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Academic freedom colloquium topic

Two members of the communications faculty will present "Patriotism, Politics, and Academic Freedom," a lecture in USI's Liberal Arts Colloquium, at 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 21, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Dr. Dal Herring, chair of the Communications Department and professor of journalism, and Dr. Wayne Rinks, associate professor of communications and coordinator of USI's radio and television sequence, will explore the problems, challenges, and controversies faculty members face when they engage in classroom or community discourse.

For instance, faculty may face intense public scrutiny when they write or present papers, teach classes, speak publicly, send letters to the editors of newspapers, or become active politically. In regard to First Amendment rights and academic freedom, the lecture will consider what the boundaries of propriety are.

Herring joined the USI faculty in 1990. He teaches media law and public affairs reporting courses, and helped pioneer the University's Distance Education Curricula. He holds a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, an M.A. from Sul Ross State University, and a B.A. from Texas A&M. He also is an alumnus of the East-West Center's Asian Studies Program at University of Hawaii-Manoa.

Rinks joined USI in 1991 after a professional career as a radio news director, radio/television sales manager, and general manager of an AM-FM broadcast group. He also has served as educational representative to the Indiana Broadcasters Association and as faculty advisor of USI's campus radio station. Rinks holds a Ph.D. in communications from University of Tennessee and a bachelor's degree from University of Memphis.

The colloquium is a free lecture series featuring faculty research in the University of Southern Indiana School of Liberal Arts.

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Student financial assistance increasing

Corporate and private student aid funding is up 21 percent, and gift aid that includes grants and scholarships is up 12 percent, the director of USI Student Financial Assistance told the USI Board of Trustees during its regular November meeting. Jim Patton's report covered 2002-03 student financial aid activity.

Growth of financial assistance is a natural outcome of enrollment increases, Patton said. USI has had 3-percent increases in enrollment in the time period 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Real growth among programs such as Pell Grants has not kept pace with inflation, he noted.

The report shows commuter students find direct institutional costs manageable with semester bills of \$2,000 on average. However, students who live on campus and take advantage of a food plan often have a greater challenge, with direct costs averaging \$4,700 per semester.

"Full-need" students often find they must take student loans to make ends meet, the report says, and middle income families find that with less in such programs as Pell Grants, they must borrow more than "full-need" students.

Gift aid is an important investment in today's youth by University donors and alumni. Today's students are grateful.

"Private funding makes a significant difference for students who need assistance with the typical college costs. For many, this assistance goes beyond the limitations of government-funded programs to open new doors," Patton said.

"It may make possible study abroad, permit students to accept unpaid internships, or even allow full-time college attendance when it might not otherwise be possible."

The increase in gift aid helps the University meet an important goal of cost containment. H. Ray Hoops, USI president, said keeping tuition affordable is a commitment the University has to all students.

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USI OCB's 2003 'beautiful business'

University of Southern Indiana received Operation City Beautiful's 2003 Beautiful Business Award sponsored by the *Evansville Courier and Press*.

The award citation notes: "USI's concern and enthusiasm for landscape maintenance is a shining example in the Evansville business community."

The 2003 recognition marks the second time USI has been selected for the award from a strong field of competition county-wide.

The University grounds staff works diligently to bring color and beauty to the campus year round. Student groups and individual employees who annually plant and maintain "adopt-a-spots" also can take pride in this recognition.

Operation City Beautiful is a private not-for-profit community beautification organization. Its mission is to motivate and educate the community through litter prevention, recycling, and beautification programs benefiting the greater Evansville area both economically and environmentally.

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Portrait exhibit opening November 15

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art will present "About Face: Contemporary Portraits" November 15-December 21.

The exhibit will feature five artists and explore their treatments of the art of portraiture. The show will include Michael Ferris Jr., a sculptor from Chicago; Monika Merva, a photographer from New York City; Mary Newton, a painter from Louisville, Ky.; Leyla Raizk, a mixed media artist from Wilmington, Ohio; and Reagan Williams, a photographer from Los Angeles.

The artists represent varying degrees of experience, ranging from a 20-year veteran to a recent college graduate. A reception for the artists will be held Saturday, November 15, from 4 to 6 p.m., when some of the artists will be available for questions.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at 506 Main St. in New Harmony. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. For more information, call 812/682-3156.

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Names in the news

Achievements

Pat Aakhus, director of International Studies and instructor in English, was a featured author at the Meacham Writer's Conference October 29-November 1 at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. During the conference, she gave a public reading of original new work, conducted fiction workshops, and held manuscript conferences with graduate fiction writers.

Staff members in the USI Department of Residence Life attended the annual conference for the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers November 2-5 in Midland, Mich. The delegation included Christina Clark, area coordinator; Tracy Shadowens, area coordinator; Matt Andrzejewski, area coordinator; Kris Sellers, area coordinator; Brad Lasser; assistant director for Judicial Affairs; Laurie Berry, associate director; and Julie Payne, director. Berry and Sellers presented a workshop, "Information Technology: 101 and 102," and Payne presented a program, "Build yourself Up! Building Blocks for Female Career Advancement," which was named a top 10 program at the conference. Additionally, Sellers was nominated for the Outstanding New Professional Award. USI Residence Life was nominated for two outstanding facility program awards. Payne was presented with the annual GLACUHO Service Award, and Lasser, Berry, Sellers, and Andrzejewski were recognized for their contributions to various GLACUHO committees.

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Core curriculum

The University Core Council has received a petition to add GENS 490: General Studies Internship to Category D: Synthesis. Faculty wishing to examine or respond to the petition should contact Dr. John Gottcent, University Core director. The Council will act on the petition after 10 instructional days have elapsed.

Giving Tree

Staff Council is sponsoring its annual Christmas Giving Tree, a gift collection benefiting members of the University family with special needs this holiday season.

Following Thanksgiving, giving trees will be featured at several locations on campus. In addition to selecting individuals to buy for from the trees, departments may adopt whole families.

For more information about the Giving Tree or adopting families, contact a member of the Employee Relations Committee: Karen Anderson, lead custodial worker in the Physical Plant; Chris Jines, senior administrative assistant in the Office of the Registrar; Denise Bulger, cashier in the Business Office; Linda Harmon, senior administrative assistant in the Office of the Dean

of Students; Terri Schaefer, custodial worker in the Physical Plant; Sheree Seib, administrative assistant in Academic Skills; Beverly Thomas, administrative assistant in Graduate Studies; and Jalane Weber, administrative assistant in the Social Work Department.

Print sale

Printmaking students in the Art Department will hold their annual Print and Handmade Card Sale from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 18-20, at the University Center's west entrance.

Gospel Explosion

Designed by Grace, USI's gospel choir, will sponsor the Gospel Explosion Saturday, November 15. The event, presented in conjunction with Religious Awareness Month, will begin at 6 p.m. in Forum I. It is free and open to the public.

Buddhist basics

Mary MacGregor, Buddhist teacher, will present "The Basics of Buddhism" from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, November 17, in Carter Hall. A part of both Religious Awareness Month and International Education Week, the event is free and open to the public.

Red Spot

Charles D. Storms, the chairman, president, and CEO of Red Spot Paint and Varnish Co. Inc. will present the School of Business Executive-in-Residence Program Wednesday, November 19.

He will deliver "Surviving 100 Years through Innovation, Resiliency, and Vision" in two free public forums in the University Center's Carter Hall. The first forum will begin at 9 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m.

In addition to the forums, the public is invited to attend a noon luncheon with the executive in residence. Reservations, \$12, are available by calling 812/465-7001. The reservation deadline is Friday, November 14.

Gospel Café

Religious Life will host a Gospel Café at 4 p.m. November 22 in the Eagle's Nest. Presented in conjunction with Religious Awareness Month, the event is free and open to the public.

DNA microarrays

The Department of Biology's Fall Seminar Series will feature Dr. Marlene Shaw, professor of molecular biology and genetics, at 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 21, in Room 1101 of the Education Center.

"DNA Microarrays: Analyzing Global Gene Expression" will be her topic. Refreshments will be served before the program.

German Night

USI's Global Community will host German Night Tuesday, November 18, in conjunction with International Education Week. The event, featuring students from Germany, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Governors Hall lounge. It is free and open to the public.

Childhood anxiety

The USI Master of Social Work Student Association will sponsor "Childhood Anxiety Disorders and Treatment Options" from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, November 21, in Carter Hall.

The workshop, featuring Mary Lou Petrisko, A.C.S.W., L.S.W., outpatient therapist at the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center, will examine the anxiety disorders that affect children and adolescents as well as the cognitive and behavioral techniques Petrisko has found effective.

The registration fee is \$45. Continuing education credit and discounts to USI students and MSWSA members are available. For information or registration, call 812/464-1989.

Gift sale

An International Gift Sale in conjunction with International Education Week will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, in the University Center. The sale will feature gift and craft items created in Third World countries. Proceeds will benefit the countries of origin. Free decorated sugar cookies also will be available.

Who's Who

Who's Who applications are now available. To be eligible, a student must have junior or senior status with a minimum of 60 credits earned by completion of the 2003 summer term. Applications are available online at: <http://www.usi.edu/sdv/leadawards.asp>.

Applications are due to the Office of Student Development Programs by December 8. Recipients will be selected by a committee of students, faculty, and staff, and will be recognized at the 2004 Student Leadership Awards Ceremony at 6 p.m. April 21 in Carter Hall.

Study abroad

A Study Abroad Information Session in conjunction with International Education Week is planned at 4 p.m. Thursday, November 20, in Carter Hall. Representatives of USI's study abroad programs as well as former participating students and faculty who lead trips will provide information. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, November 14, 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.

The newsletter will be on vacation November 28 in conjunction with the Thanksgiving holiday. Publication will resume December 5.

Submissions for the "Marketplace" column may be made via e-mail to Roberta Fugate, editorial associate in News and Information Services. Other submissions for *University Notes* may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor.

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Marketplace

For sale

Schultz upright piano – been in the family for 70 years; has been refinished, rebolted, and tuned every year, maintaining a

beautiful sound - \$400. Call Laura McDaniel, Ext. 1269.

Microwave/convection oven – Kenmore, good condition, \$80. Sears washer and dryer – \$50 for pair. Call 812/985-2046.

1999 Pontiac Grand Am SE - six year/100,000 mile GMAC warranty, 57,700 miles, 4 cylinder, ABS, security system, A/C, traction control, dual airbags, cruise, tilt, power doors/locks/windows, alloy wheels, rear window defrost, keyless entry, fog lights, premium AM/FM cassette sound system: \$6,500. Call Ext. 1692 or 812/985-3968.

1966 Chevrolet Caprice – four door, HT, auto, power steering, power brakes, A/C (not working), 87,000 miles, ALL ORIGINAL: \$3,000 OBO. Call 812/845-3515.

1987 Olds Cutlass Supreme – two door, V-8, A/C, automatic with overdrive, AM/FM stereo/cassette, white with blue interior, vinyl top, wire wheel covers, power locks, power brakes, new tires and brakes. Has had TLC and looks great, \$3,500. Call 812/845-3515.

1998 Ford Explorer XLT – 8 cylinder, four-wheel drive, 73,000 miles, red. Call 812/424-1318 after noon.

Mirror – oblong, beveled edge, 15 inches high x 23 inches long, 2.5-inch wooden frame, walnut stain, \$10. Artificial tree - small red/green leaves, 56 inches high, in basket 10.5 inches in diameter, \$5. Artificial greenery in basket - 22 inches in diameter, \$7. Electric weedwhip - \$10. Auto ramps - \$7 for pair. Call 812/985-2046.

TV table with shelf – for VCR/DVD plus storage shelf, made of 3/4-inch finished plywood, very sturdy, walnut stain, 28 inches H x 23.5 W x 20 deep, \$12. Table, three shelves, walnut finish, made of 1/2- and 3/4-inch plywood, 24 H x 24 W x 23 deep, very sturdy, \$7. All pieces are in good/excellent condition. Call 812/985-2046.

Furniture and lamps – matching tan sofa and love seat, 84 inches and 60 inches respectively, \$50/pair. Black velveteen Parsons-style side chair, \$10. Tan Parsons-style occasional chair, \$15. Three natural cork-base table lamps with shades, \$10 each or all three for \$25. Brass wall lamp with shade, \$5. Offers on the whole lot will be considered. All items are in excellent condition. Delivery can be arranged. Contact Larry and Rena Goss, 812/963-0918, 812/589-1482, or rlgoss@evansville.net.

Toshiba DST-3000 HDTV Digital Receiver – can be used as a Direct TV HD satellite receiver or with an antenna to receive local HD broadcasts over-the-air. Excellent condition, works well. Used exclusively for OTA; satellite card has never been activated. To view, visit <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B00005AAKN/dealtime-dae/002-9365103-8499246>. Originally purchased for \$699, asking \$200. Contact Jerry Cain, Ext. 1977.

Roper large capacity washing machine – good condition, \$75.

Microwave oven - \$25. Computer desk and hutch - \$25. Call 812/476-7606.

'86 Schwinn Traveler III 10-speed bike – 26" like new, kept inside, \$50. 36" round table with four captain-style chairs - includes 24" leaf, \$75. Call Diana, 812/423-3733.

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.

Friday, November 14, is the deadline for submitting information for the next "Marketplace." Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.