Fall meeting a time for discussion

The University's Fall Faculty and Administrators Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 23, in Carter Hall, following the service of coffee and rolls on the concourse outside the hall at 8 a.m.

The meeting will feature presentations by Dr. Linda Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Sherrianne Standley, vice president for Advancement.

Bennett's comments, a continuation of a discussion that began at workshop in June, will consider the scholarship of engagement, broadening the definition of scholarship, and thinking of USI as a community of scholars.

"Normally at the fall meeting we bring in a speaker. We decided this year we needed to talk to each other," Bennett said. "We'll look at the faculty in terms of changes since 1997, thinking of ourselves as a community of scholars, and the work that is to be done."

Standley, who is serving as chair of the Subcommittee on Mission and Integrity for USI's Higher Learning Commission Self-Study, will discuss the University's Mission Statement.

Focus groups on mission and outreach will follow the presentations. Attendees will be randomly assigned to a focus group. The room number of the group assigned to each attendee will appear on the bottom of the person's nametag.

"We're going to begin the year with a conversation about mission," Bennett said. "I think that's a remarkable thing – to really focus the beginning of the year on who we are and what we're doing."

New faculty and administrators should sit in the special seating reserved in the front middle section of Carter Hall. Faculty unable to attend the meeting must have the absence approved by the appropriate dean. Administrators unable to attend should have the absence approved by the appropriate supervisor.

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. in The Loft and The Eagles Nest. For additional information, call the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, 812/465-1617.

Dr. Ralph Matacale treats troops in Iraq

On starless Baghdad nights, he couldn't see them.

Lt. Col. Ralph Matacale could not see the helicopters flying to and from combat missions over the camp at Baghdad International Airport, but he could hear the rotor blades slicing the sky.

"It was very eerie," said the dentist who is better known to the University community as an assistant professor of dental programs who joined the faculty in 1997.

"I wondered if that was what the early mammals felt like when the first pterodactyls flew over. It was a very visceral experience."

In his eighth year with the Kentucky Air National Guard, Matacale was curious when he received marching orders via e-mail several months ago. Then he called for the specifics of his active duty and was informed: "It's your turn to go play in the sandbox," an informal phrase for deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"For me it was a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. "It's not often a Guard dentist needs to do that. I was the right dentist with the right training when the need arose."

Matacale flew out of the base at Standiford Field in Louisville and arrived in Iraq March 9. After three months of active duty as the only Air Force dentist in central Iraq, he returned home in June. During his tour, Matacale treated casualties in addition to performing more routine dental procedures.

"I provided care for coalition forces, all the American uniformed services, Department of Defense people, and DoD contractors," he explained. "I was filling a gap and received last-minute orders."

Matacale was stationed with the 447th AEG/EMEDS, which translates to Air Expeditionary Group/Expeditionary Medical Squadron, and was one of 30 people serving in EMEDS at BIA P (Baghdad International Airport).

"With only 30 people to tend seven-eight-nine-ten critically injured, even a dentist pitches in," he said.

Matacale's familiarity with sterile technique meant he was called upon in times of crisis to help with chest tubes and arterial lines as well as diagnostic peritoneal lavage.

His most difficult dental maneuver, however, related to nerves, but not the kind found in the mouth.

"I had to remove an impacted third molar, a lower wisdom tooth, on an exceedingly anxious patient. He was very anxious, but at least he was able to communicate that. I talked to the anesthesiologist, and he was sedated."

"When he came back from post op, he thought I walked on water. It was hilarious."

Matacale's military background helped him adjust to the ever-changing conditions of service. Some moments were frenetic. Others were "just kind of boring." The heat reached 111 degrees, and rockets and mortars often were falling.

"If mortars were 400 meters away, they sounded like a car door slamming really, really close. If they were 200 meters away, it was a loud boom, and you could kind of feel the ground move a little. If they were closer than that, it was a really loud boom, and the ground moved perceptibly, and there was a concussion of sorts."

"Within 40 meters, shrapnel can injure you. You have to be pretty close. In my mind, I never had a sense it was particularly pretty close. In my mind, I never had a sense it was particularly likely a mortar and I would be that close together."

After completing his dental residency in 1987, Matacale served in the Air Force for seven years before joining the Kentucky Air National Guard. Although he was on active duty in Idaho during Operation Desert Storm, this was his first deployment to Iraq.
University mourning death of Daniel Miller

Dr. Daniel A. Miller II, professor emeritus of history and former chairman of USI's Social Science Division, died August 7.

A Princeton, Ind., resident, Miller served USI from 1966 to 1988. During his career, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and the Outstanding Teacher Award. He also was the first recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award. Upon his retirement, he was named honorary dean of Social Sciences.

“He sent many of his students on to graduate school, and he turned a great many undecided students into history majors, just on the strength of his character and teaching ability,” said friend and colleague Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English.

“He was always respected by everyone: administrators, faculty, and students. He was like the wise old man of the campus. Many people went to him for advice, and one of the reasons many of us felt he was wise is he was not only learned in his field of education but he was learned. He had been a businessman. He loved working with the land, gardening, hunting, and fishing. He was an outdoorsman. He was filled with practical knowledge as well as book knowledge. That is a mark of wisdom.”

Miller, a World War II veteran, held a Ph.D. from University of Michigan and was a graduate of Hanover College. He was the author of How the South Won, a History of the University of Southern Indiana; Sir Joseph York; and Anglo-Dutch Relations.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Daniel A. Miller III and Kent Miller; four daughters, Claudia Congleton, Debra Forrest, Kathleen Fulkerson, and Lisa Hyde; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Jean, his wife of 58 years, who died March 24, 2004.

Services were held August 11 at Pierre Funeral Home.

Katie Waters 2004 Artist of the Year

Katie Waters, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, has been honored as the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana's 2004 Artist of the Year.

According to the council, “Katie has been a treasure in our community, both as a caring, talented art educator and an extraordinary professional artist.”

Waters joined the University in 1981. She teaches courses in drawing and painting, and conducts USI’s Senior Art Seminar. Her work appears in numerous private and corporate collections, and her drawings and paintings have been exhibited widely at the national and regional levels.

In 2000 she was the only artist from Southern Indiana selected for inclusion in the State of Indiana exhibition at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and in 2002 the new Indiana State Museum purchased three of her works for its Inaugural Exhibition and permanent collection.

Waters is the recipient of two Indiana Arts Commission Master fellowships as well as a National Endowment for the Arts Midwest Fellowship. She holds an M.F.A. in painting from Ohio University and a B.S. in art education from University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A student and an alumna also have been selected for council honors. Whitney Oliver, who plans to take one of Waters' painting courses this fall, is the 2004 Young Artist of the Year. A senior at Signature School, she won “Best of Show” in the 2004 Annual High School Art Show at the Evansville Museum of Art, History, and Science.

Jane Case Vickers ’89 has been named the 2004 Arts Educator of the Year. She holds a B.S. from USI and an M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University. For the past nine years, she has served as director of Patchwork Central’s Arts and Smarts Programs for children from low-income families.

Waters, Oliver, and Vickers will be among the honorees at a recognition banquet October 7 at The Centre. The other honorees include Alfred Savia, Mayor’s Art Award; Kirsten Wagmeister, Arts Volunteer/Patron of the Year; and Bristol-Myers Squibb/Mead Johnson Nutritional, Corporate Arts Award.

Tickets for the event are $50. For more information, call the arts council, 812/422-2111.

Art faculty featured in museum exhibit

Thirteen members of the USI art faculty are participating in the 18th annual EAST/WEST/NORTH Art Exhibition at the Evansville Museum of Art, History, and Science.

The exhibit showcases the art faculties of University of Southern Indiana, University of Evansville, and Ivy Tech State College Southwest. EAST/WEST/NORTH will be on display August 22-October 3. A reception for the artists will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, August 21. The public is invited to attend. Reservations are requested and may be made by calling 812/425-2406.

Participating USI faculty and brief descriptions of the pieces they are showing include:

- Michael Aakhus, professor of art - a large painting of an enchanting landscape and two prints depicting mythologies
- C. Matthew Billman, instructor in art - the diptych, “Jeff is Greeted by the Chamber of Commerce on his Vacation to Tokyo,” depicting a large monster pursued by armed Japanese
- Lenny Dowhie, professor of art - the comical ceramic sculpture, “Testifying About What I Saw,” and a “dis-functional” teapot
- Brandon Gardner, instructor in art - an assemblage of two painted images interjected with one another, “Third-Class Carriage”
- Ann Hanat, instructor in art - a black and white photograph with a dachshund as subject matter
- Monty Helm, instructor in art - the graphite and ink drawing, “Red Hats,” a gathering of nudes
- David Hubeiter, instructor in art and Art Workshop supervisor - a sculpture in bronze
- Joan Dewig Kempf, assistant professor of graphic design - two digital illustrations, one a colorful image and the other three images in three different colors
- Janet Lindholm, instructor in art - a black and white photograph of a reclining woman
- John McNaughton, professor of art - carved wooden bowls
- James Parrent, instructor in art - “Study for Life in the Great Milky Way,” an abstract in soft color
Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art - three painted images featuring a female form in various environments.

Katie Waters, professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre - two pastel drawings titled “Traveler’s Rest.”

The museum is located at 411 S.E. Riverside Drive. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is not open on Monday.

Mark Altstadt ‘Volunteer of the Year’

A dedicated Athletics volunteer has been named USI’s 2004 Volunteer of the Year, the highest volunteer honor awarded by the University.

For 16 years Mark J. Altstadt has given outstanding service to the USI community. He served as the 2000-01 chairman of the Varsity Club Board of Directors, has been a board member for nine years, and donates endless hours of service to the club’s committees and events.

“Mark is one of the first to volunteer for the Varsity Club, whatever the event or activity, said Rick Herdes, USI men’s basketball coach. “His exceptional dedication is obvious to all the coaches and athletic staff as well as the Varsity Club membership.”

Altstadt serves as chair of the Varsity Club Golf Scramble. He also volunteers his time to support the club’s Steak Fry ‘n Auction, Fall Festival booth, Appreciation Night, and the Varsity Club Room.

With 256 accumulated volunteer hours since July 1, 1996, A Altstadt is the University’s eighth Volunteer of the Year. He and his wife Brenda ’82 own A Altstadt Office City. They reside in Evansville, are the parents of five children including two USI graduates, and have one granddaughter.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented August 19 at the Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner. Nearly 430 individuals who donated 20 or more hours of service to the University last year also were honored. Sandi L. Lawrence received the University’s first Volunteer Inspiration Award.

Volunteers donated a combined 96,563 hours of service to USI in 2003-04. In the eight years USI has formally tracked volunteer service donated to USI since 1996.

The Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner is an annual event sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services.

Sandi Lawrence a USI ‘Inspiration’

The University presented its first Volunteer Inspiration Award to Sandi L. Lawrence August 19 at the Volunteer USI Recognition Dinner. The new award recognizes an individual or event for extraordinary, inspiring service.

Lawrence was honored for founding the Aunt Sophie’s Chicken Noodle Soup Special Event in 1998. The February tradition, named for Lawrence’s favorite aunt, provides a healthy meal to select USI athletic teams.

Participating athletes believe they are attending a mandatory meeting, when they are surprised with a dinner coordinated entirely by volunteers. Enough soup is made to send a quart home with each student.

“Sandi is one of the most caring people I have ever met,” said Cindy Bippus, USI Varsity Club member and Aunt Sophie’s volunteer. “Her thoughtfulness for others has inspired others to do the same. Sandi continues to be an inspiration for all.”

Lawrence and her husband Charles reside in Evansville. They are the parents of twin daughters, both USI graduates.

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APB presents rising star Gavin DeGraw

Gavin DeGraw, whose electrifying recordings and live performances have recently stormed the national music scene, will appear in concert at 8 p.m. September 2 at The Centre downtown.

The Activities Programming Board is sponsoring the event, and discounted tickets are available to USI students, faculty, and staff.

A passionate singer/songwriter/pianist/guitarist, DeGraw released his first album, Chariot, as an 11-song collection in 2003. His second, Chariot Stripped, was released in July.

The second CD is an acoustic live-studio recording of the first album from a completely new perspective, a perspective DeGraw gained while on tour performing for fans and experimenting with the material.

His music has been featured on the television shows One Tree Hill, Pepsi Smash, The Wayne Brady Show, and Live with Regis and Kelly. He has been featured in People magazine and will perform the classic, “Tracks of My Tears,” on the season premiere of American Dreams September 26.

Female vocalist Toby Lightman will be a special guest of the concert. Her powerful voice, described as blending elements of Sheryl Crow and Lauryn Hill, has earned her favorable comparisons to classic singers like Joni Mitchell and Bonnie Raitt from such breakthrough artists as Alicia Keys and Mary J. Blige.

Concert tickets are $7.50 for students with valid USI Eagle Access cards, $12 for faculty/staff (limit two per person), and $15 for the general public. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster.com (812/423-7222), at The Centre, and at Roberts Stadium.

A limited number of tickets for USI students, faculty, and staff will be available at the University Center Information Desk from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. August 26, 27, 30, and 31.

Campus tickets also will be available from noon to 9 p.m. August 28 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 29. USI student and employee discounted tickets are not available through Ticketmaster online. Additional information also is available by calling APB, 812/464-1872.

USI to ‘Race for the Cure’

The University is organizing a team to participate in the 2004 Komen Race for the Cure, an annual event dedicated to eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening, and treatment.

USI’s goal is to register more than 500 participants for the 5K run/walk. This year’s race will be held September 19 at Eastland...
A variety of registration levels are available, including timed/untimed adult or child; “In the Pink,” which includes additional incentives; and “Proud in the Crowd,” a level for people who want to support the cause without running the race.

USI Team entry forms, already distributed via e-mail, may be turned in to Sandra Migonis, senior administrative assistant in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, until 4:30 p.m. September 7.

USI Team t-shirts and packets will be available for pickup at 10 a.m. September 16 at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

The USI Team photo will be taken at noon September 17 outside the University Center. Free refreshments will be available to participants sporting their team t-shirts in the photograph. For additional information, call Migonis, 812/464-1904.

Names in the news

Achievements

Jane Gilbert, instructor in theatre, has received a $1,871 Developing Service-Learning Practitioners grant from Indiana Campus Compact. The grant, funded by the Lilly Endowment, is in support of implementation of Gilbert’s Behind the Scenes project. The project, part of a children’s theatre class to be offered in the spring semester, is designed to assist future educators, youth service individuals, and others who may be responsible for creative dramatics in a classroom setting, generate workshops for youth service organizations, or stage productions.

Katie Valadares, LINK Project coordinator and instructor in health services, has received a $1,825 Developing Service-Learning Practitioners grant from Indiana Campus Compact. The grant, funded by the Lilly Endowment, is in support of implementation of Valadares’ Students at Work for Wellness project. The project, a part of Worksite Wellness and Health Promotion: Evaluation and Implementation (HP 306), will give students an opportunity to integrate classroom learning in business settings. Roughly 25 businesses have been identified as potential work sites for participating students.

Welcome

Brian G. Hinterscher has accepted the position of area coordinator in Residence Life. The Evansville resident previously worked as a graduate assistant in Housing and Residence Life at Grand Valley State University, where he earned an M.Ed. in 2004. He also earned a B.S. from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 2002 and an A.S. from Olney Central College in 1999.

Matthew A. Phillips ’04 has accepted the position of area coordinator in Residence Life. The Evansville resident previously worked as a resident assistant and damage-billing intern at USI, where he earned a B.S. in physical education, was named Resident Assistant of the Year, and received the Inspiration Award.

Adam Schmidt ’04 has accepted the position of project specialist in Extended Services. The Newburgh resident previously worked as a financial representative intern at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and as a part-time employee with the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission. He holds a B.S. in finance and economics from USI, where he received the Scholastic Achievement Award in Economics and Finance and the Academic Achievement Award in Finance.

Promotions and transfers

David Beyerstedt, from senior distribution services clerk in Procurement and Distribution Services to special payment accountant in the Business Office.

Marina Gross, from third shift custodial worker to first shift custodial worker in the Physical Plant.

Heidi Weigand, from distribution services clerk to senior distribution services clerk in Procurement and Distribution Services.

Joseph Wingo, from survey research associate to institutional research associate, assessment, in Institutional Research and Assessment.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Bea Purcell, administrative clerk in the Office of Admission, whose husband George Purcell, 65, Evansville, died Aug. 9. Services were held Aug. 13 at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Agnes Catholic Church or Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

FYI

Golf Scramble

The USI Alumni Association will host its annual Alumni Fun Golf Scramble at 11:30 a.m. September 17 at Helfrich Hills Golf Course. The public is invited to participate. Fees are $65 per person or $250 per foursome. For more information, call 812/464-1928.

Dental Ethics Seminar

USI will host a Dental Ethics Seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. September 11 in the Health Professions Center. Dr. Kevin Valadares, assistant professor of health services/administration, will be the featured speaker.

Continuing education credit is available. The registration fee, $45, includes materials and refreshments. Call 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600 for registration details.

Elvis tribute

Eddie Miles will perform in “A Salute to Elvis” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Lincoln Amphitheatre. Tickets are $20. For tickets or additional information call the box office, 800/264-4A BE.

Fall 2004

Fall classes will begin Aug. 30. New student registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the office of the student’s major, and open registration will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, in the office of the student’s major. Graduate student registration will be Aug. 26-27 in the office of the student’s course of study. For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar, 812/464-1762.
Newsletter schedule

University Notes has resumed its weekly publication schedule. The deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes is Friday, August 20. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Submissions to “Marketplace” may be made via e-mail to Brandi Schwartz, editorial associate in News and Information Services, or by calling 812/465-1192. Other submissions to University Notes may be made by contacting Libby L. Keeling, editor, 812/461-5259.

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


14-foot John Boat with trailer - two seats, fish basket, and anchor included. $250 OBO. Call Tony, Ext. 1661 or 473-1061 after 7:45 p.m.

Schwinn Airdyne exercise bicycle - light beige color, chrome wheel enclosure, padded gel seat, excellent condition with very low use. Selling for $275 OBO ($700 new). Call Michael Harbison, Ext. 1616 or 476-4924 (evenings).

A assorted fish - baby convict cichlids, pink and black. Two large Oscars, one red, one albino fancy-tailed tiger. Beautiful green terror, approximately 4.5-5 inches. Make an offer. To view the fish, visit www.usi.edu/newsinfo/photos/fish/. Contact Greg Nixon, 812/465-7130 (work) or 812/589-9372 (home).

1998 Jeep Cherokee - 78,000 miles, 4-W-D, $6,900. Call 985-7563.

Fehrenbacher kitchen cabinetry - beautiful cherry with white Corian top: 96” high, U-shaped 110” x 173” x 105”. Separate island with sink. Includes double oven, 36” gas cook top, microwave, dishwasher, trash compactor, double sink and faucets. Separate upper cabinet 89” x 43” and lower cabinet 29” x 25” with sink. 115” x 25” Formica top with sink and faucet, miscellaneous cabinets. Fehrenbacher or any skilled craftsman can add/subtract pieces. Corian can also be resized, reshaped.

Donated to church youth group with resale intent. Full color photographs of fully assembled kitchen are available. Actual cabinets may also be viewed in storage. Further details and dimensions available upon request. $6,500 OBO. Call Kyle, 453-8908.

A rt sale - four unframed Jerry Baum signed and numbered clown prints. Also several unframed signed and numbered Jim Oliver wildlife prints. Various animals and varying sizes. Contact Barb, 1702 or 853-6285.

Wurlitzer piano - with bench, $900. Call 985-5763.

Daughter moving to Sweden - must sell stuff! Queen bed frame with queen mattress and box springs, includes one set of queen sheets, shams, pillow cases, and animal print comforter, $450 negotiable. Four-drawer desk with matching three-drawer bachelor chest, $75 negotiable. VCR, $15. 70s stereo/receiver/tapedeck/record player with box speakers, good working condition, best offer. Microwave and metal table with plug-in - good condition, 1 year old, best offer. Computer desk - best offer. Lots of miscellaneous items to negotiate. Call 205-8559, leave a message.

Various items for sale - Serta king mattress and box springs with brass headboard and metal rails, only 5 years old, $300. Two Best reclinirs with lifetime warranties, hunter green, only 3 years old, $225 each. Comfort couch and loveseat, only 5 years old, beige with neutral colors, $400. Frigidaire Super Capacity washer and dryer, only 5 years old, $275 for set. Mizerak Chatsworth 8-foot pool table, excellent condition, less than 1 year old, comes with two sets of pool balls, numerous sticks, pool ball racks, plus several other accessories, $1,000 OBO. Call Ext. 1601 or 449-8506 after 5.

Natural wicker and iron bed - like new, king size, with two nightstands, dresser, and chest with mirror. Purchased for $3,200 five years ago, asking $2,000. Call 477-4666 and leave a message.

1997 Yamaha - 1100cc blue and cream motorcycle with leather bags, has backrest, disc brakes, and chrome pipes. Only 14,600 miles. A skating $4,300. Call 477-4666 and leave a message.

Wanted

Professor and family looking for house to rent - preferably near USI. Two well-behaved cats. Three nice children. Contact Marc, 207/655-4514 or mbobro@macbox.com.

Student housing - USI baseball player wanting to live off campus, looking for a roommate or any available room near the University. Call Coach Goedde, 464-1943.

Community

Women’s Equality Day - Second annual Women’s Equality Day Breakfast August 26, 7 a.m., Salon Room at the Executive Inn. Tickets available at the door for $10 or RSVP by calling 475-9287 or cfanello@fanello.com.

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