Chemistry Department receives $25,000

Jim Hoover, a GE Plastics senior chemist, chose USI to receive a $25,000 grant for undergraduate research. Hoover could name a university to receive the funding as the 2004 recipient of the GE Edison Award.

The Edison Award is presented to GE employees for recent technical contributions that have made a significant impact on the current and future vitality of their business. Leadership teams from GE select the award winner.

Jerry Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, and Jeff Seyler, associate professor of chemistry, said the award will benefit the Chemistry Department's capabilities in polymer analysis, instrument training, and undergraduate research in polymer chemistry.

At GE, Hoover is the supervisor of the Maxilab, where development efforts for new, value-added LEXAN copolymers are ongoing. He is a LEXAN technology expert in resin process, finishing, and color control.

Hoover is one of the founding developers of opaque and transparent LEXAN EL, two breakthrough products that utilize siloxane copolymer technology that dramatically increases the toughness of polycarbonate resin while maintaining all other LEXAN properties.

To date, more than 15 million pounds of LEXAN EL have been commercially produced. Hoover also was instrumental in the development and translation to manufacturing of the resin that supported the commercialization of FlexPlay Limited Play DVD format. He holds nine U.S. patents and one European patent.

Hoover met USI chemistry students and visiting high school students October 21, when the Chemistry Department observed National Mole Day. National Mole Day is typically observed on October 23, but since it falls on a Saturday this year, October 21 was selected as the date for USI’s observation.

Chemists and especially chemistry teachers celebrate National Mole Day as a way to show how chemistry is a vital, positive force in everyone’s lives. National Mole Day celebrates Amedeo Avogadro’s Number, 6.02 x 10^23, a basic measuring unit in chemistry. In general, one mole of any substance contains 6.02 x 10^23 molecules or atoms of that substance.

Local high school students were on campus for a chemistry competition, tour of campus, and chemistry demonstrations as part of National Chemistry Week, celebrated October 17-23. Dr. Marie Hankins, professor of chemistry, conducted the chemistry demonstrations.

Employee now sees need for United Way

Glenda Lloyd, assistant teacher in the Children’s Center, became personally acquainted with the United Way two years ago after her mother had a stroke.

The stroke left her mother Audrey Watkins without left peripheral vision in both eyes. When her mother was able to return home, Lloyd called the Evansville Association for the Blind, a United Way agency, and was pleasantly surprised when the organization promptly returned the call.

Lloyd expected a month to pass before someone could visit, but two days later, an association representative knocked on her mother’s door.

“He explained he also had a vision disability, but that it should not prevent her from doing anything she wanted to,” Lloyd recalled.

“I can remember the first thing he said: ‘How can I help you? What can I do for you?’ I was like, Wow!”

The man, whose first name was Oren, told Lloyd and her mother what services and resources were available to people with vision impairments.

He also recommended large print books, a telephone with large numbers, and talking books. He stressed the need to keep pathways in the house clear and to not change the furniture arrangement. Perhaps most importantly, he offered support. And
that support came without a bill or cost of any kind.

“I'll confess. I've always heard about the United Way, but I didn't realize the value of it and the importance of it until mother went through this. They were there for her,” Lloyd said.

Now a loyal United Way supporter, Lloyd encourages others to do so, “the resources will be there, so the funding will be there for those who cannot help themselves.

“The knowledge. The years of training. The on-the-spot information you need. It was wonderful to call, and someone was there immediately. They already knew, they came with the information, and it was already there for us.”

Recently, Lloyd has been sharing O'ren’s advice with others. Her mother is in a rehabilitation facility after falling and breaking both her shoulders, and Lloyd has been explaining Watkins’ vision needs to the caregivers.

“When she goes home, I don’t know what she'll need, but I know the United Way will have resources for her. I won’t hesitate to call. It's just there for the asking.”

The Evansville Association for the Blind assists disabled or disadvantaged persons, particularly the visually impaired, by empowering them through diverse services to live and work in the community.

The association is one of many area nonprofit agencies supported by the United Way of Southwestern Indiana.

USI United Way goal $44,000

USI’s United Way Campus Campaign officially kicks off Monday, October 25, and coordinators will begin distributing campaign materials and pledge cards to full-time, benefit-eligible University employees Friday, October 22. The University’s goal is to raise $44,000 this year.

United Way of Southwestern Indiana helps fund more than 40 agencies in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Spencer counties dedicated to protecting children from abuse, providing positive activities for teens, enabling the elderly and disabled to remain independent, and helping families stay self-sufficient.

Contributions may be made with convenient payroll deductions, with cash, or by check. Cash and check contributions should not be sent through campus mail. Employees may return their pledge forms to their campaign coordinators or deliver them to Human Resources.

Completed pledge cards must be returned to the appropriate coordinator or to Human Resources by Friday, October 29, to be eligible for incentive prize drawings.

This year’s prizes include an Eastland Mall gift certificate, season basketball tickets, and swivel office chairs for Fair Share givers, and Holiday World tickets, a casette/radio, and clock radio for first-time pledges. Additional prizes include a Tumbleweed gift certificate, tote bag, HP scanner, Stadium 16 movie passes, and a Noble Romans gift certificate.

Any employee who does not receive a United Way pledge form may obtain one by contacting Human Resources.

Childhood obesity topic of Corcoran Lecture

A nationally recognized pediatric researcher, clinician, and teacher will address the topic of childhood obesity at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

Dr. Virginia Stallings, chief of pediatric nutrition at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, will be the featured speaker in the annual Patrick J.V. and Margaret B. Corcoran Lecture sponsored by the Evansville Center of the Indiana University School of Medicine, located on the USI campus.

Stallings also is a professor of pediatrics at University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Nutrition. A graduate of University of Alabama School of Medicine, she conducts national research related to nutrition and pediatric diseases, including cerebral palsy and cystic fibrosis.

The Corcoran lecture is an endowed lectureship honoring the memory of the founding director of the Evansville Center of the Indiana University School of Medicine and his wife, who was a nurse and anesthetist. The lecture is free and open to the public.

While in Evansville October 26, Stallings also will make Deaconess Hospital Grand Rounds and will speak about nutrition and pediatric diseases at a luncheon for medical students, physicians, nurses, dietitians, science and clinical faculty, and friends of the Evansville Center of the IU School of Medicine.

For additional information or luncheon reservations, call the Evansville Center of the IU School of Medicine, 812/464-1831.

Pre-game fete as USI takes on UE

USI students, alumni, and fans are invited to take part in the pre-game festivities leading up to the Vectren Community Classic, which features one of the biggest exhibition basketball games to be played at Roberts Stadium – Screaming Eagles vs. the Purple Aces.

The match-up, November 6 at 7:05 p.m., will be the first time
the two teams have played on the hardwood. The Eagles are hoping to take the 2004-05 season one step farther after finishing 2003-04 as the NCAA Division II National Finalist with a 28-7 overall record.

USI also returns the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Most Outstanding Player in senior guard Cris Brunson and the Eagles' CBS Player of the Game in senior forward/center Randy Holbrook.

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Promotions and transfers

Theresa Daugherty, from distribution services clerk to distribution services clerk/courier in Procurement and Distribution Services.

Roy Donovan Morrow from custodial worker to lead custodial worker in the Physical Plant.

In memoriam

The University community is mourning the death of former employee Robert “Bob” E. Pursley, 72, Evansville, who died October 11. Pursley had worked at USI as a computer coordinator. He also worked for IBM and Bell Atlantic, and was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tri-State Multiple Sclerosis, 909A South Kenmore Drive, Evansville, IN 47714; Northeast Park Baptist Church in Evansville; or College Park Church in Columbus, Ind.

FYI

Editor’s Note

Submissions to University Notes may be made to Kathy Funke, director of News and Information Services, 812/465-7050, or Brandi Schwartz, editorial associate, 812/465-1192.

After three years as associate editor/editor of University Notes, Libby Keeling has accepted a job as a reporter with the Evansville Courier & Press. Her last day will be Wednesday, October 27, when submissions should be made to Funke or Schwartz.
Voting demonstrations

Voting machine demonstrations will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, on the second floor of the University Center near the Information Desk.

Pete Swain of the local election office will lead the demonstrations, facilitate hands-on practice, and answer questions. The event is part of USI’s Get Your Vote On campaign. For more information, call 812/464-1774.

Student success

“The thesis therapy,” a workshop in the Student Success Series presented by Academic Skills, will be offered at 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 27.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the free interactive workshop in Room 1103 of the Education Center. For more information, call 812/464-1743.

Hate free

Brent Scarpo, director of Journey to a Hate Free Millennium, will screen the film, lead a discussion, and facilitate interactive exercises at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 28, in the University Center’s Carter Hall.

The film explores the roots of hate, how hate is taught and learned, and what an individual can do to take a stand against it. A reception will follow the program. For information, call 812/465-7167.

Visiting artist

Phil Tennant, chair of the IU PU I Woodworking Department, will deliver a lecture and slide presentation to USI art students at 1 p.m. Monday, October 25, in the Technology Center. For more information, call 812/464-1884.

Choir concert

The USI Chamber Choir will present its Fall Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 24, at Old North United Methodist Church, 4201 Stringtown Road. (Note: The time has changed.)

The choir’s 40 performers will sing an eclectic selection representing several areas of musical history.

The School of Liberal Arts is sponsoring the concert that is free and open to the public. The program is part of THREADS Heritage Month. For more information, call 812/465-1074.

Author speaking

A ward-winning author Marc Adams will share the story of his life growing up gay as the son of a fundamentalist Baptist minister in a program at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

His autobiography, The Preacher’s Son, received the Silver Pen Award and was a Lambda Literary Award finalist. Spectrum USI and members of the Tri-state community are sponsoring the event that is part of THREADS Heritage Month. For additional information, call 812/461-5206.

Gender roles

Dr. Timothy McNiven, associate professor in the Department of History of Art at Ohio State University, will present “Significant Others in Greek Art” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 28, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

The USI Society of Arts & Humanities is sponsoring the lecture that is free and open to the public. The program is part of THREADS Heritage Month. For more information, call 812/465-1074.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, October 22, 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 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 Kathy Funke, director of News and Information Services, 812/465-7050.

Marketplace

For sale


For adoption

Absolutely adorable puppies – boxer-mix babies, now in foster care with a USI family through the Humane Society of Henderson County, 7 weeks old October 25. Available soon. Males and females. Will be medium size. Adoption application approval required. Visit Petfinder.com to see photos and descriptions. In the Quick Pet Search Box select Dog as the animal, type in Boxer under breed, select Baby as age, and type in 42420 as the zip. For more information or e-mailed photos, contact Connie, Ext. 1204.

Community

Nike discount – USI students, faculty, and staff are eligible for a 30-percent discount on Nike footwear and apparel in conjunction with Campus Concepts’ sponsorship of the Flag Football and Basketball Intramural leagues. The school discount code is required to place an order and receive the discount. To obtain the code, contact Scott Wood, program coordinator in Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness, 812/465-1216. Orders may be placed online at www.acicsports.com. Click on the A C I C Nike banner and enter the school code.

Dining discounts – save money while eating out and support the Humane Society of Henderson County at the same time. Peeler’s coupon stickers are available for $10 each. Three kinds: a combo with 31 stickers offers discounts at Subway, DQ, Buffalo Wild Wings, Arby’s, Los Bravos, Penn Station, El Charro, Steak and Shake, Papa John’s, Roly Poly, Cicis Pizza, and more; a Papa John’s peeler with 15 stickers offers buy-one, get-one-free deals; and McDonald’s with 30 stickers includes a variety of special offers. Contact Connie, Ext. 1204, for more information.

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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