



# University of Southern Indiana UNIVERSITY NOTES

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## USI Alumni Homecoming

USI alumni are invited to join in this year's Mardi Gras-style Homecoming celebration, slated Saturday, February 7, in conjunction with the USI Eagles' second 1997-98 confrontation with the Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers.

The day's events will include the 11th annual alumni basketball game at 3 p.m. in the Physical Activities Center, the Lady Eagles/KWC tip-off at 5 p.m., the Screaming Eagles/KWC tip-off at 7:30 p.m. (the game will be televised live on WWAZ), crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen at half time, and the alumni post-game party in Carter Hall. The dynamic party band, Uzer-Frenly, will play classic and rock-along-with-oldies and rhythm and blues. Dance tickets are \$5 per person.

**Mr. Gerald Montgomery '83**, a senior systems control consultant at American General Finance, is Alumni Council special events chair in charge of 1998 Homecoming plans. For information, call him at 468-5063, or the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services, 464-1924.

## RopeWalk gets \$15,000 gift from Mrs. Lilly

**Mr. Matthew R. Graham**, associate professor of English/creative writing, and **Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus**, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts, have received a \$15,000 gift from **Mrs. Ruth Lilly** of Indianapolis for their RopeWalk Writers Retreat at New Harmony. The retreat will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the June 6-13 meeting and the gift will be used for operating costs of the anniversary program. Mrs. Lilly assisted RopeWalk five years ago with a \$50,000 gift that helped expand the conference and provide scholarships.

The retreat for aspiring and established writers will have an expanded format to celebrate the anniversary. It will open a day early with a Saturday program and picnic. Another special event will be a Tuesday presentation by Mr. Graham and **Mr. David Broza**, Israeli singer/songwriter now living in New Jersey. Mr. Broza sets contemporary American poetry to music, including Mr. Graham's, and the two will demonstrate how the poet and musician work together to develop a song from a poem.

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## Activities Programming Board Homecoming Week Mardi Gras theme (purple/green/gold colors)

### Sunday, February 1 -

**4 p.m.**, PAC - Eagle Pride kickoff: pep rally with the basketball teams, cheer team, feathershakers, pep band; first 100 arrivals will receive free Mardi Gras T-shirt; free food; 19" TV to be raffled

### Monday, February 2 -

**12:15 p.m.**, Eagle's Nest - fire-eater Liz Carter of Louisville; volunteers will be needed!

**8 p.m.**, Carter Hall - hypnotist/illusionist Tom Beluca, NACAS Campus Entertainer of Year for '96 and '97

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## Amish native to be Communal Studies speaker

**Dr. Joe Wittmer**, Florida educator and southern Indiana native who grew up an Amish boy, will be the featured speaker in the next USI Center for Communal Studies Lecture Series presentation slated at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 31.

**The program has been moved to Carter Hall.**

Dr. Wittmer, Distinguished Professor in the Counselor Education Department, University of Florida, will speak "Learning to Know Your Amish Neighbors: A Personal Perspective." A question and answer session will follow. The program is free and open to the public. For information, contact the USI Center for Communal Studies, 464-1727, or [dpitzer.ucs@smtp.usi.edu](mailto:dpitzer.ucs@smtp.usi.edu)

## Black History Month

**Dr. Julia Hare**, educator and author who is executive director of The Black Think Tank and widely regarded as a motivational speaker, will be the featured speaker at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, in Mitchell Auditorium, for the only public program in the University's 1998 Black History Month observance. The program is co-sponsored by the USI Multicultural Center and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. Dr. Hare is co-author with her husband, **Dr. Nathan Hare**, of numerous books, including *The Endangered Black Family*, *Bringing the Black Boy to Manhood*, *The Passage*, *The Miseducation of the Black Child*, and *Crisis in Black Sexual Politics*. Her most recent best-selling book is *How to Find and Keep a BMW (Black Man Working)*.

## APB Homecoming —

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**Tuesday, February 3 -**  
**8 p.m., McWest Rec Room -** twister tournament

**Wednesday, February 4 -**  
**10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., UC Dining Room**  
- Cajun feast, \$4.95 person: Mardi Gras decor, two strolling magicians, saxophone player, caricaturist  
**1 p.m. -** meet the Homecoming king/queen candidates

**Thursday, February 5 -**  
**Half-time, men's game (Bellarmine)**  
- announce winner of miniature float contest which is co-sponsored by Student Education Association; campus organizations (particularly those represented by king/queen candidates) will enter wagon-size floats which will be on display in UC lobby Monday-Thursday

**Friday, February 6 -**  
**8 p.m., Carter Hall** - Blues4U jazz band; everyone asked to dress Mardi Gras style, particularly the selected colors

**Saturday, February 7 - Homecoming half-time, men's game (KWC) -**  
coronation of king/queen

Voting for king and queen and the floats will be February 2-6: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., UC Lobby; February 2-5: 4:30-6:30 p.m., OC Lobby; a valid student ID is required to vote.

The annual Spirit Competition (highest percentage points for group participation) trophy will be presented at half-time of men's game with Kentucky Wesleyan.

All events are free except the Wednesday lunch (Cajun feast). For information call Mandy Cates, APB Homecoming director, 468-2390 (home) or 464-1872 (APB office).

*The most useless thing in the world is gossip that isn't worth repeating.*

## RopeWalk — *continued from page 1*

Special guests who will read from their works during the expanded weekend program will be **Mr. Barry Hannah**, writer-in-residence at the University of Mississippi; **Mr. Andrew Hudgins**, professor of English at the University of Cincinnati and the author of four books of poems; **Ms. Erin McGraw**, assistant professor of English at the University of Cincinnati and the author of two books of fiction; and **Mr. David St. John**, professor of English/creative writing at the University of Southern California and the author of four collections of poetry.

Retreat faculty this year will be **Mr. Stephen Dobyns**, professor of English and director of the creative writing program at Syracuse University, and author of more than 15 books; **Ms. Heather McHugh**, core faculty member of the M.F.A. program for writers at Warren Wilson College, North Carolina; **Mr. Richard Powers**, Swanlund Professor of English at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and author of six novels; **Mr. Bob Shacochis**, author of two collections of short stories, a novel, and a non-fiction book; and **Ms. Ellen Bryant Voigt**, Warren Wilson College faculty member and author of several volumes of poetry.

### Names in the news:

**Dr. Charles F. Harrington**, director of Institutional Research; **Dr. Robert L. Reid**, vice president for Academic Affairs; and **Dr. Timothy J. Schibik**, associate professor of economics and acting director of the Teaching and Learning Center, will present a panel discussion, "The Dynamics of Organizational Change: Faculty Initiatives and Institutional Culture," at the 1998 AAHE Conference on Faculty Roles and Rewards February 1 in Orlando, Florida.

**Dr. Harrington, Dr. Joy V. Peluchette**, associate professor of management and director of the M.B.A. Program, and Dr. Reid will have their paper, "The Utilization of the Internet and Emerging Technologies in the Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination of Institutional Data in Support of Institutional Self-Study," published in the upcoming document, "A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement," compiled by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCACS). Dr. Harrington and Dr. Reid also have been invited to lead a workshop on institutional

## A Toast to the Arts

Today (January 30) is the deadline to make a reservation for A Toast to the Arts, the seventh annual international wine gala and art auction slated Friday, February 6, at the Petroleum Club and sponsored by the USI Society for Arts & Humanities. Proceeds from the event are used for annual scholarships and student development.

Tickets for the gala are \$100 per person, which includes a \$40 charitable gift. The gala begins with a cocktail hour at 7 p.m.; dinner is at 8. The five dinner/wine selections will be international, Italian, Tahitian, French, and English. Among some unusual auction items are a painting, "White Ladies, New Harmony" by **Ms. Kathryn M. Waters**, USI associate professor of art; a ceramic wheel-thrown pitcher by **Mr. David Rodenberg**; dance lessons for eight by **Ms. Ricki Newman**, choreographer; a trip for two anywhere in the U.S. from Haynie Travel; and Juke Box Saturday Night, a dinner/evening of participatory entertainment for 25 from the Weakend Players. **Mr. Hugh Miller** will be the auctioneer and **Jack and Sue Schriber** will provide commentary throughout the evening. **Mary and Tom Topper** are co-chairs for the gala. For information, call **Ms. Mary Jane Schenk**, 464-1756.

self-study at the 103rd NCACS annual meeting March 28-31 in Chicago.

### Welcome:

The University community welcomes **Ms. Yoko Aratani**, a teacher in the Southern Indiana Japanese School; **Ms. Carrie L. Bulger**, senior secretary in Career Services and Placement; and **Mrs. Sheree L. Seib**, secretary in Academic Skills. Ms. Aratani has a master's in literature from Tsuda College, Tokyo, and in counseling from the University of Evansville. Ms. Bulger is a USI business administration major and former student worker in the Business Office. Mrs. Seib received an associate of arts from Lockyear Business College in 1976 and has been office manager and legal assistant to Woods and Woods, Attorneys.

**Best wishes:**

The University community extends best wishes to **Mr. Maurice J. "Maury" Murray**, electronic equipment specialist in the Science Center for nearly 23 1/2 years, who is retiring today (January 30). **Dr. Marie G. Hankins**, chair of the Chemistry Department, said they had no need to make equipment repair requests of Mr. Murray, that he knew how the equipment was operating and routinely kept it in repair. "He will be missed," she declared. Mr. Murray has requested that expressions of best wishes from fellow employees be made on an individual basis rather than through a campus-wide retirement reception.

**Sympathy:**

The University community extends sympathy to **Dr. Helen R. Sands**, professor of communications, in the death January 8 of her mother, **Mrs. Edith Harris**, 91, of South Halifax, Vermont.

**Thank you...**

from Dr. Sands: Dear Members of the USI Family, It is with warm gratitude that I express my thanks to you who expressed your sympathy after my mother's passing. Your kind words and lovely cards provided great comfort these past couple of weeks. Be assured your expressions of concern continue to be much appreciated by my family and me.

**Report from the Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs:**

The following petition has been approved:

**Undergraduate experimental course**  
GEOG 112X Earth Systems - 3 hrs.; fall 1998 implementation

**Distance Education — PowerPoint training:**

USI faculty interested in learning Microsoft PowerPoint or publishing an existing PowerPoint presentation on the Internet may sign up for individualized training in February. PowerPoint Thursday! will enable faculty to develop lecture graphics, print them as color transparencies, use them for computer presentations, or convert them to a web folder for the Internet. To sign up for morning or afternoon sessions each Thursday in February, contact **Ms. Renee Tanner**, USI Learning Network producer/director, 465-7126.

**Report in-kind gifts:**

In-kind gifts to the University are important and should be recorded for tax purposes as well as for recognizing generous donors in the Honor Roll of Donors. If your school/department has received **any** in-kind gifts during the 1997-98 fiscal year, please notify the Development Office, if you have not already done so. Call **Mrs. Ginny L. Bryant**, administrative assistant, 465-1658, to obtain forms and instructions for reporting gifts.

**Atlas catalogs:**

Purchasing has a few extra 1998 Atlas Catalogs. If your department needs additional catalogs call **Mrs. Deborah J. Weigand**, purchasing agent, 464-1982. First come-first served.

**City Directory information:**

The Human Resources Department is preparing employee information for use in the 1998 City Directory. USI employees who **DO NOT** wish to be listed should advise Human Resources by signed memo by Monday, February 2.

**Hapkido self defense:**

Reduce your chances of being selected as a "good" victim for assault. Department of Justice statistics indicate a violent crime occurs in the U.S. every 17 seconds. While that reality is alarming, there are steps you can take to feel and be safer. The University Fitness Center will offer Hapkido self defense classes. The one-hour classes will meet at 7:30 p.m. February 17, 19, 24, 26; March 3, 5, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31; and April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16 at the fitness center. The classes are free to USI students and employees and will be taught by **Mr. Brad Ray**, who is a first degree black belt.

**Blue Cross/Blue Shield meeting:**

**Ms. Janas Knox**, account representative with Acordia, will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, February 3, to respond to questions or problems relating to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan. She will be in FWA170, next to Human Resources. Call 464-1815 to set up an appointment.

**Faculty Research and Creative Work Awards workshop:**

Faculty members interested in preparing a proposal for the Faculty Research and Creative Work Awards are invited to attend a proposal workshop planned by the Office of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research. Reserve a workshop spot — 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, or 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 12, both in UC206 — by contacting Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research, 465-7015, or by e-mail to [jrburch@ucs](mailto:jrburch@ucs) by Monday, February 9.

**Free tax help:**

USI accounting students are participating in the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program, providing free income tax assistance for members of the University community and the public. Students will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. each Saturday, February 14 to April 11, in room 2003 of the USI Orr Center, directed by **Dr. Kwangok K. Kim**, associate professor of accounting, 464-1868.

**Spring film series:**

*What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* (w/Johnny Depp, L. DeCaprio) 1:30 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, Forum I; free, open to public

**UC Dining Room entrees****— February 2-6**

**Monday** - (not available)

**Tuesday** - (not available)

**Wednesday** - Mardi Gras feast: Cajun

prime rib, shrimp po-boys, Mardi Gras spinach, spicy corn casserole, full salad bar, assortment of breads, bourbon chocolate mousse, bread pudding w/whiskey sauce, and more

— Mardi Gras decor and New Orleans-style entertainment

**Thursday** - (not available)

**Friday** - (not available)

*The only thing we learn from new elections is that we learned nothing from the old.*

## Sports —

### USI has 28 on Academic All-GLVC:

The Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference for fall semester sports includes 28 USI athletes, 12 of them winning repeat honors. To be eligible, a student must be a starter or top reserve, participate in a fall GLVC sport, have a GPA of 3.0 or better or 3.2 in each of the two previous semesters. The USI honors students are (\* - number of repeats):

Men's cross country - **Chris Lacefield, Chad Smith**

Men's golf - **Brad Burvan\*\*, Mark Franklin, Travis Turpen, Andy Waskom\*\***

Men's soccer - **Sam Jenkins\*\*, Leslie Meenan\*\*\*, Bryan Mihlbauer, Jeremy Packer, Brandon Robards, Derek Stull**

Women's cross country - **Crissy Carlson\*\*, Jessica Decker\*\*, Melissa Eddy, Tessa Harden\*\*\*, Christine Moore\*\*, Marcie Obermeyer**

Women's soccer - **Kristina Butler, Joanna Dean, Shelly Dixon, Amy Henkhaus, Julie Houser, Jessica Pigman, Megan Russell**

Women's tennis - **Amy Blackford, Jill Fehrenbacher\*\*\*, Kelly Serges-ketter**

### Time Change for Lady Eagles game; WWAZ-19 to cover men's game live:

The time for the USI/KWC women's Homecoming game has been moved to 5 p.m. to accommodate live television coverage of the men's game at 7:30 p.m. The women's game originally was scheduled for 5:30.

### Sports this week:

**Men's basketball** - USI at U. of Missouri-St. Louis, 8 p.m. Saturday, January 31; Bellarmine at USI, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5

**Women's basketball** - USI at U. of Missouri-St. Louis, 6 p.m. Saturday, January 31; Bellarmine at USI, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5

## List of vacancies

*The following is a list of vacant positions available as of January 30, 1998. Additional information regarding current vacancies is located on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources office in the Wright Administration Building, the bulletin board located in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building, and on the USI Job Line (812/465-7117). The University of Southern Indiana is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and is an Affirmative Action Employer. Interested individuals should contact the Human Resources office, Wright Administration Building, FWA166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.*

### CLERICAL/SUPPORT

**Account clerk I - B8004 - Business Office** - F030B/\$6.32/hr. - OP: 1/26/98 - AD: 2/6/98

**Electronic equipment specialist - B8005 - School of Science and Engineering Technology** - F100B/\$12.11/hr. - OP: 1/26/98 - AD: 2/6/98

**Telecommunications technician - B8006**

- **Telephone Services - F100B/**  
\$10.49/hr. - OP: 1/26/98 - AD: 2/6/98

**Senior Secretary - B8007 - Student Life** - F040B/\$6.82/hr. - OP: 1/16/98 - AD: 2/6/98

**Teacher - H8003 - Children's Center** - G030/\$6.63/hr. - OP: 1/26/98 - AD: 2/6/98

### FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

**Counselor - A8001 - Office of Admission** - OP: 1/5/98 - AD: 2/3/98

**Assistant professor of broadcasting - F7037 - School of Liberal Arts** - OP: 12/22/97 - AD: 2/1/98

**Director of clinical education- F8001 - Respiratory Therapy Program** - OP: 1/12/98 - AD: 3/13/98

**Assistant/associate professor of social work - F8002 - School of Education and Human Services** - OP: 1/12/98 - AD: 5/8/98

**Assistant professor of education - F8003 - School of Education and Human Services** - OP: 1/26/98 - AD: 3/13/98

*OP: original publication*

*AD: application deadline*

## Marketplace

### For rent

**Serene carriage house STUDIO apartment** - 15 minutes from campus, fenced yard, good neighbors; references, deposit. \$250 a month, includes utilities. **1-bdrm apartment** - historic area, hardwood floors, sun room, fenced yard, appliances. \$350 w/deposit, references. Call 423-8859, 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

### For sale

**Charming vintage West Side home** - 3-bdrm, 2 full baths, original woodwork, staircase, pocket doors, fireplace, new C/A in '96, 1 1/2-car garage. Call 473-0123, ask for Ron Wargel.

**'92 Macintosh LCII computer** - w/ monitor, modem, Stylewriter printer, software; just upgraded to 10 mbs of RAM. \$350 for whole package. Call

Randy Pease, 464-1971, 9-10 a.m. MTWThF or 1:30-3:30 p.m. TTh.

**Toshiba Satellite Pro 420CDS portable computer** - Pent 100, 24 MB, 6X CD-ROM, dual scan, W95 33.6kbs modem card; software, carrying case included; excellent condition. Asking \$1,895. Call 465-1616.

**Sectional** - w/sleeper; good for family room or camp. \$100. **Lobster tennis ball machine** - w/oscillator; excellent for beginning and intermediate tennis players. \$300 firm. Call Tom Rivers, 464-1753 or 423-7101.

**2 loving ferrets** - Fred and Fifi, spayed/descended, very loving, need good home together. \$250 including cage. Call 465-1215.

*The nice thing about meditation is that it makes doing nothing quite respectable.* — Paul Dean