



Magazine



The inauguration of
President Linda L. M. Bennett

FROM THE EDITOR

Earning prestigious internships

In this issue, we feature an article on the USI Foundation pages about junior biology major Andrew Walker. He completed an internship during the summer at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, which currently ranks tops in the nation for cancer care in the listing of America's Best Hospitals by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Another student who received a prestigious summer internship is Sunny Huang, a junior chemistry major who was a research assistant at Mayo Clinic. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks Mayo second on its 2009-10 honor roll of hospitals that score high in six or more specialties. Watch for a story on Huang soon in *The Periodic Review* newsletter for the Pott College of Science and Engineering.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is another organization that recently selected USI students as interns. If you frequent the USI web pages, you may have read about engineering major Ken Schnautz, who spent fall semester at Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Two other engineering majors—Alex Schnautz (Ken's brother) and Katie Funke—had NASA internships in recent years.

As USI President Linda L. M. Bennett said in her inaugural address, our educational programs are growing in reputation. We are pleased that the nation's top hospitals and our country's agency for space exploration and scientific discovery recognize the excellence of our students.



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USI President Linda L. M. Bennett accepts congratulations from her predecessors. Former presidents Dr. David L. Rice, center, and Dr. H. Ray Hoops placed the presidential medallion on Bennett during her inauguration as the University's third president. See page 10.

Enrollment tops 10,500 students

University of Southern Indiana enrollment continues to climb. At the end of registration for fall semester, the student count reached 10,516, an enrollment record. Enrollment was 10,126 in 2008.

For fall 2009, 9,648 undergraduates are enrolled and 868 graduate students. Freshman enrollment is at 2,093. Freshman class quality is demonstrated by the average SAT scores of 2022 for Presidential Scholars and 2062 for Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine scholars. Overall, the traditional-aged freshman's grade point average exceeds the 3.0 level on a 4.0 scale. Departmental scholarships increased from 1,018 to 1,068. There was a four percent increase among first-year students who automatically qualified for the USI Honors Program.

The enrollment increases are seen in the number of students who are continuing at USI and students who are transferring to USI.

"The retention of students continues to be a priority for the faculty. Through their efforts, more students are continuing at USI," said Dr. Nadine Coudret, interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Transfer students increased by 23 percent, another growth mark.

The ROTC program and veterans also impact the increase. The ROTC program, now in its ninth year, has 60 cadets in the program and 25 are entering freshmen. Veterans enrolled at USI are up by 20 percent plus.

Minority and international students represent more than



10 percent of the student population, and African American students, the largest minority population at USI, represent five percent. International students come from 63 countries.

More than 5,000 students come from Vanderburgh County and contiguous counties.

The percentage of full-time students increased to 77 percent and 60 percent of the students are female, a figure that has remained constant in recent years.

Twenty-four percent of the students are adult learners over 25 years of age.

This year's students are from 91 Indiana counties and 41 other states.

Governor Daniels holds forum

Governor Mitch Daniels visited an economics class in October to hold an open question-and-answer session. Students posed questions about Indiana's dependence on coal, the INShape fitness initiative, and a variety of other topics. The governor congratulated the students on their pursuit of higher education and urged them to take challenging courses and develop good communication skills to enhance their opportunities in the job market. He said the state continues to improve its ability to retain and attract new business. To prepare for the governor's visit, economics instructor Tim Mahoney surveyed students about ways the state government directly affects them. USI President Linda L. M. Bennett, seated left, attended the class.



State budget includes a new on-campus teaching theatre

The Indiana General Assembly has approved \$15 million in bonding authority for a teaching theatre to be located on campus. The long-awaited project was approved in July.

The University's operating appropriation in 2009-10 will be \$39,044,222, a decrease of approximately 3.3 percent from the previous year. In 2010-11, the University's operating appropriation will increase by .3 percent to \$39,172,365.

In its special session, the General Assembly also appropriated funds to restore operating support to the fiscal year 2009 level to institutions of higher education through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The University will receive approximately \$3 million over the biennium to be used for one-time expenditures and \$1.4 million in 2009-11 for repair and rehabilitation projects.

The teaching theatre, to replace the current off-campus facility and supporting buildings, was the University's number one capital priority for the 2009-11 biennium. The proposed 350-seat theatre will replace the 50-year-old off-campus theatre located four miles from campus. That facility is in the path of the future widening of Highway 62/the Lloyd Expressway.

Plans for construction of a performing arts facility have been part of the University's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan since 1991-93. The proposed teaching theatre will be constructed adjacent to the expanded University Center. The initial authorization by the General Assembly allows the University to move forward on design of the project, which must then be reviewed by the Commission for Higher Education and the State Budget

Committee before funds are released for construction.

Cynthia S. Brinker, USI vice president for Government and University Relations, said the University must carefully evaluate how to spend the federal stimulus money. "It's wonderful that we have these funds to fill in the gap, and it is going to bridge a difficult time, but we have to be mindful of the fact that the stimulus money is one-time funding and does not provide ongoing dollars. These funds will not carry into the 2011-13 biennium."

Brinker acknowledged the hard work of local representatives during a tough special legislative session. "We are very appreciative of the work of our local legislative delegation and of the fiscal leaders in both the house and senate for their support of the University of Southern Indiana," she said.

Governor appoints Raikes as student trustee

Lauren K. Raikes of Speedway, Indiana, will serve a two-year term as student trustee on the USI Board of Trustees. Governor Mitch Daniels made the appointment.

Raikes holds the James J. and Sally H. Giancola Endowed Presidential Scholarship at USI and carries a 4.0 grade point average. She is a member of the Honors Program and serves as a student ambassador and a member of the Pott College of Science and Engineering Advisory Board. She also is a member of the Pre-Professional Health Club, a student organization at USI, and was a participant in the USI Honors Symposium. She plans to graduate in May 2011.

"The experiences I have had thus far as the student trustee have been rewarding," Raikes said. "It has been an eye-opening experience to see the inner-workings of the University, and it has made me more appreciative of my education and proud to be a student at USI. The inauguration events only increased my excitement about the next two years of my appointment on the University Board of Trustees."



Raikes

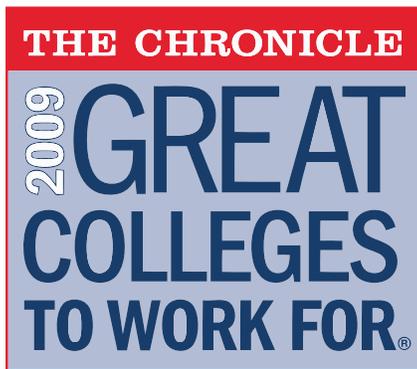
Trustees Boots, Ziemer recognized

USI trustees Ira G. Boots and Ted C. Ziemer Jr. were recognized recently by community organizations.

The Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana honored Boots and Berry Plastics Corporation. Boots is chairman and chief executive officer of Berry Plastics. He was named Richard A. Schlottman Business Person of the Year for his thoughtful and visionary guidance of the company. Berry Plastics was recognized as Norman P. Wagner Business of the Year for its significant contribution to Southwest Indiana's economy.

As executive in residence for the College of Business during fall semester, Boots proposed a business plan competition that pairs Berry Plastics with students to develop innovative ideas to improve upon the cardboard take-out box for pizza. The competition is in progress.

The Vanderburgh County Community Foundation recognized Ziemer at its Spirit of Giving Award luncheon with the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award. Ziemer was chair of the USI Foundation Board of Directors during the University's first capital campaign, which exceeded its \$10.5 million goal. *Campaign USI* raised more than \$18 million in gifts and pledges. Ziemer also has led successful fundraising efforts for the Daughters of Charity, St. Mary's Medical Center, and Holy Rosary Catholic Church.



USI rated great place to work

University of Southern Indiana is one of 150 colleges to be recognized for workplace policies in *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* second annual Great Colleges to Work For survey. *The Chronicle* is a major source of news, information, and jobs for college and university faculty and administrators.

USI is recognized in two categories. 1) facilities and security, and 2) physical work space conditions.

Herrenbrucks are top volunteers

For their commitment to USI Athletics and the Varsity Club, Bruce and Terri Herrenbruck have received the 2009 USI Volunteer of the Year Award.

Bruce Herrenbruck has donated 1,123 volunteer hours to USI since 1996, when the Volunteer USI program was initiated. Terri Herrenbruck has given the University 829 volunteer hours. The two have been active in the Varsity Club's golf scramble, Fall Festival booth, Steak Fry 'n Auction, and Outback luncheon. They have hosted the organization's board and spouses at their home.



Terri and Bruce Herrenbruck

Sandy Hatfield, retired Athletics administrative assistant and current Varsity Club chair, said, "I could always depend on either Bruce or Terri for any job that I had."

The Herrenbrucks were recognized in September at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The Volunteer USI Advisory Council and the Office of Alumni and Volunteer Services host the annual event to acknowledge and thank USI's outstanding volunteers. The Herrenbrucks' names will be placed on a permanent plaque displayed in the University Center.



Andy Zellers served two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Southern Watch.

USI services support veterans' education

As veterans take advantage of the education benefits in the new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, USI provides enhanced services to support them in their continuing education or transition to college life.

Andy Zellers '05, assistant registrar, is a former air traffic control specialist for the U.S. Navy. He enjoys working with veterans. "I understand where they've been," he said, "and I want to make it easier for them than it was for me. There's more support for veterans on campus now than when I was a student. We work to identify veterans sooner so we can reach out to them."

Zellers is sponsor of the Student Veterans Association organized last spring. The group recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University. The funds were used to conduct a Veterans Day Remembrance event. The grant also will support a spring fundraiser to benefit the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, an organization that fulfills short-term housing and other needs for veterans.

USI recently was named one of 1,000 "military-friendly schools" by *G.I. Jobs* magazine.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "We are pleased to provide an enhanced network of support for veterans enrolled at USI and proud of our military-friendly recognition. The sacrifice and efforts that these veterans have expended in our behalf need to be recognized and appreciated. We are committed to supporting their success here at USI."

Cooper Award winner gets rave reviews for raps

The 2009 recipient of the University Core Curriculum's H. Lee Cooper Teaching Award is especially creative in furthering the UCC goals of helping students develop skills in critical thinking and information processing. As the Cooper Award winner, Barbara S. Kalvelage will deliver a presentation to the University community during this academic year. She may be the first to rap it.



Barbara Kalvelage reminds students to be careful with Leroy, the model skeleton in her lab.

Kalvelage, instructor in biology, teaches the Core course BIO 105: Biology of Human Concern. Most of her students are non-science majors, who often approach science classes with fear and trepidation, and she uses an unconventional but effective approach to help them succeed.

Her rap starts on the first day of class and continues through the last. She raps about the elements, the reproductive system, anatomy, or the lecture topic of the day. "They get pieces of the rap throughout the semester," she said. "Some of the questions on the final are right from the rap. I ask them how many naturally occurring elements there are in the world. It's 92, and it's in the rap."

"If it's in the rap," she said, "they remember it."

Her efforts have made her popular with students. In May, the Student Government Association presented Kalvelage with its Faculty Member of the Year award. She is currently ranked 13th on RateMyProfessor.com's list of the Top 50 Hottest Professors in the nation. Her page is full of raves citing her teaching methods and commitment to student success.

The Cooper award is named in honor of H. Lee Cooper, long-time friend and supporter of USI.

Two advisors win national awards

Two academic advisors in University Division Advising were recognized for outstanding advising at the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) conference in San Antonio, Texas.

JoEllen Bush is the recipient of a 2009 Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit in the Primary Advising category. Patricia Beagle is the recipient of a 2009 Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit in the Primary Advising category.

Dr. Brian Posler, assistant provost for Undergraduate Studies, said, "The fine work of these advisors is part of the

reason that USI had record retention this year. University Division advisors work hard to improve the academic experience and success of first- and second-year students."



Bush



Beagle

Arts Council honors Michael Aakhus

Michael Aakhus, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of art, is the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana's 2009 Artist of the Year.

Aakhus' works have been exhibited in solo and juried exhibitions throughout the country and in Mexico and are part of many private collections.



Aakhus

He has organized and led numerous community and student trips to Mexico and Latin America over the years.

CAR recognized for work in innovation discovery

The USI Center for Applied Research received the Federal Laboratories Consortium Partnership Award for the development of a process to help Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division capture innovations by its scientists and engineers in order to identify potential intellectual property.

The Innovation Discovery Process, designed by Dr. Susan J. Ellspermann, director of CAR, and Gene Recker, manager of education and entrepreneurship for USI at Innovation Pointe, is a model for federal research laboratories across the country.

Meet the top scholars in 2009-10 freshman class

Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship Recipients

The Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (B/MD) Scholarship program offers admission to USI and a provisional seat in the Indiana University School of Medicine, a full-tuition waiver for the undergraduate program, and special opportunities to conduct undergraduate research.

Jonathan Behrens (biology)
Reitz Memorial High School
Newburgh, Indiana
Edward F. Harrison B/MD Scholarship

Preston Edge (chemistry)
Reitz Memorial High School
Newburgh, Indiana
Victor V. Schriefer Jr. Endowed B/MD Scholarship

Brace Gibson (biology)
Harrison High School
Evansville, Indiana
Dolores DeWitt and Charles H. Browning and Jennifer M. and Mark D. Browning Endowed B/MD Scholarship

Laura Mason (psychology)
Shelbyville High School
Shelbyville, Indiana
Krueger Family Foundation B/MD Scholarship

Presidential Scholars

Presidential Scholarships cover tuition, laboratory fees, books, and room and board for four years.

Melody Dalton (nursing)
Eastern High School
Pekin, Indiana
Edward F. Harrison Presidential Scholarship

Victoria Daugherty (occupational therapy)
Carroll High School
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Edgar W. and Lucile E. Schergens Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Susan Ellsperman (biology)
Reitz Memorial High School
Newburgh, Indiana
Harold W. Ashley Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Patrick Elpers (engineering)
Mater Dei High School
Evansville, Indiana
Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof Presidential Scholarship

Kaitlyn Griffin (chemistry)
Roncalli High School
Indianapolis, Indiana
Stanley B. and Ruth C. Atkinson Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Christopher Holt (chemistry)
Benjamin Bosse High School
Evansville, Indiana
Fred C. Newman Family Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Anna McManaway (political science)
Central High School
Evansville, Indiana
Jennings D. and Josephine K. Carter Presidential Scholarship

Kristen Schmeisser (communications)
New Castle Chrysler High School
New Castle, Indiana
Olive Carruthers Clifft Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Kelsey Shields (occupational therapy)
Monrovia Jr.-Sr. High School
Mooresville, Indiana
Integra Bank Presidential Scholarship

Austin Uebelhor (Spanish)
Forest Park High School
Ferdinand, Indiana
Rebecca Nunn Couch Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Deans Scholars

The Deans Scholarships provide \$2,000 toward tuition.

Katie Bickett (English)
Gallatin County High School
Ridgway, Illinois
Z. Olen & Inez G. Pumphrey Deans Scholarship

Christina Hamon (occupational therapy)
Harrison High School
Evansville, Indiana
Bess C. and Elmer W. Halwes Memorial Deans Scholarship

Nolan Harvath (biology)
East Fairmont High School
Fairmont, West Virginia
Edward F. Harrison Deans Scholarship

Cherise Hawkins (art)
Northeast Dubois High School
Dubois, Indiana
Olive Carruthers Clifft Endowed Deans Scholarship

Angela Horn (biology)
Westminster/Catawba High School
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Henry W. and Betty Jane Ruston
Deans Scholarship

Nicole Kerstiens (nursing)
Forest Park High School
Ferdinand, Indiana
Edward F. Harrison Deans
Scholarship

Kari Legg (social work)
Fairfield Community High School
Fairfield, Illinois
Frederick B. Riechmann Deans
Scholarship

Emily Meyer (business
administration)
Mercy Academy
Prospect, Kentucky
Aline Nunn Renner Deans
Scholarship

Joseph Price (engineering)
Francis J. Reitz High School
Evansville, Indiana
Henry J. and Hazel D. Bennighof
Deans Scholarship

Jordan Reese (biology)
Southridge High School
Huntingburg, Indiana
Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey
Deans Scholarship

Mexican short stories are The Big Read selection

Jorge Hernandez wrote, "Perhaps literature is the best lens through which to observe Mexico's soul." His words introduce *Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories*, an anthology of stories by Mexican writers.

His directive illustrates why *Sun, Stone, and Shadows* is Southwest Indiana's selection for The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts to help restore reading to the center of American culture. The effort will span March through May.

Dominic Micer, assistant professor of English, and Anne Statham, director of Service Learning and professor of sociology, applied and received a \$12,000 NEA grant to sponsor The Big Read in Southwest Indiana.

Micer said, "We had an opportunity to bring awareness to Mexican cultural heritage before any negative animus had been created between the fledgling immigrant populations from Latin America and the Southwestern Indiana community. I'm hopeful we can learn about and understand our differences better, so that we can use our likenesses as a platform to build on. Readers will enjoy and learn about our neighbors to the south and the latino/a neighbors that live among us here."

Community partners are joining USI in The Big Read. Statham said, "With our strong partnership with the HOLA community group, The Big Read is a way to extend the work. The Evansville Public Library and others are partners in the effort to educate many in our community about this growing population, our newer community members."

The stories represent a sample of the best Mexican fiction published the first half of the 20th century, featuring some of the most important writers of Hispanic-American literature.

Community partners are planning book discussions, art exhibitions, and children's programs surrounding the reading of the Mexican short stories. A schedule of the events will be published on the USI web site in February.



An exhibit on Nazi censorship
on loan from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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B/MD recipient Andrew Walker interns at America's top cancer hospital

Andrew Walker, a junior biology major, spent 10 weeks during the summer as a research assistant at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. The center is ranked the best cancer hospital in the United States by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Walker was among 30 students chosen from throughout the nation for Anderson's 2009 college internship program. At USI, he is the recipient of the Dolores DeWitt and Charles H. Browning and Jennifer M. and Mark D. Browning Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine Scholarship established in the USI Foundation.

Because Walker plans a career as a practicing physician, his desire was to work on research that was clinically oriented. After looking over a list of ongoing projects, he indicated a preference for a breast cancer study and received that assignment.

His mentors, associated with the Department of Surgical Oncology, were Dr. Anthony Lucci, a medical doctor, and Dr. Balraj Singh, who holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Their research, called "Translational Studies in Breast Cancer," studies mechanisms of breast cancer metastasis. Breast cancer often metastasizes to the bone marrow.

Walker's work consisted primarily of growing cell lines and doing Western



Andrew Walker contacted Dr. Jeanne Barnett to let her know that the knowledge and skills he gained in the course she taught on cell biology proved valuable in his work as a research assistant. Barnett is a longtime advisor to B/MD recipients, Presidential Scholars, and pre-med students.

blots, an analytical technique used to detect specific proteins, to see if the levels of proteins had changed in response to treatment with a drug.

"By targeting the problems in the proteins, you are able to help more people than by looking at only the genetic factors," he said.

Walker has a personal interest as well as an academic interest in cancer. His father Dennis Walker died from colon cancer in 2000.

"I love science and understanding how things work," he said. "I also love helping people. I don't think I can find a better way of combining my interests than by being a doctor."

Dr. Jeanne Barnett, professor of biology, said, "Andrew is academically gifted and capable of integrating new information with what he already knows. His questions are thoughtful and thought-provoking. These are characteristics that are found in successful scientists and researchers."

Walker is a math tutor for Academic Skills at USI. He has worked part-time for four years as a specimen processor at Deaconess Hospital.

Next summer, he hopes to return to the nation's fourth largest city to continue work on the same research.

"One of the best things about the summer was the connections I made," he said. "In fact, I would call them friendships. I worked one-on-one with top-notch faculty, surgeons, and Ph.D.s."

Walker is a 2007 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville.

2009 B/MD graduates begin medical school

The 2009 graduates who held Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine scholarships have begun medical school. The six B/MD scholars attend five different campuses of Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM).

Priyanka Arshanapalli, biology, IUSM-Northwest
 Sandeep Gurram, biology, IUSM-Bloomington
 Heather Keefer, biophysics, IUSM-Terre Haute
 Nathan Oakley, biology, IUSM-Evansville
 Sarah E. O'Donoghue, biology, IUSM-West Lafayette
 Priscilla Walker, food and nutrition, IUSM-Bloomington

Fred Kent makes leadership gift to Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship

Thanks to generous donors, the Linda and H. Ray Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship Fund continues to grow. A gift to the fund is a meaningful way to honor the service of USI's second president and his wife. Hoops retired in June.

The largest single gift to the fund to date is from Fred J. Kent of Newburgh, Indiana. Kent, who is retired from the family automobile business, is a past member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and continues as a member of the Foundation's Advisory Council.

"I've served on the Foundation 40 years, and I'm especially proud my funds are directed to the Linda and H. Ray Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship," Kent said.

His generous gift of \$20,000 brings the fund total to more than \$152,000 at press time. Private gifts totaling \$200,000 will perpetually endow a Presidential Scholarship. These scholarships attract some of Indiana's most outstanding high school graduates to USI. Donors will be recognized in March at the annual Presidential Scholarship luncheon.

The USI Foundation is accepting gifts to the Linda and H. Ray Hoops Endowed Presidential Scholarship.

Honor Roll of Donors

The 2009 *Annual Report and Honor Roll of Donors* is now available. This year's edition has fewer pages than usual, allowing the USI Foundation to conserve costs and offer a more environmentally friendly publication. See the complete list of donors and categories along with many photographs on the USI Foundation web site at www.usi.edu/foundation. Click on Honor Roll of Donors.



Make an impact now with a gift to the Annual Fund

Your gift to the USI Annual Fund goes to work immediately to provide scholarships for dedicated and deserving students, state-of-the-art technology for classrooms and labs, grants for faculty research, programs and activities that enrich student life, and many more resources.

"I couldn't be more grateful for the way in which this scholarship will help me continue to make an impact at USI, both in the classroom and on campus. This award will greatly reduce the financial burden of my education, allowing me to concentrate more fully on my studies."

Letitia Brooks

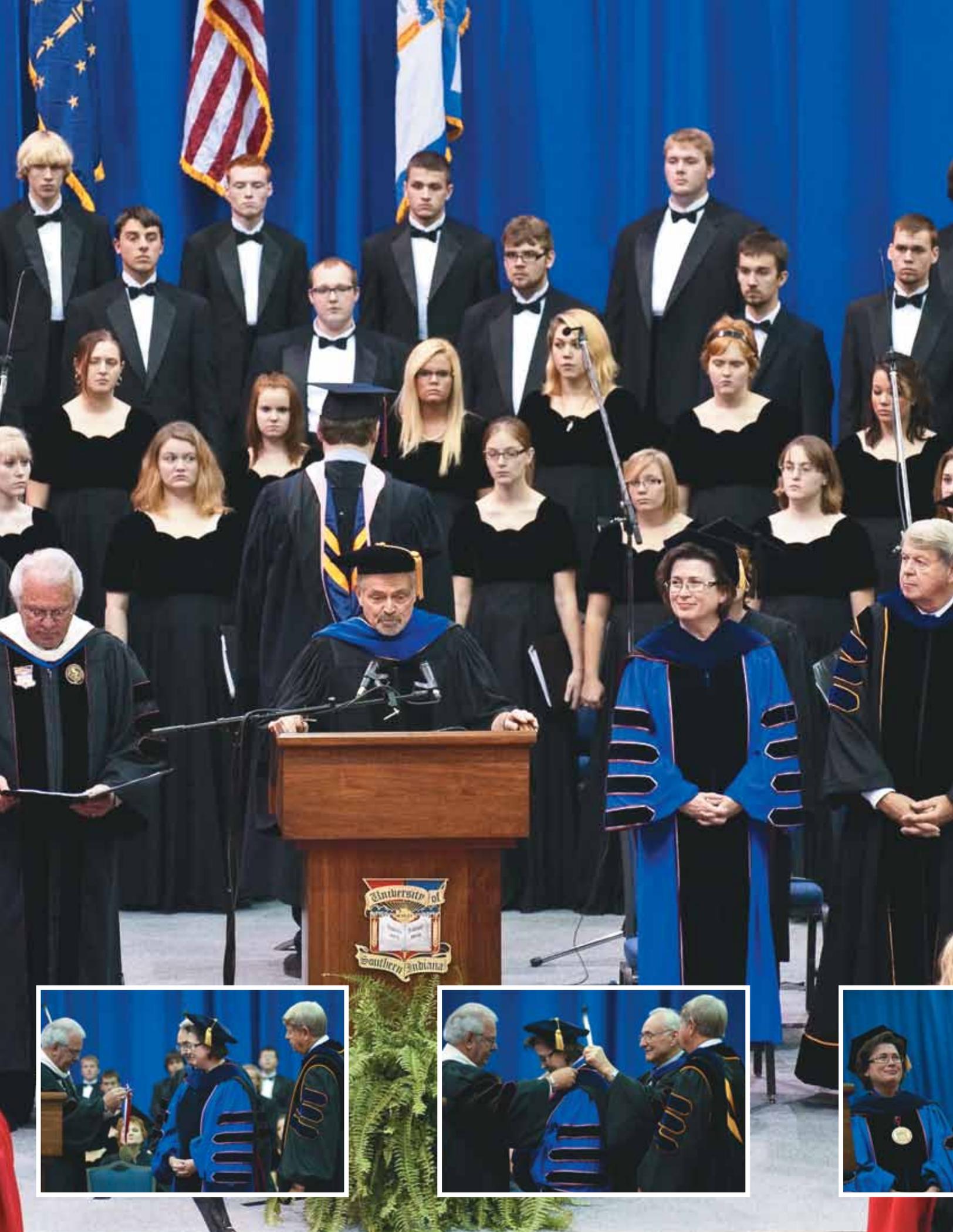
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The University's third president, Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, was inaugurated October 15 in a ceremony that brought together faculty, staff, alumni, students, friends, and representatives of the State of Indiana and other universities. The former provost and vice president for Academic Affairs assumed the presidency July 1. This year she is leading USI in its first strategic planning process. In her inaugural address, Bennett pledged her commitment to continuing the University's role of serving the common good.

Excerpts from the inaugural address

President Linda L. M. Bennett

Engaging the Future: Higher education and the common good

I stand here today as a beneficiary of the public education system. I started at the same place as many of our USI alumni and current students. My parents did not complete high school. In his junior year, my father left high school to join the Army during World War II; my mother was pulled home to be a young caretaker for her family before completing the eighth grade. My parents never owned a home and knew adversity most of their lives. They wanted much more for their children. Without the availability of a public education system and dedicated teachers at all levels, I would have travelled a different path in life. My appreciation for the University of Southern Indiana is deeply personal. I know the impact we are having and will have in the future.

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(Top) Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, grand marshal, proclaims the opening of the inauguration ceremony. (Bottom) John M. Dunn, chair of the USI Board of Trustees, and former presidents Dr. David L. Rice and Dr. H. Ray Hoops place the presidential medallion on the University's third president, Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett.

Higher education and the common good

Inaugural address continued

'Spillover' effects

Measuring the full benefits of higher education should include what some economists refer to as the "spillover" effects of higher education. Just to give you some examples:

- Increasing the proportion of a regional population holding a college degree results in increasing wages for all workers, including those without a high school degree.
- Unemployment and poverty rates are sharply lower among those with college degrees, resulting in far lower utilization of public assistance programs.
- Those with college degrees not only perceive themselves to be healthier, they usually are. They are more likely to seek preventive medical care that can prevent or forestall the onset of serious health conditions. They are less likely to smoke and more likely to exercise. College graduates also are more likely to donate blood.
- Volunteerism in the community increases with higher levels of education.
- The fundamental act of voting, essential to a democracy, is more prevalent among those with higher levels of education. And, as for the political arena, those with higher levels of education are more likely to be tolerant of those with differing opinions, a characteristic much to be desired in today's political discourse.
- Higher education also feeds the cultural life of a region with higher levels of support for the arts. When we talk about the economic development needs of a region, we should remember that the cultural arts are critical to a vibrant community.



Dr. Stephen E. Bennett, husband of USI President Linda L. M. Bennett, served as a delegate from the University of Cincinnati, where he is professor emeritus of political science. President Bennett earned undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees from the University of Cincinnati.



Faculty congratulate the new president. With Bennett are, from left, Anthony Schmitt, Deborah Carl, Jennifer Titzer, and Dr. Ann White.

What others say

She is a good fit

"In our view, the school could not have found a better fit as a successor to H. Ray Hoops.

"She [Linda L. M. Bennett] knows USI well, having served six years as provost and vice president of academic affairs. Her personal experiences as a student, educator and administrator should serve her and the university well as she sets about to write USI's first strategic plan during the coming year."

*Evansville Courier and Press
October 19, 2009*

Women in college presidencies

"She [Linda L. M. Bennett] also will become one of nine women serving as a college president in Indiana, compared with 29 men. Nationally, about 23 percent of all college presidents are women, according to the American Council on Education, up from 10 percent in 1986."

*Indianapolis Star
October 12, 2009*



Former trustees, including Thomas F. McKenna, center, were among members of the University community who gathered for the ceremony.

Our touchstone

Service to a greater good was a primary reason the University of Southern Indiana was created. It is our touchstone, and our mettle has been tested many times as the University has grown. But 44 years after our founding and a mere 24 years after our emergence as a separate public university, there is little doubt that USI is delivering on the promise of its founding.

- In a region where post-secondary educational attendance was a reality for only one in three high school graduates in the 1980s, now three out of four high school graduates continue their education, and many at USI.
- USI graduates are renowned surgeons, bank executives, artists, leaders in K-12 education, fashion designers, accounting executives, lawyers, nurses, hospital administrators, elected officials — and they are involved in their communities.
- The University is deeply involved in economic development in the region, serving as the higher education partner at Innovation Pointe in downtown Evansville, as well as serving a variety of businesses and not-for-profit organizations through its Center for Applied Research.
- USI's stewardship role for many of the historic sites in New Harmony, as well as its cultural offerings through the New Harmony Theatre, the Ropewalk Writers Retreat, and the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art are significant contributions to cultural life in the region.
- And through its program, Connect with Southern Indiana, USI fosters the development of leadership in local communities throughout southwestern Indiana. This program received national recognition for innovation from the University Continuing Education Association in 2007.
- These activities are the main reason for recognition by the Carnegie Foundation, which in 2008 included USI among only 119 institutions nationwide to commend for the breadth of outreach and engagement efforts.



Bennett visits with Marvin and Joan Smith at a reception following the ceremony.

Below: (Left) Donald and Mary Durfee, left, and Carol Baker, right, join Bennett for a reception in New Harmony, Indiana. Mary Durfee, a close friend of the USI president, was a delegate from Michigan Technological University. (Right) Parents and students met the president at a picnic in the newly enlarged Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center during Parents and Families Weekend.



Higher education and the common good

Inaugural address continued

The future

So what is next for USI? That's the question we are working on with the first institution-wide strategic planning process, launched this fall. The approach is a bit different than many planning processes because we began by asking all members of our campus community to share a story about an experience at USI that reflects the nature of campus life. We then asked participants to share their dreams for USI. These early conversations have already revealed some compelling core values:

- A sense of community, based on mutual respect, with the kind of strong relationships many of us would characterize as a family;
- Outstanding educational programs that are growing in recognition;
- Dedication to our students, to their learning both inside the classroom and as responsible citizens;
- Our strong ties to the surrounding region and integration of engagement into curricula across campus; and
- Maintenance of an environment that makes it possible for more students to afford a quality education.

The University of Southern Indiana is well-positioned for leadership in public higher education. We all sense it. Now is the time for us to take the next steps in building the future for USI. We have great educational partners in this region and across the state of Indiana, and now is the time to strengthen those partnerships.

There are forces which encourage higher education institutions to collaborate on ways of building stronger networks to serve learners of all ages. We have taken a step in that direction as regional colleges and universities have gathered to cooperate on ways of helping Whirlpool employees through the closure of that plant. Our recognition that the greater good is best served through collaborative efforts must shape other endeavors as well.

The future always holds challenges, but it also holds great opportunities. I look forward to my service as president of this great university, and I know we will work together to continue USI's commitment to serving the common good. That dedication, and the impact we have on our students and the quality of their lives, are what define us as an outstanding comprehensive public university.

For a complete transcript of Bennett's inaugural address
<http://www.usi.edu/president/inauguration/speech.aspx>



Michael Aakhus, right, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of art, introduces Christine Reising '79, center, to Bennett during an alumni reception in the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries.



University of Evansville President Stephen G. Jennings, left, and Butler University President Bobby Fong, center, visit with USI trustee Ted Ziemer prior to the ceremony.



Darla J. Olberding, right, chair of the USI/New Harmony Foundation, welcomes Bennett at a reception for friends of Historic New Harmony.



Middle initials: L. M.

Are you wondering about the middle initials in President Linda L. M. Bennett's name? For the record, the "L" stands for Louise, her middle name. The "M" stands for Mayfield, her maiden name.

Congratulatory statements came from universities throughout the country. Bennett was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Appalachian State University before joining USI in 2003.

STRATEGIC Plan

Reflections...

Part of something big

"When I returned as a nontraditional student, I realized that professors I had in class some 20 years earlier still recognized my face. They knew my name, and I felt at home. I want that experience to be carried on for others who come to USI—whether they come as a student, guest, conference participant, employee, or alum. I want them to be comfortable with USI and feel a part of a much bigger thing."



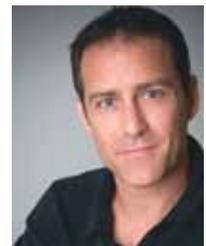
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Phyllis Oeth '81
Assistant Director of Special Events
USI Special Events and Scheduling Services

Directions...

Time to shout from the rooftops

"I think it's time we got a little swagger. By that, I mean we have a beautiful campus with new buildings going up. We're recruiting incredible students with amazing stories. We have faculty and staff that are doing really great work. We need to be shouting that from the rooftops."



Scharf

Ed Scharf
Web Developer
USI Web Services

Be a part of the strategic planning initiative

What makes the University of Southern Indiana a special place to you? What is your vision or dream for USI?

A strategic planning process, initiated by USI President Linda L. M. Bennett, is in progress. Faculty, staff, friends, and alumni can participate by sharing a personal story about USI and their thoughts about what lies ahead for the University. Comments are captured in text and short video clips. Input will be incorporated into the strategic planning process.

Share your stories and vision for USI and see what others have to say.

www.usi.edu/president/strategicplan/

Learn about USI

Southern Hospitality Days

During a Southern Hospitality Day visit, prospective students and their families will find a warm welcome at USI. Administrators, faculty, and current students are available to provide information that will help students make a better decision about a college choice. There is no cost to attend.

Students may submit an application for enrollment during the program, but there is no class registration or academic advising provided.

Shannon Hile, transfer coordinator/special events, plans the activities for these special days. She said, "Visiting a college campus is the best way to know if it's the right school for you. When

you visit, you have the opportunity to learn more about our strong academic programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and scholarship opportunities. But more than that, our visitors get a glimpse of the USI experience and that's something that can't be understood merely through brochures or visiting the web site. They meet top-caliber students who are enthusiastic about the University. They listen to professors who are passionate about teaching. They experience this all while walking across the 1,400 acres that house a breathtaking backdrop of academic facilities and the beauty that is Southern Indiana."



Spotlight on Student Ambassadors



Raul Ramirez

Senior Raul Ramirez says the atmosphere at Southern Hospitality Days tells visitors a lot of what they need to know about the University of Southern Indiana.

"When you come, you get to know the USI community and how well everybody works together for the students. At USI, everything is for the students," Ramirez said. He is president of the Student Ambassador Organization (SAO) whose members lead tours and serve as hosts for the visitation days for prospective students and their families.

Ramirez stresses that Southern Hospitality Days offer more than a tour. "Everything is covered," he said about the quantity and quality of information available from academics to housing and foodservice. "Parents want to know where their kids sleep and what they're eating."

One of his favorite parts is the information fair held outside the Office of Admission in Orr Center.

"All the admission counselors are there mingling with people. Visitors like that the counselors are at their fingertips. They have an opportunity to ask one-on-one questions that they may have been too shy to ask during a group session."

Ramirez has acquired a depth of knowledge about USI from his campus involvement. He joined SAO as a freshman as a way of giving back in appreciation for his scholarship. "I wanted to be involved in an organization that would be not just for me, but for USI," he said.

A biology and Spanish major, he plans to attend medical school. He holds the Lewis and Anne Harpole Presidential Scholarship and in 2009 became the first Hispanic to be selected as Homecoming king. Ramirez also is president this year of the Honors Student Council and Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate foreign language honor society. He served as the student representative on the Presidential Search committee to select USI's third president, Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett. Ramirez is a graduate of Wood Memorial High School in Oakland City, Indiana.

Raul Ramirez



Spring 2010 Southern Hospitality Days

January 30

February 20

March 20

April 17

Register online to attend the Southern Hospitality Day of your choice.
www.usi.edu/ADMISSN/visit.asp

Cassie Paugh

Cassie Paugh wants students visiting campus to know they can thrive at USI. “I want to show them how I’ve grown and how I’ve succeeded from all the wonderful things USI has to offer,” she said.

Before Paugh became a student ambassador three years ago, she was an AMIGO orientation assistant. Preparation for that role included training to learn about each of USI’s five colleges and all aspects of the University. “And, there was a test,” she said.

Paugh served last year as membership chairperson for the Student Ambassador Organization, a volunteer group. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and is past vice president for membership. She also is a member of Order of Omega (a leadership honor society for members of the Greek community), the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Evansville Area Reading Council. As a student worker in the University Division, she understands the concerns of new students. University Division offers advising for students who are undecided about a major and provides tutoring and other academic services. She plays a number of intramurals, including flag football, badminton, and tennis.

Paugh also is involved in the Calling New Eagles program. She contacts freshmen to offer support and encouragement as they make the transition to college life. “It’s rewarding,” she said, “when they recall that I was their tour guide when they visited.”

A senior elementary education major, Paugh attends the education interest session on Southern Hospitality Days and then leads students and families in that session on a campus tour. She stays up-to-date on campus construction projects so she can field questions about the roundabout, the University Center expansion, and other developments that visitors notice. Without a doubt, she is proud to show off student housing. “Ours is picturesque and student-centered,” she said.

A native of Seymour, Indiana, Paugh will student teach during spring semester at Lodge Elementary School in Evansville. She is exploring opportunities to teach abroad after graduation.



Cassie Paugh

Meet *Julie H. Edmister*

Dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services

Supporting others with the resources they need

Dr. Julie H. Edmister brings a blend of experience in education and industry to her position as dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services.

As professor, she has served universities in the South and Midwest. As business consultant, she has worked with top corporations and government agencies throughout the country.

"The common thread is that I'm always focused on organizational improvement and leadership development," she said.

She is committed to seeing that others have the resources they need to do their jobs.

Edmister grew up in Portland, Oregon, in a family of eight children. She began college at the University of Oregon but returned to her hometown after two years and worked her way through Portland State University as a newspaper reporter for *The Oregonian*. Edmister is proud to be a first-generation college graduate.

After graduating, she taught English and journalism at a high school in Portland before trading the Northwest's rainy climate for the sunshine of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where she taught at a high school and then worked at the district level.

Edmister earned master's and doctoral degrees in instructional systems at Florida State University. An internship with Arthur Andersen and Company developed into a five-year association with that company. She worked in organizational improvement and performance excellence with clients

such as Ford Motor Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

From 1988-2004, she led her own consulting practice. She provided consultation and training in strategic planning, organizational development, leadership development, and self-assessment workshops for universities, K-12 schools, corporations, and government agencies, including many of the national laboratories.

She is a past examiner and senior evaluator for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards, a program of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Edmister is coauthor of the book *Demystifying Baldrige*.

"I've had a lot of opportunities to look at best practices," she said. "I have worked extensively with universities, school districts, and corporations to use the Baldrige framework to improve their structure and performance. That has been a big part of my life."

National standards

Edmister joined USI as dean in July 2008. The Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services enrolls more than 1,500 students and offers one associate degree, 10 baccalaureate majors, and two graduate degrees.

She is understandably pleased with a



Julie Edmister

number of the college's accomplishments during 2008-09. The teacher education program was awarded continuing accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The program met all standards and was praised specifically for service-learning opportunities, field experiences, the use of information technology, and overall facilities.

Accreditation is of particular significance to the college's programs. Graduates in teacher education and social work and

those in physical education who plan to teach must be licensed to work in their fields.

"We are a 'professional' college," Edmister said. "Our programs are guided by national standards and professional codes of ethics. We are proud that our programs meet the rigorous standards set forth by the professional community."

Community engagement

Another point of pride for Edmister is the college's community engagement. In 2008-09, students recorded more than 250,000 hours of culminating community engagement or service-learning experiences in 180 schools, agencies, and programs. Students logged another 43,000 hours of early-program field experiences in 75 schools, agencies, and programs.

"Field experiences are critical in ensuring that our students are prepared for the workplace," Edmister said.

Response to stakeholders

The college has much work on the agenda for 2009-10 to meet stakeholders' needs. The teacher education program is responding to curriculum changes driven by the Revision for Educator Preparation and Accountability proposal set forth in late summer by the state superintendent of public instruction. The Department of Physical Education is developing a major in sport management and expanding offerings in distance education. The social work program is developing an online master's program.

Edmister is leading the college to develop a comprehensive strategic plan,

a process that will align with the University's overall strategic planning.

"We are living in a dynamic time," Edmister said. "Market forces are impacting higher education. We must embrace the changing society and demonstrate the ability to respond quickly to market forces."

The teacher education program is responding to priorities of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, the college's largest school partner. Dr. Vince Bertram, EVSC superintendent, spoke to faculty at the college's invitation in August. One of his goals is to have Promethean Boards (interactive white boards) and clickers (a student response system) in all EVSC classrooms. The college is making this technology available in the teacher education program and is providing clickers in its other departments.

"This is a direct response to stakeholder needs. We're excited about the use of this instructional technology and making sure our graduates know how to use it," Edmister said.

Community and family

In the community, Edmister serves on the board of directors for Evansville's Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series. She has engaged USI resources to help the nonprofit organization develop and maintain its web site.

She enjoys living downtown in the heart of the Evansville community and frequently walks or bikes on the downtown portion of the Greenway Passage. The dean always has led an active lifestyle. She and her husband have made several

long-distance bike rides, the first of which was in England's Lake District.

"Being fit and healthy helps me do my job better," she said.

Her husband Dr. Robert O. Edmister is professor of finance and former dean of the College of Business Administration at Bowling Green State University. The two maintain a commuter marriage while he continues his teaching at BGSU. Julie Edmister was a professor at BGSU from 2004-08. During that time, she served as project director for a statewide licensure program for K-12 administrators holding "alternative principal licenses" and led a statewide task force to align principal standards in Ohio with national standards. She was associated with the University of Mississippi from 1990-2004.

The couple enjoy traveling to both the east and west coast to see her stepchildren and five grandchildren. Her stepson Todd and family live in Oakland, California; stepdaughter Tracy Byrum and family live in Potomac, Maryland.

Mental dashboard

As a leader and as an expert in developing leadership, Edmister subscribes to the five leadership practices espoused by authors James Kouzes and Barry Poser in their research.

"Leaders need to 'model the way, inspire a shared vision, challenge the process, enable others to act, and encourage the heart.' I keep these five leadership practices on my mental dashboard and do my best to walk the talk each day," she said.

Finding his style

Coaching influences, family mean the most to Watson

Rodney Watson's journey to becoming head coach for Screaming Eagles men's basketball has been one of nonstop learning and making the right decisions along the way.

"I knew I wanted to be a basketball coach since the eighth grade," said Watson, who accepted his first college head coaching assignment when he joined USI in May. "My dream was to be a successful high school coach. Coaching was my way of staying in the game."

The native of Paris, Illinois, earned a degree in physical education in 1982 at Eastern Illinois University. A good decision during his last semester led him through the coaching door.

Coaching mentors

"I was fortunate to student-teach for the legendary Ron Herrin at East Richland High School (Olney, Illinois)," Watson said.

That position led to the first of two high school head coaching jobs in Illinois. He guided the Coulterville Eagles to the program's first regional championship. Moving to Madison High School, he led the Trojans to advance to the Illinois Elite Eight.

At this point the collegiate ranks took notice. "At Madison, we had some prospects and a few coaches came to look at the players," Watson said. "Bob Hansen from the University of Nebraska-Omaha offered me a position.

That is where I learned the ropes of college coaching."

After two years, Watson returned to Illinois when Rich Herrin, the brother of his mentor Ron Herrin, offered him an assistant coaching position at Southern Illinois University. He joined in 1988 and stayed there 21 years. During that time Watson refined his coaching and basketball philosophy and learned from four head coaches—Rich Herrin, Bruce Weber, Matt Painter, and Chris Lowery.

"The one commonality was that all four were good men," Watson said. "They knew there were things bigger than basketball, and family issues were the biggest of all.

"There was never a sense of win at all costs. Certainly, winning and being successful were paramount with all of us, but winning on and off the court, getting a degree, and being a good citizen were as important, if not more."

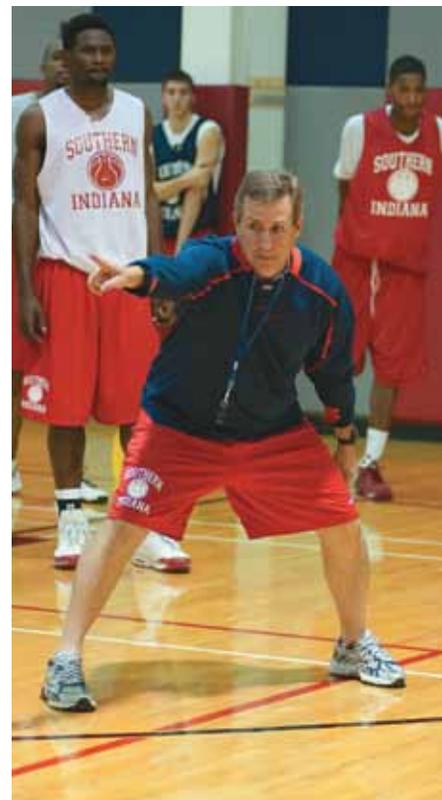
Time for everybody

Aspects of each coach's style still influence Watson today. "Coach Rich Herrin was the absolute best at rallying the SIU community back to basketball while Coach Weber was terrific at developing a basketball system and teaching his team how to compete," Watson said. "Coach Painter was the ultimate players' coach and was terrific at getting student athletes to be successful by understanding their role. Coach

Lowery instilled a great work ethic and was a great recruiter."

Today, Watson wants to be known as "the guy who has time for everybody — players, staff, boosters, alumni, and the community."

"My basic philosophy comes down to two



Coach Watson points the way for his players, using every moment of pre-season practice as a time to teach and prepare.

things. First, give your best every day in everything you do and don't compromise. Second, enjoy this. You put in the hard days so you can enjoy the championships down the road."

The first-year college head coach stays balanced with the help of his wife Carol and their four children, Ashley, Zach, and twins Olivia and Blake.

"Family is critical because they help maintain the balance. When your ego gets too big, they let you know it's your turn to do the dishes," Watson said. "When things don't go your way, they love you unconditionally. That is why your family always comes first, because they truly win or lose with you."

Men's basketball will miss postseason

The USI men's basketball team will not be eligible for 2010 postseason play as a result of infractions self-reported in May. The decision was announced by the Great Lakes Valley Conference Faculty Athletic Representatives and the Council of Presidents. The Screaming Eagles are scheduled to have postseason eligibility restored in 2011.

Sandy Hatfield chairs Varsity Club

The USI Varsity Club has selected a familiar face, Sandy Hatfield, to chair the organization for 2009–10. Hatfield is the 33rd chair in club history.

The position will be a change for Hatfield, who was the Varsity Club administrative assistant at the University for more than 10 years before retiring in spring 2007. During that time, she learned to value the time commitment made by her predecessors.

“There were several very special people to work with like Joe Cannon, Duke Coudret, Bill Joergens, David Herrenbruck, and Jack Marr,” Hatfield said. “To this day, there are many who donate their time to make the Varsity Club successful.

“I respected how much time they gave to the Varsity Club. The men and women brought a real heart to the organization with their business and marketing skills.”

Hatfield also is thrilled to be the third woman to chair the club. “I was a part of the transition when Helen Hamilton became the first woman to chair the organization,” Hatfield said. “I hope to follow in Helen and Donna Mesker’s footsteps in bringing the same type of energy they gave the Varsity Club.”

As chair, Hatfield will use her experience with the University and with the Varsity Club. “Because I worked in athletics for 12 years and for USI 24 years, I understand the importance of the fundraisers and the membership drives for all student athletes,” she said.

“The Varsity Club will continue its support of the student athletes and ensure that they have the resources they



Fans of USI Athletics surround Sandy Hatfield at the Varsity Club's Steak Fry 'n Auction.

need to be successful.”

In the last five years, the Varsity Club has averaged more than 600 members and has raised \$217,618. New members can join at any time. For information, call the Varsity Club Office at 812/464-1973.

Crawford named coach for men's tennis

Chris Crawford '05 is the new men's tennis head coach. He becomes the fourth head coach in the history of the program.

Crawford earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. He returns to the Screaming Eagles program after four years as a professional tennis instructor at Healthplex Sports Club in Indianapolis. He was a tennis instructor at Advantage Court and Fitness in Evansville for two years while completing an undergraduate degree.

Crawford was a standout on the USI men's tennis team during his four seasons. He holds the USI single-season record for most combined wins in a season (28 singles/24 doubles in 2001). He had 123 career victories (58 singles and 75 doubles), and was named All-Great Lakes Valley Conference in 2002.

The native of Jeffersonville, Indiana, was a member of USI squads that won four straight GLVC championships (1999-2002) and made three NCAA Division II Tournament appearances (2000-02).



Crawford

View basketball games on Internet's B2 Network

Screaming Eagle fans unable to attend the nine Great Lakes Valley Conference doubleheaders at the Physical Activities Center can follow the action on the B2 Network on the Internet.

Fans may view individual games for \$7. A discount for multiple game purchases is available. A portion of all purchases benefits USI Athletics.

Access the B2 Network from a link on the USI athletic web site at www.gousieagles.com or go to www.b2livetv.com.

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Alumni Calendar 2009-2010 of Events



- December 12 USI Fall Commencement
10 a.m. (College of Business, College of Nursing and Health Professions, and Pott College of Science and Engineering) and 1 p.m. (Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, College of Liberal Arts, and Division of Extended Services), USI Physical Activities Center
- January 12 Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
- January 21 Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter
Pizza Gathering
6:30 to 7:30 p.m., before men's basketball game
University of Indianapolis Nicoson Hall
- February 5 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
6 p.m., Carter Hall
- February 6 Homecoming 2009: Take 'em to the Nest
Tailgate Tent, Noon to 3 p.m.
Alumni Party, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- March 9 Alumni Council Meeting
5:45 p.m., USI Foundation
- April 17 USI Day at the Zoo, Mesker Park Zoo
- May 8 USI Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Followed by Class of 2010 Graduation
Celebration Reception and Dinner
USI University Center
- May 9 USI Spring Commencement
3 p.m., Roberts Stadium
- June 6 Alumni Picnic
4 to 6 p.m., Physical Activities Center lawn

All alumni are invited to attend these events.

1970s

William A. Burgdorf '71, history, is a human resources director for At Home Healthcare in Tyler, Texas.

Clem J. Behme '73, marketing, is the co-owner of Helfrich Realty Co. Inc., in Evansville.

Glenda L. Miller '74, dental assisting, '89, health services, was an instructor in the USI dental assisting program from 1976–88 and has been a dental assisting instructor at Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida, since 1989. She received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 2003 and the Sister Mary Clare Hughes Endowed Chair for Excellence in Health Care and Natural Sciences in 2009.

Donna Willis Cummings '76, respiratory therapy, is a staff therapist for Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville.

Mary Kittridge Spahn '76, administrative systems, is an administrative assistant in the USI College of Business. In 2008, she received the Support Staff Award sponsored by USI Staff Council.

D. Timothy Born '77, history, is a partner with Terrell, Baugh, Salmon & Born LLP in Evansville. He is a former president of the Evansville Bar Association, 2009 Super Lawyer, and an umpire for the 2009 AAA Baseball State Finals.

Michael R. Dunigan '77, biophysics, is a professional land surveyor for Coastal Surveying Co. Inc., in Bluffton, South Carolina.

1980s

Patricia Bunner Colbert '83, mining engineering technology, is the executive director for Posey County Solid Waste District in Mount Vernon, Indiana. She also is owner of Seek and Find Home and Garden Consignments at three locations in the Evansville area.

Robert F. Shipman '83, political science, is a captain with the Evansville Fire Department.

Karen Muehlbauer Balbach '84, administrative systems, is an administrative assistant for United Companies/United Leasing, Inc., in Evansville.

Kathy Brady Scheller '86, business administration, is the executive director for Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ohio Valley in Evansville.

Patrick R. Sullivan '86, business administration, '90, communications, has taken the position of contract manager for International Revolving Door in Evansville.

Eric S. Sargent '88, marketing/management, is a senior sales manager for MasterBrand Cabinets in Jasper, Indiana.

Michael L. Egler '89, accounting/business administration, is a controller for Springs Valley Bank & Trust in Jasper, Indiana.

Hussein M. Khurma '89, business administration, is the managing partner for Arika Woodworks Ltd in Amman, Jordan.

1990s

Rick A. Vach '90, communications, has taken the position of communications coordinator for the United States Tennis Association based in Delray Beach, Florida.

Kelli Dempsey named Distinguished Nursing Alumna

Kelli S. Dempsey of Evansville is the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award presented by the USI Nursing Alumni Society.

Dempsey holds certification as an Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP). She is a nurse practitioner in the Oncology Department of Deaconess Clinic.

Dempsey earned a bachelor's degree in 1998 and a master's degree in 2000 from the USI nursing program.

"I was a nontraditional student not starting college until I was in my thirties," Dempsey said. "USI made that possible with affordability and accessibility."

Dempsey said that caring for cancer patients allows her to help patients and their families deal with some of the same issues she experienced during her father's illness. He died of cancer in his early fifties before she enrolled in the nursing program.

Victoria Piggott, special projects director for the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "Kelli has demonstrated the core values of the College of Nursing and Health Professions in her practice as an acute care nurse practitioner in oncology. She has given back to the college by mentoring students, giving lectures, developing an oncology program for health professionals, and teaching others to care for patients with cancer. She has lived the commitment to lifelong learning and encourages fellow nurses to reach their full potential."

In 2008, Dempsey made a presentation on "Chemotherapy-Induced Cardiotoxicity in Women" at the national conference of the American College of Nurse Practitioners. Her paper on that topic was published in the September 2008 issue of the professional journal *Critical Care Nursing Clinics of North America*. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and served six years as president of the national organization's local interest group.

Dempsey accepted her present job this year. Previously she was associated for nine years with American CancerCare of Evansville. She also has experience as a staff nurse in the cardiac telemetry unit of the neurotrauma intensive care unit at Deaconess Hospital and as a graduate nurse in Deaconess' Progressive Care Center.



Dempsey

Pam Guinn Kaelin '91, business administration, is a records specialist for Vectren in Evansville.

Carla Forston Birsa '95, communications, is a claims management specialist for The Horton Group in Orland Park, Illinois.

Roberta (Robbie) Henderson Gilley '95, nursing, is director of nursing at Miller's Merry Manor in Rockport, Indiana.

Christina Hannum Carpenter '96, general science, has been promoted to special education teacher specialist in reading for the Harford County Public Schools. She received a master's degree in human resources/educational leadership from Towson University in 2009. She resides in Bel Air, Maryland.

Amy Huebschman Lutzel '96, communications/German, recently made a career change and became a certified personal trainer by the American College of Sports Medicine. She is a personal trainer in the wellness and fitness center for Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

Jennifer A. Picha '96, business administration, is an account executive for Lamar Outdoor Advertising in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Alumni at home and abroad

Brandon Parsons: Understanding the world through travel

Brandon Parsons '04 yearns to see the world. In the past five years, he has been to all seven continents and 35 countries.

"One major reason I travel is to understand the world and the people and cultures in it," he said. "I gain a connection once I visit that lasts a lifetime. I find that I follow current events about the countries in the news well after I travel to them."

He also finds that travel makes people take a fresh look at their own environment.

"This is especially the case when dealing with poverty because you realize how well you have it compared to the rest of the world," he said. "When I was in the Congo and India, the poverty was powerful. Many of the people I came across have only one meal a day, if that, and live in squalor, but they always have a smile on their face about life. It makes you think twice about complaining when you come back."

A history and political science major, Parsons worked as a paralegal

at a national law firm in Washington, D.C., after graduating from USI. Cases ranged from white collar crime to product liability. When he traveled to Korea for a case involving an anti-dumping suit, he visited the demilitarized zone.

In 2007, he became managing director of Concise, supervising four full-time employees and more than 100 part-time employees. A division of the MPS Group (a Fortune 1000 company), Concise provides staffing services to law firms, corporations, and municipalities.

Now considering a career change as well as going back to college to pursue a master's degree in business administration, Parsons ultimately wants to open his own travel-related business.

He has had some unexpected moments in his travels. On a recent trip



Brandon Parsons visited gorillas in the wild at Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

to Australia, he became part of a newscast as a crew filmed a segment about erosion at the Twelve Apostles, giant rock stacks at a national park.

"The hardest thing I came across while traveling was a 36-hour airport strike in Buenos Aires that nearly cost me my trip to Antarctica," he said.

Another vexing experience occurred in the Congo when a United Nations truck crashed through a bridge, delaying his leave by a day.

"Once I visit, I gain a connection that lasts a lifetime."

Brandon Parsons

Jane Morrow Below '97, English, is a content webmaster for Deaconess Health Systems in Evansville. She worked as an information architect at Indiana University for the past seven years. In 2006, she won a Webby Award for a web site she created called "10 Ways IU is Red Hot." The Webby Awards are a leading international award for excellence on the Internet.

Sandi Ferguson Dyer '97, accounting, is an accounting manager for King's Daughters' Hospital and Health Services in Madison, Indiana.

Matthew W. Rutherford '97, Master of Business Administration, is an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

Jennifer Masterson Spigel '97, communications, is a teacher at West Prep Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jeffrey M. Sponn '98, business administration, '04, Master of Business Administration, was recently named manager of accounting services at USI.

Douglas R. DeWig '99, sociology, graduated from a 17-week federal law enforcement training program in January 2009. He is a federal police officer for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Orlando, Florida.

Pamela Schmitt Holly '99, nursing, is an oncology registered nurse at Cancer Treatment Services Arizona in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Richard N. Schroeder '99, business administration, is the owner of Schroeder's Dairy Farm in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

William Fogle: Teaching a global perspective

As recently as fall 2008, students of William Fogle '85 '07 in Osgood, Indiana, could not imagine a school with a two-hour lunch period. Evelyne Hermoso's students in La Selva Del Camp, Spain, could not imagine a school with organized athletic teams and a band.

Now through an exchange established by the teachers, students at Jac-Cen-Del Junior-Senior High School in southeastern Indiana and students in the Catalan region of Spain are learning about each other's language, life, and culture. The exchange began through letters and teleconferencing but quickly expanded to include transcontinental visits.

"Technology adds an incredible dimension," said Fogle, who teaches Spanish at Jac-Cen-Del. "Through traditional mail, you have all this wait time. Now we're teaching a generation that wants feedback very fast."

Fogle said that even students who are timid about speaking Spanish in class are soon trying their best when interacting with friends from across the ocean. Each teleconferencing session features a topic such as pop culture, the economic crisis, or social issues affecting teens. The students quickly begin to catch on to similarities and differences

in their lifestyles and culture.

Fogle took four students to Spain last summer. They went to school with their peers, saw historical sights, and visited the beach and an amusement park. While they were there, a television station produced a 40-minute documentary about the exchange for Catalan television, which reaches 14 million viewers.

Hermoso brought 20 students to Osgood in late September for a two-week stay. In addition to attending school with their Hoosier friends, they visited Stapp's Circle S Ranch for an introduction to animals native to North America, toured the Indiana Statehouse, shopped at Circle Centre mall in Indianapolis, and went to King's Island and a Reds game in Cincinnati. The students returned to Spain with a flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol. The flag was presented by a representative from U.S. Congressman Baron Hill's



William Fogle, left, and students from Osgood and La Selva Del Camp visit the Roman wall in Tarragona, Spain.

office in honor of the exchange.

Fogle plans to take a larger group of students to Spain next summer. Home stays help control costs.

A former social studies teacher, Fogle has lived in Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, Portugal, and Ireland. He located the partner school in La Selva Del Camp through an Internet site that provides services to teachers.

Many students in the exchange stay in touch outside the classroom. "Students get to interact with native speakers. That's the best way to learn a language," he said.

Lisa Elder Willman '99, visual art teaching, has been promoted to third-grade department chair at Combee Elementary School in Lakeland, Florida.

2000s

Donald D. Broshears '00, Master of Liberal Studies, is a custodial services supervisor at USI.

Jennifer L. Craig '00, dental hygiene, is an executive director for Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center at USI.

James R. Fleener '00, elementary education, is a fourth-grade teacher at Castle Elementary School in Newburgh, Indiana.

Ruth Murfin Fuchs '00, health services, is a nursing home administrator for Hickory Creek at Connersville in Connersville, Indiana.

Matt K. Andrews '01, history, is the general manager for National Interstate Insurance Company in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He became a chartered property casualty underwriter (CPCU) in 2006. Andrews graduated with a master's in business administration from Mississippi State University in spring 2009.

Kylene J. Baker '01, biology, is a doctoral student/instructor for Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

Harmony Otahal Gratzler '01, journalism and computer publishing, a proposal specialist for Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc., earned the designation of Certified Professional Service Marketer in June 2009. She resides in Evansville.

Shaun M. Hurm '01, marketing, is a financial advisor for Smith Barney in Indianapolis.

Patrick M. Murray '01, art, is the owner, artist, designer, photographer, and programmer for Steam Mill Studios in New Harmony, Indiana.

Ronda Norman Watson '01, psychology, is a school psychologist for West Central Indiana Special Services Cooperative in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Andrew A. Dick '02, psychology, is an attorney for Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C. in Indianapolis.

Melissa A. Erwin '02, art, had 200 people attend her comic-book signing in August in Evansville. The comic book is about Samurai warriors in the 1500s in Japan. She received a grant from the Indiana Arts Commission, which is funded by the National Endowment of the Arts, to write the book.

Alumni at home and abroad

Heather Arford: Providing dental hygiene care in Guatemala

Motivated by a desire to get out of her comfort zone and do something to help children, Heather Arford '02 recently participated in a humanitarian dental clinic in the village of Patzun, located in the Mayan highlands of Guatemala. In five days, the clinic served 400 children, many of whom had never before received dental care.

"Most children had to have at least a couple of teeth pulled if not several," said Arford, a dental hygienist at Smile Design Institute in Indianapolis.

The clinic served children from ages 3 to 17.

Arford was among a group of 12 volunteers that included four dentists, three hygienists, and five lay volunteers. The clinic was held in a school with classroom space converted into a two-room, six-chair dental office for the week. Reclining lawn chairs substituted

for the customary dental chair. Each child received an exam, cleanings as needed, and restorative and extractive care.

Arford was struck by the overwhelming need for dental care in Guatemala. "The kids and adults there are so uneducated about oral health, but they were very cooperative and they really wanted us to be there to help them," she said.

Arford has been associated for six years with Dr. Kelley Miller of Smile Design Institute, a practice that has opened its doors on weekends to provide dental services to soldiers preparing for deployment.

"Our dentist has been in the Army Reserves," Arford said. "She brings in three other dentists. We work out of 10 operatories to treat bus loads of soldiers getting ready for deployment. Whatever



Children wore smiles for dental hygienist Heather Arford.

work the soldiers need, we do it in that weekend."

The clinic in Guatemala was organized by Global Dental Expeditions (GDF). Arford plans to join another volunteer GDF project in the future. She is particularly interested in the organization's work in Asia.

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Heather Arford

Alumni at home and abroad

Friends gather for wedding in Istanbul

Former classmates and members of the USI faculty and staff were among more than 750 attendees at the June wedding of Nazli Karaagac '04 in Istanbul, Turkey. A henna (bachelorette) party a few days before the wedding included a formal presentation of the bride with ceremonial painting of henna on her hands. Karaagac is a marketing graduate. Dr. Mehmet Kocakulah of the College of Business faculty was among wedding guests.

With bride Nazli Karaagac are, from left, Yuka Somiya, Heidi Gregori-Gahan, Christina Polemidiotou '02, Pam Doerter M '07, Paulina Anderson, and Nicole Rea '04. The father of the bride entertained the guests pictured here with a dinner cruise on the Bosphorus Sea on the evening before the wedding.



Doug Meiring '02, public relations and advertising, was chosen to fill a seat with the East Gibson School Corporation Board of Trustees in Oakland City, Indiana.

Brian R. Branson '03, public relations and advertising, is an estimator for B&S Home Improvement LLC in Evansville.

Bowie B. Johnson '03, business administration, is a professional recruiter for Memorial Hospital & Health Systems in South Bend, Indiana.

Joshua D. Smith '03, public relations and advertising, has been named managing director for Northwestern Mutual Western Kentucky Group. He resides in Newburgh, Indiana.

Carrie Nelson Young '03, business administration, is an account supervisor for Ellis Park Race Course, Inc., in Henderson, Kentucky.

Leah Chastain Dugan '04, social work, is the assistant director of social services at Golden Living Center Woodlands in Newburgh, Indiana.

Nick P. Davis '05, radio and television, is an associate financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial in Evansville.

Kerri Jung Fehrenbacher '05, marketing, is an inside sales manager for Red Spot Paint and Varnish in Evansville.

Darlene M. Fisher '05, Master of Business Administration, was elected 2009-10 president of the South Carolina College and University Professional Association for Human Resources. She resides in Clemson, South Carolina.

Andy J. Lemon '05, journalism and computer publishing, is a legal assistant, retail division for American General Finance in Evansville.

Lindsay R. Van Ness '05, business administration, is the human resources director for Indiana State Personnel Department in Indianapolis.

Kyle P. Waninger '05, accounting and professional services, '08, Master of Business Administration, is an accountant for Kemper CPA Group LLP in Evansville.

Matthew C. Weber '05, mathematics, is a mathematics teacher and football and basketball coach at Memorial High School in Evansville.

Michael R. Williams '05, economics, '08, Master of Business Administration, is a student/research assistant at the University of Texas in San Antonio, Texas.

Karen Casale Claise '06, acute care nurse practitioner, is a nurse practitioner for Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for

Dubois County. Claise also is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society with the USI Chapter.

Lindsey K. Mitchell '06, public relations and advertising, is the marketing specialist and district marketing coordinator for Sodexo Campus Services at USI.

Paula M. Obermeier '06, business administration, is a sales specialist for Kimball International in Jasper, Indiana.

Jenna Aldrich Sibert '06, business administration/management, is the administrative analyst and network administrator for Pioneer Oil Company, Inc., in Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Jacob R. Bessler '07, engineering, recently received a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification. He is a project manager for ARC Construction Co. in Evansville.

Kayla Owens Hurley '07, marketing, is a medical marketing coordinator for Mead Johnson Nutritionals in Evansville.

Amy J. Leighty '07, English, graduated from Bennington College's Writing Seminar with a Master of Fine Arts in 2009. She has had poems published in *Bellevue Literary Review*, *Rockhurst Review*, *White Pelican Review*, and *The Coachella Review* among others. She currently teaches in the English Department at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana.

Lori A. Riffe '07, marketing, is a marketing coordinator at SITEX Corporation in Henderson, Kentucky.

Matthew H. Weddle '07, physical education teaching, is a physical education and health teacher at Corpus Christi and Saint Theresa Catholic schools in Evansville.

Naomi A. Boone '08, social work, has taken the position of family case manager for the Department of Child Services in Indianapolis.

Donald G. Burns '08, history, is a group leader at Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Indiana.

Rhonda Young Darnell '08, Master of Science in Nursing, is a family nurse practitioner at Marshall County Family Medical in Benton, Kentucky.

Joseph J. Hopf '08, business administration, is an assistant manager at Abercrombie & Fitch in Evansville.

Robin McDonald McCarty '08, art, is a freelance designer with her business Robin McCarty Digital Illustration/Graphic Design in her home in Evansville.

Amber Cannon Russell '08, Master of Social Work, is a therapist at the Samaritan Center in Petersburg, Indiana.

Alvin J. Swartzentruber '08, management, recently took the position of wholesale salesman for Graber Post Buildings, Inc., in Montgomery, Indiana.

Andy J. Wilkins '08, public relations and advertising, is an advertising director for the Franklin Township Informer in Indianapolis.

Joshua W. Ackerman '09, computer science, has taken the position of IT analyst for Energy Systems Group in Newburgh, Indiana.

Courtney R. Barrett '09, health services, has joined CVS Pharmacy as a pharmacy technician in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Joshua D. Hernandez '09, finance, has taken the position of financial advisor for Edward Jones in Evansville.

Matthew R. Nichols '09, business administration, has taken the position of credit sales manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Evansville.

Adam S. Trinkel '09, political science/public relations and advertising, is the annual fund and grants coordinator for Evansville ARC, Inc.

Eric M. White '09, engineering, has taken the position of engineer for Duke Energy in Terrell, North Carolina.

Marriages

Nancy J. Kolar '83, biology, '00, science teaching, and **Ronald Bond**, July 3, 2008

Kristen D. Russo '93, social work, and **Richard O'Brien**, July 10, 2009

Cindi Clayton '99, psychology, and **Tyson R. Schnitker '08**, Master of Business Administration, June 20, 2009

Frances M. Schneider '01, elementary education, and **Sean Rodgers**, May 31, 2008

Stephanie L. Moll '02, history, and **Kevin Bricking**, January 19, 2008

Britney N. Gentry '03, journalism and computer publishing/sociology, and **Christopher M. Orth '06**, business administration, November 29, 2009

Mollie M. Schenk '03, radiologic technology, and **Samuel Stranding**, June 7, 2008

James A. Scott '04, art, and **Jennifer Humphrey**, November 5, 2007

Ashley M. Flamion '06, finance, '08, Master of Business Administration, and **Joseph L. Kirk '05**, exercise science, September 12, 2009

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Kelly J. Garrett '06, elementary education, and James Whittaker, June 28, 2008

Callie S. Hubbert '06, radiologic technology, '09, Master of Health Administration, and **Matthew S. Krampe '07**, biology, May 30, 2009

Kristy A. Meunier '06, economics, and Kevin Mesker, September 6, 2008

Melea J. Pipes '06, business administration, and Mario Segovia, November 8, 2008

Amy M. Russler '06, elementary education, and **Andrew S. Freeman '03**, chemistry, '04, biophysics/science teaching, '07, Master of Science in Education, November 25, 2008

Christina L. Henricks '07, biology, and **Justin L. Griner '06**, public relations and advertising, May 22, 2009

Ashley B. Markham '07, political science, and **Kyler K. McReynolds '07**, history, June 2, 2007

Hunter R. Slade '07, business administration, and **Kelsea B. Riley '09**, communications, May 16, 2009

Joy N. Halbig '08, early childhood education, and Aaron McDowell, May 30, 2009

Jennifer R. Nolan '08, business administration, and Aaron Armes, March 7, 2009

Sara E. Schaefer '08, nursing, and Chad Vaal, November 8, 2008

Hieu T. Ho '09, accounting and professional services, and Van C. Ly, May 31, 2009

Cynthia D. Robertson '09, elementary education, and Anthony Callahan, August 15, 2009

Births

Robert A. Hon '89, marketing, and Stephanie, twins, Alexandria Christine and Camden Murdoch, June 29, 2009

Deborah Baumgart Fleck '91, business administration, '00, Master of Business Administration, and Jason, son, Alexander James, August 30, 2008

Dianne Will Thomas '91, elementary education, and **Christopher J. Thomas '92**, communications, daughter, Lynn Marie, April 20, 2009

Nancy Sieben Koehler '93, communications, and David, son, Samuel Joseph, August 7, 2009

Natalie Tindle Reidford '93, art, and **Jon M. Reidford '92**, psychology, '06, Master of Public Administration, son, Benjamin Michael, March 10, 2009

Jennifer Post Opitz '94, psychology, and Michael, son, Lucas, July 7, 2009

Melissa Gordon Bostian '96, business administration, and Paul, daughter, Jillian Elena, February 12, 2009

Stephanie Wuchner Buchanan '97, business administration/German, and Jason, twin sons, Benjamin Gentry and Alexander Graham, September 30, 2008

Jason W. Hopf '97, business administration, and Ann, daughter, Ava Morgan, October 23, 2008

Jennifer Hanson Elliott '99, psychology, '01, Master of Social Work, and Kenneth, son, Gabriel Kenneth, May 18, 2008

Jessica Michl Fehrenbacher '99, communications, and Tony, son, Ethan Michl, June 4, 2009

Brent C. Ketcham '99, chemistry, and **Dana Kissell Ketcham '01**, accounting, son, Andrew Orin, August 5, 2009

John E. Campbell '00, communications, '06, Master of Public Administration, and **Jina Hawkins Campbell '01**, accounting, '03, Master of Business Administration, daughter, Jaycee Kaye, May 19, 2009

Chad J. Fetscher '00, social science teaching, '08, Master of Liberal Studies, and Susan, son, Dylan Jakob, September 17, 2009

Antoinette Cox Murphy '00, communications, and Trevor, son, William Samuel, November 14, 2008

Kimberly Coffee Ray '00, elementary education, and Jeff, daughter, Kayleigh, April 30, 2009

Hollingsworth, Childers named again among Indy's Best and Brightest

Kena Hollingsworth '99, English and Spanish, and Elizabeth "Liz" Childers '00, business administration, have been named for the third consecutive year among 100 young professionals honored as Indy's Best and Brightest.

The awards are sponsored by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana and KPMG LLP.

Hollingsworth, a founding partner of the law firm of Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PC, in Indianapolis, concentrates her practice in divorce and family law. She was recognized in the law category.

Childers recently joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in Indianapolis as manager of marketing and sales. Recognized this year in the category of retail, manufacturing, and services, she was honored in 2007 and 2008 in the health and life sciences category while director of corporate relations for SGI.

In 2008, Childers' twin sister Norma Lawrence '00, public relations, was recognized in the awards program. She was named in the real estate development and construction category. At that time, she was director of business services for CREW Technical Services. Recently, she joined AmericanStructurepoint Inc. in Cincinnati, Ohio, as director of business development.

The awards include 10 finalists in each of 10 industry categories. Finalists are judged on professional accomplishments, leadership qualities, and positive impact on the community.

Craig Shoobridge '00, elementary education, and **Kelli Roehr Shoobridge '03**, elementary education, daughter, Ella Elizabeth, July 1, 2009

Tricia Uebelhor DeLong '01, history, '08, nursing, and **Jeffery E. DeLong '08**, Master of Science in Nursing, son, Jaxon Jeffery, April 9, 2009

Jeremy D. Melton '01, communications, and **Elizabeth Bucko Melton '00**, biology, twins, Maxwell Dean and Molly Elizabeth, November 9, 2008

Rachel Fisher Nolan '01, occupational therapy, and Matt, daughter, Natalie Rae, June 25, 2009

Jennifer Johnson Rittichier '01, business, and **William D. Rittichier '02**, art, daughter, Alyssa Kay, December 10, 2008

Carrie Custis Roby '01, business administration, and Tony, son, Colston Michael, June 7, 2009

Cori Girten Meunier '02, public relations and advertising, and Gregory, daughter, Alexa Grace, September 9, 2008

Sharon Winters Ridener '02, health services, and Chris, Aubree Shay, June 13, 2009

Kendra Maasberg Groeninger '03, accounting, and Andrew, son, Austin Andrew, July 15, 2009

Kate Epley Moore '03, sociology, and Derek, son, Quinton Stephen, April 29, 2008

Emily Blinzinger Parke '03, elementary education, and Eric, son, Sawyer Matthew, May 13, 2009

Nicole Singer Bova '04, communications, and Joseph, daughter, Madelyn Joann, March 14, 2009

Stephanie Kirchoff Clements '04, health services, and Chad, daughter, Kylie, May 9, 2008

Cassie Burris Helfrich '04, elementary education, '06, Master of Science in Education, and Blake, daughter, Edie Mae, March 15, 2009

Phi Delta Theta wins Alumni Golf Scramble



The Phi Delta Theta team dominated the Alumni Golf Scramble in September with a winning score of 52. Team members are, from left, Steve Henke, Mike Bell '93, Jeff Jewell '89, and Todd Krapf '92.

Greg J. McCourt '04, computer information systems, and Kelly, daughter, Riley Christine, September 4, 2009

Alicia McCoy Sollman '04, family nurse practitioner, and **Chris M. Sollman '95**, communications, son, Kelby Matthew, August 15, 2009

Miranda Pennell Bertram '05, psychology, **Adam D. Bertram '04**, computer science, daughter, Ella Claire, December 18, 2008

Nicholas A. Lindy '05, public relations and advertising, and **Natalie Elliott Lindy '05**, early childhood education, daughter, Abigail Desta, May 12, 2009

James D. Smith '05, finance, and Aimee, son, Collin James, December 15, 2008

Tori Wible Goodman '06, finance, and Ronnie, son, Mason Scott, April 8, 2009

Amanda Turner Hogan '06, health services, and **Shane M. Hogan '08**, public relations and advertising, daughter, Payton Michelle, April 15, 2009

James C. Logsdon, Jr. '06, public relations and advertising, and Heather, daughter, Ella Marie, April 27, 2009

Krista Ziliak Schmitt '06, early childhood education, and Jason, daughter, Maddie Marie, May 1, 2009

Amber Gehlhausen Zadnik '06, management, and Jon, daughter, Nikole Leann, July 19, 2009

In Memoriam

Michael L. Jennings '77, elementary education, of Owensville, Indiana, died June 13, 2009. He was a fifth-grade teacher at Fort Branch Community School for 31 years.

Pauline Goans Fisher '78, respiratory therapy, of Evansville, died July 27, 2009. She was an employee for many years in the respiratory therapy department and the sleep lab at Deaconess Hospital. She was a member of the Southern Indiana Golden Retriever Club/FLASH Rescue. Fisher and her dog Walker were recognized for their time and service in the Hospice Pet Therapy program.

Donna Van Deventer Turpen '79, accounting, of Evansville, died June 20, 2009. She was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Turpen was a veteran from the Vietnam War.

James H. Taylor '82, business administration, of Evansville, died July 10, 2009. Reverend Taylor pastored two churches for six years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He also had been national sales manager for Scican Inc., U.S. and South American Operation, and a medical surgical sales representative for Xerox, IBM, Johnson and Johnson, American Cyanamid, and Baxter.

Rita Smith Hall '83, accounting, of Evansville, died May 23, 2009. She was a bookkeeper for many businesses in Louisville, Kentucky, a teacher at Saint Francisville High School, and a part-time accountant.

Donald E. Gentry '87, journalism, of Hermosa Beach, California, died June 2, 2009. He enjoyed the Indianapolis 500, the beach, and watching sports.

Wade Hampton S. Barger '97, computer information systems, of Wadesville, Indiana, died July 11, 2009. He had been employed as an electronics technician for RCA Factory

Service for more than 20 years before working for American General Finance. He retired from American General's Asset Management Division in 2004.

Barbara A. Boyd '97, sociology, of Evansville, died September 25, 2009.

Joan Lauer Porter '97, communications, of Newburgh, Indiana, died June 6, 2009. She graduated from Patricia Stevens Modeling College in 1963. Porter was the Young Republican Chairman of Perry County from 1963-64. She formerly was a real estate agent for Century 21, Don Lee Realty.

Susan O'Leary Metz '01, Master of Science in Education, of Evansville, died August 31, 2009. Metz taught at North Central High School in Indianapolis (1975-76) and Christ the King school in Evansville (1976-79). She served the Vanderburgh County Superior Court Juvenile Division as a probation officer (1979-84) and child placement coordinator (1991-98). She returned to education and earned an elementary

administration license in 2006. At the time of her death, she was assistant principal at Harwood Middle School in Evansville.

Kyle L. Parker '02, business administration, of Evansville, died September 15, 2009. He was an avid softball player, playing on a team with the same friends since middle school. Parker was employed with Goebel Commercial Realty. He was a graduate of Leadership Evansville.

Sarah Grannemann Alviando '03, nursing, of Evansville, died August 3, 2009.

Faculty/staff In Memoriam

Janice Yvonne Besing Perkins, retired editorial associate in News and Information Services, died October 7, 2009. She was a reporter for *The Evansville Courier* from 1960 to 1979. She left the newspaper to become press secretary to U.S. Representative H. Joel Deckard, serving until 1983. She also was a mayoral campaign coordinator for David A. Koehler. Perkins joined USI in 1984 and retired in 1998.

Dr. Donald Wolfe, retired associate professor of German, died July 19, 2009. He joined the University in 1984 and taught until his retirement in 1999. Wolfe was the recipient of a Fulbright Teaching Exchange grant to Gevelsberg, Germany; a Fulbright dissertation grant to the University of Bonn, Germany; and a Fulbright Senior Scholar summer seminar grant to Bad Godesberg/Berlin, Germany. A native of Oregon, he earned a doctorate at the University of Oregon. His wife Suzi Smith Wolfe, associate professor emerita of German, survives him. Memorial gifts may be made to the Donald S. Wolfe Scholarship for Study Abroad at the USI Foundation.

Remembering University Friends

Joseph P. Coslett, retired furniture company executive

Joseph P. Coslett of Evansville died June 29, 2009, at age 86. Longtime owner of L. B. Jones Furniture Company, he was known for his innovative sales career. Coslett was a past member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors. His gift established the Joe Coslett Family Sales Management Development Laboratory for the College of Business.

Dr. Z. Olen Pumphrey, retired veterinarian

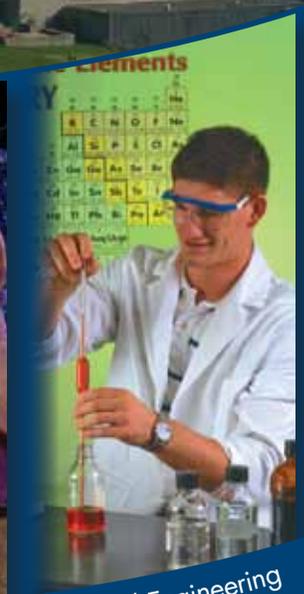
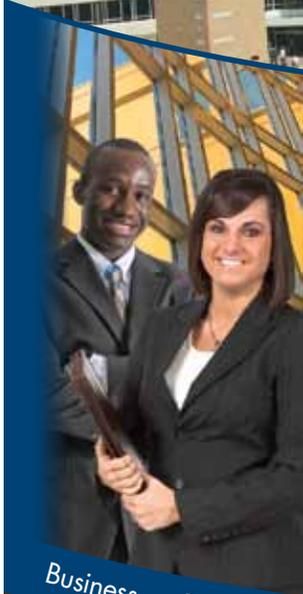
Dr. Z. Olen Pumphrey of Fort Branch, Indiana, died July 18, 2009, at age 90. He was a retired veterinarian. Pumphrey and his wife Inez, who survives him, were awarded honorary doctorates from the University in 2002. They established the first Deans Scholarships and a library endowment. They also have provided scholarships to USI students through the Dr. Z. Olen and Inez G. Pumphrey Family Foundation.

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December

- 14 Men vs. Lake Erie College 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Men vs. Urbana University 3:15 p.m.
- 29 Men vs. Brevard College 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Women vs. Ferris State University 6 p.m.

January

- 2 Women/Men vs. University of Illinois at Springfield* 1/3:15 p.m.
- 4 Women/Men vs. Saint Joseph's College* 5:15/7:30 p.m.
- 16 Women/Men vs. Quincy University* 1/3:15 p.m.

February

- 4 Women/Men vs. University of Missouri - St. Louis* 5:15/7:30 p.m.
- 6 Women/Men vs. Rockhurst University* 1/ 3:15 p.m.
- 13 Women/Men vs. University of Indianapolis* 1/ 3:15 p.m.
- 15 Women/Men vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College* 5:15/7:30 p.m.

*GLVC games