Hurricane’s advocate to speak

As a teenager he championed the exoneration of middleweight boxer Rubin “Hurricane” Carter. His battle for court reform continues today.

A attorney Lesra Martin will be USI’s Black History Month speaker in a program at 6:30 p.m. February 26 in Mitchell Auditorium.

Raised in a New York tenement, Martin left home at the age of 15 to live with a family in Toronto. Although functionally illiterate, he wanted to read and purchased Carter’s autobiography, The 16th Round: From #1 Contender to Prisoner #45472.

The book convinced Martin of Carter’s innocence and compelled him to write to the man convicted of triple murder. Their friendship began, and Martin pledged to prove Carter’s innocence.

He and his Canadian family moved to New Jersey to be close to Trenton State Prison. They found a team of lawyers to fight for Carter’s cause, and after years of legal wrangling, he was exonerated in 1985.

Martin’s dedication to freeing Carter is featured in the movie, The Hurricane, and the book, Lazarus and the Hurricane.

Determined to ensure there were no more Rubin “Hurricane” Carter stories, Martin graduated from high school as an Ontario Scholar, received a B.A. with honors from University of Toronto, and earned a law degree from Dalhousie University.

He now serves as a crown attorney acting as prosecutor in British Columbia and speaks to audiences about overcoming adversity, abolishing illiteracy, capital punishment, and the legal system.

Martin’s Black History Month program is presented with support from USI’s Multicultural Center, USI Foundation, and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp.

Bluebird Trail cleanup planned February 16

Although spring is more than a month away, it’s already time to start cleaning house, at least as far as bluebirds are concerned.

The University will host its annual Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day from 9 to 11:30 a.m. February 16, and volunteers are invited to help prepare the trail’s nesting boxes for occupancy.

Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing, boots, and gloves and meet on campus at the Grimes Haus on Bennett Lane. Other items needed to clean and repair the boxes will be provided.

Established by the Westwood Garden Club in 1972, USI’s Bluebird Trail eventually fell into disrepair. The trail was reestablished in 1996 and now supports 50 nesting boxes along the campus perimeter.

A bout 90 hatchlings mature along the trail each year. Nesting typically begins in mid-March.

“The reason I’m involved is I’m very interested in nature,” said Dr. Charles Price, chair of the Department of Teacher Education and trail coordinator. “In the case of the bluebirds, we’re helping provide habitat for a species that is somewhat at risk because of habitat loss. That’s what bluebird trails are about.”

For the past several years, the trail project has received grant support from USI Foundation to fund a stipend for a student monitor to track nesting and other activity along the trail.

Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day participants will work in teams and will receive recognition from Volunteer USI.

“It’s a good time,” Price said. “Bring the family.”

More information about the trail is available online at www.usi.edu/bluebird.

Bishop to celebrate mass on campus

The Most Reverend Gerald A. Gettelfinger, D.D., will celebrate an Ash Wednesday Mass at noon February 13 in the University Conference Center.

The fourth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, Gettelfinger was ordained a priest in St. Meinrad, Ind., in 1961. He was named bishop of Evansville in March of 1989 and was ordained bishop and installed at Evansville in April of that year.

A reception will follow the mass, presented by the USI Office of Religious Life and Newman Ministry.

Committee selects library design team

Edmund L. Hafer & Associates with Woollen, Molzan, and Partners have been selected to provide architectural and engineering services for the David L. Rice Library expansion project. The Board of Trustees Construction Committee made the selection after interviewing five firms at its meeting January 25.

As proposed, the $23.2 million expansion project will add more than 81,000 assignable square feet to the library. It is the University’s highest-priority capital project that will be presented to the 2003 legislature for approval and funding.

The design team will work with faculty and staff to prepare conceptual and/or schematic plans, space inventory, and project costs, which will be submitted to the Commission for Higher Education in June 2002.

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Homecoming activities on tap February 2

Homecoming events Saturday, February 2, will begin with the 15th Annual Alumni Game at 3 p.m. in the Physical Activities Center.

The Lady Eagles will take on University of Missouri-St. Louis at 5:15 p.m., and the Screaming Eagles will face off with U M at 7:30. Coronation of the homecoming king and queen will take place during halftime of the men's game.

Following the game, Harvey & the Blue Tones will kick off the Alumni Association's Homecoming 2002 Mardi Gras Party at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, $10 per person, include appetizers, entertainment, and a cash bar. Interested persons must be at least 21 to attend. Tickets will be available at the door.

Admission to the Annual Alumni Game is free. A ticket to the men's and women's games is $9 (chair back), $7 (bench), $4 (student bench). The Ticket Office extension is 7165.

For additional information, call Alumni and Volunteer Services at extension 1924.

Gallery hosting opening reception

The opening reception for an exhibit of works by Kristen Deetz and William Kolok will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. February 9 at New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Deetz and Kolok, both teaching artists, bring a sense of wit, exploration, and self-discovery to their work. Their exhibit will continue through March 16 at the gallery that is located on Main Street in New Harmony, Ind.

In "The Book Series," Deetz presents wooden-relief book forms embellished with encaustic as metaphors suggesting visual puns. She is on the faculty of University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and holds an M.F.A. from Ohio State University in Columbus.

Kolok, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, is a sculptor who traditionally works in stone, clay, and wood. His "Pear Series" sets the representational form in a variety of environments. Kolok holds an M.F.A. from University of Georgia.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit was made possible by the support of USI and the Indiana Arts Commission. For more information, call 812/682-3165.

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Gary Stiler, assistant professor of education, presented two papers at the annual meeting of the Middle South Education Research Association in November. The first, "Observations About Alternative Data Collection Techniques in Qualitative Research: E-mail, Save-To-Disk, and Taped Interviews," discussed qualitative research strategies. The second, "Preservice Teacher Journals and Emergent Multicultural Sensitivity: Reflections of Dyad Within a Teaching Dyad," was presented with co-researcher Dr. Pamela Taylor, assistant professor of education, and examined the efficacy of collaborative instruction in higher education.

Stiler also presented a paper to the annual meeting of the National Association for Multicultural Education in November. "Working From the Inside-Out: Promoting Cultural Sensitivity Through Local Resources and Self-Awareness" discussed instructional strategies that promote cultural competence among college students.

He is scheduled to present a fourth paper to the Association for Teacher Education in February. "Exploring the Transformative Intellectual: The Attitudes and Actions of Reflective Teachers" explores critical theory applications practiced by high school and middle school teachers.

Welcome

Lurretta L. Daugherty has accepted the position of account assistant in the Travel Office. The Boonville resident previously worked as an inventory control supervisor at Davol in Lawrence, Kansas, and Unifirst Corp. in Evansville. She holds an associate degree from Johnson County Community College, Kansas, and is pursuing a bachelor's degree at USI.

FYI

Odd couple

USI Theatre will present The Odd Couple (Female Version) February 13 through 24 at the theatre located at 3001 Igleheart Ave. Performances will be staged at 7 p.m. February 13, 14, 20, and 21; 8 p.m. February 15, 16, 22, and 23; and 2 p.m. February 24.

Tickets - $9 adult, $7 senior citizen, $3 USI student - are available by calling 812/422-3970.

Public reading

RopeWalk Winter Writers Retreat will host a public reading by author Susan Neville and poet David Wojahn from 6:30 to 8 p.m. February 23 at the Atheneum Visitors Center in New Harmony, Ind. A reception will follow.

Spring break

Planning a school-related spring break trip or other academic-related spring break activities with USI students? News and Information Services would like to know.

E-mail a brief description of your spring break plans to Libby L. Keeling, NIS writer, or call the NIS Office at extension 7005 and ask for Keeling or Kathy Funke, director.

A toast

Friday, February 8, is the reservation deadline for the 11th annual "Toast To The Arts." Presented by the USI Society for Arts & Humanities, the fund-raising event will be held at 7 p.m. February 15 at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science. It will include silent and live auctions, dinner, wine, and a cash bar for cocktails.

A selection of auction items may be viewed by visiting www.usi.edu/libarts/society/toasttoarts.htm.

Black tie is preferred, and reservations are limited. The cost, $125 per person, includes a $50 charitable gift. For reservations, call Mary Jane Schenk, manager, Donor Relations, Development, at extension 7149.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of Raintree Council need help. Volunteer troop leaders are needed to provide after-school Girl Scout programs to young women at the following Evansville schools: Lincoln, Culver, Cedar Hall, Lodge, Howard Roosa, Daniel Wertz, and Harwood Middle.
Become a role model by helping them build self-esteem and leadership skills. Troop leaders volunteer one day per week for a maximum of 1.5 hours each week. Leadership time is flexible, and training is provided.

For more information, contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at extension 1215.

**Newsletter deadline**

Friday, February 1, 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.

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**Marketplace**

**For sale**

1987 Mazda 626 LX - two door, five speed, 128,000 miles, $1,000 or reasonable offer. Contact Ext. 7119, 422-0175, or donney@usi.edu.

Brass fireplace fender - six feet long, 15 inches deep, new $250, sell for $100; solid pine fireplace mantle - six feet long, eight inches wide, four inches deep, dark finish, $50. Call Ext. 1134 or 853-3994.

Wedding dress, veil, and slip - size 14, sleeveless, never worn, sequins on top, full tulle skirt, $250. Call Ext. 7056.

**Vacation rental**

Florida - three weeks available in Destin beach condo in September. Extremely reasonable rates. Must purchase at least one week. Call 985-3176.

**Free pet**

Free to loving home - beautiful orange-and-white, seven-week-old male kitten. Already had first vaccination and vet care! Call Leslie, Ext. 1867 or 838-1970 after 5 p.m.

Friday, February 1, is the deadline for submitting information for next week’s "Marketplace." Submissions may be made via e-mail to kaltstad@usi.edu.