Construction projects fill campus calendar

Of the many construction projects underway on campus this summer, one obviously stands out above the rest.

"The library construction," observed Dr. Robert Ruble, vice president for Business Affairs, "that big hole in the ground, with mountains of dirt, that grabs attention.

"It's an interesting project because it's so centrally located everyone will walk by it all the time. A students pass by, they will be able to see the progress."

And progress on the $27.5 million facility is right on schedule. The lower level has been excavated, concrete footers with reinforcing steel are in place, and the construction crew is forming foundation walls.

Scheduled for completion in spring 2006, the new David L. Rice Library will be twice the size of the existing one. The five-story brick-and-limestone structure also will be the tallest on campus. It will feature a front rotunda and curved rear façade with floor-to-ceiling windows in several key areas.

Some of the other numerous campus projects, in various stages of completion, include:

Café A La Carte – Located in The Link, the lounge area connecting the Science Center with the Health Professions Center, Café A La Carte will open Monday, August 30. The café, operating on the "grab and go" philosophy, will serve a variety of sandwiches, wraps, muffins, cookies, and pastries prepared by the Sub Connection. In addition to other beverages, the café also will serve Starbucks coffee (coffee and flavorings only, not lattes and mochas). Hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Forum II Renovation – Scheduled for completion this week, the project includes new paint, ceiling tile, white/chalkboards, carpet, seats, lighting, dimmer system, projection screen, a projector, and a curved bulkhead in the ceiling.

Parking Lot E – Located in the space previously occupied by the Women's Softball Field, the new parking lot will provide 300 additional spaces. The lot is virtually complete with a temporary lot is virtually complete with a temporary

New Women's Softball Field – One of the four softball diamonds at the Broadway Recreational Complex is being converted to a field for women's softball. Fencing is being installed, and dugouts will be added later. The field is to be ready for this season's first game.

Multipurpose Building – Located in the center of the four softball diamonds at the Broadway Recreational Complex, the Multipurpose Building will provide space for refreshments, an office area for announcers and officials, and restrooms. It also will feature a second-story observation area. The building is scheduled for substantial completion by November 20, when USI will host the NCAA II Cross Country National Championships.

The Sub Connection Renovation – The Sub Connection reopened August 24. Most of the improvements were made to behind-the-scenes operations, but customers will notice the line moves more quickly, and beverages are now self-serve with free refills. The Sub Connection will feature hot sandwich specials during the fall semester. Hours are 8:30 to 10 a.m. (breakfast) and 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Tech Center Renovation – Renovations to engineering classrooms in the lower level of the Tech Center are scheduled for completion this week. The project includes new carpet, lights, ceilings, marker/chalkboards, and dimmers as well as the addition of an electronics lab and preparations for distance learning.

Ruston Hall – The university community celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Ruston Hall August 18. USI's fourth residence hall holds 220 beds, bringing the on-campus total to 2,947. The hall is named in honor of University friends, Henry W. and Betty Jane Ruston.

A New Lake – Designed in conjunction with Ruston Hall, a new lake is under construction behind the facility. The dam is being built, and the lake should begin accumulating water soon. When it is full, the lake will be roughly the same size as Reflection Lake. It will serve as a basin and filter for storm water runoff as well as provide recreational opportunities.

"It's been really busy," commented Steve Helfrich, director of Facilities, Operations, and Planning. "But things are going well."

Additional improvements completed or underway on campus include new bus stop shelters, landscaping, benches and paving, painting, sidewalks, and recoating the swimming pool, which is scheduled to reopen by Wednesday, September 1. A Herculean effort also went into repairing extensive damage to Newman Hall from a water leak.

September time to celebrate diversity

Concerts, lectures, performances, exhibits, and many other activities fill USI's THREADS Diversity Celebration Month. Events begin Saturday, August 28, and will continue through September.

"The purpose of THREADS is to encourage students, faculty, and staff to participate in the cultural opportunities we have available at the University; so they can get involved with people on campus and gain a better understanding of people who are different from them," said Carrie Wilkerson, chair of the THREADS Committee and program coordinator in the Multicultural Center.

The THREADS Diversity Celebration Month calendar follows. Events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

Secretaries, Associates welcoming members

The Secretaries and Associates Club, a 35-year tradition at USI, will hold its first meeting in September, and members of the University's support staff are invited join the group that offers an annual scholarship to a USI student as well as social and learning opportunities for members.

"We'd like to encourage new people to come," said President Gina Walker, library associate in Archives and Special Collections.

The club, which had roughly 40 members last year, typically meets on campus the third Wednesday of each month, usually from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. All USI support personnel, who pay $10 in annual dues, may join.

In the past, some potential members have worried about taking a long lunch hour to attend the meetings. The club is sanctioned by Human Resources, Walker explained, so that should not be a concern.

This year's activities will include fund raisers in support of the group's scholarship endowment, guest speakers, entertainment, arts and crafts, and a Christmas party.

"We're going to try to offer a variety of different things, instead of just the luncheons," said Vice President Kathy Carmichael, library assistant in Technical Services.

The group's leadership is particularly excited about a day trip to Opry Mills, which will be open to the entire University community. The event will feature shopping and a visit to the Opryland Hotel. The first six programs scheduled this year include:

- September 15 - Covered Dish Carry-in, 11:45 a.m., Grimes House.
- October 20 - Tastefully Simple Fund Raiser benefiting the USI Secretaries and Associates Scholarship through USI Foundation.
- November 17 - Christmas Craft, making lace angel ornaments.
- January 19 - Scrapbooking Demonstration by Creative Memories.

For details about the programs, contact Carmichael, 812/465-1276. For additional information about the club, call Walker, 812/464-1896.

USI Theatre staging 'exciting' season

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By synthesizing hundreds of interviews conducted with the people of Laramie, Wyo., the authors created a powerful snapshot of a quiet town suddenly thrust into the media spotlight and hastily branded as “backward.”

Performances will be at 7 p.m. October 6, 7, 13, and 14; 8 p.m. October 8, 9, 15, and 16; and 2 p.m. October 17.

J.M. Synge’s Playboy of the Western World will be staged November 10-21 at the USI Theatre on Igleheart Avenue. When a stranger enters a pub in western Ireland and declares he has killed his father, he is treated with all the respect and awe afforded a star.

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Season tickets are available: $30 adults, $24 senior (60+)/student, $12 USI student with a valid Eagle Access Card. Box Office hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as at the theatre one hour prior to each performance. For tickets or information, call 812/422-3970.
September calendar

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Donated to church youth group with resale intent. Full color photographs of fully assembled kitchen are available. A cult 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.

Burgundy futon - 1 year old, seldom used, in excellent condition, $150. Call Glenda, 598-9745.

Various items for sale - Serta king mattress, box springs with brass headboard and metal rails, only 5 years old, $300. Two Best recliners, 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 C hatsworth eight-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 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. Aasking $4,300. Call 477-4666 and leave a message.

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Day at the lake - 1-5:30 p.m., Kramer's Lake. Food, swimming, water swings, paddle boats, volleyball, basketball, sand sculptures, and more. Sponsored by Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness. Information: 812/465-7167.


**Tuesday, September 7**

Men's golf at Indianapolis Invitational - all day, Camby, Ind. Information: 812/465-1622.

Women's tennis hosts Kentucky Wesleyan - 3 p.m., USI Tennis Courts. Information: 812/465-1121.

Women's soccer hosts Tiffin - 4 p.m., Strassweg Field. Information: 812/465-1622.

Evansville Community Blood Drive - September 7-8, University Boulevard. Sponsored by USI Dance Team. Information: 812/464-1862.

New Student Assembly - 4-6 p.m., Carter Hall, for first-year and transfer students of color. Sponsor: Multicultural Center. Free. Information: 812/465-7188.

**Wednesday, September 8**


Fall Involvement Fair - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., University Center. Sponsored by Student Development. Information: 812/465-1767.


**Friday, September 10**

End 80-percent refund - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information: 812/464-1762.

Women's soccer at McKendree - 4 p.m., Lebanon, Ill. Information: 812/465-1622.

Men's soccer at Ashland - 4:30 p.m., Ashland, Ohio. Information: 812/465-1622.

**Saturday, September 11**
Women's golf at Cardinal Classic - September 11-12, Muncie, Ind. Information: 812/465-1622.

Women's tennis hosts Northern Kentucky - 9 a.m., USI Tennis Courts. Information: 812/465-1121.

Women's tennis hosts Bellarmine - 2 p.m., USI Tennis Courts. Information: 812/465-1121.

Dental Ethics Seminar - 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Health Professions Center, Mitchell Auditorium. Explore the ethical dilemmas faced by dental practitioners. Registration fee: $45. Information/registration: 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.

Women's soccer at Missouri Baptist - 7 p.m., St. Louis. Information: 812/465-1622.

**Sunday, September 12**
Men's golf at Northern Kentucky Invitational - September 12-13, Union, Ky. Information: 812/465-1622.


**Tuesday, September 14**

**Wednesday, September 15**
THREADS Diversity Showcase - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., University Center Mall. Event highlighting diversity programs at USI. A part of THREADS Diversity Celebration Month. Information: 812/465-7188.

Coffee Hour with Brian Webb - 7:30-9 p.m., Ruston Hall. Musical performance featuring songs about social justice. A part of THREADS Diversity Celebration Month. Sponsored by International Programs and Services, Multicultural Center, and Religious Life. Information: 812/465-7183 or 812/465-7095.


**Thursday, September 16**
Fall formal Sorority recruitment - September 16-20, University Center. Sponsored by Panhellenic. Information: 812/465-7167.


**Friday, September 17**

Men's/women's cross country at Indiana Intercollegiate - time TBA, West Lafayette, Ind. Information: 812/465-1121.


End 70-percent refund - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information: 812/464-1762.


Men's/Women's soccer host Quincy - 5 p.m., Strassweg Field. Information: 812/465-1622.

Volleyball hosts Lewis - 7 p.m., Physical Activities Center. Information: 812/465-1121.

**Saturday, September 18**


Kunstfest - September 18-19, festival of German arts, crafts,
music, and food, all day, downtown New Harmony, Ind. Information: 812/682-4488.

Volleyball hosts Wisconsin-Parkside - 2 p.m., Physical Activities Center. Information: 812/465-1121.

**Sunday, September 19**


A Archaeology Week Public Lecture - 2 p.m., Liberal Arts Center, Room 0101. Speaker: Dr. Michael Strezewski, Department of Anthropology, IU/Purdue-Fort Wayne. A part of T H R E A D S Diversity Celebration Month. Information: 812/464-1930.


**Monday, September 20**


Voter Registration Blitz - September 20-24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., University Center. Goal is to register 500 voters. Information: 812/464-1774.


**Tuesday, September 21**

International Day of Peace - variety of activities to promote peace including a moment of silence at noon, a mural unveiling on the Global Communities floor at 4 p.m., and peace candle-light vigil on Rice Plaza at 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by International Programs and Services, Multicultural Center, and Religious Life. Information: 812/465-7183 or 812/465-7095.

**Wednesday, September 22**

American Voices - 7 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall. One-person show that stretches the issue of diversity to examine socioeconomics, eating disorders, religion, and sexual orientation. A part of T H R E A D S Diversity Celebration Month. Sponsored by International Programs and Services, Multicultural Center, and Religious Life. Information: 812/465-7183 or 812/465-7095.

Springfest Interest Fair - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall. To inform students, faculty, and staff about SpringFest and encourage student organizations and individuals to become involved. Information: 812/465-1136.

**Thursday, September 23**

RopeWalk Reading Series - 7 p.m., Liberal Arts Center, Kleymeyer Hall. Fiction reading by Nicole Reid, assistant professor of English. Information: 812/465-3049.

**Friday, September 24**


Women's tennis at Aces Classic - September 24-25, University of Evansville. Information: 812/465-1121.

End 60-percent refund - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information: 812/464-1762.

Men's/women's soccer host Kentucky Wesleyan - 5 p.m., Strassweg Field. Information: 812/465-1622.

Volleyball at Kentucky Wesleyan - 6 p.m., Owensboro. Information: 812/465-1121.

"The Parthenon," an international interdisciplinary colloquium - 9 a.m.-4 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall. Following the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, USI presents an interdisciplinary colloquium featuring 12 lectures by USI faculty on poetry, essays, politics, art, history, popular culture, and philosophy with an exhibition of photographs and paintings. A part of T H R E A D S Diversity Celebration Month. Free. Open to public. Students may earn credit for attendance through Core courses. Information: 812/465-7088.

**Saturday, September 25**

Southern Hospitality Day - visit University of Southern Indiana to meet faculty, other students, and their parents. Includes tours of the campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration/information: 812/464-1765 or 800/467-1965.


Excavation Open House - September 25-26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hovey Lake Archaeology Site, Posey County: archaeology demonstrations, field lab operations, artifact exhibits. USI students are involved in the project. Park at the Hovey Lake Fish and Wildlife Office. A part of T H R E A D S Diversity Celebration Month.

Volleyball at Northern Kentucky - 1 p.m., Highland Heights, Ky. Information: 812/465-1121.

**Saturday, September 26**


Men's/women's soccer host Findlay - 11 a.m., USI Strassweg Field. Information: 812/465-1622.

**Sunday, September 27**


**Monday, September 28**

Welcome Reception for Dean Glassman - 5-6:30 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall. Information: 812/464-1925.

**Wednesday, September 29**

Women's tennis hosts Indianapolis - 4 p.m., USI Tennis Courts. Information: 812/465-1121.

Venezuelan Night - 7:30 p.m., Ruston Hall, lounge. A part of T H R E A D S Diversity Celebration Month. Sponsor: Global Community. Information: 812/465-7183.

Volleyball at SIU Edwardsville - 7 p.m., Edwardsville, Ill. Information: 812/465-1121.

**Thursday, September 30**

USI Student Welcome Dinner - 6-8 p.m., Eagles Nest, University Center. Sponsored by SGA and Sodexho Food Service. Information: 812/464-1873.

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