville.

Berridge named to head Northern Wells schools

Gina Berridge '77, '89, has been named superintendent of Northern Wells Community Schools in Wells County, Indiana.

The school system in northeastern Indiana includes one high school, one middle school, and two elementary schools serving about 2,600 students.

Berridge was associated for 18 years with the Warrick County School Corporation in southwestern Indiana, most recently serving as assistant superintendent for business. She earned bachelor's degrees in accounting and elementary education from USI.

Tom Dyson wins safety award

Tom Dyson '85 of St. Charles, Missouri, recently received the Region V Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award from the American Society of Safety Engineers at its annual conference in Denver. Region V consists of 16 chapters in nine states.

The SPY award, voted on by peers, is given annually to the most outstanding safety professional for accomplishments and contributions in the field of safety, health, and environmental engineering. Dyson serves as manager of safety and workers' compensation for Sunnen Products Company in St. Louis. He majored in mining engineering technology at USI.

Stacey Dunn Sharples '96, German/French, is advisor of enrollment services at Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Florida.

Jeff T. Bone '97, business administration, has been promoted to vice president/commercial loan officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Gary P. Keeton '97, business administration, has been named manager of Evansville Teachers Credit Union's new office in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Jose Manning '97, accounting, is banking center manager for Integra Bank in Newburgh, Indiana.

W. Ben Randell '97, business administration, has been named assistant vice president at Heritage Federal Credit Union in Evansville.

Jennifer Masterson Spigel '97, communications, has taken a public relations/marketing position with Hilton Grand Vacations Club in Las Vegas, Nevada.

John P. Josey '98, political science, is event coordinator with Audience Response Systems, Inc., in Evansville.

Karen L. Amick '99, business administration/communications, is a sales associate for EBI Medical in Evansville. She recently completed the Dale Carnegie Sales Advantage Course, winning the sales talk champion award.

Christopher J. Baker '99, business, is a business consultant for Lockheed Martin Corporation in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Chasity Otto Coy '99, business administration, has been promoted to human resources officer at Integra Bank in Evansville.

Jennifer Hough Dunn '99, sociology, is a special education teacher with Greater Clark County Schools in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Amber D. Fetcher '99, biology, graduated as valedictorian of her physician assistant class at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Michelle Thiem Fortune '99, psychology, is a probation officer with the Posey County Circuit Court in Poseyville, Indiana.

Jill S. Kaetzel '99, sociology, received her Masters in Divinity in 2003 and was appointed pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church in Salem, Indiana.

Mary Rhodes Moore '99, communications, passed the Indiana Bar and was admitted to practice law in October 2002. She works in the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office as deputy prosecutor in Evansville.

Christina Scott Smith '99, psychology, is a case manager for REAL Services, Inc., in Plymouth, Indiana.

Jeremy T. Yarger '99, chemistry, is a chemical specialist with Tennessee Reagents Fine Chemical and Chemical Solutions in Nashville, Tennessee.

2000s

Alvin Basham '00, business administration, has been promoted to trust officer with Integra Bank in Evansville.

Jamie R. Fiscel '00, business administration, is an assistant branch manager for American General Finance in Indianapolis.

Matthew R. Lemming '00, psychology, is a selection specialist with EASISConsult in Florissant, Missouri.

Samuel Reid '00, business administration, is a title credit department representative for Caesars Indiana Riverboat Casino in Elizabeth, Indiana.

Crystal A. Beitler '01, social work, is a clinical coordinator for Gallahue Mental Health Center in Indianapolis. She plans to attend Michigan State University School of Law in the fall.

Jason A. Coomer '01, social science teaching, is assistant director of ticket sales and operations at DePaul University in Chicago.

Jeffrey R. Fischer '01, sociology, is a human resources representative for Silgan Closures in Evansville.

Shaun M. Hudson '01, art, is a graphic designer for Signs by Design in Newburgh, Indiana.

Mindy Middleton '01, sociology, is an investigator for Hi-Tech Investigative in Evansville.

Matthew L. Phillips '01, management, is joining Integra Bank as a mortgage loan originator in Spencer County, Indiana.

Melody A. Puller '01, public relations and advertising, is assistant director of media relations for Mid-Continent Conference in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Christy M. Wickman '01, business administration, works in the family business, Wickman Worldwide, a company that organizes the logistic portion of the move for people relocating to another country. The business is located in Evansville.

Tyson O. Will '01, sociology, is a case manager at Goodwill Industries, Inc., in Evansville.

Doug J. Balder '02, physical education teaching, is a physical education teacher at Moulton Middle School in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Erin J. Casper '02, elementary education, is a kindergarten teacher at Taylor Community Schools in Kokomo, Indiana. She is working on a master's degree.

Brandi L. Desper '02, family nurse practitioner, has joined Plaza Park Family Practice in Evansville.

Sydney F. Long '02, public relations and advertising, is an employment specialist with Community Job Link, a branch of Evansville ARC.

William D. Mallicoat '02, business administration, recently returned from Iraq while assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's Company "A", 8th Tank Battalion, based in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Elizabeth L. Phelps '02, health services, has been named Alzheimer's care director at Brentwood Nursing Center in Evansville.

Rebecca LeFrancois Sandgren '02, computer information systems, is e-business project manager for Old National Bank in Evansville.

Michael B. Barley '03, business administration, is office sales representative for Whyne Supply Co. in Evansville.

Stacy L. Doane '03, health services, is development manager for Southwestern Indiana Red Cross in Evansville.

Second Habitat day will be just for women



USI and UE volunteers exercised their carpentry skills.

University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville alumni and friends joined forces in July to complete the roof of a Habitat for Humanity house in Evansville. USI volunteers sported red T-shirts with mascot Archibald Eagle wearing a hard hat and tool belt. USI graduate Sally Gries '02, Habitat community relations director, coordinated the joint effort.

The Evansville-area Habitat will hold its third annual Women Build program October 11 through November 8.

USI women will participate October 25. Call Alumni & Volunteer Services at 812/464-1924 or e-mail alumni@usi.edu to sign up for a morning or afternoon session. Each volunteer will receive a complimentary T-shirt.

Other groups that will participate in this special building blitz include Integra Bank, Schnucks Foods, Vectren, Whirlpool, First Federal Bank, Women's Realtors, Albion Fellows Bacon Center, and Ivy Tech State College ■

Caitlin W. Poe '03, political science, has been named admission counselor at USI.

Marriages

Martha L. Orth '87, accounting, and Detlef Alle, April 5, 2003

Nicholas J. Feagley '94, accounting, and Mary Butcher, May 24, 2003

Jama B. Tapp '94, communications, and Daniel Dorsey, June 27, 2003

Todd E. Niemeier '95, biology, and Babs Schlee, May 10, 2003

Kent D. Wilhelmus '97, elementary education, and Jamie L. Lacer '00, sociology, June 28, 2003

Beth A. Altstadt '98, accounting, and Sean Barnett, May 10, 2003

Melanie K. Bauermeister '98, biology, and Ryan Suess, May 24, 2003

J. Clay Bigham '98, biology, and Allyson Conn, May 31, 2003

W. Grant Childers '98, business administration, and Elizabeth J. Lawrence '00, business administration, July 12, 2003

USI Incentive Program



Todd Niemeier '95, an optometrist at Professional Eyecare Associates West in Evansville, offers a discount on his eyecare services to Mary Reddington '02, senior administrative assistant in USI Special Events.

USI alumni, students, staff, and retirees can receive discounts through the USI Incentive Program by showing a USI Eagle Access Card or an Alumni Association membership card. See a listing of participating business and discounts at www.usi.edu/incentive. Find out about other alumni benefits and services at www.usi.edu/alumni/affinity.asp ■

Homecoming 2004: Passport Around the World February 7

Basketball Games

USI Lady Eagles vs. Bellarmine University at 5:15 p.m.

USI Screaming Eagles vs. Bellarmine University at 7:30 p.m.

Alumni Gathering

Complimentary Food Booths & Live Entertainment at 9:30 p.m.

USI Physical Activities Center, Room 200

Tickets/Information 812/464-1924

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Melissa K. Elpers '98, nursing, and Shaun Cassidy, May 10, 2003

Elizabeth C. Hoover '98, elementary education, and Tim Bowen, July 14, 2003

Kendra K. Reisz '98, accounting, and Jamie Bateman, May 17, 2003

Cynthia M. Speicher '98, elementary education, and **Shane E. Brogan '01**, science education, June 28, 2003

Cheryl J. Gaither '99, business administration, '03, accounting, and Corey Ainscough, October 12, 2002

Pamela J. Miller '99, biology, and **Thomas W. Rogers '01**, public relations and advertising, May 31, 2003

Cynthia M. Voyles '99, communications, and Andrew Smith, June 14, 2003

Melissa E. Park '00, art, and Shawn Collins, June 7, 2003

Ryan J. Kelley '00, business administration, and Heather Kissel, June 01, 2002

Jennifer L. Smith '00, psychology, and **Jason L. Thompson '00**, political science, September 28, 2002

Jeremy S. Bigge '01, biology, and Rebecca Mitchell, May 24, 2003

Harmony J. Otahal '01, journalism and computer publishing, and Joseph Gratzler, November 16, 2002

Sarah E. Stafford '01, business administration, and Justin Browning, December 21, 2002

Christina R. Mooney '02, biology, and **Brendan T. Anslinger '02**, geology, December 28, 2002

Jennifer L. Mosbey '02, science teaching, and Greg Luff, April 26, 2003

Julie M. Vollman '02, marketing, and Royce Newton, May 24, 2003

Stephanie J. Barnett '03, radio/television, and **Joshua M. Ragsdale '03**, sociology, June 7, 2003

Carlye M. Fielden '03, elementary education, and Matthew Overmyer, June 21, 2003

Barnhart completes second edition of text on respiratory care

Sherry Barnhart '78, respiratory therapy, is the author of *Perinatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care*, a 700-page textbook published by the W.B. Saunders Company. The second edition came off the press in August 2002.

Education coordinator at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, Barnhart has written four other books related to respiratory care. She is treasurer of the National Board for Respiratory Care, a certifying organization that evaluates the competence of respiratory therapists ■

Schneider selected as superintendent of Warrick schools

Brad Schneider '89 of Boonville, Indiana, has been named superintendent of Warrick County schools. Schneider joined the Warrick schools in 1997 and has served as principal of Boonville High School, director of student and support services, and most recently as director of personnel. He earned a bachelor's degree in math at USI.

The Warrick County School Corporation enrolls more than 9,000 students in 15 schools ■

McGinley named deputy prosecutor

James McGinley '99, political science, completed a degree in law in the spring at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis and has successfully completed the Indiana Bar Examination. McGinley was an intern with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office as a student and since graduation has been named deputy prosecutor with the office's juvenile division ■

Births

Mark R. Brady '84, biology, and Linda, recently returned from China with their adopted son, Zachary. He is 11 months old and joins a 7-year-old sister Molly, also from China.

Ronda Woodruff Hoover '90, elementary education, and **Steven A. Hoover '90**, mechanical engineering technology, son, Aidan Joseph, May 14, 2003

Susan Kreilein Ripke '90, art, and Philip, son, Joseph Carl, March 15, 2003

Michael P. Ficker '91, business administration, and Janna, daughter, Mary Christine, July 10, 2002

Wayne S. Hargett '91, business administration, and Angela, daughter, Madelyn Anne, March 10, 2003

Lisa Kiesel Bittner '92, respiratory therapy, and Eric, daughter, Nicole Ann, February 27, 2003

Anne Fletcher Decker '92, marketing, and Christian, daughter, Allison Marie, June 11, 2003

Lynn Simpson Maserejian '92, nursing, and James, announce the arrival of Lauren Nicole Mariam and Nicholas James Hovannes born November 24, 2002, in Xerevan, Armenia and arriving in Evansville April 30, 2003

Leah Stierley Vantlin '92, psychology, and Eddie, daughter, Avery Elise, March 15, 2003

Lisa Loechte Witte '93, business administration, and Keith, daughter, Claire Elizabeth, June 3, 2003

Kelly Tretter Martin '94, elementary education, and Darin, sons, Kollin Michael and Kolton Matthew, April 4, 2003

Tina Deal Spears '94, business administration, and John, son, Owen Robert, May 1, 2003

Laura Hinkle Varner '94, business administration/economics, and Scott, son, Gavin William, March 18, 2003

Jenny Thornburg Wiggins '94, administrative support systems, and Jon, son, Jaxon Wayne, March 20, 2003

Indy chapter enjoys summer meeting



Indianapolis-area alumni gathered July 17 at Rick's Café Boatyard to enjoy time together and to plan activities for the Indianapolis chapter of the USI Alumni Association. From left are Debby Ferguson '98, Roger Ralph '84, and Indianapolis Chapter president Tarrie Kendall '94.

Angela Heavrin Willem '94, elementary education, and Jason, daughter, Sophia Ann and son, Preston David, April 15, 2003

Rebekah Floyd Hamilton '95, business administration, and Jason, daughter, Olivia Jase, May 27, 2003

Rebecca Titzer Rexing '95, elementary education, and Todd, daughter, Lauren Jo, April 7, 2003

Rachel Ritzert Deno '96, administrative support systems, and Benjamin, daughter, Sydney Grace, June 26, 2003

Amy Hinkle Cline '97, elementary education, and Brent, Allyson Celeste, March 28, 2003

Shannon Martin Hile '97, elementary education, and Jeremy, son, Dale Martin, May 19, 2003

Mark G. Shell '97, business administration, and Larysa, daughter, Kristine Alyssiana, May 31, 2003

Beth Dike Boyer '98, business administration, and Chris, son, Brendon Michael, March 25, 2003

Amy Folz Hight '98, elementary education, and **Greg A. Hight '98**, physical education, daughter, Reagan Maria, April 29, 2003

Tracy Cook Loveless '98, biology, and Michael, daughter, Megan Elaine, March 4, 2003

Johnny E. Moore '98, sociology, and Jamey, son, Chandler O'Neal, March 27, 2003

Michelle Thompson Mundy '98, elementary education, **Aaron C. Mundy '00**, Master of Education, daughter, Isabella Noelle, May 30, 2003

Blythe Schreiber Reherman '98, physical education, and **Chris R. Reherman '88**, communications, son, Ethan Preston, March 21, 2003

Michelle Adams Smith '98, elementary education, Christopher, son, Christopher Andrew, June 25, 2003

Melissa Spahn VanBibber '98, mathematics, and Kiley, son, Ryan Francis, June 4, 2003

Mykeal Malone Wigger '98, business administration, and **Charles E. Wigger '98**, accounting, son, Drew Charles, March 21, 2003

Chasity Otto Coy '99, business administration, and Steven, son, Nicholas Steven, June 6, 2003

Samuel B. Givens '99, business administration, and Christa, son, Seth Bryant, April 9, 2003

Cindy Clayton Wahl '99, psychology, and Kevin, daughter, Madison Chari, December 22, 2002

John Bucher '00, physical education, and Kylee, daughter, Brooklyn Jane, September 16, 2002

Cletus C. Esarey '00, electrical engineering technology, and Monica, son, Lucas Andrew, March 4, 2003

James R. Flener '00, elementary education, and Kimberly, son, James Austin, March 25, 2003

Tracy Schmitt Huck '01, social work, and **Scott J. Huck '00**, business administration, daughter, Adelynn Renee, March 2, 2003

Alicia Abell Mays '01, psychology, and John, daughter, Elyse Anne, May 2, 2003

Edward S. Harrell '03, industrial management, and Jacqueline, daughter, Grace Elizabeth, January 22, 2003



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Jennifer Deusner Brandt '03, Master of Secondary Education, and Beau, daughter, Emma Rose, March 28, 2003

Matthew T. Lovell '03, visual art, and Kelly, son, Brayden Matthew, March 17, 2003

In Memoriam

Charmaine Blackford Sprinkle '71, elementary education, '83, mining engineering technology, of Evansville, died June 22. She taught elementary school in New Harmony for more than 10 years before returning to USI to earn a bachelor's degree in mining engineering technology. After working in the mining industry for several years, she taught at Tekoppel Elementary School in Evansville for 15 years. She also was an adjunct professor at USI for art education and was a member and officer of the USI Varsity Club.

Thomas C. Cornils '74, biology, of Evansville, died July 28. Dr. Cornils was a member of the American Veterinarian Association and was associated with the West Side Pet Hospital for 25 years. He was a member of the Evansville Lutheran Church and was an avid golfer.

Jerry R. Smith, Jr. '91, sociology, of Evansville, died May 18. He was a lifetime member of Fort Branch VFW. Smith worked for the L & N Railroad for 20 years. He owned D&J Management Company and served in the U.S. Navy.

Christina Brown Braun '95, elementary education, of Owensboro, Kentucky, died June 6. She worked at Strategic Partnership of Owensboro, Kentucky and was a member of the Bakers Chapel United Methodist Church.

Karen Memmer Bottoms '97, accounting, of Elberfeld, Indiana, died July 7. She was an accountant for Banner Trucking and One Star, and was a member of the Mackey Salem United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Oakland City Country Club and loved to play golf, read, and travel.

Bryan L. Carr, of Evansville, died August 13. He was a project architect and principal at Edmund L. Hafer and Associates and had designed USI's new Science and Education Center. He was a member of the USI Varsity Club Board of Directors.

Sara Burckhardt Davies, of Evansville, died August 21. She was a long-time community leader best known for her work in court reform and as head of Leadership Evansville. One of the first students to enroll in USI's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program, she was a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors.

Mother, son alumni win Fulbright grants

By Libby Keeling
News and Information Services

As family traditions go, the Jermakowicz's are somewhat unusual.

In 1996, Dr. Eva Jermakowicz '87, associate professor of accounting, and her husband the late Dr. Walter Jermakowicz, who also taught at USI, won Fulbright awards to teach business in Poland in 1997.

This year, Eva received a Fulbright Research Grant under the European Union Affairs Program, and son Walter Jermakowicz III '03 received a grant through the Fulbright Student Program.

"My family has a history of Fulbrights. It's kind of cool," Walter acknowledged during a telephone interview from Vanderbilt University, where he is a student in the M.D./Ph.D. program.

Eva has begun 10 months of research in Brussels, Belgium, and Walter's 11 months in Munich, Germany, also is under way.

"Walter told me, 'Mom, we are members of two of the same organizations now—the USI Alumni Association and the Fulbright Association,'" Eva recalled.

When she joined the USI faculty in 1987, Eva already held a Ph.D. and had taught in Poland. To sit for the CPA exam, however, she had to hold a U.S. bachelor's degree, so she earned one from USI. Walter graduated in May with a B.S. in biology, a B.S. in chemistry, a B.A. in German, and the honor of the President's Medal.

In Brussels, Eva is affiliated with the European Institute of Advanced Studies in Management while conducting research. She is the only individual to receive an award for 2003-04 in the Fulbright's European Union Affairs Program, which funds grants for the study of European Union economic policy, business strategy, enlargement, security, politics, institutions and other topics.

Eva's project will explore the impact of implementation of international accounting standards in the European Union. The 15 countries in the European Union will be joined by 10 more next year, and all public companies in these countries will be required to implement international accounting standards by 2005.

Walter is conducting research at the



Eva Jermakowicz, USI associate professor of accounting, and her son, Walter, are conducting research in Europe as Fulbright fellows. Both mother and son are USI alumni.

Max Planck Institute for Neurobiology in Munich and is enrolled in courses at University of Munich.

Walter's research will investigate blood vessel formation in nervous system tumors ■

Faculty

Dr. Melvin "Mike" Denner, professor emeritus of biology, died August 20 in Evansville. He was a member of the USI faculty from 1968 until his retirement in 1995. Dr. Denner received numerous teaching awards and was named the state's Professor of the Year in 1988 by the national Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Survivors include his wife Anne Greer Denner, two sons, and two grandsons. The Melvin H. and Anne G. Denner Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratories in the new Torrington Wing of the Science Center are named in honor of the professor and his wife. The laboratories were the gift of alumni. Memorial contributions can be made to the Melvin Denner Health Professions Award through the USI Foundation or to the Denner-Greer Russian Studies Enrichment Fund at Stetson University.

Law firm hires familiar Presidential Scholar

A former University of Southern Indiana Presidential Scholar who completed a law degree this year has been named an associate attorney with the Evansville law firm that established the scholarship she received at USI.

Though Jessica McCarthy '00 entered college planning to be a history teacher, she decided on a career in law after learning more about the field, especially from her scholarship sponsors, the law firm of Fine and Hatfield. Coincidentally, Fine and Hatfield was seeking an associate attorney just as McCarthy approached graduation from Valparaiso University School of Law. She applied and now works for her former benefactor.

Fine and Hatfield established the Presidential Scholarship in memory of Joe S. Hatfield, a founding partner who was interested in education and in young people ■



Tom Fitzsimmons, managing partner of Fine and Hatfield, said Jessica McCarthy was an obvious choice for associate attorney because of her excellent education.

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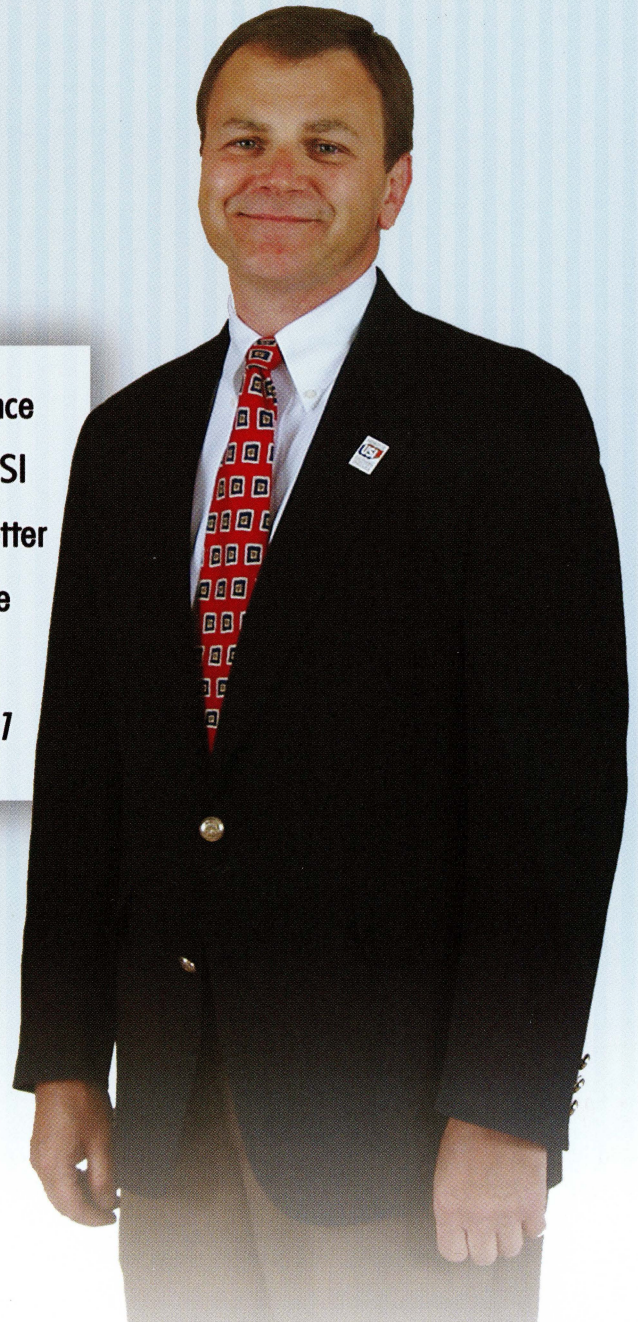
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Excellence

LILLY
 ENDOWMENT
 INC.

USI

“Supporting The Challenge for Academic Excellence will provide additional opportunities for current USI students to put their education to work. What better investment can you and I make today than in the leaders of tomorrow?”

— *Dr. Joey V. Barnett '81*



As of June 30, 2003

**Students, parents,
 families of
 current students
 and alumni**

	Boards	Alumni	Employees	Students, parents, families of current students and alumni
Goal	\$1 million	\$ 3 million	\$250,000	\$250,000
Actual	\$600,248	\$1,716,181	\$160,141	\$187,168

The Challenge for Academic Excellence offers USI's closest constituents the chance to double the impact of their gift. Charitable gifts received from alumni, employees, students, parents, and families of current students and alumni will qualify for the Lilly Endowment matching grants. Gifts must be in support of academics and must be received between June 1, 2002, and December 31, 2003. The matching grants will be placed in the new Endowment for Academic Excellence, the income from which will perpetually enhance academics at USI.

The Challenge to board members of the USI Board of Trustees and the USI Foundation concluded on December 31, 2002. Their charitable gifts in support of academics were made between March 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002, and will qualify for the Lilly Endowment matching grants. Board members who also qualify under other categories may continue to give to help meet the other goals.

Note: Individuals who have taken a minimum of one three-hour credit course at USI will qualify as alumni for this Challenge. The alumni category also includes those who have received honorary degrees.

Home Basketball Schedule

November

7	Women vs. St. Louis Gold Stars (Exhibition)	7 p.m.
14	Men vs. Bradley Stars (Exhibition)	7:30 p.m.
15	Women vs. Pittsburg State University	1 p.m.
17	Women vs. Hillsdale College	7 p.m.
22	Men vs. Lincoln University	7 p.m.
25	Women/Men vs. Oakland City University	5:15/7:30 p.m.

December

10	Men vs. Henderson State University	7 p.m.
13	Men vs. University of Illinois-Springfield	7 p.m.



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Men's Basketball
Physical Activities Center, USI
December 19-20
5:15/7:30 p.m.

USI, University of Indianapolis, Ferris State University, North Alabama University

USI Men's Basketball vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee

November 1 • 3 p.m.

Klotsche Athletic Center, Milwaukee
See the Screaming Eagles
in an exhibition game with
Division I Wisconsin-Milwaukee,
coached by Bruce Pearl,
former USI head coach
for men's basketball

29	Women vs. University of Illinois-Springfield	5:15 p.m.
	Men vs. Tusculum College	7:30 p.m.

January

2	Women/Men vs. Lewis University*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
4	Women/Men vs. University of Wisconsin-Parkside*	1/3:15 p.m.
15	Women/Men vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
22	Women/Men vs. Quincy University*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
24	Women/Men vs. SIU Edwardsville*	1/3:15 p.m.

February

5	Women/Men vs. Northern Kentucky University*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
7	Women/Men vs. Bellarmine University*(Homecoming)	5:15/7:30 p.m.
11	Women vs. Wayne State University	7 p.m.
14	Women/Men vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis*	1/3:15 p.m.
26	Women/Men vs. Saint Joseph's College*	5:15/7:30 p.m.
28	Women/Men vs. University of Indianapolis*	1/3:15 p.m.



Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament
Roberts Stadium, Evansville
March 4-6



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