Freshmen set enrollment record

USI welcomed its largest-ever freshman class this fall, enrolling 2,079 first-time freshmen to lift total enrollment to a record 9,899 students.

Those freshmen indicate more high-achieving high-school students are making USI their college of choice. The freshman class has 55 entering students who are high-school valedictorians, and the average SAT score of the Presidential Scholars, USI’s premier scholarship recipients, is 1356. The class also includes three National Merit Finalists and three Lilly Endowment Community Scholars.

Included in the total enrollment are 200 students enrolled in the engineering program. In its 2002 request to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for the engineering program, USI projected 84 students would be enrolled in the program.

“The demand for the engineering program is reflected in this year’s student enrollment in the program,” said Dr. H. Ray Hoops, USI president.

“The severe shortage of engineers in the region was a finding of the 2000 President’s Task Force on Economic and Workforce Development that led to the proposal for changing the engineering technology curriculum to a general engineering program. Clearly, there was a need to offer the engineering curriculum and widen the range of occupations that could be filled by engineering graduates.”

Other enrollment-related information shows full-time students, those taking 12 credit hours or more, increased by 256 students. Full-time students now make up 75 percent of the student population at USI, compared to 57 percent 10 years ago.

Vice President for Student Affairs Rob Parrent noted this year’s figure is “an all-time high,” citing the figure as further evidence USI “is evolving to a more traditional, residential, comprehensive university.”

Parrent also noted nearly 2,800 students are living in USI residence halls and apartment complexes this fall.

The number of credit hours taken by students also established a record of 118,949, a 3-percent increase from fall 2002.

Retention of students is also a goal of USI, and there were 107 more “returning” students this fall than in fall 2002.

The majority of USI students, 5,143, come from Vanderburgh County and the surrounding counties of Posey, Warrick, and Gibson. Another 1,162 students come from other counties in southwestern Indiana. All 92 Indiana counties are represented among the students.

Students from 36 other states and 39 other nations attend USI. Increasing the diversity of the student body has been a University goal and strides have been made this year. Minority and international students now represent 6 percent of the students. Black students represent 4 percent of the students, making them the largest minority population with 400 students.

Female students continue to outnumber male students on campus. This year’s enrollment includes 6,028 women and 3,871 men, about a 60-40 ratio.

The student body also includes 2,300 adults 25 years of age or older.

Enrollment during the last five years

- 2003 - 9,899
- 2002 - 9,675
- 2001 - 9,362
- 2000 - 9,012
- 1999 - 8,695

Founders Day honoring eight employees

The USI community is invited to attend the Founders Day Reception, a tribute to employees with 25 years of service to the University, at 3 p.m. Monday, September 15, in Carter Hall.

“University of Southern Indiana is fortunate to have so many dedicated employees of long tenure. These individuals help the University retain its student-centered culture and values as the institution grows,” said USI President Dr. H. Ray Hoops.

Presented by Faculty Senate and Staff Council, the event also will recognize the Board of Southern Indiana Higher Education Inc. for its role in establishing the University.

“The recognition of Southern Indiana Higher Education and its vision for public higher education in southern Indiana is long overdue,” Hoops said. “USI’s beautiful environment and handsome physical plant really evolved from the dreams of these men and women who are among our most important founders.”

Founders Day’s employee honorees

Deborah L. Carl ’73, ’76
Assistant professor, program director, Dental Hygiene

Carl joined the University as an instructor and acting supervisor of Dental Hygiene November 15, 1978, after previously working on campus as an instructor in dental hygiene and adjunct clinic faculty member. The Evansville resident received a USI Faculty Research and Creative Work Award in 1993 and a USI Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award in 1992. She belongs to Sigma Pi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; the American Dental Education Association, which she served as chair of the Standing Committee of Allied Dental Program Directors 2001-02; the Indiana Dental Hygiene Educators Association; the American Dental Hygienists’ Association; the Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association; and the Ohio Valley Dental Hygienists’ Association, which she served as president 1982-83, 1987-88, and 1996-97. She holds a master’s in education from Indiana State University and an associate degree in dental hygiene and a bachelor’s in dental hygiene education from USI.
Darrell joined the University as a part-time assistant professor of English in 1975 and became full-time August 21, 1978. She also has served USI as a academic Skills coordinator, Honors Day coordinator, and initiation writer as well as founding sponsor of Apha Chi Honor Society. The Owensboro resident is the recipient of a Faculty Research and Creative Work Grant, an Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award, a Kentucky Women’s Foundation Grant, and a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar in Greek tragedy at Dartmouth College. She is an active writer and board member for Hospice and Palliative Care of the Ohio Valley in Owensboro and teaches an adult Sunday school class with her husband at Trinity United Methodist Church in Evansville. Darrell holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from George Peabody College for Teachers; Vanderbilt University; and a B.A. in English and philosophy from McMurry College.

Leonard E. Dowhie
Professor of art

Dowhie joined the University as an assistant professor of art August 21, 1978. He also has served USI as chair of the Art, Music, and Theatre Department. A resident of St. Phillips, Ind., he is trustee emeritus of the American Craft Council in New York City, fellow to the council of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, and a partner in Expression of Culture, producers of SOFA Art Expos in Chicago and New York. His artwork is displayed in many museums, including the Smithsonian Institute’s Renwick Gallery. Dowhie holds an M.F.A. from Indiana State University and a B.A. from Arizona State University.

Stephen P. Helfrich
Director of Facilities Operation and Planning

Helfrich joined the University as campus engineer July 1, 1978. He also has served USI as assistant director of the Physical Plant. The Evansville resident is chair of the USI Space Committee and a member of the North Central Accreditation Committee. A longtime member of the USI Varsity Club, Helfrich also represents the University on the Evansville Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee. He holds a B.S. in industrial management from Purdue University.

Phyllis A. Maddox ’74, ’75
Assistant professor of dental hygiene

Maddox joined the University as an instructor in dental hygiene August 1, 1978, after working as a dental hygienist for Dr. Robert M. West. The Evansville resident is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society; the Ohio Valley Dental Hygienists’ Association, which she served as president; the Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association, which she served on the board of trustees; the American Dental Hygienists’ Association; and the Indiana Dental Hygiene Educators Association. She is a recipient of the USI Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award and holds a master’s in education from Indiana State University, and an associate degree in dental hygiene and B.S. in dental hygiene education from USI.

Mary L. McGrew
Senior administrative assistant, School of Business

McGrew joined the University as a secretary April 12, 1978. She also has worked on campus as an intermediate secretary and office assistant. She served on Staff Council for six years; is a member of the Secretaries and Associates Club, in which she has held a variety of offices; and has donated her time to volunteer at USI basketball games for many years. A resident of Posey County, she attended Lockyear’s Business College.

Dr. C.W. Stegemoller
Associate professor of mathematics

Stegemoller joined the University as an associate professor of mathematics August 21, 1978. The Newburgh resident also has served USI as the men’s cross country coach. Under his leadership the team qualified for nine consecutive GLVC championships and finished third and fifth in NCAA championships. He was named NCAA II Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1982 and holds a D.A. in mathematics from Idaho State University.

Gina R. Walker
Library associate, archivist

Walker joined the University as a clerk in the Library Acquisitions Department February 6, 1978. She also worked the Reference Desk and as an interlibrary loan clerk on campus. The Winslow, Ind., resident is treasurer and Web-site editor for the Communal Studies Association and is president of the USI Secretaries and Associates Club. She holds a B.A. in English from Indiana State University.

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Eight habits foster community

An internationally-acclaimed author, lecturer, and leader in the critical issue of building community will speak at USI Tuesday, September 16.

Clifton Taulbert, founder and president of the Building Community Institute, will present "Building Community with the Eight Habits of the Heart" at 7 p.m. in the University Center's Carter Hall. His lecture is free and open to the public.

Advocating timeless and universal ideals he encountered growing up in the Mississippi Delta, Taulbert will share a framework for building, maintaining, and sustaining the set of emotionally satisfying relationships he defines as community.

By establishing a foundation in the Eight Habits of the Heart: nurturing attitude, responsibility, dependability, friendship, brotherhood, high expectations, courage, and hope, Taulbert believes environments can be built or rebuilt to foster justice, compassion, productivity, vision.

Taulbert's book, Eight Habits of the Heart, was chosen in 1998 by USA Today as its year-end choice of a book to enrich minds and lives. He also is the author of the award-winning Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored, the Pulitzer-nominated The Last Train North, Watching Our Crops Come in, and two award-winning picture books for children, Little Cliff and the Porch People, and Little Cliff's First Day of School.

In 1996 he was honored by the NAACP with an Image Award for outstanding contribution to literature. He also has received the Arthritis Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award and the National Jewish Medical and Research Humanitarian Award.

Taulbert and his wife Barbara live in Tulsa, Okla., where the Building Community Institute is based.

Webinars open to faculty, staff

The first flock of e-mails in Project e-AGLE (electronic advice for a great learning experience) will land in the e-mail boxes of freshmen and their parents Monday, September 15, when an e-AGLE "Webinar" for faculty and staff also is planned.

The Webinar will preview the project software and provide information about the new program that focuses on improving the retention rates of first-year students.

Peter Tomassi, vice president of Development for GoalQuest, a strategic enrollment management company, will facilitate the program. The Webinar September 15 will begin at noon in Room 1027 of the Health Professions Center. A second session will be held at noon Thursday, September 18, in Carter Hall. Registration is not required.

In addition to sending messages, the project software will provide real-time intelligence reports on student engagement, according to Dr. Rob Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs.

It will time stamp and categorize inquiries from students and then route those inquiries to the people on campus who can provide answers.

"His entire process will positively affect retention at USI and increase good will," Parrent said.

Project e-AGLE messages, which will arrive via e-mail every week or so, will provide expert tips designed to help freshmen survive and thrive. Sample topics include:

» Getting involved in campus activities
» Living with your roommate
» Developing strong study skills
» Making friends on campus
» Keys to success in college
» Help with financing
» Choosing courses and course load
» Time management
» Getting the most from advisors
» Critical Thinking
» Safety Awareness
» Respecting Diversity

Freshmen will find invitations to the program in their useagles.org e-mail accounts. No fee or registration process is required. For more information, call 812/465-7020.

"It's an exciting initiative," Parrent said. "It is truly an example of a collaborative effort."

The program is supported by Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Business Affairs, USI Foundation, and GoalQuest.

First reading in series September 25

The fall 2003 RopeWalk Reading Series will begin September 25. Each program will start at 7 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center and will be followed by a book signing. The schedule follows:

September 25 - Patricia Aakhus

A akhus, a USI instructor in English and humanities, is the author of contemporary fiction and essays as well as numerous books and papers on the history and mythology of ancient Ireland, including the novels, The Voyage of Mael Duin's Curragh, Daughter of the Boyne, and The Sorrows of Tara. She recently presented an invited paper, "Gates of Helios and an Irish Celestial Machine," at the Inspirations of Astronomical Phenomena Conference at Oxford University in England.

October 16 - Pat Carr

Carr has published 12 books of criticism, archaeology, and fiction, including The Women in the Mirror, winner of the prestigious Iowa Fiction Award, and Mimbres Mythology, a seminal study in prehistoric Southwestern Pueblo Indian myths. She also has written more than 100 short stories that have appeared in a variety of publications, including The Southern Review, Yale Review, and Best American Short Stories. Her most recent novel, If We Must Die, was a finalist in the Pen Book Awards, 2003.

November 3 - Gary Gildner

Gildner's published books include Blue Like the Heavens: New and Selected Poems; a novel, The Second Bridge: A Week in South Dakota; Where We Are Now, a memoir; and the prize-winning poetry collection, The Bunker in the Parsley Fields. He has been writer-in-residence at Reed College, Davidson College, and Michigan State University, and lives and writes on a ranch in Idaho's Clearwater Mountains. Gildner was a member of the RopeWalk faculty in 2002.

Presented by USI's School of Liberal Arts, readings in the series are free and open to the public.

The RopeWalk Reading Series is made possible through the support of RopeWalk Writers Retreat, the Southern Indiana Review, USI Society for Arts & Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Indiana Arts Commission, and USI Student Writers' Union.
Head of Indiana CPA Society to speak

Gary Bolinger, president and chief executive officer of the Indiana CPA Society, will address accounting professionals and USI students majoring in accounting Wednesday, September 17, in Carter Hall.

Bolinger’s presentation at the Accounting Circle Celebration will focus on issues affecting CPAs and the business community.

“There have been many developments related to the accounting profession over the last 18 months,” he said. “It is important that members of the CPA profession and the business community understand the potential impacts of some of these proposals.”

The School of Business event will begin at 6 p.m. It also will feature a pizza dinner and workshop-style accounting game designed to encourage interaction between students and accounting professionals. Top student performers in the game will be invited to a one-on-one lunch with an area accounting executive.

Dr. Daniel E. Wade, director of USI’s Accounting Programs, said the evening also will include information on cooperative programs and internships designed to give accounting students opportunities to put their classroom learning into practice.

The dinner and program will follow the fall meeting of the Accounting Circle, an organization of senior executives in public and corporate accounting in the southwestern Indiana region who serve as an advisory board to USI’s Accounting Programs.

The group has provided leadership for a number of initiatives. Members have provided faculty internship opportunities, developed a program called Accountant-in-the-Classroom that provides presentations to sophomore-level accounting classes, and initiated and supported a student Toastmasters Club.

A counting Circle members also have helped with recruitment events, established a scholarship for the master’s program, provided input on curriculum design, and played a significant role in accreditation.

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Donald E. Pitzer, professor of history and director of the USI Center for Communal Studies, has published entries on “Intentional Communities in the United States and Canada—History” and “New Harmony” in the four-volume international Encyclopedia of Community: From the Village to the Virtual World (SAGE Publications 2003). Nearly 400 scholars from 18 countries contributed essays to the 1,839-page encyclopedia, edited by Karen Christensen and David Levinson. The Center for Communal Studies assisted in this unprecedented project to treat the topic of community worldwide.

Welcome

Sarah Daugherty, Evansville, has accepted the position of operations assistant in Instructional Technology Services. She is a former student at USI.

Dr. Adrian Gentle, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of mathematics. A native of Melbourne, Australia, he recently lived in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where he worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He also previously worked as a research assistant at Monash University in Australia, where he earned a Ph.D. in 2000 and a B.Sc. with honors. He is the recipient of a Director-funded Postdoctoral Fellowship at Los Alamos and the Sir James McConnell Postgraduate Scholarship. Gentle’s memberships include the American Mathematical Society, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, and the International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation.

Michael Hartmann ’99, Mount Vernon, has accepted the position of assistant professor in finance. He previously worked as an intern at BDO Deutschwarntreuhand AG and as an adjunct faculty member in economics and finance at USI. He earned an M.B.A. in international business at University of Memphis in 2002, holds a B.A. in business administration from USI, and is a member of B.S.A.

Dr. Tamara L. Hunt, Evansville, has accepted the position of associate professor and chair of the History Department. A native of Illinois, she previously worked as an associate professor of history at Loyola Marymount University and on the faculty at University of Louisville. She holds a Ph.D. from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and published the book, Defining John Bull: Cricature and National Identity in Late Georgian England (Ashgate Publishing 2003). She also was coeditor of Women and the Colonial Gaze (Palgrave 2002), a 1996-97 National Endowment for the Humanities College Fellow, and the 1996 Woman of the Year at Loyola Marymount. She is a member of the North American Conference on British Studies; the American Historical Association; and the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing.

Dr. Anton Maria, Evansville, has accepted the position of assistant professor of geology. Formerly of Afton, Va., he previously worked as a research fellow at the Smithsonian Institute, and as a post-doctoral researcher at University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography. He earned a Ph.D. in 2000 from University of Rhode Island, where he also earned an M.S. He holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and is a member of the Geological Society of America and the American Geophysical Union.

In memoriam

Former USI employee Roberta A. “Bobbie” Reich Gardner, 78, Evansville, died September 5.

She was a custodial worker in the Physical Plant for 18 years before retiring March 30, 1990.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond H. Gardner; a daughter, Elaine Schultheis; a son, Frank Reich; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Darnell and Kathryn Todisco; two grandsons; a granddaughter; stepgrandchildren; great-grandchildren; two brothers; a sister; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John A. Reich, and a son, Tony Reich.

Services were held September 8 at Alexander North Chapel. Condolences may be made online at www.mem.com.

FYI

Leadership and vision

Our Times newspaper honored USI during its 20th Anniversary Celebration September 6. The University was one of six community organizations to receive Leadership and Visionary Awards. The other honorees were HMR Enterprises Inc., Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Indiana, Old National Bank, Evansville Housing Authority, and the Vanderburgh County Republican Party.

InstallFest 2003

USI Linux Users Group will host InstallFest, a free annual event, from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 16. Members of the University community are invited to bring their personal com-
Computer monitors to Room 3225 in the Science Center for installation of the Linux operating system, a popular alternative to Windows.

The user's group also will offer tutorial sessions about the software during InstallFest. Participants do not need to bring a monitor, keyboard, or mouse.

Kunstfest

Kunstfest, an annual German autumnal celebration of 19th-century arts, crafts, and industry will be held September 20-21 in New Harmony. The event also celebrates contemporary arts, crafts, and entertainment.

Kunstfest features period demonstrations by costumed interpreters; arts, crafts, food, and flower booths; folk, accordion, and German music; puppet shows; and wagon rides. For more information, call 812/682-3490 or 800/231-2168.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, September 12, 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


Solid walnut armoire - with matching queen-size headboard, $70. Dresser with mirror, $50. Full-size box spring, mattress, and frame, $40. Contact: ssorense@USI.edu or Ext. 1111.


2000 Chrysler Grand Voyager SE - power locks, power windows, seven passenger seating, new tires, rear air, cruise, CD player, and air bags, 65,000 miles: $9,700 OBO. Call 812/985-2391.

1997 Clayton mobile home – 16’ x 72’. Three bedrooms, two baths, laundry room. Recently painted entire home and installed new carpet. Includes washer/dryer, all electric. Tool shed included, has patio overhang. On quiet lot on westside. Call 812/424-8547 after 5 p.m. Pre-approved credit helpful.


Lakefront home – for sale by owner, 700 Drexel Drive. A cross the Lloyd Expressway from USI. Three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, living room, dining room, large family room with fireplace, 2,628 sq. ft. plus 483 sq. ft. attached two-car garage. Stucco and brick exterior. Large screened porch overlooking lake plus large patio. Call 812/985-2046.


Men’s hockey skates with blade covers – size 9, $30. Men’s ice skates (never worn), size 10, $20. Call 812/985-9903 after 4 p.m.

Services

Scrapbook Workshop – join a group of USI employees for an enjoyable evening of scrap booking. Learn new methods of creating a family keepsake and preserving precious family photos. Call 401-7285 or Ext. 1207.

Wanted

Up to four old monitors, keyboards, and mice – to be grouped with a recent purchase of old auction PCs. I want to donate these to an area church, charity, or needy young people. I haven’t found a recipient yet, but I’m open to suggestions. Call Jim Powers, 812/838-5710 or Ext. 1104.

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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