

RopeWalk Writers Retreat to benefit from Barnes and Noble book fair

The RopeWalk Writers Retreat, a seven-day writing workshop sponsored by USI, will receive a percentage of all purchases made at Evansville's Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Saturday, April 29. Purchases must include the RopeWalk voucher available at a hospitality table in the store. Gift certificates are exempt from the book fair proceeds.

During the book fair, local writers will read from the published works of the 2000 RopeWalk faculty. An entertainment schedule follows.

- Noon music
- 12:30 p.m. **Patricia Aahkus**, instructor in English, will read from the works of Victoria Redel
- 1 p.m. Robin Shotter, USI student, will read from the works of Kim Barnes
- 1:30 p.m. **Keith Lloyd**, instructor in English, will play guitar
- 2 p.m. Mary Jane Schenk, RopeWalk organizer, will read from the works of Heather McHugh
- 2:30 p.m. **Randall Pease**, instructor in English, will play original songs
- 3 p.m. Jim McGarrah, RopeWalk organizer and USI student, will read from the works of Robert Wrigley
- 3:30 p.m. **Thomas Wilhelmus**, RopeWalk founder, will read from the works of Stephen Dobyns
- 4 p.m. Emily Strand, local musician, will play music from her new CD, Evansville

The RopeWalk Writers Retreat, scheduled June 6 - 12 in New Harmony, Indiana, will give participants an opportunity to attend writing workshops and confer privately with one of the five prominent writers.

Faculty for the 2000 RopeWalk Writers Retreat will be Heather McHugh and Robert Wrigley in poetry, Victoria Redel in fiction, Stephen Dobyns in shorter fiction, and Kim Barnes in creative nonfiction. Special guest reader will be poet Jared Carter. Their books will be featured and available for purchase during the book fair.

H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award established

An endowed teaching award to honor longtime Evansville banker H. Lee Cooper and recognize a USI faculty member whose work in the University Core courses has been creative and successful in furthering University Core Curriculum goals is being established by the board of directors and senior management of Civitas Bank/Fifth Third Bank. The award is called the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award, and the first award recipient will be announced at the annual fall faculty meeting August 2000.

Cooper, chairman of the board of Fifth Third Bank, Indiana (Southern), is known for his commitment to an educated work force. "Lee has often challenged business and education to improve the link between liberal arts education and the business world," said James J. Giancola, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank, at the presentation ceremony.

"We hope this award provides a definitive method of recognizing outstanding work in a part of USI's curriculum which is required for all undergraduates," Giancola added.

The award is designed to serve as a motivator for faculty and to provide faculty role models for UCC teachers. USI President H. Ray Hoops said the award will inspire faculty to instill in their students the values and vision that H. Lee Cooper has so well articulated.

Award winners will receive a cash award and have their names entered on a permanent plaque. All members of the USI faculty are eligible for the award. The University Core Council will select the recipient. Award winners will deliver a lecture or other public demonstration during the following academic year on a topic related to teaching or educational philosophy.

A long-time member of the USI Foundation Board, Mr. Cooper is currently on the Foundation's Advisory Council. He has been Executive in Residence for the USI School of Business and received an honorary degree from USI in 1998.

Five University Advising Fellowships available

Through a Lilly grant program, University Advising Fellowships are available for five full-time faculty, including instructors. Fellows provide support to University Division advising, assist in attaining retention goals through improved advisor availability and training, and increase the opportunity for undecided students to interact with faculty in academic disciplines.

Fellows are appointed for one year with the possibility of renewal for one additional year. They receive a stipend of \$2,200. A Fellowship year begins in June with freshman registration and concludes at the end of the spring semester. Fellows work two hours each week during the semester, with the exception of the second week of pre-registration when they work four hours; two full days of freshman and open registration before the start of the both semesters, and four freshman registration days over the summer. A brief training workshop is required before the first summer orientation.

Application forms may be obtained from University Division or Human Resources. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled; applicants will be asked to schedule an interview. For additional information, call Ms. Sandra Hermann, director of University Division, 465-1606, or Ms. Vicki Oshodi, human resources generalist, 464-1844.

President's Medal to be awarded at USI Commencement



Ms. Jill M. Welden of Morganfield, Kentucky, is this year's recipient of the President's Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating senior at USI. The daughter of Gary and Cathy Welden of Morganfield, Kentucky, she will receive the award at the USI Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 6, at Roberts Stadium. Ms. Welden, who will graduate summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, was chosen for her commitment to academic excellence and her service to the University and to the community.

Ms. Welden graduated from Union County High School in 1996 and has been a dean's list student throughout her career at USI. She is a charter member and officer in the Speaking Eagles, a student Toastmasters Club that builds business students' oral communication skills. Her campus service affiliation includes work as an Amigo Orientation leader helping incoming freshmen and past officer of the Student Alumni Association. A member and past officer of the Accounting Club, Ms. Welden also sits on the Accounting Student Advisory Committee. She holds a finance co-op with GE Plastics in the Commercial Finance Department.

Ms. Welden was one of five finalists for the award. Finalists were Mary Jo Hagedorn, Tell City; Danielle Hargis, Sandford; Chris Webb, Williamsport; and Elizabeth Verkamp, Mt. Vernon.

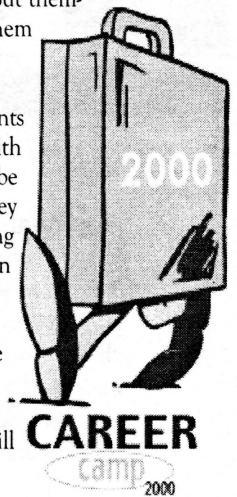
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Career Camp helps high school students prepare for the future

Rising seniors at regional high schools can learn more about themselves this summer and the careers that might be right for them by attending a new program developed by USI.

Career Camp 2000 is a two-day program that helps students assess their interests and personalities and match them with academic majors and career opportunities. The camp will be helpful to high school students who may be unsure what they want to study in college and to those who may be leaning toward a certain major and career but need confirmation that they have chosen what suits them best.

Participants will take the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, popular career counseling tools that yield a description of individual personality traits to help a person make a good career match. Campers also will learn about resources for career information.



Mr. Timothy K. Buecher, director of Career Counseling, developed the Career Counseling Center for USI in 1997 to help students be more successful in career planning. "There's nothing wrong with starting college undecided on an academic major, but remaining so for too long can hinder academic progress," he said. "Students who have a clear idea of the future are more successful in their academic programs."

Other USI career advisors and selected high school counselors will join Buecher in providing both individual and small-group counseling during the camp. The program is expected to attract members of the Class of 2001 from throughout the Tri-State.

USI will offer five two-day sessions with limited enrollment for each session. Participants will stay overnight in USI's Newman Hall, which opened fall 1999. Recreational activities will be available.

Career Camp 2000 dates

June 6-7	June 27-28
June 13-14	July 11-12
June 20-21	

Cost is \$95 (reduced fee for groups of four or more from same high school). For more information, contact the Career Counseling Center at 465-1136 or visit the Web site www.usi.edu/cac/camp2000.htm.

USI ranks ninth in regional engineering competition

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) student club at USI finished ninth out of 19 colleges and universities in the Region 3 Student Hardware Contest held in Nashville, Tennessee, in April. IEEE Region 3 includes southern Indiana, southern Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, eastern Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Jamaica.

The contest involved building a robotic, autonomous vehicle that would maneuver around a track, electronically locate plastic cylinders, and deposit steel balls into them to score points. USI students Michael Plewke, Scott Talbert, Jeremiah Parker, Jake Kranpitz, Shayne Pattillo, and Rex Wilson have been working on the robot since fall 1999.

"I am very proud of our team," said USI IEEE student branch faculty advisor Mr. Brian West, assistant professor of electrical engineering technology. "Our team is comprised entirely of underclassmen, and we were competing against well-funded teams of seniors."

Names in the News

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development has awarded a \$35,127 grant to the School of Business to fund a two-year program for incumbent worker training application. **Dean Philip Fisher** is the project director.

Dr. Gayle Roux, assistant professor of nursing, presented two research papers with graduate nursing students at the International Qualitative Health Research Conference in Banff, Canada, in April. She and Ms. Mary Rutherford, RN, PNP, presented "Health Beliefs and Practices in Rural El Salvador" and Ms. Sharon Sexon Lyle and Dr. Roux presented "When an Infant Dies."

Dr. Stephen Zehr, chair of the Sociology Department, presented "Constructing Flexibility into Global and Local Scientific Knowledge on Climate Change" at a workshop on Local Knowledge and Its Global Consequences: New Perspectives on Environment and Development at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He also is author of the research paper "Public representations of scientific uncertainty about global climate change" appearing in the current issue of the journal *Public Understanding of Science*.

In gratitude:

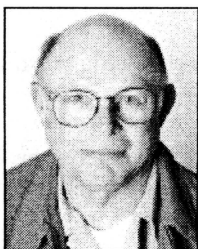
The kindness and support offered by the University community at the death of my mother was very much appreciated. Your expressions of caring were very meaningful and helpful to me and my family. Thank you. - **Nadine Coudret**

Transfers and promotions:

Ms. Ingrid Lindy from manager of Academic Information Systems in Institutional Research and Assessment to manager of Human Resources Information Systems in Human Resources.

Welcome:

The University community welcomes **Ms. Toni Burdick** as administrative clerk in the Student Financial Assistance office. She was employed as a tutor in Academic Skills at USI. Ms. Burdick received a B.S. from Western Kentucky University and is currently enrolled at USI. She resides in Evansville.



Mr. Ronald Arnold has accepted the position of grounds maintenance worker in the Grounds Center. He was employed with the U.S. Census Bureau. Mr. Arnold is a graduate of Lain Technical Institute. He resides in Elberfeld with wife Judith and daughter Melissa.

The University community welcomes **Ms. Madonna Shaw** as receptionist in Human Resources. She was employed at F. J. Reitz High School. Ms. Shaw attended Ivy Tech College. She resides in Evansville with husband Eric and children Ericka and Dustin.



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Dental Alumni Day:

The dental hygiene and dental assisting programs are sponsoring a Dental Alumni Day on April 29. Graduates, former faculty and staff, and current faculty and staff will celebrate 29 years of education excellence on campus. A continuing education program titled "Complementary and Alternative Medicine" will be presented at 9 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium followed by a luncheon and social gathering in USI's Carter Hall.

Copy Center gearing up:

With Finals Week beginning Monday, May 1, and senior projects due, copy projects are flowing into the USI Copy Center. Faculty are encouraged to submit tests for copying early to assure there is no delay in their return. To be fair, copy jobs will be run in the order received. Walk-in customers cannot be given preferential treatment. The Copy Center will extend operating hours to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, April 24 - Friday, May 5.

Theme park discounts:

Theme park discounts are free to USI employees and may be obtained from the Human Resources Office. They offer admission and show discounts and other incentives. Employees may obtain membership cards and guides for the Magic Kingdom Club valid through August 2000 which offer various discounts throughout Disney World. Also available are Club USA cards valid through January 2003 for SeaWorld and Busch Garden's Adventure Parks, membership cards for Six Flags in St. Louis, and Fun Club cards for Holiday World.

USI Spring Film Series:

Eyes Wide Shut (1999) - written and directed by Stanley Kubrick, starring Malcom McDowell. USI films are free and open to the public. Mr. Eric Braysmith, lecturer in English and art, will lead a discussion immediately following the film.

USI Juried Art Exhibition:

The USI Juried Student Art Exhibition continues 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Sunday, April 22 in the University Conference Center.

Sports:

Saturday, April 22

Baseball at USI with Kentucky Wesleyan, noon
Softball at GLVC/GLIAC Challenge, Alton, Illinois
Men's tennis at GLVC Tournament, hosted by USI in Indianapolis

Tuesday, April 25

Women's golf at Franklin Invitational
Baseball at Murray State, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Baseball at Indiana Southeast, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 27

Men's and women's track at Hillsdale 'Gina' Relays

Friday, April 28

GLVC softball tournament at Lewis University
Men's and women's track at Hillsdale 'Gina' Relays

V a c a n c i e s

The following is a list of vacant positions available as of April 17, 2000. 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) or visit our web site at www.usi.edu/hr. 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, FWA 166, 812/464-1844. When applying for a position, please use the reference number.

CLERICAL/SUPPORT

Custodial Worker - B0026 - Physical Plant - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 4/24/00. MS1/\$7.16/hr.

Administrative Assistant - B0027 - School of Liberal Arts - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 4/24/00. OP2/\$7.46/hr.

Distribution Clerk - H0028 - Distribution Services - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 4/24/00. MS1/\$7.16/hr.

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATIVE

Associate Director of Admission - A0009 - Office of Admission - open: 3/27/00 - deadline: 4/26/00.

Director of Human Resources - A0010 - Human Resources - open: 4/3/00 - deadline: 5/3/00.

Art Director/Digital Designer - A0011 - News and Information Services - open: 4/10/00 - deadline: 5/10/00.

Manager of Academic Information Systems - A0012 - Institutional Research - open: 4/10/00 - deadline: 5/10/00

Head Women's Volleyball Coach/Physical Education Instructor - A0013 - Athletics - open: 4/10/00 - deadline: 5/10/00.

Nursing Faculty - F0017 - School of Nursing and Health Professions - open: 3/27/00 - deadline: 4/26/00.

Instructor - F0018 - Physical Education - open: 3/27/00 - deadline: 4/26/00.

Instructor - F0019 - Physical Education and Athletics - open: 3/27/00 - deadline: 4/26/00.

Assistant Professor of Biology - F0020 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 5/17/00.

Assistant Professor of Spanish - F0021 - School of Liberal Arts - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 5/17/00.

Assistant Professor of English - F0022 - School of Liberal Arts - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 5/17/00.

Instructor of Radio and Television - F0023 - School of Liberal Arts - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 5/17/00.

Instructor of Mathematics - F0024 - School of Science and Engineering Technology - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 5/17/00.

Instructor of Mathematics - F0025 - School of Liberal Arts - open: 4/17/00 - deadline: 5/17/00.

M a r k e t p l a c e

For sale

West side - brick, 2,160 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, all appliances, 2.5 garage, 27' above ground pool with 40 x 27 deck, \$125,000. Call 423-4005.

East side - new home built in 1998, excellent condition, loft-style, cathedral ceiling, skylights, fireplace, two bedrooms, two baths, sunroom, landscape complete, appliances and window treatments included, \$94,000. Call Jen, 465-1616 or 475-3438.

1978 Volvo 242 sedan - original owner, 151,000 miles, well-cared for, \$2,000. Call Carolyn Roth, 985-3325.

1997 Honda Shadow Spirit 1100 - black/ivory, windshield, saddlebags, luggage rack, t-bag, 7,500 miles, showroom condition, \$6,300 firm. Call 465-1621 or 618/263-3335.

1986 VW Cabriolet convertible - 5-speed, 4-cylinder, red with white top, CD player, ac, \$3,400. Call Mike, 434-0314 or 423-6453.

1994 Chevy king-cab Silverado truck - loaded with many extras, excellent condition, 75,000 miles, \$14,000. Call ext. 7078 or 867-8561.

1986 custom Chevy van - captain chairs, raised roof, new ac, \$2,190 obo. Call 465-1249 or 858-8745.

That great social commentator, Randy Cleek, has observed that one can tell a woman's approximate age by studying the size of her handbag. This may be true, because I have some that were once perfectly adequate but are now just too small. **Two Coach shoulder bags** available, one taupe, the other a truly interesting green shade, \$35 each. Call ext. 1932 or e-mail lcleek.

Kenmore micro-classic - combination gas stove/microwave, excellent condition, \$300. Child's swing set with glider and slide, \$20. Call 985-3212 and leave message.

Young man's light gray double-breasted suit - Haggar Imperial (athletic fit), waist size 32", worn 4 times, \$50. Call Carol, ext. 7179 or 423-3224.

Rabbits - \$8. Call 812/783-2564 or e-mail ajmartin@usi.edu

Riding lawn mowers - Snapper SR930, 1996 model, 30-inch deck set up for mulching. Craftsman, 1992 model, 42-inch deck. Both have Briggs & Stratton engines with electric start, like-new condition, \$500 each. Call Goss, ext. 1087 or 963-0918.

John Deere LX 178 - 44 inch mulching deck, hydrostatic engine, 2-cylinder, water cooled, \$3,000. Call 812-783-4950.

Table - 5' light wood dining room table, \$25. Contact dhopf@usi.edu or ext. 1906.

Wanted

Seeking mature, female summer roommate to share nice two-bedroom, two-bath townhouse on eastside. \$290/month plus utilities. Call 454-8766 and leave message.

Bedroom/apartment to rent next school year starting August 15. Call 465-1065 or e-mail rleung@usi.edu or raymond222@hotmail.com.

Actors participating in productions with New Harmony Theatre and Lincoln Amphitheatre will reside during the summer in USI housing. Donations such as sheets, blankets, towels, dish towels, pots and pans, cutlery, dishes, glasses, and small appliances are needed and can be delivered to LA 3094, or call ext. 1668 to have items picked up.