Faculty, administrative meeting January 6

The spring Faculty and Administrative Staff Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. January 6 in Carter Hall after coffee and rolls are served at 8.

Speakers will include Christy Baker, Faculty Senate chair and associate professor of social work, and Dana Willett, media production manager in Instructional Technology Services.

The meeting will feature spring training workshops beginning at 10:10 a.m., and each workshop will be repeated at 11:10 a.m. Registration is available online at www.usi.edu/extserv/spring-training/index.asp. The workshops include:

- Personal Digital Assistants: Presentation Power in the Palm of Your Hand – presented by Dr. Charles H arrington, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Tim Schibik, professor of economics
- SmartBoards: Write, Draw, Click, Teach – presented by Dr. Craig McCarron, instructor in mathematics
- Multimedia CDROM and DVD: Interactive Tools for Teachers and Students – presented by Michael A akhus, professor of art, and Michelle Alvarez, assistant professor of social work
- Using E-Portfolios for Student Assessment – presented by Dr. Karen Bonnell, associate professor of English
- Virage: A Classroom in a Web Browser – presented by Dr. Julie Evey, assistant professor of psychology
- Teaching in our Multimodal Classrooms – presented by Dr. Pam Taylor, assistant professor of education
- Teaching in our Multimedia Classrooms – presented by Kevin Valadares, assistant professor of health services/administration

Lunch will be served at noon. Absences must be approved by the appropriate dean.

USI benefactor Carter dies

A USI friend and benefactor of higher education in Evansville, Jennings “Nick” Carter, 94, died December 13 at his retirement home in Vero Beach, Fla.

Carter, who made his fortune in the mortgage business, will be remembered for the $1 million gifts he gave not only to University of Southern Indiana but also to University of Evansville and Ivy Tech State College.

His first $1 million gift to USI in 1994 established a scholarship fund for students with financial need whose obligations required them to work full time. In addition to monetary assistance, Carter extended his friendship to the scholars who were free to contact him at any time.

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USI Audubon program airing on WNIN

A one-hour television documentary produced by Instructional Technology Services will broadcast January 13 on Channel 9 WNIN-TV, the Evansville PBS affiliate.

Hosted by Michael A akhus, master printmaker and professor of art, the program chronicles the first pulling of a print from the original John James Audubon copper plate of the Tell-Tale Godwit in more than 160 years.

Pulling the Audubon Print, which will air at 10 p.m., features the print pulling ceremony conducted in the USI Art Studio August 1.

The plate is part of the collection of the John James Audubon Museum in Henderson. It is one of only 78 remaining plates from the original 435 used in the printing of A udubon’s masterpiece, The Birds of America.

Don Boarman, a udubon Museum curator, provides historical perspective for the program.

Instructional Technology Services’ Andrew Black, Emmy award-winning producer/director, and David LeRoy, producer/director, created the documentary.

Students win problem-solving contest

The solution of where to eat has become easier for two USI students who won the University’s fall mathematics problem-solving contest and earned gift certificates for steak dinners at a local restaurant.

The two students are Josh Nicotra, a junior math major from Mont Vernon, and Kasey Ford, a junior psychology major from Lawrenceville, Ill. They amassed the most points in a contest that presented a weekly math problem.

The contest, open to USI students, faculty, and staff, did not...
require mathematics beyond algebra and seldom required algebra,” according to Dr. Ruben Schwieger, associate professor of mathematics, who helped coordinate the contest.

Prizes from local restaurants were offered for the best solution each week. Steak dinners were the grand prize for the semester’s two most successful problem solvers.

Each participant had to submit a written solution statement with clear diagrams, charts, lists, or records of calculator or computer work. A sample problem follows:

“Pat has a miniature farm and will buy some cows, sheep, and pigs. Cows cost $3 each, sheep cost $2 each, and pigs cost 50-cents each. If Pat spends exactly $100 for exactly 100 animals, how many of each did Pat buy?”

A new contest will be offered in the spring semester.

Names in the news

Achievements

Matthew Graham, associate professor of English, has had five poems accepted for publication in the anthology, American Poets of the 21st Century, forthcoming from Igneus Press.

Connie Weinzapfel, director of Historic New Harmony, was elected vice chair of the Indiana Tourism Council at a recent meeting. Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan is chair of the council that is comprised of delegates representing the various tourism regions in Indiana. Weinzapfel represents the Southern Region. Council appointments are made by the governor.

Congratulations

Dr. Paul Doss, chair of the Geology and Physics Department, and his wife Heidi are the parents of a son, David Forest Doss, born November 17. According to dad, both son and mother are doing fabulously.

FYI

Notes publication

In conjunction with the winter holiday, University Notes will not publish Friday, December 27, which is the deadline for submitting information for the January 3 issue.

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.

European tour

The University community is invited to tour Italy and Sicily May 20-June 2 during the annual trip organized by Dr. Margaret Skoglund, associate professor of art.

Trip highlights will include Rome, Florence, Pompeii, Venice, Monreale, Palermo, Aigrinto, Taormina, Capri, Mantua, and Stresa, a resort on Lago Maggiore.

The cost of the tour, determined by the number of participants, could range from roughly $2,600 to about $3,000, and will include airfare, luxury tour bus transportation, three and four-star hotels, all buffet breakfasts, a few lunches, museum admission and guides, and admission to historical sites.

For additional information, call Skoglund after December 26 at extension 1023, 812/465-7047, or 812/425-0087.