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The Hoops Years: 1994–2009

Off to a good start

With six students on track to be the first graduates in May and approximately 60 students enrolled as majors for spring semester, the undergraduate program in criminal justice studies (page 7) is off to an auspicious beginning. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved the academic program for USI in November.

Dr. Ronda L. Priest, chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies, reports that interest is high in the community as well as among students. Several new internships and student opportunities are available.

Brandon Hopf is the program's first student to serve as a security-officer intern with the USI Department of Security. He began a one-year internship in January. Future plans call for two interns each semester. In addition to their work at USI, these students will participate in activities such as ride-alongs and officer training programs with the Evansville Police Department.

Other internships in security are available with Casino Aztar and Target.

A recurring internship opportunity focusing on case-work has been established with the Vanderburgh County Community Corrections Complex. Also, Dr. Christopher D. Rose, assistant professor of criminal justice, is working with the community corrections program on a partnership that will involve student interns and educational opportunities for inmates.

See www.usi.edu/libarts/socio/crim/ for more information about the criminal justice studies major.

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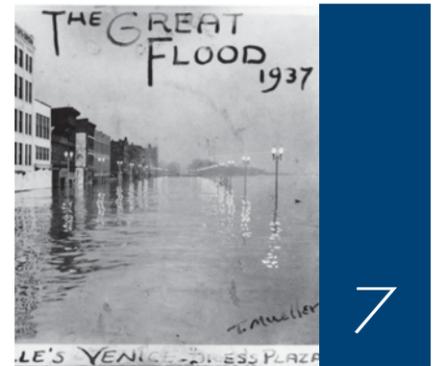
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Visit the web site for the most up-to-date information about the search for the next president to lead the University of Southern Indiana.

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Contact Sherrienne Standley, search coordinator, at smstandl@usi.edu.

USI Theatre

Master Harold and the Boys

By Athol Fugard
Directed by Elliot Wasserman

This moving humanist drama is set in South Africa during apartheid. A young Afrikaaner boy must come to terms with his own racial intolerance toward a black man whom he loves as a father.

February 19–March 1
Mallette Studio Theatre at USI

Meet Me in St. Louis

Music and Lyrics by Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane
Book by Hugh Wheeler
Directed by Lenny Leibowitz

This exuberant family musical is set in St. Louis just before the 1904 World's Fair. It features classics like "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas."

April 16–26
Mallette Studio Theatre at USI

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Carnegie Foundation selects USI for engagement and outreach

University of Southern Indiana is one of 119 public and private colleges and universities nationwide to receive classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as an institution of community engagement. USI is listed for curricular engagement plus outreach and partnerships. One hundred and forty-seven institutions applied for the Carnegie classification.

USI, Purdue University, Indiana State University, and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) were the Indiana institutions to receive the national distinction.

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at USI, said, "This is national recognition of the outstanding work of USI faculty, staff, and students in connecting the learning environment on campus with southwestern Indiana. It affirms that USI takes seriously its mission to support education, social, and economic growth, and civic and cultural awareness in southwestern Indiana."

Universities were required to provide descriptions and examples of practices of community engagement. A listing of USI's engagement, outreach, and partnerships is available online at www.usi.edu/newsinfo/release/press_detail.asp under December 2008

Record enrollment of 10,126

Fall 2008 enrollment of 10,126 marked a record enrollment for the University of Southern Indiana. With enrollment gain came an increase in student quality and growth in diversity.

Freshman enrollment, for the fifth consecutive year, is over 2,100 students. The freshman class has 60 valedictorians and three Lilly Endowment community scholars. USI awarded 1,018 departmental scholarships to academically talented students, a nine percent increase over last year, and 242 scholars were automatic qualifiers to the University's Honors Program, up by 22 percent.

The average standardized test performance of 2039 by new Presidential Scholars and 2013 by students who earned the Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) scholarships also demonstrates quality.

Minority and international students represent over eight percent of the student population. African American students, the largest minority population at USI, represent over five percent of the total number of students.



University budget request supports growth

The University of Southern Indiana seeks support in its biennial operating budget request to the State of Indiana to fund growth in enrollment, current programs and services, degree completion and on-time degree completion, and quality improvement initiatives that respond to regional workforce and educational needs.

In its capital improvement budget request, the University's top priority for 2009–11 is funding to replace a 50-year-old off-campus theatre with a new teaching theatre on campus.

Operating budget

USI trustees have approved an operating budget request of \$45 million for 2009–10 and \$47.2 million for 2010–11.

The request reflects a \$4.6 million increase for 2009–10 and an additional \$2.2 million for the following year. The 2008–09 operating budget appropriation is \$40.4 million.

Funding for enrollment change continues to be a major component of USI's operating budget request. The University is requesting funding at \$3,500 per full-time Indiana student based on the four-year rolling average for an additional 155 full-time students. The University currently receives only 58.7 percent of the statewide average per full-time-equivalent Hoosier student as compared to the other four-year residential institutions.

Trustees said the full funding of the enrollment formula is critical to a growing and developing campus.

In 2007–09, Indiana adopted two performance incentive funding formulas—degree completion and on-time degree completion.

The average number of baccalaureate degrees conferred at USI has increased from 879 in 2001–02 to 1,001 in 2006–07. Based on a two-year average of 122 additional degrees, USI is requesting funding at \$4,000 per additional degree.

The number of degrees completed in four years increased 4.3 percent from 2001–02 to 2003–04. USI is requesting funding at \$5,000 per baccalaureate degree for an additional 85 degrees conferred.

In the special appropriation adjustment, USI seeks an additional \$250 in 2009–10 and \$125 in 2010–11 per full-time Indiana student to address disparities in funding. The University also will request funding to maintain current programs and implement new initiatives during the biennium.

The University's operating budget request includes quality-improvement funding to support the development of two new initiatives—STEM Teaching Improvement Institute and ADAPT (Affordable Degree Attainment through Professional Training). Both initiatives respond to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's charge for

institutions to "be creative and experiment with piloting and implementing a variety of innovative and promising programs...to enhance and ensure a culture of college completion."

The STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Teaching Improvement Institute will provide pre-service and in-service training and professional development opportunities to increase the number of qualified teachers in STEM disciplines in K–12 schools.

The mission of ADAPT is to provide intensive academic and career-preparatory services for students most at risk for not completing their degrees.

Capital improvement budget

For the teaching theatre, the University seeks funding of \$8 million in bonding authorization and \$7 million in authorization only to replace the off-campus facility that is in the path of plans to widen Highway 62, the Lloyd Expressway. The proposed 350-seat theatre will be located next to the expanded University Center and will be connected by an atrium.

The \$17.2 million capital improvement budget request also includes \$2.2 million for general repair and rehabilitation projects. The projects address renovations for classrooms and laboratories, upgrades to campus infrastructure, safety concerns, and accessibility for disabled individuals.

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New undergraduate STEM research program engages students early

Eighteen students completing their freshman year in the spring will be the first participants in the Early Undergraduate Research Program.

Students majoring in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) at the University of Southern Indiana and Ivy Tech Community College–Southwest, are eligible to apply. The STEM majors will work with faculty mentors as research assistants in ongoing research projects.

They will participate in an eight-week summer research program in 2009, continue their relationship with the faculty research leader during the 2009-10 academic year, and participate in another eight-week summer program in 2010. Students will receive a \$3,000 stipend for each summer in addition to room and board in USI campus housing. During the academic year, students may enroll in a research course specific to their major to earn credit hours.

Dr. Scott A. Gordon, dean of the USI Pott College of Science and Engineering, said the goals of the Early Undergraduate Research Program support the college's vision of engaging students, promoting a team approach to teaching and learning, creating a more hands-on nurturing faculty, increasing retention and graduation rates, and producing highly qualified innovative undergraduate STEM majors.

The Early Undergraduate Research Program is among programs the Pott College is developing with funds from a \$1.2 million National Science Foundation Grant to strengthen interest in STEM disciplines. The grant will support the research program for five years.

Engineering students launch high-altitude balloon



Senior engineering students studying design and analysis recently launched, tracked, and recovered a high-altitude balloon. From its starting point in Mount Vernon, Illinois, the balloon traveled almost 18 miles to the edge of space before bursting and sending its experiment-laden pods back to Earth. Using GPS tracking, students recovered the pods in Gibson County, Indiana. The flight took about two hours.

Students meet physicist, author Alan Lightman



Chemistry students enjoyed a classroom visit from theoretical physicist and award-winning novelist Alan Lightman when he was on campus to present the Fall Lecture. An adjunct professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of 20 books, Lightman is best known for his fiction *Einstein's Dreams*, which has inspired more than two dozen plays, dance productions, and musical compositions.

Telehealth partnership established

Hadi Shriners in Evansville and the College of Nursing and Health Professions have established a partnership to provide real-time video consultation in the Telehealth Clinic of USI's Health Professions Center.

The USI faculty and Evansville patients can connect with the medical team at Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati using the interactive video conferencing equipment. Various camera angles help the medical team in Cincinnati to see and visually examine the patient.

The Shriners are furnishing the technology and the University of Southern Indiana is providing the facility. Children treated at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Cincinnati will be the first patients to use the telemedicine equipment. Prior to the availability of telemedicine at USI, local Shriners transported the child and a family member to Cincinnati for follow-up care. In the near future, children treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago and St. Louis also will be seen in the USI Telehealth Clinic.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "This telehealth partnership is a wonderful opportunity for our college to support the care provided by the expert clinicians at Shriners Hospitals. It also will provide our nursing and health professions students the



Telehealth provides real-time video consultation.

opportunity to learn and participate in telehealth, a rapidly expanding health care delivery system."

Shriners Hospitals for Children is an international healthcare system of 22 hospitals. The Shriners Hospital for Children-Cincinnati provides acute and rehabilitative care for pediatric burns.

Nursing students have high pass rate on national exam

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program this year completed the national licensing exam with results that give the University of Southern Indiana program high standing in the state and nation.

A report from the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) showed that 97 percent of USI students completing the exam in 2008 passed on the first attempt. The pass rate was the second highest of the 49 nursing programs in the state. The average pass rate was 83 percent.

The 97 percent pass rate also puts the USI program in the top 10 percent of programs nationwide. There are 1,599 nursing schools in the United States.

Baccalaureate nursing program receives national award

The University of Southern Indiana baccalaureate program in nursing has received a national award for curricular innovation in gerontological nursing education.

The award was presented in October at the Fall Semiannual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Renee Dugger, instructor in nursing, attended the meeting in Washington, D.C., to accept the award.

The baccalaureate-level curricular innovation award was established by AACN and the John A. Hartford Institute to recognize nursing programs that demonstrate a strong commitment to geriatric nursing. Award criteria include the incorporation of competencies and guidelines for geriatric nursing curriculum in a stand-alone gerontology course and/or throughout the curriculum, innovative approaches to curricular design, innovative teaching methodologies, community partnerships, innovative clinical experiences, and ease of replication.

AACN will distribute information about the USI program as a model of excellence to other nursing programs nationwide.

Coudret said, "This award affirms and recognizes the excellence of our BSN curriculum and our college's commitment to providing students with the knowledge and skills essential in caring for their geriatric patients. Renee Dugger and the nursing faculty are to be commended for their leadership in receiving this national award."

Arts Council honors Matthew Graham, Lenny Dowhie

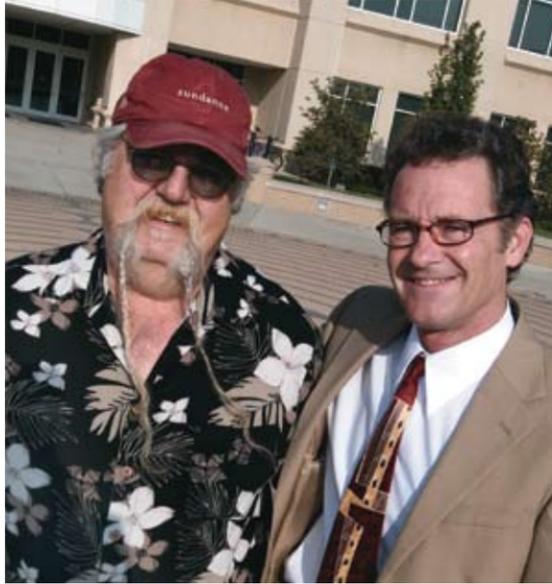
The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana recently acknowledged the accomplishments of two faculty members — Matthew R. Graham, professor of English, and Leonard H. Dowhie, professor of art.

Graham was named the 2008 Artist of the Year; Dowhie was named Arts Educator of the Year.

Graham is the author of three books of poetry, *A World Without End* (2007), *1946* (1991), and *New World Architecture* (1985). He is USI's director of Creative Writing, co-directs the RopeWalk Writers Retreat, and serves as poetry editor for the University's literary magazine, *Southern Indiana Review*.

His poems have been published in many anthologies and in *Harvard Magazine*, *Poetry Review*, *The Antioch Review*, and *The Missouri Review*, among others. His

poem "Delicate" was read by Garrison Keillor on National Public Radio's "Writer's Almanac" and another, "Greta's Song" was read on NPR's "All Things Considered."



Lenny Dowhie, left, and Matthew Graham

Dowhie's ceramics and drawings are represented in numerous national and international collections, including the Shigaraki Ceramics Cultural Park, Australian National University, American General Finance, and the Smithsonian Institute of American Art, Renwick Gallery.

Dowhie is a partner in Expressions of Culture, Inc., producers of International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art (SOFA) Chicago, Illinois; SOFA New York, New York; and SOFA Palm Beach, Florida.

He has served as a visiting artist in the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, China, and Russia. He is the recipient of numerous grants and awards. Since 1978, he has been a member of the National Council on Education of the Ceramic Arts, serving as president and now as advisor to the board.

The awards were announced at a reception in September.

Images of southwest Indiana online at Indiana Memory

More than 1,400 images reflecting a photographic history of southwest Indiana are available online for viewing at the Indiana Memory project web site.

The University Archives and Special Collections of Rice Library received a grant through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Indiana State Library, to digitize photographs from its extensive collection for the project.

Jennifer Greene, reference/archives librarian, said, "We have gone to painstaking measure to include many addresses, names, business names, and anything else we could identify in these photos."

The database is fully searchable.

The photos now online include about 1,000 from the 1937 flood.

Other photographs online now at Indiana Memory are from the Rice Library's African-American Collection (including the Charlotte Glover Moody, Dr. Charles Rochelle, and Alfred Porter collections) and the Hammond-Awe Collection, an architectural collection featuring Evansville's historic district and downtown.

Photos from other Rice Library collections will be added to Indiana



The Indiana Memory project makes photographs from University Archives and Special Collections accessible online.

Memory. These will include photographs made from the late 1800s to the 1950s by *Evansville Courier* photographer Thomas Mueller, photos from the 1930s to the 1960s by studio photographer John Doane, and photos from the 1880s to 1940s by New Harmony, Indiana, photographer Don Blair.

Greene said she expects to develop an online gallery for Rice Library in 2009-10. It will include images digitized

for Indiana Memory, others from the library's collection of more than 15,000 photos, and additional materials.

Indiana Memory is a collaborative effort to provide access to library sources throughout the state. Visit www.usi.edu/library/rlic.asp to access the Indiana Memory project from the USI web site or access it directly at www.in.gov/memories.

First architect gives early campus drawings to archives

Architect Ewing H. Miller of Washington, D.C., recently visited the University, bringing early drawings of the campus master plan as a gift to University Archives and Special Collections. The original campus architect was pleased to see how development of the campus has continued to follow the plan put in place 40 years ago. From left are Donna Bari, Miller's wife; Miller; Connie Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony; Carole Rust, whose husband Robert A. Rust is staff engineer emeritus; and Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, USI provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.



Criminal justice studies major approved

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has approved a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice studies program to be offered at the University of Southern Indiana. The first degrees in the major will be conferred in spring 2009.

According to a 2007 report by the Indiana Workforce Development Agency, job opportunities in criminal justice fields will grow by 10 to 18 percent over the next 10 years, which translates into over 2,000 criminal justice-related positions in southwestern Indiana alone. The need for the program also was identified by the University's 2007 Presidential Task Force on Workforce and Economic Development.

The criminal justice studies program will accommodate at least four distinct student constituencies:

students entering USI directly after high school seeking to enter the criminal justice field; in-service criminal justice practitioners seeking to advance their skills, knowledge, and careers; current USI criminal justice minor program students continuing coursework to fulfill the major; and students from community college law enforcement and criminal justice programs completing a baccalaureate program in criminal justice studies.

Employment areas for criminal justice studies graduates include police officers at the local, state, and federal levels and other law enforcement occupations; correction and probation officers; criminal investigators; legal assistants; private security; and related social service occupations.

Students say thanks

When Rebecca Reynolds made a tour of college campuses, she knew the University of Southern Indiana was



Reynolds

right for her. In a recent thank-you note to the USI Foundation, she expressed her appreciation for the opportunities at USI and the scholarship that contributes to her education.

She is one of many students who took time during fall semester to tell their benefactors in writing about themselves and to say thanks. In 2007-08, the USI Foundation presented more than \$1.1 million in scholarships to 964 students thanks to many generous donors.

Students address their notes of appreciation to the donor or, if the donor is deceased, to a surviving family member. If no family member survives, they direct their

appreciation to the USI Foundation.

Reynolds, a freshman majoring in biology, holds the Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship. She is a graduate of Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School in Indianapolis.

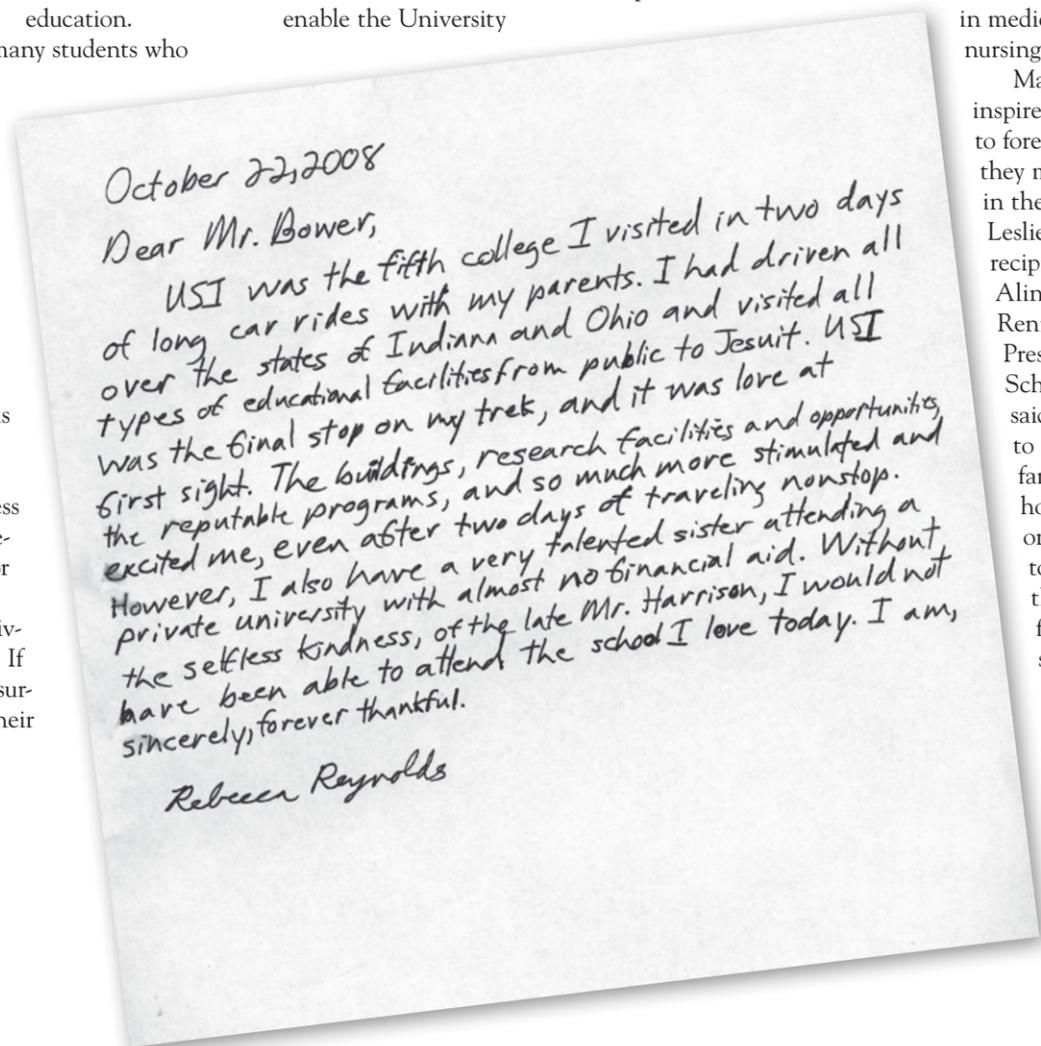
Providing \$2,000 annually for tuition, Deans Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen on a competitive basis and are renewable for up to four years. Like the Presidential Scholarships and the Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine awards, these scholarships enable the University

to recruit and retain the best and brightest high school students.

Harrison was a research scientist with Mead Johnson in Evansville before his retirement. He was part of a team which helped develop the first birth-control pill and the 1960s diet drink Metrecal. He died in 2002. A longtime friend of the University, Harrison boosted his scholarship endowment to more than \$1 million through an estate gift. The Harrison Scholarships support

students interested in medicine and nursing.

Many gifts inspire students to foresee what they might do in the future. Leslie McCrary, recipient of the Aline Nunn Renner Endowed Presidential Scholarship, said in her note to the Renner family, "It is my hope that I will one day be able to do something similar for another student."



Rebecca Reynolds expressed her appreciation to David A. Bower, director of University Development and president of the USI Foundation.

Discipline and drive

Allison Shafer's success formula for nursing, running

Allison Shafer, one of 10 recipients of a USI Foundation Excellence in Learning Scholarship for 2008-09, has combined the roles of scholar and athlete during her USI career to become an outstanding nursing student and an award-winning runner.

"It wasn't until I began nursing school that I realized all the life skills I have learned from being on the cross country team," she said. "Through cross country, I have learned the importance of discipline and drive, which has proven to be a great asset both in running and school. It has prepared me for the challenges of a tough curriculum and busy schedule."



Shafer

Shafer recently was inducted into USI's Omicron Psi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing honor society. She will graduate in the spring with a bachelor's degree in nursing and plans to be married in June to Miles Krieger '03 M.P.A. '08, a fellow cross country runner whom she met at USI. Shafer has worked as a student nurse in all areas of women's health at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville. She plans to pursue a career as a nurse in neonatal intensive care.

Shafer's inspiration to become a nurse comes from her mother. "She has worked as a nurse all my life and has provided a great example of family, hard work, and success," Shafer said.

As an athlete, Shafer is a three-time All-American as well as a six-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree. She won the 2006 GLVC Cross Country title and was the GLVC Scholar Athlete of the Year for cross country and track and field in 2006-07. Shafer, who has won a total of three GLVC titles in track and cross country, earned All-America honors in cross country in 2006 as well as indoor and outdoor track in 2007.

"My future plans include pursuing a master's degree in nursing with the intention of working as a family nurse practitioner, as well as starting a family and continuing to enjoy my passion for running," she said.

The \$1,000 Excellence in Learning Scholarships, provided by generous donors to the USI Foundation Annual Fund, are presented to students who have achieved a high level of academic success and display extraordinary professional promise in their chosen field. Two students from each of the University's five colleges are chosen to receive the awards each year.

2008-09 Excellence in Learning Scholarship recipients

Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Tiffany R. Mann, elementary education, Albion, Illinois
Lisa R. Wanninger, elementary education, Vincennes, Indiana

College of Business

Eric W. Reffett, finance, Evansville, Indiana
Amy L. Sharp, finance, Greencastle, Indiana

College of Liberal Arts

Rachel S. Acton, social science teaching, Mt. Vernon, Indiana
Taryn N. Funkhouser, history, Elberfield, Indiana

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Allison L. Shafer, nursing, Plainville, Indiana
Kimberly D. Weldy, occupational therapy, Goshen, Indiana

Pott College of Science and Engineering

Duston J. Stolz, geology, Evansville, Indiana
Eric L. Tharp, math, Portage, Indiana

Foundation board member is Volunteer of the Year

David W. Herrenbruck '76, a member of the USI Foundation Board, is the University's Volunteer of the Year for 2008.

A marketing graduate, Herrenbruck is vice president and wealth management advisor for Fifth Third Bank in Evansville. He served as president of the USI Alumni Association from 2002-03; secretary 2000-01; and Alumni Council member 1999-2004. A member of the USI Foundation Board since 2001, he was chair of the 2005-06 New Donor Alumni Campaign, past chair of the Alumni Annual Fund Campaign Board, and a Campaign USI volunteer.

He has provided leadership to the Varsity Club since 1993, serving as president 1995-96, treasurer 1994, and co-chair of the Steak Fry 'n Auction for the past seven years, transforming the event into a successful fundraiser. He received the Alumni Association's Alumni Service Award in 2005.

The Volunteer USI Advisory Council and the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services hosted the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner in September.



Herrenbruck

A winning tradition

College of Business accounting teams bring home first place in Indiana CPA Society Case Study Competition five years in a row

In the last five years, College of Business students have brought home \$20,000 in prize money from the Indiana CPA Society's annual Case Study Competition.

The University's four-member teams have won first place in the competition each year from 2004 through 2008. But the students have walked away with rewards more significant than the \$1,000 award each receives. They claim an upward boost in career preparation, improved written and oral communication skills, networking opportunities with professionals, and lasting friendships with teammates and the faculty sponsor.



Maier-Lytle

Jeanette Maier-Lytle, instructor in accounting, has coached the College of Business teams since 2001. She finds the competition of benefit because the case studies almost

always cover topics, such as business valuations or peer review, not covered in depth in undergraduate courses. Students on the case study team graduate with knowledge they otherwise would not have learned.

They are highly recruited. Two —Adam Knepp and May Flores— work in the Indianapolis offices of "Big Four" accounting firms.

Flores is with KPMG. She said, "Working at a Big Four accounting firm gives me the opportunity to work on financial audits of companies included in the Fortune 500 listing and other well-known organizations. When I started with KPMG, the very first client I was assigned to was the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). I do not think a lot of people can say 'my first job out of college was to audit NCAA!'"

Held each fall in Indianapolis, the case study competition is a concentrated effort. When students get the case, they have 10 days to prepare a written report. Often, the USI students put together a report of 60 pages or more. In seven to 10 days, judges announce the final six teams chosen to make oral presentations. The 20-minute oral presentations take place one week later.

In 2008, teams from 10 Indiana universities entered the competition.

Maier-Lytle recruits students with good communication skills and a willingness to devote themselves to the project. The commitment factor is huge.

"It's amazing what these students do. They work. They go to class. They participate in campus activities. They commit to this contest. It's wonderful working with them," she said.

Two-year team member Amy Oglesby said, "You have to be committed not only to the case and getting it finished, but committed to being a part of the team. We worked together for hours a day to think innovatively and creatively to make our paper and presentation stand out."

Other faculty members from the College of Business and members of the Accounting Circle, an advisory group, are available as resources and provide feedback. Kemper CPA Group in Evansville has provided a formal practice atmosphere in one of its meeting rooms for three years. Kemper partners toss the students tough questions to prepare them for the judges.

Timothy G. Bryan '90 M.S.A. '07, Kemper partner-in-charge, heard

presentations by all the college teams in the 2008 state competition. He was invited to sit in on the presentations because Kemper was a gold sponsor of the contest.

Bryan said the preparation of the USI team stood out. The team's written case study was thoroughly researched. The team members shared equally in the oral presentation and subsequent question-and-answer session, demonstrating good team communication as well as individual knowledge.

For 2005 team member Andrew Eddmenson, the experience was memorable. As a transfer and commuting student who knew few people at USI, he met other students and professors who have since become close friends through participation on the team.

"It taught me that life's greatest rewards are often found outside our comfort zones and gave me the confidence to step outside my comfort zone daily," he said. "As a result, I've been able to achieve more because I'm more willing to take on new challenges and introduce myself to other business professionals, which has led to numerous job offers."

In job interviews, Eddmenson refers to the competition as an example of a time he worked on a team or was faced with a great challenge and overcame it.

The awards are presented Emmy-style at the INCPAS annual CPA Celebration following the finals.

"The best part was that the awards ceremony fell on my birthday," Eddmenson said. "It was the most extravagant event I had ever been to—win or lose."

Accounting team members 2004-08

Nathan Atkinson '07, Office Manager, BOSS Reporters, Merrillville, Indiana (2005)*

Jacob Cottingham, Staff Accountant, Blue and Company, Seymour, Indiana (2007)

Scott Dennis, Evansville, Indiana (2004)

Andrew Eddmenson, Defense Operations Associate, Oshkosh Corporation, Appleton, Wisconsin (2005)

Kevin Farley '06, Corporate Accountant, Berry Plastics Corporation, Evansville, Indiana (2005)

May Flores '07, Audit Associate (2nd year), KPMG, LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana (2005, 2006)

Bradley Greene, Accounting Intern, American General Finance, Evansville, Indiana (2007, 2008)

Ashley Hancock, Tax Intern, BKD, LLP, Evansville, Indiana (2008)

John Hayden '08, Tax Accountant, Old National Bancorp, Newburgh, Indiana (2006)

Brad Hotz, Jasper, Indiana (2004)

Angela King, Accounting Intern, BKD, LLP, Evansville, Indiana (2007)

Adam Knepp '07, Audit Associate, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana (2006)

Amy Oglesby, Staff Accountant, Harding, Shymanski & Company, Evansville, Indiana (2006, 2007)

Scott Roberts, full-time student (2008)

Jamie Willis Seitz '05, CPA and Patient Coordinator, Flannagan Plastic Surgery, PC, Otwell, Indiana (2004)

Donovan Sexton '06, Financial Planner, Water Tower Financial Partners, Chicago (2004)

David Ubelhor, Finance Co-op, SABIC Innovative Plastics, Mount Vernon, Indiana (2008)

*Year(s) of team participation in parenthesis

2008 College of Business accounting team



Bradley Greene



Ashley Hancock



Scott Roberts



David Ubelhor

Learning to sail

Weekend course teaches sailing basics and life lessons

When students drive two hours on a Saturday morning to get to class, the professor knows they want to learn.

Dr. Thomas M. Rivers has taught sailing for the University of Southern Indiana since 1975.

"Logistically, it's always remarkable," he said.

Many universities that offer sailing have a boathouse on a nearby lake, but no suitable lake is near the USI campus. Rivers finds students undeterred. Whether they are taking the course for one hour of physical education credit or as a noncredit continuing education course, they are willing to go the distance to Kentucky Lake in Grand Rivers, Kentucky, for the weekend course. Sailing School is offered three times a year on the weekends before and after Memorial Day and the first weekend in October. The class consistently fills.

Students learn to sail on traditional sloop-rigged sailboats 40 feet long on average. Rivers utilizes his own boat and recruits fellow skippers who lend their sailboats and volunteer their time. In the most recent course, he took out six boats with four students aboard each.

When students learn to sail, they gain more than the obvious recreational and wellness benefits. Rivers believes that sailing teaches valuable lessons about being stoical.

"Sailing is full of imperfections," he said. "You have the winds, the waves, and all the elements that come into play. Sailing requires you to be in harmony with all the forces out there. It's a constant struggle.

"You plan for the worst. When it happens, you're prepared. And when it doesn't happen, you count your blessings. That's as good as it gets."

Reflecting that philosophy, Rivers named his sailboat *As Good As It Gets*.

Teaching sailing three times a year is only one aspect of Rivers' responsibilities at USI. A faculty member since 1968, he is a professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Rivers is easy to spot at USI Commencement. As the Grand Marshal, he carries the ceremonial mace in the procession. The honor goes to a distinguished member of the faculty who has seniority.

Tom Rivers is the sage of USI's sailing course.



The Hoops Years



H. Ray and Linda Hoops



A record of progress

Fifteen years ago, a new president stepped forward to lead the University of Southern Indiana. At retirement, President H. Ray Hoops is moving out of the executive office, his briefcase filled with an enviable record of progress.

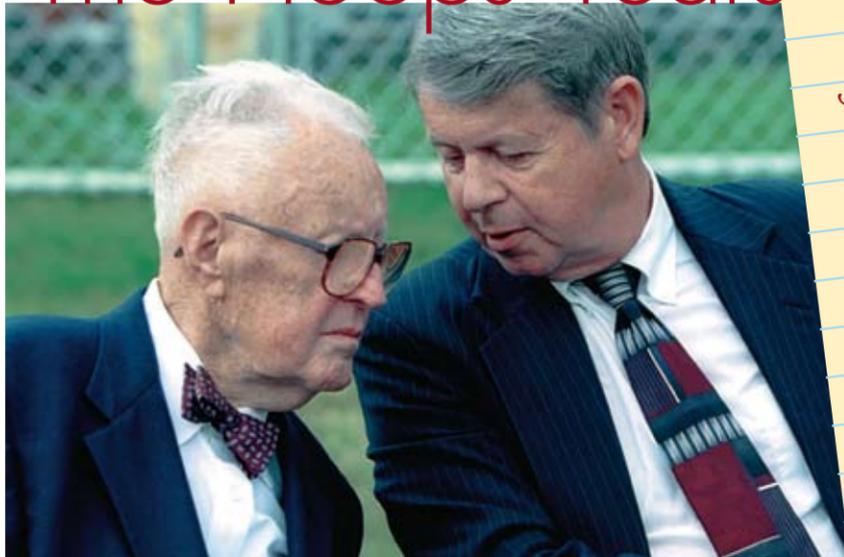
Dr. H. Ray Hoops recounts that he was on the verge of not coming to the University of Southern Indiana in 1994 after being offered a presidency at another university. But sizing up the opportunities before him, he felt USI had undeniable momentum.

He said, "The realities of presiding over a university due for shrinkage and difficult times set in. On the other

hand, I saw that USI was going to move forward — it just was! I never envisioned that it would move forward the way it has. My projections were far less optimistic.

"This was a good fit because I take such great pleasure in progress. USI has grown in size, stature, and impact. I take pleasure in that more than anyone can understand." The second president

The Hoops Years



Dr. Hoops and W. Paul Torrington, left, confer during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Education Center and science wing that bears the Torrington name.

- Things to do, 1994*
- ✓ Increase enrollment by three percent each year
 - ✓ Conduct the University's first capital campaign
 - ✓ Get state funding for facilities
 - ✓ Strengthen growth of quality students
 - ✓ Expand academic offerings
 - ✓ Recruit quality faculty
 - ✓ Study economic and workforce trends
 - ✓ Assess institutional programs to serve regional economy
 - ✓ Secure federal funding

to lead the University, Hoops will retire June 30.

"Nothing that has happened at USI has been my accomplishment," he said. "That is a fact. It is not modesty or anything approaching false modesty. We have operated as an institutional team extending through the administration to the faculty and support staff. An example is the budgetary hearings held each year. The process is a unified team effort. Maybe creative tension comes out of the process, but that is a positive."

He suggests the progress is like a mosaic, a design constructed from small pieces of glass, stone, or other materials. The skill in creating and placing the pieces contributes to the value of the mosaic.

He said, "At USI, one aspect moved ahead while another did not move as rapidly, but the entire institution moved forward, and even through transition, there was positive progress."

USI received authorization for construction of facilities under an expected timetable while approval for academic programs, such as engineering, took a circuitous route.

Capital campaign

The University's first capital campaign began during the Hoops administration. When Hoops became president, the USI Foundation had \$5.2 million in assets. At June 30, 2008 Foundation assets were \$70.2 million. The capital campaign exceeded expectations.

Hoops said, "Fundraising was my greatest surprise. I had experience with four capital campaigns at other institutions.

I had anxiety that I may have to tell the trustees that we could not run a successful capital campaign at such a young university.

"But the support was there. The major support came from friends of the University. These were people, by and large, who had not gone to school here



Dr. Hoops, right, tells Governor Frank O'Bannon about the resources needed to provide higher education in southern Indiana. The governor was on campus in fall 2001 to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee hearing.



During the 2004 Commencement, Rachel Miller reacts when Dr. Hoops bestows the President's Medal, the highest award given to a graduate, on her.

nor had a relative attend. These people believe in what is happening at USI. They are public-spirited people dedicated to the region and improvement of the region. They see their support as a tool for major development in the region."

Agent for economic development

In a 1994 interview with newspaper reporter Patricia Swanson, Hoops applauded the University's directive to aid the economic development of southwestern Indiana.

Throughout his presidency, Hoops positioned USI to be an agent for workforce and economic development. He commissioned a study in 2000 and again in 2007 to study workforce development trends and to assess how institutional programs serve regional employers and the regional economy.

Hoops describes USI as an economic engine working with employers and state leaders to facilitate economic development by supplying well-educated employees to meet needs of business and industry.

The impact of USI's focus can be seen most dramatically in the rise in regional college-going attendance, from

33 percent of public high school graduates in 1985 when USI was established as a separate state institution, to 84 percent in 2007. These gains outpace both state and national averages and speak to the strong partnership USI has established with P-12 educational programs, other higher education institutions, and business and industry.

Enrollment rises

Over the past decade, enrollment increased by 20 percent from 8,415 in fall 1998 to 10,126 in fall 2008. And the number of students coming from counties in central and northern Indiana is increasing.

Hoops said, "Earlier students from greater distances came in a trickle and that stream has grown. Those students had interesting discussions with place-bound students, telling those from Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson, and Warrick counties what a great institution they have here in southwestern Indiana. Students carried back the word to their cities and towns. The Presidential Scholarships, for top scholars in Indiana, have had an impact outside the region.

"People recognize quality slowly as



Facility development

O'Daniel and McDonald apartments (transferred to USI, 1994)

Health Professions Center (1995)

University Center (expanded 1996; further expansion construction 2009)

Children's Center (relocated 1997)

Liberal Arts Center (1999)

Art Studio (1999)

Newman Hall (1999)

Governors Hall (2000)

O'Bannon Hall (2001)

Recreation and Fitness Center (2001); addition (2009)

Ruston Hall (2004)

Education Center and Torrington Wing of the Science Center (2004)

Rice Library (2006)

McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries (2008)

Business and Engineering Center (under construction; to open 2010)



The Hoops Years



Shovel in hand, Dr. Hoops prepares to scoop dirt with Henry Ruston, yellow jacket, and family members during a ceremony to mark the construction of Ruston Hall in University housing.

it develops, but they do recognize it. I think students in Indiana have come to recognize the absolutely superb academic quality of this institution.”

The future of higher education

“We have gone through a surge in the public’s opinion of higher education, since the linking of higher education to economic development,” Hoops said. “We had a similar surge in the 1970s when higher education was linked to the ability of people to increase their incomes. The truth is that both economic development and the ability to increase personal income are side effects of education.

“Education is about providing opportunity for people to grow and develop, not causing them to grow and develop. Education provides the opportunity for them to do so if they take advantage of it. Society will come to understand that, and the value of all forms of education will elevate.”

He added, “There will always be a funding crisis. The bad news is that

“No one will envy the new president more than me.”

—H. Ray Hoops

higher education is a black hole into which funds are dumped and the hole never fills up. The good news is that every nickel comes back disguised as a dollar in return. Higher education makes huge contributions to a variety of spheres.”

Disappointment

Not being able to bring the Indiana Commission for Higher Education on board in support of the University of Southern Indiana is a major disappointment for Hoops. USI still lags other state universities in getting its fair share of state resources.

“Virtually every community organization, the General Assembly, and the four governors I served came to see what a great job USI does in shepherding the resources of the state,” he said.

“I’ve not been able to do the same with the Commission for Higher Education. In prior times, it has been a hostile relationship, but that is not the case now. But it is a huge disappointment because their objectives and ours are an absolute mesh,” he said.

Retiring in Evansville

With retirement, Hoops and his wife Linda are maintaining their permanent address in Evansville, with plans to spend portions of summers in Minnesota. He said he doesn’t intend to be intrusive, but will be available as much as the new president wants.

“I want to be a lot more helpful in the community. As president of USI, I couldn’t raise funds for another organization. I can relax that a bit during retirement.”

Hoops said the future is exceedingly bright at USI. “No one will envy the new president more than me,” he said. “It is a wonderful time in the University’s life, complete with an amazing set of circumstances and a pre-existing enthusiastic team of administrators, faculty, and staff.

What they say

Hoops is the senior among Indiana college presidents. He’s worked with state leaders, higher education officials, members of the General Assembly, and members of the state’s congressional delegation.

Here are some thoughts from these associates who have worked with him.

“During his 15-year tenure at the University of Southern Indiana, Ray Hoops has been one of Indiana’s most effective college presidents. He has left a substantial mark on both the University and the entire southwest region of our state. Thanks in good measure to his leadership, both are now stronger and better prepared to help our state grow and prosper in the years ahead.”

—Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels
Indianapolis

“Dr. Hoops has served as a tireless advocate for the students and faculty of USI. As an alumnus, I appreciate his work to bring additional opportunities and support to this outstanding educational institution. He will be missed, but I’m sure he’s ready to spend his days hunting for pheasant instead of hunting for endowments.”

—U.S. Representative Brad Ellsworth ’81
Indiana 8th Congressional District
Evansville

“USI was and is the model for the state in terms of affordable, high quality education. Ray Hoops is the poster child for being able to maintain that big-picture focus while paying attention to so many details. All you have to do is look around in amazement at this beautiful campus and its successful graduates to see that a powerful legacy has been created under his tenure.”

—G. Patrick Hoehn
former member, Indiana Commission for Higher Education;
former member, USI Board of Trustees
Jeffersonville

Linda and H. Ray Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship

A gift to the Linda and H. Ray Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship Fund is a meaningful way to honor the service of the University’s second president and his wife. Attracting some of Indiana’s most outstanding high school graduates, the scholarships cover tuition, books, and room and board for four years. Private gifts totaling \$200,000 will perpetually endow a Presidential Scholarship.

The USI Foundation is accepting gifts to the Linda and H. Ray Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship Fund.



Academic development

New offerings since 1994

DOCTORAL PROGRAM
Doctor of Nursing Practice

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Health administration
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Early childhood education
International studies
Special education
Criminal justice studies

GLVC adds two colleges

Conference adds third division for basketball

The USI Screaming Eagles will see a pair of new opponents on the conference schedule next year with the admittance of Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri, and the University of Illinois at Springfield to the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The two institutions will begin regular-season competition in the GLVC during the 2009-10 academic year. UIS will be eligible for postseason competition in 2010-11 while Maryville will compete for postseason championships in 2011-12.

The delay in postseason eligibility reflects that each new member is completing reclassification. UIS, previously affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), is in its second exploratory year in Division II; Maryville is in its first exploratory year as it makes the transition from Division III.

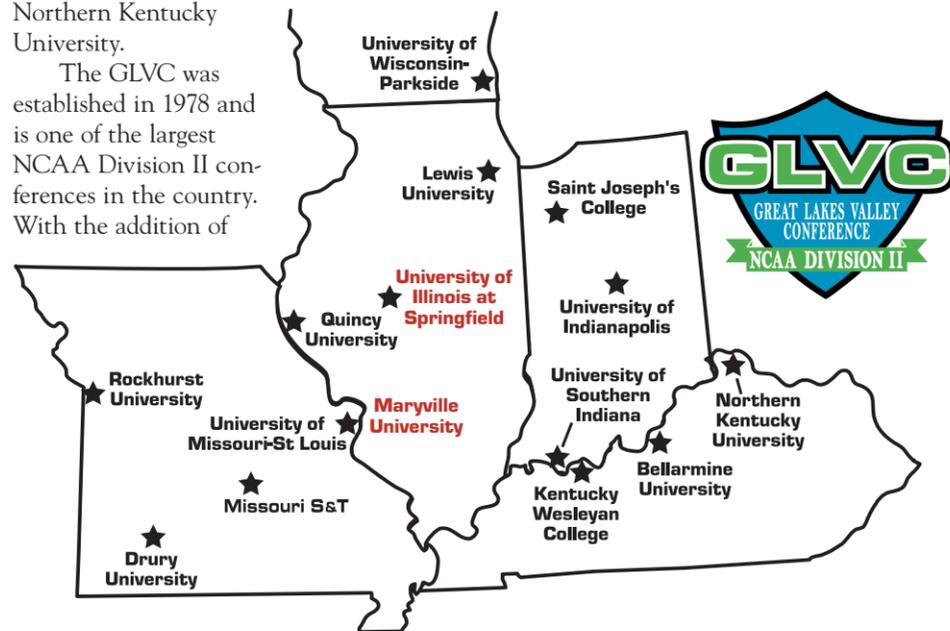
With the addition of the two schools, the GLVC also announced

the change from two to three divisions for basketball in 2009-10. USI will move to the South Division that will include traditional rivals Bellarmine University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, the University of Indianapolis, and Northern Kentucky University.

The GLVC was established in 1978 and is one of the largest NCAA Division II conferences in the country. With the addition of

Maryville and UIS, the GLVC will include 15 teams from five Midwestern states.

For more information about the GLVC, visit www.glvcsports.org.



Vectren Community Classic goes to double overtime

USI's preseason All-American and senior forward Anthony Pimble grabs one of his game-high 10 rebounds in the Vectren Community Classic against the University of Evansville at Roberts Stadium. The exhibition went to double overtime with UE winning 71-67 in front of a crowd of 9,648. Pimble tied junior forward Brandon Russ for the team lead in scoring with 15 points.



Assistant athletic director sworn in as attorney

Jay Newton, assistant director of athletics and compliance coordinator, was sworn in as an attorney on October 17 in Indianapolis. Newton completed the bar exam in July.

A native of Murray, Kentucky, Newton has been with USI Athletics since March 2002. He is responsible for directing game management activities for 15 Division II athletic programs. He also monitors and ensures compliance with all NCAA, Great Lakes Valley Conference, and University rules and regulations.

He earned a law degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.



Newton

Soccer alumnus helping troops in Kuwait as accountant

The U.S. military uses thousands of Department of Defense civilians and civilian contractors to support service personnel overseas. One of those many civilians recently working in the Middle East was former USI soccer player Jeff Slaga.

A 2006 accounting graduate, Slaga works for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) in Indianapolis. Over the summer and early fall he was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq to assist with disbursing functions.

"The best part of my job is the self-fulfillment and feeling of patriotism," said Slaga. "While what I do is a tiny piece in a huge puzzle, I still get the feeling that what I am doing is making a difference."

"I take pride in having the opportunity to support our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines because I know the sacrifices they make. I also have a high degree of respect for what they do."

In his travels, Slaga never seemed far from finding a USI connection.

"I did run into other USI alumni while I was in Kuwait. Usually, I was greeted in the gym while wearing my USI apparel. The soldiers or sailors I met either went to USI, graduated from USI, or had a family member who went

to USI," he said.

Slaga had a chance to exercise his soccer skills while he was overseas. He played for a military team in an exhibition match against the Kuwait National Guard team.

At the conclusion of his deployment, the Army's 469th Financial Management Center (FMC) presented him with the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal for his contributions and accomplishments as the DFAS Disbursing Liaison.

"The units I worked with (9th Financial Management Company and 469th FMC) welcomed me and treated me, as close as they could, as one of their own," Slaga said. "The fact that we are all away from our family and friends for such a long period of time (six to 15 months) forced us to lean on and rely on each other."

"In Kuwait and especially when I was in Iraq, there was a degree of danger involved in just being there. The safety issue does foster a bond with

other service members and gave me an understanding of what they go through on a daily basis."



Jeff Slaga got a taste of military life as a civilian employee working in Kuwait.

Slaga joined the DFAS as an intern in 2005 and began a full-time position in 2006.

A midfielder on the USI men's soccer team from 2002-05, Slaga earned Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors all four years.

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Alumni Calendar 2009 of Events

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| March 10 | Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation |
| April 18 | USI Day at the Zoo
Mesker Park Zoo |
| April 23 | Indianapolis Alumni After-Hours
6–8 p.m., Rock Bottom, Indianapolis |
| May 9 | USI Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Followed by Class of 2009 Graduation
Celebration Reception and Dinner
USI University Center |
| May 10 | USI Spring Commencement
3 p.m., Roberts Stadium |
| June 7 | Alumni Picnic
4 p.m., USI campus |
| June 14 | St. Louis Alumni Family Picnic
Noon–2 p.m., Forest Park |
| June 18 | Indianapolis Chapter USI After-Hours
6–8 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard |
| June 20 | USI Day at Churchill Downs |

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

1970s

Timothy R. Robards '73, business, is owner of American Custom Extrusion in Evansville.

Mary Kettridge Spahn '76, administrative systems, has taken the position of administrative associate in the College of Business at USI. She received the 2008 Support Staff Recognition Award at the support staff luncheon in August.

Michael S. Gerth '77, elementary education, is a landman for Energy Landmen Inc., in Evansville.

Bruce L. Blanford '78, elementary education, is a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service in Evansville.

1980s

Douglas B. Carl '80, management, is senior business analyst for AdTec Consulting in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Kevin R. Smith '81, accounting, is a certified public accountant with Allegiance Strategists in Dacula, Georgia.

Ann Schuler Courter '82, business, is an accounts payable representative at Rexam Closures in Evansville.

Donna Davis Seiler '82, dental hygiene, is a dental hygienist with Kolb and Kolb D.D.S., LLC in Boonville, Indiana.

Steve Schaefer

MPA graduate helps southwest Indiana move ahead

Stephen J. Schaefer has never been one to sit on the sidelines waiting for change. As vice president of public policy for the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana and executive director of Hoosier Voices for Interstate 69, he works every day to effect progress for Southwest Indiana.

Schaefer is one of the University's newest graduates of the Master of Public Administration program. The MPA program was a good fit for him. Designed for working professionals, it offers courses that meet one evening a week. Schaefer took courses during semesters when he was not on the road looking after the interests of the region.

His responsibilities with the chamber require him to spend most of his time in Indianapolis during January through April when the Indiana General Assembly is in session. He also travels to fulfill his duties with Hoosier Voices for I-69, a public advocacy coalition with members throughout Indiana. Its mission is to support the approval, funding, and construction of a direct route extension of Interstate 69 from Indianapolis to Evansville.

During 2006, when the Major Moves legislation to provide funding for I-69 was under consideration in the General Assembly, Schaefer lobbied for its approval. He calls the groundbreaking last July on the leg of the highway from Evansville to just south of Oakland City an historic day for Southwestern Indiana. He continues to work with state and federal government officials to secure funding and keep the I-69 project moving forward.

Schaefer completed the MPA program in December 2007. "It was a convenient and flexible way to get my master's degree," he said. "In all the classes there was something I took away. I could come back to my position at the chamber and incorporate some of the techniques I learned."

One project that grew out of discussion with MPA faculty was a candidate school for individuals interested in

running for elected office. Schaefer developed the program in early 2008 for the chamber, partnering with USI and presenting the school at Innovation Pointe, Evansville's business incubator.

A bipartisan program, the candidate school encouraged engagement in the political process. Participants explored topics such as campaign strategy, election-law compliance, and media relations.

Another project for the chamber emerged from his participation in the University's Connect with Southern Indiana program as well as MPA-class discussions. He developed a web site called Voices of Southwest Indiana (www.voicesofswsouthwestindiana.com), an interactive tool for people who want to be engaged in the civic process.

Schaefer also serves as co-chair for Citizens for Effective Government, a political action committee that promotes local government efficiency through reform and legislative action.

Schaefer earned an undergraduate degree in public affairs in 2001 from Indiana University. He completed an internship with U.S. Congressman John Boehner of Ohio in summer 2000 and later worked as a legislative staff assistant for a Washington, D.C., law firm. He was a field representative for former U.S. Congressman John Hostettler of the Indiana 8th District before joining the chamber in 2003.

Schaefer is married to Lisa J. Schaefer '98, USI assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services.



Schaefer

Mary Wilke Wheat '82, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher at Kagman Elementary in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

B. Dean Webster '83, communications, is owner/broker at Dean Webster Insurance Agency in Evansville.

Jeanne Nix Bundy '84, dental laboratory technology, is a documents coordinator at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Evansville.

Janet Settle Hills '84, accounting, is a consultant/owner of Accounting & Consulting in Petrie, Australia.

Lisa Nichols Burke '86, computer information systems, is the owner of Desert Hills Winery in Yakima, Washington.

Karla Robinson Larmore '86, sociology, is a lieutenant for the Evansville Police Department.

Robert C. Sears '87, electrical engineering technology, was promoted to director of conservation at Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

Walter O. Hatfield '88, marketing, is vice president and general manager of The Young Group LTD in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brian L. Moore '88, accounting, is owner of Brian Moore, CPA, in Albion, Illinois.

Jennifer Schaefer Garner '89, accounting, is a senior accountant at Accuride Corporation in Henderson, Kentucky.

Melinda Wood Middleton '89, elementary education, is director of financial aid at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Michael F. Roeder '89, communications, was promoted to director of Government Affairs at Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

Sharon Thomas Sartore '89, accounting, is the chief operating officer for Rogers Jewelers in Evansville. In 2008, she was elected vice president of the Audubon Business Exchange Chapter of Business Networking International.

Roberta Arosteguy White '89, communications, is the administrative director for Carmel United USSF Men's Academy in Carmel, Indiana.

Randy Dauby manages hospital expansion

Randall W. Dauby '82, chief executive officer of Hamilton Memorial Hospital District in McLeansboro, Illinois, is managing an \$18.5 million expansion/renovation of the hospital campus.



Dauby

The project will result in a new emergency room, surgical suites, medical office building, private patient rooms, aquatic exercise pool, and extensive renovation in each department of the hospital.

Dauby also is providing oversight for the construction of a new \$7 million supportive living facility next to the hospital. The facility is designed for adults 65 and older of all incomes who may need help — but not skilled nursing care — to maintain their independence.

An accounting graduate, Dauby is chair of the steering committee for the Small and Rural Hospitals Constituency Section of the Illinois Hospital Association. The Small and Rural Hospitals Constituency Section includes 87 hospitals throughout the state.

The Hamilton Memorial Hospital District is a 25-bed general Critical Access Hospital serving Hamilton County and the surrounding area.

Travis D. White '89, geology, is a six sigma black belt with Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. He has recently started an oil drilling company.

1990s

Laurie Gill Arnold '90, elementary education, is a sixth-grade teacher at Griffith Elementary in Washington, Indiana.

Joseph P. Morrow '90, finance, is a structured settlement broker for Ringler Associates in Evansville.

Lisa Koberstein Wagner '90, finance, has taken the position of accounts payable manager for Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc. in Evansville.

Jill A. Dutton '91, elementary education, is a process manager for Xerographic Business Systems in Evansville.

Rebecca K. Dyer '91, sociology, graduated from Nashville School of Law and was admitted to practice law in 2007. She is the in-house counsel for Passport Health Communications, Inc., in Franklin, Tennessee.

Christy McKee Morlock '91, accounting, is vice president of administration for Environmental Management Consultants, Inc., in Evansville.

Alan B. Winkler '91, elementary education, is a supervisor at OFS Brands in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Doug A. Schneider '92, political science, is a personnel unit commander for the Evansville Police Department.

Doug R. Wagler '92, business administration, was promoted to senior managing consultant at BKD, LLP in Houston, Texas.

Kirk W. Knight '93, business administration, has taken the position of senior vice president for Legence Bank in Evansville.

Tiki L. Thompson '93, business administration, is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments in Newburgh, Indiana.

Lisa Loechte Witte '93, business administration, is a project manager for Kimball Office in Jasper, Indiana.

Ann R. Albers '94, communications, is an associate producer/web editor for Fox News in Nashville, Tennessee.

Holly Peppiatt Arnold '94, business education, is a freshman counselor at Castle High School in Newburgh, Indiana.

Thomas C. Burkhardt '95, communications, is the general manager for C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Evansville.

Tim J. Elpers '95, business administration, is the senior district manager for ARAMARK Uniform Services in Evansville.

Vanessa Schwitz Westerfield '95, early childhood education, is an assistant office manager for Floyd I. Staub, Inc., in Evansville.

James E. Doane '96, mechanical engineering technology, received a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in May from the University of Louisville. He is assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jennifer Smith Hannon '96, social work, graduated in May from the nursing program at Bellarmine University. She has taken the position of registered nurse at Norton Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bryan R. Harper '96, communications, was promoted to senior marketing manager for the Minnesota Vikings Football, LLC, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Chad E. Harter '96, computer information systems, has taken the position of data storage engineer at Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Wendy Knipe Bredhold '98, sociology, was elected to serve a three-year term as Evansville's Third Ward City Councilperson.

J. Eric Blankenship '98, English, is a supervising attorney of the Major Felony Division at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis.

Marc J. Hostetter '98, biology, has taken the position of agent for Freeman, Will, Niemeier & Heston, Inc., in Evansville.

Jason S. Kellams '98, business administration, has taken the position of plant manager for Toyota Boshoku in Princeton, Indiana.

Ryan W. Lampert '98, business administration, is an oracle configuration engineer for OFS Brands in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Jennifer Davis Riley '98, health services, is the owner of Flip Flop Embroidery Shop in Princeton, Indiana.

Donald O. Stucki '98, business administration, '06, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to senior financial analyst at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in Evansville.

Melody Smith Anderson '99, social work, '00, Master of Social Work, is a social worker at Gibson General Hospital in Princeton, Indiana.

Larry G. Back '99, computer information systems, is an academic service analyst at USI.

Jamie Durham Benefiel '99, Spanish, was promoted to assistant district director for the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division in Detroit, Michigan.

Emily Boofter Byrd '99, business administration, is an executive assistant at One Southern Indiana in New Albany, Indiana.

Kara Sensmeier Grangier '99, communications, is the director of operations for North Range, Inc., in Evansville.

Amy Stetler Harper '99, accounting, is an accounting/payroll specialist at Unity Healthcare in Lafayette, Indiana.

Jerome G. Hawkins '99, sociology, is an audit supervisor for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture in Indianapolis.

Jonathan D. Skidmore '99, business administration, is a project manager for Worldwide Interactive Services in Orlando, Florida.

Christianna Scott Smith '99, psychology, is director of resident services at The Maples in Goshen, Indiana.

Emily VanWinkle Tychek '99, business administration, is a prospect researcher for the University of Evansville.

2000s

Dana L. Blair-Hutton '00, occupational therapy, is the program director of rehabilitation at Garden Villa in Bedford, Indiana.

Christina Claspell Burklow '00, mathematics, is a mathematics instructor at Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples, Florida. She received the 2008 Teacher of the Year Award.

Cathlin Gray named ATHENA winner

Cathlin S. Gray '85, associate superintendent for family, school, and community partnerships with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation, is the 2008 recipient of the ATHENA Award presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana.

Patty Avery '04, assistant vice president and director of employee communications at Old National Bank, and Nancy Johnson '83, M'95, USI director of Alumni Relations and Volunteer Services, were among 10 finalists for the award.

The ATHENA Award is an international program that recognizes the leadership of outstanding professional and business women in the community.

Lois Gray named national Rural Teacher of the Year

Lois Mittino Gray M.S.E.'94, USI adjunct instructor in biology, has been named 2007-08 Rural Teacher of the Year by the National Rural Education Association. She was honored in October at the organization's annual conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Gray is a science teacher at New Harmony Junior/Senior High School in New Harmony, Indiana. She teaches six lab classes, supervises the daily care of 22 assorted lab animals, and teaches a gifted and talented program. She has taught at New Harmony since 1987.

Jamie M. Lane '00, business administration, has taken the position of assistant professor of reading at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana.

J. Scott Mullins '00, political science, is a regional vice president for Old National Bank Investments in Evansville.

Martha Fulkerson O'Brien '00, journalism and computer publishing, was promoted to assistant managing editor for *The Times* in Frankfort, Indiana.

Alysia Lamb Rhinefort '00, public administration, was promoted to community program representative for the Southwest Indiana American Cancer Society in Evansville.

Andrew D. Sharp '00, biology, is an optometrist with the Vision Group in Evansville.

Denise Batchelor Smither '00, dental assisting, is an orthodontic assistant at Adelsperger Orthodontics in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Debra E. Wells '00, business administration, has retired after 38 years with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. She was the budget director and treasurer.

Danielle Turk Burchell '01, elementary education, is a teacher at Saint Malachy School in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Jason A. Coomer '01, social science teaching, has taken the position of assistant athletic director for sales and marketing at Southern Illinois University in Alton, Illinois.

Andrea Alabaugh Deitchely '01, public relations and advertising, is an account executive with Burkhart Advertising in South Bend, Indiana.

Natalie M. Glaser '01, public relations and advertising, is a fitness director and personal trainer for Hillwood Country Club in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jenny J. Green '01, marketing, is a marketing manager at Rimkus Consulting Group in Indianapolis.

Kelly Foster Hall '01, business administration, is a deputy assessor for the Warrick County Assessor's Office in Boonville, Indiana.

Ryan A. Helzerman '01, communications, is a senior global marketing manager for Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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

Kevin L. Kling '01, social science teaching, has taken the position of dean of students and head football coach at Triton Central High School in Fairland, Indiana.

Jeffrey A. May '01, finance, is vice president of sales and development for Varsity Liquors of Evansville, LLC.

Chad A. Payton '01, marketing, is the plant manager for Cintas in Evansville.

Ralph E. Plunkett '01, computer information systems, has taken the position of manager of information systems operations at Electronic Research, Inc. in Chandler, Indiana.

Kina L. Watkins '01, political science, is an employee relations specialist with FedEx Ground in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bruce Williams '01, nursing, is an instructor in nursing at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

Erin Bane Gerth '02, marketing, is a marketing officer at Monroe Bank in Bloomington, Indiana.

Sally A. Gries '02, public relations and advertising, has taken the position of development director for Saint Mary's Warrick Hospital Foundation in Boonville, Indiana.

E. Scott Harrell '02, industrial management, is the corporate human resources director for Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc., in Evansville.

Amy Matthes Kling '02, business education, has taken the position of business and mathematics teacher at Morristown Junior/Senior High School in Morristown, Indiana.

Ryan Sisney '02, communications, is an assistant general manager for ARAMARK Uniform Services in Evansville.

George E. Vogt '02, accounting, is an electronics technician for the United States Postal Service in Evansville.

Justin E. Wiles '02, business administration, is an academic support specialist at Illinois Eastern Community College in Olney, Illinois.

Jonathan P. Bothel '03, mathematics, has been recalled to active duty and stationed on the USS Carney homeported at Naval Station Mayport near Jacksonville, Florida. He returned from the Middle East in June and was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Metal.

Kyle J. Davis '03, journalism and computer publishing, is a residential coordinator at Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jennifer Payne Galloway '03, accounting, is a staff accountant at Clayton Homes in Maryville, Tennessee.

Kay Veach Kiesel '03, nursing, '05, Master of Science in Nursing, is a family nurse practitioner for Dr. Janet Kelley in Evansville.

Deborah Fisher Kinney '03, nursing, '04, Master of Science in Nursing, is a nurse practitioner/care coordinator at USI.

Andrew S. Koors '03, accounting, is assistant controller at Midland Powder Company in Evansville.

Carlye Fielden Overmyer '03, elementary education, is a first-grade teacher at Peterson Elementary School in Kodiak, Alaska.

Jon C. Renner '03, accounting and professional services, is a staff accountant for Harding, Shymanski & Company, P.S.C. in Evansville.

Laura Atchison '04, public relations and advertising, is a membership coordinator for Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana in Louisville, Kentucky.

Billy J. Aull '04, business administration, and **Kimberly Klingel Aull '02**, communications, own the Mill House Restaurant in Jasper, Indiana.

Erin Smith Bechtold '04, elementary education, is a fifth-grade teacher at Northwood Elementary in Mooresville, Indiana.

Jeremy M. Clifford '04, marketing, is the store manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Evansville.

Crystal L. Corder '04, social work, '05, Master of Social Work, is an intake clinician/therapist for Valle Vista Health System in Greenwood, Indiana.

Elizabeth Reeve Gonzalez '04, radio and television, is the assistant manager for The Cellular Connection in Fairfield, Illinois.

Elaina M. Holscher '04, business administration, is a regional operations manager at Regions Bank in Vincennes, Indiana.

Elizabeth A. Long '04, exercise science, has accepted the position of community health promotion specialist in the Peace Corps. She will be leaving for Guyana, South America, in early 2009.

Mindi Haines Matthews '04, health services, is a corporate wellness coordinator for Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

James L. McGillem '04, health services, is the director of Saint Mary's Building Corporation in Evansville.

Scott A. Reed '04, accounting and professional services, is a senior accountant at Blue & Co., LLC in Louisville, Kentucky.

Patricia N. Richardson '04, social work, '05, Master of Social Work, is a therapist at Ireland Home-Based Services, LLC in Evansville.

Susan E. Tomey '04, Master of Science in Nursing, is president of Trinity Family Medicine in Meridina, Idaho.

Mark R. Wade '04, chemistry, is an analytical chemistry supervisor for Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Evansville.

Lindsay L. Wilson '04, public relations and advertising, is a development officer at Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Lindsay C. Barron '05, Master of Business Administration, is a field sales manager for Sterling Health Plans in Newburgh, Indiana.

Jeremy S. Begle '05, public relations and advertising, is an account executive at Ricoh Americas in Indianapolis.

Jill Stoneman Conner '05, nursing, '08, Master of Science in Nursing, is a family nurse practitioner for Steve Barnett, M.D., in Lynnville, Indiana.

M. Andy Lannert '05, accounting and professional services/finance, is an accountant for Dauby, O'Conner & Zaleski LLC in Indianapolis.

Thomas J. Livengood '05, physical education teaching, is a health fitness specialist at The National Institute for Fitness and Sports in Indianapolis.

Lauren Hennessy Mackey '05, accounting and professional services, was promoted to senior accountant at BKD, LLP, in Evansville.

Jonathan E. Tague '05, communications, is a program coordinator for Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly in Chicago.

L. Barry Tucker '05, radiologic and imaging science, completed a Master of Business Administration degree at Troy University in May. He resides in Springville, Alabama.

Anthony A. Ankney '06, physical education teaching, is a teacher at Decatur Middle School in Indianapolis.

Lindsey M. Bryant '06, psychology, is the assistant director of support services at Ireland Home-Based Services, LLC, in Evansville.

Michael D. Dayton '06, finance, is a senior commercial analyst for Totem Ocean Trailer Express, Inc., in Federal Way, Washington.

Salina K. Dayton '06, finance, is a manager for Gaming Consultants, Inc., in Renton, Washington.

Mary Jones Doerner '06, Master of Science in Nursing, has taken the position of nursing instructor at Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, Illinois.

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Recker provides support at Evansville business incubator

Gene Recker '99, M.B.A.'02 has been named manager of education and entrepreneurial support to connect USI services with clients at Innovation Pointe, the business incubator located in downtown Evansville, and others seeking more educational opportunities downtown. He offers a range of administrative, consulting, and networking services.



Recker

Innovation Pointe is an Indiana Certified Technology Park and an initiative of Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE). GAGE offers a focused approach to economic development for the city. USI is the higher education partner for the certified technology park.

A former general manager with Kimball International and a consultant, Recker has experience working with Microsoft, Pitney Bowes, Wells Fargo, family-owned businesses, and nonprofit organizations. He also has worked with distributors, trade associations, and colleges and universities.

Leslie Townsend named director of Historic Southern Indiana

Leslie Townsend '88, M'08 has been appointed director of Historic Southern Indiana, a University outreach program that promotes the historic, natural, and recreational resources of a 26-county region in southern Indiana. The appointment was effective July 1.

Townsend has been associated with Historic Southern Indiana for more than a decade. She worked closely with its founder, Dr. Darrel Bigham, professor emeritus of history, in shaping the program and developing plans that continue to move it forward. Bigham retired June 30.



Townsend

Historic Southern Indiana will host the sixth annual Lincoln Institute for Teachers June 18-19 at USI. This year's theme for the teacher workshop is "The Legacy of Lincoln." The Lincoln Institute began in 2004 as an annual series leading to the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth this year.

Townsend said Historic Southern Indiana will host or collaborate with other agencies to produce additional workshops during spring and summer 2009.

"We have plans for a workshop to help communities on celebrating special events like 200th or 150th anniversaries, which many in southern Indiana are or will be experiencing over the next few years," she said. "We also plan to host workshops dealing with historic preservation issues."

Adam R. Durbin '06, Master of Public Administration, has accepted the position of deskside support technician at Compucom Systems, at SABIC Innovative Plastics in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Todd E. Hassee '06, business administration, attends Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

Tracy R. Mallory '06, management, is the human resources benefits specialist for Berry Plastics Corporation in Evansville.

Melea J. Pipes '06, business administration, is a personal banker with Legence Bank in Evansville.

Sheryl McWilliams Shelton '06, nursing, '07, Master of Science in Nursing, is a nurse practitioner at Crick and Fife, LLP in Henderson, Kentucky.

Matthew G. Totten '06, engineering, is an engineer for Wilderman & Associates in Evansville.

Brandi R. Walker '06, social work, '07, Master of Social Work, is a program manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ohio Valley in Evansville.

Aaron M. Wallace '06, industrial supervision, is an engineer at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Inc., in Princeton, Indiana.

Carol Christopher Bunge '07, Master of Health Administration, has taken the position of associate director of nursing at Rasmussen College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Kathleen V. Fuller '07, accounting and professional services, has joined Harding, Shymanski & Company, P.S.C., as a staff accountant in Evansville.

Gina M. Lawson '07, English, is an English teacher at Martinsville West Middle School in Martinsville, Indiana.

Julle Ann Morgan '07, social work, is a psychiatric social worker at the Samaritan Center in Washington, Indiana.

Elyse M. Rench '07, public relations and advertising, is an admission counselor at USI.

Lynn Smith Schnautz '07, Master of Science in Nursing, accepted an appointment with Deaconess Medical Group to serve as family nurse practitioner at the USI Student Health Center.

Emily K. Taylor '07, journalism, has joined Indiana State University as assistant director of media relations in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Hannah Hoover Wiscaver '07, management, is the human resources employment supervisor for Berry Plastics Corporation in Evansville.

Markus S. Hensley '08, radio and television, is an inside sales representative for Dell, Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee.

Fany Esperanza Sanchez '08, finance, has taken the position of coordinator of international programs at ITESM Querétaro Campus in Santiago de Querétaro, Mexico.

Jason P. VanWormer '08, psychology/computer science, is a rotational engineer at KDL, Inc. in Evansville.

Cassandra L. Williams '08, social work, has taken the position of family case worker at the Indiana Department of Child Services in Bloomington, Indiana.

Dustin A. Williams '08, theatre, is an associate stage manager with the *Unto These Hills* outdoor drama in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Amanda Wolf Gries '08, management, is a senior employment representative for American General Financial Services in Evansville.

Heather L. Wolf '08, management, is a transportation sales representative for C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc., in Evansville.

Jordan P. York '08, nursing, has taken the position of registered nurse at Saint Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

Marriages

Amy C. Hilgeman '89, art, and Mark Crenshaw, October 11, 2008

Julie A. Kellams '92, social science teaching, and Eric Strunk, April 8, 2008

Heather L. Eells '99, accounting, and Steve Etherton, November 3, 2007

Paul P. Cavins '00, art, and Allison M. Lant '02, art, November 1, 2008

Katy L. Rogers '00, social science teaching, and Toby Elmer, December 1, 2007

Jared T. Linn '01, social science teaching, and Casey Harter, July 19, 2008

Debra A. Shank '02, elementary education, and Adam Lawrence, August 9, 2008

Destinee L. Bryant '03, communications, and Elijah Fitzpatrick, May 17, 2008

Kendra R. Maasberg '03, accounting, and Andrew Groening, March 8, 2008

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Michael C. Shockley '03, public relations and advertising, and Amanda J. Johnson '04, political science, September 6, 2008

Nathan A. Willis '04, computer science, and Lindsay N. Satterthwait '03, public relations and advertising, May 12, 2007

LouAnn M. Hamm '05, psychology, and Adam Shively, September 1, 2007

Rachel E. Hite '05, marketing, and Jason Thienes, June 16, 2007

Stephanie L. Oyler '06, health services, and Jesse Toon, September 6, 2008

Megan A. Powell '06, chemistry, and Andrew D. Jennings '04, elementary education, April 28, 2008

Amy L. Eger '07, business administration, and Michael Meador, July 7, 2007

Brandon C. Robbins '07, economics, and Kathleen, July 21, 2007

Diana B. Bond '08, elementary education, and Sam Nolan, June 7, 2008

Carrie A. Leimberger '08, social work, and Bryan T. Emerson '06, history, August 9, 2008

Traci N. Perkins '08, marketing, and Roy S. West '07, marketing, May 31, 2008

Christina N. Warren '08, management, and Lance Gehlhausen, June 7, 2008

Births

Tricia Moit Neitzke '90, radiologic technology, and Brent, daughter, Brooke Elise, September 19, 2008

Lynn Hildenbrand Preston '95, elementary education, and John, son, Jake Abram, March 27, 2008

Stephanie Wuchner Buchanan '97, business administration/German, and Jason, sons, Benjamin Gentry and Alexander Graham, September 30, 2008

Craig M. Carpenter '97, physical education, and Christina, son, Casey Allen, January 2, 2007

Jennifer Haag Nevitt '97, communications, and Donny, daughter, Savannah Rose, May 5, 2008

Christopher B. Penticuff '97, general science, and Kathy, son, Brody Christopher, June 25, 2008

Kenneth R. Troutman '98, biology, and Jody Dedman Troutman '97, communications, daughter, Myah Renee, October 7, 2008

Amy Woodring Bollinger '98, psychology, and Justin, son, Emerson Shepherd, January 2, 2008

Tamara Smith Smith (sic) '98, dental hygiene, and J.D., daughter, Anika Darlene, September 8, 2008

Kasi Carlisle Ellerbrook '99, elementary education, and Andrew, daughter, Ella Kay, March 27, 2007

Heather Alsip Miller '99, communications, and Cory, daughter, Marissa Aubrey, July 23, 2008

Anne Aldenderfer Morgan '00, health services/radiology, and Jason, son, Joshua Lee, August 21, 2008

Stephanie Perrette Pingsterhaus '00, health services, and Troy, son, Reed, June 8, 2008

Lana Clem Jochim '01, elementary education, and Peter, son, Kegan, December 4, 2007

Jason E. Land '01, business administration, and Renae, daughter, Isabel Ann, August 29, 2008

Sarah Adler Hasenour '02, art, and Ryan, son, Crewe Joseph, September 5, 2008

Amy Matthes Kling '02, business education, and Kevin L. Kling '01, social science teaching, son, Jackson Lee, October 17, 2008

Sarah Hawkins Kruse '02, elementary education, and Jason, daughter, Claire Elise, August 8, 2008

Erin Smith Watjen '02, marketing, and Jess, son, Porter Henry, April 17, 2008

Monica Fischer Girtten '03, psychology, and Joshua, son, Abram Joseph, July 22, 2008

Jillian Miles Hancock '03, health services, and Clinton, son, Brannon Alan, September 24, 2008

Kate Epley Moore '03, sociology, and Derek, son, Quinton Stephen, April 29, 2008

Nathaniel A. Rivers '03, English/psychology, and Jodi Rasche Rivers '03, English, son, William James, October 19, 2008

Lori Grimm named Distinguished Nursing Alumna

Lori Grimm M.S.N.'08 of Newburgh, Indiana, is the 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award presented by the USI Nursing Alumni Society. She is manager of quality and patient safety officer for Women's Hospital in Newburgh.



Grimm

Board certified in perinatal nursing, Grimm has 17 years experience in maternity care. She earned a master's degree in nursing in 2008 in the nursing management and leadership track.

Grimm joined Women's Hospital as the charge nurse in labor and delivery when the hospital opened in 2001. She was named patient safety officer in 2006 and manager of quality in 2007.

"We are at a crossroads in our country for change in health care," Grimm said, adding that she is pleased to be in a position that allows her to have a part in providing

safe, efficient, and effective care.

The Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award was presented in the fall at the annual meeting of the USI Nursing Alumni Society.

Shelby Collins is alumna in residence

Shelby Collins M.H.A.'05, director of the St. Mary's Center for Children in Evansville, spoke on transitioning into leadership as alumna in residence for the College of Nursing and Health Professions.



Collins

A turning point for Collins was accepting a job in 2000 as a dental hygienist with the new St. Mary's Mobile Dental Clinic for children, an opportunity that allowed her to see the inner workings of a hospital.

"I took an active role in helping to lead this program and enjoyed the aspects of the position that allowed me to develop community partnerships, offer input into daily operations, and assume responsibility that was not available to me while working in the private practice setting," she said.

The alumna in residence program was held in October.

Home health business earns national listing

Specialty Home Health Care of Evansville has been named a Top 500 Agency in the 2008 HomeCare Elite compilation, a listing of the most successful home care providers in the United States. Sarah Claycomb '97, nursing, is owner/administrator.

Compiled by healthcare information companies OCS and DecisionHealth, the listing is based on measures of quality of care, quality improvement, and financial performance.

Alumni golf outings fund scholarships

Proceeds of two alumni golf events support student scholarships. The Alumni Association and Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter express thanks to the following 2008 corporate hole sponsors:

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The Phi Delta Theta alumni team won the College and Organization Traveling Trophy competition with a score of 57 at the Alumni Golf Scramble at Evansville's Helfrich Golf Course. From left are Mike Bell '93, Jeff Jewell '89, Steve Henke, and Todd Krapf '92.

Jennifer Clements Williams '03, accounting, and Jim, daughter, Kendall Jade, June 22, 2008

Connie Greenwood Davis '04, business administration, and **Travis N. Davis '04**, political science, daughter, Olivia Ellen, August 5, 2008

Joshua Y. Ellard '04, mechanical engineering technology, and Jamie, daughter, Sidney Belle, April 21, 2008

Jamie Will Kleinschmidt '04, business administration, and Zachary, daughter, Kenna Marie, July 15, 2008

Dana Myers Bretz '05, public relations and advertising, and Brent, daughter, Ella Elizabeth, May 9, 2008

Tia Bertinelli Martin '07, public relations and advertising, and Richard, son, Lincoln Andrew, July 19, 2008

Samantha Smock Bell '06, business administration, and Jonathan, daughter, Evelyn Grace, August 4, 2008

In Memoriam

Gary P. Simpson '76, sociology, of Evansville, died November 2, 2008. His early career was with Central Industries in Chandler, Indiana, as a foreman. He worked for UPS for several years while attending USI and then for Holderfield Batteries of Evansville. His last position was with Wabash Memorial Bridge, from which he retired.

Cathy L. Moser '82, radiologic technology, of Henderson, Kentucky, died October 9, 2008. She was formerly an x-ray technician at Methodist Hospital in Henderson.

Michael D. Zirkelbach '87, computer information systems, of Newburgh, Indiana, died August 26, 2008. He was owner and operator of Zesto's in Evansville.

Cortez Barnes, attended 1995, of Dallas, Texas, died September 21, 2008. In 1995, he helped propel the USI men's basketball team from a 22-point deficit to a 71-63 victory over California Riverside in the NCAA Division II championship basketball game. The win sealed the first national title in any team sport for USI Athletics.

Douglas J. McNew '04, public relations and advertising, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, died July 10, 2008. He was a team leader at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Inc., in Princeton, Indiana.

Amber L. Buechlein '07, marketing, formerly of Jasper, Indiana, died July 10, 2008. She was employed at Dell Computer in Nashville, Tennessee.

Misty Hill Reising '07, nursing, of Evansville, died October 24, 2008. She was employed as a registered nurse.

J. Jeff Hays, director emeritus of purchasing, died December 23, 2008, in Evansville at age 78. Hays served in the Indiana General Assembly for 24 years between 1970 and 1996. As a legislator, he helped

the University of Southern Indiana gain independence as a separate state institution in 1985. Hays received the Bronze Star for valor for his service in the Army during the Korean War. He was associated with USI from 1977-92.

Suzanne A. Nicholson, president emerita of the USI Foundation and director emerita of University Development, died November 26, 2008, in Evansville. Nicholson joined the University in 1986 and retired in 2007. During her years with the University, USI Foundation assets increased from approximately \$600,000 to \$51.9 million. Scholarship assets grew from less than a quarter million dollars to \$25.6 million. She was instrumental in the development of the Presidential Scholarship program and was a leader in the first capital campaign. Nicholson served for 10 years as an elected member of the Evansville City Council and was the first female president of the Evansville Water and Sewer Board. She was a founder and first president of Leadership Evansville and a leader in many other civic and volunteer activities. Memorial gifts may be made to the Horace S. and Suzanne A. Nicholson Scholarship at the USI Foundation.

Remembering University Friends

Doris Eshbaugh Eicher, civic and environmental leader

Doris Eicher died October 12, 2008, in Evansville at age 85. A former president of the Westwood Garden Club, Eicher helped establish the USI Bent Twig Outdoor Educational Center, including the Virgil Eicher Barn (named in honor of her husband), Breckenridge Cabin, Grimes Haus, Westwood Lodge, and Bokelman School.

Thomas E. Topper, former USI Foundation chair

Dr. Thomas E. Topper, M.D., a former chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors (2006-08), died October 12, 2008, in Evansville at age 60. A surgeon with The Heart Group, he also was involved with Wabash College, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, and the West Side Nut Club, among others.

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