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## Engineering degree on agenda

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education, which previously rejected USI's bid to convert its engineering technology degree to a general engineering degree, is set to consider a cooperative agreement between the University and Purdue that would allow USI to begin offering a general engineering degree program on campus in the fall.

The matter will come before the Commission at its meeting March 8, when a staff recommendation for approval is on the agenda. A draft of the recommendation follows:

"That the Commission for Higher Education approve the following resolution, which embodies a framework for addressing the need for engineering programs in southwestern Indiana:

"(1) The University of Southern Indiana, in cooperation with Purdue University, should develop a curriculum of study in pre-engineering, which will include 2+2 articulation agreements with all baccalaureate engineering programs offered by Purdue University (on any of its campuses) and the University of Evansville. It is understood that if practical, this curriculum also would lead to an associate degree offered by the University of Southern Indiana;

"(2) The University of Southern Indiana and Purdue University should develop a collaborative baccalaureate degree program in Interdisciplinary (or similar) Engineering to be offered on the University of Southern Indiana campus which will result in a joint degree or a P.U. degree or a U.S.I degree. This program may be offered as soon as the Fall 2002 semester;

"(3) Purdue University, in cooperation with the University of Southern Indiana, should develop baccalaureate programs in Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering on the University of Southern Indiana campus;

"(4) The University of Southern Indiana should retain its B.S. in Engineering Technology program with either its existing options of Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, and Mechanical Engineering Technology, or a consolidation of these degrees into a B.S. in Manufacturing Technology program; and

"(5) The University of Southern Indiana and Purdue University should continue to explore the offering of Purdue Statewide Technology programs on the University of Southern Indiana campus.

"The Commission for Higher Education stands ready and willing to act on formal new degree program proposals from the institutions to implement the framework embodied in this resolution."

The Commission's March 8 meeting is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the University Place Conference Center on the IUPUI campus in Indianapolis. More information about the Commission is available on its Web site: [www.che.state.in.us/](http://www.che.state.in.us/).



## Students exploring new worlds

Bon voyage!

Groups of USI students are planning educational tours and outreach trips to Mexico, Italy, Appalachia, and several southern states during spring break 2002.

"Students have been going with John Gibson (lecturer in English) and me to Mexico and Central America since 1996. In that time, I have seen students get on planes for the first time in their lives. They are apprehensive on take off, fingers sinking into their arm rests, but when the plane levels off, the response is, and I quote, 'This is great!'," said Michael Aakhus, professor of art.

"From that point on, a new world of travel and firsthand learning starts for these students. Many have returned again and again with me to Mexico as well as struck out on their own to see other parts of the world."

This year, Aakhus' group will depart for Mexico City with four Betty Zutt Fund scholarship award winners and three Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity (RISC) grant recipients among those traveling.

Their itinerary includes Oaxaca and Monte Alban, considered one of the most beautiful archaeological sites in Mexico; Mitla and the archaeological site of the same name; the village of Arrazola, noted for its woodcarving; and the archaeological site of Yagul, the El Tule Tree, and the village of Teotitlan del Valle.

On the other side of the globe, Eric VonFuhrmann, associate professor of English, will lead a spring break trip to Italy. Focusing on culture, museums, artifacts, and architecture, the adventure will include visits to Milano, Verona, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Assisi, Rome, Naples, Pompei, and the Isle of Capri. For years, VonFuhrmann has organized student spring break trips, alternating between Italy and Greece.

Appalachia, Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia are the destinations of some students involved in Religious Life at USI. The groups students are traveling with and their plans include:

- Newman Club, the Catholic student organization, will work with Habitat for Humanity in Appalachia to complete home repairs with the Christian Appalachian Project.
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry plans to conduct outreach and offer hospitality to people arriving at a port in Charleston, S.C.
- Student Christian Fellowship will cook free breakfasts, man a 24-hour emergency hotline, offer a coffeehouse, and operate a free van service for other college students celebrating spring break in Panama City Beach, Fla.
- InterAction, a Christian campus ministry, in partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ, will visit a street ministry and help with programs for children and single parents in Atlanta, Ga.

"I think more than anything they gain some knowledge of the culture they go into," said Chris Hoehn, director of Religious Life. "And they learn something about themselves."

USI will be on spring break March 4 through 10. Classes resume March 11.



## Psychologist explains testosterone's effects

A pioneering social psychologist whose research inspired cover stories in *New York Times Magazine* and *Time* will be the final speaker in USI's "Encountering Nature" lecture series March 12 on campus.

Dr. James M. Dabbs, who heads the Social/Cognitive Psychology Program at Georgia State University, will present "Heroes, Rogues, and Lovers: Testosterone and Behavior" at 7:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

Weaving intimate case histories with first-hand scientific research, Dabbs' book of the same name explores the principal "male" sex hormone's function in human evolution.

Drawing on original studies with more than 8,000 men, women, and children, *Heroes, Rogues, and Lovers* (McGraw-Hill, New York, 2000) examines the often misunderstood hormone's impact on behavior and gender roles, its influence in relationships, and its effects on language ability, spatial orientation, and cognition.

Although generally associated with the male of the species, testosterone affects females as well. In fact, women react to smaller amounts of testosterone than men but in much the same way.

"Testosterone is a small molecule with large effects," writes Dabbs, "which can be moderated by environmental factors, including parenting and education. It is related to things as diverse as criminal violence and the way people smile. It affects our ability with language and our ability to navigate in space. It helps predict what occupation we will enter and whether or not we will marry, have extramarital affairs, or divorce."

Dabbs holds a Ph.D. from Yale University. He is the recipient of numerous awards and grants, and has written more than 100 articles on social-psychological topics, including social interaction, non-verbal behavior, communication and persuasion, altruism, interpersonal attraction, and physiological measures in addition to testosterone.

More information about Dabbs and his research is available on the Web: [www.gsu.edu/~psyjmd/](http://www.gsu.edu/~psyjmd/).



## USI hosting media day

About 350 students representing more than 20 Tri-state high schools are expected to attend High School Media Day at University of Southern Indiana Tuesday, March 5.

*Evansville Courier & Press* Washington correspondent Jessica Wehrman will be the keynote speaker at 9 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium. Her presentation, "The Day the World Changed," will address the tragic events of September 11.

The public is invited to attend Wehrman's program as well as a video presentation that will follow. Compiled by Western Kentucky University students, the video will feature footage of the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Media day, an event for high school journalists, also includes critiques, an awards luncheon, and a variety of workshops.

"It cuts through the whole spectrum of what the mass media does," said Dr. Dal Herring, chairman of USI's Communications Department.

The 12th annual event is sponsored by the *Evansville Courier & Press* and USI.



## Boy needed to portray young president

Lincoln Amphitheatre is conducting a talent search for a 7- to 10-year-old boy to play the role of Boy Abe in *Young Abe Lincoln*, the outdoor musical staged each summer in Lincoln City, Ind.

According to Elliot Wasserman, amphitheatre artistic director, this is an opportunity for a young boy interested in theatre to work in a professional environment. No singing is required and no prior acting experience is needed, but those auditioning should have a desire to perform.

*Young Abe Lincoln* is the simple but important story of a child dedicated to the process of self-education. As a boy, Lincoln often studied by candlelight because daylight hours were reserved for farming, splitting rails, and working a store.

The play depicts the challenges pioneer life posed to the growing boy, the hard work and tragic losses that shaped his moral principles, and the love of learning that guided him as he embarked on his celebrated career.

The commitment would be from early June to August 10. All inquiries should be made to 812/465-1668.

University of Southern Indiana, in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, produces the show, which is in its 16th year of production at the amphitheatre.



## Names in the news

### Achievements

■ Dr. Michael Given, instructor in English, presented a paper on James Joyce in February at the 20th Century Literature Conference at University of Louisville. His presentation, "Bloom's Lullaby Regression: The Ithaca Chapter of *Ulysses*," constructed a reading of the chapter emphasizing early 20th Century metaphors of hypnosis, psychoanalysis, and free association-memory regression.

■ Dr. Susanna Hoeness-Krupsaw, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, "Layers of Literacy: Bernhard Schlink's *The Reader* as an Allegory of Reading," at the 20th Century Literature Conference in February at University of Louisville.

■ Dr. Robert L. Reid, vice president for Academic Affairs, presented a lecture, "A Family Pilgrimage: Travel Narrative and Family History," at the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State University in February.

■ Paulette Roeske Reid, lecturer in English, presented a lecture, "Fact and Fiction: Writing About Family History," in February at the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State University, where she later gave a reading from *Anvil, Clock & Last*, her fourth volume of poems (Louisiana State University, 2001).

Reid also read from her published works at University of Louisville's 20th Century Literature Conference. Her program was entitled "The Absence of Edges and Other Poems."

### In sympathy

■ The University community extends sympathy to the family of Leslie Smith, assistant director of the Counseling Center, whose father-in-law Dee "Sonny" Burkhart, 75, Chandler, Ind., died February 24.

■ The University community extends sympathy to Jan Powell, instructor in teacher education, whose father-in-law James H. Powell, 81, Little Dixie, Ky., died February 19.

Memorial contributions may be made to Union Hill General Baptist Church in Corydon, Ky., or St. Anthony's Hospice.



## FYI

### Tax service

USI employees needing assistance with tax preparation due to the demutualization of Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield are invited to utilize free income tax services provided by University accounting students.

The free services will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. March 16, 23, and 30; and April 6 and 13 in Room 2039 of the Orr Center.

For more information, e-mail Dr. Kwangok Kim, associate professor of accounting, or call extension 1868.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Cheryl McKissic, representative from Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, will be on campus from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, March 11. She will be available to meet individually with employees who have questions about their health insurance or any outstanding claims issues.

To schedule an appointment, e-mail Madonna Shaw, senior administrative assistant in Human Resources, or call extension 1781.

### Berger lecture

Dr. Scott Christianson, acclaimed author, activist, journalist, and scholar, will deliver "The Justice Boomerang" as University of Southern Indiana's 2002 Sydney Berger Lecture March 13.

In his lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium, Christianson will discuss why the nation's reliance on punitive policies - including imprisonment and the death penalty - is unjust, counterproductive, and harmful to society, as well as what can be done to promote positive change.

More information about Christianson is available on the Web: [www.scottchristianson.org](http://www.scottchristianson.org).

Faculty, staff, students, and the community are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets for students will be made available outside Mitchell Auditorium following the lecture. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Zehr, chair of USI's Sociology Department, at extension 1203.

### Wanted: AMIGOS

The Office of Student Development Programs is accepting nominations for USI's AMIGO program. AMIGOs are students who serve as orientation leaders, welcoming new students, helping advise freshmen, and facilitating much of the summer Connections I and II programs.

Nominations may be sent to Eric Ramsey, program advisor, Office of Student Development Programs.

### Newsletter deadline

Friday, March 1, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of *University Notes*. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the edito-

rial staff. Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the "Marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

### Entrepreneurial training

NxLevel, an entrepreneurial training program, will begin Monday, March 4, at St. Mary's Warrick Hospital in Boonville.

The class will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays for eight weeks. Registration is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost is \$95, including textbook, workbook, and resource guide. Discounts are available to spouses and business partners. To register, e-mail Extended Services or call extension 1989.



## Marketplace

### For sale

**Westside home near USI** - 9007 Farmington Drive, 3,400 sq. ft., five bedrooms, three baths, living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, large family room with fireplace, recreation room, laundry room; Fehrenbacher cabinets; beautifully landscaped with two patios; \$235,000. Call for appointment, 985-3129.

**1991 cherry-red Ford Ranger** - six-cylinder, five-speed, 94,000 miles, tarp on back, runs great! Blue Book price \$3,450; asking \$3,200. Contact Gary Schofield, 428-7756.

**1972 Chrysler Newport** - a little more than 56,000 (no, this is not a typo) original miles. Asking \$2,250. Contact [johansen@usi.edu](mailto:johansen@usi.edu), Ext. 1606, or 425-6267.

### Florida vacation

**Due to cancellation** - last week of September 2002 available in Destin, Fla., beach condo. Extremely reasonable rates. Call 985-3176.

### Apartments

**Two-bedroom apartment to sublease** - very nice, eastside Evansville, convenient location. Call 477-9184.

**Serene one-bedroom apartment in quiet, historic neighborhood** - built-in bookcases, sunroom, lots of storage, veranda, large fenced yard; includes stove, refrigerator, heat, water, and refuse: \$410/month, references required. Call 423-8859.

### Fund raiser

**Raffle** - The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, a not-for-profit agency assisting local communities in the fight against child abuse, is raffling a Polaris four-wheeler. The Freedom Series four-wheeler will be given away at the annual David Lee Murphy Celebrity Shoot June 29. Tickets are \$5; six for \$25. Winner need not be present at the Celebrity Shoot. Winner responsible for pick-up and/or delivery. Tickets/information: Karl Larson, 465-1678, or call 1-888/754-8228.

Friday, March 1, is the deadline for submitting information for next week's "Marketplace." Submissions may be made via e-mail to [kaltstad@usi.edu](mailto:kaltstad@usi.edu).