Fredrich to deliver Cooper Lecture

Augsburg Jay Fredrich, professor emeritus of civil engineering and associate dean emeritus of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, will deliver the 2003 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award Lecture December 11.

He will present “I Know a Place: Medieval Cathedrals and the Good Life in the 21st Century” at 3 p.m. in Carter Hall. The lecture will explore how all knowledge – even knowledge that may seem “useless” – is important.

“Seeing and understanding the not-so-obvious relevance of a given body of knowledge in one discipline to the concerns and interests of those who labor in other disciplines – as typified by the interplay among spirituality, technology, art, and music in the evolution of the great churches of medieval Europe – is one of the most important objectives of the Synthesis component of the USI University Core Curriculum,” Fredrich said.

“Realization of that objective is a great step forward in preparing students to live ‘the good life.’”

An interest in great church structures led Fredrich to visit and study the history, art, architecture, design, and construction of more than 100 cathedrals and other great churches in a dozen countries on three continents.

In 1992 he created the Cathedrals course as part of the USI Master of Liberal Arts program. The course’s goal is to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the relationships among art, spirituality, sociology, economics, science, and technology through the study of historic European cathedrals and other great church structures.

He now serves as instructor for both graduate and undergraduate versions of the course as well as a noncredit course for interested members of the community.

The author of more than 50 professional papers and an anthology of readings on the history and heritage of American civil engineering, Fredrich also is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He joined the USI faculty in 1979 and retired earlier this year. Fredrich holds degrees in engineering from University of Arkansas and California State University-Sacramento.

In April he received the 2003 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award. Focusing exclusively on teaching, the award honors a USI faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals.

The award includes presenting the Cooper Lecture, a stipend, plaque, and additional monies for travel and related faculty development.

The Cooper Award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, Evansville philanthropist and longtime USI supporter. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Early childhood education major approved

At the November Indiana Commission for Higher Education board meeting, the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education was approved for USI. The program adds a teaching major in an area of growing need.

“We will have 10 students ready for the junior level as early as next semester,” said Dr. Charles Price, chair of the Teacher Education Department. “Early childhood education is a specific field of study, and employers of teachers of young children seek candidates prepared specifically in this field.”

The program of study leads to a degree and credentials for working with young children, preschool to grade three. Graduates of the program will be eligible for the Indiana teaching license, “elementary: primary” and thus eligible for employment in preschool (including kindergarten) through third grade.

Undergraduate students preparing for teaching positions, child care workers holding the associate degree who seek advanced training, and early childhood providers who seek leadership and supervisory positions will be interested in this degree program.

Two-year graduates from Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University who want to continue their education in this field also can enroll in the program.

The program requires 124 semester hours of course work, including the University Core Curriculum, a professional education component that includes courses and experiences common to all teacher education courses of study at USI, courses in the major, and electives.

It also requires practical experience working with young children during a minimum of four semesters, three of which will involve intensive experience in classrooms. This includes student teaching with placement in two early childhood education settings.

More information about the program is available from the Department of Teacher Education, 812/465-7024.

Celebrate the season with USI Madrigals

Visit 15th-century Europe on campus in December, when USI will present its 34th annual Madrigal Feaste heralding the start of the holiday season.

The University’s most enduring musical tradition, the feaste showcases members of the USI Chamber Choir, who will don period costumes and entertain with selections of old English and Italian Madrigals, folk songs, and holiday choral selections.

A reenactment of a 15th-century royal feast, the entertainment also will include dancing and merriment on a grand scale. A collaborative effort, the Madrigal Feaste partners talented faculty and students with University Dining Services to choreograph an evening fit for a king.
This year's menu features tossed green salad, hot wassail (spiced cider), soup of beef and barley, his majesty's roasted chicken, holiday roasted red-bud potatoes, fresh steamed vegetables, bread pudding with rum sauce, and tea and coffee.

USI's Madrigal Feast will be presented at 7:30 p.m. December 4-6 and at 6 p.m. December 7 in Carter Hall.

Ticket prices are $27 for adults and $25 for students and senior citizens. For tickets, call 812/461-5237. For additional information, contact Daniel R. Craig, director of USI choral activities, 812/464-1736.

Campus snapshot:
Alumni and Volunteer Services

When the switch is flipped and the lights on the holiday tree in the Orr Center are glowing for the Lighting a Tradition event, the Student Alumni Association, one of the many programs of the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services, can take pride in the 14-year tradition.

This year Lighting a Tradition is planned for 4 p.m. December 7. Featuring the USI Madrigal Singers as well as Santa photos with children, the event brings students, employees, alumni, and members of the community together in the holiday spirit.

Building community among these constituencies is what drives programming in the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services.

Nancy Johnson, director, said the office strives to keep alumni connected to the University. A Alumni and Volunteer Services has organized three alumni chapters, offers an e-mail newsletter to alumni, maintains a Web site, and offers a variety of services and programs to engage alumni.

With the addition of the Class of 2003, the University has 19,400 alumni since the first graduating class of 1971. Of that number, 66 percent remain in the southern Indiana area.

Through the efforts of Debbie Schmuck, senior administrative assistant, the office maintains computer files of alumni.

Schmuck compiles information for USI Magazine’s “A Lumni Today,” which alumni consider the “must read” section of the publication. A mother of her tasks is to mail alumni parents a USI t-shirt for a newborn, for which she receives many cards and messages of thanks.

The office also offers career resources for current students. Assistant Director Trisha Kennedy has assembled more than 200 alumni who are available as part of the career resource network.

Freshman and sophomore students can visit the workplace through Day on the Job, when the office matches students with alumni to observe and discuss mutual career interests. Juniors and seniors are offered the Career Mentor Program to help facilitate the student’s professional job search.

“We invite faculty and staff who interact with students with career concerns to encourage the students to come to the office to learn about these programs,” Kennedy said. “Alumni have stepped forward willing to help with resume assistance, mock interviews, job shadowing, and other career information.”

Other alumni programs include:

USI Spirit on the Road

The office offers a red and blue USI license plate for vehicles of Indiana residents. The plate shows allegiance to the University and money raised by the plates provides scholarships for worthy students.

USI Alumni Speakers Bureau

A alumni speakers are available to discuss topics ranging from career planning and development to financial planning, law enforcement, retirement, labor laws, education, volunteerism, and more.

USI Incentive Program

Discounts for shopping, services, entertainment, and food are available for students, staff, alumni, and retirees in the incentive program. A list of vendors who offer discounts is available on the Web site.

Homecoming and Golf Scramble

Homecoming events are planned during the basketball season, and alumni compete for prizes and raise money for scholarships during the Alumni Golf Scramble.

The office also coordinates Volunteer USI, the University’s comprehensive volunteer program. More than 3,000 volunteers have contributed time and talent since the program began in 1996. Last year the volunteers accumulated more than 76,000 volunteer hours.

Volunteer opportunities are available on campus and in the community. If campus offices have a need for volunteer assistance, Volunteer USI is available to recruit and place volunteers to meet those needs.

The Alumni and Volunteer Services Office, a department of Advancement, is available to help departments throughout the University.

“With the increased emphasis on service learning, we are ready and willing to help faculty make needed connections to alumni,” the director said. “And we have publications and the Web newsletter to promote the work and accomplishments of our alumni, so we encourage faculty and staff to share news about alumni.”

AIDS Rally December 1 on campus

Spectrum USI, with support from additional community organizations, will host its third annual AIDS Rally at 6 p.m. December 1 on Rice Plaza. Presented in recognition of World AIDS Day, the rally is designed to bring the community together to acknowledge, remember, and fight back against AIDS.

“Do You Have Time?” is the event’s theme. It also is the theme of the National AIDS Trust’s World AIDS Day 2003 Campaign to increase awareness of HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

The rally will feature live music performed by local musicians, speakers addressing AIDS awareness, and a candlelight vigil.

A silent art auction also is planned. Proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for AIDS Research and the Tri-State Alliance Christmas Project that provides Christmas presents to families and children affected by AIDS.

The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, e-mail spectrum@usi-eagles.org. Spectrum USI is a gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/straight alliance on campus.

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Oscar Ozete, professor of Spanish, received the Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference of the
Dr. Saxon Reasons, Instructional Technology Services program manager; Dr. Michael Slavkin, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Kevin Valadares, assistant professor of health services/admistration, presented a paper, “Expectation vs. Reality: The Promise, Perils, and Outcomes of Online Learning in Hybrid and Distance Education Courses,” at the Ninth Annual Sloan-C International Conference on A synchronous Learning Networks earlier this month in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Thomas Rivers, professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program, presented a pre-conference workshop about faculty recruitment for Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies program, presented a pre-conference workshop about faculty recruitment for Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Asynchronous Learning Networks earlier this month in Orlando, Fla.

Congratulations

Angie Brawdy, manager of benefits and compensation in Human Resources, and husband Scott are the parents of a son, Ethan Scott, born at 3:49 p.m. November 13. The baby arrived weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Brandi Hess, graphic artist and Web designer, and husband Ryan are the parents of a son, Cole Lee, born at 5:40 p.m. November 6. The baby arrived weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Welcome

Amy Estes has accepted the position of coordinator of theatre public relations and marketing. The Newburgh resident previously worked as managing director of Riverside Theatre and was a Rea Fellow in theatre management at Guthrie Theatre. She holds an M.F.A. from University of Alabama and a B.A. from Vassar College.

Marketplace

For sale

1997 Skyline Sabre mobile home - approximately 1,200 sq. ft., three bedroom, two bath, vinyl-sided, shingled roof. Comes with 8' x 10' front deck, seamless gutters, sidewalk stones, and landscape plants. Asking $22,000, must be moved. Call 812/768-5389.

1997 Dodge Ram pickup truck - SLT 1500, 4 x 4, 5.9 liter 360, power everything, BF Goodrich AT - 33". Clean as a whistle: $9,995. Call Bob or Jon, 812/424-0478.

Lionel Train Set - great for grandkids and Christmas trees! Steam engine with electronic "sound of steam" that mimics noises of a real steam engine makes a Iso includes coal tender, three freight cars, caboose, transformer with wires, and enough track to make a figure eight - plus original box! Engine produces harmless smoke, and smoke fluid is included. Dates from around 1970: $95. Call 812/464-1750 or 812/426-2989.

1995 Dodge Stratus ES - 68,000 miles, 6 cylinder, automatic, four door, rosewood exterior with gray leather interior, all power, one owner: $3,500. Call 812/402-1148.

Schultz upright piano - been in the family for 70 years, has been refinished, rebolted, and tuned every year, maintaining a beautiful sound - $400. Call Laura M Daniel, Ext. 1269.

1999 Pontiac Grand Am SE - six-year/100,000 mile GMAC warranty, 57,700 miles, 4 cylinder, A B S, security system, A/C, traction control, dual airbags, cruise, tilt, power doors/locks/windows, alloy wheels, rear window defrost, keyless entry, fog lights, premium A M/FM cassette sound system: $6,500. Call Ext. 1692 or 812/985-3968.

1966 Chevrolet Caprice - four door, H T, auto, power steering, power brakes, A/C (not working), 87,000 miles, A L L O R I G I N A L: $3,000 O B O. Call 812/845-3515.


1998 Ford Explorer XLT - 8 cylinder, 4 wheel drive, 73,000 miles, red. Call 812/424-1318 after noon.
December calendar

**Monday, December 1**

The Basics of Islam - featuring Dr. Mohammad Hussain, Islamic Center of Evansville, noon to 1 p.m., University Center Rooms 201-202. Information: 812/464-1871.

Men's/women's basketball at Kentucky Wesleyan College - 5:15/7:30 p.m., Owensboro, Ky.

Third annual AIDS Rally - live music from local musicians, speakers, a candlelight vigil, and a silent art auction. All proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for AIDS Research and TSA Christmas project, Rice Plaza. Free and open to the public. Information: 812/303-2880.

**Tuesday, December 2**

Fall Film Series – featuring Bowling for Columbine, 1:30, 6 p.m. Forum I, free.

**Wednesday, December 3**

Holidays and Holy Days - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., University Center, rooms 201-202. Information: 812/464-7188.

USI Department of Foreign Languages Annual Holiday Sing - French, German, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish students will sing holiday songs in those languages. Time: TBA. University of Southern Indiana, Forum Wing, Forum I. Information: 812/465-1292.

**Thursday, December 4**

2003 Madrigal Feast - food, song, dance, and mirth, December 4-6, 7:30 p.m., December 7, 6 p.m., University Center, Carter Hall. Tickets: $27 adults, $25 students/senior citizens. Information/tickets: 812/461-5237.

Men's/women's basketball at University of Missouri-St. Louis - 5:15/7:30 p.m.


**Friday, December 5**

Friday Night in the Forum - Bowling for Columbine - 7:30 p.m., Forum I, free.

“Natural History and Reproduction of Hawksbill Turtles” - Department of Biology Fall 2003 Seminar featuring Jan Schrader, senior biology major, 2:30 p.m., Education Center, Room 1101. Information: 812/465-1228.

**Saturday, December 6**

Holiday in Harmonie Candlelight Tour - self-guided tour of public and private sites in New Harmony, Ind., 3 to 9 p.m. Atheneum. Fee: $12 adults, $5 children (7-17), $5 USI/New Harmony Foundation donors and USI faculty, staff, and students with valid Eagle Access Card. Information: 812/682-4488.

Men's/women's basketball at Quincy University - 1:30 p.m., Quincy, Ill.

**Sunday, December 7**

Lighting a Tradition - holiday tree-lighting featuring the University of Southern Indiana Madrigal Singers and Santa photos with children, 4 p.m., Orr Center lobby, bring a donation for Archibald's food closet. Information: 812/465-1215.

**Monday, December 8**


Computer testing - certificate in Computer Proficiency Exemption test and the Proficiency post test, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., continuing education computer lab, Wright Administration Building, FA 046. All participants must register no later than one week prior to testing date. Information: 812/464-1863.

Men's basketball hosts Henderson State University - 7 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

Fall Film Series - featuring Adaptation, 1:30, 6 p.m., Forum I, free.

It's beginning to look like Christmas - each participant will make and take home a centerpiece using fresh greens, candles, as well as a silk arrangement. Supplies provided; participants should bring scissors, sharp knife, wire cutters, and an old sheet or drop cloth, 7 to 9 p.m., Technology Center, Room 115A. Registration fee: $65. Information: 812/464-1863.

**Friday, December 12**

Last day for schedule revisions and withdrawal from the semester - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Information: 812/464-1762.

**Saturday, December 13**


Men's basketball hosts University of Illinois-Springfield - 7 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

**Monday, December 15**


**Friday, December 19**

Men’s basketball hosts Sprint PCS/USI Challenge - through Saturday, December 20, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

**Saturday, December 20**

Fall semester ends - Information: 812/464-1762.

**Sunday, December 21**

Women's basketball at Torneo Cancun De Basquetbol - through Monday, December 22, Cancun, Mexico.

**Monday, December 29**

Women's basketball hosts University of Illinois-Springfield - 5:15 p.m., Physical Activities Center.

**Tuesday, December 30**

Men's basketball hosts Tusculum College - 7:30 p.m., Physical Activities Center.