New student orientation January 9

Connections I: Advising and Registration will provide the introduction January 9, when several hundred new students are expected on campus.

Students taking placement tests in the morning will attend the afternoon session beginning at 12:30 p.m. Other new students have been asked to register for the morning Connections session that will start at 9 a.m.

Each two-hour session in the University Center will be followed by a scheduled advising appointment. Campus tours also will be available.

Carmen Ahlers, director of Student Development Programs; John Deem, associate vice president for Student Affairs; Dr. Charles Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. John Gottcent, University Core coordinator; Jim Patton, director of Student Financial Assistance; and Tim Mahoney, instructor in economics, will be among the orientation speakers.

Topics will include the Core Curriculum and a University overview as well as “The ABCs of College Finance” and “Success 101.”

USI employees are encouraged to greet new members of the University community by wearing their “Welcome Students” buttons, and offices can catch the spirit by displaying welcoming signs and posters.

Connections volunteers also are needed. To volunteer, call extension 7167 or open the “Volunteer Spreadsheet” file in the “Connections” folder on the 0: Drive.

For additional information, contact Student Development at extension 7167 or connect@usi.edu. A partial information also is available on the Web at www.usi.edu/sdv/orientation.asp.

RopeWalk retreat in February

Two award-winning authors will lead the RopeWalk Winter Retreat February 21-23 in New Harmony.

Participants will have the opportunity to study fiction/non-fiction with Tony Ardizzone or poetry with Paulette Roeske at the Barn A bivy, a rustic retreat center.

The author of six books of fiction and three edited anthologies, Ardizzone’s writing has received the Flannery O’Connor Award for Short Fiction, the Milkweed National Fiction Prize, the Pushcart Prize, the Virginia Prize for Fiction, the Lawrence Foundation Award, and the Bruno A rcdi Literature Prize.

He has had fellowships with the National Endowment for the Arts and is a professor of English at Indiana University, where he teaches creative writing, ethnic American literature, and 20th-century American fiction.

Roeske’s book of poetry, Divine Attention, received the Carl Sandburg Book Award for Poetry. Her other publications include the recent A nvil, C lock & Last, The Body Can A scend no Higher, and Breathing U nder Water.

Her poems have appeared in Poetry, The Virginia Quarterly Review, and The Threepenny Review. Bridge of Sighs, her collection of stories, won the Three Oaks Prize in Fiction. Roeske, a USI lecturer in English, is professor emerita of English at the College of Lake County in Illinois and served on the board of The Poetry Center of Chicago.

The winter retreat fee is $325, including the workshop, meals, and lodging at the Barn A bivy, or $275 for the workshop and meals only. A nonrefundable registration fee of $25 is due by January 18 with the balance payable by February 1, which also is the manuscript deadline.

Additional information and registration are available on the Web at www.usi.edu/ropewalk/winter.asp.

Names in the news

Achievements

Four poems by Jim McGarrah, instructor in English, are being translated into Macedonian for the country’s national literary magazine, Blesok (Shine). Two of his poems also are being published in the Canadian magazine, Pagitica.

Promotions and transfers

VerLee Tennenhouse, from administrative assistant to senior administrative assistant in the School of Liberal Arts.

James Neighbors, from custodian to maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant.

Janet Johnson, from senior administrative assistant in Human Resources to career coordinator in Career Services and Placement.

In memoriam

Ramona Hinton Stamets, 75, Blooming Prairie, Minn., died November 14. A retired professor and former chair of the Department of A rts, M usic, and T heatre, she was instrumental in starting the fine arts program at USI.

A n ordained sister with the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 21 years, she taught in Catholic schools in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. After leaving the order, she pursued a master’s degree in art education at Notre Dame, where she studied art, sculpting, and painting.
 Survivors include four stepsons, John W. Stamets, North Stamets, Paul Stamets, and William Stamets Jr.; a stepdaughter, Lilly Stamets, and nieces and nephews.

Services were November 18 in Owatonna, Minn. Brick-Meger Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

FYI

Habitat home

Dedication of the Habitat house at 112 W. Oregon will take place at 1 p.m. December 21 at the home. University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville Habitat for Humanity campus chapters were among the many groups that volunteered labor for the home's construction.

Semester's end

The fall semester will conclude Saturday, December 14. Spring semester classes will begin January 13. For more information, e-mail kkdupont@usi.edu.

Sam's passes

Guest passes to Sam's Club are available in Human Resources. Each pass is good for one day and includes several coupons.

Eagle TV

Screaming Eagle Basketball with Coach Rick Herdes, a 30-minute program produced in USI's Scripps Howard Video Production Complex, airs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays on PAX station WTSN-TV Channel 63. The show features USI men's basketball highlights and player profiles.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, December 13, 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

1977 Bendix mobile home - 14' x 70', two bedrooms, one- and-one-half baths, central air. All appliances very clean and well kept. Must see: $5,000. Call 867-1647.


1993 Ford V-8 full-size conversion van - 95,000 miles, four captain's chairs, fold-down seat/bed in back, TV/VCR, front and back audiocassette tape players, power windows, locks, and driver's seat. Good shape, white with blue stripes: $5,200. Contact Ginger Ramsden, Ext. 1972.

Experienced, well-trained, garage-kept '93 Ford Explorer - can find major shopping/entertainment venues on its own and knows how to get to USI from all directions. Has air, power windows/mirrors/door locks, remote entry, roof rack, good set of Michelin tires. Tasteful champagne tan color, 105,500 actual miles. Can't say about virtual miles - who knows the fantasy life of a car? Asking $5,000. Call 422-4288 after 5 or e-mail lcleek@usi.edu.

1998 Toyota Camry LE - moving, must sell. White w/silver trim, loaded. Purchased as certified one-owner lease, still under warranty: $12,000 or take over payments. Call 812/760-3043.

Black dining room set - glass table, four chairs, china hutch; black vinyl sofa, chair, and ottoman; Weslo treadmill; oak entertainment unit - with drawers for 28" TV and stereo; oak coffee and end tables; wicker bedroom set - double bed, chair, and end tables; 1986 Jeep Cherokee - good condition, rebuilt engine, recently painted (blue), new carburetor, A C, new tires, runs very well. Contact 812/858-0131 or gschwart@usi.edu.

Entertainment center for sale - holds 27" TV and other components, lots of storage, great bargain price: $50 OBO. Call Chris or Melissa, 422-0463.

Hot tub - seats four, excellent condition, burgundy marble, lots of extra features: $1,500 OBO. Will make a great Christmas gift! Call Carol Burgdorf, Ext. 1865 or 425-4709.

Computer, monitor, printer, keyboard, and mouse - 100 mhz, 16 mb RAM: $100. Call 424-6528.

Lionel train service - will clean and lubricate your old Lionel train in time for the holidays. OR I may be interested in purchasing any old trains or accessories you no longer want. Call John Gottcent for details, Ext. 1750 or 426-2989.

Pets

Cockatiels - call 421-0339 before 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Marketplace," a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

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Read Notes ONLINE:

www.usi.edu/newsinfo/newnotes.asp