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### *Always something new*

**A**s we put together this issue of *USI Magazine*, the word “new” kept popping up in story after story. First, we feature the proposed College of Business and General Classroom Building on the cover. This new facility will accommodate the growing numbers of students enrolling in business and engineering programs and provide the advanced technology they need to prepare for jobs. We expect the disciplinary mix of faculty and students in the building to foster the same kind of collaboration that exists in the marketplace where engineers and business professionals are intertwined in developing new products, financing them, and bringing them to market.

At The New Harmony Theatre, we welcome a new artistic director, Lenny Leibowitz, as the professional summer theatre celebrates its 20th anniversary as a University of Southern Indiana program. New seats and other improvements will make Murphy Auditorium more comfortable for theatre-goers this year.

What else is new? Brad Ellsworth '81, former Vanderburgh County sheriff, is the first USI graduate elected to Congress. In this issue we also tell you about two faculty awards presented for the first time this year, the inaugural inductees into the USI Athletic Hall of Fame, and a quadrangle project that will result in a new campus focal point.

We hope you enjoy reading about all that's new with USI people, places, and programs.



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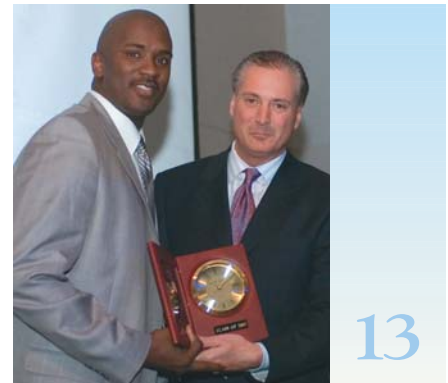
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Greenway Passage



New USI Athletic Hall of Fame



Congressman Brad Ellsworth



### ON THE COVER

The new home for USI business and engineering programs will foster greater collaboration between disciplines. See page 16.



## Letters

### Gordon Kelley remembered

*Readers of the Winter 2007 issue of USI Magazine learned of the death of Dr. Gordon Kelley, professor emeritus of health professions.*

I was fortunate enough to start my academic (second) career at USI in 1989 in the “old” Communications Department in the house along Lloyd Expressway. Thank goodness Gordon Kelley was a longtime radio veteran who loaned me historic recordings and continued his weekend nostalgia show. I remember a tour of his basement — wall after wall of all-time broadcasting greats.

I named a classic performer and he pulled out that recording, copied it for me, and off I went to class the next week with first-person examples of the history I taught, far better than mere word-of-mouth. I see that Gordon died this past semester, and I regret his loss as I teach my 18th year of college outside of Baltimore, Maryland. But I have many fond memories of USI, including the kindness and expertise of Gordon Kelley.

— Wayne Hepler

Associate Professor of Mass  
Communications  
Harford Community College  
Bel Air, Maryland

## USI education more affordable for Illinois, Kentucky students

University of Southern Indiana is making academic programs more affordable for new freshmen and new transfers who reside in Illinois or Kentucky. The University is offering regional academic scholarships, non-resident grants, and non-resident top scholar awards.

The Regional Academic Scholarship (RAS) provides a savings of \$175.95 per credit hour from the current out-of-state rate. Fees for qualified students from Illinois and Kentucky will only be approximately \$30 more per credit hour than in-state students. Indiana residents pay \$148.65 per credit hour; non-residents pay \$354.35 per credit hour.

Eric Otto, director of Admission at USI, said, “Eligible Illinois and Kentucky students who take 15 hours each semester will save more than \$5,000 a year.”

RAS recipients will have a 2.75 or higher (on 4.0 scale) cumulative high school grade point average and new transfer students will have a 2.75 or higher (on 4.0 scale) cumulative college grade point average. Recipients of this award will reside in University housing. These scholarships are limited to the first bachelor’s degree or 155 earned hours.

Otto said, “If the USI tuition rate increases, the value of the RAS increases proportionately.”

Non-Resident Grants (NRG) will be offered to new freshmen who have a 2.5 or higher (on 4.0 scale) cumulative high school grade point average and to new transfer students who have a 2.0 or higher (on 4.0 scale) cumulative college grade point average. The NRG will be awarded to eligible students in Illinois and Kentucky who pursue an undergraduate degree or certificate. The grant provides a tuition reduction of \$131.35 per credit hour, a savings of more than \$4,000 a year for a full-time student.

The Non-Resident Top Scholar Award will recognize new freshmen from out of state. Recipients will rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class or have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and SAT of 1700+ or ACT of 25+. The Non-Resident Top Scholar Award allows students to attend USI at the Indiana resident rate. The award provides a tuition reduction of \$205 per credit hour, a savings of more than \$6,000 a year for a full-time student. Degree-seeking students must apply for admission by March 1 of each year to be considered for this award.

For more information about these awards, call the USI Office of Admission at 800/467-1965. These options take effect for new students who begin their USI enrollment in summer 2007 or later.



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### Renovated entry

Students read, relax, and walk through the Science Center entry that carries a retro look in the carpeting and chairs since renovation of the area. A flat screen TV and new windows complete the restoration of the area that connects the Wright Administration Building with the Science Center.

## RopeWalk Press releases second chapbook

Jeffrey Thomson's *Celestial Emporium of Benevolent Knowledge*, released in March, is the second chapbook published by RopeWalk Press.

Creation of the publishing house was announced last summer by RopeWalk Writers Retreat in anticipation of its 20th anniversary. RopeWalk Writers Retreat is an outreach program of the University. Since 1988 it has given hundreds of participants the opportunity to attend workshops and confer privately with prominent writers in New Harmony, Indiana, the site of two nineteenth-century utopian experiments.

Workshops at RopeWalk are restricted to a dozen participants in order to retain a sense of intimacy between faculty and attendees in New Harmony's retreat-like atmosphere. RopeWalk Press shares those values of high quality and attention to detail.

The author of the most recent release is the recipient of the 2005

Literature Fellowship in Poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts and has won the Masters Poetry Contest and the Academy of American Poets Prize. He is an assistant professor of creative writing at the University of Maine-Farmington.

Dr. Thomas Wilhelmus, a founding director of RopeWalk and professor of English, said, "Since we started the writers' conference, we've added several additional programs: the literary magazine, *Southern Indiana Review*; a winter weekend version of the conference; and an on-campus series of monthly readings. RopeWalk Press is another part of our continuing effort to enhance the creation and appreciation of the literary arts in this region as we approach our 20th year."

Matthew Graham, co-founding RopeWalk director and associate professor of English, said RopeWalk Press will commemorate the 20-year anniversary of the retreat with an anthology containing the poems, short stories, and essays of all the writers who have participated in the conference over the years.

Under the direction of press co-editor Jim McGarrah, work has already begun on *Twenty Years in Utopia: The*

*RopeWalk Writers Retreat Anthology*, to be released in June 2008. It will feature nationally prominent writers such as Stephen Dobyns, Lynn Emanuel, Phil Levine, Sigrid Nunez, Victoria Redel, Kim Barnes, Robert Wrigley, and Susan Neville.

The first release to roll off the presses of RopeWalk Press was Matthew Guenette's *A Hush of Something Endless* in fall 2006. Guenette was an instructor in English at USI from 1999 to 2002. He currently teaches composition, literature, and creative writing in Madison, Wisconsin.

Ron Mitchell, editor of the chapbook series and instructor in English, said, "As part of the publishing cycle, we will release individual chapbooks of merit and host a contest every summer. Ideally, the press hopes to publish and promote three to four titles a year. A chapbook is usually 20 to 30 pages of poetry, fiction, or nonfiction centered by a common theme. We hope to publish all genres, not just poetry."

A RopeWalk Reading Series event featuring Guenette and Thomson was held at the University in March.

Order RopeWalk Press publications online at [http://www.usi.edu/ropewalk/RopeWalk\\_Press.asp](http://www.usi.edu/ropewalk/RopeWalk_Press.asp).



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## 465 fall graduates are newest alumni

The University's first-ever fall Commencement recognized the achievements of 465 degree candidates, increasing USI's total number of graduates to more than 24,000. The ceremony was held December 9 in the Physical Activities Center with Dr. Tim Schibik, professor of economics and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, delivering the Commencement address. Schibik is the most recent recipient of the Integra Bank Distinguished Professor award.



## Annie Krug named vice president for Advancement

Annie M. Krug has been named vice president for Advancement at the University of Southern Indiana. Her career includes 10 years with USI as director of Special Events. She most recently served as vice president for Advancement at Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois.



Krug

Her appointment was effective February 1.

As vice president for Advancement, Krug directs fund-raising efforts, alumni relations, printing services, special events, and marketing and communications for USI.

Commenting on the appointment, she said, "It is a distinct opportunity to be a part of the USI community again. The University of Southern Indiana is a dynamic institution."

Krug directed the USI Office of Special Events from 1989 to 1992 and from 1995 to 2002. She was responsible for department-wide administration of all aspects of event scheduling and conference services. She also worked in development for two years with the Fort Sanders Health System in Knoxville, Tennessee.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "We are pleased to attract someone of Ms. Krug's caliber to the position of vice president for Advancement. She will play an important role at the University of Southern Indiana."

A regional and national presenter on brand implementation and brand management, Krug launched strategic initiatives for strengthening the institutional brand and messages at Rockford College. She also had responsibility for fund raising and alumni cultivation.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and an M.A. degree from Rockford College. She holds certification through the Center on Philanthropy, the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, and Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Krug succeeds Sherrienne Standley, who is retiring this year after three decades of service with the University.

## Accounting team wins third straight state competition

A four-member team of accounting students from the University of Southern Indiana College of Business won first place for the third consecutive year in the annual Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS) Case Study Competition. Teams from 11 universities throughout the state entered the competition.

Each USI team member received a \$1,000 award from INCPAS.

Jeanette Maier-Lytle, USI instructor in accounting and faculty coach of the accounting team for the third year, was recognized by INCPAS as 2006 Outstanding Accounting Educator. The team and Maier-Lytle were recognized in November at the organization's CPA Celebration in Indianapolis.

The "threepeaters" were featured in the "Topline" section of the February 2007 issue of the *Journal of Accountancy*, the official publication of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The 2006 accounting team includes, from left, John Hayden of Evansville; Amy Oglesby of Galatia, Illinois; May Flores of Newburgh, Indiana; faculty advisor Jeanette Maier-Lytle '88, M.B.A. '95; and Adam Knepp of Montgomery, Indiana.

## Linda Bennett on national accountability task force

Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, is among 78 public college and university administrators across the country selected to develop recommendations for a Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA).



Bennett

The project is a partnership between the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. It includes six task forces and technical work groups plus a presidential advisory committee.

Bennett will serve as a member of the Task Force on Student and Family Information to help identify what information is most helpful to prospective students and their families in deciding which university is the best educational fit.

The purpose of the VSA project is to determine how public higher education can become more accountable to the public.



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## Retirements

*Dr. Donald E. Pitzer*

### Studying communal societies has been his life's work

Dr. Donald Pitzer, one of the earliest USI faculty members and a leading scholar on communal utopias and



Pitzer

intentional community, is "interested in everything."

In retirement, he said, "Mostly I want to exercise my freedom from a required routine to pursue the sheer, unadulterated joy of learning."

"I remember standing in line at the Ohio State stadium in 1966 to receive my Ph.D. in history and saying to a fellow graduate, 'Now I look forward to the next 10 years when I can read just what I want.' I'm still waiting for those years."

He will pursue interests in cosmo-

logical philosophy or the nature of the universe, and biohistory, the impact of genetics upon human behavior. He also has ideas for three novels and will continue his habit of writing down daily aphorisms, which he's done since the 1950s.

Pitzer joined USI in 1967, after receiving a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, where his concentration was 19th century social and intellectual history. He was the first chair of the USI History Department when it was formally established in 1985, and continued in that position until 1997.

Pitzer came to USI with an interest in the utopian communities founded in nearby New Harmony, Indiana, and the study of communal societies became his life's work to date.

He founded the Center for Communal Studies at USI in 1976. It has served

as a worldwide hub for information and a unique resource for USI students and faculty as well as scholars, communitarians, and site directors around the globe.

He organized the first Historic Communal Studies Association Conference held in New Harmony in 1974. From this conference, the Communal Studies Association was formed in 1975, and Pitzer served as that organization's first president and was its executive director until 1993. He was one of the founders of the International Communal Studies Association, created at a meeting in Israel in 1985, and became its first president.

Pitzer will teach his last Utopia course before retirement in the second 2007 summer session. His retirement will be effective January 1, 2008.

*Dr. Susan S. Wolfe*

### Learning Italian is next challenge

Dr. Susan Smith Wolfe, associate professor of German, feels fortunate that she found a profession she loves. She retires this year from a teaching



Wolfe

career that has included 23 years with the University of Southern Indiana.

"I go with mixed emotions," she said, "wanting to be a part of it until the last drop."

We have wonderful collegiality here in the department and outside the department. I'll be popping in and using the library as I continue some research interests."

Her interests are in 20th century

German literature, especially drama.

Wolfe and her husband Dr. Donald S. Wolfe, retired associate professor of German, have outlined some immediate plans for their newfound time together after her retirement. Their first priority is to visit their son and his wife and three children. Adam Wolfe is a first lieutenant stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His unit has been called up for duty in Baghdad. The Wolfes also have a daughter Alexia, who lives in Evansville with her husband and three children.

In early summer the Wolfes plan a trip to their native Oregon, camping in parks across Canada and traveling down a few roads off the direct path as they go. They will visit family sprinkled throughout Washington, California, and Oregon on their trip.

In mid-summer, Wolfe will spend time on campus, helping the language department ready itself for a new chair.

The Wolfes will close the summer with a trip abroad for an immersion course in Italy. Both are learning to speak Italian.

"One of my passions is to learn languages," Wolfe said. "It pulls you into the culture more quickly. You are free to roam anywhere once you have the language."

After studying in Italy, they also will visit many longtime friends in Germany.

Wolfe was the recipient of USI's H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award in 2005. She also has served as the University's Fulbright advisor.

## Ruston estate establishes President's Endowment

The University will benefit from the generosity of Henry W. Ruston who provided in his estate a gift of \$5.1 million, the single



Ruston

largest bequest to date to the USI Foundation.

Ruston died in December 2005.

A \$4.5 million portion of the gift is being used to establish the Ruston President's Endowment for the University of Southern

Indiana.

Annual distributions from the Ruston President's Endowment will be used to promote academic excellence as determined by Dr. H. Ray Hoops, the University president. It may be used to fund academic excellence initiatives directly or serve as a match or challenge for programs or capital improvement projects related to academic excellence.

The remaining \$679,000 is being used as the major funding for a complete renovation of the basketball arena in the Physical Activities Center on campus.

Commenting on the generous gift, President Hoops said, "Henry was a big

fan of the Screaming Eagles and always listened to the games if he couldn't attend. His generous gift to assist the athletic program is another fitting tribute to him.

"Henry genuinely cared about all of our students. He enjoyed meeting them. He also enjoyed receiving correspondence from them, especially his academic scholarship recipients. He used to slip them what he called 'gas money'."

Because Henry was a realist he knew the University would need funds in years to come for items that cannot be dreamed of at this time. His goal was to meet the needs of USI students far into the future."

Ruston received an honorary degree from USI in 1995 for his achievements in business and civic affairs. He owned a successful florist business in Evansville. In 2002 the USI Alumni Association gave him the Special Recognition Award for his generous contributions to USI and for his community involvement. The Helen Niednagel Ruston Terrace of the Liberal Arts Center was named for his first wife who died in 1997. Ruston Hall, the fourth residence hall built on campus, bears his name and that of his second wife Betty, who died in 2002.

## Business faculty are first to commit to program needs of new building

College of Business faculty have demonstrated their commitment to the University and support of the new College of Business and General Classroom Building by



Mahoney

exceeding in less than a month a \$25,000 fund-raising goal (including matching gift) they set for themselves.

Timothy B. Mahoney, instructor in economics, learned of the

planned campaign for the new building in December. The fund-raising effort was to begin in 2007. Realizing that dollars given through December 2006 would be eligible for the Lilly Endowment matching funds (see box on this page), Mahoney thought College of Business faculty would want to participate immediately. And he was right. An e-mail announcement followed by an information session at a December faculty meeting and a personal letter from Mahoney generated a big response. "Faculty were curious and very interested," he said.

The business faculty raised \$11,624 for a total of \$26,154 with the match. The College of Business Faculty Enhancement Endowment will generate an annual distribution for programmatic support.

Mahoney believes that "a lot of good things happen at the University" and hopes that business leaders in the community will recognize that faculty were the first to step up to support the college's programs when they consider financial support for the new building.

Mahoney is using the building project as a real-life lesson in capital spending in economics classes he teaches this semester.

## Lilly Endowment match reaches maximum

Thanks to generous donors, the USI Foundation has reached its goal of raising \$2 million which will be matched with \$2.5 million from the Lilly Endowment Initiative To Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana Higher Education Institutions-II. The successful effort puts \$4.5 million to work to benefit students.

### \$2 million in gifts to USI Foundation

- \$1,632,298 for endowments
  - 50 new endowments (\$1,113,992)
  - 70 existing endowments augmented (\$518,306)
- \$367,702, representing 2,985 gifts, will meet the most urgent needs of the University as part of the Annual Fund.

### \$2.5 million Lilly Endowment match

**Total: \$4.5 million at work  
changing the lives of students**

*The Lilly Endowment launched the matching gift program in June 2005. Gifts paid in full by December 2006 were eligible for the match (\$1.25 for every dollar given).*



## Biology alumni step up to assist students who follow in their footsteps 48 graduates help endow Marr Scholarship for biology majors

Graduates of the University of Southern Indiana who earned a degree in biology have more than stepped up to a challenge by a former professor to help biology students of the future with financial support for their education.

Dr. Jack L. Marr, associate professor emeritus of biology, sent a letter in December asking alumni of the biology program to help endow a scholarship at the \$12,000 level. Before Marr invited their assistance, the Jackson L. and Barbara A. Marr Biology Scholarship stood at slightly more than \$2,000. Alumni gifts, along with matching funds from the Lilly Endowment, will bring the fund total to more than \$24,740.

Donors were offered a \$1.25 matching grant by the Lilly Endowment for every dollar they gave through December 2006.

The USI Foundation had planned to make one \$500 award each year. With the overwhelming response that achieved twice the goal, the Foundation will be able to award more than had been planned. Forty-eight graduates of the biology program had contributed to the scholarship at press time.

The first Marr Scholarship was awarded in March at Honors Day for the Pott College of Science and Engineering.

The Marrs have designated the scholarship to reward students who have little or no other scholarship support and who have excelled during their freshman year as biology majors.

"This will generally involve the 'late bloomer,' the student who has matured and now knows what needs to be done to achieve his or her goals," Marr said.

Marr joined the University in 1971 and retired in 2001. The Marr Scholarship was established when he retired and has increased over the years.

In his letter to alumni, he said, "As



Jack and Barbara Marr

a biology graduate of the University of Southern Indiana, you know how much hard work it took to be successful. It hasn't changed, and in fact many of the challenges have just compounded. Most of you started in beginning biology classes where I spent much of my time during my 30 years at USI. Those beginning classes set the tone for the entire curriculum. Success in those classes was often a good indicator of future successes."

Biology alumni have a history of responding to University needs. In past years they have provided financial support for the Anne G. and Melvin W. "Mike" Denner Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratories in the Torrington Wing of the Science Center and for a scholarship award in the name of Mike Denner, professor emeritus of biology, who died in 2003.

For Marr one of the joys of being a faculty member was the opportunity to attend graduation each year.

"You see so much growth in the four or five years that students are at USI," he said. "It's tremendously satisfying to see how much they've developed. I always thought that going to graduation was a great time."

Since his retirement, Marr has continued to serve the University community as a volunteer for the Department of Athletics. A member of the Varsity Club board of directors for almost 11 years, he is a past chair and was the board's treasurer for four years. He has served as chair of the Varsity Club's Fall Festival Booth and on committees for the Steak Fry 'n Auction, Golf Scramble, and Outback Luncheon. As a past chair of the Varsity Club, he serves on the advisory board for the Athletics program. In addition, he has tutored student athletes since his retirement. In 2005, he was named USI Volunteer of the Year.

Marr also has served as the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) faculty athletic representative for USI.

He and his wife Barbara live in Evansville.

### What biology graduates say...

*"It's rare that I get the chance to write a check for something so deserving as a scholarship in your name. You helped us out so much in the past, and it's great to see you're still doing so much for students!"*

—**Tod R. Fawcett '82, DDS**  
Fort Myers, Florida

*"I want to thank you for all the support and encouragement you gave me during my time at 'little USI.' I am so amazed by its growth!"*

—**Imo Schmitt Kurre '73**  
Workforce Coordinator  
Nebraska Workforce Development  
North Platte, Nebraska

### Shannon Wooden

#### *Engaging imaginations and critical minds*

Dr. Shannon Wooden, assistant professor of English, is the first recipient of the USI Foundation Outstanding Teaching by New Faculty Award, instituted in fall 2006 by the USI Foundation.

"I couldn't be more proud of this teaching award, because I spend a lot of time really trying on purpose to be a good teacher," Wooden said.

"I have had a lot of professors who were undoubtedly brilliant and who wrote great books and with whom I enjoyed working one-on-one. Sometimes those professors put a lot of thought into syllabus design, class activities, careful assignment writing, and evaluation, but often times they didn't, and what you had was a brilliant person running a genuinely unsuccessful class.

"At some institutions—maybe just on the graduate level—you can get away with that because students are self-motivated and have their own interests, but at an undergraduate institution that emphasizes teaching, I think more creative work needs to go into the methodologies of teaching."

In nominating Wooden for the

#### **New awards**

Faculty members Shannon Wooden and Christine Payne are the first recipients of USI Foundation awards for excellence in teaching. One new faculty member (less than six years with the University) and one adjunct faculty member will be recognized each year with cash awards. Writer Wendy Knipe Bredhold '98 of the USI News and Information Services staff tells us what makes these faculty members special in the classroom.



LaVerné Jones/USI

Shannon Wooden challenges her students with creative teaching strategies.

*"At an undergraduate institution that emphasizes teaching, I think more creative work needs to go into the methodologies of teaching."*

— Dr. Shannon Wooden

award, a student wrote, "Dr. Wooden brings to the classroom an exceptional enthusiasm for and sound understanding of the subject at hand. Her classes are not routine or predictable."

Wooden said, "I can only assume the student is responding to my attempts to vary the pedagogy a bit—sometimes we work in groups, sometimes I lecture, sometimes they write—we have a variety of in-class activities so we're not doing the same thing every day."

One example of Wooden's creative teaching is an assignment in her introductory literature classes. Wooden wants to measure the students' knowledge of the elements of fiction, and make sure they understand the interpretive significance of character, plot, and symbols. Instead of critiquing a story, they write their own story and annotate it to point out those elements.

She said the assignment engages students more deeply. "They enjoy doing it, and it requires them to be original and creative instead of look up a critical analysis in the library and

let it shape their own. This assignment engages their imaginations as well as their critical minds. I get a better product and they have a better time."

The new faculty award includes a \$1,000 cash stipend and a faculty development grant of \$1,000. Wooden will use the development grant to continue research she will begin in early summer with a fall 2006 College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Award. She will study rare 19th century British periodicals at St. Louis University.

She is in search of stories that would illuminate the popular perceptions of medical science at the time—perceptions that might have been reflected in 19th century literature such as *Dracula*.

Wooden holds a doctoral degree in English with emphasis in 19th century British literature from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, from which she also received the Dougald MacMillan Award for Best Dissertation. She has been with USI since 2003.

## Christine Payne

### *Living what she teaches*

The first time Christine Payne took a yoga class, she hated it.

"It touched muscles I hadn't used before, but it did help my posture," she said. "Over time, it started to help my outlook on life and gave me a calm, stress-free place to go when things got tough." In 2006, she earned an advanced yoga certification, which requires attending 200 hours of courses, divided over one weekend a month for a year.

Payne, recipient of the USI Foundation's 2006-07 Outstanding Teaching Award for Adjunct Faculty, teaches yoga, aerobics, and fitness and wellness courses. She has been teaching at USI since 2002 and was a tennis coach at the University of Evansville for 24 years.

Her award includes a \$500 one-time stipend, and a \$500 professional development grant, money she'll use to become certified as a CPR instructor and for a fitness or yoga workshop.

In nominating Payne, a colleague wrote, "Chris Payne personifies the image of 'teacher.' She has thorough command of her subject matter. She is committed to expanding her knowledge base, keeping herself fresh, renewed, and up-to-date. She is constantly changing, designing, and creating new materials for her students. She is able to challenge her students."

Teaching courses in fitness and wellness—a field in constant flux as new research emerges—requires that Payne spend a lot of time reading. Her trusted resources include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"You have to be very concerned about the resources you choose," she



Elizabeth Randolph/USI

Christine Payne leads a class in the Physical Activities Center.

*"I feel strongly that the health of our country depends on young adults who continue with their good health habits."*

— Christine Payne

said. "If it's a study, you want to know who paid for it, who promoted it, how many subjects were in it, and if a reputable organization did the research."

She keeps up on aerobics and yoga through attending workshops and conferences.

"Aerobics is ever-changing, so you have to constantly go to workshops. I've also attended the International Fitness Conference, and learned a lot that way."

She said students seem to enjoy working out. "The class is not just something they have to take as a core course. They are actually having fun."

In turn, Payne has fun when she's teaching. "And I live what I teach. So there is always an example," she said.

"I love the students. They like a challenge, and they don't like to be spoon-fed information. I try not to preach, but to get them involved and make it personal."

Payne thinks physical education is as important in college as in the preceding school years.

"I feel strongly that the health of our country depends on young adults who continue with their good health habits, and if they don't have any, to develop them," she said.

"This is the first time most of the students are on their own and making their own decisions. "With fitness and wellness implemented into the curriculum, they learn how to bring it into their daily lives."





# THE NEW HARMONY THEATRE celebrates 20 years

New artistic director, improvements to Murphy Auditorium, and fall repertory program continue energy of growing theatre program

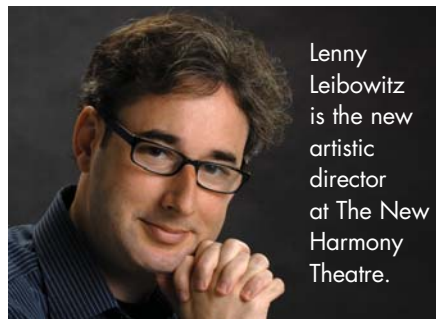
The New Harmony Theatre celebrates its 20th anniversary of operation under the auspices of the University of Southern Indiana this summer and welcomes a new artistic director, Lenny Leibowitz. Patrons can look forward to renovations in New Harmony's Murphy Auditorium, including new theatre seats. In a groundbreaking collaboration with the USI theatre program, The New Harmony Theatre also will expand its programming in 2007 by offering a fall repertory season in Evansville.

## THEATRE GROWTH

In 1988, USI took over production of the summer theatre from a community group in New Harmony. In 1989, the season featured an actor on a contract with Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers, for the first time. Over the past 20 years, actors with notable Broadway, Off-Broadway, regional theatre, television, and film credits have performed on the Murphy Auditorium stage. In 2005, The New Harmony Theatre produced the world premiere production of *A Moon to Dance By*. The play generated interest from Broadway producers.

## NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

The new artistic director, Lenny Leibowitz, arrived in Evansville last fall



Lenny Leibowitz is the new artistic director at The New Harmony Theatre.

with a wealth of professional theatre experience, including the world premiere of *Making Tracks*, which presented a workshop at New York's Joseph Papp Theatre and ran Off-Broadway at Rockefeller Center's Taipei Theatre, and the world premiere of *The Devil and Daniel Webster* (which he co-wrote) at Seattle's Intiman Theatre. He has directed at other major regional theatres around the country.

Leibowitz made his professional debut as a piano soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra at age 16. As a musical director, he conducted the first European tours of *On the Town* and *Grease*. In a recent interview in *Evansville Living* magazine, Leibowitz said he was attracted to his new position because it offered him "the opportunity to lead one of the nation's landmark regional theatres into a new era of growth...[and] to be part of USI's theatre department, one of the fastest



growing and most creatively fertile in the region."

## 2007 SEASON

For his first season at The New Harmony Theatre, Leibowitz has selected three plays that "reflect the full-blooded theatricality and elemental storytelling" to which he is drawn.

The season will open on June 8 with Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*, a Tony Award-winning drama that imagines the complex relationship between one of the world's greatest composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and his musical rival, Antonio Salieri. The *New York Times* called *Amadeus* a "confrontation between mediocrity and genius" that is "terrifically entertaining." It runs through June 24.

The season continues July 6–22 with Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, considered by Leibowitz to be one of the world's greatest comedies. According to *The New York Times*, the play is "full of rib-tickling text, sparkling language...[and] audacious comic predicaments" that result when two brides-to-be discover their fiancés are not exactly who they have claimed to be.

*I Do! I Do!*, a musical about marriage, is the final production of the 2007 season. A Broadway hit featuring Robert Preston and Mary Martin in the 1960s, *I Do! I Do!* was written by Tom Jones

Far left: *Side by Side* by Sondheim on stage summer 2006.

Left: Actors Christine Ulrich Jones '95 and Connor Trineer in *Picnic* 1994.

Below: Patrons enjoy the summer evening during intermission at Murphy Auditorium.



LaVerne Jones/USI

and Harvey Schmidt, the same team who created *The Fantasticks*.

Leibowitz said the musical features some of the most sumptuous melodies of the entire musical theatre canon, including the standard “My Cup Runneth Over.”

The final production of the season runs July 27–August 12.

## STUDENTS’ ROLE

Like many professional theatres around the country, The New Harmony Theatre provides an opportunity for pre-professional theatre artists to develop their skills and talents. In 2007, USI students will be employed as acting interns and in many other areas of theatre operations, including company and stage management, painting, props, electrics, and costumes.

Six USI students have already been hired for the summer, and Leibowitz expects to employ several more.

He said, “New Harmony Theatre offers USI students the chance to begin their professional careers in theatre before they graduate. That’s very unusual, and it sets our students apart from those at other schools.”

## MURPHY AUDITORIUM RENOVATION

Patrons can look forward to improvements at Murphy Auditorium this summer, including new theatre seats and carpet.

Built in preparation for the town’s centennial in 1914, Murphy Auditorium is part of the New Harmony National Historic Landmark District, one of only 50 districts so designated by the National Park Service. Connie Weinzapfel, director of USI’s Historic New Harmony, said professional paint analysis will be conducted to determine original colors in the building. New seats and other improvements will reflect the auditorium’s vintage.

Mark Rozewski, USI vice president for Business Affairs, said, “The New Harmony Theatre is one of USI’s gems—a wonderful program that brings national acclaim to the University. It was time to update the auditorium and make it more comfortable for our patrons.”

## FALL REPERTORY PROJECT

The New Harmony Theatre and USI Theatre will co-produce a repertory season this fall in Evansville.

Leibowitz said the acting company will include professional Equity actors and some of USI’s top theatre students.

He said, “This project will maximize the best qualities of our two programs,

with veteran actors working alongside students on two great plays—Arthur Miller’s *The Crucible* and Oliver Goldsmith’s *She Stoops to Conquer*. These plays are a terrific pairing. They both expose the hypocrisy and sanctimony of society, but they come at the subject matter from totally different angles.”

Leibowitz will direct *The Crucible*, a drama.

Elliot Wasserman, director of USI Theatre, will direct *She Stoops to Conquer*, which was written in 1773 and was the most uproarious British comedy of manners since Shakespeare.

The two plays will run in repertory, meaning they will be performed on alternate nights.

“That requires the directors, designers, and actors to really flex their creative muscles,” Leibowitz said. “For the audience, the repertory experience can help people see the connections between things that might not otherwise appear to have a kinship. And there is something really delightful about watching one actor take on two very different roles.”

Repertory performances will run October 24–November 11.

## Tickets

The New Harmony Theatre  
2007 Summer Season  
Box Office  
Toll free 877/NHT-SHOW  
(648-7469)  
[www.newharmonytheatre.com](http://www.newharmonytheatre.com)

## Alumni Night The New Harmony Theatre

The New Harmony Theatre will host USI Alumni Night on July 21. Tickets for that evening’s performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* will be offered at the discount price of \$18. Watch for more details!



# Learning more about Lincoln

Historian Darrel Bigham helps nation prepare for 16th president's 200th birthday



**D**r. Darrel Bigham, professor of history, has taught Civil War history at USI since the early 1970s. When he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in



Bigham

2000, he thought he knew the sixteenth president.

But after having served on the commission for the last several years, Bigham has found the amount of scholarship available on Lincoln

“absolutely mind-boggling.”

“I thought I knew Lincoln and the Civil War,” he said, “but I’ve since realized how little I knew, not only about what had been written, but what primary source materials exist in manuscript form and on the Web. The amount is enormous. More has been written about him than any person other than Jesus and Shakespeare.”

Bigham is one of five presidential appointees to the 15-member commission. Five were appointed by the House of Representatives, and five by the Senate. Among them there are academics, Lincoln scholars, collectors, and buffs, politicians, and lay people. “It’s a fascinating mix of people from all over the country.”

Through his work on the commission, he has gotten to know more about

the Lincoln community, as well as the man himself. “There are scores of Lincoln-oriented organizations throughout the world,” he said. “They are most numerous in Japan, surprisingly. In the U.S. there are not just local and regional organizations in cities such as Chicago, New York, Boston, and Washington, but a number of important national organizations.”

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The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act of 2000 stipulates several mandates for the body, including the creation of Lincoln-oriented stamps, a redesigned penny, and a special rededication program at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

In addition, the commission has two major program committees: education, which Bigham chairs, and public programs.

Lincoln was born in 1809. The bicentennial will kick off February 12, 2008, with a celebration at Lincoln’s birthplace in Hodgenville, Kentucky, followed by a major event on Mother’s Day weekend 2008 at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Spencer County, focusing on Lincoln’s mother, who is buried there.



Bigham and Spencer County efforts to mark the bicentennial were featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article in fall 2006.

Bigham’s involvement in the Lincoln community of scholars has carried over into several other activities. He’s part of an informal group of people from Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky called Lincoln States. Along with park service sites and tourism agencies from each state, members collaborate on marketing and promotion.

Historic Southern Indiana, an outreach program of the University for which Bigham serves as director, sponsors the annual Lincoln Institute for Teachers in conjunction with the National Park Service staff in Spencer County.

The Organization of American Historians asked Bigham to guest-edit an issue of the *Magazine of History* for high school teachers entitled “Lincoln and Race.”

“In 1909, people who observed the centennial were oblivious to what we consider most important,” Bigham said. “They called Lincoln ‘Preserver of the Union.’ Consider our times. We have to deal with issues of race and freedom and fundamental principles. The context of our times will shape how we reflect on him and the kinds of things we create for teachers of the next generation of students.”



# USI Athletic Hall of Fame inducts first class

The inaugural class of the USI Athletic Hall of Fame was inducted in a ceremony and dinner February 2 prior to Homecoming. The class of seven individuals was selected from 90 nominations by a nine-member USI Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

USI Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall said the first class is a good representation of the strong athletic history USI has established.

“Each member of this class represents significant points in the development of the USI athletics program,” he said.



Elizabeth Randolph/USI

Gathering for the USI Athletic Hall of Fame induction were, from left, Dr. William Stegemoller, Mike Fetscher, Amber Huse Tooley, Stan Gouard, Mary Alice Bertram (representing her husband, the late Dr. Charles Bertram), Kathy Lauck Schreiber, and Todd Reller. The induction was held February 2; Dr. Stegemoller died March 5.



## 2007 Inaugural Class – USI Athletic Hall of Fame



Fetscher

### Mike Fetscher '96 Baseball 1992–95

USI's only three-time All-American in baseball, Mike Fetscher exploded onto the scene as a freshman throwing two no-hitters, one a perfect game. Fetscher settled into the closer role as his career went along and still holds the career record for saves and strikeouts. He is tied for second all-time in wins and is tied for most wins in a season. Fetscher also holds the record for strikeouts in a game with 14.

He was member of USI's NCAA II Tournament team in 1992, 1993, and 1994 and the Great Lakes Valley Conference

title team in 1993. He played on teams with back-to-back 40-win seasons (1992, 1993).

“Being nominated was a great honor in itself, but to be elected to the inaugural class is simply overwhelming,” said Fetscher, who is coordinator of instructional broadcasting for the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions.

“I came to USI to play baseball and get an education and after 10 years in the workforce I am back at USI. Working at USI gives me a chance to help students and faculty, the same way many of them helped me.

“When you are a player you don't really think about the awards and the honors,” he said. “Now the honors and the awards take on a new meaning and it is a time of reflection allowing you to relive the great times you had with teammates.”

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Gouard

## **Stan Gouard '00** **Men's Basketball** **1993–96**

Stan Gouard was the first USI athlete to be named the national player of the year twice, earning the honor in 1995 and 1996. He was an integral part of the 1995 national championship team.

In addition, he was a two-time All-American, GLVC Player of the Year, GLVC Newcomer of the Year, the 1994 NCAA II Elite Eight Most Outstanding Player, and the CBS/Chevrolet Player of the Game during the 1994 tournament finals. In the 1994 NCAA II Tournament championship game he had 30 points. During his three seasons at USI, he climbed the all-time charts and still ranks third all-time in scoring and fifth all-time in rebounding.

While the “Superman” was known for his offense, his defense was not to be overlooked. He set the single-season record and tops the chart all-time in steals. Following his career, he played extensively in Europe and South America before becoming a coach at USI.

“It’s a blessing to be mentioned as one of the best student athletes to wear the red, white, and blue,” said Gouard, who is now an assistant coach for the Indiana State University men’s basketball team. “I’m honored and will cherish this award the most because it puts a stamp on my USI career. I knew from day one that USI was the place where great things would happen for me.”



Tooley

## **Amber Huse Tooley '96** **Softball** **1993–96**

Amber Huse Tooley was a four-year starter for the softball team. She was a first team Academic All-American in 1994 and 1995 and first team All-American in 1994 as well as second team All-American in 1995. She was a three-time All-GLVC and

Academic All-GLVC performer and was the recipient of the Richard F. Scharf Paragon Award (the GLVC’s highest student athlete award) in 1996.

Tooley ranks first all-time in career doubles and triples; third in career home runs and RBIs; fourth in hits; and fifth in batting average and runs scored. She also holds the record for the longest hitting streak and the season record for triples.

“I was beyond excited and completely shocked to be named to the USI Athletic Hall of Fame,” said Tooley, a stay-at-home mom in Noblesville, Indiana. “At USI I was doing something I enjoyed and it is nice to be recognized. I still can’t put into words how honored I am to be inducted.”



Schreiber

## **Kathy Lauck Schreiber '04** **Women's Basketball** **1990–94**

The current success of the women’s basketball team is built in part on the legacy of Kathy Lauck Schreiber. She was the program’s first All-American, being named by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association, *Division II Bulletin*, and *USA Today*.

The 1994 GLVC Player of the Year was a three-time All-GLVC player. She also ranks third in scoring, rebounding, and field goals made and fourth in free throws made all-time at USI. She also holds the record of hitting 31 consecutive free throws.

“I am extremely honored,” said Schreiber, a stay-at-home mom in Indianapolis. “It is very exciting to see how the athletic program has evolved into a perennial power and to know my teammates and I had a part in it. To know that your contributions to the program have given you the opportunity to be one of an elite group of people in the Hall of Fame is wonderful.”



Reller

## **Todd Reller '84** **Cross Country/Track** **1980–84**

Todd Reller was USI’s first All-American in cross country, finishing sixth in the 1982 NCAA Division II National Championship meet. He also is a two-time All-GLVC and All-Region runner. Reller was a member of the USI squad that placed third at the 1983 NCAA II National Championships.

“Being inducted is a great individual honor for me,” said Reller. “I accept this honor for my teammates and coach.”

“We put together four great years—finishing 17th, 10th, fifth, and third—and finishing four straight years in the ‘big dance,’ which was not a bad way to start the USI tradition. ‘Stege’ (Bill Stegemoller, USI cross country coach) had the ability to find talented high school runners at 5k (high school race distance) and make them into great 8k and 10k racers.”

*"It is very exciting to see how the athletic program has evolved into a perennial power and to know my teammates and I had a part in it."*

— Kathy Lauck Schreiber '04



Stegemoller

**Dr. William Stegemoller**  
**Cross Country/Track Head Coach**  
**1979–98**

Dr. Bill Stegemoller created the USI men's cross country program in 1979 and proceeded to win nine straight GLVC crowns (1979–88).

During his career at USI, the Eagles won 12 conference titles. He also directed the Eagles into the national spotlight with a third-place finish at the 1983 NCAA II National Championships and to 12 appearances in the championship meet. The Eagles advanced to the national meet by winning the regional championship three times.

Stegemoller coached 16 All-Americans, including Elly Rono who won three national championships in 1997–98 and was the NCAA II Runner of the Year twice in cross country.

"I am very pleased to have been selected for membership in the USI Athletic Hall of Fame," said Stegemoller, who planned to retire this year as associate professor of mathematics after 29 years at USI. Stegemoller attended the induction ceremony. He died on March 5 in Newburgh.



Bertram

**Dr. Charles Bertram**  
**Faculty Athletic Representative**  
**1979–99**

Dr. Charles Bertram served Athletics from its humble beginnings until his death in 1999. He was faculty athletic representative and compliance officer for the program. He also was one of the founders of the GLVC, serving both as treasurer and presi-

dent. His influence on the department in the areas of honesty and integrity can still be felt today.

Mary Alice Bertram, widow of Dr. Bertram, said, "Charlie devoted many countless volunteer hours to Athletics when the program was developing, never dreaming that in a few short years USI would become a nationally ranked program. His family is very honored by this Hall of Fame recognition."

Dr. Bertram's son David continued, "Dad would consider his induction into the inaugural class of the Hall of Fame as a confirmation that his sound judgment throughout his career made a positive impact on USI Athletics and most importantly its student athletes.

"My father was as passionate about the athletic programs at USI as anyone I have ever encountered. He would be overwhelmed by both pride and emotion at having been selected as a member of the inaugural class."



Elizabeth Randolph/USI

Past members of the cross country and track teams attended the Hall of Fame ceremony to honor the induction of their former coach, Bill Stegemoller, front row, third from left.



Elizabeth Randolph/USI

Inductee Stan Gouard and his wife Chasity look at the clock and plaque given to inductees to commemorate their selection to the Hall of Fame.

### Eligibility

Any Eagles fan may nominate student athletes or teams no earlier than the 10th anniversary of their last season of competition or a coach/administrator who has been separated from the Department of Athletics for two years. Special individuals (e.g., Varsity Club members) also are eligible for nominations.





# New building will be state of the art for business and engineering

Space planning will foster collaboration between programs



Architects for the new College of Business and General Classroom Building have designed a 117,000 square-foot classroom and laboratory building that will serve both business and engineering programs at the University of Southern Indiana.

The project is estimated to cost \$31.9 million, of which \$2 million in design funding has been released to the University. The \$29.9 million balance of the project cost, for construction of the building, will be sought from the 2007 General Assembly.

Architects, Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (HOK, Inc.) of St. Louis, Missouri, and Hafer Associates of Evansville presented the schematic design of the building for discussion at the January meeting of the USI Board of Trustees.

In addition to facilities for the USI College of Business, the building will

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— Mohammed Khayum, Dean  
College of Business

contain laboratory and office space for the Department of Engineering of the USI Pott College of Science and Engineering. The building will serve both business and engineering programs interdependently, providing both dedicated and shared classroom and laboratory space.

The design allows each program to have a distinct identity, yet overlap in a shared central atrium.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said growing enrollment in both business

and engineering programs demonstrates need for the new building.

Enrollment in the College of Business alone grew by 29 percent between 1995 and 2005, necessitating an expansion of instructional space and improvements in technology and instructional media. The engineering program now has 275 majors and continues to see strong growth, requiring an expansion of traditional instructional space and high-tech laboratories and equipment.

The deans of both colleges anticipate how the new home for these academic programs will enhance teaching and learning and offer new opportunities for collaboration between programs.

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business, said, "The new building will be a tremendous addition to our campus. It will allow us to enhance the educational experiences of our students with some of the most advanced learning support environments. There will be a heavy focus on the use of technology and space in the building to encourage collaboration, creativity, and interactivity among students. The building will provide us with the opportunity to build upon our significant accomplishments and culture as we prepare students with transferable skills and an enterprising orientation."

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said, "This building will provide state-of-the-

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Pott College of Science and Engineering

art teaching and research facilities for our growing engineering program. In addition to specialized engineering laboratories, there will be an engineering design center to promote student and faculty innovation and collaboration. The co-location of business and engineering in this facility was purposeful: we are living in a science and technology-based economy where collaboration in design, development, marketing, and business planning is a necessity. USI is on the cutting edge in terms of designing

collaborative programs and facilities for the current economy and developing an entrepreneurial culture for the future."

Predominant building materials are brick, limestone, and glass—materials chosen to relate the new building to existing campus buildings. Entry to the building will occur along a seam between the business and engineering areas, and arrival will be announced by the atrium that will be filled with views, natural light, and collaborative activity.

## Campaign to raise \$2 million in private support

Members of the Indiana General Assembly will be well aware of private support for a new College of Business and General Classroom Building as they consider funding the University of Southern Indiana's top priority in its capital budget request.

The USI Foundation Major Gifts Committee has organized a campaign to raise \$2 million in supplemental support for the building, which will house the University's business and engineering programs. The committee includes past chairs of the Foundation, members of the College of Business Board of Advisors, and the deans of the College of Business and the

Pott College of Science and Engineering.

At press time, more than \$525,000 had been pledged.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said, "It has been the practice in recent years for many capital project requests which come before the legislature from the state's universities to also come with a commitment of private support. Not all the programmatic needs of this new building can be met with the state appropriation. A significant financial commitment from the private sector will demonstrate to the legislature the community support for state-of-the-art instructional facilities."

Major gifts committed to date include the following:

- **John and Judith Lippert** responded to program needs of the new building with a \$250,000 commitment to fund the 100-seat John D. Lippert Lecture Hall. The Lipperts committed to the campaign before his death in July 2006. He was past chairman and CEO of National City Bank in Evansville and a founding member of the College of Business Board of Advisors. The 100-seat hall on the lower level of the new building will serve the College of Business.



Judi Lippert and USI President Ray Hoops

- **Dan and Janet Fuquay** of Evansville have committed \$50,000 in memory of her late father, a self-trained engineer, to establish the Lloyd C. Hahn Engineering Design Center.



Dan and Janet Fuquay

Janet Fuquay said, "If my father had had a college of engineering here when he was young, life would have been much easier for him."

Dan Fuquay is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors.

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- **Ron '73 and Connie Romain '74** will provide \$50,000 to equip a 52-seat board room on the third floor of the new building. Their interest in the project is both personal and professional. Both are alumni and longtime friends of the University.



Connie and Ron Romain

President and CEO of Evansville-based United Companies, Ron Romain said, "We hire a lot of USI graduates in all the various parts of our company. Having a school that equips those students with the tools they need to do their job is not just an asset to our business but an asset to all businesses in Evansville."

Ron Roman is the immediate past chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and was the first alumnus to hold that position. Connie serves on the board of Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc.

- **Victor V. Schriefer Jr.**, retired quality assurance manager for Evansville Brewing Company, has pledged \$50,000 for a 22-seat communications lab for use by the engineering program. Schriefer is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors.



Victor V. Schriefer Jr.

- **An anonymous donor** has pledged \$50,000 for a Stock Market Simulation Room. The 36-seat laboratory on the first floor of the building will offer stock exchange monitors and technology for live financial news updates.

- **Jim and Valerie McKinney** have committed \$25,000 for an Entrepreneurship Lab. College of Business faculty see the lab as a venue to cultivate and give concrete shape to the entrepreneurial spirit. It will include computer technology capable of managing large databases as well as advanced engineering programs, space to mock up a product or examine prototypes, and a main room/observation room



Valerie and Jim McKinney

to run focus groups. Jim McKinney, president of Regency Commercial Associates in Evansville, is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and the College of Business Board of Advisors.

- Longtime University friends **Bruce and Carol Baker** and **Jim and Eileen Will** will provide funds to complete a tiered classroom. The couples have pledged \$12,500 each for a total of \$25,000. Bruce Baker is chair of the USI Board of Trustees; Jim Will is a University trustee and past chair of the USI Board of Trustees.



Bruce and Carol Baker

- **College of Business faculty** have raised more than \$26,000 (including a Lilly Endowment match) for program needs. Tim Mahoney, a 20-year member of the faculty, led the successful effort. (See story on page 6.)



Jim and Eileen Will

A specialized facility that will be moved from Orr Center to the new building is the Joe Coslett Family Sales Management Development Laboratory which opened fall semester.

The lab was developed with a \$25,000 gift from Evansville businessman **Joe Coslett**, whose successful sales career spanned more than 40 years.

Many naming opportunities are available for those who contribute at the \$25,000 and above level. A multi-year payment option for major gifts is available. A donor recognition display in the atrium of the new building will recognize gifts of \$1,000 and above. The committee's aim is to attain financial commitments by June 30. The campaign will continue until \$2 million in private support has been pledged.





The quadrangle project will include a labyrinth in front of the Liberal Arts Center, a fountain at the entrance to the University Center, and an amphitheatre centered on the Rice Library rotunda.

## Quadrangle landscaping will create focal point

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— Mark Rozewski  
Treasurer and Vice President  
for Business Affairs

Work has begun on a major project that will create a new focal point for the USI campus—a quadrangle between the University Center, Rice Library, Technology Center, new College of Business and General Classroom Building, and Liberal Arts Center.

Construction and landscaping of the project—the final piece of the

library project—will continue through fall 2007.

Mark Rozewski, USI treasurer and vice president for Business Affairs, said the quadrangle project is part of the University’s overall goal of building community.

“We want to create a campus that is much more than a place you take a class, but a place you love to be, and this is another part of that effort,” he said.

The quadrangle will include new areas of landscaping and seating while leaving open a lawn area for games of Frisbee and lounging in the sun.

Rozewski said, “There will be many trees and extensive vegetation carefully calculated to be blooming at all times of year. It’s an extensive, and very intentional, design with a deep knowledge of horticulture.”

A fountain will replace the circular landscaped area between the University Center and Rice Library.

An inverted natural amphitheatre will provide seating in front of Rice Library, with stairs leading up to the terrace. Trees planted on either side of the seating area will frame the entrance to the library.

A paved labyrinth modeled after New Harmony’s Cathedral Labyrinth will be constructed in front of the Liberal Arts Center.

“The concept was that we wanted a living reference on campus to our relationship with New Harmony,” Rozewski said.

The Cathedral Labyrinth is a replica of the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral, built in the 12th century near Paris, France. The consultant on the USI project, Labyrinth Enterprises of St. Louis, also worked on the Cathedral Labyrinth, described as “the most beautiful labyrinth in the United States.”



# Studying the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage

USI's Center for Applied Research and Economic Development involves students and faculty in gathering and analyzing data to help community leaders understand the impact of the trail



Greg Nixon '06/USI

Many Evansville Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage trail users surveyed by University of Southern Indiana student Jennifer Nolan during a recent usage study talked about how they were looking forward to completion of additional segments so they could walk farther without getting off the path.

Michael Patzer, a finance and economics major, felt that gathering data about the recreational pathway would help move it forward.

"I have an interest in it, having lived in Evansville," he said. Patzer has used the pathway for walking and biking.

Nolan and Patzer were two of 42 students, most of them from an economics class in statistics, who were recruited in fall semester to conduct a study initiated by the USI Center for Applied Research and Economic Development (CARED)

in partnership with the Greenway Passage advisory board, chaired by Shirley James.

Students in USI's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program analyzed the data and prepared a summary of the findings. (*See list of key findings.*)

James said, "We needed this to have a real feel for how we are going to plan trails in the future.

"I thought we had picked a week of the year that normally has nice weather, but it rained every day. We were in a state of wonderment that over 2,000 people used the trail during that week despite the weather conditions."

She said, "We needed these statistics to show there is interest in the trail—even when it's raining."

When all phases are complete, the Greenway Passage recreational trail is designed to encircle Vanderburgh County.

Presently, the Greenway includes a completed section starting at the canoe launch at the north end of Heidelberg Avenue. This section follows along the levee and proceeds under Diamond Avenue to connect on the north side of Garvin Park with another completed section that continues under First Avenue and ends at Uhlhorn Street. Another section is complete along the downtown riverfront.

Over the long term the trail is designed to connect with the University of Southern Indiana campus. Ultimately, the passage will connect to a nationwide system of trails known as the American Discovery Trail.

MPA student Linda Bailey '04, who completed requirements for an undergraduate degree in psychology in spring 2006, wrote most of the report prepared for the Greenway Passage



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— Shirley James, Chair, Greenway Passage advisory board

Committee and the Evansville Parks Board. MPA student Michelle White also worked on the report.

In addition to writing the summary, Bailey worked one four-hour shift during the data-collection period to get a better sense of the trail and its users. She presented a report summarizing the study results at a meeting of the Evansville Parks Board.

Dr. Sue Ellspermann, director of CARED, served as project director for the study, the first scientific and systematic effort to ascertain usage of the Greenway. Dr. Uisoon Kwon, USI instructor in political science, was research director.

“This eventually would help to finish remaining parts of the Greenway by providing useful information to policy makers in Evansville city government or even policy makers in the State of Indiana,” he said.

Dr. Mary Ann Shifflet, USI instructor in economics, said students attended a mandatory training session to familiarize themselves with protocols for sampling

and questioning to ensure the survey data would be conducted with a minimum margin of error. Students also completed online training regarding the use of human subjects in research.

Kwon said the survey gave undergraduate students an opportunity to learn about the process of survey research. They also learned about the sampling process and how to avoid errors in the data collection process, not only by participating in the special training but also by engaging in the real survey.

Patzer said he learned that he had to stick to a script when asking questions rather than posing them in his own words in order to ensure reliable data.

Bailey welcomed the research study as an opportunity to put her interest in research and statistics to work in the community.

“When you go out on the Greenway, you feel good. Using it makes you healthier,” she said. “I got into this project, and it made me feel that I’m a part of something.”



USI student Adam Plocik interviews trail users on the riverfront portion of the Pigeon Creek Greenway passage.

## Pigeon Creek Greenway Usage Study

### Key Findings

- During the week of the data collection, 1,880 trail users were counted at the Riverfront intercept point and 374 at the Garvin Park intercept point.
- Trail users were predominately male.
- Walking was the prevalent activity.  
At the Riverfront location, 79 percent of users walked on the trail; 59 percent walked on the trail at Garvin Park.
- Usage peaked at the Riverfront location between noon and 1 p.m. on weekdays and between 2–3 p.m. on weekends; Garvin Park usage was “somewhat consistent” throughout the week.
- From 50 percent to 60 percent of the trail users reported using the trail three or more times each week.
- Most users (70 percent at the Riverfront and 89 percent at Garvin Park) reported arriving at the trails from their home; most users arrived by automobile.
- More trail users were in the 46-65 age group than in other single age group. Forty-one percent of users at the Riverfront and 42 percent at Garvin Park were in the 46-65 age group.
- Trail users surveyed at the Riverfront location rated their satisfaction with the trail as “very satisfied” 86 percent of the time; trail users surveyed at Garvin Park rated their satisfaction level as “very satisfied” 53 percent of the time. Neither location received a “not satisfied at all” rating from trail users.
- Ninety-four percent of trail users indicated they would return to the trail. The remaining six percent of users were out-of-town visitors.

Source: Pigeon Creek Greenway Usage Study Summary Report



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# Alumni 2007 Calendar of Events



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| April 21     | USI Day at the Zoo, Mesker Park Zoo  |
| April 26     | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting<br>7 p.m., Shallo's Restaurant, Indianapolis   |
| May 4        | USI Alumni Association Annual Meeting<br>Followed by Class of 2007 Graduation Celebration<br>Reception and Dinner, USI University Center |
| May 5        | USI Spring Commencement<br>3 p.m., Roberts Stadium   |
| June 3       | Alumni Picnic<br>4–6 p.m., University Center Mall  |
| June 5       | Alumni Council Meeting and Orientation<br>5:45 p.m., USI Foundation  |
| June 21      | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Meeting<br>7 p.m., Rick's Café Boatyard, Indianapolis  |
| June 30      | USI Day at Churchill Downs<br>11:30 a.m., Churchill Downs, Louisville  |
| July 21      | Alumni Night at The New Harmony Theatre<br>"The Importance of Being Earnest"<br>8 p.m., New Harmony                                      |
| July 28      | USI Night with the Otters<br>Picnic and Ballgame<br>Bosse Field  |
| August 12    | Greater Indianapolis Chapter Alumni and Entering<br>Student Picnic, Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game<br>12:30 p.m., Victory Field      |
| August 17    | Greater Indianapolis USI Scholarship Golf Scramble<br>12:30 p.m., The Links Golf Course, New Palestine, Indiana                          |
| August 25    | USI Day at Holiday World   |
| September 14 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble<br>11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville   |

*All alumni are invited to attend these events.*

**1970s**

**Kenneth M. Dossett '73**, accounting, has taken the position of controller at Kelley's Northside Chevrolet in Evansville.

**Gary A. Tichenor '73**, management, is the regional marketing director for Helvey & Associates, Inc., in Warsaw, Indiana.

**Keith J. Moore '74**, geology, is president of Moore and Associates, Inc. He resides in Pensacola, Florida.

**Carol A. Katowitz '75**, elementary education, was promoted to division chair of public service and arts and design at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

**Patricia L. Roedel '75**, elementary education, was promoted to family case manager supervisor at the Department of Child Services in Evansville.

**Robert B. Walker '75**, English, is an ordained minister at Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ in Evansville.

**Douglas F. Claybourn '77**, communications, is assistant vice president/regional sales manager with Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Gary S. Walton '77**, management, was recently elected to a two-year term as president of the West Virginia Economic Development Council. He resides in Scott Depot, West Virginia.

**J. Timothy Burris '79**, marketing, was promoted to sales manager at Hansen Corporation in Princeton, Indiana.

**1980s**

**Michael A. Elliott '80**, accounting, has been named senior vice president, chief financial officer, and assistant secretary for American Community Bancorp, Inc. and Bank of Evansville.

**Clifton D. Brewer '82**, communications, was promoted to director of Creative Services at Campbell Soup Company in Camden, New Jersey.

**Scott A. Wright '86**, communications, has been named chairman and chief executive officer of Suburban Community Newspaper Group in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Tony Aylsworth '87**, political science, has taken the position of vice president, compliance manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Becky Feldman Deener '88**, computer information systems, is an office manager and sales representative for Heaton Sports Calendars in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Terry D. Martin '88**, communications, has been promoted to commercial lines producer and certified insurance counselor with Schultheis Insurance Agency, Inc., in Evansville.

**Gretchen Brennan Wallace '88**, communications, is an attorney with Hepler Broom in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Anthony G. Arful-Addoh '89**, mathematics, is a software/systems engineer with Northrop Grumman – Intel Group in Chantilly, Virginia.

**Jeffrey D. Jackson '89**, business administration, has taken the position of senior vice president, client advisor manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Roberta Arosteguy White '89**, communications, is the administrative director for FC Pride Soccer Club in Indianapolis.

**Travis D. White '89**, general science, recently completed Six Sigma Black Belt certification. He is associated with Eli Lilly in Indianapolis.

**1990s**

**Michele Watson Duran '91**, business administration, has taken the position of administrative assistant in the Travel Office at USI.

**Barry M. Paddock '91**, accounting, has joined Shoe Carnival Inc. as a tax manager in Evansville.

**Denise Kerstiens Rexing '91**, accounting, has been named vice president, assistant corporate controller at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Philip A. Schnautz '91**, accounting, has been promoted to manager at Wright Consultants in Evansville.

**Alan C. Apfelstadt '92**, accounting, has taken the position of director of accounts receivable and treasury at Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

**Kelley M. Coures '92**, political science, is the senior underwriter at American General Finance in Evansville.

**Marcia K. Minton '92**, accounting, has joined Tucker Publishing Group as chief financial officer in Evansville.

**Rex M. Strange '92**, biophysics, has accepted the position of assistant professor of biology at USI.

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**Allen Mounts named Human Resources Professional of Year**

Allen Mounts '74 M.B.A. '91, executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Old National Bank of Evansville, has been named the 2006 Human Resources Professional of the Year by the Evansville-area Human Resources Association.

The annual award recognizes an individual who represents the best in the human-resources management profession. Mounts has been associated with Old National since 1993.

In a letter nominating Mounts for the award, Bob Jones, Old National president and CEO, said, "As a member of our company's Executive Leadership Group, he is unafraid to raise difficult issues for discussion and has proven himself to be an unwavering advocate for ONB's greatest asset—our associates."

Mounts is a member and past chair of the USI College of Business Board of Advisors. He also is a past president of the USI Alumni Association.

## McNaughton carves life-size Christ figure and cross

Two art graduates call on professor's expertise



Elizabeth Randolph/USI

Holly McGuire visited John McNaughton's studio at his Evansville home to view the carving in progress.

An endeavor can come together so well that divine intervention is suspect. Such serendipity was at work when John McNaughton, best known for prize-winning furniture and whimsical wood craft, accepted a commission for a Kentucky church. He is professor emeritus of art at the University of Southern Indiana.

About the time Holly McGuire '96, a parishioner of LaGrange, Kentucky's, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, invited McNaughton to design and carve a life-size Christ figure and cross for the new church, the artist received an invitation from another former art student, Robert Brandt '86, to serve as a visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame. Brandt leads the furniture design concentration in Notre Dame's School of Architecture.

During the Notre Dame residency, McNaughton carved from the chest to the knees the wood that was to become the Christ figure.

Brandt said, "We were able to take tours of the Basilica of The Sacred Heart so that John could examine the various wood carvings of the saints and the Christ figure. What he was able to learn from wood carvings of the 19th century helped direct him in his work."

McNaughton continued the wood carving in his home studio. The cross was to be located in an open space to allow people to walk around it. A Polish furniture maker who created the celebrant's chair, altar, and other church furniture was consulted.

McGuire said her committee felt strongly that the cross and corpus for the new church be original—not made from resin and purchased from a church outlet.

McNaughton used cherry wood for the cross and poplar wood for the body. The cross measures 11 feet tall and five feet wide, and the body is five feet, six inches tall.

The body is painted with a custom stain of sienna and white and buffed so it has an aged appearance. The nails in the figure are carved from wood and covered in a paste made from graphite mixed with shellac. The nails are buffed to give them a metal look.

American woodworkers are not known for creating sacred art. McNaughton said, "The technique is a lost art. Most original sacred art like this figure and cross are ordered from Italian artists."

The other Catholic Church in America that has such art is Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles.

The crucifix was dedicated in a special ceremony at the church in January.

McNaughton retired from USI in 2005 after 35 years of service.

**Kimberly Wolfe Derk '93**, communications, is a communications manager at GE Plastics in Evansville. Kimberly and her husband James recently received the GE Phillippe Award for outstanding community service.

**Katricia A. Draeger '93**, nursing, was promoted to director of nursing at HealthSouth Deaconess in Evansville.

**Dan L. Garrett '93**, business administration, has been promoted to vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**W. Gale Hoehn '93**, nursing, received the 2006 USI Distinguished Nursing Alumnus Award. She has been an instructor in nursing at USI since 1999.

**Elizabeth A. Trent '93**, political science, has accepted the position of account executive for Deaconess Health Plans in Evansville.

**Lisa M. Berfanger '94**, political science, an attorney, recently opened Berfanger Law Office in Evansville.

**Julie Robinson Brauser '94**, political science/secondary education, has taken the position of training consultant in the Extended Services office at USI.

**Kevin A. Caudill '94**, post baccalaureate certificate of accountancy, has taken the position of accounting manager at Evansville Federal Credit Union in Evansville.

**Susan Bailey Jindrich '94**, early childhood education, has been promoted to early childhood education chair at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

**Heather Borgus Bunning '95**, communications, was honored by the Indianapolis chapter of Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for being one of the top 100 fundraisers during the Race for the Cure and was inducted into the Pink Ribbon Honor Roll. She resides in Garner, North Carolina.

**Jason R. Carroll '95**, social science teaching, has been appointed an agent for American Family Life Insurance Group in Evansville.

**Jeffrey W. Merrick '95**, accounting, is assistant director of Evansville Water and Sewer Department in Evansville.



**Troy L. Stone '95**, business administration, has been selected outstanding teacher. He is a social studies teacher at Pathways Academy in Bunnell, Florida.

**Brandon K. Dreiman '96**, business administration, is a firefighter/paramedic for the Indianapolis Fire Department.

**Donna D. Kincheloe '96**, nursing, has joined Ivy Tech Community College as an instructor in nursing in Evansville.

**David J. Sobotka '96**, individual studies, has joined the new Training and Organizational Development Division of HR Solutions, Inc., in Evansville.

**Jason R. Hume '97**, economics/mathematics, has been named chief financial officer of Faith Ministries in Lafayette, Indiana.

**Janelle Rudlaff Patton '97**, business, graduated from Iowa Lakes Community College with an associate degree in nursing. She resides in Hartley, Iowa.

**James C. Bigam '98**, biology, is an optometrist at Advanced Eye Care in Evansville.

**Ginger Kimsey Happe '98**, communications, was promoted to vice president of Media Mix Communications in Evansville.

**Jason K. Burchard '99**, accounting, is an accountant for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gainesville, Florida.

**Chasity Otto Coy '99**, business administration, is a customer service supervisor at Olon Industries in Washington, Indiana.

**M. Lucy Rhodes Goffinett '99**, communications, was elected the Perry County Circuit Court Judge. She resides in Cannelton, Indiana.

**Bryan C. Horstman '99**, art, has joined Gray Loon Marketing Group, Inc., as senior art director in Evansville.

**Lisa Elder Willman '99**, art education, has taken the position of kindergarten teacher at Inwood Elementary in Winter Haven, Florida.

## 2000s

**Melissa Woebkenberg Dalrymple '00**, nursing, is a registered nurse at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Indiana.

**Jeffrey R. Fisher '00**, marketing, has been promoted to officer at Fifth Third Bancorp in Evansville.

**Jackie Knieriem Hilgartner '00**, accounting, works in Audit and Management Services for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

**Stephanie K. Steckler '00**, elementary education, received the National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation in 2006. She is a science teacher at Frank Lamping Elementary School in Henderson, Nevada.

**Lindsay Blanford Barron '01**, accounting, has been named manager of market research and analysis at Vectren in Evansville.

**Michael T. Blume '01**, computer information systems, is an investment representative for Edward Jones in Evansville.

**Brandon L. Chanley '01**, finance, is an account manager for Decision One Mortgage in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**Antoinette R. Cox '01**, communications, has taken the position of assistant director of Student Life at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis.

**Timothy R. Jones '01**, accounting, has taken the position of manager of USI Foundation accounting at the University of Southern Indiana.

**Andrea Duros Keller '01**, elementary education, is a first-grade teacher at Franklin Township School in Indianapolis.

**Robert L. Lesh '01**, computer information systems, is the owner of Hobbytown USA in Evansville.

## Homecoming reunites graduates with campus places and faces



Alumni gathering at the after-game Homecoming party are, from left, Russ Woolsley '79, assistant men's basketball coach Marc Hostetter '98, Deborah Worthington '91, Jeff Worthington '93, and Brenda Altstadt '82.



Former basketball players enjoy the Homecoming activities on February 3. From left are Randy Curl '85, West Des Moines, Iowa; Gary "Smokey" Williams, Evansville; George Macon '81, Newburgh, Indiana; and Jon Mark Hall, USI director of Athletics.

**Matt L. Phillips '01**, management, is the rural development specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture in Boonville, Indiana.

**Wendy Wade Taylor '01**, computer information systems, has taken the position of systems engineering manager at Pinnacle Entertainment in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Karen K. Townsend '01**, nursing, '05, Master in Nursing, is an acute care nurse practitioner in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit at Barnes/Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Jennifer Quinn Conklin '02**, geology, is an environmental specialist for the state's Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee, Florida.

**Jennifer L. Gamache '02**, biology, '06, nursing, has taken the position of registered nurse for Deaconess Health System in Evansville.

**Nickolas J. Hostetter '01**, public relations and advertising/art, is president of Azura Restaurant Systems in Jasper, Indiana.

**Crissy K. Kerney '02**, computer information systems, was promoted to assistant vice president at Meetings and Events International in Evansville.

**Misty D. McGregor '02**, business administration/Spanish, was promoted to office assistant branch manager for Heritage Federal Credit Union in Evansville.

**Julian J. Mohr '02**, general studies, has taken the position of director of information technology development at Atlas Van Lines in Evansville.

**Suzanne Morris '02**, business administration, was promoted to business analyst in the Risk Management department of Long Term Claims at Consec Insurance Company in Indianapolis.

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## Alumna is the 's' in *Fitness* success

**F**itness has been a lifelong pursuit for Debra Rodgers Bordenkecher '91 of Omaha, Nebraska, but recently she stepped up to a challenge presented by *Fitness* magazine. As one of seven winners among 61,000 entrants in the publication's "You can do it" fitness challenge, she won a trip to New York City and is featured in the March issue of the magazine.



Bordenkecher

The seven winners truly are dressed for success in a group photo in the article. They wear t-shirts with letters that spell out the word "success." Bordenkecher is in a green shirt at the left of the photo as the first "s" of the word.

The magazine's eight-week challenge asked readers to pick one of seven goals—eating healthy, losing weight, managing time, boosting your mood, cultivating confidence, ramping up your routine, and getting stronger. Each participant was to work out, keep an online journal, and enter an essay on one of the seven goals. Bordenkecher won in the "cultivating confidence" category.

One of the first things she did to boost her confidence was don a pair of four-inch wedges. Wearing platform shoes was a tip she picked up in the magazine, which featured an information section on each goal.

"They made me feel taller," Bordenkecher said. "When you're taller, you see the world from a different perspective."

Bordenkecher also used her goal of increasing her confidence as inspiration for joining colleagues at work in painting the home of an elderly woman with disabilities.

"I'm a member of a team at work, but my team members are in remote locations," said Bordenkecher, a trainer/instructional designer for Interpublic, a worldwide advertising and marketing services company.

Bordenkecher works in Omaha. Her teammates are in New York City, Chicago, and Portland. By working on the service project, she developed a closer relationship with colleagues in the Omaha office.

During the eight-week challenge, Bordenkecher attended her 20-year high school reunion. She is a graduate of Castle High School in Newburgh, Indiana.

Daily exercise and healthy eating have been a way of life for Bordenkecher since she was diagnosed with diabetes at age 11, but she welcomed the opportunity to work on her confidence.

"I realized the mental part of fitness was just as important as the physical," she said.

In New York she was treated to hair-styling and make-up sessions before the magazine photo shoot. She and her husband Matt took in Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, and other New York sights on the trip.

An elementary education major with a computer endorsement, Bordenkecher worked as a substitute teacher and computer coordinator at school corporations in Southern Indiana and as an adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech Community College before going into corporate training. She travels frequently to provide training for Interpublic staff in other offices.

"Looking back, I'm very fortunate that I chose to pursue a computer endorsement, which led to an outstanding, lucrative career as an applications trainer in the corporate world!" she said.



## Alumnus Brad Ellsworth elected to Congress

### FORMER SHERIFF IS FIRST USI GRADUATE ON CAPITOL HILL



Congressman Brad Ellsworth

Riding the crest of the wave of new Democrats elected to the 110th Congress of the United States on November 7 was USI alumnus Brad Ellsworth '81, now Indiana's Eighth District U.S. Representative. Ellsworth arrived in Congress with the largest plurality of any member who defeated an incumbent, and has been in the national media spotlight since. He was one of three Hoosier Democrats who defeated incumbents in the mid-term elections that gave his party control on Capitol Hill for the first time since the mid-term elections of 1994. Ellsworth is the first USI graduate to be elected to Congress.

On his first trip back to Evansville after his swearing in, he arranged to meet with University of Southern Indiana students for a roundtable discussion of college affordability. He recalled how he put himself through college with a part-time job at Sears in the paint and hardware department, and how college costs were much different then than now.

He listened as the students told him of their challenges to meet the cost of college attendance with student loans and multiple jobs—one student currently is working four separate jobs. The week after the roundtable, armed

with information gained from the students, Ellsworth voted for a bill that would reduce interest rates on student loans, saying that “cutting the interest rate on student loans is a good place to start in reducing the financial burden students and their families face.”

Ellsworth's early childhood was spent in Huntingburg, Indiana, with his parents and three siblings. When his father took a job operating a crane at the Warrick Operations of ALCOA, the family moved to Evansville. Ellsworth graduated from Harrison High School in 1976 and enrolled at then-ISUE. He was an active member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and has kept in close contact with his fraternity brothers over the years. He married his college sweetheart, Beth Wannemueller '80, and began a career in law enforcement. He served as a probation officer in Vanderburgh Circuit Court before joining the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department in 1982.

From 1982 to 2006, Ellsworth moved through the ranks of the Sheriff's Department, holding every merit rank and being decorated twice for heroism. He earned a master's degree in criminology from Indiana State University and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Ellsworth initiated and developed the national DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in Vanderburgh County schools. Many people remember him as the DARE instructor, a role that gave him visibility in the community. Ellsworth was in the schools with students, parents, and teachers, delivering an important message about good choices and positive lifestyles. He served as president of the Indiana Sheriff's Association and became active in several community organizations.

Ellsworth worked under several sheriffs before being elected sheriff in a landslide victory in 1998. Four years later, he ran unopposed and was re-elected to a second term. As sheriff, Ellsworth was a leader in the war on methamphetamine and started Indiana's most comprehensive Web-based system to track and monitor sexual offenders. He also oversaw the construction of Vanderburgh County's new Detention and Corrections Center, which opened in 2006.

With Indiana's two-term limit for sheriffs, he knew he would have to look for other opportunities—either stay in the department, enter the private sector, or seek another elected office. At the end of his second and final term,

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Ellsworth was only 48 years old.

Ellsworth was approached by the Democratic Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., about considering a run for Indiana's eighth district seat. He tested the waters in conversations with business and political leaders throughout the district. Finding support, both in money and volunteers, he announced his candidacy and began fund raising almost 18 months before the election. Three months before the general election, polls began to show Ellsworth with a solid lead, and as Election Day neared, the gap widened.

Ellsworth wants his term in Congress to be marked by accessibility and openness; both were trademarks of his earlier elected service as a sheriff.

He has joined the Blue Dog Coalition in Congress, a group of conservative and moderate Democrats from every region of the country who say they are trying to forge middle-ground, bipartisan answers to the questions facing the country. This reflects the message that he took to the voters in his campaign—that he would listen to constituents and find solutions without partisan bickering.

Dr. Charles Petranek, USI professor emeritus of sociology and former department chair, had Ellsworth in several classes and remembers that one of his best qualities was his listening ability. “He always got along with everybody, was a good student, and was always willing to try different things. I think at USI he was trying to find his way and eventually he moved toward law enforcement. After he became sheriff, I worked with him to arrange internships for our students in the sheriff's department. He was committed to making sure the internships were a solid experience for the students.”

Eric Williams '89 and John Strange both worked closely with Ellsworth in the Sheriff's Department. Williams was Ellsworth's chief deputy and Strange was a lieutenant who oversaw the human resources function of the department. Williams was elected sheriff in November to succeed Ellsworth and

Strange has been promoted to captain under Williams. Both speak of Ellsworth's ability to lead through close mentorship.

Strange held an internship in the jail shortly after Ellsworth started in the department. He said that Ellsworth was one of “those really nice guys...a great mentor.”

Williams, who served as a USI trustee while a student, was a Sigma Tau Gamma member when the fraternity house was first built on campus. At that time, Ellsworth was a deputy whose patrol frequently brought him to campus with stops at the fraternity house. Williams recalled, “I had always had an interest in law enforcement, and asked a lot of questions of Brad. Another brother, Tim Eli '88, was in the same boat. Brad got both of us in the sheriff's reserve program while we were students. Tim actually got hired as a deputy before he even moved out of the fraternity house. There were times when Brad was Tim's supervisor, and then when I went into the department, as Brad progressed through the ranks, I also had opportunities.”

When Ellsworth became chief deputy, Williams was tapped to come into the central office. He was named chief after Ellsworth was elected sheriff. “We talked every day and served as sounding boards for one another. He was my mentor in the agency and my friend for over 20 years,” Williams

said, pointing out that he misses the day-to-day camaraderie, Ellsworth's humor, and joking.

Williams says that Ellsworth takes his career and tasks at hand very seriously, but he does not take himself seriously. “He has a comedic streak, and many times makes himself the brunt of his own joke. For him, a good bridge to others is to reveal himself as a human being who can err. For a time, early in his career, it seemed he somehow was associated with every weird thing that happened in the department.”

During his career as sheriff, Ellsworth was invited several times to speak to USI students, and those visits were marked by his self-deprecating humor. On his first visit back to campus as a Congressman, when asked his impression of Washington, he quipped, “We're not in Kansas anymore...” implying it was not unlike the City of Oz.

Williams said that Ellsworth has gone from southern Indiana to Washington, D.C., with a real idea of making a difference. “He will be successful because he genuinely cares about his fellow man. What is really cool,” Williams says, “is to think that since the beginning of this nation, just a few over 4,000 people have ever served in the Congress.”

Brad Ellsworth now becomes a part of that history.



Congressman Brad Ellsworth met with students on the USI campus to talk about the cost of attending college.



**Julie Wittman Morrison '02**, public relations, has accepted the position of director of Annual Fund and Alumni Relations for Indiana Technical College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Heath A. Powers '02**, finance/marketing, is a senior sales representative with Biomet Orthopaedics in Evansville.

**Kristina M. Wright '02**, public relations and advertising, is an assistant regional director at Fanfare Media Works in Roswell, Georgia.

**Rachel Leberman Anderson '03**, sociology, is an admissions counselor at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Illinois.

**Shannon Ruffett Arnold '03**, nursing, is a clinical research associate at TAP Pharmaceutical Products in Lake Forest, Illinois.

**Justine K. Baxter '03**, health services, is a vascular ultrasound technician at Saint Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Indiana.

**Ryan T. Beal '03**, marketing, is a sales trainee for Cresline Plastic Pipe Company in Evansville.

**Samantha Robertson Hedges '03**, radio and television, is a mortgage loan processor for Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union in Evansville.

**Laura Winter Kopshever '03**, Master of Science in Education, was News 25 Teacher of the Month. She is a second-grade teacher for Henderson County Schools in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Amanda Montgomery '03**, nursing, is a public health and disease investigator for the Indiana State Department of Health in Indianapolis.

**Eric A. Shappell '03**, political science, is an attorney with Reynolds & Wathen, LLP in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Michael J. Shirrell '03**, political science, '06, Master of Business Administration, is a project coordinator for Klipsch Group, Inc., in Indianapolis.

**Tiffany B. Staggs '03**, accounting, is an internal auditor for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

## Wolf Realty earns top-500 listing at Diversity.com

Diversity.com, a leading multicultural business Web site, has named Century 21 Donita Wolf Realty of Evansville among the top 500 women-owned businesses in the nation for the second consecutive year. The ranking recognizes companies ranging in revenue size from \$5 million to more than \$1 billion.

Owned by Donita Wolf '83, the company also was recognized for the second straight year among the top 100 women-owned businesses in Indiana.

Wolf is a past president of the USI Alumni Association. She has 20 years' experience in the real-estate business and opened her own company in 2004.

"I feel it is important for more women to strive to achieve in the business world. I am thankful that my education at USI has served me well in running my own company," she said.

## Jim Droege leads state conservation organization

James F. Droege '76, accounting, has been named president of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Delegates from 92 districts elected officers at the organization's 64th annual conference in January.

A lifelong Posey County resident, Droege is chair of the Posey County Soil and Water Conservation District. He has participated in several legislative conferences of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) in Washington, D.C., and has attended NACD North Central Region meetings.

**Craig M. Weisman '04**, elementary education, is a Title I teacher at Barr-Reeve Intermediate School in Montgomery, Indiana.

**Adam C. Anderson '04**, radiologic technology/health services, has been promoted to director of radiology at Harrisburg Medical Center in Harrisburg, Illinois.

**Laura L. Davis '04**, accounting/finance, has taken the position of accountant with Traylor Brothers, Inc., in Evansville.

**Kari J. DeWeese '04**, elementary education, is a special education teacher for South Harrison School Corporation in Corydon, Indiana.

**Emily M. Gessner '04**, accounting/finance, is working in Audit and Management Services at Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

**Kimberly Hite Keith '04**, dental hygiene, has accepted a position as dental assisting program director at USI.

**Mindi Haines Matthews '04**, health services, is a corporate wellness coordinator with Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Nicholas A. Shafer '04**, business administration, was promoted to assistant vice president at Fifth Third Bank in Evansville.

**Kimberly Nall Stambush '04**, management, has been assigned as branch manager of Evansville Teacher Federal Credit Union in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Emily Douglas Stone '04**, finance, is a business analyst with Cinergy Communications in Evansville.

**Lisa Doddridge Verkamp '04**, marketing, has joined AXIOM as a media buyer in Evansville.

**Dana Kay Birchler '05**, nursing, is a registered nurse at Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester, Kentucky.

**Samantha A. Brown '05**, public relations and advertising, has joined Evansville Thru International Adoption as an adoption coordinator.

**Josh D. Burton '05**, marketing, is a sales and marketing manager for EMG Communications in Franklin, Tennessee.

**Ryan D. Carroll '05**, radio and television, is the media manager and lead editor for News 25 in Henderson, Kentucky.

**Nanita Stoneman Conner '05**, nursing, is a registered nurse at Saint Mary's Warrick Hospital in Boonville, Indiana.

**Eric D. Effinger '05**, civil engineering, is an engineer for Traylor Bros. Inc., in Evansville.

**Beth A. Embry '05**, sociology, has been promoted to family case manager with the Department of Child Services in Evansville.

**Darlene M. Fisher '05**, Master of Business Administration, has taken the position of director of Human Resources at Anderson University in Anderson, South Carolina.

**Marissa Weyer Hubert '05**, Master of Social Work, is an outpatient therapist and program coordinator for RiverValley Behavioral Health in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Jessica N. Hybarger '05**, public relations and advertising, is a residence hall director at Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**Janet L. Johnson '05**, Master of Public Administration, has been named assistant director of Career Services and Placement at USI.

**Jenny Vincent Johnson '05**, public relations and advertising, has joined ERA First Advantage Realty as a sales associate in Evansville.

**Kerri L. Jung '05**, marketing, is an inside sales representative with Red Spot Paint & Varnish in Evansville.

**Jacqueline M. Keneipp '05**, social science teaching, has taken the position of coordinator for HR Solutions, Inc., in Evansville.

**Kendall R. Martin '05**, public relations and advertising, is the site director for the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Indiana in Gary, Indiana.

**Leigh R. Meyer '05**, business administration, is a financial representative for American General Finance in Jasper, Indiana.

**Stephanie Kincade Rice '05**, communications, is an assistant learning coordinator for College Cooperative Southeast in Shelbyville, Indiana.

## SIHE leader Chris Melton named president of Ohio Valley Bank

**C**hris Melton '72 was named president of Ohio Valley Bank in Henderson, Kentucky, in January.

Before his recent promotion, Melton served Ohio Valley Bank as executive vice president for almost two-and-a-half years. The largest bank in Henderson County, Ohio Valley has total assets of \$185 million. Its trust department is one of the largest in Western Kentucky, managing more than \$200 million in assets.

Melton previously was associated with German American Bank of Jasper, Indiana, as Evansville regional president. He is a former president of National City Bank in Evansville. He also was previously associated with AmBank in Vincennes, Indiana, opening an Evansville office (now Regions Bank) during his tenure with that banking institution. As a student, Melton completed a co-op program as a bank examiner and, after completing a degree, worked in that role for the U.S. Department of the Treasury before becoming a banker himself.

Melton is president of Southern Indiana Higher Education (SIHE), Inc., the organization which acquired the land for the University of Southern Indiana campus. Since September 1969, the University has occupied 330 acres, mostly donated by SIHE, which still owns more than 1,000 acres for development. Melton has served 21 years on the SIHE board and 11 years as its president.

He said community leaders who supported the establishment of USI and the acquisition of land for the campus were visionary.



Melton

"They saw a void in public education," he said. "The foresight of these people was just amazing. Because of them, USI is not landlocked, and some of the 'brain drain' in the region didn't happen. USI has provided a lot of opportunity for students."

Through his involvement with SIHE, Melton was involved with establishing student housing at USI. He was on the search committees that recommended Dr. H. Ray Hoops for president and, more recently, Mark Rozewski as vice president for Business Affairs.

An Evansville native, Melton enrolled at USI when classes were held at its original location in Centennial School. He and his wife, the former Diana Hale '71, met at USI. She was a member of the University's first graduating class. They have been married 35 years.

A marketing major, Melton said that a knowledge of sales has helped him throughout his career to focus on the customer side of what businesses do. Melton also appreciates that his college years gave him a well-rounded education that has boosted his career.

"You'd better know something about books, art, and music," he said.

In the Henderson community, Melton serves on the boards of the Rotary Club, United Way, and the Chamber of Commerce and is active with the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. He represents Henderson County on the Community Advisory Panel of the USI President's Task Force on Economic and Workforce Development.



**Jamie Willis Seitz '05**, accounting, is an internal auditor with German American Bancorp in Jasper, Indiana.

**Angel D. Ubelhor '05**, applied studies, has taken the position of branch manager for Heritage Federal Credit Union West in Evansville.

**Rachel LeVine Wankel '05**, accounting/marketing, is a human resource specialist for Wood Personnel Services in Franklin, Tennessee.

**Nathaniel K. Willis '05**, accounting, is an internal auditor for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

**Emily A. Winkler '05**, public relations and advertising, is a marketing director for Advantium Real Estate in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Andrew J. Zellers '05**, political science, has taken the position of financial aid advisor at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

**Jed E. Davis '06**, marketing, is a grain merchandiser at Consolidated Grain and Barge Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Michael D. Dayton '06**, finance, is a business analyst at General Services Administration in Auburn, Washington.

**Kelly Salat Effinger '06**, public relations, is the account coordinator for Peritus Public Relations in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Ashley Flamion '06**, finance, has accepted a position at German American Bancorp as an internal auditor in Jasper, Indiana.

**Erin H. Holajter '06**, public relations and advertising, has joined Media Mix as an assistant media buyer in Evansville.

**Corey J. Lusk '06**, radio and television, is a project engineer for Verkler Inc. in Indianapolis.

**Tracy R. Mallory '06**, management, has been promoted to human resource manager at Shoe Carnival, Inc., South Division in Evansville.

**Christen Miller Mitchell '06**, physical education, has taken the position of assistant health and wellness director for the Dunigan Family YMCA in Evansville.

**Julie Cronin Peter '06**, psychology, is a family resource specialist for Healthy Families in Tell City, Indiana.

**Ashley A. Ruggier '06**, finance, has taken the position of specialist of organizational development for Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America in Erlanger, Kentucky.

**Randi L. Waldrige '06**, elementary education, is a remediation teacher at Lena Dunn Elementary in Washington, Indiana.

## Marriages

**Tammy L. Johnson '84**, business administration/management, and Monty Gibson, September 30, 2006

**Jana L. Bertke '98**, biology, and Thomas Tsai, September 23, 2006

**Jennifer A. Herrenbruck '99**, physical education, and Jacob James, October 14, 2006

**Tonya F. Hufnagel '99**, accounting, and Earl Borders, September 30, 2006

**Loretta L. Werner '99**, biology, and Ronald Manning, September 9, 2006

**Amanda S. Doty '02**, sociology, and Larry Rust, October 21, 2006

**Jonathan P. Bothel '03**, mathematics, and Christine Willis, December 9, 2006

**Jarod R. Morrison '03**, finance, and **Erin E. Oxendine '03**, occupational therapy, October 15, 2006

**Nathan T. Price '03**, French, and Maggie, June 10, 2006

**Kimberly M. Stevens '03**, management, and Nathan Dexter, September 23, 2006

**Lori B. Stofleth '03**, advertising, and Justin Hill, October 21, 2006

**Tara N. Chaffin '04**, marketing/management, '05, Master of Business Administration, and Jerry Ricketts, October 4, 2006

**Jennifer M. Fonner '04**, accounting, and Joshua Elsass, October 6, 2006

**Kate M. Moore '04**, chemistry, and **Kevin A. Smola '03**, art, July 1, 2006

**Nicole M. Singer '04**, communications, and Joseph Bova, May 6, 2006

**Kendra L. Thompson '04**, political science, and Jay Melchior, October 14, 2006

**Jennifer M. Collins '05**, business administration, and Eric Hamilton, May 6, 2006

**Natalie J. Elliott '05**, early childhood education, and **Nicholas A. Lindy '05**, advertising, October 14, 2006

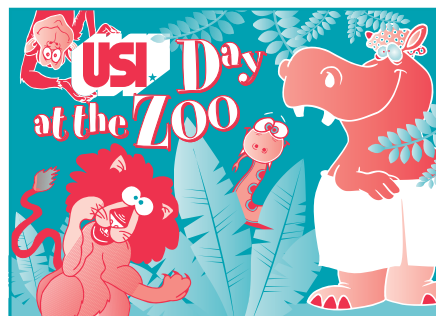
**Rachel T. Hatcher '05**, biology, and Samuel Colby, June 17, 2006

**Angela C. Niemeier '05**, management, and Jason Theis, November 12, 2005

**Katie A. Paul '05**, finance, and Patrick Kelley, June 17, 2006

**Kimberly E. Stapp '05**, accounting, and Matthew Tetrick, November 4, 2006

**Adam M. Stone '05**, biology, and Misty, July 24, 2006



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**Melissa L. Haaff '05**, psychology, and Carl Williams, June 5, 2006

**Misty A. Freeman '06**, elementary education, and John Schroeder, September 30, 2006

**Ashley M. Sark '06**, biology, and Richie Cummins, August 26, 2006

**Samantha L. Smock '06**, business administration, and Jonathan Bell, January 28, 2006

**Joshua C. Watjen '06**, elementary education, and Amanda, July 15, 2006

## Births

**Jack D. Spencer '91**, political science, and Jamie, son, Jackson Douglas, November 17, 2006

**Sherry Begle Flick '93**, accounting, and **Todd A. Flick '92**, marketing, daughter, Rachel Marie, August 28, 2006

**Michael L. Galvin '93**, elementary education, '99, Master in Elementary Education, and **Varbi Huck Galvin '95**, elementary education, '00, Master in Elementary Education, son, Jedidiah Lee, September 12, 2006

**Nicholas J. Feagley '94**, accounting, and Mary, daughter, Meredith Grace, September 6, 2006

**Trisha Kempa Kennedy '94**, communications, and Keith, daughter, Grace Maree, October 27, 2006

**Dawn Wright Mosby '96**, political science, and **Stuart D. Mosby '95**, political science, son, Maguire Wright, October 3, 2006

**Amy Happe Schoettle '96**, accounting, and Andrew, daughter, Ava Lachelle, May 14, 2005

**Kendra Burns Morton '97**, psychology, and David, daughter, McKenna Kay, October 26, 2006

**Mark G. Shell '97**, business, and Larysa, son, Alexander Nickolas, November 22, 2006

**James C. Bigham '98**, biology, and Allyson, daughter, Lindsey Jo, December 15, 2006

**Elexica Finch McAlister '99**, communications, and Johnny, daughter, Jahzara Davionne, December 14, 2005

**Melissa Chambers Pemberton '99**, English, and Scot, son, Thomas Scot, July 16, 2006

**Kelly Bishop Reisinger '99**, computer information systems, '05, Master of Business Administration, and Darren, son, Wesley Ryan, October 27, 2006

**Kent A. Starnes '00**, mathematics, and Katrina, daughter, Keira Savannah, June 21, 2006

**Jina Hawkins Campbell '01**, accounting, '03, Master of Business Administration, and **John E. Campbell '00**, communications, son, John Edward, October 27, 2006

**Kerri Rice Kemper '01**, elementary education, and Travis, daughter, Abigail Lane, September 23, 2005

**Julie Walker Faucett '02**, elementary education, and **Derek W. Faucett '97**, elementary education, son, Cannon, May 30, 2006

**Ellen Brenner Haefling '02**, mathematics, and Paul, daughter, Samantha Lynn, July 7, 2006

**Molly Blackford Mackey '02**, exercise science, and Kevin, daughter, Jordan Lanae, June 29, 2006

**Amanda Miller Smith '02**, elementary education, '02, Master of Elementary Education, and **Jason C. Smith '99**, sociology, daughter, Jenna Marie, December 7, 2006

**Kate Epley Moore '03**, sociology, and Derek, son, Kasen Wayne, June 8, 2006

**Pamela Steinkamp Vadbunker '03**, psychology, and Mike, daughter, Ally Christine, August 29, 2006

**Jill Case Harper '04**, business administration, '06, Master in Business Administration, and Justin, son, Preston Graham, October 14, 2006

**Jill Schlichting Murray '04**, radiologic technology, and Shaun, son, Lucas Alton, October 24, 2006

**Paula Moesner McEvelly '04**, dental assisting, and Matt, son, Matthew Hunter, January 2, 2007

**Shawna Warner Adams '06**, elementary education, and Kevin, son, Caleb Austin, August 23, 2006

## In Memoriam

**David A. Boarman '72**, management, of Carmel, Indiana, died December 6, 2006. Boarman served the country in Vietnam. After returning home, he worked for Temple-Inland for 33 years.

**Joseph G. Schenk '74**, business, of Evansville, died January 2, 2007. He was a real estate agent and owner of Schenk Realty Company.

**Clare Davis Martin '84**, business, of Cynthiana, died January 27, 2007. She was a purchasing manager for Red Spot Paint and Varnish in Evansville.

**Scott D. Warpenburg '90**, mathematics, of Evansville, died December 20, 2006. He was employed by Toyota in the Quality Control Division.

**Jerome W. Schultheis '99**, general studies, of Evansville, died January 19, 2007. He was a faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College until retirement.

## Faculty

**Dr. C. William Stegemoller**, associate professor emeritus of mathematics, died March 5 in Newburgh, Indiana. He joined USI in 1978 and was head coach for cross country/track from 1979-98. He was a member of the inaugural class of the USI Athletic Hall of Fame this year and was slated for induction into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Hall of Fame this spring. Memorial gifts may be made to the Bill Stegemoller Memorial Scholarship Fund in the USI Foundation.

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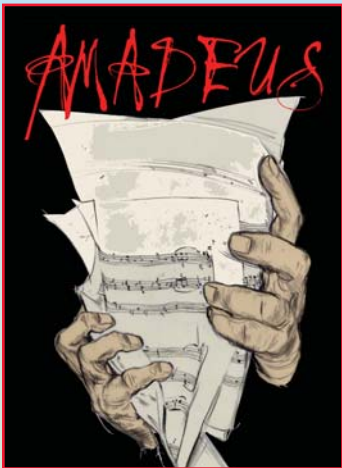


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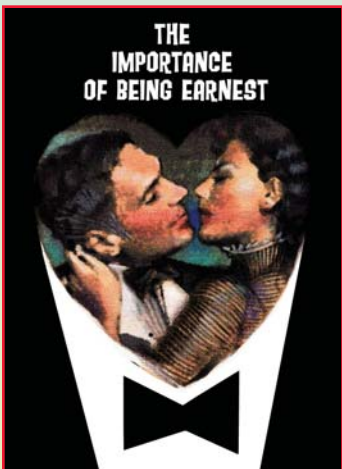
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