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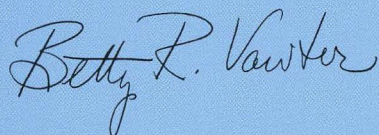
From the editor

Winners all

On this issue, we feature four individuals honored recently by the USI Alumni Association in its annual awards. Two of the award recipients—Tina Kern-Raibley and Daniel S. Hermann—are University of Southern Indiana graduates who have distinguished themselves in service and career. The others are just as familiar. Many alumni readers will remember Jane Davis-Brezette as teacher, coach, or advisor. She is in her fourth decade of association with USI. James L. Will Sr. is a member of the University family as USI trustee, Screaming Eagles fan, and all-around friend. These four award winners were honored May 10 at the Class of 2003 Reception and Dinner, the 33rd event of its kind in school history. Read about them in the Alumni Today section beginning on page 18.

Another winning individual featured in this issue is Dr. Jane Weaver, a former member of the women's basketball team. She was the recipient of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Bertram Alumni Award of Distinction this year. Ray Simmons, director of sports information, tells about her transition from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, physician to medical missionary in Ecuador in the story beginning on page 16.

While we are on the subject of winners, we congratulate the 1,483 graduates in the Class of 2003 and welcome them to the alumni roster and magazine readership.



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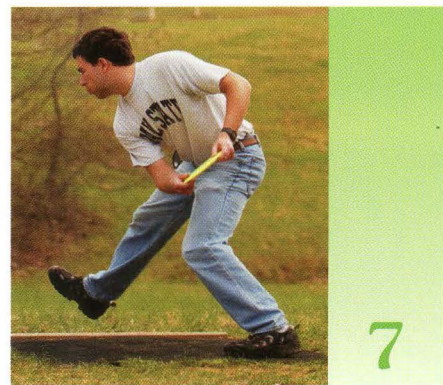
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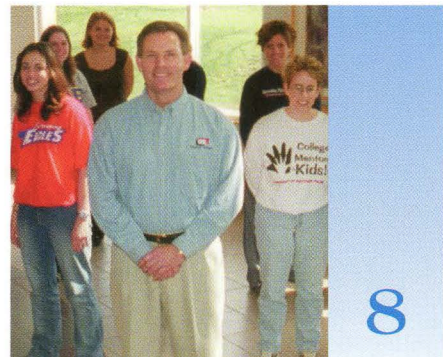
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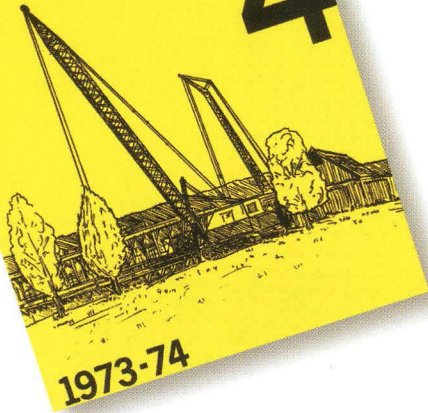
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Rob Parrent: "It's all about students."

ON THE COVER

Dr. Jane Weaver, a former USI women's basketball player, is devoted to medical missionary work in Ecuador. See page 16



Remembering ISUE

I wanted to give you some feedback on the recent 2003 calendar that was mailed out.

The calendar contained several indicators of USI's former name, ISUE

[Indiana State University Evansville]. It was very refreshing! I graduated twice from ISUE (two B.S. degrees, 1975 and 1982), and it has always been difficult to rally behind today's USI, because ISUE seems forgotten. We had a small campus back then, and a lot of faculty and administrators knew students by name on sight. We had lunches at the TUB [Temporary Union Building], and the library was in the back of the Administration Building, before the separate library building was finished. I was there for the groundbreaking of the University Center because Dr. [Howard] Dunn made our chemistry class attend (and took attendance there!). We walked past the old barn many a time, and had classes in TC [Technology Center] 1 and TC2. I knew Paul Grimes (head of the

physical plant), Josephine Elliott (the archivist), and many others. We had lots of open lawn in those days. I worked on the yearbook staff in both 1973-74 and 1974-75. (My famous yellow cover is probably still seen occasionally!)

I know I'm not the only one sentimental for the old designation. Our diplomas say "Indiana State," our old T-shirts say "ISUE," and we are still proud of that. Thanks for remembering ISUE.

—Randy Ward '75, '82
Nashua, New Hampshire

Editor's note: In 1985 USI degrees were conferred on all ISUE graduates, and we encourage them to proudly tell people they are graduates of the University of Southern Indiana ■

When duty calls

The University of Southern Indiana has developed a policy regarding students who are members of National Guard or reserve units called to active military duty. The policy includes guidelines regarding fees and course credit when these students must leave school before completing the semester.

At press time, 35 USI students had been mobilized to active duty during this academic year.

Students called to active military service during the first half of a semester or term are officially withdrawn from classes and awarded a full refund of course fees. Students called to active duty during the last half of the semester or term have two choices. They may withdraw and receive a full refund of course fees for the semester, or they

may request incomplete grades in their courses. Course requirements for classes granted an incomplete by the instructor must be completed within one calendar year following the end of the tour of duty or the course grade will revert to the tentative grade assigned or a 'W' (withdraw).

The policy also includes generous provisions regarding campus housing costs, financial aid, and cost of textbooks ■

Task force promotes guidelines for safety of students overseas

Through a concern for world events the University of Southern Indiana has established a task force to develop additional policies relating to students traveling and studying abroad.

The task force is chaired by Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of international programs and services, and includes representatives from Academic Affairs, the office of the dean of students, the travel office, and Business Affairs. The group is addressing both safety and liability factors related to study abroad.

The University of Southern Indiana provides study-abroad programs in 45 countries, offering students opportunities to enrich their education through international travel and study. Gregori-Gahan said that most programs in which USI

students are enrolled are sponsored by partner agencies that continuously monitor world events and have established procedures for dealing with emergencies or crises.

Leaders and members of professional associations in the field of international study also are providing guidance. Gregori-Gahan and colleagues in her field are making site visits to study-abroad locations to experience and evaluate the educational opportunities as well as the health and safety issues for American students abroad.

Gregori-Gahan participates in a listserv of travel advisories from the U.S. Department of State. These advisories can help University officials make a determination whether students

should go to a specific area, she said.

Students participating in international programs receive information and orientation regarding health and safety issues.

USI faculty members who will lead student groups traveling to international locations in the near future will require that students sign a participation agreement, give written consent for medical treatment in the event they are unable to make the decision for themselves, and show proof of health insurance.

The well-being of international students enrolled at USI also is a prime concern for University leaders. Established procedures are in place for response to a wide variety of emergency situations on campus ■

REinvigorating Marketing Research

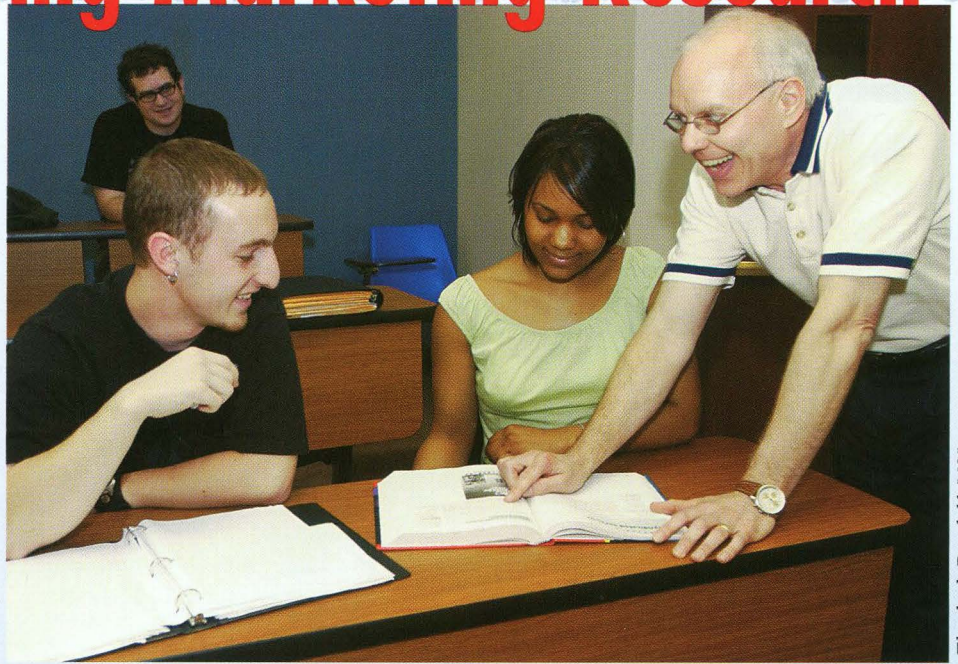
Thanks to local corporate leadership, USI professor is leader in global vision

Marketing researchers around the globe are going to bat for their field of expertise. They want to re-establish the time when marketing research was the fundamental information that business executives used to give their companies a competitive advantage.

Two of the leaders in this worldwide initiative to enhance and enlarge the vision for the field of marketing research have connections with the University of Southern Indiana. The first is Meg Blair, president of Evansville-based rsc, The Quality Measurement Company, and a pioneer in marketing research. More than 20 years ago she championed concepts of reliability and validity of measurement in marketing research that now are accepted as industry standards. Her company is a leader in testing services for broadcast commercials.

In 1997, Blair established USI's first endowed faculty chair, the Blair Chair of Business Science. Dr. Kevin Celuch is the first to hold the Blair Chair and the other USI-affiliated individual to participate in the industry thrust to increase the role that marketing research plays as a strategic partner in business.

Industry leaders call the initiative RELEAS, an acronym for Research Leadership Summit. Begun in 2001 at a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, RELEAS is a three-year initiative to



Elizabeth Randolph—USI

Kevin Celuch, professor of marketing and Blair Chair of Business Science, wants students in marketing research to learn how to do research as well as how to use it to benefit their company.

“relaunch” the industry and communicate that marketing research can make a difference in a company’s performance.

Executives from top companies such as AT&T, Procter & Gamble, Nestle, and Nielsen are involved in this global relaunch. Both producers and users of marketing research as well as those who teach marketing research in the academic setting serve on committees. Blair heads the vision team. Celuch was tapped to address how collegiate business schools can improve the way they teach marketing research.

The reasons why many decision-makers no longer look first to marketing research are complex. In part, the changing business environment plays a role. Today’s business executives are bombarded with more types of information due to improved technology, advances in financial reporting, and other factors. Celuch says that the industry itself also bears some responsibility. The self-examination occurring now will help those involved in marketing research to reassess its relevancy and make it known to stakeholders.

Celuch’s approach to improving academic preparation centers on changing from a quantitative and techniques-oriented curriculum to one that focuses on strategic decision-making. Most universities offer a one-semester course in marketing research as part of the undergraduate marketing program. Celuch recommends an additional semester of study in marketing research at the undergraduate level to allow further development of critical-thinking skills.

He said marketing research courses typically produce good technicians who understand sampling, statistics, and other facets of conducting marketing research. An additional semester of marketing research will allow students to learn more about interpreting that research and communicating its usefulness to senior managers.

“Students with an undergraduate degree probably won’t go right into marketing research,” Celuch said, “but as they rise in the business world, they will better understand marketing research and how to use it.”

social services
grief counseling
emotional support
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hospice care
pain management
spiritual counseling

Learning to live better by dealing with death

Talking about death and issues of dying is difficult for most people. A University of Southern Indiana professor of sociology teaches a class that gives students a forum where they can express their feelings and learn about dying.

“By dealing with death and dying issues, you learn about life,” said Dr. Charles F. Petranek, who in addition to bringing these concerns into focus for his students, is involved with community issues.



Petranek

He has been a leading advocate in Evansville over the last 25 years for hospice programs which bring quality of life and opportunities for family interaction to those who are terminally ill.

As a college student, Petranek became fascinated with the subject of dying. He visited regularly in a hospital where the patients would be looking well one week and then gone when he returned. There was little or no mention of what happened to them.

In the '50s Petranek said the subject of death was taboo. The word “cancer” was seldom uttered by a family when a loved one was diagnosed. The common practice was to deny all mention of death.

In contrast, death happened more often where people could see it in the early 1900s. Many children did not live to adulthood. Funerals were often held in the home so there was more familiarity with death and dying issues.

Today the media affect the way people view death. TV screens are filled with so many images of death that people become desensitized, Petranek said.

In his course on the sociology of death and dying, Petranek asks students

to talk about their first impressions of death. For many, it is the first time they have been asked to communicate their feelings about the subject. They recall when they first visited in a funeral home or saw a dead person.

Students may express that as a child they thought that something they said in anger might have caused a person's death, or they may admit to not liking to attend funerals.

“The object is to share and learn that your unusual stories or feelings about death are not that unusual,” Petranek said.

A coroner comes in to talk to the class about death and widows tell about their stages of grieving.

One of the class exercises is to plan a funeral. All kinds of considerations come into play from choosing the kind of mattress in the casket to learning whether a vault is required by law.

“Students find the funeral director can be very helpful and has all kinds of resources—such as access to music—that the family might want for the services of their deceased family member,” Petranek said.

Mindy Middleton '00 used the course assignment to pre-plan her grandparents' funerals. Her mother and grandparents went with her to the funeral home. They made all arrangements including writing the obituaries.

“My grandparents were thrilled about doing it. My grandmother said she was worried about me having to deal with this after she died,” Middleton said.

Though a death in the family was not imminent at the time they made the arrangements, her grandfather died about six months later. “All we had to do was call the funeral home,” she said.

A sociology major, Middleton said the course on death and dying influenced

her career path. “I had always thought about working with geriatric patients, but I didn't know if I could handle the dying part. The course changed my perspective. It enlightened me to understand that death is not something to be afraid of.”

She encourages people to look at a funeral as a time to build more memories of the person who has died and to have fellowship with family and friends who also cherished that individual.

After graduation from USI, Middleton went to work as a social worker at Newburgh Health Care in Newburgh, Indiana. Recently she became a partner in Hi-Tech Investigative Inc. in Evansville.

In 1978, Petranek participated in a study to assess the interest in and need for a hospice program in Evansville and helped establish Ohio Valley Hospice, which later merged with the Deaconess program. He has served on the executive board of Ohio Valley Hospice and as president. He also is a past president of the Indiana Association of Hospices. He continues to teach educational programs for hospice staff and the community.

Hospice care involves a team-oriented approach of expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's wishes. Petranek stressed that the approach is a democratic model centered on the patient and the family. They are in control.

The idea of hospice was developed in the 1960s as a compassionate alternative to traditional methods of terminal care. Dr. Cicely Saunders founded St. Christopher's Hospice in London in 1967.

“Her idea was to reduce pain,” Petranek said. “Her idea was that if people worked together, they could



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Irma Redgrave, right, benefits from hospice services provided by SouthernCare of Evansville. Kristel Swan '93, community relations manager for the hospice company, said that many patients and their families wait too long before enrolling in hospice care. The services can increase comfort levels for both patients and family.

help the patient have some good quality of life to the end.”

Hospice signifies that there will no longer be aggressive treatment of the illness. The goal is to care for the person and provide support to the family, but not to cure the illness. Hospice care can be provided in a person’s home, in a nursing home, in a hospice center, or sometimes even in a hospital. Petranek said the program frees patients from surgery and other aggressive treatment but helps them live more comfortably through pain management. It allows them time to say good-bye to their family and friends.

“It’s kind of like the last chapter of a book that ties off the action. It allows a proper way of saying good-bye and telling people that you love them,” he said.

The idea of hospice was not without critics when it first came into being, particularly since the medical community is primarily focused on healing. At some point, however, Petranek said that it becomes clear to all that the end of life is near.

For an individual to be eligible for coverage under hospice benefits, a physician must certify that the patient is terminally ill and probably has less than six months to live. If the patient lives longer, the physician can provide recertification. Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurance, and some charitable organizations cover hospice costs for patients who meet certain criteria.

Kristel Swan '93 is community relations manager for SouthernCare, a hospice company in Evansville. She was student member of the USI Board of Trustees from 1991-93.

Swan said that patients and their families choose which of the available hospice services they want. They must have a visit from a nurse at least once a week, but other services are based on the unique needs of the patient and family. Hospice care can include physician services, nursing services, social services, volunteer services, home health aides/homemakers, spiritual counseling, and grief and bereavement services.

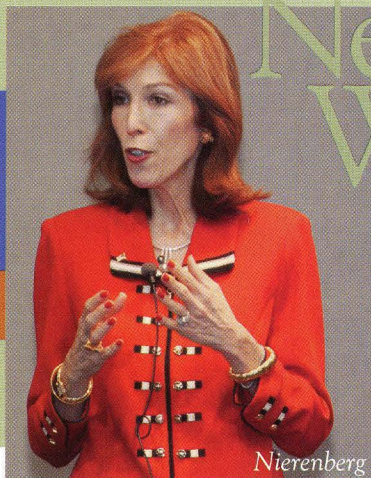
“We also have services where we provide a respite for the family—more than just a volunteer coming in,” Swan said. “The patient can go into a nursing facility or hospital for a period of time.”

Swan said that caregivers, particularly those who take care of a person with dementia, need time away.

Currently there are four organizations that provide hospice services in the Evansville area. In addition to SouthernCare, they are Deaconess Ohio Valley Hospice Care, Vista-Care, and Visiting Nurse Association. On average, Petranek said the Evansville area tends to have about 250 people in hospice care at any given time. The average stay is two to three months.

Petranek was honored in 2002 by the VistaCare Foundation as Community Advocate of the Year. The award was presented in November by Evansville Mayor Russ Lloyd in recognition of Petranek’s outstanding service to the hospice community. ■

Beyond academics Exploring skills



for SUCCESS

Networking WORKSHOP

April Hecker is a member of Delta Zeta sorority and active with the Panhellenic Council. She is administrative vice president for university affairs for the Student Government Association, was an orientation leader last year, has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, and works as a trainer and aerobics instructor at the Recreation and Fitness Center. And she was 2003 Homecoming queen.

But where was this junior exercise-science major from Sellersburg, Indiana, on a recent Saturday afternoon? She was in a leadership workshop learning more about networking.

"I learned a lot about the little things you can do to stay in contact with people, like the importance of thank-you notes when someone does you a favor," said Hecker, who plans to put the advice to use as she applies

and interviews for internships for the fall semester.

USI's O'Daniel Leadership Academy sponsored the three-hour workshop to help students develop skills and knowledge they need beyond academics to be successful in life and work.

The facilitator was Andrea Nierenberg, a southern Illinois native who is a business consultant for the Nierenberg Group Inc., a professor at New York University, and an author of several networking books. The workshop focused on her book *Nonstop Networking: How to improve your life, luck, and career*, released in October.

In addition to the Saturday leadership workshop, Nierenberg made a presentation on Friday night to Presidential Scholars, Deans Scholars, and Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine recipients.

The business consultant told her

USI audiences that today's world is extremely competitive. "You've got to be more than just smart," she said. "It's the little things that make the difference—that decide whether you get the job or the guy or gal next to you gets the job."

She listed self-motivation, strong presentation and communications skills, and the development of strong alliances—both social and business—as important factors in determining success.

USI student Amanda Diehl is another participant in the leadership workshop who is putting some of Nierenberg's tips into practice. "It's super important to keep a database of everybody you know and stay in contact with them," she said, adding that her day planner is a good place to track these contacts.

Nierenberg grew up in Albion, Illinois, where her father, the late Paul Nierenberg, was a physician. Her mother Molly Nierenberg lives now in Longboat Key, Florida. Nierenberg made the campus presentation in honor of her Albion friends, Bill and Trudy Mitchell, longtime friends of the University. All students who participated in the workshops received copies of Nierenberg's latest book, provided by the USI Foundation and the leadership program.

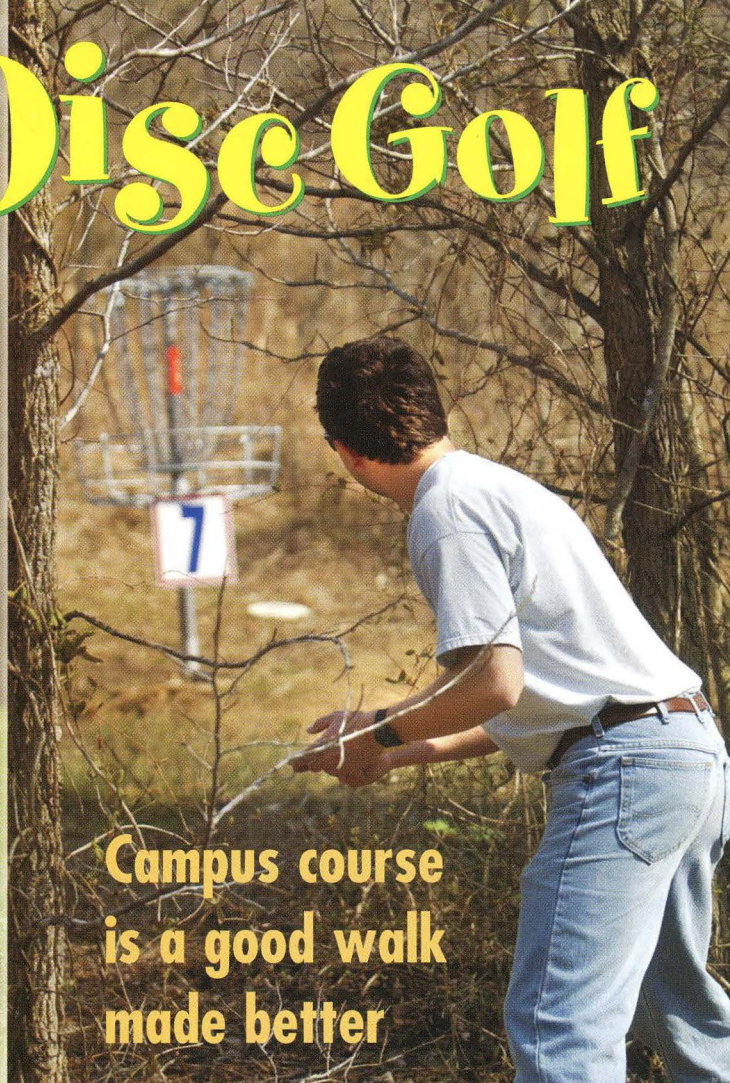
Nierenberg said she found that USI students took her presentation seriously. Twenty-two students followed up with a note to her. Following her own advice, Nierenberg promised to respond to any *USI Magazine* readers who contact her. She can be reached by e-mail at andrea@selfmarketing.com ■



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Andrea Nierenberg told students that the opposite of networking is "not working." Opportunities for connecting with people are everywhere. You just have to pursue them.

Play a round of Disc Golf



Mark Brendel-USI

Campus course is a good walk made better

Players enjoy the fresh air and attractive green surroundings of a golf course, but their equipment is a set of discs, not a bag of clubs.

Disc golf has come to the University of Southern Indiana. The 18-hole course on the southwest side of campus celebrated its official opening in April although many students began practicing and perfecting their disc-tossing technique weeks before the finishing touches were put on the 4,440-foot, par 70 course.

Disc golf is the art of throwing discs (similar to Frisbees) from a tee into an elevated pole that has chains and a basket to collect the disc. Just as in golf, players proceed down the fairway, making each throw from the spot where the last throw landed. Trees, terrain, and other obstacles provide challenges along the way. The player who finishes the course with the fewest throws wins the game. Specialized discs can be used for long-

range, mid-range, and putting throws.

Ruth Waller, director of intramural and recreational sports, was introduced to the game several years ago when student Matt Schmitt '01 encouraged her to take a group to play at the nearest location, a course in Yellow Creek Park in Owensboro, Kentucky. Waller quickly assessed an interest among USI students to have a course of their own.

The disc golf course in the Screaming Eagles Valley Complex was designed by Steve Madsen, a consultant from Bloomington, Indiana. Waller talked with Ed Headrick, inventor of the modern disc, several times as plans for the USI course took shape. Headrick founded the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) in 1975. He died last year.

The PDGA provided a grant to fund nine of the baskets on the USI course. Area businesses have provided support as hole sponsors.

Donald E. Fleming, grounds and athletic field supervisor for USI, said, "The course is beautiful. It goes in a valley and back through the woods." He and his three sons (ages 7, 12, and 14) have enjoyed playing and his wife accompanies them on the walk.

An individual playing alone can complete the course in about one-and-a-half hours; a foursome will finish in about two hours.

The sport provides upper- and lower-body conditioning and aerobic exercise. It develops physical and mental abilities. Age and skill are not limiting factors. Waller said that it's sheer fun for everyone and inexpensive.

Students may bring their own discs. They also may purchase or check out discs at the Recreation and Fitness Center. Waller said that USI hopes to host area tournaments as interest in the sport grows ■

Robert W. Parrent

Vice President for Student Affairs

Building community on campus

Call it student-centered or a high-touch campus. Robert W. Parrent is the vice president for Student Affairs who is taking the personal attention that has always been a hallmark of the University of Southern Indiana and stepping it up to the next level.

"In the end, it's all about students," said Parrent, who began his association with USI July 1. "We want students to know that USI has genuine, sincere people who are interested in their success. That's the spirit of USI and Student Affairs is a part of that."

USI's Office of Student Affairs includes the areas of admission, career counseling, career services and placement, international programs and services, residence life, and student financial assistance. It also encompasses the registrar's office, counseling center, student development programs, and the office of the dean of students, which has responsibility for the multicultural center, religious life, the fitness center, intramural and recreational sports, and student wellness.

Parrent believes that USI's Student Affairs program is consistent with the maturity of the campus and poised to expand and improve in partnership with other areas of the University.

"Academic quality drives the reputation of a university and USI's is growing by leaps and bounds," he said.

Recently 50 valedictorians and salutatorians from Indiana high schools interviewed for 10 Presidential Scholarships in the next freshman class.

USI has the high-quality academic programs, accreditation, and experiential learning opportunities that students and their families look for when selecting a university, Parrent said, emphasizing that admission is a collaborative campus effort. "Everything counts from the physical attractiveness of the campus

to the availability of classes," he said.

A vibrant student life program rounds out the full college experience. "Exposure to other people, other cultures, and other ages gives students a better chance to succeed in a real working environment," he said.

Parrent came to USI with more than 20 years of experience in the field of student affairs. He said he was deeply rooted in the values of student affairs by some of the nation's best at the university level. From 1984 to 1993, he was associated with the admission program at the University of Louisville. Two of his mentors there—Dr. Ed Hammond and Dr. Denny Golden—served as president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the leading professional organization for student affairs administration, policy, and practice. Mr. Ray Stines, director of admission at that time, also guided his formative years in student affairs. Working at a large university for nine years exposed Parrent to a wide range of issues that confront higher education—everything from traffic to problematic software. University of Louisville grew from a student body of 17,000 to more than 23,000 during his time there.

In 1993, Parrent took what he had learned at the urban university into the private sector, becoming vice president for student affairs and enrollment services at Midway College, a women's college enrolling about 1,000 students in Midway, Kentucky. In that environment he implemented a student affairs program grounded in professional expertise and interlaced with an intentional perspective toward individual attention to students.

In 1997, he took his professional philosophy and individualized style back into the public domain at Southeast Missouri State University, a comprehensive regional university similar in



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Rob Parrent thrives on interaction with students as vice president for Student Affairs.

size to USI. He served as associate vice president for enrollment management from 1997-2000.

Since moving into his office in USI's Wright Administration Building, Parrent has engaged members of the University community in making the campus a better place to live, work, and study.

He initiated the "Welcome, USI Students" signs seen throughout Evansville at the beginning of the fall semester. He spearheaded a program to get faculty, staff, trustees, and friends of the University to staff welcome tents, give campus directions, and help families do the heavy lifting in housing on move-in days. "We met them with wheeled carts," he said.

He worked on a January Jump-Start program to help new students in the second semester get their bearings. He has supported a weekly Spirit Day, encouraging faculty and staff to wear their USI logo attire on Fridays.

Student leaders are quick to sing his praises. John Runions, president of the Student Housing Association, said, "With Dr. Parrent, it's always 'How can I help you?' Every time I see him, he calls me by name."

Runions was impressed that Parrent handwritten personal notes of thanks to 40 housing resident assistants on the annual appreciation day held for them in February.

Another student leader has found that Parrent takes genuine interest in students and is generous with his time. Britney Gentry, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism and sociology, was on a panel of student leaders who met Parrent when he visited the campus as a candidate for the position. Gentry said that his enthusiasm and energy were so great that she asked herself if he were "for real."

"As soon as I heard that he had accepted the position, I e-mailed him to let him know that I would be the next Student Government Association president, and our relationship has developed from that," Gentry said. "As I have come to know him through student government

and the new-student orientation program, I realize that he is just what he seems—always willing to help."

Gentry plans to enter graduate school in the fall to prepare for a career in student affairs. Parrent has met with her twice to discuss at length how she can communicate her skills and qualifications in a goal statement for graduate school applications.

In May, the Student Government Association honored Parrent as Administrator of the Year for his service to students.

Parrent was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, but grew up primarily in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He earned bachelor and master's degrees from Western Kentucky University and a doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University.

While he is passionate about his career in Student Affairs, his first love is his family. His wife Joni is a trust associate at Fifth Third Bank in downtown Evansville. She was born in Paoli, Indiana, but grew up in Bowling Green.

Their son Cody is a sixth-grade student at Perry Heights Middle School

program sponsored by the Football Club in Evansville. Cody is active in the soccer of Evansville and plays on a basketball team with his father as assistant coach. The Parrents' daughter Lauren is finishing her senior year of high school in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where she plays tennis, is a featured singer in school programs, and was chosen as homecoming queen.

In 2000, Parrent left higher education to work with his twin brother Rick in Sheldon Management and Consulting in Bowling Green. The move allowed him to be closer to his parents at a time when his father's health was declining. His parents, Homer and Blanche Parrent, continue to live in Bowling Green.

When Parrent left Southeast Missouri State University, Dr. Dale Nitzschke, chancellor, told him not to be gone too long because higher education needed him.

Parrent is back and glad of it. Though he enjoyed the business world, he missed the connection with students and the opportunity to work with colleagues similarly motivated in the realm of higher education ■



Private gifts make big impact in USI Foundation's 35th year

Generous donors to the unrestricted USI Annual Fund as well as donors to restricted funds established for specific purposes are making the USI Foundation's 35th year one of substantial impact benefiting both students and faculty. Whether donors are helping underwrite science lab equipment, student travel grants, or faculty development, their gifts are having a significant impact.

\$1 Million in Equipment for New Science Laboratories

In a year when state budget restrictions mean fewer dollars coming to the University in state support, the USI Foundation will fund nearly \$1 million in equipment purchases for the various science laboratories under construction in the new wing of the Science Center. Charitable gifts will fund the following:

- Charles Bertram Mathematics Education Laboratory will be funded by a gift from his wife Mary Alice as a memorial tribute to his 30 years as a math education teacher.
- Melvin H. and Anne G. Denner Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory will be funded by gifts from their former students as a tribute to Mike Denner's role as professor of biology and pre-med advisor and to Anne Denner's role as biology instructor, advisor, and mentor.
- Walter F. Sill Geology Seminar Room

will honor the former Evansville geologist whose wife Louise established a fund in his memory to support USI's geology program. Sill funds will provide equipment for three geology labs.

- Frank L. Stanonis Paleontology/Sedimentology Geology Laboratory will honor the professor emeritus of geology, who taught at USI from 1969-96, serving as dean of the School of Science and Engineering Technology from 1988-94 before his 1996 retirement.
- The W. Paul Torrington Science Wing will be named to honor the donor who has underwritten state-of-the-art equipment purchases for key biology and chemistry research laboratories. Torrington funds also will provide for new biology and chemistry research labs.
- Income from the USI/Robert and Elaine Pott Trust will be used for equipment for several physics labs, physiology teaching lab, general chemistry lab, and ground water monitoring lab.
- Unrestricted gifts to the USI Annual Fund from friends, alumni, and area businesses totaling \$300,000 will be used to fund the plant science teaching lab and greenhouse equipment purchases.

USI Foundation Student Travel Grants

For the second consecutive year, the USI Foundation has allotted



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Private gifts will provide state-of-the-art equipment for labs in the new Torrington Wing of the Science Center.

\$10,000 for the Student Government Association (SGA) to award grants to students for travel to conferences, academic competitions, and seminars throughout the country. The goal is to help those groups or individual students who can bring something back to USI to benefit the school and student groups in the long run. Grants range from \$500-\$800. The various 2002-03 grants included the following:

- Economics and Finance Club for a trip to visit the New York Stock Exchange and Federal Reserve Bank in New York City.
- Hispanic Student Union for a trip to the annual Latino Collegiate Leadership Conference in Bloomington, Indiana.
- Club for electrical and electronics engineers to participate in the South-eastern Student Robot Competition in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.
- Political Science Club to participate in the American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago.
- Social Work Club to visit the Jane Addams Hull House in Chicago.

USI Foundation Faculty Development Grants

The USI Foundation allocated \$85,000 from its unrestricted funds during 2002-03 to support faculty development.

2002-03 USI Annual Fund

(as of March 31, 2003)

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$100,000	\$68,000	\$185,000	\$353,000
Actual	\$ 95,561	\$67,606	\$187,504	\$350,671

Gifts to the 2002-03 Annual Fund may be made through June 30, 2003, and will qualify for the Lilly Endowment/USI Challenge matching grant.

USI Visionaries honored for establishing scholarships

Academic deans have identified funds for faculty enhancement purposes as an area of greatest need. Four of the academic schools were awarded \$15,000 each. The School of Liberal Arts received \$25,000 because of its substantially larger faculty. The funds became available as a result of growth in the USI Annual Fund, one of the foundation's five major goals.

Each academic school established its own rules and priorities for awarding the grants. Deans reported that this new funding was a much-needed addition to faculty development, especially for faculty working to develop research profiles that will help them toward tenure and promotion. The availability of grants also serves as a recruiting tool for new faculty. Among the various faculty development awards were the following:

- In the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, Dr. Tom Philleo and Dr. Jeff Thomas received funding to integrate computing into middle school science curriculum through hand-held computers.
- In the School of Business, faculty in applied computer science participated in an intensive seminar in new programming language.
- In the School of Liberal Arts, Dr. Christopher Bloom will research differences in brain-activity style between superstition-prone and superstition-resistant.
- In the School of Nursing and Health Professions, Dr. Judith Halstead was a major presenter in September at the National League for Nursing Education Summit in Anaheim, California. She is chairing a teaching/ learning section at the Midwest Nursing Research Conference.
- In the Pott School of Science and Engineering, Dr. Marlene Shaw continues her research in the Chick Endoglin Project ■

USI Visionaries—members of the University faculty, administration, and support staff—who have established 40 scholarships and awards through the USI Foundation to benefit USI students will be recognized by the Foundation with a special plaque in the University Center. A separate list of the 16 USI employees honored by others with a scholarship or award also will be listed on the plaque. The names of these scholarships will run in the next issue of *USI Magazine*.

Nan and Keith Benedict Engineering Scholarship

Keith Benedict: instructor/engineering.

William F. Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Paul Bennett: professor emeritus/
electrical engineering

Robert and Jane Davis Brezette Scholarship

Dr. Jane Davis-Brezette: chair/Physical
Education Department

Doris and Tim Buecher Family Scholarship

Tim Buecher: director/career counseling

C. Jack Buschkill Scholarship for Business

Janel Buschkill Allen: assistant to
the president

Joe Cannon Memorial Screaming Eagles Scholarship

Jackie Cannon: clerk/Business Affairs

Deem Memorial Scholarship

John Deem: associate vice president/
Student Affairs

Jeffrey S. Deering Memorial Scholarship

David Deering: bookstore manager emeritus

Virginia and Harold Deusner Social Work Scholarship

Lindy Deusner: lecturer/social work

George W. Goodman Pre-optometry Scholarship

Dr. Scott Gordon: associate dean/Pott School
of Science and Engineering

Amelia Harrington Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Charles Harrington: assistant vice
president/Academic Affairs

Dal and Donna Herring Communications Scholarship

Dr. Dal Herring: chair/Communications
Department

Judy Benedict Hightower Memorial Scholarship

Keith Benedict: instructor/engineering

Hitchcock Memorial Award

Dr. Darrel Bigham: professor/history

Gustav and Eleanor Hoos Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Daniel Scavone: professor emeritus/history

Gordon and Gail Kelley Health Professions Scholarship

Dr. Gordon Kelley: professor emeritus/
health professions

Kinsey Memorial Scholarship

Dr. David Kinsey: associate professor/mathematics

Labhart-Olsen Family Mathematic Scholarships

Marjorie Labhart: instructor/mathematics

Laster Screaming Eagles Scholarship

Debbie Laster: manager/academic
information systems

Lonzo and Vera Morgan Memorial Scholarship

Mike Whipple: assistant treasurer/business
office director

Rosemary Finn Newmann Social Work Scholarship

Lindy Deusner: lecturer/social work

Horace S. and Suzanne A. Nicholson Scholarship

Susie Nicholson: president/USI Foundation

Gennaro Palladino Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Joseph Palladino: chair/Psychology
Department

Philosophy Recognition Award

Dr. Richard Mussard: associate professor/
philosophy

Physical Education Outstanding Student Award

Dr. Jane Davis-Brezette: chair/Physical
Education Department

Denise Powers Memorial Communications Scholarship

Robert Jeffers: instructor/advertising

Public Relations Scholarship

Dr. Robert Carroll: assistant chair/
Communications Department

Hope Carroll: instructor/communications

Rice Kello Memorial Scholarship

Jack Weber: lecturer/social work
Mary Weber: staff counselor

Bob and Mary Lue Russler Scholarship

Mary Lue Russler: former administrative
assistant/USI Foundation

Roy W. Sanders and Adelaide Daudistel Sanders Scholarship

Jim Sanders: director emeritus/corporate
and foundation relations

Bill Sands Communications Award

Dr. Helen Sands: professor emerita/
communications

Joseph Sayyah Memorial Award

Michael Aakhus: professor/art
Patty Aakhus: instructor/English

Sue and Jack Schriber Theater Award

Jack Schriber: lecturer/communications
Sue Schriber: former director/Mid-America
Singers

The Science Teaching Award

Dr. Scott Gordon: associate dean/Pott School
of Science and Engineering

Matthew Shepard Memorial Theatre Award

Eric von Fuhrmann: associate professor/English

Gia Nicholson Stanonis Memorial Scholarship

Frank Stanonis: professor emeritus/geology

The Jane Weaver Recognition Award

Bette Walden: retired director/library services

Sean Weigand Memorial Scholarship

Mary Alice Weigand: senior administrative
assistant/Academic Affairs

Ruth Whipple Memorial Scholarship

Mike Whipple: assistant treasurer/business
office director

Albert A. Woll Memorial Scholarship

David Woll: lecturer/political science,
philosophy

1,483 Students Earn Degrees

Olive Clift, Bob Griffin, Joe Kernan receive honorary degrees at Commencement

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved 1,483 associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees to be awarded in 2003. The degrees were conferred May 11 during the Commencement ceremony at Roberts Stadium.

Also at Commencement, honorary degrees were awarded to the late Olive Carruthers Clift of Evansville, Robert Griffin of Evansville, and Joseph E. Kernan, lieutenant governor of Indiana. Kernan was the Commencement speaker.

Clift, who died April 22, was recognized posthumously for her distinguished career as an educator and her commitment to help others receive a college education. She taught social studies at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis

for more than 41 years, and retired in 1973, the same year she married Homer L. Clift and moved to Evansville. Her interest in students continued with her endowed scholarship for students in the School of Liberal Arts and an endowed Presidential Scholarship, which helps attract some of Indiana's brightest students to USI.

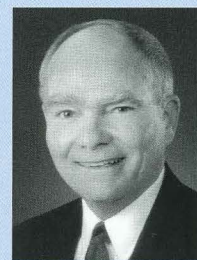
Griffin is chairman of the board of Escalade, Incorporated, a global company in the sporting goods industry. Griffin has given leadership to many initiatives of the University of Southern Indiana through the USI Foundation, which he served as board chair, and the School of Business Board of Visitors. Griffin also is a member of the Com-



Clift



Griffin



Kernan

munity Advisory Council for the Evansville Center of the Indiana University School of Medicine, which is located on the USI campus.

As Indiana's lieutenant governor, Kernan is president of the Indiana Senate, the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce, and commissioner of Agriculture. A 1968 Notre Dame alumnus, Kernan is a former mayor of South Bend and holds two Purple Hearts and other military awards for his service to the U.S. Navy. He was held prisoner of war for nearly 11 months during the Vietnam conflict ■

John McNaughton named Distinguished Professor

A thoughtful and caring teacher who has inspired generations of students to excel in art is how a colleague describes this year's Integra Bank Distinguished Professor.

John McNaughton, professor of art, has been a member of the University of Southern Indiana faculty since 1970.

McNaughton served as chair of the Art Department in various intervals from 1972 to 1994. He has written original art curriculum, lobbied for better art facilities, hired faculty, and actively participated in the expansion of USI's art program.

He also has a national reputation for creative work. McNaughton was one of 100 international craft artists chosen to participate in the Emma Lake International Conference in Canada last year. His work was featured on the December/January 1998 *American Craft* magazine cover, and he is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts

Elizabeth Courtney—USI



McNaughton wants the college experience to be a "laboratory of creative thought" for students.

Fellowships in the visual arts category, which is considered one of the most competitive categories among the NEA grants.

In 1993 he was one of 10 American craft artists selected by the NEA to travel and lecture in Mexico, and his original art has been exhibited extensively throughout the United States.

McNaughton's art resides in more than 300 museum, corporate, and private collections and is part of the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution. Supported by student-faculty research grants, McNaughton has led teams of students in completing art that is on permanent display across the campus.

He completed his undergraduate work at Ball State University and earned master's degrees in sculpture from Bowling Green State University and Ball State University.

The Distinguished Professor Award, made possible by a generous gift from Integra Bank, was presented May 11 during Commencement.

McNaughton will select a student to receive a scholarship in his name and will deliver the Distinguished Professor Lecture during the next academic year. The award recipient is chosen by faculty colleagues ■

Linda Bennett appointed provost, vice president for Academic Affairs

Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, has been named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana.

Her appointment will be effective July 1 when Dr. Robert L. Reid retires



Bennett

after 28 years as USI's first provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "Dr. Bennett comes to us with superb recommendations

for her leadership skills, community building, and creative management of people and resources."

Bennett has been dean at Appalachian State since 1999 with responsibility for personnel recruitment and review, strategic planning, and budgetary responsibilities for 16 academic departments. She also oversaw the Center for Appalachian Studies and

the Appalachian Cultural Museum. Prior to joining Appalachian State, she was chair of the Department of Political Science for three years at Northern Kentucky University. She also served as a faculty member and department chair at Wittenberg University for 13 years.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Bennett earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in political science there. She was named one of UC's Distinguished Alumnae by the Friends of Women's Studies. She also has received several awards for teaching excellence.

Bennett is a member of the American Political Science Association, Academy of Political Science, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, and American Association for Higher Education. She is a prolific writer and researcher, contributing to professional journals and presenting at national and international conferences ■

Jermakowicz awarded President's Medal

Walter Jermakowicz III is the 2003 recipient of the President's Medal, the highest award bestowed on a graduating senior in recognition of commitment to academic excellence and service to the University and community. The award



Jermakowicz

was presented at Commencement.

Jermakowicz graduated magna cum laude with Bachelor of Science degrees in biology and chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts in German. He has served for two years

as the student representative to the USI Board of Trustees.

He recently was selected for a Fulbright Award to study in Germany next year. He plans to continue his education in a joint MD/PhD program.

The outstanding graduate is the son of Dr. Eva Jermakowicz, USI associate professor of accounting, and the late Walter J. Jermakowicz Jr., who also was a USI faculty member ■

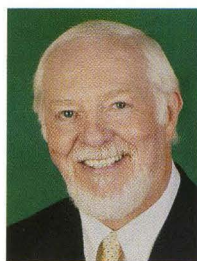
Eugene Klippel named School of Business dean

Dr. R. Eugene Klippel, former dean of the School of Business and Economics at Michigan Technological University, has been appointed dean of the USI School of Business.

He will begin his duties July 1, succeeding Dr. Phil Fisher, who is retiring at the end of June.

Klippel was dean at Michigan Tech for seven years, successfully leading the university to accreditation by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Before joining Michigan Tech, he was a member of the faculty in the College of Business Administration at West Virginia University, where he was designated as a distinguished



Klippel

professor and holder of the Kmart Chair in Marketing. He also has held faculty and administrative posts at Grand Valley State University and faculty appointments at University of South Florida and the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Klippel is highly regarded for his research and scholarship in the field of marketing. His current research and teaching interests focus on the areas of strategic marketing management and international marketing management.

He is a member of the American Marketing Association, Academy of

Marketing Science, and the Marketing Management Association. Klippel also has served on the editorial review board of the *Journal of Marketing* and the *Marketing Management Journal*.

In addition to his academic background, Klippel's work experience includes corporate marketing staff assignments with Ford Motor Co. and Cummins Engine Co. He also has been president of Market Research of Florida Inc. and vice president for consumer research for Management Horizons Inc., a division of Pricewaterhouse/Coopers.

As an independent consultant, he has worked with national and international businesses, principally in the area of strategic planning ■

Rachel Miller receives Trustees Merit Award

Rachel J. Miller of Delphi, Indiana, is the 2003 Trustees Distinguished Merit Award winner. The award is the highest recognition bestowed on a student during Honors Week at the University of Southern Indiana.

A USI Presidential Scholar and math education major, Miller has earned a 4.0 grade point average. Her minor is French. During the spring semester she participated in a study abroad program in England.

Miller has been an orientation leader for incoming freshmen and a student ambassador in the Admission Office. She is active in the Student Education Association and the Gold Key and Sigma Zeta honorary societies.

The Trustees Distinguished Merit Award recognizes outstanding achievement not only in the student's major but also in the liberal arts and sciences that form the core curriculum of a college education. It is awarded each year to the one junior or senior who best qualifies by virtue of the overall integrity of his or her student life.

Miller was nominated by the Pott School of Science and Engineering and chosen for the honor by the Faculty Senate Student Academic Affairs Committee ■



Rachel Miller's sister, left, and her mother accepted the Trustees Merit Award on behalf of Rachel Miller from David Huber, USI Trustee, and Jerry Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering.

World War II

Something to write home about



The World War II letters of Owen Hamilton are compiled into a book called "On Your Mark, Get Set, Hold it! Memories of WWII." Above: Hamilton, left, and his sister June Meyer. Inset: Hamilton at home on furlough with his mother and sister.

Elizabeth Courtney—USI

The World War II letters of Owen Hamilton have a strong personal and down-to-earth human-interest appeal, said Dr. Walter Everett, USI professor of English.

Hamilton, soldier and Evansville native, has compiled the wartime letters he wrote to his sister into a book called "On Your Mark, Get Set, Hold it! Memories of WWII." The letters tell of his experiences in the states and overseas and reveal his feelings for home and family.

Everett said the title of the book was inspired by Hamilton's experience, which was much like that of many American soldiers who were patriotic, well-trained, and willing but always just behind the action. Hamilton was in the first wave of occupation troops in

Japan. His battalion thought they might be fighting their way onto Japanese shores, but the war ended before they went into combat.

Everett and his wife Shirley, an adjunct member of the USI English faculty, edited the letters for the book. The Everetts are longtime acquaintances of Hamilton through participation in activities at Methodist Temple in Evansville.

Hamilton and his sister, June Meyer, who saved his correspondence, were on campus in February to donate the letters to Rice Library.

The book was published in December by 1stBooks Library of Bloomington, Indiana, and is available at Evansville bookstores, from the publisher, and through Internet sources ■

Marjorie Jones receives community service award

The protection, preservation, interpretation, and study of archaeological and historic sites are a priority for Marjorie M. Jones, this year's recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award.

The award, presented by the USI Faculty and Academic Affairs Committee, was announced during the School of Liberal Arts Honors Program in March.



Jones

As an instructor of anthropology and sociology at USI and an advocate for protection of archaeological sites around the

state, Jones has spent much of her adult life working to protect and preserve Indiana heritage. She also helped establish USI as a repository for important archaeological artifacts.

Since 1992, when she was appointed by the governor, Jones has served as an 8th District representative for the Indiana Heritage Trust Program, recommending

lands to be bought and preserved. She's been involved in more than 200 projects in the program.

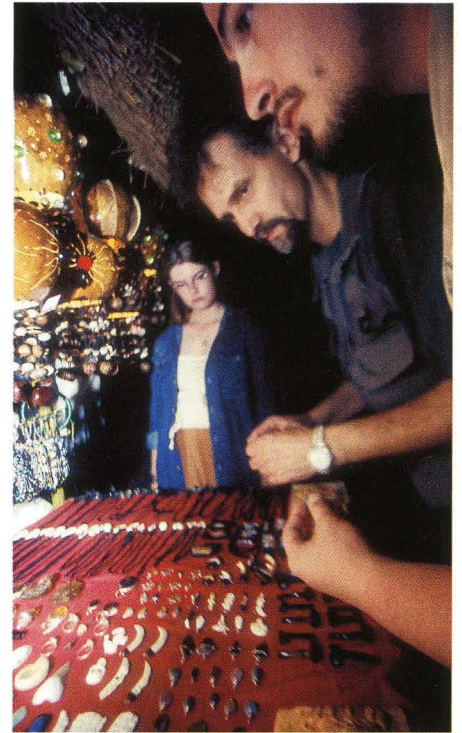
In archaeological research, she has been a part of or the leader in 10 archaeological surveys, and she has helped excavate seven sites in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. She also has lobbied for laws to protect archaeological sites.

Other community projects that have benefited from her volunteer efforts are Angel Mounds, Historic Southern Indiana, and the Council for the Conservation of Indiana Archaeology.

Jones was instrumental in establishing Native American Days as an annual festival helping to raise community awareness at Angel Mounds. She also wrote the exhibit catalog for the site's museum.

Jones joined the USI faculty in 1989. She earned a master's degree from University of Arizona.

The Sydney and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award is made possible by the Bergers' son, Charles, and his wife Leslie ■



LaVerne Jones-USI

Art, culture of Mexico

Michael Aakhus, center, professor of art, and students went south of the border during spring break to learn about the art and culture of Mexico.

University honors retirees

Several employees are retiring this year. They include:

- Dr. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the School of Business and professor of management, who joined USI in 1991
- Judy Fleck, senior administrative assistant in Printing Services, who joined USI in 1988
- Augustine "Jay" Fredrich, professor of civil engineering and former associate dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, who came to USI in 1979
- Sandra Hermann, director of the University Division, who joined USI in 1985
- Kwangok Kim, professor of accounting, who came to USI in 1979
- William J. Kirsch, associate professor of political science, who joined USI in 1970
- Sharon Morrow, instructor in English, who joined USI in 1988
- Robert Reid, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of history, who came to USI in 1975

A reception honoring the retirees was held in April ■



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Governor O'Bannon on 'Energize' tour

Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon, right, visited campus in February as part of a statewide tour to promote his Energize Indiana economic plan. O'Bannon toured the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville Center, located in USI's Health Professions Center, with its director Rex Stith.

Jane Weaver takes on challenges as medical missionary

Former student athlete wins GLVC Bertram Award

Doctors pledge in their Hippocratic Oath to use science and compassion to the best of their ability to ease the suffering of the sick. Combine this principle with the Christian doctrine of service to those less fortunate than yourself, and you have Dr. Jane Weaver '89, surgeon and career missionary in Ecuador.

Weaver, a native of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, received the Great Lakes Valley Conference's Charles Bertram Award in March at the league's post-season basketball tournament at Evansville's Roberts Stadium. She was in the states on a short leave from her medical missionary work.

The Dr. Charles Bertram Alumni Award of Distinction was created in memory of the late USI math professor who was a longtime faculty athletics

representative for USI and one of the founders of the GLVC. The award recognizes the personal and professional achievements of former GLVC student athletes. Award criteria include academic excellence, athletic ability, character, and leadership while the individuals participated in intercollegiate sports but put a premium on personal and professional achievements

following graduation and/or contributions back to sports at various levels. In 2003, the awards committee found

the criteria and Jane Weaver to be a perfect fit.

A member of the Screaming Eagles women's basketball team from 1985 to 1988, Weaver graduated *summa cum laude* in three-and-a-half years. She continued her education to earn a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine. Following graduation from the IU School of Medicine, she began a five-year residency in general surgery at the University of Louisville.

"When I came to USI, I knew I wanted to play basketball and attend a college with a good science department," Weaver said.

She said she accomplished both of those objectives at USI but did not realize "how great it was until I was actually in medical school."

"The preparation I got for medical school was just superb," continued Dr. Weaver. "I know this because there were medical students who had not had the opportunities that were provided for us at USI."

The completion of her five-year surgical residency was delayed when Weaver was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"Near the end of my surgery training, I was diagnosed," Weaver said. "I found an enlarged lymph node in my neck. I ended up going through radiation, but no chemotherapy, for three months."

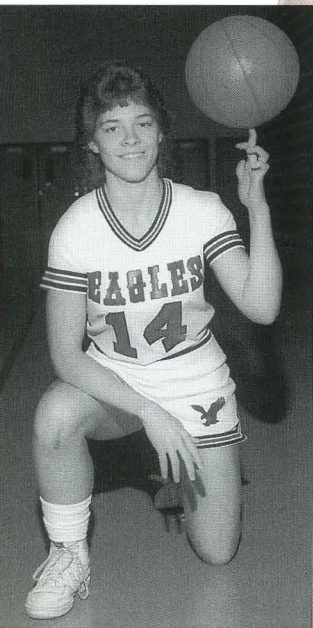


In the Spanish language, friends and patients in Ecuador communicate their warm feelings for Dr. Jane Weaver by calling her "Doctorita Juanita."

Weaver saw this situation as a positive rather than a negative. "It was an interesting experience, going in every day for radiation. I think every physician should be a patient at some point. You appreciate what patients go through, but it is different to go through it yourself," Weaver said. "Doctors are sympathetic, but not always empathetic."

Following completion of her surgical residency at Louisville, Weaver became interested in mission work. She is now a full-time missionary with HCJB World Radio and is completing her rural year of medicine. HCJB is a missionary broadcast organization that ministers in more than 90 countries. The organization's outreach to needy people in Ecuador also includes a wide range of health-care and educational services.

She recently completed requirements for



Weaver played for the Lady Eagles from 1985-88.



Elizabeth Courmeyer—USI

Jane Weaver cradles the GLVC Bertram Award.

an Ecuadorian medical license, allowing her to work in the mission's health-care facilities. One of her priorities will be the clinic at San Lorenzo, Ecuador, located on the coast of the northern part of the country approximately 10 miles from the Colombian border.

How does one transition from being a surgeon planning on private practice to full-time involvement in missionary work?

"When I started my surgery training, I really thought I would go back to Ft. Wayne where I grew up and practice there," Weaver said. "Near the end of my residency, I met Dr. John Tarpley, who had been a missionary in Africa for 15 years.

"He said that when he and his wife went to Africa, their intention was to tithe with their time. I really liked that idea so I began to look at short-term missionary work. When I completed my surgical training, I went to Ecuador for six months to fill a hole that they had there."

The six-month stint left a lasting impression on Weaver. "Coming back after six months, I practiced in Ft. Wayne for two years with some great men and women at Indiana Surgical Specialists.



Weaver is a member of the surgical team at a health care facility in Ecuador.

But, I really felt a calling and that the Lord was taking me back to Ecuador."

Besides accepting and thriving on the challenges of medical mission work, Weaver fell in love with the country of Ecuador. About the size of Nevada, the country can be divided into three sections. The westernmost section is coastal. The Andes Mountains run the length of the midsection. The eastern

third of the country is mostly jungle.

"It is the third world, but with some of the recent changes, it is the most expensive place to live in South America," Weaver said. "You can get excellent health care like here in the states—in the bigger cities. However, you can go several miles south, where we work, and it is really pitiful.

"People make less than a dollar a day, so they don't have enough to live on, much less to pay for health care."

Weaver related one story about a young boy who lost an eye in an accident. She asked him if he had seen a doctor when it occurred and he said "the family could not afford to see a doctor and was grateful he still had one functioning eye."

She said, "For that family, rushing to the doctor was not an option, and that is the norm."

Weaver planned to go back to Ecuador in late spring and will be in South America for about a year-and-a-half before returning to the United States again for a short furlough.

For more information about her work in Ecuador, access the Web site for Latin American Missions Board, Inc. at <http://www.LAMBOnline.org> ■



Weaver, left, treats the arm of a child at a clinic in Ecuador.

1970s

Stephen S. Markin '76, finance, has been promoted to assistant vice president and banking center manager for Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Thomas E. Williams '77, communications, is owner and chief executive officer of WJXS TV 24 in Jacksonville, Alabama.

Thomas H. Peake '78, accounting, has been promoted to director of data center services and communications at American General Financial Services in Evansville.

1980s

Mark T. Schaefer '80, accounting, is sales manager for Uebelhor & Sons in Jasper, Indiana.

Physician **Randall R. Stoltz '80**, biology, has earned certification as a certified clinical research investigator (CCRI). He has been involved in clinical research at GFI in Evansville for 15 years.

Janet Blowers Belofsky '82, accounting, recently celebrated 20 years with the Internal Revenue Service and was promoted to senior compliance policy analyst in Washington, DC.

James L. Thomas '83, finance, '02, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to vice president/commercial real estate development at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Donita Carson Wolf '83, accounting, was awarded Indiana Women's Council of Realtors Member of the Year 2002 FC Tucker Professional Service Award. She is a broker associate for FC Tucker Emge Realtors in Evansville.

Ted Uebelhor '84, finance, has been promoted to vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Lori Hofmann Edmonson '85, computer information systems, is a project manager with IBM in Evansville.

Courtney D. Watt '85, sociology, is owner of Rucker Properties in Tempe, Arizona.

Guy L. Davis '87, electrical engineering technology, has joined BKD, LLP as a staff accountant in Evansville.



Calendar of Events

June 8	Alumni Family Picnic, 4-6 p.m., USI University Center Mall
June 10	Alumni Council Meeting & Orientation, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
July 12	USI & UE Alumni Habitat Building Day, Evansville
July 15	Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
July 17	Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard, Indianapolis
August 7	Volunteer USI Annual Recognition Dinner, USI Carter Hall
August 17	Greater Indianapolis Chapter Alumni and Entering Student Gathering, 1:30 p.m., Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game, Victory Field, Indianapolis
August 22	Greater Indianapolis USI Scholarship Golf Scramble, 12:30 p.m., The Links Golf Course, New Palestine, Indiana
September 9	Alumni Council Meeting, 5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
September 19	Alumni Fun Golf Scramble, 11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville
October 9	Indianapolis Chapter Meeting, Champps at Keystone, Indianapolis
October 23	Return to the Heart of Nursing: Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner, USI Carter Hall
February 7	Homecoming 2004

All alumni are invited to attend these events. For further information and reservations, call the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924. Check out the Alumni Web site at www.usi.edu/alumni ■

Robbie C. Sears '87, electrical engineering technology, most recently director of customer service for Vectren, has been named director of marketing as well.

Amy Kleeman Strobel '88, social work, is a therapist and owner of Insights, a counseling service in Evansville.

Lori Beckner Ledbetter '89, business administration, is an office manager for Flanders Electric Motor Service in Evansville.

1990s

Diana Stoll Clements '91, business, is a missionary for the Assemblies of God in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Rick Piscitelli '91, communications, has been promoted to regional sales manager for Interactive Solutions, Inc., in Louisville, Kentucky.

Vicki Blann Simmons '91, elementary education, has been promoted to retail sales officer at Old National Bank in Evansville.

Lara Sears Beck '92, communications, has been hired as administrator of Westpark Rehabilitation Center in Evansville.

Kelly Riesenbeck Dillon '92, business administration, is an officer for Old National Bank's Private Client Group in Evansville.

Barbara L. Perkins '92, nursing, has joined GFI Research Center as a unit manager in Evansville.

Ruth I. Roat '92, English, has joined the design team at Ethan Allen Galleries in Evansville.

Shannon M. Marshall '93, accounting, has been promoted to vice president, corporate trust officer for Old National Trust in Evansville.

W. Scott Powell '93, Master of Business Administration, has recently taken the position of senior vice president, senior commercial credit officer at Integra Bank in Evansville.

Kristen D. Russo '93, social work, is a psychotherapist working with adults and children who have experienced trauma in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Andrew R. Lampert '94, communications, is operations manager for Denver Phone Company in Lakewood, Colorado.

Jackie Schapker '94, nursing, '02, Master of Nursing, was promoted to nurse practitioner with The Heart Group in Evansville.

Sarah Titzer Wagner '94, communications, has joined Career Associates as an account executive in Evansville.

Brandi D. Bauer '95, elementary education, has recently been promoted to event services supervisor at USI.

David B. Hawkins '95, business administration, is a senior business analyst for Old National Service Division in Evansville.

Amy R. Preske '95, communications, has been promoted to public relations and communications account manager for Keller Crescent Co., in Evansville.

Jackie M. Sullivan '95, sociology, is program director at Indiana Mentor in Brownstown, Indiana.

Steven W. Wells '95, business administration, was promoted to business manager at Carriage Ford in Louisville, Kentucky.

Michael W. Cameron '96, accounting, has been promoted to manager of general services at Harding Shymanski & Co., in Evansville.

Donna M. Mesker '96, psychology, has been promoted to treatment coordinator for the Evansville State Hospital.

Laurie Stone Robertson '96, business administration, is a pharmaceutical representative with Schering Plough. She resides in Evansville.

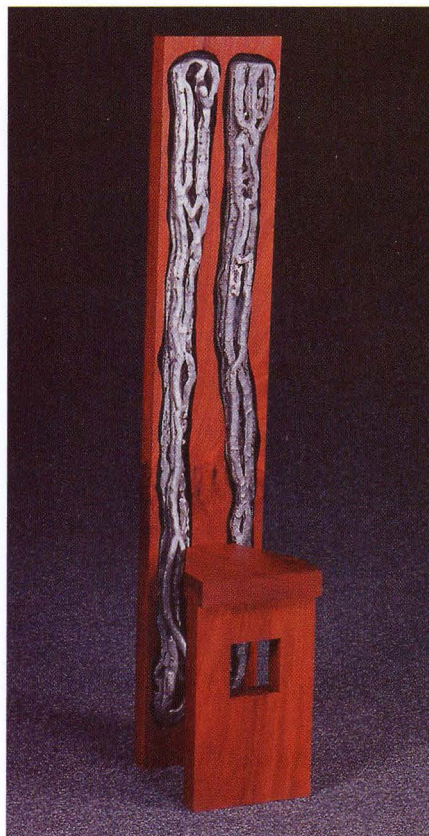
Jon-David Wade-Swift '96, psychology, was teacher of the year at Juan Seguin Elementary School and is a candidate for the district teacher of the year award at Houston Independent School District in Houston, Texas.

Shannon R. Brewer '97, accounting, has been promoted to manager of general services at Harding Shymanski & Co., in Evansville.

Ryan T. Dearth '97, communications, has been named association management consultant for BoseTreacy Associates, LLC in Indianapolis.

Joe M. Kiefer '97, Master of Liberal Studies, has joined Regency Commercial Associates as director of marketing in Evansville.

Ben Randell '97, business administration, has been named Lawndale branch manager for Warrick Federal Credit Union in Evansville.



Sitting Tall

Mark Magan '99 designed this chair of mahogany and cast aluminum, one of 10 pieces he made for his thesis exhibition at Indiana State University. Magan completed a master's degree in fine arts at Indiana State in December and taught a course in design and materials at the University of Southern Indiana as an adjunct member of the art faculty during the spring semester. In February, he donated a mahogany, cherry, and cast aluminum table to the Toast to the Arts event benefiting the USI Society for Arts and Humanities.

Alumnus-in-Residence Ed Wicht stresses personal accountability

A greater emphasis on personal accountability is one of the steps the Securities and Exchange Commission is taking to restore investor confidence, a 1992 University of Southern Indiana graduate told students March 24 in his Alumnus-in-Residence presentation to faculty and students in the School of Business.

"Companies are not real," said J. Edward Wicht, a staff attorney in the Division of Enforcement for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. "They do things through their employees. We look at those individuals in companies who make decisions."

Wicht's presentation focused on the SEC's enforcement of the nation's securities laws, particularly those pertaining to accounting fraud and market manipulation. He listed emphasis on short-term growth, incentive compensation for executives, and changes in the public accounting and financial services industries as contributors to

recent problems related to fraud and financial misrepresentation in U.S. companies.

Wicht majored in economics at USI. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Indiana University School of Law in 1995 and earned a Master of Laws with highest honors from George Washington University School of Law in 1997.

Before joining the SEC's Division of Enforcement in 2002, he worked as an associate attorney for Zuckerman Spaeder LLP in Washington, where he was responsible for white collar criminal, complex civil, and legal ethics matters.

In Evansville, Wicht worked as an associate attorney at Bowers Harrison Kent & Miller LLP and as a law clerk at Noffsinger Price Bradley & Shively LLP ■



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Ed Wicht, second from left, a staff attorney for the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, greets School of Business students. Wicht was the school's 2003 Alumnus-in-Residence. The annual program features a School of Business graduate who is a senior executive.

Tarrie Kendall named president of Indy chapter

Tarrie Kendall '94, a communications graduate, has been named president of the Indianapolis chapter of the USI Alumni Association. She is assistant property manager/leasing director at Oaks of Eagle Creek in Indianapolis ■



Alumni in the Indianapolis area braved the snow in February to attend the pizza party hosted by Bob Roeder '71. From left are (front row) Brett Boezeman '01; Brittany Miller '01; Brenda Fehrenbacher '87; Amy Schoettle '96; (back row) Nancy Johnson '83, director of USI Alumni Services; Colby Bruno; Emily Knies '01; Josh Stuckey '02; Tarrie Kendall '94; Roeder; Mark Hollis '99; and Ed "Buzz" Tutwiler '99.

Ryan P. Campbell '98, sociology, is a manufacturing technician with Bristol-Myers Squibb in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Kirk R. Jocham '98, communications, is an attorney with Huffer & Weathers, P.C. in Indianapolis.

Yasmin Kennedy '98, accounting, joined Gaither Rutherford & Co., LLP as an assistant supervisor for audit in Evansville.

Stephanie L. Polen '98, business administration/French, has taken the position of manager of marketing services for CMC in Evansville.

Gregory J. Thomas '98, Master of Public Administration, has been promoted to director for strategic alliances and program development at American General Financial Services in Evansville.

Jeff P. Barnes '99, computer information systems, is project manager for One Star Communications in Evansville.

Erika N. Lynch '99, health services, has been promoted to media buyer at Keller Crescent Co., in Evansville.

Chris C. McConnell '99, physical education, is orthopaedic sales representative for Johnson & Johnson in Louisville, Kentucky.

Karli L. Schumacher '99, business administration, has joined the general services staff at Harding Shymanski & Co., in Evansville.

Cindy M. Voyles '99, communications, was promoted to project coordinator for Bates USA in Indianapolis.

Lindsey M. Wade '99, business administration, has been promoted to traffic supervisor for Enterprise Leasing in Houston, Texas.

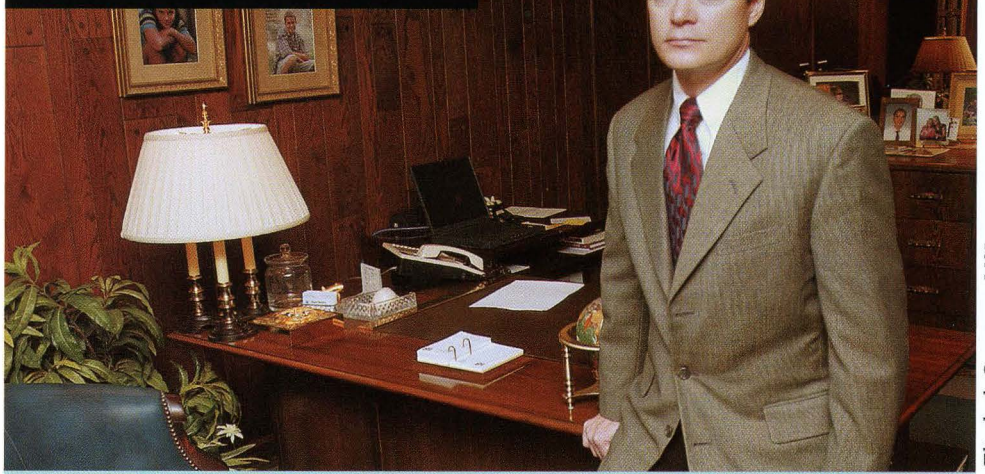
2000s

Brock A. Beaver '00, social science education, is a social studies department head at Westview Middle School in Goose Creek, South Carolina.

Diane L. Hulsebusch '00, nursing, is a clinical nurse educator for Memorial Hospital & Health Care in Jasper, Indiana.

Elizabeth J. Lawrence '00, business administration, has been promoted to business development manager with CREW Technical Services in Indianapolis.

Daniel S. Hermann Distinguished Alumni Award



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Keep your eyes on the road, not the roadblocks

Daniel S. Hermann '79 believes that success in business is achieved through staying committed to your plans.

"You must stay focused on what your goals and objectives are, recognizing that you'll have a number of obstacles along the way," he said, "but never losing sight of the ultimate goals."

Hermann is the recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award, conferred by the USI Alumni Association to recognize a graduate who has made outstanding achievements in career or public service. He is president and chief operating officer of Evansville-based Black Beauty Coal Company, which produces 25 million tons of coal a year—more than half the annual coal production in Indiana.

A certified public accountant, Hermann began his career in 1979 as a staff accountant for Harding Shymanski & Company in Evansville. Interested in making the transition to industry, particularly to a growth-oriented company, he joined Black Beauty in 1982 as accounting manager. Black Beauty had been formed in 1975,

producing 100,000 tons of coal its first year. Hermann was promoted to various positions including executive vice president. He was named to his present post in 1997. He also holds offices with affiliated companies including Gibco Motor Express, LLC and United Minerals, LLC.

As a company leader, Hermann said it is important to surround yourself with good people. "No one accomplishes something on his own," he advised.

Hermann has retained close ties with the University of Southern Indiana, especially the School of Business. He is a member of the School of Business Board of Visitors and past chair of the Accounting Circle. He was the School of Business Alumnus-in-Residence in 1999, speaking on how to succeed in a declining industry.

One of the benefits of his education at USI was that students got a lot of individual attention, he said, adding that his former professors still express interest in how he is doing professionally and personally when he sees them in the community.

Hermann's wife Kimberly '79 is a member of the Alumni Council ■

Scott K. Tieken '00, communications, is a physician recruiter for The Curare Group in Bloomington, Indiana.

Anitra N. Acree '01, sociology, is an IMPACT case manager with the Goodwill Industries in Evansville.

Kara D. Baskett '01, business administration, is a senior admissions counselor at North Park University in Chicago, Illinois.

Amy J. Buiter '01, accounting, is an accountant in the audit department at BKD, LLP in Evansville. She recently completed the professional certification exam of the Indiana State Board of Accountancy.

Kerri Rice Kemper '01, elementary education, is a first grade teacher for the Indianapolis Public Schools.

Melissa A. Lindley '01, political science/economics, attends Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

LeeAnn Bates Miller '01, business administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

Melody A. Puller '01, public relations and advertising, is assistant director of media relations for Mid-Continent Conference in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Alumni leaders enjoy red, white, blue... and USI



Donita Wolf '83, left, president elect of the USI Alumni Association, and Donna Mesker '86, immediate past president, were among alumni leaders who helped plan the festive All-American Homecoming held February 1.

Lindsay N. Sutton '01, health services, has been promoted to human resources specialist at HR Solutions in Evansville.

Wendy J. Wade '01, computer information systems, is an accounting software consultant at Kemper Technology Consulting in Indianapolis.

Matthew A. Andrzejewski '02, history, has been named area coordinator of residence life at USI.

Jennifer L. Campbell '02, public relations and advertising, has joined Tucker Publishing Group as advertising coordinator in Evansville.

Zachary A. Chamberlain '02, finance, is an investment representative for Edward Jones in Evansville.

Jeffrey K. Dean '02, business administration, was recently called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Military Police Company A, 4th Force Service Support Group, based in Lexington, Kentucky.

Rachael C. Harris '02, business administration, recently took the position of fixed asset account associate with Disney Worldwide Shared Services in Celebration, Florida.

Former teammates renew friendships at Homecoming



Men's basketball alumni who played in the Homecoming Alumni Game are, from left, Kevin Herdes '01, Josh Kain '02, B.J. Watts '01, Troy Tornatta '93, Brian Huebner '95, Rick Eberhard '87, Johnny Moore '98, Ryan Kelley '00, Marc Hostetter '98, Kent Stackhouse '02, and Rick Stein '92. Stein is now the head coach for USI women's basketball.



Reminiscing about women's basketball are (from left) Carla Kamman '85, Vicky Branson '87, Ruth Waller, director of intramural and recreational sports, and former women's basketball coach, and Peggy Witsman Norman '86.

Kelly L. Johnson '02, accounting, an accountant with Wright Consultants, LLC has passed the CPA exam on her first try. She lives and works in Evansville.

Ryan M. Klem '03, computer information systems, is learning and involvement problem solving coordinator with NUMMI in Fremont, California.

Alex M. Knepp '02, accounting, is an accountant in the audit department at BKD, LLP in Evansville. He recently completed the professional certification exam of the Indiana State Board of Accountancy.

William D. Mallicoat '02, business administration, was recently called to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's Company A, 8th Tank Battalion, based in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Kristen M. Barber '03, accounting, has joined Gaither Rutherford & Co., as a staff accountant in Evansville.

Vicki L. Barnerd '03, accounting, has been promoted to controller of the Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald and Hahn law firm in Evansville.

Stephanie J. Barnett '03, radio and television, is working as a teller at STAR Financial Bank in Carmel, Indiana.

Timothy P. Glaude '03, accounting, has joined the general services staff at Harding Shymanski & Co., in Evansville.

Joshua M. Ragsdale '03, sociology, is working at the United Methodist Children's Home as a youth mentor in Lebanon, Indiana.

Tiffany B. Staggs '03, accounting, is an auditor for Brown, Smith & Settle in Evansville.

Marriages

Wendee N. Ross '94, biology, and Michael Reddy, November 2, 2002

Robyn A. Martin '96, elementary education, and Brad Page, October 12, 2002

Lisa G. Mills '96, art, and Ron Nelson, June 30, 2001

John P. Mullen '97, English, and Kylee Frye, January 18, 2003

Tina Kern-Raibley Alumni Service Award



Elizabeth Courtney—USI

Staying involved as alumna, trustee, and more

Tina Kern-Raibley '86 grew up in a family of eight children. Six of them attended the University of Southern Indiana and three hold degrees. Her oldest daughter was one of the first second-generation graduates. She and her husband David Raibley '73 have two daughters who attend now.

"And that's just the impact on one family," she said.

Because she personifies the USI Alumni Association's mission to serve and develop a committed body of alumni dedicated to promoting and enhancing the excellence and reputation of the University, the association has chosen her to receive the Alumni Service Award. Kern-Raibley is general manager for ID&A, Inc. in Evansville.

As a member of the USI Board of Trustees, she is aware of USI's impact on the southwestern Indiana region. Some facts stick in her mind. The first is that prior to the establishment of the University in 1965, there were years when some counties in the region had no students entering college following high school graduation. The proximity and affordability of excellent higher education at USI make that no longer

the case. Kern also is impressed that some people who began their college education in the '70s are still completing degrees at USI—a tribute to the students' persistence and USI's significance to students with work or family commitments. Almost 90 percent of USI graduates stay in Indiana and almost 90 percent of those people stay in southwestern Indiana.

A management graduate, Kern-Raibley was appointed in 1995 to serve as the alumni representative to the Board of Trustees. She served as secretary 1997-98 and was vice chair of the board and chair of the Finance Committee 1999-2002. She is presently a member of the Construction and Finance Committees. Kern-Raibley shares her leadership skills with other USI organizations. She is a member and past president of the USI Alumni Association and serves on the USI Foundation Board. She was School of Business Alumna-in-Residence in 1998 and has assisted with many USI fundraising programs.

Kern-Raibley continuously spreads the word of USI and its programs and urges graduates to "represent USI well and come back every chance you get ■"

Kevin M. Schiff '99, psychology, and Amber Lee, November 2, 2002

Martha M. Fulkerson '00, journalism, and Kevin O'Brien, October 26, 2002

Christina Miles Hodgins '00, nursing, and Christopher Hodgins '00, art, October 19, 2002

Kristina L. Butler '01, advertising/public relations, and Joshua Kain, June 22, 2002

Cori Smith Fuller '01, communications, and Adam Fuller, March 14, 2003

Rhea N. Hemenway '01, nursing/health services, and Danny Woosley '97, biology, September 7, 2002

Emily R. Eckert '01, health services, and Tracy Holt, May 25, 2002

Laura M. Horn '01, public relations and advertising, and Gary Thomas, December 7, 2002

Stacey N. Kubida '01, elementary education, and Scott Kaiser, July 27, 2002

Natalie D. Peach '01, health services, and Jeff McDurmon, October 5, 2002

Sarah E. Stafford '01, business administration, and Justin Browning, December 21, 2002

Births

Christi Sinn Allen '90, elementary education, and David R. Allen '90, elementary education, son, Jordan Matthew, December 13, 2002

Anita Lengacher Miller '92, elementary education, and Bruce, son, Conner Evan, January 16, 2003

Marcy Fox Smith '92, accounting, and Paul, daughter, Sara Nicole, December 12, 2002

Tess Libbert Fleming '93, business administration, and Rich, daughter, Sydney Marie, November 16, 2002

James D. Boyer '94, social studies teaching, and Charity, son, Andrew Patrick, January 30, 2003

University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville Alumni

Habitat Building Day

Saturday, July 12
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Alumni, students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate.

Complimentary t-shirt for USI volunteers.

Registration

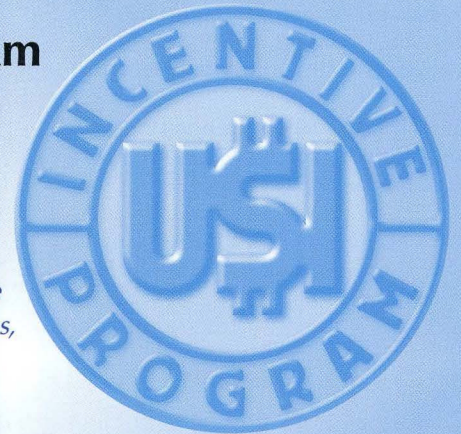
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Visit www.usi.edu/incentive/ for a list of participating businesses and discounts offered.

Questions?
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Karen Mobley Braselton '94, communications, and Quentin, son, Maxwell Paul, November 30, 2002

Cassandra Mason Hill '94, elementary education, and Scott, son, Harrison Nash, February 12, 2003

Julie Elkins Neukam '94, elementary education, and **Keanyn Neukam '98**, mechanical engineering, son, Tucker Keanyn, December 6, 2002

Angela Schlageter Harris '95, and Kennet, son, Sean Patrick, December 18, 2002

Christie Ulrich Jones '95, communications/English, and Todd, son, Collin David, April 8, 2003

Carrie Pugh Staggs '95, elementary education, and Scott, son, William Alan, December 17, 2002

Kristi Hoffman-Siegel '96, communications, and Brandon, daughter, Annie Kate, July 6, 2002

Michele Schwartz Blankenship '97, occupational therapy, and James, son, Jacob Christian, August 1, 2002

Kati Olinger Hagerty '98, elementary education, and **Eric P. Hagerty '98**, elementary education, daughter, Meredith Kathleen, March 8, 2003

Erin L. Wilson Stump '98, elementary education, and **Steven T. Stump '99**, communications, son, Nicholas James, December 13, 2002

Amanda Heisler Herrmann '99, elementary education, and Kevin, son, Blake Edward, January 19, 2003

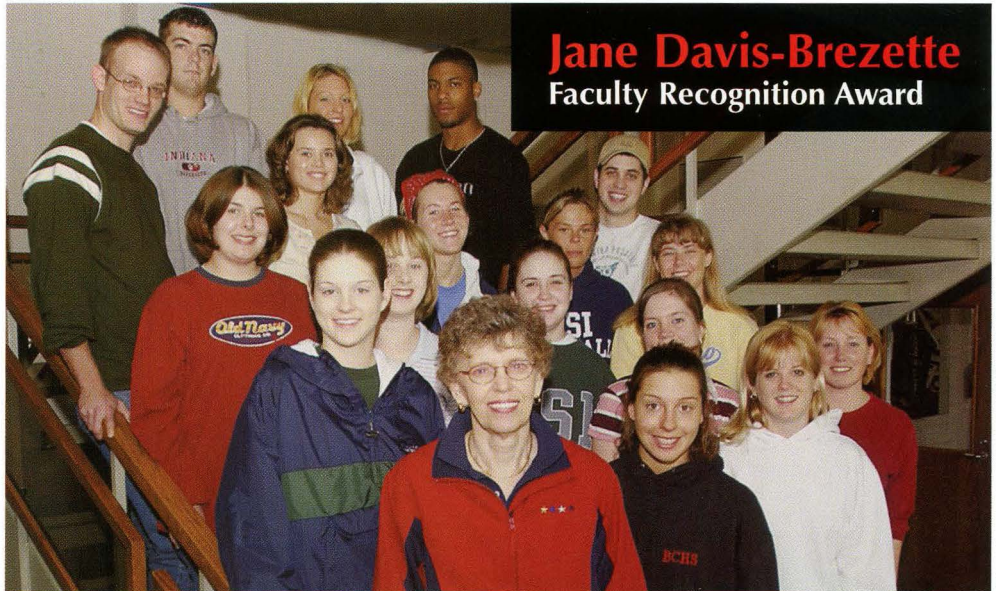
Ryan W. Graber '00, accounting, and Amy, daughter, Taylen Olivia, November 27, 2002

Jennifer Kluesner Titzer '00, nursing, and Craig, son, Clayton Jeffrey, October 29, 2002

Stacey G. Kahre '01, Master of Nursing, and Brent, Dax Kacey, October 29, 2002

Justin J. Collins '02, business administration, and Shellee, son, Tristan Nathaniel, November 12, 2002

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Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Still going strong after 33 years on faculty

Jane Davis-Brezette likes to say that she grew up with the University of Southern Indiana. Associate professor and chair of the Department of Physical Education, she joined USI in 1970 when she was in her mid-20s and the school was just five years old.

Her record of service and accomplishments stand as evidence of dedication to a job well done. The USI Alumni Association has chosen her to receive the Faculty Recognition Award this year.

In her early years at USI, Davis-Brezette split her time between Student Affairs and the teacher education program. In Student Affairs, she shepherded the Student Government Association, the Panhellenic Council, cheerleaders, and the Feather Shakers pom-pom team. Her direct influence on students continued when she put on her other hat as supervisor of student teachers. She also coached women's tennis for eight years.

As University programs evolved, Davis-Brezette helped develop the physical education program, including an assessment procedure for physical education courses in the University Core Curriculum. Her impact on

students is broad. She teaches core curriculum classes which all students take regardless of major as well as courses in the physical education major.

"I've done my best to ensure that students receive a good education and that those who are majoring in physical education are prepared to compete with graduates from other institutions pursuing like careers," she said.

Her University involvement includes Faculty Senate, the Tenure and Promotions Committee, the Physical Activities Center Advisory Board, Athletics Board, and Honors Day Committee.

A native of Decker, Indiana, she earned a bachelor's degree from Oakland City College, a master's from Indiana State University, and a doctorate in physical education from Indiana University. She is a past president of the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance and has received a number of leadership awards and citations from that group.

Of her 33 years at USI, she said, "What a wonderful life I've had. I'm so grateful to have spent it here ■"

John Carter—A Family Affair Photography



Sheriff Ellsworth '81 steals ARC's Really Big Show

Brad Ellsworth '81, Vanderburgh County sheriff, sang a Sinatra-style rendition of "New York, New York" to an appreciative audience at The Really Big Show, a benefit that raised more than \$50,000 for Evansville ARC. Ellsworth received more \$1 votes praising his performance than any of the 27 acts in the show.

The USI Alumni Association invites you and your family and friends to join us for the annual



Alumni Picnic

Sunday

June 8, 2003

4-6 p.m.

University Center Mall

**Barbecue Chicken,
Italian Sausages
☞ Hot Dogs**

**Build your own Ice
Cream Sundaes**

Picnic admission is \$4 per person. Children (12 and under) free.
Reserved special tables for alumni organizations: fraternities, sororities, schools, etc.

Call 812/464-1924 to reserve a table for your group.

In Memoriam

James F. Belcher '73, communications, died February 9 in Evansville. He was an attorney in private practice and a Navy Reserve veteran. He was a member of Tri-State Tres Dias and a candidate in the Deacon program for the Evansville Catholic Diocese.

Selma H. Kayan '75, social studies, died February 16 in Tallahassee, Florida. She was a guidance counselor at Griffin Middle School. She was recently named "Teacher of the Year" at her school for the second time in her teaching career.

James A. Nelson '83, business administration, died January 13 in Newburgh, Indiana. He retired from the United States Navy in 2002 after 21 years of service as a chief petty officer.

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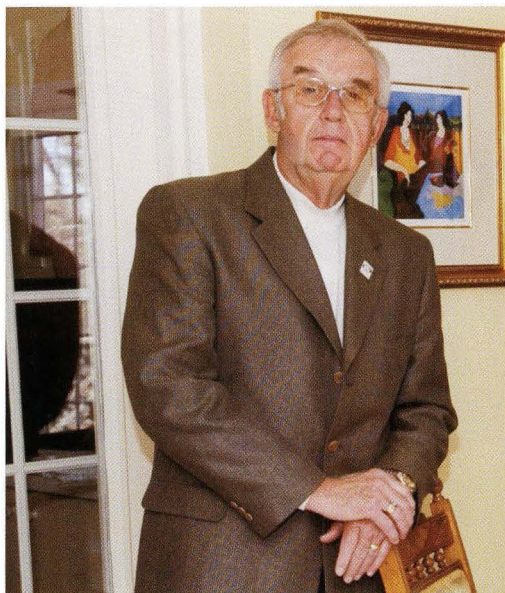
Greater Indianapolis USI Scholarship Golf Scramble

12:30 p.m., August 22
The Links Golf Course
New Palestine, Indiana

Alumni Fun Golf Scramble

11:30 a.m., September 19
Helfrich Hills Golf Course
Evansville

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James L. Will, Sr.
Special Recognition Award



Elizabeth Courtney-USI

Always looking ahead for the University

James L. Will, Sr., modestly says that he got involved in the early days of the University of Southern Indiana because he thought it would be a great thing for the area and then one thing led to another.

"I'm proud of the University and of its staff and the people who have worked so hard over the years," Will said, "and having a little part in it makes me proud."

Will met David Rice, the first USI president, years ago when Rice was seeking support for purchasing basketball uniforms. The University was then at its start-up location, the old Centennial School.

Throughout the years, Will has set the pace for others to follow to assure USI's progress and growth. The USI Alumni Association honors him this year with its Special Recognition Award.

Many USI organizations have benefited from Will's insights and leadership. Among them are the USI Varsity Club which he helped to found, serving as president 1977-78; Athletics Coaches Club, the USI Foundation Board of Directors, the USI/New Harmony

Foundation Board, and Southern Indiana Higher Education (SIHE) Board. SIHE has helped USI with many needs. The group had the foresight to acquire a sufficient quantity of land that Will called "a great asset" as USI has expanded its physical facilities and added housing over the years to provide for an increasing enrollment.

A member of the USI Board of Trustees since 1996, Will served as chair from 1999-2002. For his continued dedication and involvement in the University, he was named to the USI President's Circle in 2002. He and his wife Eileen have created an endowed Presidential Scholarship for USI students.

An Evansville native, Will is the founder and retired chief executive officer of James L. Will Insurance Agency and the founder and senior partner of Freeman, Will, Niemeier Financial Services.

As the Education Center and Torrington Wing of the Science Center near completion, Will continues to look forward for the University. "We hope to get started on our new library," he said. "It's important for the students ■"

Pre-game brunch in St. Louis attracts graduates

Sherry A. Crawford '96, Master of Liberal Studies, died February 21 in Evansville. She was a singer/comedian before settling into dual careers as a teacher and as the *Courier & Press* movie reviewer.

Steven C. Frank '98, occupational therapy, died January 3 in Evansville. He was an occupational therapist at Deaconess Hospital and formerly at the Rehabilitation Center in Evansville.

Donna Bailey Graham '02, social work, died January 30 in Irving, Texas.

Steven E. Stenger '02, public relations and advertising, died February 22 in Bedford, Indiana. He was an assistant golf professional at Tippecanoe Lake Country Club and Plymouth Country Club. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and PGA of America Apprentice.



USI fans gathered for a brunch March 1 prior to the men's basketball game with University of Missouri-St. Louis. From left are Jack Marr, associate professor emeritus of biology; Barbara Marr; Nancy Johnson '83, director of Alumni Services; Bruce Baker, USI trustee; Mike Bernier '83; Shelly Bernier; and Carol Baker.



We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Use this space to let us know! If you have been quoted in a newspaper article, send us a copy. We want to hear from you.

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We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924, FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).

The CHALLENGE for Academic Excellence



"I encourage all alumni who haven't seen the recent growth on the USI campus to come out and see for yourself. The unlimited potential is exciting! Then make your charitable gift to the Challenge for Academic Excellence. This is a unique opportunity for all alumni to have their gifts to the USI Annual Fund or their academic school matched by the Lilly Endowment. Come be a part of it."

— Donita Wolf '83
President Elect
USI Alumni Association



As of March 31, 2003

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families of
current students
and alumni

	Boards	Alumni	Employees	Students, parents, families of current students and alumni
Goal	\$1 million	\$ 3 million	\$250,000	\$250,000
Actual	\$600,248	\$1,388,168	\$ 66,162	\$178,160

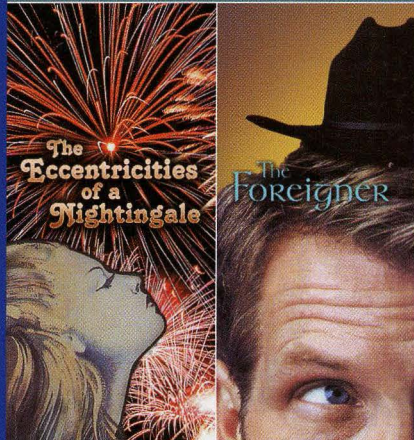
The Challenge for Academic Excellence offers USI's closest constituents the chance to double the impact of their gift. Charitable gifts received from alumni, employees, students, parents, and families of current students and alumni will qualify for the Lilly Endowment matching grants. Gifts must be in support of academics and must be received between June 1, 2002, and December 31, 2003. The matching grants will be placed in the new Endowment for Academic Excellence, the income from which will perpetually enhance academics at USI where the need is greatest.

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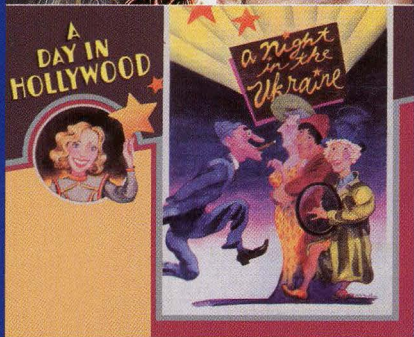
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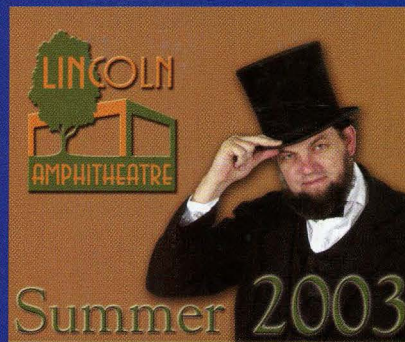
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