Record number eligible for degrees

Five to receive honorary doctorates

A record-breaking number of USI students will be eligible to receive degrees in May.

At its meeting March 7, the University's Board of Trustees approved 1,438 candidates for associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees.

The board also voted to bestow honorary doctoral degrees upon Rosemarie A. Ibers of Anderson, Ind.; Dr. Z. Olen Pumphrey and Inez G. Pumphrey of Fort Branch, Ind.; Stephen Pace of New York City and Rockport, Maine; and Dr. Edward G. Boehne of Devon, Pa., who will serve as the 2002 Commencement speaker.

The retired president and CEO of Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Boehne is uncle to USI student Jason N. Rouser, who will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration during this year's Commencement ceremony.

A critique in determining the nation's monetary policy through membership on the Federal Open Market Committee, Boehne is an alumnus of Indiana University, where he earned undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. degrees. A civic leader, he served on the boards of directors of a Pennsylvania hospital, the United Way, and the Union League. He also was a trustee of Baldwin School and Thomas Jefferson University.

Like Boehne, who is an Evansville native and Bosse graduate, this year's other honorees have roots in southern Indiana.

A. Ibers, also an Evansville native and Bosse graduate, is a Vanderbilt University alumna who worked as a medical technologist in California, New Jersey, and Indiana before retiring in 1978. A community volunteer, she has worked with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the American Red Cross and served as board chairman from 1988 to 1990. A. Ibers, with her father W. Paul Torrington, established the first veterinary clinic in Gibson County in 1947. Mrs. Pumphrey, who worked in veterinary practice in Fort Branch in 1947, is a graduate of Oakland City University and taught for 20 years in Gibson County. Together they established the first veterinary clinic in Fort Branch and served the Tri-State for more than 40 years. Dr. Pumphrey retired in 1988.

Raised in Posey County, Pace became a prominent member of the New York Abstract Expressionists in the 1950s. As a teen, he studied with Robert Lahr, an accomplished artist living in Evansville, who helped Pace achieve a high degree of mastery in drawing and watercolor. He also studied at the Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico, Art Students League in New York, and the Academie de la Grande Chaumiere in Italy. Pace's creations have been exhibited in the nation's most important galleries and museums. A New York Times review hailed his work for its highly sophisticated use of color and its bold, joyous composition. Two of his paintings are on display at USI; one hangs in the University Center and the other in the Liberal Arts Center.

The 2002 USI Commencement ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. May 5 at Roberts Stadium.

Ethics, literature focus of colloquium

Dr. Julia Galbus, assistant professor of English, will present "Interdisciplinary Narratives: Ethics and Nussbaum's Literary Pursuits" in USI's Liberal Arts Colloquium at 3:30 p.m. March 22 in rooms 201-202 of the University Center.

Galbus' lecture, based on an essay, will consider how philosophers and literary scholars might approach the same texts differently.

"My essay, "Interdisciplinary Narratives: Ethics and Nussbaum’s Literary Pursuits," examines Martha Nussbaum's argument that reading literature through an ethical lens can help members of a community foster intellectual inquiry and an ethical, democratic respect for the differences among citizens,” she said.

“In other words, reading certain books in certain ways might help us be more tolerant of each other.”

Nussbaum, a nationally recognized philosopher, has published several books on topics including women’s rights, general education requirements, the connection between rational thought and emotions, and the connection between literature and philosophy.

Galbus holds a Ph.D. in English from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a M.A. in English and philosophy, both from Marquette University. She joined the USI faculty in 1997 and has directed the Humanities Program since January 1999.

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USI celebrating women’s history

USI will celebrate "Women Sustaining the American Spirit," this year's National Women's History Month theme, with three special programs coordinated by the Multicultural Center.

"Women are fully capable of doing whatever they want here, and we need to get that spirit to the next generation," said Eadye Simpson, program assistant in the Multicultural Center.
“Women have come a long way. They can do and be whatev-er they want and also keep the family atmosphere at home. Evansville women have a great gift to give.”

Women’s History Month Roundtable Discussion

Established Evansville professional women will share their knowledge with the community during a free roundtable discussion from noon to 1 p.m. March 18 in the University Conference Center.

Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community are invited to bring a lunch and network with the diverse group that has worked toward and attained the American spirit of equality.

Dr. Betty Hart, professor of English, will serve as moderator. The panel will be comprised of Evansville women representing business, education, engineering and technical programs, medicine, social services, and the School of Liberal Arts, including:
- Mary Bailey, assistant manager of Surgery, St. Mary's Medical Center
- Gail Behme, quote coordinator, Integrated Systems Manufacturing Inc.
- Hilary Braysmith, USI associate professor of art history
- Lisa Collins, vice president, Harding & Shymanski & Co.
- Jill Dumes, attorney and contract development coordinator, Deaconess Health Systems
- Rebecca Goldman, marketing coordinator, Welborn Clinic
- Cathlin Gray, supervisor of special projects, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp.
- Dr. Jane Hormuth, Hormuth Chiropractic
- Bruceann King, social worker, Cedar Hall Elementary
- Darlene Marshall-Ware, social services clinician, Department of Community Based Services
- Dr. Amy Mischler, orthopaedic specialist, ProRehab, PC
- Karen Ragland, female program coordinator, YMCA
- Christine Reed, project engineer, Whirlpool Corp.

Phenomenal Women of Evansville

On March 20, USI will present “Phenomenal Women of Evansville,” an awards program honoring those who inspire and make a difference in the community.

The event, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Carter Hall, also will include a guest speaker, book signings, and an exhibit by Evansville service providers.

The director of Public Relations and Disaster Services for the American Red Cross of Southwestern Indiana will be the guest speaker. Kathy Schoettlin will discuss how women's contributions to the Red Cross and the field of medicine have evolved since the time of Clara Barton, who founded the American Red Cross in 1881.

Three Evansville authors will conduct book signings: Dr. Marie Bussing-Burks, USI lecturer in business, who wrote Profit from the Evening News; Sing Leading Economic Indicators to Make Smart Money Decisions; Nancy Grimes, who penned RSVP, a book about preparing a party table; and Sharon Sorenson, author of The Complete Idiot's Guide to Living with Breast Cancer.

Service providers with displays in the exhibit area will include: AAA Road Service, Adornments Jewelry, Ambassadors Travel & Cruises, Cheree Perigo & Associates, Deaconess Breast Center, Deaconess Women's Hospital, Elements Aveda Salon, Fifth Third Bank, Haynie Travel Service, Kerri & Co. Hair & Nail Salon, Lazarus Fashion Fair, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Old National Bank, Pennyjohn's Gift Baskets, Piece of Cake, St. Mary's Women's Resource Center, USI Recreation and Fitness Center, USI School of Nursing and Health Professions, Welborn Skincare, and The Wellness Company.

Refreshments will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

Celebration of Women's Sport

Dr. Mary A. Hums, University of Louisville associate professor of sport administration, will present “Celebrating Women's Sport Through the Years: Breaking Barriers, Overcoming Hurdles” from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 21 in Forum III.

Her program will consider the past triumphs, current opportunities, and future challenges of women in athletics.

Hums' main research interest is policy development in sport organizations, especially in regards to inclusion of women, people with disabilities, and racial/ethnic minorities in the management of sport.

She is coeditor of the 1998 textbook, Principles and Practice of Sport Management; is coauthor of the 2001 book, Profiles of Sport Industry Professionals; and currently is co-writing Sport Governance.

Her work also has been published in The Journal of Sport Management; The Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport; The Journal of Business Ethics; The Journal of Career Development; The Journal of Management; The Journal of Sport Management; Governance.

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Hums holds a Ph.D. in sport management from Ohio State University and is a research fellow for the Northeastern University Center for Sport and Society's Disability Sport Research Initiative.

She is a 1993 recipient of a Georgia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Dance Research Award; a 1996 inductee in the Indiana Softball Hall of Fame; a 1997 Outstanding Teacher in the College of Food and Natural Resources at University of Massachusetts-Amherst; University of Louisville Disability Resource Center's 1999 Instructor of the Year; and a 2000 recipient of the Sport Management Council of the National Association of Sport and Physical Activity's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Presented in cooperation with the Recreation and Fitness Center, Hums' program is free and open to the public.

Entertainers needed for USI SpringFest

Have a talent? Show it off at SpringFest.

The two-day carnival organized by USI students will bring food and fun to campus April 19 and 20, and area bands, choral groups, magicians, clowns, and other acts are invited to participate.

"This is a great opportunity for local groups to showcase their talent and gain recognition. We are looking for a wide variety of music and entertainment," said Tim Buecher, SpringFest advisor and director of Career Counseling.

"I'll be glad to talk with groups or individuals who want to join us in what we hope will be the largest student-sponsored event in the history of the University of Southern Indiana."
Students, employers to meet at job fair

Career Services will host USI’s 11th annual Internship/Co-op Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 20 in Carter Hall.

“This is a great opportunity for employers to meet the USI students, to tell the students what they have in the way of positions and what their business or company does. It’s a good way to prescreen candidates and to gather resumes,” said Pam Doerter, internship/co-op coordinator in Career Services.

“For the students, it’s a good way to meet employers directly, hand out a resume, and make a good first impression, which will make them much more marketable than the person who mails in a resume or faxes one. It’s a chance for the student to get a foot in the door.”


The job fair is free to USI students. For more information, contact Doerter at extension 1865.

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Jim Durbin, assistant professor of geology, published a paper, “The Benefits of Combining Computer Technology and Traditional Teaching Methods in Large Enrollment Geoscience Classes,” in the January/February issue of The Journal of Geoscience Education (vol. 50(1), pp. 56-64). In the paper, Durbin used data collected during the past six years to demonstrate a positive relationship between courses that use technology and student exam scores. He compared a traditional, non-technology-enhanced course with six technology-enhanced courses, and explained the reasons for teaching with technology, a method developed to address student complaints and suggestions on evaluations from non-enhanced courses.

In April, three of Durbin’s students (with the assistant professor as coauthor) will present publications in the Undergraduate Research Symposium at the joint meeting of the North Central/Southeastern sections of the Geological Society of America. Senior Greg Orr and junior Dustin Graves will present an abstract and poster, “Factors Influencing Sediment Transport in Locust Creek, Evansville, Indiana.” Senior Ryan Jones will present “The Effect of Jetties on Erosion Rates Along the Wabash River, New Harmony, Indiana.”

The students also are conducting projects under Durbin’s supervision with funding approved by the RISC Grant Program. Jones’ grant is for continuing research into the effects of the jetty system along the Wabash River near New Harmony. He and Orr also received a RISC grant for researching the age and stratigraphy of river deposits along the Patoka River. Graves’ award will help fund continuing research associated with sediment transport in small creeks in southwestern Indiana.

In memoriam

Dr. Lomberto Diaz, 87, professor emeritus of Spanish, died February 28 in Miami, where he had lived since retiring from the University. He held a Ph.D. from Florida State University and taught at USI from 1969 to 1980, when he was instrumental in the formation of the University’s Foreign Language Program.

Diaz is survived by his wife Edilia, whose address is 4390 N.W. Second St., Miami, FL 33126. Services were March 2. Caballero Rivera Woodlawn Funeral Home in Miami handled the arrangements.

Promotions and transfers

Bobbie LeRoy, from administrative assistant in Student Financial Assistance to senior administrative assistant in Student Financial Assistance.

Advertising opportunity

The USI Theatre Department is selling advertising space in 2002 summer season playbills for The New Harmony Theatre and Lincoln Amphitheatre. The playbills offer an excellent advertising opportunity, reaching more than 19,000 potential customers.

The deadline to reserve space is April 1. For more information about ad sizes and rates, contact Becky Warford, senior administrative assistant in the Theatre Department, at extension 1668. The summer seasons at both theatres run from June to August.

Schoolcash.com

The USI Children’s Center is participating in a schoolcash.com fundraiser that qualifies it to receive cash rebates
from purchases made at more than 250 online stores. Shoppers who register with schoolcash.com before buying online can earn up to 20 percent of every purchase for the benefit of the Children’s Center.

For a list of participating online vendors or instructions for registering, visit www.schoolcash.com.

Encountering nature
Dr. James M. Dabbs, who heads the Social/Cognitive Psychology Program at Georgia State University, will be the final speaker in USI’s “Encountering Nature” lecture series.

He will present “Heroes, Rogues, and Lovers: Testosterone and Behavior” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, in Mitchell Auditorium.

More information about Dabbs and his research is available on the Web: www.gsu.edu/~psyjmd/.

Basketball fans
Yard signs promoting the Elite 8 Tournament March 20 through 23 are available in the Office of Advancement. Members of the University community living in high traffic areas and willing to place a sign in their yards should call extension 1755.

Berger lecture
Dr. Scott Christianson, acclaimed author, activist, journalist, and scholar, will deliver “The Justice Boomerang” as University of Southern Indiana’s 2002 Sydney Berger Lecture Wednesday, March 13.

In his lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium, Christianson will discuss why the nation’s reliance on punitive policies - including imprisonment and the death penalty - is unjust, counterproductive, and harmful to society, as well as what can be done to promote positive change.

More information about Christianson is available on the Web: www.scottchristianson.org.

Faculty, staff, students, and the community are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets for students will be made available outside Mitchell Auditorium following the lecture. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Zehr, chair of USI’s Sociology Department, at extension 1203.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Cheryl McKissic, representative from Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, will be on campus from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, March 11. She will be available to meet individually with employees who have questions about their health insurance or any outstanding claims issues.

To schedule an appointment, e-mail Madonna Shaw, senior administrative assistant in Human Resources, or call extension 1781.

Newsletter deadline
Friday, March 8, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the “Marketplace” column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

Job openings
For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

Marketplace

For sale

1908 E. Mulberry St. - Must see! Full-brick ranch home. Garage, fenced-in yard, one block from University of Evansville. Two bedrooms, one bath, basement, formal dining room, nice inside! Call 812/401-8990 for appointment.

Westside home - 9007 Farmington Drive, near USI; 3,400 sq. ft.; five bedrooms, three baths, living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, large family room with fireplace, recreation room, laundry room; Fehrenbacher cabinets; beautifully landscaped with two patios; $235,000. Call for appointment, 985-3129.


Solid cherry wood oval coffee table and matching end table - new condition, $100 each. Call Pat, Ext. 1831.

Singer serger sewing machine - three-thread, one-horsepower motor, heavy-duty, with table, $300 OBO. Call Vince Frazier, Ext. 1839.

Florida vacation

Due to cancellation - last week of September available in Destin, Fla., beach condo. Extremely reasonable rates. Call 985-3176.

Apartments

Two-bedroom apartment to sublease - very nice, eastside Evansville, convenient location. Call 477-9184.

Serene one-bedroom apartment in quiet, historic neighborhood - built-in bookcases, sunroom, lots of storage, veranda, large fenced yard. Includes stove, refrigerator, heat, water, and refuse. $410/month, references required. Call 423-8859.

Fund raiser

Raffle - The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, a not-for-profit agency assisting local communities in the fight against child abuse, is raffling a Polaris four-wheeler. The Freedom Series four-wheeler will be given away at the annual David Lee Murphy Celebrity Shoot, June 29. Tickets are $5; six for $25. Winner need not be present at the Celebrity Shoot. Winner responsible for pick-up and/or delivery. Tickets/information: Karl Larson, 465-1678, or call 1-888/754-8228.

Friday, March 8, is the deadline for submitting information for next week’s “Marketplace.” Submissions may be made via e-mail to kaltstadt@usi.edu.