Songwriter to perform, lead workshop

Nashville songwriter Marc Alan Barnette, a smoky-voiced singer who draws comparisons to Ray Charles, Delbert McClinton, and Otis Redding, will perform in concert and lead a workshop on the craft of songwriting this month at USI.

The concert will be presented at 7 p.m. October 12 in Mitchell Auditorium as part of the University’s Community of Scholars program. Through Community of Scholars, USI brings professionals respected in their fields to interact with USI students, faculty, and the community. The concert is free and open to the public.

On October 13, Barnette will offer a songwriting workshop at 1 p.m. in Carter Hall. The workshop is being presented in affiliation with the Nashville Songwriters Association International, a trade organization dedicated to furthering people’s knowledge of the craft of songwriting.

Barnette has more than 20 years experience in the music business. Drawing on a solid background in gospel, blues, soul, rock, and country, he infuses his music with Southern gospel attitude.

He has opened for Patty Loveless, Tanya Tucker, and Charlie Daniels, but his real talent is songwriting. Barnette has written with Nashville’s elite songwriters: Jim McBride, “Chattahoochee;” Jon Ims, “She’s In Love with the Boy;” Paul Jefferson, “Close As I Get to Loving You;” and many more.

The October 13 workshop is one of more than 100 regional workshops presented by the international association’s volunteers throughout the world to offer supportive feedback for songwriters. The workshops provide a non-competitive environment to help educate, elevate, and celebrate the songwriter. The workshop at USI is free and open to the public.

For more information about the concert or the workshop, call extension 1090 or 7050. Additional information about Barnette is available online at www.marcalanbarnette.com.

Greenlee USI’s new employment manager

USI’s former human resources coordinator became the University’s employment manager effective September 1. In her new position, Kimberly Greenlee will oversee all employment-related functions and will assist search committee chairs in coordinating administrative and faculty searches.

During the transition period, Molly McConnell, assistant director of Human Resources, will continue to be active in the employment area as needed. McConnell will continue to assist departments with handling issues in the areas of employee relations, compensation administration, job analysis and design (including reclassifications), and staff training.

Vicki Oshodi, human resource generalist, will continue to assist departments in coordinating support staff searches. Pam Van Vorst, administrative assistant in Human Resources, will be available to answer general employment-related inquiries and to provide necessary support to employment searches.

Panel supporting gay community

Spectrum USI will present “Give It To Me Straight: Heterosexuals Speak Out for the Gay Community” at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 10, in Room 101 of the Liberal Arts Center.

The speakers panel will include time for questions from the audience as well as comments from the panelists, who will include Dr. Pam Taylor, assistant professor of education; Maggie Felton, instructor in psychology; students Andrew Essary and Kristi Howard; and theologian Debra McBride, who works with the AIDS Resource Group and Patchwork Central.

Spectrum organized the event in support of National Coming Out Day, Friday, October 11. The day is promoted by the Human Rights Campaign, a political action organization for gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender issues in Washington, D.C.

“We know that much of the world, and more specifically Evansville, has a very negative image of the gay community,” said student Jackie Gilles, Spectrum president. “We wanted to build a bridge between the gay and straight communities through straight allies.”

Spectrum USI, a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/straight alliance, formed on campus two years ago with the mission of changing community attitudes by increasing awareness and education. Membership is open to GLBT-supportive University students and faculty in addition to interested Tri-state residents between the ages of 17 and 25.

The speakers panel is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow. For more information, e-mail spectrum_usi@hotmail.com or call Gilles at 812/204-8793.

Additional information also is available by calling faculty advisors Dr. David Jaquess, assistant professor of psychology, at extension 5206, or Dr. Rebecca Whisnant, assistant professor of philosophy, at extension 7052.

Center offering depression screening

National Depression Screening Day is Thursday, October 10, and the USI Counseling Center will be offering free screenings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 1022 of the Orr Center.

Anyone interested is invited to take a free self-test for depression, manic-depression, generalized anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; learn about these disorders; watch an information video; and talk individually with a mental health clinician.

Symptoms of depression include a feeling of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, changes in sleep and appetite, hopelessness, guilt, inability to concentrate, and thoughts of death and suicide. These symptoms don’t go away by themselves and persist over time.
Unfortunately, less than half of people suffering from depression get treatment, despite the fact that more than 80 percent of depressed people improve within several months of receiving treatment.

The World Health Organization is mobilizing to better understand the disease that has the potential of disabling millions of people across the world, causing death, suffering, and the inability to work and support a family.

According to the WHO, the disorder is increasingly common, devastating to the patient, and shrouded in stigma. It may indeed be the “cancer of the 21st century.”

Depression doesn’t discriminate. It can affect men and women, young and old, and people of every nationality and heritage. About two-thirds of people who kill themselves have a depressive disorder at the time of their death, and suicide rates among youth have increased more than 300 percent since the 1950s. Depression not only hurts. It can kill.

While the World Health Organization tries to understand how the global community can better deal with depression, Americans can continue to fight the battle on the homefront. Taking advantage of National Depression Screening Day is a great way to start.

A nonymous screening provides an opportunity to determine the presence or absence of depressive symptoms but does not constitute a diagnosis or second opinion. If appropriate, participants will receive a referral for further evaluation.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at extension 1867.

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**Family Weekend October 12-13**

The Office of Student Development Programs will host its 2002 Family Weekend October 12-13 on campus. The event offers the families of USI students opportunities to socialize, meet their student’s friends, and participate in activities on campus and in the community.

The Family Weekend Welcome Center, offering maps and information, will be located in the University Center. A schedule of University activities is available at www.usi.edu/familyweekend/schedule.asp. A list of Evansville events is available at www.evansvillecvb.org/main.tpl.

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**Names in the news**

**Achievements**

Dr. Charles T. Barber, professor of political science, was one of 10 scholars and practitioners invited by Virginia Tech University to participate in its “Colloquium on Accountability and Moral Community: Multilateral Institutions and Civil Society Organizations” held in Roanoke, Va., in September. He presented the paper, “A Theoretical Framework for Evaluating Multilateral Accountability.”

Dr. Darrel Bigham, director of Historic Southern Indiana and professor of history, is chair of the Education Committee of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission that had its fifth meeting September 23 at the Capitol in Washington. Following the meeting, members of the commission met with President George Bush at the White House and briefed him on planning to date. Following that private meeting, the president addressed commissioners and members of the A LBC A dvisory Committee. William Bartelt, adjunct instructor in history and one of 95 advisory committee members, attended. For additional information, visit www.lincolnbicentennial.gov.

Dr. Folke-Christine Moeller-Sahling, assistant professor of German and humanities, will present the paper, “Epistolary Gender Discourse in the Seventeenth Century: A Comparative Study of Madame de Sévigné’s (1626-1696) and Elisabeth-Charlotte of Orléans’ (1652-1722) Correspondences” at the annual Renaissance Prose Conference at Purdue University October 11-12. She will present the paper at the session, “Constructing the Private/Public Self.” “Gender Discourse in the Eighteenth Century Love Letter,” another Moeller-Sahling paper, has been accepted for presentation at “The First International Symposium on the Discourse of Love: Communication - Media - Intimacy” in March at the Museum for Communication in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. For more information, visit www.unizh.ch/%7Eelwyss/Symposion_CFP.html.

Dr. Michael Slavkin, assistant professor of education, will be awarded the Evansville Fire Merit Commission’s citizen award for “personal dedication to the Vanderburgh County Juvenile Firesetter Task Force” at 4 p.m. October 15 at the Evansville Fire Administration Building.

Dr. Jeff Thomas, assistant professor of education, had an article, “How Deep is the Water,” published in Science and Children. The article describes how teaching the contour of stream and river beds influences students’ spatial abilities.

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**Promotions and transfers**

- LaDawn Buck, from career coordinator in Career Services and Placement to assistant director of Career Services and Placement.
- Deborah Strueh, from accounting assistant in the Business Office to accounting supervisor in the Business Office.

**Grants**

- PREP Grant Equipment - Award Equipment Discount from the SMARTer Kids Foundation. Coordinator: Dr. Sue Norman, assistant professor of education.
- IU Medical School (Evansville) - $4,093 from Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Community Grant Agreement. Coordinator: Johnny Kincaid, regional director of the Southwest Coalition, Smokefree Indiana.

**In sympathy**

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Jason Guerin, data applications system technician in Distance Education, whose brother, Tom Guerin, 47, Green Bay, Wis., died September 25.

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**Bellamy’s utopia**

The Center for Communal Studies Lecture Series will present “Edward Bellamy’s Utopia: Pleasure Reconciled with Duty” at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 10, in Carter Hall.

Bellamy’s great-grandson, Dr. Michael Bellamy, professor of English at University of St. Thomas, will deliver the lecture that is free and open to the public.
**Flu shots**

The USI Health Center is offering $20 flu shots to USI employees. No appointments are necessary. Shots will be available from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 4; 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, October 9; and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10.

Employees receiving shots should wear clothing with loose-fitting sleeves. Seniors and people with asthma are strongly encouraged to receive the vaccination, which cannot be given to anyone who has a serious allergy to eggs, is ill, or has a fever.

**Provost search**

The search committee charged with screening candidates to replace Dr. Robert Reid, USI's retiring provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, has announced creation of a dedicated Web site to assist the process.

In addition to providing updates and information for prospective candidates, the site, www.usi.edu/ProvostSearch, offers a "Contact the Search Committee" option for members of the University community who wish to provide input by describing qualities important in a good provost, suggesting questions for finalists, or sharing assessments of the finalists, who will visit the campus in January.

**Diabetes summit**

The School of Nursing and Health Professions will host a Type II Diabetes Summit from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday, October 5, in Carter Hall. The half-day course will provide updated information on diagnostic and treatment strategies for diabetes. For more information, visit health1.usi.edu/cont_ed/type2diabetes.htm.

**Psychology teachers**

Undergraduate educators will visit USI Friday and Saturday, October 11-12, for the 19th annual Mid-America Conference for Teachers of Psychology. Concurrent sessions, meals, and a poster session will be held in the University Center. For more information, visit www.usi.edu/extern/mactop/program.htm.

**Alumni events**

Two alumni events are scheduled October 12. The third annual Men's Tennis Alumni and Friends Weekend will begin with check-in at 8:30 a.m. at the USI Tennis Courts. The A La Carte Baseball Game will start at 3 p.m. at USI Field. For more information, e-mail njohnson@usi.edu.

**Theatre discount**

University employees and retirees are eligible for a $21 special USI Theatre subscription rate, a savings of $6 on the regular adult season ticket price.

The package includes tickets to David Mamet's Sexual Perversity in Chicago (adult language and content), Holiday Cabaret, Molière's Tartuffe, and Studs Terkel's American Dreams as well as a voucher for one performance at the American College Theatre Festival in Evansville. Season subscriptions will be available until October 27.

For tickets or information, call 812/422-3970. Additional information is available at www.usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre.

**Newsletter deadline**

Friday, October 4, 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 may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor. Submissions for the "Marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

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**Marketplace**

**For sale**

Five minutes from eastside shopping - newly remodeled two-bedroom, one-bath brick home with two-car garage. New roof, tile in kitchen and bath. Situated on large lot with privacy-fenced backyard. Call 477-7276 for appointment.

2001 Sundiro Roadrunner - five miles, won through radio contest, wine and chrome: $2,000 O BO. Call Joe, 422-8318.


1998 Toyota 4-Runner SR5 - red, power sunroof, four-wheel drive, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, 75,000 miles: $18,000. Contact Ext. 1977.

1994 Ford Ranger - four-cylinder, five-speed, cold air, great stereo. Brand new tires! 117,000 miles, regularly serviced, drives great! Bright blue. Have four vehicles and this one has got to go! Priced to sell at $3,250. Call Wayne Rinks, 464-1950.

2000 Volkswagen Beetle GLS - silver w/grey interior, tinted windows, power sunroof, five CD changer, power everything, heated seats, five-speed, 49,500 miles. Great car, excellent condition! Call Lorrie or Greg, 812/402-0400.

Yardman Triple Care System - 5.5 HP chipper, shredder, and vacuum, complete with optional hose. Purchased new, used only twice. Excellent condition. Owner out of town and wants to sell: $500. Call Ext. 1952.

Tell City rocker - $35; Simmons Maxapedic twin mattress and springs - $50; contemporary 80" couch - $110; two side chairs - $40 each; round maple table - $95; large wall unit with fold-out desk - $125; black naugahyde chair and ottoman - $125; other miscellaneous items also available. Call 985-5467.

“Christmas Around the World” porcelain houses - would look great on a fireplace mantel! Set of 10 lighted porcelain houses and buildings including church, hometown train station and crossings, Christmas gazebo, Coca-Cola Café, six village homes and stores. Christmas Village accessories include skater's pond, train (three pieces), three lighted trees, villagers. Buildings vary from 8 to 10 inches in height: $70. Contact Lucy, 465-1136, 985-2747, or lischent@usi.edu.

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