Von Fuhrmann receives Cooper Award

Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, has been named winner of the 2004 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.

Focusing exclusively on teaching, the award honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals.

The award will officially be presented at the Fall Faculty and Administrative Staff Meeting in August. It includes a generous stipend, a plaque, and additional faculty development support.

In nominating von Fuhrmann, his colleague Dr. Stephen Sullivan, associate professor of philosophy, wrote:

“Since the inception of the USI Core Curriculum Program in 1995, and also for 30 years in its General Education predecessor, Professor Eric von Fuhrmann has proven to be an outstanding educator of undergraduates.

“Students in his Humanities 211: Western Tradition in Humanities I, English 286: Classical Mythology, and English 386: World Mythology have found themselves challenged to read, think, discuss, and learn - as much as or more than ever before - by a passionate, demanding, and learned teacher with a gift for holding their attention and bringing out the best in them.”

As this year's winner, von Fuhrmann also will deliver a presentation to the USI community during the 2004-05 academic year. Details will be released at a later date. He holds an M.A. from Southern Illinois University and joined the USI faculty in 1966.

The Cooper Award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, Evansville philanthropist and long-time USI supporter.

Innovative composer taking a RISC

Nile Rodgers, a popular music composer for Sister Sledge (“We are Family”) and Diana Ross (“I’m Coming Out”) who is now the pioneering king of the video game soundtrack industry, is the keynote speaker for this year's RISC Showcase.

Rodgers will deliver his address at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center. His presentation is free and open to the public.

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A firm believer that nothing “lifts the spirit like song,” Rodgers has a vision to spread a positive vibe and use song to heal a troubled world. He encourages people to stay true to their passions and work toward dreams one goal at a time.

The primary audience for the keynote address will be USI students participating in the RISC (research, innovation, scholarship, and creativity) Showcase. The showcase provides an arena for undergraduates of all disciplines to present, demonstrate, or display their work to other students, faculty, and the public.

University mourning employee’s death

The University community is mourning the death of alumna Rebecca “Becky” Warford, 44, Cynthiana, Ind., who died April 13 at VNA Hospice. She was the senior administrative assistant in the School of Liberal Arts.

“Becky was the stalwart of the USI Theatre Management area - thoughtful, helpful, bright, extremely thorough, and detailed, always capable of giving you a straight answer and helpful advice. I especially liked her ironic sense of humor (an asset in the theatre business),” said Dr. Tom Wilhelmus, acting dean of the School of Liberal Arts.

“For almost a year when we were without a managing director, she was the manager in charge of operations for all three theatres, Lincoln Amphitheatre, New Harmony Theatre, and USI Theatre, and kept them going in exemplary fashion. We have lost not only a good teammate but also a good friend.”

Warford began working at USI in 1985 after earning a B.S. in management from the University in 1982. In 1994, she earned a B.S. in business education at USI, where she was only a few hours away from completing an M.S. in secondary education.

Before joining USI, she worked at Indiana Business College, as a substitute teacher in Vanderburgh, Gibson, and Posey counties, and as office manager for her husband’s family business.

She was a lifelong member of New Liberty United Church of Christ in Haubstadt, Ind., where she was the pianist, and attended services at First Southern Baptist Church in Evansville.

Survivors include her husband of 20 years, Rob Warford; a son, Jason Warford, and daughter, Stacy Warford, both at home; her parents, Eugene and Mildred Martin; a sister; a brother; her parents, Eugene and Mildred Martin; a sister; a brother; her parents, Eugene and Mildred Martin; a sister; a brother; and nieces and nephews.
Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 16, at Alexander North Chapel in Evansville with burial at Liberty Cemetery in Cynthiana. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time April 16 at Alexander North.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VSA Hospice Center. Condolences may be made online: www.mem.com.

**USI community discussing race**

USI students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend a "Dialogue on Race" at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

The event is designed to bring the University community together for a discussion of diversity in general and race in particular in order to open avenues for learning and cooperation, to promote different points of view, and to offer people an opportunity to be involved.

Danyale Ellis, who has been a part of the development and implementation of "Conversations on Race" at Indiana University-Bloomington, will serve as facilitator.

"Dialogue on Race" is sponsored in part through a Student Dialogue Grant from Indiana Campus Compact. USI students enrolled in Social Work Practice with Macro Systems wrote the grant as an exercise in proposal writing, networking, organizing, and uniting toward a common goal.

Additional support has been provided from a variety of campus offices and organizations, including the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, the Bachelor of Social Work Club, the Student Government Association, the Multicultural Center, THREADS, Student Development, and the Department of Social Work.

Presented in conjunction with USI’s Diversity Celebration Month, "Dialogue on Race" will also offer free pizza and soda to participants. Reservations are requested so adequate preparations may be made. Call 812/461-5281 for reservations.

**THREADS ending year with reception**

The THREADS Committee will host a THREADS End-of-the-Year Reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, on the University Center Mall.

The reception, in conjunction with USI’s Diversity Celebration Month, will include an appreciation ceremony for individuals, organizations, departments, and offices that have sponsored diversity events this year.

The event also will feature recitation of “An Ally’s Promise” by Anthony D’Angelo, a cricket demonstration by the USI Cricket Club, music, and free pizza and sodas while supplies last.

The reception is free and open to the public. The schedule of remaining Diversity Celebration Month events includes:

- April 16-17: SpringFest - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., University Center Mall.
- April 21: Cricket Night - 7-30 p.m., Governors Hall.
- April 22: Dialogue on Race - 12:30 p.m., Mitchell Auditorium, Health Professions Center.
- April 24: RISC Showcase Speaker Nile Rodgers - 8:30 a.m., Mitchell Auditorium, Health Professions Center.
- April 28: International Friendship Night (Jewelry Making) - 7:30 p.m., Governors Hall.

**Women’s Choir welcoming spring**

The USI Women’s Choir will perform its annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m. April 25 at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road. The free concert is open to the public.


The choir performs under the direction of Daniel R. Craig, assistant professor of music.

**USI Day at the Zoo April 24**

Zoo animal encounters, crafts for children, and refreshments will be part of the fun at Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden during USI Day at the Zoo Saturday, April 24.

The event, sponsored by the USI Alumni Association and USI Student Education Association, is open to USI alumni, students, employees, and their families.

Animal encounters will take place at the outdoor USI tent, where refreshments will be available. Just follow the signs to find the fun.

The Student Education Association also will have booths located throughout the zoo, where crafts will include mask making, animal puppets, and a trace-and-color activity.

Mesker Park Zoo is home to 500 animals representing 200 different species roaming in natural habitats. The park features a Children’s Enchanted Forest, paddle boats, bumper boats, a tram, and the Discovery Center.

USI Day at the Zoo will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. Zoo hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the entrance group-admission charge is $4.50 for adults and $3.50 for children ages 3 and up. There is no fee for the USI events.

Reservations can be made through the USI Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, 812/464-1924.

**Names in the news**

**Achievements**

Connie A. Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony, will serve as a grant reviewer this spring for the federally funded Institute of Museum and Library Services Museums for America Program. She also is serving as a reader for the Indiana Arts Commission Individual Artists’ Program and the Kentucky Foundation for Women’s Artist Meets Activism Program.

**In sympathy**

The University community extends sympathy to Debbie Kinney, project coordinator in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, whose mother-in-law Evelyn Rose Kinney, 72, Evansville, died April 9. Services were held April 13 at Blue Grass United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the McCutchanville Community Church Building Fund. Condolences may be made online: www.mem.com.
The University Community extends sympathy to the family of Jenny Medcraft, computer systems analyst, whose mother Ruth Mauer, 95, Evansville, died March 15. Services were held March 17 at Alexander East Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Reese Henry M. Daniel Memorial Scholarship at the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, P.O. Box 923, Evansville, IN 47707. The scholarship is given annually to a Harrison High School senior who is a survivor of a serious illness.

In memoriam

Rebecca Nunn Couch, 91, Evansville, died April 12. A longtime friend and supporter of the university, she joined the USI Foundation Board of Directors in 1986 and was named Life Director in 1996. She was the widow of William Couch, dean emeritus for Counseling at USI.

A member of the President’s Circle, she also was a Perpetual Member of the President’s Associates and a member of Reflections. In 1988, the University awarded Couch an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Students at the University also benefit from the Rebecca Nunn Couch Endowed Presidential Scholarship and the William E. and Rebecca N. Couch Scholarship. She and her sister, the late Dr. Aline Nunn Renner, provided for the Couch/Renner Lecture Hall, named in their honor.

Services were held April 15 at a Idersgate United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or to VNA Hospice.

FYI

Student workers

USI Staff Council would like all departments to recognize their student workers during Student Worker Appreciation Week, Monday through Friday, April 19-23. The council encourages administrators, instructors, and staff to take a moment to say, “Thank you,” to all student workers for the valuable service and commitment they provide to USI.

Art show

The 34th annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will open Sunday, April 18, with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in the University Center. Awards will be announced at 3 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through April 25.

TIAA-CREF

The University’s TIAA-CREF representative will be on campus April 28-29. Employees may schedule appointments by contacting Michelle Davis, benefits supervisor in Human Resources, 812/464-1781.

Grecian Odyssey

A private tour of Greece designed by Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, and Go Ahead Vacations is being offered during spring break 2005, March 17-24. Members of the University community are welcome to participate in “Grecian Odyssey,” which will include popular sights as well as areas off the beaten paths.

Overnight stays will be in Athens, Delphi, Meteora, Corfu, Rio, and Nauplion. Registration for the trip will remain open until September 30, but cost increases will go into effect May 15. For information, call von Fuhrmann, 812/464-1749.

Latinos awareness

The Multicultural Center invites the University community to participate in its new program for Latino awareness. The Interactive Society for Latino/a Awareness is a free, online organization available through Blackboard and open to all interested USI students, prospective students, faculty, and staff.

The program is a way to connect people interested in Latino/a cultures and issues by serving as a resource clearinghouse and interactive community. Features include Web links to relevant sites, discussion boards, a calendar of events, and other items to be determined by the membership.

The ISLA Blackboard site is launching Friday, April 16. For access to the ISLA Blackboard site or for additional information, contact Carrie Wilkerson, program advisor in the Multicultural Center or Edwin Ramos, director of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Hospitality day

USI will host a Southern Hospitality Day for prospective students and their families from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17. For information or registration, call 812/464-1765 or 800/467-1965.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, April 16, 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, or by calling 812/461-5259.

Gifts-in-kind

Gifts-in-kind, charitable gifts of non-cash property, include such things as library books, oriental rugs, paintings, other fine art gifts, computer software, laboratory equipment, and real estate. Gifts of appreciated stock also are considered gifts-in-kind. There are substantial tax benefits to be derived from such gifts.

If your department has received a gift-in-kind since July 1, 2003, notify the USI Foundation Office to obtain a “Gift-In-Kind” form so the donor's gift can be properly recognized and be claimed as a tax deduction. If you need a “Gift-In-Kind” form, call 812/464-1918.

Volunteer opportunities

Camp Quality USA Inc.

The first Camp Quality Indiana will be August 1-6 at Camp Carson in Princeton, Ind. Join the fun, create a lasting bond with a child, and help a child with cancer “be a kid again.” All training is provided at no charge. Volunteers must participate for the entire week. Meals and room are provided, but transportation to the camp is not. There is mandatory training July 10. Camp Quality USA Inc. provides year-round support programs for children with cancer and their families. For more information, contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of USI Alumni and Volunteer Services, 812/465-1215.

Letters for Literacy Scrabble Tournament

A benefit for The Literacy Center will be held Saturday, April 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Ivy Tech State College. Volunteer respon-
Marketplace

For sale

2000 black Honda C-R-V – excellent condition, CD player, 57,000 miles, $11,500. Call Ed, Ext. 1999 or 477-2569 (evenings and weekends).


1995 Toyota Avalon XLE - excellent condition, leather seats, 12-CD changer, moon roof, 93,000 miles, $6,500. Call Robert Reid, 985-5467.

Queen size waterbed frame, headboard, and footer - walnut bed, great condition. Beautiful headboard has shelves, mirror, and two mirrored compartments. Liner included. All you need is a mattress! $125. Call Trisha, Ext. 1215 or 783-2058 evenings.

Old-fashioned wooden rocking chair – $35. Call 858-8609.

A merican Bald Eagle print by wildlife artist Guy Coheleach - signed, limited edition endangered species print (#837/100) in large custom frame. Print-only measures 36” high x 28” wide. Beautiful custom framing measures 46” high x 37.5” wide. $500 OBO (appraised at much higher value). Call Lee A nn Shafer, 464-1879.

East side home – Sellers are motivated! Reduced to $105,000. Must see! East side patio home in superior condition, many amenities! Two bedrooms, two full baths, open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. Gas fireplace in living room, ceiling fans in all rooms, large closets, extensive additional storage. Master suite in loft with full bath. Neutral decor throughout home - new paint and Berber carpet. Sunroom with new skylights. Beautifully landscaped, sprinkler systems in front and back. Lots of spring flowers; azaleas in front courtyard. New shadowbox privacy fence around backyard. Very quiet, private. Corner lot on dead-end street. Private patio with cobblestone walk. Quartz wood shed with front porch. A djacent 8’ x 10’ workshop with heat/air and 100 amp panel. One-car attached garage with lots of shelves and pantry. Concrete driveway to park three additional cars. Includes washer, dryer, ceramic top range/oven, and microwave. Located at 1707 Greenscastle Dr. in Harrison High School district. MLS #111523. See at http://www.prudential-homes.com/listings/index.html. Call Mary MacCauley, 305-4702 or 475-0656.

Wanted

Do you eat Kellogg Cereals? - Saxon Reasons, programming manager for Instructional Technology Services, is collecting “Kellogg Kash” premiums for her children. Premiums are found on the back of specially marked boxes of Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Frosted Flakes, Mini WHEATS, and Eggo WAFFLES. To help, send “Kellogg Kash” to Reasons in ITS.

Help wanted

Yard work - summer and more - job opportunity. Forty hours per week during the summer. School year hours scheduled around your academic schedule. Start as soon as possible or when school gets out. Pay depends on capabilities - experience with tractors, mowers, etc., a plus. You will be working with another person, so it is not lonely! Call 867-2147 and ask for Mrs. I.

For rent

House for rent - two miles from USI at 250 S. Redbank Road, three-four bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, two-car garage, deck, walk out basement with fireplace, new kitchen appliances, washer/dryer hookups. Available for rent June 1. $1,200/month. Call 760-3402.

Seren e one-bedroom apartment – historic area, with sunroom, study, veranda, built-in bookcase, hardwood floors, claw-footed tub, blinds, large tree-laden yard. Water/refuse/heat/appliances $410. Call 812/423-8859.

Community

Albion Fellows Bacon Center Cell Phone Drive - drive ends April 23. Old phones may be contributed by depositing in the boxes (third floor of the Liberal Arts Center, upper level of the University Center, Rice Library, and the Orr Center). For campus pick up, contact Leigh Anne Howard.

House Tour 2004 - The Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Guild and the Evansville Courier & Press will sponsor a tour of 11 homes in the historic Westside District from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Included: West Branch Library, St. Boniface Catholic Church and Rectory as well as homes along Wabash Avenue. Architectural diversity, homes date from 1800s. All within walking distance. Tickets: $12 in advance at Schnucks Stores in Evansville and Newburgh, Paul’s Menswear, Gerst Bavarian Haus, and the sponsors; $15 the day of the event. Proceeds support orchestra’s commitment to youth concerts for local third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students.

Reitz Speech and Debate Team Rummage Sale - Wanting to clean out that closet or have old items hauled off you no longer need or want? Donate to the Reitz Speech and Debate Team. Scheduled pick up times April 16 after 3 p.m. or deliver to Reitz Gym on April 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. For pick up, call Carol, 464-1865 or 425-4709.

Scrabble Tournament – Letters for Literacy will hold a scrabble tournament April 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Ivy Tech State College. Registration: $25 for a team of up to four. Team leader must be 18 or older. The tournament will consist of three rounds. The top three scoring teams will receive prizes. Drawings for additional prizes. Desserts made by The Literacy Center’s interna-

tional prizes. Desserts made by The Literacy Center’s international students also will be available. Information/registration: Lori Saxby, 812/465-1011.

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Friday, April 16, is the deadline for submitting information for the next “Marketplace.” Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.

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