Trustees approve budget

The USI Board of Trustees approved a $59.3 million operating budget and implemented a 9.8 percent tuition increase for the 2002-03 academic year at its regular board meeting July 1.

Much of the operating budget, which increased by 6.3 percent, will be funded through additional student tuition/fees. State support will increase less than 1 percent next year. The loss of state funding eliminated $800,000 from technology funds and $600,000 in repair and renovation. Another $2.5 million was deferred and may or may not be provided in the future.

University officials told trustees it was necessary to increase fees to cover expected and unavoidable increases in areas such as property and liability insurance, health insurance, and water/sewer rates.

Undergraduate students who are Indiana residents will pay $10.25 more per hour in student fees in the fall. Indiana resident graduate students will pay $15 more per hour. The new per-credit-hour fee will be $113 for in-state undergraduates and $166.25 for in-state graduate students. The average tuition increase for Indiana's other public universities is 11.9 percent.

"It is our intention to retain the position among public four-year institutions for having the lowest fees in the state," said USI President H. Ray Hoops. "USI continues to be the most affordable of the state's baccalaureate institutions."

A new technology fee of $5 per credit hour will begin in the spring semester. It will generate about half of the lost state-funded technology appropriation. It is typical for universities to charge a technology fee, and this is the first time USI has implemented one. The transportation and parking fee will increase $5, supporting the cost of the campus shuttle and additional parking lots on campus.

The newly approved budget supports several new faculty and staff positions related to enrollment growth and new degree programs. A modest amount of operating support is provided for the new Science and Education Center now under construction.

During the trustees' annual meeting, David Huber of Cannelton, Ind., was named board chair. Huber is an attorney with the firm of Zoercher, Huber, and Goffinet in Tell City, Ind. He follows James L. Will Sr. of Evansville, who had served as chair since 1999.

Other officers are G. Patrick Hoehn of Floyds Knobs, Ind., vice president for finance; Bruce H. Baker of Newburgh, vice president for long-range planning; and Louise S. Bruce of Tell City, secretary.

Partridge to lead Honors Program

Dr. Dane Partridge, associate professor of management, has been appointed director of the Honors Program at USI. He is replacing Dr. Phyllis Toy, associate professor of English, who had directed the program since its inception in 1997.

“The Honors Program has made great strides due to Phyllis' leadership,” Partridge said. “It's now well-positioned to continue its growth and provide opportunities for highly motivated students to reach their full potential.”

Since the first honors students were admitted in 1998, the program has averaged about 85 new students each year. Applicants scoring 1200 and above on the SAT or 27 and above on the ACT are automatically accepted, but prospective honors students who did not score at those levels also are encouraged to apply. In addition to test scores, high school grade point average, class rank, and extracurricular activities are among the factors considered during the admission process.

“The primary objective is to help these most able and motivated students reach their full potential. We give them enhanced opportunities. They are able to work on projects that go above and beyond what they would do in a regular class,” Partridge said.

“I think the program has contributed significantly to the University, and it has some great potential in the future. From 1998 to 2001, the number of incoming freshmen enrolling at USI with test scores 1200 and above or 27 and above increased 82 percent. The Honors Program helps the University to be increasingly competitive in attracting and recruiting highly talented high school graduates from around the region.”

As director, Partridge hopes to further develop a sense of community within the program and to increase the number of honors courses available in students' majors to complement those offered in the University Core Curriculum.

“Those are going to be two of my priorities,” Partridge said. “Those were goals in the first four years, and we're going to give those continued attention.”

Honors classes at USI stress the interrelatedness of knowledge; skill in oral and written communication of ideas; and methods and techniques for the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of information. The designation, “University Honors Scholar,” is awarded to those students who successfully complete the honors curriculum, a distinction noted on both the student's diploma and official transcript.

Prior to joining the USI faculty in 1993, Partridge taught at Virginia Tech. He left the University in 1997 and taught at Radford University and Roanoke College before returning to USI in 1999. He holds a bachelor's degree in public policy studies from Michigan State University and a master's and Ph.D. in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

Kids Day July 24 at amphitheatre

A shortened performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic The Sound of Music will be featured at Lincoln Amphitheatre’s Kids Day July 24. A tradition at the summer theatre, Kids Day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with special activities designed for children and their families.

Lincoln State Park naturalists will lead a scavenger hunt through the forest that Abraham Lincoln explored as a child.
Other activities will include miming, wearable art, face painting, clay creations, and a cooking class. Tours of the Colonel William Jones House, a restored home in Gentryville that Lincoln visited in 1844, and Buffalo Run, an area buffalo farm, will be available. Nominal fees are charged for some of the activities.

"Kids Day is an important part of each season at Lincoln Amphitheatre," said Elliot Wasserman, artistic director. "A theatre experience designed for children can spur their imaginations and create opportunities for good dialogue with children about the themes our production presents, so that even the drive home becomes an important part of the day, a time for parents, grandparents, and children to bond."

Kids Day tickets are $6 per person, and lunch is available for an additional $4. Call 800/264-4223 for reservations or a detailed schedule of the Kids Day events.

The amphitheatre hosted a Kids Day for Young Abe Lincoln, which is presented in repertory with The Sound of Music, July 10.

Evening performances of The Sound of Music are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. July 12, 14, 18, 20, 26, 28, August 1, 3, 9, and 10. Additional performances of Young Abe Lincoln will be at 7:30 p.m. July 13, 19, 21, 25, 27, August 2, 4, and 8. A 1:30 p.m. senior citizens' matinee of Young Abe Lincoln will be presented July 18.

Regular ticket prices are $15 adult; $13 seniors 60+; $8 children under 18; $40 season pass; $8 per person Sunday Family Night; and $22 for both Young Abe Lincoln and The Sound of Music. USI employees receive $3 off the adult ticket price by presenting a valid Eagle Access Card.

For tickets or additional information call 800/264-4223 or visit www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com. The amphitheatre, located in Lincoln State Park, Lincoln City, Ind., is produced by USI in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and support from the Indiana Arts Commission.  ❖❖❖

Rip-roarin’ musical wraps up NHT season

The 2002 New Harmony Theatre season will conclude with the down-home fun of Pump Boys and Dinettes.

The Pump Boys sell high octane on Highway 57, and the Dinettes run the Double Cupp diner next door. Together, they fashion a musical that is a celebration of friendship and life’s simple pleasures.

The show will open at 8 p.m. July 26. Additional performances will be presented at 8 p.m. July 27, August 2, 3, 9, and 10; 7:30 p.m. August 1 and 8; and 2 p.m. July 28, August 4, and 11.

Tickets are $20 adult, $18 senior/student, and $17 for groups of 20 or more. USI employees will receive a $3 discount by presenting a valid Eagle Access Card. For tickets or additional information call 812/682-3115 or visit www.newharmonytheatre.com.

The New Harmony Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre produced by USI with support from the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Productions are staged at Murphy Auditorium in New Harmony, Ind.

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Children’s show opening at amphitheatre

Lincoln Amphitheatre’s Theatre for Young Audiences will present Rutherford Wolf at 2 p.m. July 20 and August 10 at the Little Pigeon Creek Playhouse on the amphitheatre grounds in Lincoln City, Ind.

The play, appropriate for children in preschool through fifth grade, follows Rutherford as he gets lost in the forest while trying to get to the city and away from the pollen that is driving his allergies crazy. The wolf, a vegetarian, meets his friends Little Red Riding Hood, Peter, and The Three Little Pigs along the way, but no one will help him find his way out of the forest.

Tickets for Rutherford Wolf, $1.99, are available at amphitheatre productions and by calling 800/264-4223. For more information, visit www.lincoln-amphitheatre.com.

Additional touring performances of Rutherford Wolf are being planned July 16 and 23. Organizations interested in bringing the show to their areas should call 800/264-4A BE.

Lincoln Amphitheatre, presenting Young Abe Lincoln and The Sound of Music in repertoire through August 10, is produced by USI in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and support from the Indiana Arts Commission.  ❖❖❖

Names in the news

Achievements

Dr. David Jaques and Dr. Edie McClellan, assistant professors of psychology, each presented a poster at the 14th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society in June in New Orleans. Jaques’ presentation, with coauthors Sharon Stein, Katharine Reuss, Ebony Irving, and Rebecca Saunders, all of Ferrum College in Virginia, was titled “Developmental Shift in Patterns of Unintentional Injury.” McClellan’s poster was titled “Facilitating the Online Course: Suggestions for Active Learning Assignments.”

Welcome

Heather B. Blasco has accepted the position of instructional services librarian in Library Services. The Evansville resident holds a B.S.J. from Ohio University and an M.L.S. from Indiana University. She served as a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation intern for the State of Indiana from June 2001 to May 2002.

A USI graduate has accepted the position of manager of housing operations in Residence Life. Greg Wagener previously served as a captain in the U.S. Army. The Evansville resident holds both an A.S. ‘80 and a B.S. ‘82 in communications from USI and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College Combined Arms and Services Staff School, which is the executive agent for the Army’s Leader Development Program.

Zach Weigand ’02 has accepted the position of graphic artist in Printing Services. The Evansville resident previously worked as a student worker in the Physical Plant and as a student graphic artist in Printing Services. He holds a B.S. in art with graphic design emphasis from USI, where he was on the dean’s list and won USI Art Show purchase awards and a scholarship from the Advertising Club of Evansville.

Promotions and transfers

☐ Renee Rowland, from program director, First Year Initiatives, to assistant director of Student Development/program director, First Year Initiatives.

Grants

☐ Historic New Harmony, $125,000 for general operating support from the Lilly Endowment Inc.  ❖❖❖

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www.usi.edu/newsinfo/newnotes.asp
**Otter ball**

USI Night with the Otters will be held August 4 at Bosse Field. The cost - $6 per person, $2 children 5 and younger - includes a game ticket and sandwiches, chips, and beverages before the game. The dinner will be from 4 to 6 p.m. across the street from the field. Play will get underway at 6:05 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the Recreation and Fitness Center at extension 1904.

**Golf tournament**

Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh will host its 2002 Memorial Endowment Tournament benefiting the USI Athletic Scholarship Endowment Sunday and Monday, July 14 and 15. For additional information, call USI Foundation at extension 1918.

**Summer sessions**

The second summer session will conclude Friday, July 12, and open registration for the third summer session will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, July 15, in the office of the student's major. Classes in the third summer session will begin Tuesday, July 16, and late registration will continue until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, in the Office of the Registrar. For more information, e-mail kkdupont@usi.edu.

**Newsletter deadline**

Friday, July 19, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes, Friday, July 26. 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 "M marketplace" column should be sent to Karen Altstadt, online editor.

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**Marketplace**

**For sale**

- **113 North Woods** - three bedrooms, one bath, carport, and workshop. M other-in-law's house in backyard. Roof, furnace, and water heater all less than 5 years old, $69,000. Call Jack, 425-2032.

- **5201 Daniel Ave.** - quiet westside neighborhood near USI, 6-year-old ranch with many wonderful features on two acres of land. Three bedrooms, two-and-one-half baths, 2,700 sq. ft., excellent condition, $229,000. View the home: www.hfsbo.com/. Call 402-3031.

- **Mount Vernon home** - 919 Lower New Harmony Road. Two bedrooms, one bath, extra-large rooms, over 1,200 sq. ft., fenced yard. Newer furnace/ac/roof. Completely updated and remodeled. Call Teresa, 838-4479, for an appointment.

- **1244 Oriole Circle** - five bedrooms, two baths, 2,338 sq. ft., two stories, mature trees, formal living room, large country kitchen, den with woodburner and French doors, screened porch, chain-link fenced backyard, two-car attached garage with attic storage, above-ground pool with deck, new furnace and gas water heater, central air, $104,500. Contact 812/838-3228, 812/455-2300, or s.londt@att.net.

- **2000 Saturn SL2** - reduced! 28K miles, sunroof, spoiler, custom stereo, remote keyless entry with alarm system, $9,950. Call Mandi, Ext. 1067.


- **Futon** - single-size, like-new, wooden frame, mattress cover, $70 OBO; cabinet - cherry colored double-door and drawer with custom-made hunter green counter top, $75 OBO; cabinet - corner with front and side door, excellent condition, can be used as upper or floor cabinet, hunter green cabinet top, $75 OBO. Call Stacy, 465-7110.


- **Books** - lots of Stephen King hardbacks in great shape: $5 each or three for $12. E-mail cnorrick@usi.edu.

- **Signet clarinet with case** - just replaced pads and cords. Great for student: $250. Call Caitlin, 464-1899 (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or 491-3688 (2 to 9 p.m.).

- **Dinette** - medium-color wood, oblong shape, two leaves, eight chairs, good condition, $550. Call 422-7525.

- **Well-Trol diaphragm pressure tank** - 40 gal., $40; oak youth bed frame with trundle and brass fixtures - $40; like-new single bed mattress, inner spring, frame - $100; queen size oak waterbed - with liner, mattress, and storage space in headboard, $75. Call Ext. 1709 or 479-3409.

- **One-half carat marquise-cut diamond ring** - 14K, very thick, solid 14K mounting. Center diamond is marquise cut with channel-set round diamonds on each side. Appraised at $1,400, will take $800. Call Ext. 1831.

**Pet**

- White Jack Russell terrier - needs good home. Free to a family with lots of love and time, 11 months old. Has been around children and is very good with them. Call 424-8547 or Ext. 1840.

**For rent**


**Sam's Club**

- Sam's Club will host a USI Employee Shopping Weekend from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 12, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 13, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 14. Interested persons may obtain a shopping pass at the Sam's Service Desk by present- ing proof of employment.

**Services**

- Energetic and conscientious high school student seeking housecleaning work for special occasions or on a regular basis. Hourly rate: $7. Contact Johannah (Joey) Rivers, 423-7101.

**Wanted**

- Donations of used games, puzzles, aquariums, etc. for use in residence halls and lobby. Contact Pat Jordan, 468-2300 or pjordan@usi.edu.