Board approves 1,400 degrees

The USI Board of Trustees approved 1,400 associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees to be awarded in 2003. The degrees will be conferred during the University's Commencement ceremony at 3 p.m. May 11.

At its meeting March 6, the Board also approved awarding honorary degrees to three Indiana citizens. They are Olive Carruthers Clift and Robert Griffin, both of Evansville, and Joseph E. Kernan, lieutenant governor of Indiana, who will be this year's Commencement speaker.

Clift will be recognized for her distinguished career as an educator and for her commitment to helping others receive a college education. She taught social studies at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis for more than 41 years and retired in 1973, the same year she married Homer L. Clift and moved to Evansville.

Her interest in education continues with her endowed scholarship for students in the School of Liberal Arts and an endowed Presidential Scholarship, which helps attract some of Indiana's brightest to USI.

Griffin is chairman of the board of Escalade Inc., a global company in the sporting goods industry. He has given leadership to numerous initiatives of the University through the USI Foundation, which he served as board chair, and the School of Business Board of Visitors.

Griffin also is a member of the Community Advisory Council for the Evansville Center of Indiana University School of Medicine, which is located on the USI campus.

As Indiana's lieutenant governor, Kernan is president of the Indiana Senate, director of the Indiana Department of Commerce, and commissioner of Agriculture. A 1968 Notre Dame alumnus, Kernan is a former mayor of South Bend and holds two Purple Hearts and other military awards for his service to the U.S. Navy. He was held prisoner of war for nearly 11 months during the Vietnam conflict.

Kernan has announced he will not seek the office of governor in the next gubernatorial election.

Faculty earn appointments, promotions

The USI Board of Trustees approved personnel actions related to continuous appointment and promotion at its meeting March 6.

Continuous Appointment: The following faculty members were approved for continuous appointment, effective August 23, 2004:

- Dr. Michelle Blake, assistant professor of social work
- Dr. Marlaine Chase, associate professor of education
- Dr. Julia Galbus, assistant professor of English
- Dr. Leigh Anne Howard, assistant professor of communications
- Dr. David L. Jacquess, assistant professor of psychology
- Dr. Jane Johansen, associate professor of business education
- Joan A. Kempf, assistant professor of graphic design
- Dr. Ralph M atacile, assistant professor of Dental Programs
- Dr. Henri M aurice, associate professor of biology
- Dr. Thomas J. Philleo, assistant professor of education
- Dr. Ronda Priest, assistant professor of sociology
- Dr. Carl L. Saxby, assistant professor of marketing
- Dr. Kent Scheller, assistant professor of physics
- Dr. Robert E. West, assistant professor of advertising

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor: The following faculty members were approved for promotion, effective August 25, 2003:

- Dr. Julia Galbus, assistant professor of English
- Dr. Joyce Hamon, assistant professor of education
- Dr. Leigh Anne Howard, assistant professor of communications
- Dr. Martha Raske, assistant professor of social work
- Dr. Carl Saxby, assistant professor of marketing
- Dr. Kent Scheller, assistant professor of physics

RISC Program awards grants, Showcase deadline approaching

Seven student projects were awarded Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity Grants February 28, and the deadline for submitting projects for USI's 2003 RISC Showcase is March 21.

Presented by the RISC Grant Committee in cooperation with the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, competitive merit-based RISC awards support undergraduates in independent faculty-guided efforts in all disciplines.

Calls for proposals are made in both the fall and spring semesters. Awards typically range from $250 to $500. Spring 2003 grants were awarded to the following projects:

- "Leaf Extracts: The Next Antiviral" - student Phillip Adams with faculty advisor Dr. Jeanne Barnett, professor of biology
- "Mini Baja Car" - student Bryan Rucker with faculty advisor Dr. Richard Ruhaala, assistant professor of engineering
- "Production of a Digital Movie on Elements and Principles of Art: A Service Learning Aspect of Art 397" - students Gina Stoll, and Toni Wallace with faculty advisor, Dr. Joseph Uduehi, assistant professor of art education
“Making a Difference to Better a Life” - student A nteia G reer with faculty advisor Dr. Le gh A nne Howard, assistant professor of communications

“Potential Effects of President Bush’s Dividend Policy” - students Wes M aur er and Craig Mc G owan with faculty advisor Dr. Cho o-Shan L ai, assistant professor of economics

“HIV: Examining Physician Perceptions of Client’s Risks and A ssessment Barriers” – students W anda M cC arter and Hannah Smith-Q uirey with faculty advisor Dr. Iris Phillips, assistant professor of social work

“The Combined Effects of M otivation and Reward on C reativity” - student M organ Shanks with faculty advisor Dr. C hristopher Bloom, assistant professor of psychology

This year’s RISC Showcase is planned April 26. The showcase provides an arena for undergraduates to present, demonstrate, or display their academic works to fellow students, faculty members, and the public.

In addition to student presentations, the 2003 showcase will feature keynote speaker Jaron Lanier at 9 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium. Lanier, a pioneer in virtual reality, also is a computer scientist, composer, visual artist, philosopher, and author.

USI students interested in presenting at this year’s showcase may visit www.usi.edu/ctle/RISC/intro.asp for more information or to complete online registration.

Scripps exec speaking at media day

Richard Boehme, executive vice president of E.W. Scripps Co., will be the keynote speaker Tuesday, March 11, at USI’s annual High School Media Day.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend Boehme’s address at 8:30 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium. As executive vice president, he oversees the daily operation of Scripps’ operating divisions and is responsible for spearheading strategic initiatives.

E.W. Scripps Co. is a diversified media concern with interests in newspapers, broadcast television stations, cable television networks, and other media-related enterprises. Its holdings include the Evansville Courier & Press and The Gleaner in Henderson.

USI students also are invited to attend two media day photojournalism presentations beginning at 1 p.m. in Carter Hall.

Denny Simmons, staff photographer for the Evansville Courier & Press, and John Blair, photojournalism instructor at USI, will lead the programs. Simmons was named Regional Photographer of the Year for 2002 by the National Press Photographers Association. Blair, who also heads Valley Watch Environmental Group, won the Pulitzer Prize for Photography in 1978.

Roughly 350 students representing more than 20 high schools are expected to attend USI’s 13th annual High School Media Day that will include workshop sessions with Stefanie Silvey, WFLG co-anchor; Jim Michels, director of New Media for the Evansville Courier & Press; Brad Byrd, W EHT co-anchor; and Kim Hefling, Associated Press correspondent.

More than 120 high school journalism and yearbook contest winners also will be recognized during a noon awards luncheon.

The event is sponsored by the USI Communications Department, the Evansville Courier & Press, Newspapers in Education, and the Scripps Howard Center for Media Studies.

The Gleaner School of Nursing and Health Professions, 4 p.m., March 18

Bobbie W. Christie has accepted the position of administrative assistant in the School of Liberal Arts. The Cynthia, Ind., resident previously worked as a part-time clerical assistant for Historic New Harmony and as a program administrative assistant III in University of Louisville’s College of Education.
Susan Marie Schmitt has accepted the position of administrative assistant in the Pott School of Science and Engineering. The Evansville resident previously worked as parish secretary at Holy Redeemer Church and as a barcoder in Technical Services for the Evansville Public Library. She earned an A.S. in computer information systems at USI in December 2002, is a member of VFW 1114, and serves as treasurer of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society.

In sympathy

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Steve Selby, Motor Vehicle Operations supervisor, whose mother Bonnie J. Selby, 77, Celina, Ohio, died March 4. Services were held March 6 at Cisco Funeral Home in Celina. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Darke/Mercer County Hospice or the McBroom School Library Fund at St. Mary's City Schools.

The University community extends sympathy to the family of Leslie Morrow Smith, assistant director of the Counseling Center, whose father Don Morrow, 69, Evansville, died March 4, and to Sharon M. Morrow, instructor in English, his companion, caregiver, and wife of 32 years.

Services were held March 6 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

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Berger Lecture

Dr. Charles Nelms, vice president for Student Development and Diversity at Indiana University Bloomington, will deliver “Art, Diversity, or Censorship: Who Decides?” as the 2003 Sydney Berger Lecture at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in Carter Hall.

The Sydney Berger Lecture is an annual event sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts to honor the memory of Sydney Berger, one of Evansville’s most prominent attorneys and an instructor in constitutional law at USI. A attorney Charles Berger and his wife Leslie underwrite the lecture. The program is free and open to the public.

Spring recess

The University will be on spring recess Monday through Saturday, March 10-15. Classes will resume March 17.

Job openings

For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr/. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

Newsletter deadline

Friday, March 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 A. Iltstadt, online editor.

Marketplace

For sale

Brick, ranch style house - 1,305 sq. ft. 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 Haubstadt Community School. Call Kent, 768-5557.


Twenty-nine gallon aquarium - with stand and all accessories, cleaned by professional: $150. Call 424-1614.

Yard/patio fountain - three foot, faux gray stone, motor, purchased from Colonial for $900, will sell for $450. Call Ext. 1749.

Patio set – dark green iron table, four chairs (two rockers), two cushions, umbrella, and stand. Purchased from Colonial for $1,100, will sell for $550. Call Ext. 1749.

Mauve loveseat: $75; large entertainment center: $50; large oak coffee table: $40; oak/maple dining room set - with two leaves, seats six: $160. Contact Donna Hopf, Ext. 1906, 423-9788, or dhopf@usi.edu.

Color computer monitor - Viewsonic, 17-inch, one-and-one-half years old. Comes with CD and accessories. Excellent condition (owner selling to get a flat screen): $150 (negotiable). Call Michelle, 465-1138 or 476-4157.

For rent


Pets

Black Lab puppies - will be six weeks old March 12: $125. Call Caitlin, 812/568-6027.

Free to good home - two-and-one-half-year-old beagle/terrier mix. Small dog is very loving, good with kids, spayed, and house trained. Due to health problems, can no longer have pet. Call Ext. 1980 or 7194.

EDITOR’S NOTE: “Marketplace,” a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fund raisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.

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