USI hosting welcome weekend

A motivational speaker, author, and training professional will be the featured speaker at USI's Connections II: Welcome Weekend. The weekend, a three-day new student orientation program, will be held on campus Friday through Sunday, August 23 through 25, in preparation for the first day of fall 2002 classes Monday, August 26.

Nancy Hunter Denney will share her inspirational message about obtaining educational goals with students and their parents at 7 p.m. Friday, August 23, in the Physical Activities Center. Her presentation, "The Future is Yours to Create," will highlight five essential characteristics needed for a successful college life.

A speaker and leadership trainer since 1993, Denney initially started her own business, Potential Leadership Training and Lectures, to address audiences in the higher education arena. Her company, located in Paxton, Mass., has since grown to include audiences from other non-profit organizations and businesses as well as a new line of promotional products.

A author of Life by Design: A Do-It-Yourself Approach for Achieving Happiness, she also is co-author of Let Your Leadership Speak: How to Lead and Be Heard and is a contributing writer for two Intrepid Film video projects, Start Right and An Educated Choice.

Before embarking on her speaking career, Denney served as assistant dean of students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and as program board advisor at Case Western Reserve University.

She holds a BA in communication studies/psychology from Oswego State University and an MA in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University.

New graduate degree earns approval

USI's proposed Master of Public Administration was approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education earlier this month for implementation in the spring 2003 semester.

The MPA degree will develop skills in policy development, personnel management, and public finance and budgeting. Its target audience includes professionals working or wanting to work in local and state government, regional agencies, or nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Paul Raymond, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Political Science and director of the MPA program, said Indiana State University faculty - who for years have offered MPA courses in an off-campus program at USI - asked the university's political science faculty to consider assuming responsibility for the program in Evansville.

Discussions and surveys with area corporations and organizations confirmed the demand for the MPA, which primarily will be an evening program to accommodate the work schedules of students. Some classes will be scheduled during the midday hours in downtown Evansville, and some will be offered through distance education.

One of the benefits of an MPA degree at USI is its affordability, Raymond observed. Students can complete the program in two years at graduate tuition rates that are among the lowest in the country.

USI's MPA program will offer a component for students who are already employed and a component for students who want to enter graduate school immediately upon completion of an undergraduate degree.

Students who have professional positions will be required to take 12 courses for 36 hours of credit.

Pre-service students will be assigned a semester-long internship to apply coursework to actual administrative situations. They will take 12 courses in addition to the internship for a total of 39 hours of credit.

The MPA program is designed to ensure that students develop competence in budgeting, public finance, the legal environment, management information systems, organizational behavior, personnel, and research methods. In specialization track options, students will be able to focus on local, regional, and state government planning and economic development, or nonprofit sector administration.

Persons interested in enrolling in the program may apply online at www.usi.edu/gradstud/admit.asp, or they may contact the Office of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research by e-mail to gssr@usi.edu or by phone at extension 7015. Questions about the program may be directed to Dr. Raymond, extension 7142.

Lilly challenge to double dollars

As part of its $3.5 million challenge, Lilly Endowment will match up to $250,000 in gifts to the University from current or former employees.

Matching funds raised by the initiative USI is calling "The Challenge for Academic Excellence" will benefit the University's newly-established Endowment for Academic Excellence, a permanently-endowed fund that will provide annual income to support academic needs where the need is greatest.

Contributions made for any academic purpose will qualify for the match. Donors may choose to support any of a variety of areas, including scholarships, faculty research and professional development, technology and equipment, or capital or academic program needs. Gifts to athletics, however, are not eligible.

To qualify for the match, employee gifts must be received by USI Foundation no later than December 31, 2003.

"All of us who work at USI have a real opportunity to help meet the challenge from the Lilly Endowment," said Susie Nicholson, Foundation president.

"Together our gifts will qualify for the Lilly $250,000 match which will be placed in the new Endowment for Academic Excellence."
Excellence. This endowment will provide an annual income to support academics, such as helping the faculty stay up-to-date in their fields, helping underwrite new academic programs, or helping purchase state-of-the-art equipment... all the things that help contribute to USI's ongoing success story.

In addition to matching up to $250,000 in employee gifts, Lilly Endowment will match up to $3 million in gifts from alumni, and up to $250,000 in gifts from students and family members of students or alumni.

If the entire $3.5 million challenge is met, annual income available to support academics from the Endowment for Academic Excellence is expected to exceed $200,000.

"There are many notable examples where a charitable gift has made a substantial difference in the life of this institution and, as a result, in the lives of its students," said USI President H. Ray Hoops.

In a separate initiative, Lilly Endowment is challenging members of USI's Board of Trustees and USI Foundation's Board of Directors to increase their giving by offering a similar match of up to $1 million for gifts received by December 31, 2002. The matching grant from this initiative also will be placed in the Endowment for Academic Excellence.

USI is among 35 Indiana colleges and universities that accepted Lilly Endowment for Academic Excellence challenge, an incentive to strengthen philanthropy for the state's institutions of higher education.

For additional information, contact USI Foundation at extension 1918 or e-mail snichols@usi.edu.

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Willett files for school board seat

USI's media production manager in Instructional Technology Services has entered the race for an at-large seat on the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation's Board of Trustees.

Dana Willett joined the university in 1999. An Evansville native, he holds a BA and an MBA from USI and is the 2002 winner of the Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education Award. Willett previously worked at W FIE-TV and the Southern Indiana Education Service Center.

He and his wife Rohnna are the parents of 6-year-old Adam, who began first grade at West Terrace Elementary School earlier this month.

"I want to add a voice for parents to the school board," Willett said.

Other priorities, according to Willett, include reducing or eliminating fees connected with regular school attendance, assisting the school corporation in its current budget crisis, and encouraging greater community involvement in the educational process.

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Join the Screening Eagles

USI's Screening Eagles wants you – and 999 of your friends!

The University's goal is to have 1,000 participants in the 2002 Evansville Komen Race for the Cure, an annual 5K run/fitness walk to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. Last year, roughly 600 students, employees, alumni, and friends took part and earned awards for the most online registrations and for being the fastest growing team.

This year's race will begin at 7:30 a.m. September 21 at Eastland Mall, and 75 percent of the net proceeds will stay in the community to meet the needs of the medically underserved and to fund breast cancer and breast health programs. The remaining 25 percent will directly benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.komen.org).

The registration fee, which includes a Screening Eagles t-shirt, is $19 or $12 for children younger than 12. An additional $2 is required to be an officially timed participant. "In the Pink" registration, $50, includes a variety of additional incentives.

The team registration deadline is September 5. Registration forms are available in the Recreation and Fitness Center and in Room 103 of the Byron C. Wright Administration Building.

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USI supporting United Way

Members of the USI community are invited to volunteer at nonprofit agencies in Vanderburgh, Warrick, or Spencer counties during United Way's annual Day of Caring September 13.

Participating employees who receive advance written approval from their supervisors will receive regular pay for the day and will not be required to take vacation or comp time.

The Day of Caring connects volunteers with select United Way agencies as employees from companies throughout the Evansville area donate their time and services to perform volunteer work that varies according to agency needs. Some volunteer opportunities include general yard work, general repair and painting, computer work, cleaning, assisting in daycare, and assisting agency clients.

The event is a great opportunity to see firsthand how donations to the United Way make a difference and improve the quality of life of people and families in southwestern Indiana.

Interested USI employees should contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, at extension 1215 to obtain a Day of Caring Volunteer Opportunities Booklet and a Volunteer Survey Form. The form must be approved by the appropriate supervisor or manager and submitted to Kennedy by Friday, August 30.

The earlier Kennedy receives the form, the more likely a volunteer will be assigned to an agency of his choice. United Way will make assignments on a first-come-first-served basis. Each participant will receive a Day of Caring t-shirt and will be notified of his assignment a week before the event.

Although the majority of agencies have requested volunteers to work for a full day, some half-day assignments may be available. Call Kennedy at extension 1215 for more information.

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Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Barbara Davis, associate professor of nursing, has completed certification training to become a program evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Kevin Valadares, assistant professor of health services/administration, had an article, "Organizational Culture in Health Care," published in the spring issue of The Journal of the Philosophy of Surgery and Medicine.

Welcome

Nancy Ahrens has accepted the position of Graduate Nursing Recruiting and Advising coordinator. The Evansville resident previously worked as a career consultant at Career Choices Inc. She holds a BA and an MA from University of Evansville.
Terri J. A. Alvey has accepted the position of administrative assistant in the Department of Teacher Education. A resident of Calhoun, Ky., she previously worked as publications secretary at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro. A Alvey holds an AA in commercial art from Kentucky Wesleyan College and a BS in printing management from Murray State University.

Jeri Burger has accepted the position of instructor in nursing. The Evansville resident previously worked as a nursing instructor at University of Evansville and as a staff nurse at St. Mary’s Medical Center. She is a doctoral candidate at St. Louis University and holds a BA from Augustana College and an MS from University of Minnesota.

A USI alumnus has accepted the position of Bookstore assistant. Bryan M. Dougherty, Indianapolis, previously was a student worker in the Bookstore and Eagle Access Card Office.

B. Renee Dugger has accepted the position of instructor in nursing. The Evansville resident previously worked as an assistant professor at Middle Tennessee State University and as assistant vice president of Patient Care Services at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. She holds both a BS and MS in nursing from University of Evansville and is a clinical specialist in gerontology.

Dr. Roberta E. Hoebeke has accepted the position of assistant professor of nursing. The Evansville resident previously worked as a family nurse practitioner at University of Wisconsin Health Women’s Clinic in Madison. She holds a PhD in nursing from University of Wisconsin, Madison, an MS in nursing from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and a BSN from Michigan State University.

Sara Siminski ’02 has accepted the position of senior accounting assistant in Accounts Payable, where she previously worked as a temporary employee. The Evansville resident also was a student worker in the Travel Office and a customer service associate at Lowe’s Home Improvement Store. She earned a BA in French from USI, where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Matt Sponn ’02 has accepted the position of business coordinator in the Bookstore. The Evansville resident previously was a student worker in the Bookstore and in the Business Office at USI, where he earned a degree in finance and was a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society.

Sandra M. Ziganti has accepted the position of program advisor in Greek Life and Leadership Development. The Evansville resident previously worked as a graduate assistant in Greek Life and Residence Life at Baldwin-Wallace College and as a campus activities graduate intern at Northwestern University. She holds a BS from Ashland University and an MA in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University.

Traci Brown, sales coordinator for Historic New Harmony, and her husband Mike are the parents of a son, Collin Michael, born August 12. The baby weighed 8 pounds and was 20-inches long. All are doing well.

Congratulations

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Linda Trible, administrative assistant in the Department of Mathematics, whose mother Patricia Schnakenburg, 76, died July 15 at St. Mary’s Medical Center. Services were held July 19 at Alexander Funeral Home with entombment at Alexander Memorial Park.

In appreciation

“On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the University community for your kind words, prayers, cards, donations, and concern over the last 10 months during my brother Jerad’s illness and recent death. May the blessings you gave be returned to you.”

- Molly M. McConnell, assistant director of Human Resources

“I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the cards, calls, and notes of concern when my mother Patricia Schnakenburg passed away. I am so grateful to all those who offered encouragement and support during the difficult weeks after her surgery and the complications that ensued. We are never ready to say goodbye to those we love, but the thoughtfulness and compassion of friends helps to ease the pain.”

- Linda Trible, administrative assistant, Department of Mathematics

In memoriam

Kenneth P. McCutchan

University donor, community historian, art collector, and radio broadcasting pioneer Kenneth McCutchan, 89, Evansville, died August 16.

A man of many interests, he collected the works of Indiana artists and gave a large portion of his collection to USI. He also collected the works of Indiana writers and gave much of that collection to Historic New Harmony. USI’s Rice Library archives is the repository of many valuable historic manuscripts from his collection as well.

The University recognized McCutchan’s lifelong service to his community and his contributions to USI by conferring an honorary Doctor of Letters on him in 1996.

A graduate of Evansville College, he later received its Alumni Certificate of Excellence and was elected to U E’s A cademy of Arts and Sciences, which he served as vice president in 1992. He also taught local history courses at UE, and his lifelong interest in community history led him to write six books.

After serving with the Army Corps of Engineers in North Africa and Europe during World War II, McCutchan enrolled in the Sorbonne in Paris and earned a certificate in French language and culture.

When he returned to the United States, he became a veteran’s counselor and produced a radio show to assist service personnel in finding postwar employment. He then was invited to help launch a new radio station, WIKY, and was the first on-air voice in 1947. He worked at the station for 26 years.

He received the Conrad Baker Foundation Governor Orr Award for Historic Preservation and the Preservation Alliance Achievement Award. He was a life member of the Indiana Historical Society and had served on the Editor’s Advisory Committee for The Indiana Magazine of History at Indiana University.

He is survived by several cousins, A lexander North Chapel, 4200 Stringtown Road, handled the arrangements. Remembrances may be made online at www.mem.com

FYI

Fall 2002

Open registration for fall 2002 classes will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, August 23, in the office of the student’s major. Classes will begin Monday, August 26.
Schedule revision and late registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, August 26 through 29, in the Office of the Registrar and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, August 30, also in the Office of the Registrar. For more information, e-mail kkdupont@usi.edu.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, August 23, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes. Friday, August 30. 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 A. Itstad, online editor. University Notes will resume weekly publication Friday, August 30.

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Marketplace

For sale

2835 Elmridge Drive - quiet northside subdivision, approximately 20 minutes from USI. Three-bedroom, two-bath home, two-car garage, 1,455 sq. ft., ceramic tile and carpeting throughout, vaulted ceilings, great room and master bedroom, privacy-fenced backyard, excellent condition, 6 years old: $123,800. Contact Chris, Ext. 1298 or 473-5397 after 5 p.m. for more information or to arrange showing.

1814 S. Green River Road - three-bedroom, one-and-one-half baths, large shaded corner lot with three-car garage. Home has 1,752 sq. ft., maintenance-free vinyl siding, newer roof, furnace, and water heater. New kitchen, bath fixtures, carpets, and fresh paint everywhere. Immediate possession: $93,900. Contact 475-9520.


1244 Oriole Circle - five bedrooms, two baths, 2,338 sq. ft., two stories, mature trees, formal living room, large country kitchen, den with woodburner and French doors, screened porch, chain-link fenced backyard, two-car attached garage with attic storage, above-ground pool with deck, new furnace and gas water heater, central air, $104,500. Contact 838-3228, 455-2530, or slondt@att.net.

14-foot C-Lark sailboat with trailer - excellent condition: $1,000 O.B.O. Call 985-3727.

1999 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT - still under warranty. Metallic red, full towing package, spray in bed liner, new aluminum cargo box, power everything, EXTRAS. If it doesn't have it, you don't need it: $16,000. Call Tom or Nathaniel Rivers, 423-7101.

1995 Dutchmen pop up camper - sleeps eight. Includes stove, fridge, and sink. Like-new condition, stored inside: $2,200 O.B.O. Call Ext. 1839 or 812/985-7309.

Moving sale - new furniture: big-screen TV - 48” RCA; $800; china hutch - $400; dining room table and chairs - $500; two matching bar stools - $100; portable dishwasher - $75; plus much more. Call 425-3285.

Singer serger - heavy-duty, includes table: $250. Call Ext. 1839 or 812/985-7309.

Large almond-colored box with two doors - ice is produced behind the top door. Kenmore, 18 CF, approximately 10 years old: $200 O.B.O. Contact lcleek@usi.edu or 422-4288.

Playspace bunk beds - includes set of three rolling drawers and slide: $300. Call Tom or Nancy Rivers at 423-7101.

Lift - a good investment for anyone who has a college student living in a dorm: $100. Thomas organ - $500 O.B.O. Contact mweigand@usi.edu, 465-7020, or 985-2139 after 5 p.m.

Bunk beds - solid-wood (medium oak finish) in very good condition. Can be separated for use as twin beds. Includes two mattresses in good condition as well as wood top-bunk rails and wood ladder: $250. Call Ext. 1680 or 425-0902.

Futon - single-size, like-new, wooden frame, mattress cover: $70 O.B.O.; Cabinet - cherry color double-door and drawer with custom-made hunter green counter top: $75 O.B.O.; Cabinet - corner with front and side door, excellent condition, can be used as upper or floor cabinet, hunter green cabinet top: $75 O.B.O. Call Stacy, 465-7110.

Services

Will do general cleaning and maintenance, yard work, interior and exterior painting, wash windows, carpet cleaning, etc. Call Tom, 812/401-4403.

Wanted

Old kitchen cabinets (wood or metal) for garage storage use. Call 424-8547 after 5 p.m. or Ext. 1840.

Someone to help paint and ready a home that has just been moved into by faculty member. A bout four or five days, $10 an hour. Call 402-7636.

EDITOR’S NOTE: “Marketplace,” a free service available to the University community, 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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