University welcomes new provost

Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Appalchian State University, has accepted the position of provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Her appointment will be effective July 1, when Dr. Robert L. Reid retires after 28 years as USI’s first provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

USI President H. Ray Hoops said he was delighted to appoint someone of Bennett’s stature.

“She comes to us with superb recommendations for her leadership skills, community building, and creative management of people and resources. We are appreciative of the efforts of the university-wide search committee in recruiting a talented administrator with excellent academic credentials.”

Bennett has been dean at Appalchian State since 1999 with responsibility for personnel recruitment and review, strategic planning, and budgetary matters for 16 academic departments. She also oversaw the Center for Appalchian Studies and the Appalchian Cultural Museum.

Prior to joining Appalchian State, she was chair of the Department of Political Science at Northern Kentucky University for three years. She also served as a faculty member and department chair at Wittenberg University for 13 years.

She holds BA, MA, and PhD degrees in political science from University of Cincinnati, where she was named one of UC’s Distinguished Alumnae by the Friends of Women’s Studies. A prolific writer and researcher, she also has received several awards for teaching excellence.

Bennett is a member of the American Political Science Association, Academy of Political Science, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, and American Association for Higher Education.

USI conducted a national search to fill the provost position.

USI Theatre presenting Molière’s Tartuffe

The University of Southern Indiana Theatre Department will present Molière’s Tartuffe, translated by Richard Wilbur, beginning Wednesday, February 12.

“Tartuffe is one of the world’s great comedies,” said Elliot Wasserman, director and associate professor of theatre. “It tells the story of a family caught in the clutches of a religious hypocrite who bamboozles his way to nearly total control of the household as he takes advantage of the trust his host places in him.”

Derek Daniels plays the lead role of Tartuffe in his first college production. Daniels is a speech/theatre major in his sophomore year. He has performed in community theatre and at Holiday World near his hometown of Rockport, Ind.

“Playing Tartuffe is amazing,” Daniels said. “He is such a vibrant and exciting character.”

Leo Kempf, a junior theatre major from Newburgh, plays the role of Orgon. Kempf has performed at every local theatre and studied for a year at Second City in Chicago. He also has toured with several bands, including a farcical trucker band from Irving, Texas.

Other students in the show include Erin Monohan, Rai Stovall, Amanda Grubb, Joe Ciresi, Greg Schafer, Jodi Andry, Dustin John, and Aaron Bonds. Sound design is by theatre major Charles Walther. Costume design is by Shan Jensen, associate professor of theatre. Doug Hubble, associate professor of theatre, designed the set, and Rick Kuykendall, assistant professor of theatre, the lighting.

Performances will be presented at 7 p.m. February 12, 13, 19, and 20; 8 p.m. February 14, 15, 21, and 22; and 2 p.m. February 23. All performances are at the USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Ave.

Single tickets are $9 for adults; $7 for seniors/students; and $3 for USI students. Call 812/422-3970 for more information or to order tickets.

Photographer speaking February 13

A photographer featured in the exhibit, “We Shall Overcome: Photographs from America’s Civil Rights Era,” will speak at USI Thursday, February 13, in conjunction with Black History Month.

Matt Herron’s presentation will be at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

In 1963, Herron and his family moved to Mississippi and the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement. There he honed a philosophy of using photography to advance social justice and worked as a photojournalist and documentarian.

A pacifist and social activist, Herron’s black and white images capture direct action by youth in the movement. In 1965, he won the World Press Photo Contest with an image of a Mississippi highway patrolman confronting a 5-year-old child.

USI’s Multicultural Center and Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Ind., are sponsoring Herron’s presentation on campus.

“We Shall Overcome: Photographs from America’s Civil Rights Era,” a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition, will be on display through March 2 at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science. For more information, call 812/425-2406.

Week to feature international flavor

The University will celebrate International Week with a variety of activities and special events February 16 through 21.

The International Food Expo, a highlight of the festivities, will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 21 in Carter Hall.
Featuring entertainment and exhibits in addition to numerous culinary delicacies, the expo showcases the diverse cultures represented by international students at USI.

A few items on this year’s menu include yakisoba from Japan, kuru kofte from Turkey, mousakas from Cyprus, papas rellenas from Peru, and empanadas from Columbia.

Admission is $5 in advance or $7 at the door. For more information or advanced tickets, call International Programs and Services, 812/465-1248.

International Week schedule of events
- February 16 – Global Community presents My Big Fat Greek Wedding, 6:30 p.m., Governors Hall. Free. Public invited.
- February 17 – International Reception, 4 to 5 p.m., Carter Hall. Free. Public invited.
- February 17 – Student Panel Discussion: International Perspectives on America, 2 to 3 p.m., University Center, Room 201. Free. Public invited.
- February 18 – Global Community presents Japanese Origami, 7:30 p.m., Governors Hall. Free. Public invited.
- February 21 – International Food Expo, sponsored by the International Club, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., University Center. Fee: $5 in advance; $7 at the door. Information/tickets: 812/465-1248. Public invited.
- Ongoing – International Photo Contest, open to the USI community, on display at the International Reception February 17. Original black and white or color photos (scene, monument, landscape, etc., from outside the U.S.) must be submitted by noon Monday, February 10, International Programs and Services. Grand prize: $100. Category prizes also. Information: 812/465-1248.
- Ongoing – Where in the World Contest, open to the USI community, February 17-20, University Center. Identify photos of exotic locations with a few clues. Different photo featured each day during the week. Prize to first person correctly identifying each location. Information: 812/465-1248.

Bluebirds counting on help with cleanup

The University will host its annual Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day at 9 a.m. February 22, and volunteers are invited to help prepare the trail’s nesting boxes for occupancy.

Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing, boots, and gloves and meet on campus at the Grimes Haus on Bennett Lane. Other items needed to clean and repair the boxes will be provided.

Established by the Westwood Garden Club in 1972, USI’s Bluebird Trail eventually fell into disrepair. The trail was reestablished in 1996 and now supports about 50 nesting boxes along the campus perimeter. Nesting typically begins in mid-March.

Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day participants will work in teams and will receive recognition from Volunteer USI.

More information about the trail is available online at www.usi.edu/bluebird.

USI clinic offers assessments, treatments

The University’s dental hygiene clinic provides services to children and adults in the Evansville community.

Supervised by USI’s licensed dental hygiene faculty, the students conduct both assessments and treatments. They offer cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, and sealants for nominal fees.

The clinic is located in the Health Professions Center. Clinic appointments are available Monday through Thursday at 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

The clinic fee is $20 for adults and $12 for children (10 and younger). X-rays range from $10 to $20, and duplicates can be made and sent to the dentist of the client’s choice. Sealants can be placed for $5; cleaning is needed before placement.

To make an appointment, call 812/464-1706. Toothbrushes and floss are provided with clinic service.

‘Painted Clothing’ coming to gallery


The exhibit explores experiences that have shaped Laskowski’s belief that art is about the soul, spirit, and physical self in search of greater understanding as well as the desire for meaningful human connection.

A high school art instructor, Laskowski resides in Brookston, Ind. She holds a BA and an MA in fine arts and arts education from Purdue University and has had numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States.

A free public reception for the artist will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. February 15 at the gallery, 506 Main St., New Harmony.

In conjunction with the opening, all New Harmony galleries will host “Winter Gallery Stroll” receptions from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. February 15.

The New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 812/682-3156 or visit www.nhgalleries.com.

The exhibit was made possible through the generous support of USI and the Indiana Arts Commission.

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. Kathy Rodgers, acting chair of the Department of Mathematics, presented “Writing Stimulating and Engaging Mathematical Questions,” and Dr. Ruben Schwieger, associate professor of mathematics, presented “A Assessing Problem Solving” at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Central Regional Conference in Indianapolis in January. The conference theme, “Racing Along with A3: Achievement, Assessment, Recognition,” was consistent with the council’s longstanding efforts to improve mathematics education for all students.

Welcome

Lesa Frederick Cagle has accepted the position of lecturer in nutrition. The Evansville resident previously worked as clinical nutrition manager at St. Mary’s Medical Center. She holds a BS in food management and dietetics, and an MS in nutrition, all from Indiana State University. Cagle was recognized as the Young Dietician of the Year and is a member of the American Dietetic


A subscription, Indiana Dietetic Association, Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association, and Southern Indiana Herbal Society.

Promotions and transfers

» Brandi Bauer, from senior administrative assistant to event services supervisor in Special Events.
» Bobbie Christie, from administrative clerk at Historic New Harmony to administrative assistant in the School of Liberal Arts.

In appreciation

“Kent, Jacob, Rachel, and I wish to extend our thanks to the University for the many cards and kind words in the recent death of my father Ralph Seitz. Your thoughtfulness has made our hearts warmer and will never be forgotten. May God bless.”
- Emilie Cutchin, cashier supervisor in the Bursar's Office

FYI

Fan bus

A fan bus to Northern Kentucky University for the women's and men's basketball games Thursday, February 13, will leave the Physical Activities Center at 11 a.m. The women's game will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the men's at 6:45. The bus will return following the second game.

The cost is $20 per person, not including a game ticket. For reservations or additional information, call Sandy Hatfield, administrative assistant in Athletics, 812/464-1735.

Reading series

The RopeWalk Reading Series will feature Cajun poet Jude Roy at 7 p.m. February 20 in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center. The free reading will be followed by a book signing. Tony Ardizzone's reading has been rescheduled to March 20. For more information, call Jim McGarrah, instructor in English, 812/464-1735.

Argentine Strings

Ardizzone's Strings, a concert in the "Under the Beams" series, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, February 7, at the Rapp Granary in New Harmony.

The New Harmony Artists' Guild and The Rapp Granary-Owen Foundation are hosting the series. Tickets are $30. For tickets or information, call 812/682-5019.

Chess tournament

The USI Chess Club will host the Southern Indiana Open Chess Tournament beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, February 8, in the University Conference Center. The all-day event is sanctioned and rated by the United States Chess Federation and is open to all USCF members. For more information, call 812/464-1705.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, February 7, 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.

Marketplace

For sale

Brick ranch-style home - 1,300 square feet plus full finished basement, three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths, attached two-car garage, yard barn, great location, located on cul-de-sac next to Houbstadt Community School. Call Kent, 768-5557.

1998 Dodge Ram 4x4 - extended cab, automatic, 148,000 highway miles. MUST SELL: $8,900 OBO. Call 421-0196, leave message.

Sofa - great condition, purchased at Value City in July: $250 OBO. Call Gretchen, Ext. 1755.

Twin bed headboard, footboard, and side rails - solid oak. Two matching sets: $50 each. Call Laura, Ext. 1269 or 985-9163.

NordicRider - offers dual motion - adjust for pulling exercise (aerobic workout) or for pushing exercise (strength training): $95. Call Laura, Ext. 1269 or 985-9163.

Computer, monitor, printer - great for child or beginner: $75. Call 421-0196, leave message.

Wanted

Desperately seeking USI basketball tickets – I need four tickets for the February 8 Kentucky Wesleyan game. Let's haggle. Call Debi Hagan, Ext. 1099.

Fund raiser

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake - February 23, 1:30 p.m., Diamond Lanes. Pull a team (one captain and four team members) together and participate in the College Bowl competition. There is no cost to bowl (one game and shoes compliments of Diamond Lanes). Each team member to solicit a minimum $5 donation for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Door prizes and incentive prizes. Information: 425-6076. Team packets available at A lunch and Volunteer Services, WA 104A.

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