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## Trustees approve food and nutrition degree

A baccalaureate degree in food and nutrition was approved by the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees. The degree will prepare graduates for careers in dietetics, nutrition and wellness, and food management.

Nutrition faculty in the School of Nursing and Health Professions planned the program in consultation with an advisory committee that included dietitians, wellness consultants, and food managers.

The program will offer three specialty area options: dietetics, nutrition and wellness, and food service management.

Students of this major will complete 50 hours of the University Core Curriculum, 29 hours of core food and nutrition courses, 35 to 38 hours of courses specific to the specialty area, and eight to 10 hours of electives.

Articulation agreements will be developed with area community colleges to facilitate associate degree graduates' matriculation into the USI baccalaureate nutrition program.

The program is expected to be implemented in fall 2005 pending approval of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

In other business, student financial assistance growth for prior year 2003-2004 was reported to the trustees by **Jim Patton**, director of Student Financial Assistance. The office provided aid to 6,994 enrolled students, an increase of 100 students. Growth of financial assistance is a natural outcome of enrollment increases Patton said.

Student aid funding from the USI Foundation was up 20 percent or \$117,935 more than the previous year, and totaled \$707,084. A rapidly growing source of student aid comes from other corporate and private sources, and increased by \$872,840 to a total of more than \$2.6 million, a 50 percent increase over the previous year. All grants and scholarship awards combined totaled more than \$16.3 million in student assistance, an increase of 12 percent.

The trustees also reviewed the Flexible Benefit Plan which allows enrolled employees to pay medical insurance premiums, dependent care expenses, and uninsured medical expenses with pre-tax dollars. Participation in the program has been steady since it was introduced in 1990 and expanded in 1992.

The trustees approved contracting with The Nyhart Company for administering the flex plan. The Nyhart Company, will provide an interactive Web site with claim and balance information.

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November 13, and November 17 to November 21 in the Helen Mallette Studio Theatre in the Liberal Arts Center. *The Playboy of the Western World* is directed by **Elliot Wasserman**, associate professor of theatre.

*The Playboy of the Western World* is a comedy set on the coast of western Ireland at the turn of the 20th century. Christy Mahon, a fugitive from justice, enters a local pub and declares he has killed his father. Instead of horrifying the area's villagers, Christy's story fills them with awe, and he is elevated to the status of a heroic man of action in their eyes. A romance develops between Christy and Pegeen, a local barmaid. However, another stranger soon arrives and alters Christy's good fortune. *The New York Times* dubbed *The Playboy of the Western World* a "comic masterpiece," but its 1907 Dublin premiere caused rioting in the streets, and at its U.S. premiere in Philadelphia in 1911, the cast was arrested on corruption charges.

According to Wasserman, "Synge's play shows that a young man who sees himself as a failure-can change his fortune by making a fresh start in a new community. Christy is even remade in his own eyes. Synge shows us that what we are, from one day to the next, may depend more on our perceptions than we realize."

Wasserman's cast includes **Gennie Adams, Drew Baker, Nathan Burgdorf, Melissa Hardin, Erin Monahan, Scott Parnell, Kim Robbins, Greg Schafer, Stephen Sievers, Natalie Singer, Jim Turpen, and Nicole Whitney**. In addition to USI students, the cast also features local actors Steve Small and Marc Atchison in major roles. Both actors have previously appeared in productions at USI, University of Evansville, The New Harmony Theatre, and Evansville Civic Theatre.

**Shan Jensen**, associate professor of theatre, designed the costumes for the production, and **Thomas "Tommy" Thompson**, technical director, designed sound. Students hold key design and production positions, including **Beth Wicker** as scenic designer, **Stephanie Weinzapfel** as lighting designer, and **Austin Lipking** as production stage manager.

In addition to performances for the general public, USI Theatre will offer a special morning performance of *The Playboy of the Western World* for area school students. After the performance, there will be a question and answer session with the director and the cast. This performance is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, at 10 a.m., tickets are \$5. Teachers who are interested in bringing students to this special morning performance of *The Playboy of the Western World* should call the USI Theatre box office at 812/422-3970.

Performance times are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. There is no Sunday performance November 14.

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## *The Playboy of the Western World*

USI Theatre's season continues with a classic of Irish theatre, *The Playboy of the Western World* by John Millington Synge. The production opens Wednesday, November 10, and runs through

## USI to compete in Ethics Bowl

On Saturday, November 13, a team of students from University of Southern Indiana will compete in the Indiana Regional Ethics Bowl in Indianapolis. Now in its sixth year, the

Indiana Regional Ethics Bowl is hosted by Marian College and sponsored by Vectren Energy. It is the first step in a nationwide competition hosted by the Illinois Institute of Technology in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE). The 11th annual National Ethics Bowl will take place in San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, February 24.

USI will be represented at the Ethics Bowl competition by **Jennifer Beaman, Kali Schetzsi, Megan Wallace, and Scott Dunigan**. These students represent a cross-section of majors—an illustration of the breadth and depth of ethical dilemmas in our society. Ethical decision-making is not confined exclusively to the boardrooms of the corporate world, but—in fact—touches every profession from nursing and education to religious organizations and social work. This year, the team is coached by **Marc Bobro**, assistant professor of philosophy, who said, “The Ethics Bowl provides a forum for students—our future leaders—to debate the significant ethical issues of the day, including affirmative action, free speech, child obesity, and global warming.”

An important component of the competition is the panel of judges, all of whom are distinguished leaders in their profession. Included in this list are Tim Monger, executive director of the Indiana Department of Commerce; Ray Ingham, chief executive officer of Whitham Hospital; Jim Meer, strategy director of Hillenbrand Industries; and Jill Zengler, an attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office, Southern Indiana District.



## Historic Landmarks Foundation

The public is invited to attend a presentation of the Posey County Historic Sites and Structures Inventory at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, at Thrall’s Opera House, 610 Church Street, New Harmony. The presentation is sponsored by Historic New Harmony and concludes a two-year resurvey of the county’s historic buildings, bridges, cemeteries, and other structures. The county was first surveyed in 1985. The updated survey, conducted by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, includes 1,317 historic properties.

Shannon Hill, survey coordinator for Historic Landmarks Foundation, will present a brief slide show about the survey process and highlighting discoveries from the fieldwork. Surveyors spent over a year driving every road in the county to document landmarks such as the Farmers Bank & Trust Building in Poseyville, the World War Memorial Coliseum in Mount Vernon, and the Workingmen’s Institute in New Harmony, along with less recognized historic resources like one-room schoolhouses, rural cemeteries, and early homestead farms. Stewart Sebree, Southwestern Preservation Services coordinator for Historic Landmarks, also will be present to discuss services available from his office. Following the presentation, copies of the newly published Posey County Interim Report will be available for purchase for \$16.

“We think the updated survey of Posey County is particularly important and timely; we identified many structures that were not included in the 1985 survey because they were not considered historic at that time,” said Hill, who supervised the effort.

“State and federal agencies conducting projects using government funds must include a review of historic structures that will be impacted by that project. Having a Historic Sites and Structures Inventory shortens the approval process and allows development, including road and highway improvements, to occur with fewer regulatory delays,” Hill added.

Eighty counties have already been surveyed as part of the state’s ongoing historic inventory program. Towns, planning agencies, and historical organizations can use the data to identify

historic buildings and districts that should be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Teachers can use the information to instruct students about local history and architecture.

The Posey County survey was funded in part by a matching grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund, and is administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology. Local sponsors included the Posey County Community Foundation, Historic New Harmony, George F. Rapp, M.D., Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation/Mead Johnson Nutritionals, General Electric, and the City of Mount Vernon.



## Madrigal Feaste tickets available

The University of Southern Indiana Madrigal Ensemble will present the 35th Annual Madrigal Feaste in the University Center’s Carter Hall from December 2 to December 5. Curtain is 7:30 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The USI Madrigal Feaste is a reenactment of a Renaissance royal feast. The evening is a scripted event with processions and music accompanying each item on the menu. This is USI’s oldest musical tradition, a festive way to begin the holiday season. This year’s feaste is set in Renaissance Ireland.

The USI Chamber Choir will entertain with selections of old English Madrigals, Irish traditional folk songs and carols, as well as choral selections for the holiday season from a variety of European repertory. This year’s menu includes green tossed salad, hot wassail (spiced cider), soup of beef and barley, his majesty’s roasted chicken, holiday roasted potatoes, and fresh steamed vegetables, bread pudding with rum sauce, tea and coffee.

Ticket prices are \$28 for adults and \$25 for students and senior citizens and may be reserved by calling 812/461-5237.



## Accounting Circle High School Day

The University of Southern Indiana and USI Accounting Circle will present “Fun Beyond the Numbers”, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 15, in the University Center’s Carter Hall.

The program will focus on the Department of Accounting, newly accredited by the International Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accounting department. Opportunities in the accounting profession also will be presented.

Members of the USI Accounting Circle include senior executives in public and corporate accounting in southwestern Indiana and serve as an advisory board to accounting programs at USI.

The Accounting Circle will discuss real-life stories of how they have utilized their accounting skills to experience rewarding and interesting situations in their career.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to visit one-on-one with circle members, USI accounting professors, and USI accounting students.

“Fun Beyond the Numbers”, is sponsored by the USI Department of Accounting, The USI Accounting Circle, Office of Admission, and the School of Business.



## Leadership retreat

The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation is this year’s sponsor for the USI Corporate Leadership program, offered in

conjunction with the O'Daniel Leadership Academy. Eighty USI juniors and seniors will be introduced to the role of leadership in education during the two-day retreat. Education administrators will discuss what is expected of new educators in leadership qualities and leadership experience. Students with a 3.0 GPA are eligible to attend.

**Dr. Bart McCandless**, EVSC superintendent, will deliver the keynote address, starting at 9:15 a.m. on November 6 at Bosse High School. Topics in the break-out sessions, which begin at 10:15 a.m., will be Leading Educational Change at the District Level, The Role of Principal: Curriculum Leader or Building Manager, Leadership in the Classroom, and the Business of Schools.

The opening night session on November 5 will be held in Carter Hall of the University Center and will be conducted by the Office of Student Development. The goal of the retreat is to expose students to the role of leadership within the corporate world and to allow them valuable networking opportunities with local employers.

The leadership program is funded through an endowment provided by the late **Joseph and Marie O'Daniel**, friends and benefactors of USI. Mr. O'Daniel was a member of the original Board of Trustees, an advocate for students, and student development.



## Names in the news

### Accomplishments

**Dana Willett**, manager of media production in Instruction Technology Services, was elected to a seat on the seven-member School Board during the November election. He will represent the 3rd District.

**Jim McGarrah**, assistant professor of English, served as guest faculty at the 20th annual Meacham Writers Conference where he offered workshops in poetry and creative non-fiction. He gave a public reading of his own writings. The conference was hosted by the University of Tennessee in October.

McGarrah also was a finalist in the 2004 War Poetry Contest for his poem *Museum of Hostages*, published at [www.winningwriters.com](http://www.winningwriters.com). The contest was sponsored by Winning Writers.

**Jeffrey Sickman**, assistant controller in Accounts Payable, was elected president on September 24 of the Indiana Association of College and University Business Officers. Sickman is the third member of the business affairs staff to hold an office in the organization.

**Dr. Thomas M. Rivers**, director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program, attended the national conference of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP) October 27-30 in Charlotte, N.C. The theme of the conference was "Where Science Meets the Arts." Rivers, who serves on the board of the AGLSP, presented a workshop on recruiting faculty for MALS programs. He also served on a panel entitled "MALS Program Assessment and Internal and External Program Reviews."

**Indiana conference** - Seven USI students will give presentations at the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Conference in Indianapolis on Friday, November 5. The conference is for health and physical education teachers throughout the state of Indiana.

**Jim Kamla**, instructor in physical education, is organizing the students' presentations. **Jon Day**, **Brittni Scott**, and **Rachael Meir** will explain how lead-up games are more effective for learning than drill-based games in the presentation, "The Power of the Lead-Up Games."

**Mike Siwy**, **Meghan Tyree**, **Casey Schneider**, and **John Copeland** will offer a number of lead-up games teachers can implement in their elementary physical education classrooms in the presentation, "Batter Up for Elementary Softball."

Lead-up games serve to complement skill instruction and drill practice by applying newly acquired skills in a controlled environment which is competitive and vigorous, but not as intense or complicated as actual game conditions.

## Welcome

**Dr. Rizwanda Ashfaq** has accepted the position of instructor of biology. Formerly of Lombard, Ill., she previously worked as an adjunct natural and applied sciences instructor at College of DuPage. She earned a Doctorate of Chiropractic from National College of Chiropractic and is a member of American Chiropractic Association.

**Nancy Dauby '99** has accepted the position of training consultant for Extended Services. The Evansville resident previously worked as a computer technology instructor/coordinator at St. Benedict Cathedral School and is currently teaching noncredit computer classes at USI. She earned a B.S. in computer endorsement from USI, is a member of Young Evansville Professionals, and is communications chair of USI Alumni Council.

**Lea Ann Hungerford '03** has accepted the position of administrative assistant in Financial Assistance. The Evansville resident previously was employed as a senior customer service associate at Movie Gallery and a youth leader director at Kids in Motion. She holds a B.S. from USI where she was a student worker in the Education Department, active member of SEA, KDP, Golden Key International Honor Society, and Alpha Chi. Hungerford was a 2003 Honors Symposium participant, 2003 Trustees Distinguished Merit Award Nominee for the Pott School of Education and Human Services, 2003 and 2004 Scholastic Achievement Award Recipient, 2004 Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Outstanding Future Educators Award Recipient, and 2004 Outstanding Elementary Education Student.

**Jeanne McAlister '04** has accepted the position of administrative assistant in the School of Nursing and Health Professions. Formerly of Wadesville, Ind., she holds a B.A. in English from USI.

**Brooke Orth** has accepted the position of staff counselor in the Counseling Center. The Santa Claus resident previously worked as a graduate assistant at Ball State University, where she earned a M.A. in counseling and a B.S. in psychology. She is a member of Indiana Counseling Association, Indiana School Counseling Association, and American School Counseling Association.

**Michelle Roy** has accepted the position of senior accounting assistant in the Business Office. The Evansville resident previously worked as a senior customer service representative at Vectren and Fifth Third Bank.

## In memoriam

**Dr. Tom Philleo**, assistant professor of education and coordinator of graduate programs in education, died November 1. Survivors include his wife Victoria and his stepson Lt. Cmdr. David Richardson of Seattle.

**Dr. Charles Price**, chair of Teacher Education, said, "Over the past seven years, Dr. Philleo provided the Teacher Education Department with expert knowledge in the area of instructional technology. Tom Philleo was a respected academician, effective instructor, and considerate advisor. His colleagues are deeply saddened by his death."

A celebration of his life will be held 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, November 7 at the Philleo residence, 515 College Street, Mt. Vernon, Ind. Memorials can be made to Greenpeace or the Posey County Humane Society, care of Schneider Funeral Home, 512 Main Street, Mt. Vernon.



## FYI

### Core curriculum

The University Core Council has received petitions from the mathematics department to delete the following courses from category A2: Math—MATH 253: Principles of Mathematical Logic, MATH 330: Calculus II, and MATH 335: Calculus III. Faculty wishing to examine or respond to the petitions should contact John Gottcent, university core director, 812/464-1750.

### Technology Park grant

Evansville's Certified Technology Park will be funded by a \$280,000 grant from the 2003 Indiana General Assembly's Technology Development Grant Fund. The Indiana Department of Commerce notified the mayor's office early this month of the funding. The City of Evansville partnered with USI and Vectren Source, a non-regulated subsidiary of Vectren Corporation, to receive the state's Certified Technology Park designation.

"The Certified Technology Park designation represents years of hard work by Vision-e and this community to create a technology agenda for Evansville," said Ken Robinson, executive director of Vision-e. "We see this designation in the downtown area as a way to use technology and innovation to attract and retain jobs, create partnerships between business and our universities, and enhance Evansville's image as an emerging technology center."

### Open Enrollment

The annual open enrollment period for employees to make changes in employee benefits will be November 5-19. To help employees better understand the benefits offered, two open enrollment fairs will take place in the University Center, November 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and November 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Small group meetings to discuss changes for 2005 and to help answer employee questions will also be held.

- 10 a.m., November 10, University Center, Room 206
- 1 p.m., November 10, University Center Room 206
- 9 a.m., November 11, University Center, Room 215
- 11 a.m., November 11, University Center, Room 215
- 5 a.m., November 12, Forum Wing Administration, Room 135

Open Enrollment will be the only opportunity during the 2005 calendar year to change coverage and/or add dependents to health insurance unless a qualified change in family status occurs. Enrollment papers must be completed by November 19 to ensure coverage effective January 1, 2005.

For additional information, contact Angie Brawdy, benefits manager, 812/464-1988.

### Greek Odyssey opening

A recent cancellation has opened one spot for a female to join the Greek Odyssey, March 3-14, directed by Eric vonFuhmann, associate professor of English. Interested? Call 812/464-1749.



## Marketplace

### For sale

Toyota Camry LE/V6 – 1996, automatic, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, stereo, cassette player, dual front air bags, power windows, locks and steering. 129,000 miles, excellent condition. Priced to sell, \$5,450. Call Debby, 812/425-7059.

Ford Taurus GL/SE – 1993, navy blue, four-door sedan. 160,000 miles, \$2,000. Contact David Bower, Ext. 7039 812/476-1224.

Air Hockey Table – great condition, includes accessories. Digital photos available. \$50. Call Jennifer, 812/402-8766.

New Blackberry 7230 - provides a secure, encrypted solution for sending and receiving corporate e-mail. This tri-band handheld uses the world's largest all-GSM/GPRS network covering more than 9,000 cities in North America and over 100 countries around the globe. Includes battery, desktop software, charger, hands-free headset, SIM card, swivel holster, travel charger, USB cable. \$200 OBO. Call Angie, Ext. 1988.

King Size Bed - king size bed frame, mattress, box springs, and bedding. \$250. Contact Lesa, Ext. 5331.

### Community

Holiday Craft Show - 9 a.m.-5 p.m., November 27. Germania Maennerchor, 916 N. Fulton Avenue at Maryland Street. Free admission. 812/422-1915.

Gifts that give hope - quality, handcrafted products made from around the world will be on sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, November 18, in the University Center.

Work of Human Hands, in partnership between Catholic Relief Services and SERRV International, help market crafts made by low-income producers in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe. The income from sales will pay for the artisans' children's school fees and help supplement a family's food budget. Work of Human Hands pays the groups a fair price for their products and offers payment of up to fifty percent of the order in advance.

A selection of these crafts will be available at the sale. The international gift sale is sponsored by the Office of Religious Life and International Programs and Services.

Dining discounts – save money while eating out and support the Humane Society of Henderson County at the same time. Peelers coupon stickers are available for \$10 each. Three kinds: a combo with 31 stickers offers discounts at Subway, DQ, Buffalo Wild Wings, Arbys, Los Bravos, Penn Station, El Charro, Steak and Shake, Papa John's, Roly Poly, Cici's Pizza, and more; a Papa John's peeler with 15 stickers offers buy-one, get-one-free deals; and McDonald's with 30 stickers includes a variety of special offers. Contact Connie, Ext. 1204, for more information.

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Friday, November 5, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.

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