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The new David L. Rice Library  
*Transforming* the look and feel of campus

## FROM THE EDITOR

### *Rice Library—bigger and better*

Those of us who work year-round can't get enough of the new David L. Rice Library. When the construction tape came down in early summer, we wandered freely, going back again and again to see how the final details fit into place.

While the building is striking on the outside with its rotunda at the front entrance and its rear facade following the curve of University Boulevard, the interior more than holds its own. High ceilings, massive windows, showy carpet, custom-made maple furnishings, and overstuffed armchairs invite visitors to linger a little longer among the library's 335,000 volumes.

Of course, the library's best asset remains its always-helpful staff, ready to assist visitors with whatever they need. Ruth Miller, director of Library Services, said the building's objective is to serve the needs of the University community.

Project architect Kevin Huse called it a "watershed moment" when the decision was made to build a new library rather than enlarge the original building, which still would have been dark and minimal despite renovation. Read more of Huse's thoughts on the library as a building that brings people together in the story that begins on page 12.

As Geoff Gentil, new Alumni Association president, says in the article on page 25, campus has a different atmosphere. The new Rice Library is the most recent addition to the ever-evolving institution we call the University of Southern Indiana.



Betty R. Vawter



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The new David L. Rice Library is open.  
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## Accounting team is finalist in national case competition

A team of accounting students from the University of Southern Indiana College of Business was named a finalist in a national competition sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA).

Teams representing four universities competed June 20 in the national finals of the IMA Video Case Competition in Las Vegas. The team representing North Carolina State University placed first in the competition. Teams from USI, James Madison University, and Western Illinois University received plaques as finalists.

This was USI's first year to enter the national competition. Team members were May Flores and Donovan Sexton of Newburgh, Indiana, and Kevin Farley of Huntingburg, Indiana. All are seniors majoring in accounting. Faculty advisors were Jeanette Maier-Lytle and Dr. Brian L. McGuire.

Thirteen university accounting teams entered the first round of competition. To qualify, each team prepared a 15-minute video presentation addressing a case study involving "lean accounting" and submitted it for blind judging. The top four teams qualified to present their case study live at the IMA conference, and each of the four teams received an award of \$3,000 from IMA.

## Governor appoints four to Board of Trustees

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels has appointed four new members to the University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees. The new members are:

- Harold Calloway of Evansville, an agent with State Farm Insurance and former director of student financial aid at USI (Calloway is resigning his position as chairman of the Indiana Gaming Commission to accept the trustee position.)
- John Dunn of Evansville, chief executive officer of Dunn Hospitality Group and former chair of the USI Foundation Board
- Jeff Knight of Evansville, executive vice president, chief legal counsel and corporate secretary for Old National Bank
- Amy MacDonell of Indianapolis, historic preservationist, community volunteer, and former chair of the Indiana Main Street Council

Terms for Calloway, Dunn, and MacDonell continue until July 1, 2010. Jeff Knight will fill the unexpired term of Louise Bruce, who has resigned. That term continues until July 1, 2007. Knight will be eligible for reappointment.

In addition to Bruce, others leaving the board are G. Patrick Hoehn of Jeffersonville, J. David Huber of Evansville, and Harolyn G. Torain '71 of Indianapolis.

The USI board has nine trustees and must include one alumnus of the University, one student, and one resident of Vanderburgh County. Trustee terms are for four years, except for the student term, which is two years.

The Board of Trustees elected officers at its July meeting. Bruce Baker will serve as chair. The vice chairs are Frank F. McDonald II '73, who will chair the Finance/Audit Committee, and James L. Will, Sr., who will chair the Long-Range Planning Committee. Student trustee Lauren C. Fultz '07 is secretary.

## Charles Petranek wins 2006 Cooper award

The University Core Curriculum Council has announced that Dr. Charles Petranek, professor of sociology, has been named winner of the 2006 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.



Petranek

In nominating Petranek, Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor of history, wrote that Petranek helps students acquire increased understanding of their own behavior and motivations and increased understanding of the behavior of others.

"With friendship and wise counsel, he has related personally with hundreds of students, their families, and their careers," Pitzer said.

The award, presented each year at the Fall Faculty and Administrative Staff Meeting, includes a generous stipend, a plaque, and additional monies for travel and related faculty development.

Focusing exclusively on teaching, the Cooper award honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals. As this year's winner, Petranek will deliver a presentation to the University community during the 2006-07 academic year.

Petranek holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University. He joined the USI faculty in 1973.

The Cooper award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, longtime friend and supporter of USI.

## Time to transfer? Talk to USI's Nancy Dauby at Ivy Tech

Alison Shepherd is a new student at the University of Southern Indiana this fall, but she's not a freshman. She begins her USI career as a junior in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Shepherd is a transfer student. She completed an associate degree during the summer at Ivy Tech Community College.

Nancy Dauby, USI's on-site transfer coordinator at Ivy Tech's Evansville campus, helped Shepherd make a smooth transition to the University.

"She kept up with me through the semester and made sure everything was going okay," Shepherd said. "She helped me make sure that each class I took met the transfer requirements."

Shepherd contacted Dauby by phone before moving to Evansville in early 2006. The two began working together on Shepherd's educational program. A 2001 graduate of Heritage Christian School in Indianapolis, Shepherd attended Ivy Tech in Indianapolis before relocating to Florida and then to Evansville for her husband's work. She finished the associate degree at Ivy Tech's Evansville campus.

"I have been a nanny. I have always had an interest in kids and love being around them," Shepherd said, "I decided to get a degree."

Dauby, a 1999 USI elementary education graduate, assumed the new post of USI transfer coordinator on the Evansville campus of Ivy Tech a year ago.

"The biggest question I get is related to how credits are going to transfer," Dauby said. "I can do a preliminary evaluation with a check sheet and give students a good idea how the courses they have taken apply to core curriculum and to their degree program."

Transfer students often are worried about losing time or money in their

educational program. Articulation agreements between Ivy Tech and USI assist in the smooth transfer of credits.

Another concern for transfer students is how they will fit into the USI environment.

"Transfer students are leaving a world where they are comfortable," Dauby said.

Most are pleased to learn that USI's average class size is 25 students. Individuals coming from another institution usually adjust well in a classroom setting of that size.



Transfer student Alison Shepherd talks with academic advisor Jeff Thomas, assistant professor of education, on a special day of orientation for transfer students.

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— Nancy Dauby  
USI Assistant Director of Admission/Transfer Coordinator for Ivy Tech Community College

"Also, students with an associate degree have most of their core courses out of the way," Dauby said. "They go into courses in their major where there's a closer relationship with faculty and students."

Debra Ordner is another student who is new to USI this year after completing a degree at Ivy Tech. Ordner was Ivy Tech's outstanding graduate in human services for spring 2006 and has been awarded a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship for new full-time, associate-degreed students at USI.

Ordner said that without Dauby's assistance she might be sitting out this semester. Other Ivy Tech students kept telling her she should "talk to Nancy." Although Ordner participated in Ivy Tech's spring commencement, she completed final degree requirements in the summer.

"I thought I had to have everything done before applying," she said. "As a nontraditional student, time is of the essence."

Ordner has been an activity director and church secretary in the past. She is working toward a bachelor's degree in social work.

"I have a heart for the elderly and for single-parent moms," she said. "I believe this is the niche I've been looking for all my life. Every step I take just gets me fired up and makes me more sure of myself. Nancy has been a cheerleader for me."

Dauby helps students map out each step during enrollment, advising, and orientation at USI so they feel confident as they move through the process.

Students can plug into Dauby's services at any time in their Ivy Tech career.

**Appointments at USI**

**Brian Posler, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs**

The chair of the Department of Political Science and director of Honors at Millikin University is the new assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Brian D. Posler was active in curriculum development, faculty committee work, and assessment and program review at Millikin.

He was the first faculty representative elected to the Board of Trustees and in that capacity served on the educational affairs committee.

His teaching and research have been in various areas of American politics, and he has taught interdisciplinary courses. In 2000-01, he was one of four political scientists chosen nationally to serve as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow.



Posler

**Donna Evinger, director of Human Resources**

Donna Evinger, an Evansville native with 20 years' experience in Human Resources management in Chicago, Illinois, and Long Island, New York, has been named director of Human Resources.

In addition to operating as an independent consultant to mid-sized organizations for several years, Evinger was director of Global Human Resources for Resilien Inc., an international computer and electronics distributor and manufacturer in Melville, New York. Also in Chicago, she served as board president and volunteer human resources consultant for Asi, Inc., a not-for-profit social service agency with special focus on the Hispanic community.



Evinger

**Phil Parker, director of Career Services and Placement**

Phil Parker has joined the University as director of Career Services and Placement.

Parker formerly was an assistant director in the Stuckert Career Center at the University of Kentucky, where he handled career services for the College of Engineering.

He also has worked in career services at Western Kentucky University with students in business, engineering, nursing, health-care administration, and communications.

USI's Office of Career Services and Placement offers career and job-related services which meet the needs of current students, alumni, and employers.



Parker

**Historic New Harmony offices relocate to restored home**

Historic New Harmony (HNH) has a new headquarters in the restored Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott home at 603 West Street in New Harmony, Indiana.

The main level of the recently restored Steamboat Gothic home has been refurbished with reproduction wall coverings, floor coverings, and window treatments and will be used to interpret the history of the three families who lived there. Meeting space is available on the first floor for groups of up to 18 persons.

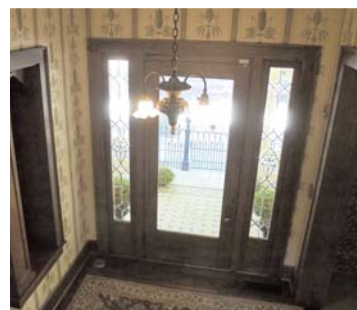
Historic New Harmony offices are located on the second floor.

Helen Elliott bequeathed her family's historic yellow brick home to Historic New Harmony in 1982. HNH donors and supporters have worked for years to restore the house. Funds raised over the past four years by the Summer Hat

Luncheon, sponsored by the USI/New Harmony Foundation and Historic New Harmony, have contributed to the project.

HNH staff members moved to the home in March from their former location on Main Street.

New Harmony was the site of two 19th century utopian experiments.



(Above) The recently restored Schnee-Ribeyre-Elliott house is the new home for the staff of Historic New Harmony. Offices are located on the second floor. (Left) The entry hall of the gracious Steamboat Gothic home shows off the reproduction wall and floor coverings. Also decorated in a palette of dark gold, the adjacent north parlor is available as a meeting space for small groups.

**At Home and Abroad  
Kathryn Waters Sabbatical Exhibition**

August 26–October 1

Kathryn Waters, professor of art, will display paintings and drawings from her spring 2005 sabbatical and other recent works August 26–October 1 at New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Waters is primarily known for work referencing the Midwest, but travel and teaching abroad provided inspiration for much of her recent work. The exhibition will include pieces showing the view from her room at Harlaxton Manor and details of the manor's ornate doorknobs and locks. A series of drawings entitled "Travelers' Rest," depicting moments of respite in tourist centers such as Paris, London, and Amsterdam,

will be on display as well as works that are American in subject. "There'll Always Be An England (For My Father)" by Kathryn Waters



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In 2005, Waters was awarded a residency at the Ragdale Foundation, an artists' retreat in Lake Forest, Illinois. She spent a portion of her sabbatical living and working there.

**Also in New Harmony  
A Walk Into the Past**

October 28

This spooky history tour includes the resting places of famous townspeople, the Harmonist Cemetery, and information about mourning in the 19th century. Tours begin at the Atheneum/Visitors Center. For information or tickets, call 800/231-2168 or visit [www.newharmony.org](http://www.newharmony.org).

**University to celebrate first fall Commencement**

Students who complete degree requirements in December will be ready in cap and gown when friends, family, and faculty gather at 10 a.m. December 9 at the Physical Activities Center for USI's first fall Commencement.

Two factors have influenced the addition of a Commencement ceremony following fall semester: the increasing number of degree candidates and the distance from which they must travel.

At spring 2006 Commencement, 1,675 degree candidates were eligible to graduate. In recent years, USI has enrolled students from throughout the state of Indiana, more than 30 other states, and 29 nations. Some students who complete their studies in the fall are not able to return to campus for spring Commencement. The December ceremony will allow them to celebrate their achievement with friends and family as soon as they complete their studies and before they settle into a schedule with a new career or graduate school.

Students who complete degree requirements at the end of spring semester or any of the three 2007 summer sessions are eligible to participate in the May 6 Commencement at Roberts Stadium. December graduates who wish to wait until spring Commencement may do so.

**Accreditation review in progress**

University of Southern Indiana is undergoing accreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association, one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Institutions are reviewed every 10 years to ensure they continue to meet the criteria for accreditation.

Over the past year, USI administration, faculty, and staff conducted a self-study to assess the University's strengths and challenges. The written report was filed with the HLC during the summer.

A team of HLC evaluators will visit the campus September 25-27 to verify the accuracy of the self-study report and offer suggestions.

An Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee with broad representation from across the University is coordinating the University's re-accreditation process. The committee was appointed by the provost. Campus-wide input has been an important part of the evaluation of the institution and the self-study report.

**Families share the USI experience**

A special weekend of activities is planned October 7-8 for parents and families to share with their USI students. Events include a golf scramble at Helfrich Hills Golf Course, tours of the new Rice Library, a campus scavenger hunt, a USI Theatre performance, and other events. On the same weekend, families also can take advantage of community activities including the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival, Cathedral Labyrinth Moonlight Walk (New Harmony), Evansville Half Marathon (YMCA), and Octoberfest Pops (Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra).

For more information, call 812/465-1215 or visit [www.usi.edu/family/weekend.asp](http://www.usi.edu/family/weekend.asp). Sponsored by the USI Parents and Families Association.



## Lilly Endowment match attracts \$997,391 in 41 new endowments

Donors taking advantage of Lilly Endowment's latest initiative have established 41 new endowments in the USI Foundation valued at close to \$1 million. Donors were offered a \$1.25 matching grant for every \$1 gift to encourage charitable gifts to Indiana higher education institutions. The total donor commitment of \$997,391 between June 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006, will be matched with \$1.24 million from Lilly with the matching grants going to the same fund as the donor's gift. All gifts must be paid by December 2006.

Friends, alumni, and USI faculty and administrators are among the donors who established the following scholarship endowments:

Larry W. Arp Business Scholarship  
 Delores DeWitt and Charles H. Browning History Scholarship  
 Jennifer Miller Browning and Mark DeWitt Browning Education Scholarship

Delores and Charles Browning and Jennifer and Mark Browning Baccalaureate/MD Scholarship  
 Allison Carter Memorial Scholarship  
 Morris and Margaret Smith Davis Physical Education Scholarship  
 Harry and Misook Doolittle Art Department Endowment  
 Duffus Melvin Recognition Award  
 Thomas H. and Beatrice Colvin Dunning Engineering Scholarship  
 Craig R. Ehlen Scholarship  
 Walter and Shirley Everett Literature Award  
 Janet L. and Daniel M. Fuquay Presidential Scholarship  
 Dr. William C.H. Grimm and Phyllis R. Grimm Baccalaureate/MD Scholarship  
 Amelia Harrington Memorial Scholarship  
 Dal and Donna Herring Communications Scholarship  
 Judy Benedict Hightower Memorial Scholarship  
 Charles E. Hirsch Merit Scholarship  
 Charles E. Hirsch Fine Arts Scholarship  
 Erma Nix Hirsch Merit Scholarship  
 Erma Nix Hirsch Business Scholarship  
 IMI Engineering Scholarship  
 Indiana Oil and Gas Association Geology Scholarship  
 Alan H. and Marilyn F. Johnson Scholarship  
 Robbie M. Kent Family Presidential Scholarship

Melissa Faye Lawrence Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
 Jackson L. and Barbara A. Marr Biology Scholarship  
 Earl S. McDaniel Jr. Business Scholarship  
 Helen Bastnagel Miller and Thomas R. Miller Nursing Scholarship  
 Tom and Helen Miller & Mark and Jennifer Browning Business Scholarship  
 Les Nunn Scholarship  
 Charles Petranek Nontraditional Scholarship  
 Drs. Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey Deans Scholarship  
 Sanders Endowment for the McCutchan Art Center  
 Wm. E. Schmidt Foundation Arts Scholarship  
 G. Kent and Evelyn Victor Schonberger Memorial Engineering Scholarship  
 Victor V. Schriefer, M.D., Baccalaureate/MD Scholarship  
 Victor V. Schriefer Jr. Baccalaureate/MD Scholarship  
 Mary A. Schroeder Scholarship in Communication Studies  
 Edward J. Shovers Memorial Communications Award in Advertising  
 Cheryl Hay Warren Family Memorial Scholarship  
 Betty J. Worthington Unrestricted Endowment

## Bower named USI Foundation president, chief development officer

David A. Bower, planned giving officer in the University's Office of Development for the past 12 years, has been named director of University Development and president of the USI Foundation. In his dual roles, he serves as the Foundation's chief operating officer and the University's chief development officer. He assumed his duties in late August, succeeding Suzanne Nicholson who retired after 20 years.



Bower

Bower was recruited by the University in 1994 to establish its planned giving program. He is credited with the enormous growth of *Reflections*, USI's planned giving society, which now boasts 342 members since its inception in 1995. A total of \$27.3 million has been received from estate gifts over the past 12 years.

As the major gifts officer, Bower—who earned the professional designation CFRE as a certified fund-raising executive in 1999—also focused on cultivating donors to underwrite the Presidential Scholarship program, which attracts top Indiana scholars with USI's premier merit scholarships. To date he has helped attract permanent endowments for 35 of the 40 Presidential Scholarships.

Active in several Evansville community endeavors, Bower helped found the city's organization for fund-raising professionals,

and served as first president of the Evansville Area Fundraising Council. He continues to serve as its program chair. The Council's successes include bringing the national Leave a Legacy program to the Evansville area.

Bower holds a baccalaureate degree in English literature from St. Meinrad College, and master's degrees from Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, and the University of Evansville. He is married to Mary McNamee Bower, The Virginia G. Schroeder Curator of Collections at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science.

### 2005-06 USI Annual Fund attracts record \$407,510

	Alumni	Corporate	Friends	Total
Goal	\$130,000	\$75,000	\$200,000	\$405,000
Actual	\$133,570	\$71,521	\$202,419	\$407,510

All gifts and pledges to the 2005-06 Annual Fund qualify for the Lilly Endowment 125 percent match if they are paid in full by December 31, 2006. This includes corporate matching gifts.

## Dr. Tom Topper elected chair of USI Foundation board

Tom Topper, M.D., a surgeon with The Heart Group in Evansville, has been elected to chair the USI Foundation board of directors for a two-year term, 2006-08. He succeeds Ron Romain '73, who completed his term in June, serving as the first USI graduate to head the Foundation board.



Topper

Elected to serve with Topper are chair elect Bix Branson, a commercial loan officer at Old National Bank in Evansville, and secretary Ira Neal, a consultant with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation and former USI faculty member. Additional new officers are Geoff Gentil '92, president of the USI Alumni Association, who serves as vice chair for alumni, and David Bower, director of University Development, who serves as the Foundation's new president.

Other officers include David Herrenbruck '76, vice chair for development; Marie Bussing-Burks, vice chair for

planning; and Kevin Eastridge, treasurer.

Four new directors also were elected to the USI Foundation board of directors at its annual meeting in May. The officers and directors began

their terms on July 1.

New board members include:

- Ron Boren '81, senior vice president and chartered wealth advisor at Hilliard Lyons in Evansville.
- Vic Schriefer, Jr., retired quality assurance manager at the Evansville Brewing Company and a major donor who lives in Evansville.
- Robert Wallace '74, assistant vice president and assistant manager, casualty claims at The Cincinnati Insurance Company, in Fairfield, Ohio.
- Donita Wolf '83, broker and owner of Century 21 Donita Wolf

Realty in Evansville and a past president of the USI Alumni Association.

Annual appointments by USI President H. Ray Hoops include Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, who will represent the University's five deans on the board, and Dr. Ann White, assistant dean, College of Nursing and Health Professions, representing the USI faculty. Attorney Jessica McCarthy '00, an associate with Fine and Hatfield, also joins the board as president elect of the USI Alumni Association. She is a former Presidential Scholar.

Three members of the USI Board of Trustees serve one-year appointments on the Foundation board. They include trustee board chair Bruce Baker, alumni trustee Frank McDonald II, '73, and newly named trustee Jeffrey Knight.

Former directors elected to the Foundation's advisory council include Ed Brundick, M.D., and Susan Enlow.

## USI Annual Fund gifts underwrite extraordinary University needs

USI Foundation directors Stephanie Buchanan '97, Robert Goocher, and Michael Vea will provide leadership for the three campaigns which constitute the USI Annual Fund. The 2006-07 Annual Fund goal is set at \$425,000 in unrestricted gifts to help underwrite extraordinary University needs.

Buchanan, immediate past president of the USI Alumni Association and an account executive with KDL, will chair the Alumni Campaign, which last year raised \$133,570, an increase of \$13,349 or 11 percent over the previous year. Serving as the campaign's vice chair will be Geoff Gentil '92, Alumni Association president. Their 2006-07 goal is to attract a record \$140,000.

Goocher, vice president and treasurer of Vectren Corporation and a past treasurer of the USI Foundation, will chair the Corporate Campaign, with



Buchanan



Goocher



Vea

vice chair Andrew Hubbard M'98, vice president and treasurer of Evansville Sheet Metal Works. The Corporate Campaign's 2006-07 goal is set at \$75,000. The campaign last year topped \$71,500.

Vea, chairman, president, and CEO of Integra Bank Corporation, agreed to chair the Friends Campaign, which traditionally attracts half of the total USI Annual Fund gifts and pledges. Its 2006-07 goal is set at \$210,000. The campaign last year topped the

\$200,000 mark for the first time with a three percent increase.

Growing the USI Annual Fund has been one of the Foundation's key goals over the past six years, increasing annual unrestricted gifts from \$276,033 in 2000-01

to over \$407,510 in 2005-06, representing a 48 percent increase over the six-year period.

The USI Annual Fund provides the University with the flexibility to meet its highest priorities and most urgent needs. The University's officers, together with the USI Foundation's board of directors, determine how the Annual Fund monies will be spent each year to meet these greatest needs.

# Scott Gordon

Dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering

## Involvement across the University

Introducing Dr. Scott A. Gordon as dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering doesn't do him justice. His involvement in the University of Southern Indiana goes way beyond his connection with the Pott College.

Since joining USI in 1994, he has had a hand in many programs from athletics to research.

"One of the things that struck me about USI was that the opportunities here were boundless," Gordon said. "I saw that you could make your career what you wanted it to be. There was an ability to get involved with a variety of things.

"My wife and I consider this home. We believe that if you are going to live and work somewhere, you need to be involved."

His wife Dr. Carol Ann Goodman-Gordon is a physician with Westside Family Medicine. They are the parents of 8-year-old twins, Ryan and Logan.

Gordon is the University's faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He is treasurer of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

From 1997-2002, he served as co-coordinator of the Presidential Scholar program, which attracts some of the state's top high school graduates to USI. From 2001-05, he was associate director of the USI Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, developing and coordinating programs for faculty and student development. During that time he was instrumental in organizing the University's Vectren RISC (Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity) program, which has provided \$70,000 in grants for undergraduate research since 2001.

Gordon is advisor to USI's chapter of the National Society for Collegiate

Scholars, a program which opens the door to study-abroad, service, and leadership opportunities for outstanding students.

As dean, Gordon leads a college with five academic departments, nine degree programs (eight undergraduate and Master of Science in Industrial Management), 110 faculty, and about 850 undergraduate majors.

A professor of biology, Gordon was associate dean for four years and acting dean from March 2005 until his appointment as dean in January.

He has led the development of a new strategic plan with a vision for the Pott College to be a leader in undergraduate STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education including professional development and community partnerships.

One goal is to attract more highly qualified students to the college. Gordon noted that many of USI's Presidential Scholars, Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine recipients, and other top scholars major in academic programs offered by the Pott College.

The college has developed a new 12-minute DVD to use in recruitment and updated the Web site.

Another goal is to increase the number of students going into STEM areas. Gordon recently submitted a proposal for the University to become a regional partner in the Indiana STEM Education Resource Center, an initiative to produce a well-trained scientific and technical workforce to meet increasing competition in world markets. As a partner, USI would help coordinate STEM activities in Southwestern Indiana.

Gordon plans to submit a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation's Science, Technology,



Scott Gordon

Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP). If funded, the grant could support initiatives such as a summer academy for students interested in STEM fields, research fellowship awards for undergraduates, and educational partnerships with local business and industry.

The strategic plan also calls for enhancements for faculty recruitment and retention. Under Gordon's leadership, the college recently developed a

faculty summer research fellowship program and a mentoring program for new faculty.

USI's up-to-date science facilities are an asset in attracting outstanding faculty. Another advantage in faculty recruitment is the availability of applied research projects. While the Pott College has always made its faculty and resources available to solve regional problems, a connection with USI's new Center for Applied Research and Economic Development (CARED) will extend its reach even more broadly into the community. Engineering faculty and students in industrial supervision are working on two projects with ARC Industries. Other projects through CARED are under exploration.

The college will soon conduct a survey and hold focus-group discussions to determine the need for additional degree programs. Based on student inquiry and preliminary workplace assessment, undergraduate majors in environmental science, biochemistry, manufacturing technology, and physics are of interest, as well as a graduate program in environmental science.

USI's engineering program, which began in 2002 in response to regional workforce-development needs, has 13 graduates. Seven who transferred into the program graduated prior to May 2006 and are employed as engineers in Evansville; Mount Vernon, Indiana; and St. Louis. The six 2006 graduates are the first to enter USI as engineering majors and complete the program. At press time, all were employed or completing interviews for engineering jobs in Southwestern Indiana. Approximately 300 students are enrolled in engineering this fall.

The Pott College also is pursuing increased campus partnerships.

Already identified is a need to develop a joint program in engineering and business (*see related story on this page*). The future also might bring opportunities for partnership with the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Gordon plans to develop an advisory board of area science and engineering professionals and K-12 educators to help the college explore more internship opportunities, cooperative programs, and other relationships.

Before landing in the Midwest, Gordon hopped from New York to Tennessee. His hometown is Malone, New York, about 40 miles south of Montreal.

"Growing up in a small town, you spend a lot of time in the backwoods going to the lake, hiking, and mountain climbing," Gordon said. "That got me interested in the natural world."

He completed his final year of high school and his first year of college at

the same time at a community college adjacent to the high-school campus. Then his interest in science took him to State University of New York at Cortland, which had the same "learn science by doing science" philosophy that the Pott College practices. His plan was to become a high school science teacher. But getting out of college at age 20, he realized he would be barely older than his students. He decided to pursue an advanced degree.

"During my master's program, I realized I wanted a career in higher education," Gordon said.

He earned a master's degree and a doctorate at the University of Tennessee Knoxville before joining USI. A swimmer at SUNY-Cortland, he swam in a competitive program at Tennessee and also kept up his interest in sports as a tutor for student athletes at Tennessee.

### Synergies in engineering and business

## From design conception to product marketing

The next building to rise on the University of Southern Indiana campus will house the College of Business and provide space for the engineering program.

With planning and design in progress and the architect chosen, the deans of the Pott College of Science and Engineering and the College of Business already are thinking about how students and faculty in the two programs can collaborate. The physical proximity will lend itself to greater opportunity for joint projects. A major that would combine engineering and business is under consideration.

Dr. Scott Gordon, dean of the Pott College, said the college benefactor, Robert Pott, embodies what the University wants for its business and engineering students. An Evansvillian, Pott invented the air impact wrench in the 1930s and sold the manufacturing rights to Ingersoll-Rand, which continues to improve and manufacture the product today.

"He had the whole idea from concept and design to marketing," Gordon said. "We want our students to develop that kind of entrepreneurial mindset."

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, dean of the College of Business, said he foresees engineering students coming up with a "widget" and business students stepping in to develop a business plan, suggest financial resources, and outline a marketing plan.

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# Mohammed Khayum

Dean of the College of Business

## Developing innovative thinking

Dr. Mohammed Khayum wants students graduating from the University of Southern Indiana College of Business to have the confidence and capability to think in an entrepreneurial way.

“That doesn’t mean that all students are going to go out and start a business. Not everyone has the stomach for that,” said Khayum, dean of the college since January, “but an entrepreneurial mindset is a way of tackling problems—seeing things in other than traditional ways. We want our students to know how to use information and see a variety of perspectives.”

As dean, Khayum leads a college that offers 10 bachelor’s degree programs, two associate-degree programs, a master’s program in business administration, and two post-baccalaureate certificate programs. The college enrolls more than 1,900 students, including about 100 in the MBA program.

Across all areas, Khayum said the challenge is to keep the curriculum relevant. Today’s graduates need skills in collaboration, project management, communication, and leadership. They need transferable skills they can take from a job in manufacturing to one in healthcare if necessary. Research shows that today’s graduates will change jobs several times during their careers.

The dean is excited about ways a new building proposed for the college will enhance teaching and learning.

“It will make a statement about the University—that we will provide the type of facility that prepares students for the workplace,” he said.

The new facility will have state-of-the-art technology and space that invites collaboration and brainstorming. Khayum envisions corridors with alcoves that feature seating and computers with

whiteboards where students can write down, share, and save the ideas they discuss informally.

Specialized rooms in the new building will simulate the workplace. A stock market lab will have up-to-date streaming information. A negotiations lab where individuals share ideas through technology could be used to learn about conflict resolution issues.

“This makes everybody on the same level,” Khayum said, “so the strength of the idea is more important than the strength of the personalities in the room.”

The new Joe Coslett Family Sales Management Development Laboratory in the Orr Center was completed during the summer with equipment and facilities for students to practice sales skills. Provided with a generous gift from retired Evansville businessman Joe Coslett, the lab will be more expansive in the new building with additional space and a less visible control room.

Khayum grew up in Guyana (formerly British Guiana), the only English-speaking country in South America.

After completing the A-level (advanced level in the British system of secondary schools) at the all-male high school Queens College in the country’s capital of Georgetown, he became a high school social studies teacher for one year. Sensing that he liked teaching, he entered Guyana’s only university at age 19 to study economics. The program included four years of academic study and a year of compulsory military service.

“During the year of national service, there was some basic training where participants learn to use rifles, march, drill, and so forth,” Khayum said. “It is quite a military regimen that makes you come to some kinds of



Mohammed Khayum

decisions about whether you like that structure. There were some beneficial things (discipline, teamwork), but you are at the very bottom level so you must obey all orders.”

Because of his knowledge of economics, Khayum was assigned to review operational costs at five different military sites in the hinterland of the country after completing basic training.

“Very early I got experience using expertise I was acquiring in college in a practical way. Coming out of college I wanted to apply my skills,” he said.

After completing the bachelor’s degree in 1979, he worked until 1983 with the Institute of Development Studies, a center partially funded by the University of Guyana. His major project for the institute was a study of the Caribbean banking system.

By 1983, Khayum was interested in an advanced degree and was considering the University of the West Indies. Higher education beyond the bachelor’s degree was not available in his home country. However, he reconnected with a Temple University professor who had taught in Guyana as a Fulbright Scholar and subsequently decided to enroll at Temple, where he received a scholarship to study economics. He completed a master’s in 1989 and a doctorate the following year. His wife Desiree and son Omar joined him in Philadelphia in 1987. Khayum completed a one-year faculty appointment at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania before joining USI in 1991.

Desiree ’97 earned a degree in accounting from USI. She is the accountant for the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility. Their son Omar, a 2004 Purdue University graduate, is associated with a Chicago information technology consulting firm that completes projects throughout the country.

Because of Khayum’s experience with the national service and the institute, he wanted to apply his knowledge and skills to help companies or nonprofit organizations in Evansville. One of his first projects was an economic impact study for ARC Industries, which employs persons with disabilities.

“It was inspirational,” Khayum

said. “It opened my eyes to what the organization does — engaging people in meaningful activities. At the same time, the organization buys things from the community and engages in sales.”

One project led to another. With each economic impact study, Khayum built up knowledge of the community to use on successive projects. In 2004, he collaborated with a University of Evansville professor to complete a study for Toyota. The high visibility of that project is expected to result in additional opportunities for the college to serve regional companies and organizations.

Khayum believes faculty engagement is important to creating a reputation for the college. Several faculty members and students have completed or are exploring projects through the University’s new Center for Applied Research and Economic Development. The first two projects teamed the college with the

Dubois County Area Development Corporation and the Lincolnland Economic Development Corporation.

Khayum said the college’s three advisory boards (Board of Advisors, Accounting Circle, and Information Technology Alliance) provide critical information about what is expected of graduates. Several current initiatives are a result of board input, including the startup of an organization for high-school computer science teachers.

As leader of the college, Khayum wants to produce graduates who can view projects that confront them not in a linear way but in an integrated way because of the complexity of situations in the real world.

“There are a lot of gray areas,” Khayum said. “We want to educate students to identify unmet needs and resolve them. Then they will be able to identify more opportunities for their companies.”

## Synergies

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Students in both disciplines will gain a better understanding of whether a potential product can be designed, manufactured, and marketed in an economically viable process.

Gordon said a combined engineering and business program will be an asset to engineers. Many work only a few years in a strictly engineering environment before moving into administration or project management where they need business skills.

The USI Board of Trustees has chosen Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum (HOK) of St. Louis, partnering with Hafer Associates, PC, of Evansville, and The Campus Studio of Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the architects for the building. HOK designed the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western University, the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University, and the University of Oklahoma’s engineering building, among others.

The building is included in the capital improvement plan for 2007-09. Implementation is contingent on state funding allocations. The 2005 Indiana General Assembly appropriated \$2 million for planning the building. USI will request \$29.9 million for fee-replacement bonding authorization in the 2007 legislature. If funding and state approvals are given, construction could start as early as 2008.





Periodicals Reading Room

# The right building for its time

## Celebrating the new David L. Rice Library



At the grand opening, USI President Ray Hoops told guests the new library is “a fitting home for the true heart of this campus.”

The new David L. Rice Library is more than a library. Students and faculty will exploit its resources for research and study. They also will gather to use its technology, to collaborate on a project in a group study area, and to have a cup of coffee and converse with friends.

As University of Southern Indiana President H. Ray Hoops puts it: “It will be the heart of campus.”

The tallest building on campus, the new \$27.5 million library casts an imposing, but not overpowering, presence inside and out. The grand opening was July 23.

Ruth Miller, director of USI Library Services, said, “The whole point of this building is that we want to serve the community in the best way.”

Kevin Huse, president of Woollen, Molzan and Partners, Inc., of Indianapolis, calls it a “destination building.” He was project architect for the new USI building.

“You’re growing up and maturing as a campus,” Huse said. “You’re changing, and the buildings are starting to show it. This was the right time and the right building.”

When planning began more than four years ago, the idea was to enlarge the existing library. But as discussions continued, it was clear that faculty and students study and work differently than they did years ago. Students complete group projects. Technology is critical. Developers realized the University should start from scratch with a facility designed for today’s needs.

### A community building

The firm of Woollen, Molzan and Partners, chosen by the USI Board of Trustees for the project, has a strong reputation in library design. It has been involved in many library projects, including facilities at the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University.

Huse believes a college campus has a hierarchy of buildings. If they were compared to a game of chess, the library

would rank as a king or queen. It is a community building—a building that brings people together.

To explain, he invoked the writings of Ray Oldenburg, an urban sociologist best known for his book *The Great Good Place*.

According to Project for Public Spaces, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining public spaces that build communities, “Oldenburg identifies third places, or ‘great good places,’ as the public places on neutral ground where people can gather and interact. In contrast to first places (home) and second places (work), third places allow people to put aside their concerns and simply enjoy the company and conversation around them. Third places ‘host the regular, voluntary, informal, and happily anticipated gatherings of individuals

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beyond the realms of home and work.' Oldenburg suggests that beer gardens, main streets, pubs, cafés, coffeehouses, post offices, and other third places are the heart of a community's social vitality and the foundation of a functioning democracy. They promote social equality by leveling the status of guests, provide a setting for grassroots politics, create habits of public association, and offer psychological support to individuals and communities."

### Built to serve

The new Rice Library of limestone and oversized brick replaces a library by the same name that opened in 1971 when University enrollment was about 2,600 students, all commuters. With enrollment now around 10,000 students (3,000 of them living on campus), the new library has the size, flexibility, technology, and accessibility to meet today's needs. The new building offers more than 155,000 gross square feet. The space for the library is roughly double the size of the original Rice Library. In addition, the facility has a lower level of classrooms which can be converted to additional library space in the future.



Ruth Miller, director of Library Services

The Evansville firm of Hafer Associates, which has completed other projects on the USI campus, partnered with the Indianapolis architectural company on the library. Deig Brothers Lumber and Construction Company of Evansville was the general contractor.

Gary Burgdorf, construction administrator for the University, said the project was completed on time and on budget.

The University got a lot for its money. Cost of the project was \$170 per square foot. Project cost

includes all costs to design, construct, equip, and furnish the building. The national average for a building of this type is \$270 per square foot. Planners gave special attention to developing a design that would be attractive, functional, and within budget.

Groundbreaking was held June 1, 2004, and just two years and four days later on June 5, 2006, the library's 335,000 volumes, 5,000 media items, 500,000 microform units, and 3,000 linear feet of archival materials were being moved into the new space. The transfer took nine days.



Kevin Huse, project architect, believes it is fitting that the library is the tallest building on the USI campus. He calls it a community building where people gather to interact.



The reference desk on the first floor overlooks computers that library patrons use to access the online catalog and research databases. All library computers offer these functions as well as Internet access and software to create text documents, make spreadsheets, and perform other common tasks.

"It will be the heart of campus."

— USI President H. Ray Hoops



Professional library movers from Carney-McNicholas (CMCN) of Cleveland, Ohio, used color coding and labeling to maintain shelf order. They transported the materials with special trucks and equipment. Local people, including USI students, assisted the specialists.

Furniture in the public areas of the library was manufactured by Jasper Library Furniture, a division of Jasper Seating, in Jasper, Indiana. The custom pieces are crafted of maple. End panels on shelves and other items feature a



Custom library furniture is crafted of maple.

reverse-box or X-shaped veneer design that creates a phenomenon called "flip." As a person walks past it, the panel almost seems to come alive, casting shadows and responding to changes in light.

Fred Schutmaat, director of sales for the furniture manufacturer, said the USI library table was the most talked-about item his company displayed in January at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. It features an elegant

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## New library retains name of founding president

The new library retains the name David L. Rice Library in honor of USI's founding president who served as chief executive officer from 1967 until his retirement in 1994. The designation continues the popular Board of Trustees decision in 1992 to name the original library for Rice to recognize the positive developments of the campus during his 27 years of leadership.

The Rice era saw enrollment growth, continued endorsement, and financial support from communities throughout southern Indiana, academic program development, construction of the Science Center and Administration Building, Library, University Center, Technology Center, Physical Activities Center, University Home, Orr Center, and early housing in an apartment complex adjacent to campus.

Leaders in the state and region consider his administration's legacy the attainment of independence for USI as a state university. But his crowning achievement, he said upon retirement in 1994, is the "thousands of alumni out there. Every time I attend a public meeting and see one of the leaders there as an alumnus of the University, it certainly is a proud moment."

USI started as a regional campus of Indiana State University in 1965 with classes at Centennial School, an elementary school built at the turn of the 20th century. USI moved to its present 300-acre campus in 1969. Rice arrived as dean of the campus in 1967 and was named president in 1971.

Joined by community friends, Rice and his wife Betty toured the new library in late June. "I think it is an awesome building," he said. "It is a distinct honor for it to have been named after me."



Mark Hubbard, left, tours the library with David Rice. Hubbard is the son of Barney Hubbard, one of the founders of the Varsity Club.

A friend remarked on the tour that it was an appropriate honor for all the development he had led, and Rice replied, "I was fortunate to be a quarterback with a great team."

In 1970, a news article about the University quoted Rice, "...every citizen who desires an education, who is capable of attaining an education, and who is willing to achieve an education shall have the opportunity to do so."

The new David L. Rice Library is designed to serve the academy of today and the learner of tomorrow. As the number of USI alumni continues to grow through the years, Rice can know his crowning achievement wasn't over at his retirement but gains momentum with each passing Commencement.

open frame design with an environmentally friendly, linseed-based material called Marmoleum on the work surface. A built-in lamp of brushed nickel with a frosted shade and outlets for power and Internet hookup complete the design.

Schutmaat described the custom furniture for the Rice Library as “classic, but transitional.”

“The trend seems to be a return to honest-to-goodness, classic solid library furniture,” he said.

He recalled decades in the recent past when glass, plastic, and metal were in vogue as materials for library furniture.

### Shaping the vision

Miller said the architect took a practical approach to finding out what USI needed for its library. He made dozens of trips and participated in many planning meetings.

Charmaine McDowell, manager of marketing and business development for USI’s Extended Services, facilitated six sessions of focus groups with a cross section of students and faculty.

“In designing the focus group questions and format, it was clear how seriously the library staff takes their role in meeting the research needs of their constituents,” McDowell said. “What emerged was how appreciative the



This graphic indicates some of the attributes which focus groups identified as important for the new Rice Library.



Grand Reading Room

library’s users were of the support and assistance of the library staff. Instead of searching for ways to meet the needs of the users, the focus groups mined ideas for a building that would enhance and support the job already accomplished by a dedicated library staff.

“From practical user-friendly stacks, comfortable study carrels, library access, and signage to creative lounge-style study areas, coffee bars, and art-filled open spaces, the group generated ideas that flowed into the master plan.”

### On the outside

The new David L. Rice Library faces the Liberal Arts Center. These two buildings, along with the University

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The limestone relief above the main entrance of the library was designed by USI art professors John McNaughton (retired) and Katie Waters and made possible by a major gift from Dorothea Johnson Schlechte, a longtime supporter of the arts in the Evansville community.

Center and the proposed Business and Classroom Building, will complete a quadrangle in the years to come.

At the library's main entrance, visitors enter through a four-story rotunda. Mounted on the exterior above the center door is a carved limestone panel designed by art professors John McNaughton (retired) and Katie Waters and carved by stonemasons at Evans Limestone Company in Bedford, Indiana, which provided all the limestone for the building. The relief uniquely represents the USI campus. It depicts a view of the Liberal Arts Center with a still life of University-related objects in the foreground.

### On the inside

Inside, the visitor has choices. A wide porcelain-tiled corridor leading across the width of the building is destined to become a major pathway as students travel from building to building. Turning right from the rotunda, the corridor leads to the first full-service Starbucks coffee shop on campus, operated by the University's Food Services. Turning left from the rotunda leads to a commons area with comfortable seating.

The hallway permits access to the coffee shop and commons without entering the secure library area, allowing for alternate hours and special functions. The corridor and a side entrance at the rear of the building also allow direct access to classrooms on the lower level.

From the main entrance, the visitor moves straight ahead through a massive oak doorway frame to enter the secure area of the library. The first floor includes the circulation desk, reference desk and stacks, and government documents.

From her post at the reference desk, reference librarian Margie Ruppel '98 has enjoyed watching library users as they enter the building for the first time.

"They want to come and study here," she said. "It's inviting."

On the south side of the first floor is a periodicals reading room with big windows overlooking campus and a ceiling that soars to two floors.

The first floor also includes two teaching labs which feature computers for those attending the sessions and a state-of-the-art instructor's workstation



in each room. The workstation allows for crisp digital projection of computer and video and enables the instructor to use an interactive computer display to "draw" on any piece of software, presentation, or Web site to help highlight key points.

On the second floor, the rotunda area features a two-story reading room with blue walls and a carpet with an art-deco design in tones of teal, ochre, sienna, and black. The room offers a variety of seating, including tables and chairs, Windsor-style rockers, and club chairs. The second floor also includes offices for library administrators, library technical services, and a seating area overlooking the periodicals reading room below.

On the third floor, University Archives has a new home with glass-front cabinets lining the walls. Work tables with chairs as well as club chairs of navy leather with matching ottomans are available. Two lambing chairs, reproductions of a style of chair from the mid-18th and 19th centuries, and a table made by USI graduate Kenny Fisher '77 also furnish the area. One lambing chair is a gift to the library from Ron Boren '81 of Hilliard Lyons in Evansville. The space for archives includes a room that functions as a classroom and an office where a visiting scholar could spread out work for an extended time.

In the Archives preservation area, a dry fire-suppression system using a clean, environmentally friendly gas that is safe for people and the environment protects materials in case of fire. If the system activates, items that are not on fire will sustain no harm, unlike the water damage that would occur with a sprinkler system.

On the fourth floor, a more intimate reading room in the rotunda features blue and gold carpet, yellow walls, and circular windows. At the rear, another reading room overlooks the Recreation and Fitness Center.

A variety of collaborative workspace throughout the new building is one of the features that makes it right for today's students. Group projects build teamwork skills and model the way people interact in today's workplace. The new library has 30 group study rooms with various furniture configurations to satisfy different needs.

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## McNaughton takes students on a MAGIC CARPET RIDE

For John McNaughton one of the most exciting things about creating a piece of art for the new Rice Library was the opportunity to watch the building take shape, pick the spot where the piece would hang, and design it specifically for that space.

With his sculpture "Take a Magic Carpet Ride," McNaughton invites students to appreciate and enjoy their four years at the University.

"Often, college is a wonderful time that we don't appreciate until we look back on it," he said. "It's some of the freest time in our lives, but it can be fleeting, like a magic carpet."

The wooden carpet-shaped piece is approximately 7 1/2 feet wide by 13 feet long, including six-inch hand-carved wooden fringe at top and bottom.

McNaughton, USI professor emeritus of art, and Fred Kalvelage, USI staff architect and construction manager, scouted locations for the proposed art about a year ago. The library was under construction but was enclosed at that time. They agreed the periodicals reading room at the south end of the first floor was the appropriate location for McNaughton's piece, commissioned by the University's Art Collection Committee. McNaughton continued to watch the room take shape and formulate his design idea as building construction progressed. Large two-story floor-to-ceiling windows flood the area with natural light.

Because the location was chosen early on, the wall was reinforced during construction to support the weight of the piece, saving costly retrofitting.



John McNaughton, USI professor emeritus of art, created the sculpture "Take a Magic Carpet Ride" for the periodicals reading room.

Accommodating from two to 12 persons, the rooms are separated from public space by glass partitions. Group study rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Most visitors are struck by the variety of spaces, not just among the group study rooms, but throughout the new library. Each space has a different character.

Huse said, "You need a variety of light, seating, and space. You don't read a novel in the same space at home that you would pay the bills. You might switch to a Lazy Boy or a chair with an ottoman to read a novel."

In addition to providing comfort and a variety of spaces for library users, developers wanted to make the facility easy to navigate. Seating and group study rooms are concentrated along the outside edges of each floor. Signage helps users locate what they need.

"A building like this succeeds depending upon how easy it is to get around," Miller said.

### Technology and classrooms

The new library provides access to the most current technology available. The building is wired for computers and offers wireless service as well. It has 125 stationary computers, compared with 60 in the former library. The new facility also has 25 laptops which may be checked out by students for in-library use.

Besides the four levels of library space, the new building offers a lower level of 16 technology-enhanced classrooms in addition to a 125-seat auditorium where faculty will find digital projection systems, document cameras, DVD players, and interactive

whiteboards. USI's Instructional Technology Services will provide assistance with a new wireless audience-response system that will allow for live polling and quizzing of students. Dana Willett, director of Instructional Technology Services, said participants use hand-held "clickers" that register individual responses and provide real-time graphing of those answers for display through the projection system. The audience-response system is portable and can be moved from space to space.

The auditorium features a presenter-friendly touch screen control system that will let speakers adjust the high-quality projection and sound system as well as the lighting in the room directly from the podium.

Miller said the University worked with a consultant throughout construction to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The facility, including the lower level, is accessible for disabled persons. The auditorium in the lower level



## At a glance

### A look at some of the features of Rice Library

- 155,000 gross square feet
- Four-story rotunda
- First building on campus to offer five stories of useable space
- 125-seat auditorium (lower level)
- Periodicals Reading Room (first floor)
- Grand Reading Room (second floor)
- Two fourth-floor Reading Rooms (one in rotunda and one at rear)
- 136 miles of communications cable (According to Mapquest, end-to-end cable would stretch along I-64 from the University to 11 miles past Louisville, Kentucky.)
- 97 miles of electrical wiring
- Project cost of \$170 per square foot (including all costs to design, construct, equip, and furnish the building); national average for a building of this kind is \$270 per square foot
- Three cable elevators
- Custom library tables and furnishings
- First full-service Starbucks coffee shop on campus
- Special security system
- 132 construction workers on site daily at peak of construction



Thirty group-study rooms accommodating from two to 12 persons are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Low angle view of the front of Rice Library

offers accessibility to the audience area as well as to the speakers' platform.

### For today and tomorrow

The library incorporates a host of features that will allow it to adjust to changing times.

Elevators in the building do not serve the lower level at the present time in order to increase security of library materials. However, the elevators are in place and can be programmed to reach the lower level should the library need to expand into that space in the future.

"We are a young university," Miller said. "Our collection is not large. It includes electronic resources

that can be used by faculty and students from home or office and by students in distance-education classes."

The entire collection of 335,000 volumes could fit in the lower level with compact shelving.

"We could double the size of our collection," Miller said.

Since there are few load-bearing walls on the interior of the building, space can be reconfigured as needs change.

"We tried to make the design as flexible as possible given our resources," Miller said.

The former library will be renovated for additional University Center space.



### Checkout services

The David L. Rice Library is open to USI students, faculty, and staff as well as to residents of the local area and state of Indiana. A valid Eagle Access Card or David L. Rice Library Courtesy Card must be presented in order to borrow materials. Members of the immediate families of USI faculty, staff, and alumni with active membership may obtain limited borrowing privileges. Residents of Indiana or areas that the University recognizes for reciprocity may also borrow books by presenting a valid photo ID and proof of residence to the staff at the checkout counter; a courtesy card granting limited borrowing privileges will be issued at no charge.

[www.usi.edu/library/](http://www.usi.edu/library/)

## Renovated PAC arena now a GLVC showplace



Fans of the Screaming Eagles can lean back and enjoy the games more than ever this fall. Renovations completed in the Physical Activities Center over the last few months give every seat a chairback.

And student athletes also have an advantage. They are playing on new wood courts.

A significant upgrade is the best way to describe the PAC arena renovations. Gone are the old rubbery-tartan surface and the raised wood court, replaced by a high-grade wood floor from wall to wall.

"The student athletes are going to be proud of the place they call home this fall," said Jon Mark Hall, Director of Athletics. "The new surface provides a tremendous upgrade for all programs, especially volleyball and men's and women's basketball."

The improvements in the PAC were funded by a portion of the estate gift from

Henry W. Ruston, who died last year. He was one of the University's closest friends and a fan of USI basketball.

PAC renovations are a bonus for all varsity and intramural programs. It is not unusual to have four or five teams practicing in the PAC during a fall or spring afternoon, followed by intramural basketball and volleyball at night.

Rick Stein, head coach for women's basketball, is looking forward to using the upgraded facilities.

"The newly renovated PAC will make an immediate impact on our Athletics program," he said. "It gives our teams more practice space and allows for more flexible practice schedules. Our student athletes will benefit from the three new wood courts, and we hope they will help cut back on injuries."

Leah Mercer, '02, head coach for volleyball, said, "The wood floors provide more flexibility with practices and

The renovated arena has 20 rows of cushioned chairback seats and four rows of bleachers with backs (shown).

hosting tournaments. The overall look is great, and it definitely helps when bringing a recruit for a campus visit."

While the student athletes compete on the new playing surface, the fans will cheer from new seats. The old plastic chairback seats and hardwood bleachers have been replaced with 20 rows of cushioned chairback seats and four rows of bleachers, which also have a back.

"In essence every seat will have a back," Hall said.

Rick Herdes, head coach for men's basketball, said the PAC will be the best place to play and see a game in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"In college athletics, fans want comfort and excitement, and we will have both," he said.

The PAC opened in 1980. Fans already are eager for the 2006-07 seasons in the renovated arena.

Bruce Baker, chair of the USI Board of Trustees, said, "I've had tickets since the building opened and have seen a lot of great basketball. The renovation gives our student athletes a facility that matches their excellence on the court."

David Herrenbruck '86, former chair of the USI Varsity Club and former president of the Alumni Association, added, "The PAC has always been a great place to watch a game, but now it will be one of the premier arenas in the conference. Eagle tickets have always been available and that will be changing once people see the new look."



Young players practice their skills on the PAC's new floor during basketball camp.

### Appointments

#### Tracy Archuleta named head baseball coach

Tracy Archuleta, new head baseball coach, comes to USI after five seasons at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside where he achieved a pair of NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and two 40-win seasons.



Archuleta

UW-Parkside advanced to the NCAA II North Central Regional title game in 2005 and was 148-124 (.544) during Archuleta's tenure.

After establishing a foundation during his first two years, Archuleta directed the Rangers into the national spotlight with a 41-18 season in 2004, finishing on top of the GLVC standings and earning the school's first-ever NCAA II tournament bid. From 2002 to 2004, UW-Parkside went from 13 wins to 41 wins.

#### Michelle Irwin

Former USI player Michelle Irwin joins the women's basketball staff as an assistant after two years as a graduate assistant at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. She helped the Ashland Eagles to an NCAA II

Tournament appearance, two Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division titles, and two 20-win seasons.

Irwin played for USI Head Coach Rick Stein from 1999-02 and was a member of the Screaming Eagles back-to-back GLVC Tournament championship teams. USI amassed a 70-22 mark, 43-17 in the GLVC during Irwin's three seasons in a USI uniform. The Eagles also appeared in the NCAA II Tournament twice.

#### Brian Zolner

Brian Zolner was named the head athletic trainer after three years as an assistant at USI. He previously was a trainer at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri.



Zolner

#### USI women's golfer presented spirit award

Freshman women's golfer Tara Wiley of Oxford, Indiana, was named recipient of the NCAA Division II East Regional "Kim Moore Spirit Award." The winner is selected by the region's coaches.

The award is dedicated to Kim Moore, who played golf from 1999-2003 for the University of Indianapolis. Moore persevered through many physical challenges with a positive outlook and dedication to the game.

Wiley is legally blind in her left eye due to injuries from a childhood fishing accident. She was second on USI's women's golf team with an 84.1 strokes per round average and placed 24th at the East Regional.



Wiley



#### Softball posts historic season

The USI softball team had one of its best seasons in program history, posting a 39-18 overall record and a 17-5 mark in the GLVC. The Eagles advanced to the NCAA II Great Lakes Region Tournament where they finished third. Pictured are (front row from left) Lacey Liganowski, Lindsey McNaughton, Krista Nugent, Missy Grover, Angie Davis, and Kerrie Burton and (back row from left) Assistant Coach Annie Medico '06, Kathy Wood, Audra Lindenschmidt, Ally McKinley, Lisa Anderson, Jenn Mullikin, Jami Martin, Nikki Nichols, Alia Whitman, Kristin Eickholt, and Head Coach Sue Kunkle.

## Alumni Council 2006-07

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# Alumni Calendar

## 2006-07 of Events



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| September 12 | Alumni Council Meeting<br>5:45 p.m., USI Foundation   |
| September 15 | Alumni Fun Golf Scramble<br>11:30 a.m., Helfrich Hills Golf Course, Evansville  |
| October 7-8  | Parents & Families Weekend on USI Campus  |
| October 12   | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter Gathering<br>7 p.m., The Rathskeller, Indianapolis  |
| October 17   | Return to the Heart of Nursing<br>Annual Nursing Alumni Society Dinner<br>5:30 p.m., USI Carter Hall  |
| November 4   | Vectren Community Classic<br>USI vs UE Men's Basketball Exhibition Game<br>7:05 p.m., Roberts Stadium<br>5 p.m., Pre-game Tailgate Rally, stadium parking lot |
| December 3   | Lighting A Tradition<br>4 p.m., Orr Center Lobby  |
| December 9   | USI Fall Commencement<br>10 a.m., USI Physical Activities Center  |
| December 9   | Greater Indianapolis Alumni Pizza Party<br>follows basketball games, McQ's Pizza  |
| January 9    | Alumni Council Meeting<br>5:45 p.m., USI Foundation   |
| February 3   | Homecoming 2007   |

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

### 1970s

**Stephen A. Elliott '73**, accounting, has been promoted to executive vice president of administration and finance at North American Green in Evansville.

**Gary W. Abell '74**, marketing, retired after 30 years' service with Meridian Insurance Company in Indianapolis.

**William H. Anthony '74**, accounting, has been named financial controller at Casino Aztar in Evansville.

**Michael C. Burdette '79**, business, is the owner of Burdette's Promotional Advertising in Russell Springs, Kentucky.

**Karen R. Daniel '79**, accounting, has been named director of Global Supply Chain Information Management at Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Evansville.

### 1980s

**Donna Cook Culley '83**, psychology, is the chief psychologist for the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. She is the lead forensic psychologist conducting competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility evaluations for the state of South Carolina.

**Kurt D. Pritchett '83**, business, has been named 2005 Downtown Kiwanis Police Officer of the Year in Evansville.

**Rachel Walton Hughes '84**, communications, has been named development officer for the Wayne County Foundation in Richmond, Indiana.

**Joseph M. Per '85**, electrical engineering technology, is the plant manager for DaimlerChrysler in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

**Janet Schmitt Heldt '86**, administrative systems/marketing, has been named senior vice president/director of Diversity and Work Life Program/president of Old National Bank Foundation at National Bank in Evansville.

**Tina Kern-Raibley '86**, management, is general manager of Two Men and A Truck in Evansville.

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## Geoff Gentil leads Alumni Association



Gentil

**G**eoff Gentil '92, new president of the USI Alumni Association, invites graduates who haven't been on campus in a while to come and take a look.

Many alumni have not seen the residence halls, the Recreation and Fitness Center, tennis courts, and softball field developed in recent years—not to mention the academic buildings and the new Rice Library.

"It's a different atmosphere," Gentil said.

As the alumni base grows, he comes across more and more people who have a USI connection. Gentil joined Evansville's Integra Bank in 2001. He is vice president/commercial lending.

"A lot of what I do in my work involves sales," Gentil said. "It's really easy to make a connection with people through USI. Networking will continue to be a tool that USI graduates can use to be successful."

For several years, Gentil has joined with members of the USI Student Government Association and other alumni to participate in USI Day at the Statehouse. The USI delegation meets in Indianapolis with state legislators to discuss the needs of higher education, especially the needs of USI.

"I enjoy going every year," Gentil said. "The first year I went not really knowing what I was going to see. I heard different legislators talk about how efficiently USI is run and how it is growing. When you hear them sing USI's praises, it really gets you fired up. As you touch more and more people outside the Evansville area, you understand better what a strong institution USI is."

The Alumni Council (listed on opposite page) will meet in October to develop a three-year plan for new programming. Gentil said a major goal of the group is to provide family activities. As an institution 40 years old, USI has a young alumni constituency. The Alumni Picnic, Day at the Zoo, and Night with the Otters are some of the annual events that include all members of the family. The Council strives for a mix of on-campus and off-campus activities.

A USI men's basketball player from 1987-91, Gentil came to USI from Posey County, Indiana, where his father Bob was his basketball coach at North Posey High School. Now Geoff's brother Gary '95 is the boys' basketball coach there. Keeping up the family tradition, Geoff stays involved with high school athletics as a referee, officiating basketball games throughout Southwestern Indiana. Refereeing helps the former Screaming Eagle keep in shape and in touch with young people.

"If you're not around kids a lot, you would be amazed at their dedication and the training they go through to compete at the high school level," he said. "They have a lot of pressure and a lot of demands on their time."

Gentil and his wife Kristina also stay involved with athletics through family activities. Sons Rylan, 13, and Jace, 11, play basketball, baseball, and soccer. Rylan attended basketball camp at USI this summer. Daughter Lyndsey, 2, recently participated in her first dance recital. The Gentils live in Wadesville, Indiana.

**Peter J. Hillenbrand '88**, communications, is the owner of Pete Hillenbrand Appraisals in Evansville.

**Lisa Nance Harp '89**, marketing, '95, Master of Business Administration, was promoted to senior accountant at Arc Construction Company in Evansville.

### 1990s

**Katherine M. Bell '90**, nursing, has been named assistant manager in the Neuro Medical Intensive Care Unit at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

**Timothy G. Bryan '90**, accounting, has been appointed a partner in charge of the Evansville office of Kemper CPA group.

**Dolli Kuehn Kight '90**, marketing/management, accepted the position of hotel sales and conference manager for the Executive Inn in Evansville.

**Rebecca King Dawson '91**, elementary education, is the area supervisor for Regis Corporation in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Bryan J. Morrison '91**, psychology, has been named manager of Environmental Health and Safety at USI.

**Lisa Shultz Shanks '91**, elementary education, a teacher at Oak Hill Middle School, received the 2006 Middle School Teacher of the Year award on behalf of University of Evansville and the *Evansville Courier and Press*.

**Jamie L. Wicks '91**, business administration, '97, Master of Business Administration, was elected president of Junior League of Evansville for 2006-07.

**Stephanie L. Gerbig '92**, communications, is a manager of Global Product Communications at General Motors in Detroit.

**Amy Schmitt Johnson '92**, sociology, has been promoted to assistant vice president, high performance checking manager for Integra Bank in Evansville.

**Paul W. Logsdon '92**, business administration, is the general manager at Olive Garden in Avon, Indiana.

## Two accounting alumni lead health-care organizations

Two University of Southern Indiana accounting graduates recently were named to leadership positions with health-care organizations in the Midwest.

Daniel E. Neufelder '79 was appointed president and chief executive officer for Affinity Health System of Menasha, Wisconsin. He joined Affinity in March.



Neufelder

Neufelder previously was chief operating officer at Memorial Hospital of South Bend in South Bend, Indiana, where he contributed to the hospital's strong financial performance and led the launch of Indiana's first community clinical oncology program and a heart and vascular center as well as expansion of emergency and women's services. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Indianapolis.

**Tracy Murphy Lorey '92**, elementary education, completed a Ph.D. in educational administration at Indiana State University in December 2005. She is principal of the Fifth Street Elementary School in Jasper, Indiana.

**Kathy Weinzapfel Schoettlin '92**, communications, has been promoted to vice president, director of public relations, at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Amy J. Smith '92**, psychology, was named 2005 Firefighter of the Year. She was the first woman to receive the Green River Kiwanis Firefighter of the Year Award. Smith resides in Evansville.

**Angela Catt Brawdy '93**, accounting, has been named benefits manager at Shoe Carnival Inc. in Evansville.

**Harold L. Hart '93**, civil engineering technology, is a project engineer/surveyor for Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz in Clarksville, Indiana.

A regional health care network, Affinity Health System is a partnership of Ministry Health Care in Milwaukee and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare of Wheaton, Illinois.

Keith Jewell '86 M.B.A. '91 is senior vice president and chief operating officer of St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers, a three-hospital system headquartered in Beech Grove, Indiana. His appointment was effective in April.



Jewell

Jewell previously served as executive director of St. Francis Hospital-Mooresville, one of the three St. Francis facilities.

He has led a number of growth initiatives for the St. Francis system, including a recent \$ 20.8 million expansion of the Mooresville campus and the soon-to-be-completed Plainfield Health Center.

**Bradley D. Lown '93**, business administration, is a financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial in Tinley Park, Illinois.

**Shannon M. Marshall '93**, accounting, has been promoted to vice president, client advisor, at Old National Bancorp in Evansville.

**Jennifer L. Wigginton '93**, communications, has been promoted to Measurement Support Team manager for The ARS Group in Evansville.

**Lisa M. Berfanger '94**, political science, recently opened Berfanger Law firm in Evansville.

**Camala G. Cooley '94**, business administration, has joined Bowers Harrison LLP Attorneys at Law as an associate in Evansville.

**Brian D. Server '94**, business administration, has been promoted to manager of Consumer Lending at Evansville Federal Credit Union.

**Stephanie L. Boyer '95**, business administration, has been appointed an account executive with Management Recruiters of Newburgh in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Alan D. Jones '95**, business administration, has been named vice president and portfolio manager at National City Bank in Indianapolis.

**Dana Willett '95**, English, '02, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to director of Instructional Technology Services for the University of Southern Indiana.

**Tony J. Bacon '96**, mathematics, '01, mathematics teaching, teaches mathematics at Mount Vernon High School, where he also serves as girls' tennis coach, in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

**Michael W. Fetscher '96**, communications, has been named coordinator of instructional broadcast for the College of Nursing and Health Professions at USI.

**Carrie Webb McCune '96**, sociology, has accepted the position of women's health care specialty representative with Solvay Pharmaceuticals in Evansville.

**Theresa Anslinger Price '96**, nursing, has been named assistant manager in the Neuro Medical ICU at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

**Sean E. Redman '96**, social science teaching, has been named the West Side Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year. He is a social studies teacher at Corpus Christi School in Evansville.

**Ronald L. Winiger '96**, English, is the manager of quality assurance at Clear Point Legal in Indianapolis.

**Vanessa J. Fritz '97**, biology, has been appointed a Life and Physical Sciences Department assistant instructor at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

**Judy Wuebbels Like '97**, computer information systems, is a data administrator for Financial Crimes Enforcement Network in Vienna, Virginia.

**Kari L. Romoser '97**, psychology, has joined FC Tucker Emge Realtors as a sales associate in Evansville.



The 2004 Vectren Community Classic at Roberts Stadium was the first meeting in men's basketball for the Screaming Eagles and Purple Aces.

## Vectren Community Classic

7:05 p.m. • November 4 • Roberts Stadium

University of Southern Indiana  
vs. University of Evansville

Men's basketball exhibition game

**Wear red to show your USI spirit!**

Tickets go on sale in September through Ticketmaster, the University of Evansville Athletics Department, or the Roberts Stadium Ticket Office.

Pre-game tailgate rally, 5 p.m., stadium parking lot

**Karen Christman Wojciechowski '97**, is a research lab technician for Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

**Shelby Holsapple Collins '98**, dental hygiene education, '05, Master of Health Administration, has been named director of St. Mary's Center for Children in Evansville.

**Christy Spindler Roth '98**, business administration, is a business development officer, assistant vice president with First Federal Savings Bank in Evansville.

**Lucas W. Wilder '98**, political science, maintains a private law practice in Dayton, Ohio.

**Jeffrey P. Barnes '99**, computer information systems, is a master of martial arts with Community Martial Arts in Evansville.

**Michael Chambliss '99**, business administration, has been promoted to manager of Energy Delivery Operations for Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

**Winston B. Church '99**, physical education, teaches physical education at N.H. Jones Elementary School in Ocala, Florida.

**Andre J. Davis '99**, computer information systems, is a systems administrator at Integra Bank in Evansville.



**Jennifer A. Herrenbruck '99**, physical education, is a health educator and coach at Castle Junior High School in Newburgh, Indiana.

**Edward J. Hull '99**, accounting, has been promoted to manager of Operations Systems at Old National Wealth Management in Evansville.

**Kirk D. Jones '99**, science teaching, is a biology teacher with North Montgomery School Corporation in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

**Ann Pahmeier Nelson '99**, civil engineering technology, is a design engineer for Corradino LLC in Evansville.

**Amy Swartzentruber Waggner '99**, nursing, '02, Master of Science in Nursing, is a family nurse practitioner at Daviess Community Hospital in Montgomery, Indiana.

**Rita Gilmore Winters '98**, nursing, '02, Master of Science in Nursing, is an acute care practitioner at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

## 2000s

**H. Alvin Basham II '00**, business administration, has been promoted to assistant vice president, portfolio manager with the Wealth Management Division of Integra Bank in Evansville.

**Elizabeth Lawrence Childers '00**, business administration, is director, East Coast national accounts, with VMS, a meeting management company in Indianapolis.

**Ann Bauernfiend Church '00**, biology, graduated in May, 2005, from Indiana University School of Medicine. She is completing a dermatology residency in Gainesville, Florida.

**Christopher J. Dunning '00**, business administration, has been promoted to vice president, retail banking center manager for Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Jason O. Hudnall '00**, communications, is a regional account manager for AIM Healthcare Services in Evansville.

**Norma L. Lawrence '00**, public relations and advertising, was selected as a member of the 2006 class of the Indiana Leadership Forum. She is business development manager and the director of Government Services for CREW Technical Services in Indianapolis.

**Lacey Knollman Poag '00**, communications, is a children and youth pastor with Shiloh United Methodist Church in Jasper, Indiana.

**Jonathan D. Stallings '00**, biology, is a postdoctoral associate with The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine.

**Leonard Wagers '00**, Master of Business Administration, has joined Crowe Chizek & Company LLC in Cleveland, Ohio, as a senior manager.

**James A. Doyle '01**, sociology/political science, is a prosecuting attorney for the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office in Evansville.

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

## Two USI graduates rated tops in teaching U.S. history

Ruth Baize '74 loves nothing more than closing the door of her classroom and teaching—no matter what the subject.

Recently she was recognized as an outstanding teacher of history when the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America named her Indiana History Teacher of the Year for 2006. Baize teaches at West Terrace Elementary School in Evansville. She will represent Indiana in national competition.

She is the second consecutive University of Southern Indiana graduate to earn the state award. The 2005 winner was Jon Carl '95 M.S.E. '99, a faculty member at Evansville's Reitz High School.

"History is what I do," said Carl, who spends time each summer doing research and preparing for the next school year. This fall his students in an elective course called "Feel the History," will combine their research skills with technology to produce documentaries about regional topics.

Baize's love of history was nurtured during her childhood growing up in Evansville. Her parents are Robert and Vanna Zimmerman.

"I was brought up learning history. My mother always had us reading books. When we went on vacation, she and Dad would have us stop at all the historical spots. We talked current events around the dinner table."

Some of the historical sites she remembers from long road trips in pre-Interstate days include Thomas Edison's



Ruth Baize and students from West Terrace Elementary School compiled a history of Bokelman #3 School, now located on the USI campus.

winter home in Fort Myers, Florida; Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville, Tennessee; and her all-time favorite, the home of Baby Doe Tabor in Leadville, Colorado.

Baize and students in an after-school reading, writing, and research club at West Terrace recently completed a book *Chalk Dust Memories: Bokelman #3 School*. The one-room schoolhouse, which was closed in 1939, was relocated to the USI campus in 1993. Students in the club helped interview former Bokelman students to preserve the history of the school. The book now appears on the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation's Web site and has been distributed to libraries in the area.

Baize is involving her fifth graders at West Terrace this fall in a second volume of *Chalk Dust Memories*, a history of the old Union

Township School, which was located near Cypress-Dale and Pleasant Roads in Vanderburgh County.

In doing such projects, Baize said, "The children get an appreciation for history. It's also a cross-generational project. The children just love hearing the stories. We get into facts about the school as well as the human-interest aspect."

Her favorite story so far about Union Township School, which she attended, relates how the boys put the principal's car in neutral and hid it. Since the school was open through the '60s, many alumni are still living and able to contribute to

the history. Baize said Union Township is the only township in the state which still receives rental income from its seminary lands for educational purposes. The seminary township school fund was created by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

Baize is planning special activities to help students this year learn about explorers, the Revolutionary War, and wagon trains. Last year, as a third-grade teacher, she led her students to create their own science museum and will develop that on a more advanced level for fifth graders this fall.

Baize has taught for more than 25 years. She earned an M.Ed. degree from Texas Christian University in 1977.

When Carl explains the blended history/technology class, he says, "We are going to turn these kids into little Ken Burns."

He credits Terry Hughes of the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation's ICATS (Integrating Curriculum and Technology Specialists) with suggesting the project.

For the first documentary, Carl wants all students in the class to work together to research and record the history of the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival. Later topics will be selected by the students, based on what they think is interesting and want to research.

Their classroom will be equipped with computers, scanners, three video cameras, a high-quality digital still camera, microphones, studio lighting, and a green screen. Staff at WNIN TV 9 will participate in a technical review of the three- to five-minute documentaries and have agreed to air them as fillers.

A related Web site will accompany the segments as well as curriculum support materials so other history teachers and students can benefit from the project. Carl and Hughes have submitted a grant proposal to the Corporation for Public

Broadcasting which, if approved, will allow expansion of the project.

Besides documenting area history, the goal of the blended history and technology course is to give students research and writing skills and ignite their passion for history.

Carl spent time with Hughes during the summer to familiarize himself with technology for the course. He also visited the new Abraham Lincoln museum and library in Springfield, Illinois; and the Conner Prairie outdoor history museum in Fishers, Indiana. In addition, he attended a Teaching World War II Workshop sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society.

"When I was a student at USI, I always thought of myself as a history major as much as an education major," Carl said. "I took most of my U.S. history classes with Dr. Bigham because I shared his love of local history."

Dr. Darrel Bigham is professor of history and director of Historic Southern Indiana.

Carl was a member of the three-person committee that developed the initial framework for the standards for teaching U.S. history at the high school level in Indiana. The standards were rated the best in the nation by the Fordham Foundation in 2003. He serves on Historic Southern Indiana's planning committee for the Lincoln Institute for Teachers.

Winners of the Gilder Lehrman Institute award receive a \$1,000 honorarium and a core of history books for their school library. The selection of the state winner is based upon several criteria: experience in teaching American history; career commitment to teaching American history; evidence of creativity and imagination; and close attention to documents, artifacts, historic sites, and the other primary materials of history. The New York-based Gilder Lehrman Institute promotes the study and love of American history. Preserve America is a White House initiative.



Carl

**Elizabeth A. Obergfell '01**, social work, has been elected to the board of directors for the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana. She graduated with a Master of Public Affairs in 2004 from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs and is a law student at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

**Valerie L. Spellmeyer '01**, public relations and advertising, is marketing coordinator for Wilder Architecture, Inc., in Tampa, Florida.

**Bruce Williams '01**, nursing, has accepted the position of instructor in nursing at Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

**Ryan Brown '02**, business administration, '05, Master of Business Administration, has been named director of Risk Management and Fleet Operations at Raben Tire in Evansville.

**James A. Coker '02**, political science, has been named general manager of Towne Mall in Middletown, Ohio.

**Geri M. Gogel '02**, advertising and public relations, is a billing associate with Celadon Trucking in Indianapolis.

**Brock J. Haas '02**, accounting, '05, Master of Business Administration, has been promoted to accounting manager at Peabody Energy Corporation in Evansville.

**Amy Wagner Lutes '02**, English, has been promoted to communications and marketing coordinator at Raybestos Powertrain in Sullivan, Indiana.

**Rachel A. Lyle '02**, marketing, is a facilities assistant for Crestwood Lodge in Snowmass Village, Colorado.

**Stephanie G. Moll '02**, history, graduated in December from Indiana University with a Master of Library Science. She has taken the position of research associate for the Netwellness Program at the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Tina Warren Mullins '02**, biology, is a quality assurance manager for Laboratory Corporation of America in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Rebecca J. Sandgren '02**, computer information systems, has been promoted to assistant vice president of eBusiness Senior Project manager at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Brad Lutes '03**, political science/sociology, is an officer for the Indiana State Excise Police in Sullivan, Indiana.

**Lindsay N. Satterthwaite '03**, public relations and advertising, is the director of Network Office Development for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Evansville.

**Misty Lynn Seaton '03**, Master of Science in Accountancy, was named manager of Corporate Tax for Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

**Adam K. Smith '03**, accounting, is a consultant with Deloitte Consulting in Houston, Texas.

**Andrew T. Aldenderfer '04**, has joined the Dayton Dragons baseball team as a corporate marketing manager in Dayton, Ohio.

**Patricia Sandbach Avery '04**, radio and television, has been named an assistant vice president, employee communications director at Old National Bank in Evansville.

**Morgan A. Compton '04**, public relations, is a regional high school admissions representative for Indiana Business College in Indianapolis.

**Jamie Brentlinger Lewis '04**, finance, is an accountant at First National Bank in Carmi, Illinois.

**David K. Milligan '04**, accounting, has been promoted to manager of Internal Controls with Vectren Corporation in Evansville.

**Aaron B. Molin '04**, exercise science, has opened a full-service health and fitness facility, Core Fitness Club, in Mooresville, Indiana.

**Steven D. Owen '04**, business administration, is senior credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

**Jacob A. Stroud '04**, exercise science, has opened a full-service health and fitness facility, Core Fitness Club, in Mooresville, Indiana.

**Stephanie N. Warlick '04**, public relations, is a communications administrator for Whirlpool Corporation in Evansville.

**Bethany Shafer Yake '04**, accounting, is an accountant for the U.S. Department of Defense in Indianapolis.

**LaVerne L. Jones '05**, art, works as a photographer with News and Information Services at USI. Jones does freelance work in her spare time.

**Toshia L. Masoncup '05**, communications, has been promoted to buyer of Women's Shoes for Shoe Carnival, Inc. of Evansville.

**Adam N. Siemers '05**, art, has joined Keller Crescent as a graphic artist in Evansville.

**Tessa D. Kerby '06**, public relations and advertising, has joined Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau as an administrative assistant in French Lick, Indiana.

**Andrew M. Williams '06**, computer information systems/electronic business, has joined Keller Schroeder & Associates, Inc. as an applications developer in Evansville.

## Marriages

**Nicholas G. Olinger '90**, management, and Leah, October 28, 2005

**Dana L. Mullis '00**, occupational therapy, and Darren Hutton, November 30, 2004

**Heather M. Markwell '00**, business administration, and Eric Schroeder, February 25, 2006

**Nicholas E. Schnarr '00**, public relations and advertising, and Brooklyn Diamond, March 12, 2006

**Douglas Meiring '02**, public relations, and Kristi Block, September 17, 2005

**Darren R. Verkamp '02**, business administration, '05, Master of Business Administration, and **Lisa M. Doddridge '04**, marketing, October 8, 2005

**Kathryn M. Little '03**, elementary education, and **Nathan E. Wertman '04**, elementary education, October 22, 2005

**Summer N. Schmuck '03**, Master of Social Work, and **Roger A. Wilderman '04**, psychology, July 7, 2006

**Elissa K. Travers '03**, health services, '05, Master of Health Administration, and Damon Carl, November 26, 2005

**Heidi R. Wichser '03**, elementary education, and Mark Blackburn, June 4, 2005

**Melisa B. Riley '04**, elementary education, and **J. Michael Moore '04**, finance, June 8, 2005

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

## Births

**Michelle Clark Hammett '90**, marketing, and **Kevin L. Hammett '90**, accounting, daughter, Payton Ann, January 16, 2006

**Lisa Kiesel Bittner '92**, respiratory therapy, and Eric, daughter, Katie Lynn, December 12, 2005

**Amy Petitjean Graff '92**, business administration, and Carl, son, Jackson Daniel, September 1, 2005

**Robert C. Wosley, II '92**, business administration, and Elizabeth, daughter, Marin Reese, March 2, 2006

**Angela Byers Bulkley '95**, nursing, and Derrick, son, Zackary Thomas, January 31, 2006

**Kristi Herrenbruck Krack '96**, business administration, and **Jason '96**, business administration, daughter, Kendall Renee, November 1, 2005

**Krista Perkins Decker '98**, business administration, and Duane, daughter, Rachel Meredith, November 2, 2005

**Kalyn Snodgrass Herrmann '98**, elementary education, and **Allen J. Herrmann '99**, elementary education, son, Nicholas Max, February 9, 2006



### ALASKA

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## USI Athletics establishes Hall of Fame

Nominations for inaugural class due October 7

USI Athletics is establishing an Athletic Hall of Fame with the inaugural induction to take place February 3 during Homecoming festivities.

Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall feels the time is right for the Hall of Fame after 36 years of intercollegiate athletics.

"Athletics at USI has established a strong history," Hall said. "The Hall of Fame will be a mechanism to recognize and reconnect with those student athletes, coaches, administrators, and supporters who created many memorable moments. The Hall of Fame also will help current student athletes understand why we have

such pride in our athletics program. It will underscore our commitment to excellence."

Any Screaming Eagles fan may make nominations. Student athletes or teams must have reached the 10th anniversary of their last season of competition to be eligible for the Hall of Fame. Coaches/administrators who have been separated from the Department of Athletics for two years are eligible. Special individuals (e.g., Varsity Club members) may also be nominated to the Hall of Fame.

Nominations for the charter class are due October 7.



Online nomination form  
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- Men's basketball vs. University of Missouri-Rolla at 3:15 p.m.

#### Alumni Gathering

Complimentary Food Booths & Live Entertainment at 5:30 p.m.

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**Courtney Martin Maynor '98**, occupational therapy, and Barry, son, Eli Gavin, January 30, 2006

**Lori Schoen-Moore '99**, business administration/computer information systems, and **Steven '02**, business administration, son, Deven Joseph, October 31, 2005

**Marcie Obermeyer Trossman '99**, English, and Matthew, daughter, Eleanor, February 10, 2005

**Amanda Taylor Cox '00**, accounting, and Joshua, son, Austin Neil, January 18, 2006

**Brandi Schwartz Hess '00**, journalism and computer publishing, and Ryan, son, Blake Ryan, February 22, 2006

**Dana Mullis Hutton '00**, occupational therapy, and Darren, son, Keaton, November 28, 2005

**Tara Wible Schaefer '01**, elementary education, and Michael, daughter, Claire Elaine, December 11, 2005

**Ronda Norman Watson '01**, psychology, and Jacob, twin daughters, Ella Erika and Dara Emily, June 2, 2005

**Jeffrey G. Wortman '02**, business administration, and Amanda, daughter, Allison Olivia, January 12, 2006

#### In Memoriam

**Robert E. Snyder, Jr. '75**, sociology, of Evansville, died May 8, 2006. He was a member of the Evansville Fire Department for 20 years before retiring in 2005.

**Jeanne M. Russell '82**, psychology, of Danville, California, died June 23, 2006. She worked at Amylin Pharmaceuticals as director of executive training in San Diego, California.

**Donald E. Compton '87**, business administration, of Evansville, died June 23, 2006. He was employed at Bristol Myers for 32 years in the finance department. He was a Civitan for 20 years, serving in offices at club and district levels and receiving several awards.

**Stephanie Lurker Gentry '93**, business administration, of Tallahassee, Florida, died February 27, 2006. She was a *magna cum laude* graduate at USI and a member of the Golden Key and Alpha Chi National Honor Societies.

**Donnie R. Snider II '99**, communications, of Evansville, died April 23, 2006. Donnie was paralyzed from an accident at the age of 20. He was the local spokesperson for Easter Seals for a number of years.

**William D. Kenney '95**, history, of New Albany, Indiana, died February 11, 2006. He worked for Industrial Contractors for 17 years.

**Timothy R. Hahn '96**, business administration, of Evansville, died March 31, 2006. He was employed in residential services with Vectren Energy Delivery.

**Melissa E. Wagoner '04**, elementary education, of Loogootee, Indiana, died December 22, 2005. She was manager of Loogootee McDonald's Restaurant.

#### Faculty

**Dr. Barbara Marting**, professor emerita of management, died June 12 in Evansville. She joined the faculty in 1968 and retired in 1994 after 26 years of service.

**John C. Munger**, personnel director emeritus, died July 24 in Florida. He was at the University from 1973-79.

### We want to hear from you!

Do you have professional news about yourself to share with fellow graduates? Have you moved? Do you have a suggestion for a story? Let us know! We value your comments via mail (Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712), phone (812/464-1924), FAX (812/464-1956), or e-mail (alumni@usi.edu).



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