

# MULTICULTURAL CONNECTION

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## 2007-08 COLLEGE MENTORS FOR KIDS HAS RECORD NUMBER OF CULVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



Jenna Spencer, a freshman elementary education major from Cayuga, Indiana spends time with her little buddie, Travis Lowe who is a first grader at Culver Elementary School.

The 2007-08 College Mentors for Kids mentors have increased from 33 USI mentors two years ago to 52 mentors this year.

However, the real story is in the number of Culver Elementary students who are currently in the program. Two years ago, Culver had 25 little buddies enrolled, but 2007-08 participants have increased to 45 little buddies.

The success of the program is primarily due to the enthusiasm and energy level held by the USI mentors and the strong relationships developed between the big buddies and the little buddies.

### COMING IN

March

**March 5**

**Global Community African Night 7pm Ruston Hall**

**March 10:**

**FAFSA is due**

**March 10-15**

**Spring Break**

**March 20**

**Phenomenal Women**

**March 21**

**University Closed**

**March 25**

**Global Community India Night 7pm Ruston Hall**

## COACH BOONE SCORES A TOUCHDOWN!



**Above:** Herman Boone delivers the message of being a positive role model for today's youth to a sell out crowd.



**Above:** Children's Center for Dance Education performs a piece called "The Hat Dance."

The keynote speaker for the 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon was Coach Herman Boone, who inspired the Disney Movie "Remember the Titans." Kristina Pelley, President of SGA presented a welcome and Joe Love, President of BSU introduced Boone. Rev. Gerald Arnold, President of the local NAACP chapter gave the invocation. (For more photos see page three.)

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# FEBRUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
					1 IU Soul Revue, Carter Hall 7pm	2 Basketball Homecoming. 1pm-5:30pm
3	4 Designed by Grace Rehearsal	5 College Mentors for Kids 3pm; Carter hall	6 BSU 3pm	7 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm	8	9 Designed by Grace Concert at Purdue University.
10	11 Designed by Grace Rehearsal	12 College Mentors for Kids 3pm; Carter hall	13 BSU 3pm	14 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm	15	16
17	18 Dr. Betty Hart, "It's Not Where you've been, it's Where You're going" 7pm FAI	19 College Mentors for Kids <b>BSU WEEK</b>	20 BSU 3pm	21 BSU Poetry Café 8pm Eagles nest	22 International Food Expo 11pm-2pm	23
24	25 Designed by Grace Rehearsal	26 College Mentors for Kids 3pm; Carter hall	27 Career Fair, Carter Hall BSU 3pm	28 EXCEL Mentors 1:30pm	29 Voices of Inspiration, Carter Hall 6pm	

## Black History Events

### February 1

IU Soul Revue (Indiana University) Carter Hall 7pm

### February 18

Dr. Betty Hart "It's Not Where you've been It's Where You're going" (See BSU Week)

### February 21

Open Microphone Poetry Café (See BSU Week)

### February 29

Black Voices of Inspiration; Purdue University Gospel Choir, 6pm Carter Hall

## BLACK STUDENT UNION WEEK February 18-22

### Monday:

Dr. Betty Hart, "It's Not Where You've been It's Where You're going" Forum Room I 6pm

### Tuesday:

BSU display, University Center.

### Wednesday:

BSU reception, Invitation only. (3:30pm)

### Thursday:

Poetry Café 8pm Eagles Nest



Designed by Grace to perform at Purdue University

Through a collaborative effort, Designed by Grace is scheduled to sing at Purdue University, West Lafayette campus on Saturday, February 9, 2008.

In turn, the Purdue University Gospel Choir (Black Voices of Inspiration) will perform on USI's campus on Friday, February 29, 2008 in Carter Hall at 6pm. Admission is free to the

# IU SOUL REVUE ROCKS THE HOUSE

The IU Soul Revue from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana performed before a full-house on Friday night February 1, 2008.

This event kicked-off Black History month for the USI students and the Evansville community. It was an event that most will not forget.

Performers sang and played songs from the 1960's era and they cascaded to more current songs as the evening continued. The crowd really lit up when randomly selected audience members sang "Fire" which was a song recorded by the Ohio Players.



Above: James Mosley, an Evansville Businessman sings "Fire". James was a singer in IU Soul Revue in the late 70's.

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# MLK, JR. Memorial Luncheon



**Above:** From left to right; Ted Ziemer, trustee; Coach Boone; Harold Calloway, trustee; Jeff Knight, trustee; Dr. H.Ray Hoops, President; Dr. Linda Bennett, VP for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Rob Parrent, VP for Student Affairs.



**Left:** The Thumpsquad sponsored by Culver Elementary School performs for the fourth consecutive year.



**Right:** Glenwood Middle School Steppers perform several steps to honor Dr. King's dream.



**Glenwood Steppers**



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## MCC Mission Statement

The University of Southern Indiana's Multicultural Center enhances the personal and academic success of students by preparing them to be responsible citizens in a multicultural society.

The goals of the center are to:

- Foster and provide a warm, welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for diverse populations at USI.
- Encourage, promote, and assist the academic and social integration of under-represented students into the University through programs and services offered by the Center and through partnerships with other campus entities.
- Create opportunities for cultural interaction between students, the campus and the community at large to promote cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Provide outreach opportunities to under-represented groups and

## Week of the Beak

Homecoming is Saturday, February 9, 2008 and the USI men and women's basketball team will host the University of Indianapolis.

There will be a Pre-Game Tailgate which will include food, games, and giveaways. After the games, there will be a Homecoming Party.

**Pre-Game Tailgate Tent**  
**Noon-3pm**

**Basketball Games**  
**1 pm Lady Eagles**  
**3:15pm Men**

**Homecoming Party**  
**5:30-7pm**

## Phenomenal Women

The 2008 Phenomenal Women nominations have been received and will soon be reviewed by the selection committee. The dinner this year will be on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Award recipients will have an opportunity to invite ten guests to the awards dinner. 2007 honorees were *Mattie Miller, Gina Moore, Ruth Waller, Catherine Simutis, Shalonda Newcomb, Sandy Hatfield, Dr. Betty Hart, and Patty Avery.*

Phenomenal Women is a collaborative effort between the USI Multicultural Center, American Association of American Women, and Old National Bank.

## International Food Expo

The office of International Programs and Services will host its annual International Food Expo on Friday, February 22, 2008 in Carter Hall at 10:30am. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

This event provides an opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity and customs. This year will have a variety of food and entertainment from 20 different countries.

Tickets may be purchased at the office of International Programs and Services located in the lower level of the University Center or from an International Club member.