

For Immediate Release  
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What: Encountering Nature lecture series  
Who: First speaker is Tim Cahill, travel writer and editor-at-large of *Outside Magazine*  
When: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 25,  
Where: Mitchell Auditorium, Health Professions Center

### **Travel writer and wit Tim Cahill will open lecture series at University of Southern Indiana in September**

Tim Cahill, author of *Pass the Butterworms: Remote Journeys Oddly Rendered* and six other books, will be at the University of Southern Indiana at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, in Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center. He will be the first speaker in the Encountering Nature lecture series sponsored by the University Core Curriculum Council. The series will feature people who—from different perspectives and experiences—will explain what it means to “encounter nature.”

Robert Boostrom, associate professor of education and a member of the planning committee, said the series aims to raise questions, entertain, and bring together students, faculty, and the general public. He said, “It will illuminate the connections and intersections of different fields of study that combine to create a core curriculum.”

Cahill is a founding editor of *Outside Magazine*, where he writes a monthly column. He is currently that publication’s editor-at-large. He began writing about international adventure travel in 1975. Cahill’s work has appeared in *The New York Times Book Review*, *National Geographic*, *Esquire*, *Outside*, *Rolling Stone* and *Men’s Journal*.

Among Cahill’s books is *Road Fever: A High Speed Travelogue*, a humorous story about a road trip to end all road trips. It covers his 15,000-mile journey with Garry Sowerby of Canada from the southern tip of South America to Alaska in 23 1/3 days. The two friends cope with engine trouble, custom officials from various nations, Andean cliffs, armed soldiers, and more.

Cahill is also co-author of the Academy Award-nominated documentaries, *The Living Sea*, and *Dolphins* as well as the IMAX film, *Everest*. He lives in Montana.

Other speakers/performers scheduled for the series are Gary Robertson of Marengo Cave, January 23, 2002; a performance by Tales and Scales called *The Animal that Drunk Up Sound*, February 20, 2002; and Dr. James Dabbs, professor of psychology at Georgia State University, who has spent 20 years researching hormones and how they influence behavior, March 12, 2002. Dr. Paul K. Doss, chair of the USI geology and physics

departments, will speak on his experiences while on leave last year to serve as chief geologist at Yellowstone National Park. A date for his presentation has not yet been set.

The lecture series is free and open to the public.

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