Reception for new provost July 10

The University community is invited to a reception welcoming Dr. Linda Bennett, new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 10, in Carter Hall.

Bennett had served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Appalachian State University since 1999. Prior to joining Appalachian State, she was chair of the Department of Political Science at Northern Kentucky University. She also served as a faculty member and department chair at Wittenberg University.

She holds B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in political science from University of Cincinnati, where she was named one of UC’s Distinguished Alumnae by the Friends of Women’s Studies. A prolific writer and researcher, she also has received several awards for teaching excellence.

Her appointment was effective July 1, when Dr. Robert Reid retired after 28 years as USI’s first provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Something fishy about Eric Braysmith

The catch of the day, courtesy of Eric Braysmith, special part-time instructor in art and English, is a six-foot fiberglass fish he affectionately calls “The Art-A-Fish-Al Tourist.”

Dressed to the fins, Braysmith’s contribution to the United Way’s community art project sports plaid pants, a visor, travel loafers, water bottle, camera, and Hawaiian shirt featuring roughly 30 nearly photographic tropical fish.

As a volunteer artist participating in the project, Braysmith worked with acrylics for about a month, painting his “tourist” and preparing it for display with 24 other fish-out-of-water on the downtown riverfront.

“It’s fun, but it’s an awful lot of work for the fun,” Braysmith said. “Once they go up downtown, it all becomes worth it. It’s very cool to just walk around and see them.”

Last year, Braysmith painted a carousel horse for the United Way’s first community art project. This year, the fish display begins this month and will continue until September, when the wide-mouthed creatures will be removed for auction later at a “Fish Market.”

As part of the project, area companies may underwrite the cost of a fish and the art materials needed to complete it. HUB International sponsored “The Art-A-Fish-Al Tourist.”

While the fish took up temporary residence in the living room of Braysmith’s summer studio - a house he is renovating - a 60-by-12-foot mural occupied a room in the back as he worked to restore and repair it.

Originally commissioned in the early 1990s by the Kmart Corp. for its Super K on Evansville’s east side, Braysmith’s mural found its way back to the artist when the store closed in the spring.

He then decided to donate the untitled piece to the community, and it now graces the third floor of the Civic Center in a space between the Mayor’s Office and the Council Chambers.

Painted with oils and alkyds, fast-drying oils, on polyester canvas, the three-paneled piece features historical Evansville buildings, including USI. The Civic Center celebrated the mural’s dedication in June.

“It really works quite perfectly, because it’s a painting of the buildings and things that make the community unique,” Braysmith said. “It’s such an honor to have it there.”

Haunting masterpiece on stage at NHT

After an eight-year hiatus, Tennessee Williams will return to The New Harmony Theatre stage Friday, July 11, when The Eccentricities of a Nightingale opens at M urphy Auditorium.

Williams’ rewrite of his own more conventional Summer and Smoke, Eccentricities is one of the master playwright’s most hauntingly beautiful plays. The New Harmony Theatre is presenting it with special permission from the Williams’ estate.

In a seventh season at New Harmony, Scott LaFeber, associate professor of theatre, will direct.

Set in Glorious Hill, Miss., Eccentricities focuses on the central character introduced in Summer and Smoke: Alma, an aging Southern belle infatuated with a young physician.

Jenn Thompson, seen in the title role of last year’s NHT production of Anna Christie, will play Alma. Thompson appeared in Tony A ward-winning productions of Ah, Wilderness!, The Heiress, and A nnie on Broadway. She also has performed in numerous other N ew York, television, and film productions.

Making his debut N ew Harmony appearance, Todd Gearhart will portray the young Dr. John Buchanan Jr. In New York, Gearhart has worked at Playwright’s Horizons, The Vineyard Theatre, HB Playwrights, and Fringe Festival.

Performances of The Eccentricities of a Nightingale will continue through July 27. A dditional information and ticket reservations are available by calling 1-877/NHT-SHOW.

Oh deer! Fawn makes surprise visit to office

The Publishing Services Center welcomed an unexpected visitor in June, when an orphaned fawn found its way out of the woods and onto the center’s loading dock.

Lavern Jones, student worker in photography, and Chris Norrick ’98, graphic artist in Printing Services, were surprised to find it crying plaintively at the building’s side door.

When an astonished Norrick called to the fawn, it trotted right over to him. Trying to restore the animal to its natural habitat, he carried it back into the woods.
But it followed him right back out. Concerned it would not be safe from the traffic on Bent Twig Lane, Norrick reluctantly took the fawn into the Publishing Services Center, where he became an instant favorite with the delighted employees.

Showing no fear, the hungry baby roamed around the office, following staff, suckling their clothing, and nibbling their fingers.

“It was an amazing experience – heartbreaking and breathtaking at the same time,” said Libby Keeling, writer in News and Information Services.

In spite of an apparent allergic reaction, Norrick – who was suffering from hives and watery eyes – turned to the telephone book and began calling local animal shelters and veterinarians for advice.

Several animal welfare agencies suggested he contact an Evansville resident known for raising orphaned wildlife to maturity before releasing it in natural, non-hunting areas.

After a brief discussion, the generous volunteer agreed to care for the fawn, which she later named Charger because of his outgoing personality.

Before taking him to his new temporary residence, the woman told Publishing Services staff he was two to three weeks old. She also explained that orphaned fawns will follow anyone once their survival instincts take over.

In Charger’s absence, Michael Harbison, art director in Printing Services, started a Feed the Fawn Fund to help support his care.

“A young, defenseless animal left alone and in distress just causes my ‘soft side’ to show,” Harbison said.

Amphitheatre presenting Fiddler on the Roof

Lincoln Amphitheatre’s production of the popular family musical, Fiddler on the Roof, will open Friday, July 11.

A heartwarming story, the musical follows Tevye, a humble milkman, who lives with his wife and daughters in a poor Jewish village in 19th-century Russia.

While coping with extreme poverty and uncertainty over his family’s safety during perilous times, Tevye also must deal with his daughters’ desire to break with tradition and go where their hearts lead them.

“In Tevye, Americans saw a man struggling to reconcile the conflict between tradition and change as he tends to the wellbeing and happiness of his family in a time when poverty and prejudice present them with daily obstacles,” said Director Elliot Wasserman, associate professor of theatre.

“Meeting their problems with humor and valuing their love for one another over other concerns, Tevye and his family endure and triumph.”

Returning to perform his dream role on the Lincoln stage, Michael Tourek will portray Tevye in the amphitheatre production. His New York credits include Romeo’s Dream and Calthropia. He also appeared in the film, Citizen Ruth, starring Laura Dern.

Performances of Fiddler on the Roof will continue through August 16. For information or ticket reservations, call 1-800/264-4A BE.

Lincoln Amphitheatre, Lincoln City, Ind., is produced by University of Southern Indiana in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Tourism Development Division, Indiana Department of Commerce.

Names in the news

In appreciation

“My family and I would like to thank all those who supported us with cards, visits, and expressions of sympathy on the death of my father. Your thoughtfulness made a difficult time much easier. Thank you.”

- Linda Harmon, senior administrative assistant, Office of the Dean of Students

Alumna’s art on display beginning July 5

An exhibit of artwork created by a USI alumna will open in New Harmony Saturday, July 5. “Flow” by Shirley A. Kern ’81 will remain on display at The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art through August 10.

A free public reception for the artist, including a gallery talk, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the gallery, which is located at 506 Main St.

Kern, who lives and works in Evansville, earned a B.S. in art from USI and an M.F.A. from Johnson State College in Vermont.

Working in both traditional and nontraditional media, she paints on canvas, wood, and roofing paper. She also builds installations, and some of her pieces incorporate sound.

In addition to participating in numerous group shows, Kern has been featured in solo exhibitions at John James Audubon Museum in Henderson and Dibden Art Gallery in Vermont.

“Flow” was made possible through the generous support of USI and the Indiana Arts Commission.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 812/682-3156.

FYE

Open registration

Open registration for USI’s third summer session will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, July 21, in the office of the student’s major. The second summer session will conclude Friday, July 18, and classes in the third summer session will begin Tuesday, July 22.

USI Board

The USI Board of Trustees will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 7, in Carter Hall. For more information, call 812/464-1756.

Children’s art

An Art Workshop for Children will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, July 7 and 14, in the Technology Center. Coordinated by Dr. Joseph Uduehi, assistant professor of art education, the workshop will provide children ages 6-7 an opportunity to create two- and three-dimensional artwork.

The registration fee is $15, including supplies. For additional information or registration, call 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

Alumni day

Habitat of Evansville will host Alumni Building Day for USI and UE from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 12. Members of the USI community and alumni of all ages are invited to participate.
Skilled and unskilled volunteers are welcome. USI volunteers will receive a free USI Habitat Building Day t-shirt.

For more information or to register as a volunteer, contact Sally Gries, development manager, Habitat of Evansville, 812/423-5623, extension 21. Volunteers will receive assignment details following registration.

Fourth celebration

A Traditional Fourth of July Celebration will be held on Independence Day in New Harmony. Events will begin at 10 a.m. with patriotic speeches at Thrall's Opera House. The celebration also will include a community picnic at Maclure Park, patriotic music, children's games, and free root beer in the Harmonist tradition.

A fund raiser with prizes will be part of the festivities as well. Historic New Harmony and New Harmony Kiwanis are co-sponsoring the event. For more information, call 812/682-4488.

Children, communities

USI will present “The Collaborative Effort Behind Every Child’s Race for the Future” July 30-31 in the University Center.

The conference is for educators, school nurses, civic and business leaders, social service agencies, and others concerned about children and families.

Continuing education credit is available. The registration fee is $125. To register, call 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

Notes schedule

University Notes is publishing on its every-other-week summer schedule. The next online issue will be available Friday, July 18. Submission deadlines fall on Friday prior to the Friday of publication. For example, the submission deadline for the July 18 issue will be July 11. 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 Libby L. Keeling, associate editor.

Job openings

For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

Marketplace

For sale

Sale of close out furniture from shop and private pieces - antique oak 45” S roll-top desk, $950. Three drawer Mission oak file cabinet, $300. Walnut buffet with Queen Anne legs and mirror, $200. Old full-size high-back walnut and maple bed with rails and slats, $225. 54” square pedestal round oak table with leaves, $250. Oak buffet, $150. Old ornate iron bed, $125. Roseville Pottery, Fenton glassware, “very rare” iron rhino bank. Other pottery and glassware pieces. Contact Jo Ann, Ext. 5223 or jolamar@usi.edu.

2003 Honda Beamer motorcycles - black with 9 miles. Kept in garage. Will sell with two helmets that have never been worn: $1,700. Call 479-9812.

Baldwin piano - medium color wood, excellent condition, asking $600. Call Retta, Ext. 1957 or 812/897-3788.


31 ft. Airstream Excella trailer - rear bath, twin beds, Zip Dee awnings, used very little. Selling due to health concerns, $9,200. Call 842-0047.

They move in, they move out, and they leave things we can’t use. G E six-cycle automatic dryer - almond/beige color, recently inspected and in good working order, $100. Two wool area rugs - green Chinese floral design; one is 3 x 5; other is 6 x 9, $75 for both or will sell separately. Need cleaning. Dormitory refrigerator - used two semesters. Like new, $80. Pair of brass lamps - $30. Call 985-7696 after 6 p.m.

House - westside, 75 acre, three bedroom, family room with wood-burner. Two-and-a-half car garage with half bath. A sking $112,000. Call 424-6528.

2131 Mahrendale Ave. – three bedrooms, one bath, full basement, glassed in back porch, and one-car attached garage. Quiet neighborhood. Asking $89,900. Call Ext. 7059 or 838-3987 after 5 p.m.

For rent


House near USI at South Redbank and Lloyd Expressway - three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, two-and-a-half car garage, .75-acre lot, walk-out finished basement with patio, deck, and storage shed. New tile floor in kitchen and dining area with new appliances. Nice home. Available for rent in August/September: $1,000/month, $1,000 deposit. Call 437-7218.

Serene one-bedroom apartment - in historic area, sunroom, bookcases, hardwood floors, claw-footed tub, veranda, patio with country ambiance, and large fenced yard: $410. Call 423-8859.

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Friday, July 11, is the deadline for submitting information for the next “Marketplace.” Submissions may be made by calling 812/465-1192.