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Search underway for new dean

A University search committee will begin reviewing candidates for the position of dean of the School of Liberal Arts November 12.

The committee has received more than 40 applications and plans to invite three to five candidates to visit campus around the first of the year. The number of candidate visits will impact the hiring timetable.

“We are hoping to have someone in place as soon as possible – even early in the summer, if it's possible,” said Dr. Linda Bennett, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Some of the qualities the search committee will consider will include a candidate's ability to work within a complex organization, approach challenges positively, energize people, and contribute to an innovative team.

“This deanship is a very important deanship. A dean's position is so critical in terms of leadership in the institution,” Bennett said.

“This is the largest school. It houses many of the disciplines responsible for the first line of education for new students. In other words, beginning freshmen take many of their classes in the School of Liberal Arts. It's also a school that's very important in terms of the strengths of students who will go into the professional schools.”

Committee members include Dr. Tom Pickering, dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services; chair; Dr. Julia Galbus, assistant professor of English, director of Humanities; Dr. Dal Herring, chair of the Department of Communications; Dr. Tamara Hunt, chair of the Department of History; Joan Kempf, acting chair of the Department of Art, Music, and Theatre; Dr. Richard Mussard, associate professor of philosophy; Dr. Joe Palladino, chair of the Psychology Department; Dr. Leslie Roberts, associate professor of French; Dr. Steve Zehr, chair of the Department of Sociology; Kim Greenlee, manager of employment in Human Resources, ex-officio; and JoAnn Lamar, administrative associate in the School of Liberal Arts, ex-officio.

After three years with USI, Dr. Iain Crawford, former dean of the School of Liberal Arts, left the University in July after accepting the position of vice president of Academic Affairs at College of Wooster. Dr. Tom Wilhelmsen, professor of English, is serving as acting dean in the interim.

University mourning death of alumnus

The University community is mourning the death of Dain Lee Garrett, 30, Carmi, Ill., who died October 24.

Long a fixture on campus, Garrett attended USI for seven years with his mother Connie at his wheelchair's side. He graduated summa cum laude with a baccalaureate degree in history in 1999 but returned to the University annually to present the merit award he established as well as occasionally for classroom speaking engagements.

A fessionally referred to by Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies, as “USI's Stephen Hawking,” Garrett addressed Pitzer's Communal Utopias in America class one week before his death. He traveled to campus to share his thesis research on the 1960s Louisville, Illinois, religious, anti-communist group of Johnny Bob Harrell.

“Soon after Dain entered each class at USI his professors, myself included, became aware of him as an exceptional student and, for many of us, as an exceptional friend as well,” Pitzer said.

“His always taught us more about life than we could have ever hoped to teach him. Dain's life put everything else in perspective for each of us. Being with him made each of us reassess our own lives. He made us ask what we were accomplishing with our fuller faculties, with our talents, with our opportunities.”

Garrett's outstanding scholarship at USI eclipsed the physical limitations of his neuromuscular disease. An honors graduate, he was recognized with every citation and monetary award given by the History Department.

Following graduation, he used his scholarly awards and gift money to establish an annual scholarship recognizing a history student who excels academically and has overcome a significant obstacle – physical, financial, or academic.

The endowment now also receives support in the form of donations from individuals who support Garrett's efforts. Garrett presented the first Dain Garrett Merit Award in 2000 and attended Honors Day each March to personally present the award to deserving students.

A master's candidate in the External Degree Program at California State University, he had completed the coursework for a master's in humanities with a 4.0. and had nearly completed his thesis.

He also was a member of Community Church of Carmi and graduated as valedictorian from Carmi White County High School.

Survivors include his parents Don and Connie Garrett of Carmi and grandparents.

Services were held October 26 at Campbell Funeral Home. Burial was in Bruce Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dain Garrett Merit Award through USI Foundation.

A…My Name Is Alice opening November 12

USI Theatre continues its 2003-04 season with A…My Name Is Alice, a rollicking musical revue celebrating women and the roles they play throughout their lives.

Conceived by Joan Micklin Silver and Julienne Boyd, the award-winning revue features sketches – monologues, songs, dance numbers, and poems – by a wide variety of composers, lyri-
“I am excited to be directing such a beloved show,” Berst said. “It received rave reviews when it premiered in New York in 1984, and it continues to delight women and the men who love them in productions all over the world.”

The University’s production originally was planned for the USI Theatre on Igleheart Avenue, but Berst decided to stage the production in USI’s black box theatre, the Helen Mallette Studio Theatre, which is located in the Liberal Arts Center on campus.

“While the theatre on Igleheart Avenue is a wonderful space, the Mallette is smaller and provides an intimacy that allows performers to really connect with the audience,” he said. “This is perfect for A lice, because so many of the scenes address the audience directly.”

Some challenges resulted from the decision to move the revue to the Mallette. Originally conceived for just five actors, the USI production will feature 17 performers.

“It’s a challenge to work with so many performers in a smaller theatre,” Berst said. “But the larger cast size will offer our audience a more traditional musical theatre experience, and it also provides our students with a wider range of performance opportunities and challenges.”

In addition to Berst, who also is serving as musical director, the artistic team includes Kyle A ndres, senior theatre major, set designer; Richard Kuykendall, assistant professor of theatre, lighting designer; and Shan Jensen, associate professor of theatre, costume designer.

The cast includes USI students Kensington Blaylock, A my B reeze, A ngie C arter, Joe Ciresi, D rew C loutier, J eanneine G amble, M elissa H ardin, T ara K annall, L eo K empf, E rin M onahan, M ario R eid, K imberly R obbins, C amille Ruckriegel, G reg S chafer, N atalie S inger, L auren Tait, A ngela T inner, and S arah Z iegler.

S ue Schriber also will be joining the production as a visiting guest artist. Schriber serves on the Board of Directors of The USI Society for A rts & Humanities, an organization that helps support the University’s three theatres. She appeared at USI in T he Diary of A nni F rank in 1994 and is the 2002 recipient of the Evansville M ayor’s A rts A ward.

... M y N ame Is A lice will run N ovember 12-15 and 19-23. C ircuit times are W ednesday and T hursday at 7 p.m., F riday and S aturday at 8 p.m., and one S unday matinee at 2 p.m.

I ndividual tickets are $9 for adults; $7 for seniors/children under 18; and $3 for USI students with a valid Eagle A ccess Card. R eservations may be made by calling the box office, 812/422-3970. F or more information, call 812/422-3970.

Campus snapshot: Student Health Center

If you need to have your blood pressure checked, get a flu shot, or are hurt while working on campus, the Student Health Center welcomes faculty and staff as well as students.

“We don’t want to be a person’s primary care physician,” said G ina Lang, office manager. “But we can do anything family practice doctors do.”

A ppointments are helpful but not necessary. Without an appointment, patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

O ther services offered by the Student Health Center include prescribing and dispensing medications and administering shots and immunizations.

A n important service the center offers during the fall is administration of flu shots. T he shots are available for everyone on campus at a cost of $20. Lang said the shots are highly recommended for anyone with a respiratory illness or immune deficiency.

“T he shots are especially important for students because of the closeness in living quarters and classrooms,” Lang added. “It’s the same reason immunizations are required of all students entering the University.”

Lang also said it is important for anyone who comes to the center to know the extent of their insurance coverage so there will be no questions about payment.

W ithout insurance, payment is required on the day of services, but the center will bill the primary insurance carrier for anyone covered.

S ummers are usually slower for the center because there aren’t as many students on campus, but during the fall and winter, the Student Health Center may see nearly 40 patients a day.

Film series beginning November 7

US I’s “Friday Night in the Forum” film series will open N ovember 7 with Four W ay Stop, written and directed by Doyle D ean, adjunct instructor in art.

F ilmed on location in H omer, M ich., Four W ay Stop tells the tale of a fatal car accident from four different perspectives. F ate, hope, joy, and love dominate D ean’s slice-of-life drama, which takes place during a small-town Fourth of July celebration. T he director will answer audience questions following the screening.

S ponsored by the School of Liberal A rts, “Friday N ight in the F orum” brings films to the big screen in original widescreen formats and in their original languages with subtitles.

E ach free film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in USI’s F orum I with an informal discussion to follow. T he schedule also includes:

November 14 - Naqoyqatsi (2002 USA)

D irected by G offre y R eggio.

T he third in the “qatsi” documentary trilogy, Naqoyqatsi uses a non-narrative, image-driven style to explore the technological revolution. F rom the H opi word meaning “life as war,” Naqoyqatsi uses a dark and brooding style to show how our lives have morphed from a natural to a technologically-created state of being.

November 21 - Time Code (2000 USA)

D irected by M ike F iggis. S tarring S tellan S karsgard, S alma H ayek, H olly H unter, S affron B urrows.

A n innovative film shot in real-time and in one continuous take, Time C ode is a timely reference to our voyeuristic approach to entertainment. B eyond its unusual style, Time C ode offers an intriguing plot involving four inter-related parallel stories, all taking place on Sunset Boulevard in L os A ngeles.

December 5 - Bowling for Columbine (2002 USA)

D irected by M ichael M oore. D ocumentary feature.

U sing the tragedy at Columbine H igh School as a springboard, M ichael M oore again goes behind the camera using his trademark “schlumpy-y et thought-provoking style” to explore the security, fear, and violence that go hand-in-hand with gun culture in A merica.

Addictions symposium November 11

“A ddictions and M ental H ealth,” the third annual M ental H ealth Symposium at USI, will be presented from 7:30 a.m. to
Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, professor of English and director of USI’s Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies, served as external reviewer for a five-year program review of the Master in Liberal Arts at University of Michigan-Dearborn October 16-17. A board member of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs, Rivers also reviewed the Dearborn program for full membership in the association.

The symposium also will offer information on the latest research on alcohol and drug addiction, and new insights into food and gambling addictions. It will include a mental health fair featuring various agencies and symposium sponsors as well.

The Mental Health Association in Vanderburgh/Warrick Counties, the USI Social Work Department, Deaconess Hospital, Deaconess Cross Pointe, and St. Mary’s Medical Center are presenting the symposium.

Continuing education credit may be available. Registration, $25 adults, $5 students, is due by Saturday, November 1. For information or registration, call the Mental Health Association, 812/426-2640.

Programs highlighting Native Americans

The University’s celebration of CommUNITY month will conclude with two programs about Native American Indians in November.

“What is a Real Indian - More than Beads, Feathers, and Tradition?” will be presented at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, in Mitchell Auditorium in the Health Professions Center.

The panel discussion featuring local community members representing five tribes is being sponsored by USI’s Multicultural Center and the American Indian Center of Indiana Inc.

Located in Indianapolis, the non-profit center provides social services to Indian people throughout the state. It has three offices, including one in Evansville.

The state is home to nearly 40,000 American Indians representing more than 200 tribes from North America.

On November 12, Mike Linderman, property manager of Angel Mounds, will deliver “On the Road with Angel Mounds” at 6 p.m. in rooms 201-202 of the University Center.

The Multicultural Center and Angel Mounds are sponsoring the event.

Located in Evansville, Angel Mounds State Historic Site is recognized nationally as one of the best-preserved prehistoric Native American sites in the United States.

The site at 8215 Pollack Ave. was home to people of the Middle Mississippian culture from 1100 to 1450 A.D.

Angel Mounds is part of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Indiana State Museums and Historic Sites.

CommUNITY Month is a project of THREADS, USI’s first campus-wide diversity series. Both of the November Native American Indian programs are free and open to the public.

Names in the news

Achievements

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Welcome

Samuel Buehn has accepted the position of HVAC operator in the Physical Plant. The previously self-employed Evansville resident also has worked as an HVAC technician at Harold’s Heating/Tri-state and University of Evansville.

Kathy Carmichael has accepted the position of library associate in Rice Library. The Evansville resident previously worked as a library clerk at Ivy Tech State College.

Theresa Daugherty has accepted the position of custodial worker in the Physical Plant. The Evansville resident previously worked as a stockroom clerk at Kmart.

Jane W. Elgin has accepted the position of teacher in the Children’s Center. She previously worked part-time. The Evansville resident earned a B.S. in early childhood education in 1995 from Purdue University, where she received the Outstanding Woman Senior 1995 Award in Child Development and Family Studies. She is an active member of the Junior League.

Connie Epley has accepted the position of administrative clerk in the Department of Social Work. The Evansville resident previously worked as a casual mail clerk for the United States Postal Service and as a product information specialist at GFI Pharmaceutical. She is a member of the Corpus Christi Women’s and Booster clubs, Street Relief, and Deaconess Foundation.

David Jones has accepted the position of assistant professor of English. A resident of Owensboro, Ky., he previously worked as a graduate assistant at Morehead State University, where he earned a M.A. in English in 2003 and a B.A. in English and philosophy in 2001. From 2000-03, he was an editorial staff member of Inscape, MSU’s visual and literary fine arts journal.

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Affirmative action

Dr. Stephen Sullivan, associate professor of philosophy, will moderate the panel discussion, “Race-based Affirmative Action in Higher Education,” at 7:30 p.m. November 13 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Panelists will include Dr. Gary Stiler, professor of education; Amy Stockholm, president of the College Democrats; Suzana Rodriguez, president of the Hispanic Student Union; Sean Selby, president of the College Republicans; Dr. Sid Hall, professor of psychology; Dr. Howard Gabennesch, professor of sociology; and a representative of the Black Student Union or Multicultural Center.

The program is free and open to the public. It is being presented in conjunction with LIBA 497.002-003 Racism in America.

RopeWalk reading

The RopeWalk Reading Series will feature Gary Gildner at 7 p.m. Monday, November 3, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

Gildner’s published books include Blue Like the Heavens: New Poetry and Selected Poems; a novel, The Second Bridge: A Week in South Dakota; and the prize-winning poetry collection, The Bunker in the Parsley Fields. The program is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow.
**HR relocation**

The Human Resources Department will be moving to its new location on the lower level of the Orr Center Wednesday and Thursday, November 5-6. The department will be taking up residence in Room 012, formerly the Office of A cademic Skills. Phone numbers, e-mails, and fax numbers associated with Human Resources will not be affected by the relocation.

**Newsletter deadline**

Friday, October 31, 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**

- Metal filing cabinet - two drawers with lock, front is walnut grained, sides/back are black, $13. TV table with shelf for VCR/DVD plus storage shelf, made of 3/4-inch finished plywood, very sturdy, walnut stain, 28 inches H x 23.5 W x 20 deep, $12. Table, three shelves, walnut finish, made of 1/2 and 3/4 inch plywood, 24 H x 24 W x 23 deep, very sturdy, $7. All three pieces are in good/excellent condition. Call 812/985-2046.

- Furniture and lamps - matching tan sofa and love seat, 84 inches and 60 inches respectively, $50/pair. Black velvet parson's style chair, $10. Tan parson's style occasional chair, $15. Three natural cork-base table lamps with shades, $10 each or all three for $25. Brass wall lamp with shade, $5. Offers on the whole lot will be considered. All items are in excellent condition. Call 812/985-2046.

- Toshiba DST-3000 HD TV Digital Receiver - can be used as a Direct TV HD satellite receiver or with an antenna to receive local HD broadcasts over-the-air. Excellent condition, works well. Used exclusively for OTA; satellite card has never been activated. Originally purchased for $699, asking $200. Contact Jerry Cain, Ext. 1977.

- IV component rack, Studiotech Alpha A-4RW/B - Rosewood shelves with black tubing, four shelf oversized styling, excellent condition. Bought new for $299, asking $100. Contact Jerry Cain, Ext. 1977.


- '86 Schwinn Traveler III 10-speed bike - 26" like new, kept inside, $50. 36" round table with four captain-style chairs - includes 24" leaf, $75. Call Diana, 812/423-3733.

- Black aluminum full-size truck tool box - toolbox is lockable and does not require drilling through truck bed. Bought last year for $350, will sell for $130. 15" aluminum mag rims and tires - fits most studded cars. Rims were bought brand new for $1,700 and tires are low profile, will sell for $300. Used Visioneer computer scanner (Paperport 6100) - works with Window ME and later versions, does not work with XP, $30. Call Chris, 812/449-9247.


**November calendar**

**Saturday, November 1**

Men’s basketball at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee - exhibition game, 3 p.m.

Volleyball hosts University of Missouri-St. Louis - 2 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

**Monday, November 3**

Early registration for spring 2004 - November 3-14, register online or in the office of the student’s advisor, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: 812/464-1762.

RopeWalk Reading featuring Gary Gildner - Gildner's published books include the prize-winning poetry collection, The Bunker in the Parsley Fields, 7 p.m., Liberal Arts Center, Kleymeyer Hall. Information: 812/464-1735.

Beginning Basket Weaving - learn the basics of weaving a lunch box-style basket, 6 to 9 p.m., Technology Center, Room 115A. Registration fee: $40. Information: 812/464-1863.

**Tuesday, November 4**


**Wednesday, November 5**


**Thursday, November 6**

Scholarship Donor Recognition Luncheon - invitation only, 11:45 a.m., University Center, Carter Hall. Sponsored by USI Foundation. Information: 812/464-1918.

**Friday, November 7**

Women’s basketball hosts St. Louis Gold Stars - exhibition game, 7 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

Volleyball at Northern Kentucky University - 6 p.m., Highland Heights, Ky.

New Harmony Memorial Commission Meeting - public meeting about New Harmony issues, 10 a.m., Thrall’s Opera House, New Harmony, Ind. Information: 812/682-4488.

USI/New Harmony Foundation Board of Directors Meeting - Thrall’s Opera House, New Harmony, Ind. Quarterly meeting with lunch to follow, open to directors and guests. Information: 812/682-4488.

Friday Night Film Series – featuring Four Way Stop, 7:30 p.m., Forum I, Wright A d ministration Building. Free.

Saturday, November 8
Southern Hospitality Day – USI Office of Admission is hosting a visit day for prospective students and their families, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: 812/464-1765.

Volleyball at Bellarmine University – noon, Louisville, Ky.

Greater Louisville Alumni Gathering – USI alumni will gather at the Bluegrass Brewing Company in Louisville, Ky., 6:30 p.m. Information: 812/464-1924.

Monday, November 10
Evening and Saturday student early registration for spring 2004 – register online or in the office of student’s advisor, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Information: 812/464-1762.

Tuesday, November 11
Assessment Day - no classes and no early registration. Information: 812/465-7107.

More American Sign Language – students should have completed a beginning ASL course or have basic knowledge of ASL, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., six Tuesdays, November 11–December 16, Health Professions Center, Room 2027. Registration fee: $80. Information: 812/462-1863.

Wednesday, November 12
USI Theater presents A...My Name is Alice – an award-winning musical revue exploring the many roles of modern women. November 12-15, 19-23. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sunday matinee, 2 p.m., Helen Mallette Studio Theatre, Liberal Arts Center. Tickets: $9, adult; $7, seniors; $3, USI students. Information: 812/465-1668.

Friday, November 14

Men’s basketball hosts Bradley Stars – exhibition game, 7:30 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

Friday Night Film Series – featuring Naqoygatsi, 7:30 p.m., Forum I, Wright Administration Building. Free.

Saturday, November 15

Women’s basketball hosts Pittsburg State University – 1 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

Monday, November 17
Women’s basketball hosts Hillsdale College – 7 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

The Basics of Buddhism – presented by Mary MacGregor, Buddhist teacher, as part of USI’s celebration of International Education Week. Noon to 1 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall. Information: 812/465-1248.

Tuesday, November 18
Painting Together – kids ages 8 to 11 and their parents will learn painting basics together, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., four Tuesdays, November 18–December 9, Technology Center, Room 237. Registration fee: $90 (one parent and one child), including supplies. Information: 812/464-1863.

Global Community's German Night – 7:30 p.m., part of USI's celebration of International Education Week, Governor's Hall Lounge. German refreshments will be served. Information: 812/465-1248.

Wednesday, November 19
International Gifts Sale – part of USI’s celebration of International Education Week, University Center. In addition to the gift sale, free internationally decorated sugar cookies will be available. Time: TBA. Information: 812/465-1248.


Thursday, November 20
Study A broad Information Session – representatives from several of the study abroad programs offered by USI will present information, 4 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall, part of USI’s celebration of International Education Week. Information: 812/465-1248.

Friday, November 21
Liberal Arts Colloquium: “The First Amendment, Patriotism, and Politics” – discussion will be presented by professors Dr. Dal Herring and Dr. Wayne Rinks, 3:30 p.m., Liberal Arts Center, Kleymeyer Hall. Information: 812/465-7053.

Childhood Anxiety Disorders and Treatment Options – presented by child therapist Mary Lou Petrisco, M.S.W. 9 a.m. to noon, University Center, Carter Hall. Information: 812/464-1989.

Friday Night Film Series – featuring Time Code, 7:30 p.m., Forum I, Wright Administration Building. Free.

International Coffee Hour – a small Irish music group will play background music, 3 to 5 p.m., Wadi Café, 5225 Pearl Dr., Evansville. Information: 812/465-1248.

Saturday, November 22
Southern Hospitality Day – USI Office of Admission is hosting a visit day for prospective students and their families, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information: 812/464-1765.

Men’s basketball hosts Lincoln University – 7 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

Habitat for Humanity Build – depart from Orr Center, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Information: 812/468-2556.

Gospel Café – 4 p.m., Eagle’s Nest, University Center.

Tuesday, November 25
Men’s/women’s basketball host Oakland City University – 5:15/7:30 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

Wednesday, November 26

Saturday, November 29
Men’s/women’s basketball at Bellarmine University – 4:45/7 p.m., Louisville, Ky.

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