Grant helping Project e-AGLE soar

USI has been awarded a $100,000 grant in support of Project e-AGLE (electronic advice for a great learning experience), an initiative that began on campus in the fall.

Presented as part of the Lumina Foundation for Education's President's Fund for Student Success, the two-year grant is funding USI's web-based efforts to increase freshman retention and timely graduation.

The project is a collaborative effort of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Business Affairs, USI Foundation, and GoalQuest, a strategic enrollment management company.

"Project e-AGLE is putting the University of Southern Indiana at the cutting edge of combining 'high tech' with 'high touch' in meeting the many, varied, and unique needs of entering students," said Dr. Charles Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

"We anticipate the effect of this project will be increased student engagement, increased student retention, and increased student satisfaction with their early USI experience."

Project e-AGLE engages first-year students and their parents with an e-mail messaging system that provides information on a variety of topics, including high school-to-college transitioning, academic skills development, working effectively with faculty, risk behavior and social norms, campus involvement, and pre-career advising and mentoring.

It is designed to increase freshman retention by delivering reinforcement of critical information to students and their parents in the privacy of their own dorms/homes/computers.

The project's Web-based information resources also offer additional alternative methods to find needed assistance, be it financial aid, academic advising, or help understanding the University's billing procedures.

The Lumina Foundation for Education, based in Indianapolis, is an independent, private foundation dedicated to expanding access and success in education beyond high school.

Khayum appointed associate dean

Two others named to key posts

Three new leaders are ushering in the new year with additional responsibilities in the School of Business.

Dr. Mohammed Khayum is now associate dean of the School of Business.

Dr. Sang Choe, professor of marketing, is now leading the Department of Economics and Finance, and Dr. Jong Rhim, professor of finance, succeeds Khayum as chair of the Department of Economics and Finance.

Khayum, professor of economics, joined USI in 1991 and served as chair of the Department of Economics and Finance from 2001 until his recent appointment, effective January 5.

He has extensive experience in matters related to the attainment and maintenance of accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business as well as an excellent understanding of the regional business community.

"The School of Business at USI has been very fortunate to have individuals of outstanding character with demonstrated leadership skills serve as associate dean of the school and director of the MBA Program," said Dr. Eugene Klippel, dean of the School of Business.

"I am confident the appointment of Dr. Mohammed Khayum as the school’s next associate dean will continue this fine tradition."

Khayum holds three degrees in economics: a bachelor’s from the University of Guyana, and a master’s and doctorate from Temple University.

He has written two books on economic issues related to developing countries, and his research interests include input-output analysis, service sector growth, economic development, exchange rate determination, consumption behavior, and the New Economy.

Khayum also prepares the quarterly Business Conditions and Outlook Survey and compiles the Evansville Factbook, a compendium of demographic, economic, and social information about Southwestern Indiana. Both are published by the USI School of Business.

Khayum succeeds Dr. Ernest Hall Jr., who had served as associate dean and director of the MBA Program since August 2000. Hall will continue as professor of management.

Dr. Jong Rhim, professor of finance, succeeds Khayum as chair of the Department of Economics and Finance. Rhim, who joined the University in 1989, holds a doctorate from University of Missouri-Columbia. His research interests are corporate financial issues such as capital project analysis, capital structure management, foreign exchange markets, and behavior of security prices.

Dr. Sang Choe, professor of marketing, is now leading the Department of Management and Marketing. He earned a doctorate in business administration from Mississippi State University and joined the USI faculty in 1985. His research interests include consumer behavior, international marketing, and research methodology. He also is advisor to the Marketing Club.

Senior exhibit opening January 10

The University’s “Senior Seminar Exhibit” will be on display at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art beginning Saturday, January 10.

The exhibit, which will continue through February 8, will showcase a variety of artwork featuring a diverse mix of approaches and philosophies. All media will be represented.

“It will show the range of everything we do at USI,” said Kathryn Waters, professor of art.

Exhibiting in the seminar show is a requirement of the Senior
Art Seminar that combines discussion of aesthetic issues and trends in the visual arts with practical knowledge and evaluation of student artistic growth and potential.

A free public reception for the artists will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. January 17 at the gallery.

This year’s artists include: Christine Arzola, Monica Brundage, Gregory Byard, Brian Cashman, Shannon Davis, Lesley Drury, Lute Garber, Andrew Gehring, Ashley Geis, Jeffrey Givens, Nicholas Goodman, Amber Haynes, Steven Haystett, Masayuki Hishida, Jay Hoesli, Nicholas Ingalls, Rebekah Koehler, Csilla Kozsan, Tamatha Lant, Christopher Lenfert, Joshua Payne, Mike Schrader, Aaron Scott, Koehler, Jennifer Weigand, and Andrea Wibbeler.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is located at the corner of Church and Main streets in New Harmony. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 812/682-3156.

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January jump starting the semester.

The Office of Student Development Programs has planned a variety of welcoming activities to greet students during the first two days of spring classes, Monday and Tuesday, January 12-13.

»» Faculty and staff will provide directions to classrooms.

»» The Information Desk in the University Center will be staffed.

»» Faculty and staff are encouraged to wear “Welcome USI Students” buttons daily through Friday, January 16.

»» “Welcome USI Students” posters and yard signs will be posted around campus.

»» Hot chocolate and cookies, compliments of Sodexho, and information will be available at five self-serve locations.

»» The Spring 2004 Guide to Assist Students, which features a variety of frequently asked questions and answers, is available to USI employees to assist in answering questions.

January Jump Start activities will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. A New Student Welcome Fair also is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, January 15, in Carter Hall.

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Comedian creating a buzz on campus

The University will host a welcome back event featuring comedian Buzz Sutherland at 8 p.m. Sunday, January 11, in Carter Hall.

A five-time National Association for Campus Activities' Comedian of the Year, Sutherland is known for his impersonations, homespun characters, and outrageous facial expressions.

He also has been recognized as the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities' Comedian and Entertainer of the Year and Campus Activities Magazine's Comedian of the Year.

The creator of the famous "Duckjob" sound clip that has crossed the globe on the Internet, Sutherland's style of comedy is contagious as he plays with audiences rather than talking at them. The St. Louis Post Dispatch has described his show as "98-percent clean and 100-percent funny."

Presented by the Office of Student Development Programs, the event is free to the USI community.

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Nominate a phenomenal woman

The Multicultural Center will accept nominations for the third annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community Recognition Ceremony through January 29.

Sponsored by the center, the American Association of University Women, and Old National Bank, the program honors and celebrates women from all walks of life who have made contributions to diversity in the USI and Evansville communities.

The ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. March 18 in Carter Hall and will serve as the finale of USI’s celebration of Women’s History Month.

This year’s program will recognize eight women in the following categories: Community-at-Large, USI Graduate Student, USI Undergraduate Student, USI Faculty, USI A dministrative Staff, and USI Support Staff.

Student nominees must meet the following criteria: possess at least a 2.25 cumulative GPA, be a currently enrolled USI student, serve as a role model for other USI students, and be a champion of diversity.

USI employee and community-at-large nominees must meet the following requirements: show a demonstrated, profound impact on the lives of others in the community; serve as a role model for others in the community; and be a champion of diversity.

For additional information, call 812/465-7188.

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Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Charles Harrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and associate professor of management, and Dr. Timothy Schibik, professor of economics and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, had their article, “Reflexive Photography as an Alternative Method for the Study of the Freshman Year Experience,” published in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Journal (Vol. 41, Issue 1).

Welcome

Dr. Cindy DeLoney-Marino, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of biology. Formerly of Chicago, she previously worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Loyola University-Chicago and as a member of the adjunct faculty at San Bernardino Valley College. She earned a Ph.D. in microbiology in 2000 at University of California at Riverside, an M.S. in biology from Eastern Washington University, and a B.S. in biology (cum laude) from Gonzaga University. She received a postdoctoral fellowship in microbial ecology from the National Science Foundation in 2000, was recognized for the Best Student Research Presentation, 1997-98, 1999-2000, at University of California at Riverside, and received a teaching fellowship at Eastern Washington University in 1995-96. She is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society for Microbiology, and the Indiana Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Promotions and transfers

»» Jeffrey Sickman, from manager of Payment Services to assistant controller in the Business Office.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of retiree Thomas Boyd, whose wife Dolores, 73, Evansville, died
December 13. Private services were held at Alexander Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vanderburgh Humane Society.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of retiree Jeff Hays, whose wife Mary Lou, 69, Evansville, died December 21. Memorial services were held December 26 at Browning Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Indiana, 9445 Delegare Row, Indianapolis, IN 46240; or the American College of Chest Physicians, 3300 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Lopez, custodial worker in the Physical Plant, whose mother Rosella Lopez, 74, Pueblo, Colo., died November 30. Services were held December 3 at Francis Xavier Church in Pueblo.

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University Core

The University Core Council has received a petition to add Theater 231: Acting I to Category A 1: Composition/Speech. 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.

Retirement Strategies

Extended Services will offer "Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement: A Common Sense Approach to Retirement Planning" from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on four consecutive Saturdays beginning January 31 in the Orr Center. A second session of the class will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 24 in the University Center.

The registration fee is $69 for an individual or for two people registering together by January 27 (February 18 for the second session) and sharing materials. The fee is $89 for participants registering after those dates. For registration or additional information, call 800/467-8600 or 812/464-1989.

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, January 9, 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 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.

Marketplace

For sale


Heavy duty Whirlpool washer and dryer – matching set, almond color, very good condition, $400 for pair. Call Carol Evans, Ext. 5317.

Computer accessories – 17" Dell Flat Tube (not flat screen) monitor, Dell USB keyboard, and mouse, black, $100. Less than 1 year old. Call 812/453-4791.

1999 Chevy Cavalier – 22,000 miles, power, air, automatic, cruise, AM/FM, cassette, two-door, hardtop. Black with gray interior, $5,000. Call Jim, 812/422-5146 or Ext. 2297.


Like-new cellular phones – one Nokia model 6161 and one Nokia model 5165, $15 each or both for $25. Call 812/985-5355 or Ext. 1136.

1988 GMC Jimmy – 4x4, 350cc engine, towing package, power windows, locks, steering, and brakes. Runs great, has new tires, excellent vehicle for daily travel, hunting, or work: $3,600. Call 812/985-5355 or Ext. 1136.

1988 Ford Ranger 4x4 – extended cab, automatic, cruise, 135,000 miles: $2,800. Contact 464-1712 or mkrahlin@usi.edu.

Four 20" chrome KMC Unite wheels with Nitto tires – 95-percent plus tread (used less than three months). Fits Camaro, Corvette, Firebird, 4x4 Blazer, Cadillac, and some others, beautiful, must see. Seller will bring for you to see. Bought for $2,900, will sell for $1,900. Call 812/985-5355 or Ext. 1136.

1998 Monte Carlo LS – white, 54,000 miles, CD player, moonroof, keyless entry, power windows and locks, one owner, $6,500. Call 812/401-8233.

Stage lighting system – includes one 24-channel Orion Lighting controller (unit is programmable and/or has a sound chase), six lighting bars with four-channel dimmer packs built into the bars (four cans each), and 24 Par 56 cans (most bulbs included). Valued at over $5,000, now priced at $2,500. Call Scott, 812/760-6319.

Three burial spaces at Sunset Memorial – must be sold together. Call 812/963-8179, Monday through Friday after 5 p.m.

Donations/Support

Formal or fancy dresses – size 12 and up, do not have to be floor length but should be dressy or fancy. Donations can be dropped off at Ginger Ramsden’s office in Extended Services in the Orr Center or an ARC staff member will pick up. Call 812/428-4500, Ext. 303, or Ext. 310.

17th Annual YMCA Pancake Days – February 20, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., and February 21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the YMCA or at the door during the hours of the event. Information: 812/423-9622.

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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