The search for USI's next provost and vice president for Academic Affairs is nearing its end. Three finalists have been named and will visit campus later this month.

The Faculty Senate will host a public forum for each candidate. During the forums, candidates will be asked to speak on the roles and responsibilities of a comprehensive public university. Time also will be available for questions and answers.

Faculty, staff, students, and other members of the University community are invited to attend and submit feedback to the Selection Committee. Faculty unable to attend the public forum will have another opportunity to meet each candidate at a Faculty Forum on the following day.

Information about the finalists and their visits follows:

**Dr. Charlotte Stokes**
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Humboldt State University
Arcata, Calif.
Visiting January 22-25
Public Forum: Thursday, January 23, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the University Center, rooms 201-203.
Faculty Forum: Friday, January 24, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. in Room 1002 of the Health Professions Center.

**Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett**
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Appalachian State University
Boone, N.C.
Visiting January 26-29
Public Forum: Monday, January 27, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the University Center, rooms 201-203.
Faculty Forum: Tuesday, January 28, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. in Room 1002 of the Health Professions Center.

**Dr. Donald A. McCrimmon Jr.**
Executive Vice President and Provost
Lake Superior State University
Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.
Visiting January 29-February 1
Public Forum: Thursday, January 30, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.
Faculty Forum: Friday, January 31, 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. in Room 1002 of the Health Professions Center.

Candidate evaluation forms will be provided at each forum and also may be downloaded at www.usi.edu/ProvostSearch/final_frm.pdf. On-line feedback may be shared with the Selection Committee by clicking "Contact the Search Committee" on the www.usi.edu/ProvostSearch Web site.

**Business dean finalists to visit**
Four finalists for the position of dean of the School of Business will visit USI in January, and each candidate will make a public presentation while on campus. Information about the finalists and their presentations follows:

**Dr. Rosemary P. Ramsey**
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, Ohio
Visiting January 19-21
Public presentation: Tuesday, January 21, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., University Center, rooms 203-204.

**Dr. Albert E. Avery**
Towson University
Towson, Md.
Visiting January 21-23
Public presentation: Tuesday, January 22, 4 to 5 p.m., University Center, rooms 203-204.

**Dr. Richard W. Stolz**
Robert Morris University
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Visiting January 27-29
Public presentation: Tuesday, January 28, 4 to 5 p.m., University Center, rooms 203-204.

**Dr. R. Eugene Klippel**
Michigan Technological University
Houghton, Mich.
Visiting January 29-31
Public presentation: Thursday, January 30, 4 to 5 p.m., University Center, rooms 203-204.

A dditional information about the search is available online at health.usi.edu/acadprog/dob/dob_mainpage.htm. On-line feedback may be shared with the Selection Committee by clicking "Contact the Search Committee" on the Web site.
USI celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.

The University will observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 20, when no classes will be held, and the Multicultural Center will host a program featuring Designed by Grace, USI's gospel choir.

Dr. Ira T. Neal, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws in 2000 in recognition of his service to the African American community, will be the featured speaker.

The free program will begin at 11 a.m. in Forum I. Neal's presentation will be based on the national theme: "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On... Not a Day Off."

A sought-after leader, he has served on the Police Merit Commission, the Vanderburgh County Judicial Nominating Commission, and the Greater Evansville Community Foundation.

A director of the Head Start Program and Community Action Program of Evansville, he has provided development services for low-income preschool children and social services for their families. He also has coordinated the African American Cademy, a Saturday morning enrichment program; Project S.E.T. (Students Exploring Teaching); and the Math Peer Tutoring program.

In his career as an educator, Neal has worked with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corp. as a teacher, director of federally-funded projects, and coordinator of cultural diversity activities. His responsibilities have extended to human relations, race relations, conflict resolution, affirmative action programs, staff development, and the recruitment of minority personnel.

He also has been a trustee of Vincennes University and a member of the IU Medical Center Advisory Committee.

Neal holds a bachelor's degree from University of Evansville, a master's degree from Indiana University, and a doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

In conjunction with the holiday, the University's two on-campus buses will not be in service, but the bus connecting the campus to the University Shopping Center will be operating.

Networking the focus of workshop

Author Andrea Nierenberg, a professional business consultant and instructor at New York University, will facilitate "Networking for your Future," a three-hour Leadership USI workshop Saturday, January 25.

The program will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. in Carter Hall. USI juniors and seniors may register in the Office of Student Development Programs or online at www.usi.edu/leadership/excboard.asp. Faculty and staff also are invited to attend. Registration is required.

The workshop will focus on Nierenberg's recently released book, Nonstop Networking: How to Improve your Life, Luck, and Career, and student participants will receive a complimentary copy.

With a 20-year sales and marketing background, Nierenberg heads The Nierenberg Group Inc., a business consulting firm based in New York City, where she works with the world's leading businesses, including AOL, Time Warner, Citigroup, Coach, Estée Lauder, Georgia Pacific, Tiffany & Co., and Zenith Media.


Nierenberg developed and teaches Self-Marketing: A to Z at New York University and is active in numerous national professional associations. Prior to establishing The Nierenberg Group Inc. in 1993, she was publisher and sales director of Target Marketing Magazine.

She holds a degree in business and psychology from Washington University in St. Louis and is a longtime resident of New York City.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Development Programs at extension 7167.

USI ROTC cadet earns national recognition

USI student and Army ROTC cadet Alicia M. O'Conner received a national award Friday, January 17, for superior overall performance in scholarship, physical fitness, and leadership from the United Services Automobile Association.

Lt. Col. George Hollaway, battalion commander and professor of military science at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, presented the award of $1,000 and a commemorative clock in a ceremony on the USI campus.

O'Conner is one of nine recipients from the Second Region, an area from Minnesota to Louisiana that includes several hundred schools. Twenty-nine cadets are being honored nationwide.

According to Maj. Mark Weaver, USI assistant professor of military science, the University is fortunate to attract such a high caliber student.

"Alicia helps us set a tone for other quality candidates who are attracted to the program," he said. "I'm glad she is being recognized for her efforts."

A 1998 graduate of Lapel High School, O'Conner is the daughter of Kenny and Tina O'Conner of Anderson, Ind. A senior, she is a social work major and is in the Honors Program at USI. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a master's degree in social work at the University.

"Alicia is a student scholar of great excellence who demonstrates the ethics, values, and empathy of a social work professional. She is a leader who will make great contributions to the field of social work, this community, and this country," said Christy Baker, associate professor of social work and director of admission for the program.

O'Conner was recommended for the award by the battalion commander, the brigade commander, and the region commander.

Philharmonic kicks off concert series

The New Harmony Artists' Guild and The Rapp Granary-Owen Foundation will present a second "Under the Beams" concert series beginning Sunday, January 19. All concerts in the series will be held "under the beams" of The Rapp Granary in New Harmony.

Concert series schedule

January 19 - Evansville Philharmonic Chamber, 3 p.m. Maestro Alfred Savia will lead this musical adventure of inspiring selections and music history. Single ticket: $25.
February 7 - Argentine Strings, 8 p.m. Duo Criollo, featuring Donna Clark, viola, and Sebastián Zambrana, Argentine guitarist, will perform the music of Astor Piazzolla, Zambrana’s original compositions, and traditional tangos. Single ticket: $30.

February 28 - Pure Gold, 8 p.m. Two gold medallists, Barnabas Kelemen, 2002 International Violin competition winner, and Jean Dubé, 2002 Franz Liszt Piano competition winner, will team up for one of only a few performances in the United States. Single ticket: $30.

March 14 – Chamber Blues, 8 p.m. Corky Siegel & Chamber Blues will present a unique fusion of classical music and blues. Single ticket: $30.

April 6 – Clearly Jazz, 3 p.m. Chicago recording-artists Jackie A llen and Judy Roberts will perform a selection of classic and modern jazz. Single ticket: $30.

Season tickets, $125, also are available. For tickets or additional information, call 812/682-5019. 

Names in the news

Congratulations

Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, and her husband Keith Kennedy, coordinator of instructional broadcasting in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, are the parents of a son, Logan Keith Kennedy, born January 5 in Evansville.

Promotions and transfers

Steven K. Doyle, from maintenance mechanic to custodian in the Physical Plant.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to Ernie Nolan, assistant professor of computer information systems, whose father Fayette Nolan, 91, died January 10. Services were held January 14 at Johnson Funeral Home in Vallonia, Ind.

The University community extends sympathy to Dr. Kathy Rodgers, acting chair of the Department of Mathematics, whose father Wilford C. Vittitow, 89, died January 2 at the Thomas Kinkade painting - from the Archive Collection (10th anniversary) Creekside Trail; 132 of 160; framed 24”x18”. Paid $1,050, will sacrifice for $895. Call 853-1843.

USI basketball tickets - four tickets in Section C, Row 9, Seats 3-6: for Saturday, February 1 vs. Quincy, women at 5:15 and men at 7:30; Thursday, February 6 vs. Illinois Springfield, men at 7:30; and Saturday, February 8 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, women at 5:15 and men at 7:30: $10 each. Call Debbie, Ext. 7000 or 303-5673 after 6 p.m.

Girl Scout cookies

It’s Girl Scout Cookie time! Carmel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Animal Treasures, Friendship Circles: $3/box. To order, e-mail Jenny LaMar at jjlamar@yahoo.com or call 465-1140. Orders may be placed January 3-17. The cookies should arrive the first week in March.

Wanted

Two bookshelf headboards for two twin beds. Call 423-7101.

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Friday, January 17, is the deadline for submitting information for the next “Marketplace.” Submissions may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the “Marketplace” column should be sent to Karen A. Itstadt, online editor.

Marketplace

For sale

1991 Chevy S-10 pickup - runs good, drives good, looks good. Call Larry, 585-6673 or Ext. 1692.

1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee – Laredo TSI. For details contact Angie, 963-6682 or 449-2221.

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