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Cover photo of Professors
Andrew Schnabel,
Peter Bushnell and Ann Grens.
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Dear Alumni and Friends of IU South Bend,

As chancellor, I spent considerable time this year talking about faculty-student collaborative research at IU South Bend. The cover story of this issue of Foundations highlights the wonderful relationships that develop between professors and students. You will read about students who were given research opportunities and were nurtured by their professors to succeed and excel in their fields.

Faculty-student collaborative research has been a tradition at IU South Bend for many years. I know that these opportunities set us apart as a campus. The four alumni in the cover story are just a sampling of what can happen when there is personal attention and mentoring.

For example, Mike Russell returned to school at 35. Now at 47, he is teaching in medical school in Georgia. Without the opportunities and encouragement here, he may not have reached his full potential.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Foundations as we continue to keep you informed about the people, programs and activities that make this campus so special.

Thank you for your support of IU South Bend.

Sincerely,



Una Mae Reck
Chancellor

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DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Democracy in action, civic engagement, politics, and fun were all part of the day as Indiana University students, faculty, alumni, and friends descended on the Statehouse in Indianapolis on February 8.

IU South Bend filled two buses as about 100 people made the trip to join their IU colleagues from other campuses to talk to legislators about funding for higher education. South Bend had the largest contingent for the annual Hoosiers for Higher Education visit to the Statehouse designed to make an impact on legislators.

After an orientation session at the Indiana Convention Center, students swarmed both chambers of the legislature where committees were meeting. Their plan was to send notes into the chambers asking representatives and senators to step into the hallway briefly to talk with them about funding needs for higher education in Indiana. They also dropped by offices to speak with legislators who were available. According to Debbie Sibbit, director of Hoosiers for Higher Education, nearly 80 percent of legislators were reached in the blitz.

Students then reconvened in the Convention Center to hear from IU President Adam Herbert, who also presented the Welsh-Bowen Distinguished Public Official Awards. Citing their significant contributions to higher education and to IU, Herbert presented the award to Rep. Vernon Smith (D-Gary) and Sen. Robert Meeks (R- LaGrange).

IU South Bend students were particularly interested in the trip because it gave them an opportunity to talk with legislators about the \$27.8 million capital request for renovation of the Associates Building on campus.

“I think the students made an impact on the legislators,” said IU South Bend Chancellor Una Mae Reck. “It means a lot for them to hear from students, faculty, and alumni about issues in higher education.”



NEW STAFF

Jacqueline Caul was named vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management in early January. Since 2003, Caul served as the senior associate vice chancellor for student affairs.

She received her doctorate in administration and higher education from Michigan State University.

Robert H. Ducoffe will begin his duties July 1 as the dean for the School of Business and Economics. He is currently the associate dean of Graduate Academic Affairs at the Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, City University of New York.

He received his doctorate in mass media advertising from Michigan State University.

Linda M. Fritschner was named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs in April. Fritschner has been serving in that role since 2000. She came to the campus as an assistant professor of sociology in 1980 and became a full professor in 1996.

She received her doctorate from the University of California Davis.

Jacqueline A. Neuman was recently named director of extended learning services. Before coming to campus in May, she served as director of continuing education at Athens Technical College, Athens, Ga. She managed credited and non-credited programming for a multi-campus institution.

Neuman received her master's degree from the University of South Florida.

Michael A. Prater joined the staff as director of facilities management in mid-October, coming from Bayer Corp., Mishawaka. He is a Purdue University graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering technology.

His current job includes managing building maintenance, housing and grounds.

Lynn R. Williams has been named dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He had been serving as interim dean since the fall semester.

Williams received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Kentucky. Williams came to the campus in 1975 as an assistant professor of mathematics.



AVALON STRING QUARTET

The newspaper reviews from across the country are in and the Avalon String Quartet has been called “exciting” and “dynamic.”

Formed in 1995 at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, the quartet has traveled throughout the world, won numerous honors in Europe and North America, such as the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition in South Bend, and premiered new works.

The members are all brilliant soloists who have performed with orchestras and in competitions in every corner of the world.

As of this fall, the quartet became a dynamic and exciting addition to IU South Bend as the artists-in-residence. There are perhaps 20 such residencies nationwide and most of them are on larger campuses.

According to Thomas C. Miller, dean of the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts, it has been a tradition on campus since the 1970s to have a quartet-in-residence. The quartet members “facilitate our having a quality string program and it gives us balance to the overall music program.”

When the Avalon Quartet came to campus for the interview and auditions, their performance was brilliant. The quartet was the clear winner, Miller said. “They are very serious musicians, but they are also lively, fun companions and colleagues. It is a joy to have them here.”

Anthony Devroye (violinist), Sumire Kudo (cellist), Marie Wang (second violinist), and Blaise Magniere (first violinist) are all enjoying the combination of teaching, performing, and participating in the community.

“The residence offers the flexibility of performing and teaching,” Magniere said. “This makes us stable and gives us a base as we work together and with students.”

Devroye said that it is often difficult to survive in the music world without a residency. “This makes us economically viable.”

Devroye added that part of their role during the two-year residency at IU South Bend is to bring awareness to the program and recruit students. For example, in January a workshop brought high school ensembles to campus to work with the Avalon members.

The four members know they are building on a rich music history in South Bend. There is a tradition here with the string quartets as well as the Toradze Piano Studio. They intend to add their own pages to this history.

THE ART OF DORA NATELLA

A Woman Who's as
Interesting as Her Art



"Gaia"

You must stop and look at her work. It demands attention. Associate Professor of Sculpture Dora Natella has been at IU South Bend only since August but she has already made her mark in the classroom and on the campus. Nearly everyone on campus has seen the 10-foot tall bronze sculpture "Gaia" standing unassumingly at the west entrance to Northside Hall. She says it represents the earth and the environmental struggle of nature. Earth mother. Goddess. Visually fractured. Abused. Reaching. Those words describe the sculpture she created and her own struggle to create.

Natella is as interesting as her art. She was born in Venezuela, but raised and educated in Italy. At 21, she moved to the U.S. to find her artistic voice and freedom. Her research and work gradually became centered on the female figure and her own life experiences as a woman.

Her connection to the campus begins with Professor of Fine Arts Emeritus Tuck Langland. As Langland was nearing retirement, their paths crossed at a meeting of the International Sculpture Society. Natella was chosen to receive a grant from the society and Langland mentioned the opening for his position. "The universe wanted me to be here," she said.

Natella describes IU South Bend as a unique school of figurative art. "The trend in art today is conceptualization," she says. "I believe it is important to use the human figure as a tool in art. The more traditional methods are being neglected, sadly." She feels fortunate to have colleagues such as Tony Droege, Alan Larkin, and Ron Monsma who are also figurative-based artists. "I feel at home here."

She may feel at home but she also is aware that her art can be controversial. "As a figurative specialist, I am often put in a difficult position. In America, unlike Europe, the line between figure art and sexuality is not as clear. That sometimes causes criticism of my art."

Natella is dedicated to the growth of the sculpture program. Her goals include improved facilities and enrollment growth. She knows there is a lot of work to do. She moved here last summer with her 10-year-old son from Eugene, Ore., with furniture and equipment. Most of her possessions are in storage because she doesn't have a studio. But she is undaunted. "All sculptors need to be resourceful," she said. She compares this with working with a foundry that has 100 pounds of melting capacity and pieces of bronze weighing hundreds of pounds. "Sculptors produce great teachers because you have to be patient. You also have to endure."



"Aurora's Gift"

Studio or not, this summer she will be creating three life-size sculptures, cast in polyester resin, and three small bronze sculptures for a one-person exhibition at Western Michigan University. Then she looks forward to returning to the classroom in the fall. "Teaching is natural for me," she said, "because I extend my passion for art to my students."



AFTER A MONTH OF PLAYING DODGEBALL AT THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER, SEVEN PLAYERS TOOK A ROAD TRIP TO SCHAUMBURG, ILL., AND CAME HOME WITH A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THAT'S HOW A LEGEND STARTS.

DODGEBALL A DYNASTY IN THE MAKING

In January, the IU South Bend Dodgeball Club participated in the Men's C Division of the National Amateur Dodgeball Association national championships. There were 74 other teams in their division and they dominated. Yes, dominated. Even though they didn't have uniforms.

Team member Barry Pontius, of Elkhart, said they had no idea what they were getting into when they drove to Illinois. "It was so crowded (with the children's competitions) that we couldn't get into the gym."

"Hodgepodge" is the best way to describe the team, according to Christopher Williams, another team member. The Granger resident said the plan at the first tournament was not to finish last. But in the back of his mind that was even optimistic. He believed they were doomed to fail by more experienced players and to fall quickly. But as Team IU South Bend watched the other teams in the division, they realized that they weren't that bad. "We worked together well. And other teams didn't try to catch the ball," Williams added.

The rules call for six players per team and everyone is on the court at the same time. Six balls are placed at mid-court, the whistle is blown and there is a scramble to get to the court and start flinging balls. The first team to eliminate all opposing players with well-placed dodgeballs is the winner. If a player catches a dodgeball, the person who threw the ball is taken out of the game.

They moved through pool play and the crowded gym got on their side. "We picked up steam. We had the most points scored, most players left, most catches. We had a lot of extras on the (score) board. And people began to watch," Williams said.

One game lasted all of 48 seconds. They moved into the tournament and finished with a 10-1 overall record, beating the Ram Rods (with a 6-4-1 record).

For their hard work and dodging skills, they came home with a bright blue plaque and hats.

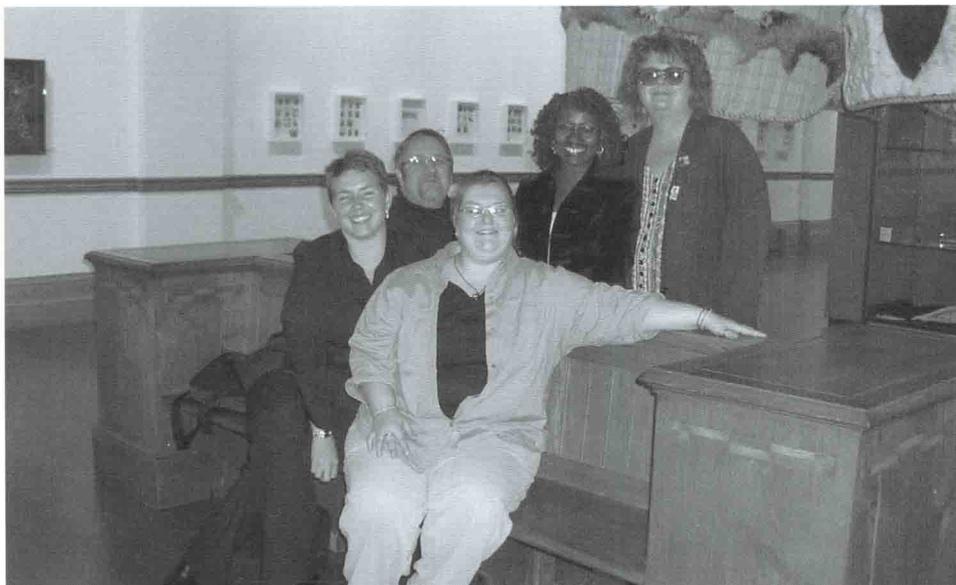
Amy Henkelman, assistant director of recreational programs, said it has been exciting to watch the team have fun, and she sees no end to the dodgeball trend. "It is very popular on campuses since the movie 'Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story.' It is a great stress reliever. Our open dodgeball is popular and we play after staff meetings. We would like to eventually have a tournament here."

The team is moving on to other invitational tourneys. The members have refined their skills and have learned specific formations and strategies. To top it off, they now have jerseys.

THE LADY TITANS CELEBRATE THEIR 2005 CHICAGOLAND COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (CCAC) CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TEAM FINISHED THE SEASON WITH A RECORD OF 23-11, GOING 10-2 IN THE CCAC. THIS IS THE FIFTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP IN NINE YEARS FOR THE IU SOUTH BEND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM.

Photo by Ricardo Ramirez





Four students and one professor took the plunge into South Africa last summer. From left, Megan Gushwa, Charles Stoner, Julie Reed-Cox, Dé Bryant, and Sherrie Wiegel take time to enjoy a Durban museum.

URBAN DURBAN PLUNGE

Four students and psychology Professor Dé Bryant moved their classroom to South Africa for the month of June. Bryant, director of IU South Bend's Social Action Project (SOCACT), said they used social science research to understand and change real-life problems. The project is designed as a way for students to become involved in a community and to research, understand, and apply the mechanics of social change.

The emphasis is to build relationships. SOCACT members ask what community members need and a project develops out of those needs. Ultimately, the community decides and makes the changes. "Our goal is to be seen, to collaborate, and make ourselves useful" by giving suggestions, Bryant said.

The students, Sherrie Wiegel, Charles Stoner, Julie Reed-Cox and Megan Gushwa, along with Bryant, jumped into working with three very diverse groups in Durban: the Umcebo Trust, which is developing goods for sale to benefit the physically and mentally disabled; Nowadays Poets, which opens the door to political discussions through poetry; and Arts for Humanities, which uses art as a tool for social change.

This was the third visit for SOCACT members. And this was an especially interesting year because it was the tenth anniversary of the end of apartheid. "We saw change" yet there are still problems with unemployment and representation. "But there is more optimism," Bryant said.

The urban Durban plunge was "a great learning experience and it was a chance to experience a different culture," according to SOCACT member Reed-Cox. She relished the collaboration and recommended a work project like this to everyone who gets a chance to participate. "To me, it gave me a focus to my life and (understanding of my need) to work with people."

Bryant said the time with the residents of South Africa surpasses hours of classroom time and lectures.



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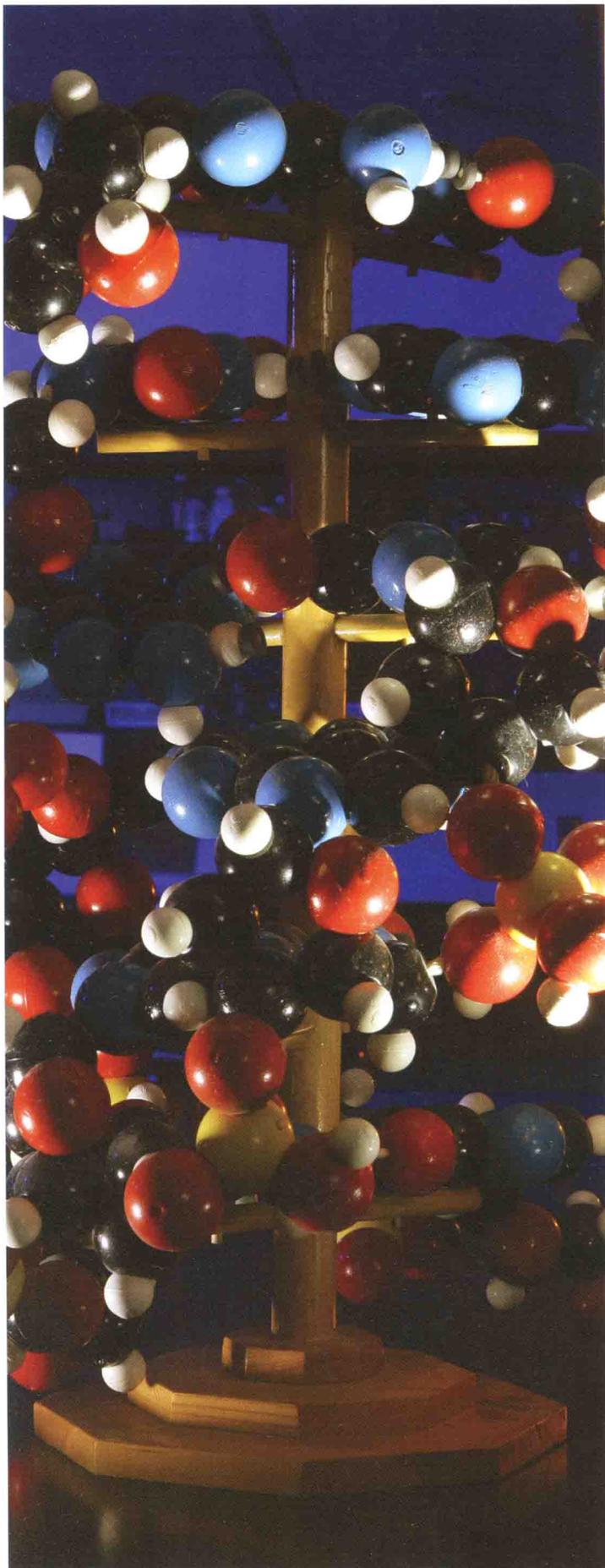
William and Kathryn Shields are known for their generous support of the community and IU South Bend. For their dedication to campus, they received the Chancellor's Medal on October 18.

The medal is given to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding support of IU South Bend and serve as exceptional advocates for the campus and who personify the attributes of leadership, trust, respect, dignity, and teamwork.

Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Shields have addressed issues in health care, hospice, and the nursing shortage by establishing an endowed chair at the IU South Bend School of Nursing, as well as an endowed scholarship in nursing and technology, and a fund to support nursing education.

Mr. Shields is the retired chairman of Wells Companies and Mrs. Shields is a former educator.





INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND IS IMPACTING THE LIFE SCIENCES THROUGH THE AMAZING WORK OF FACULTY AND STUDENTS. MANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN GUIDED THROUGH THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREES BY PROFESSORS WHO SAW PROMISE. PROFESSORS PETER BUSHNELL, ANN GRENS AND ANDREW SCHNABEL QUICKLY CAN NAME A DOZEN FORMER STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE ON TO MASTER'S AND DOCTORATE PROGRAMS. EACH STUDENT WORKED CLOSELY WITH AN IU SOUTH BEND PROFESSOR, DEVELOPED, AND MOVED ON TO MORE CHALLENGES.

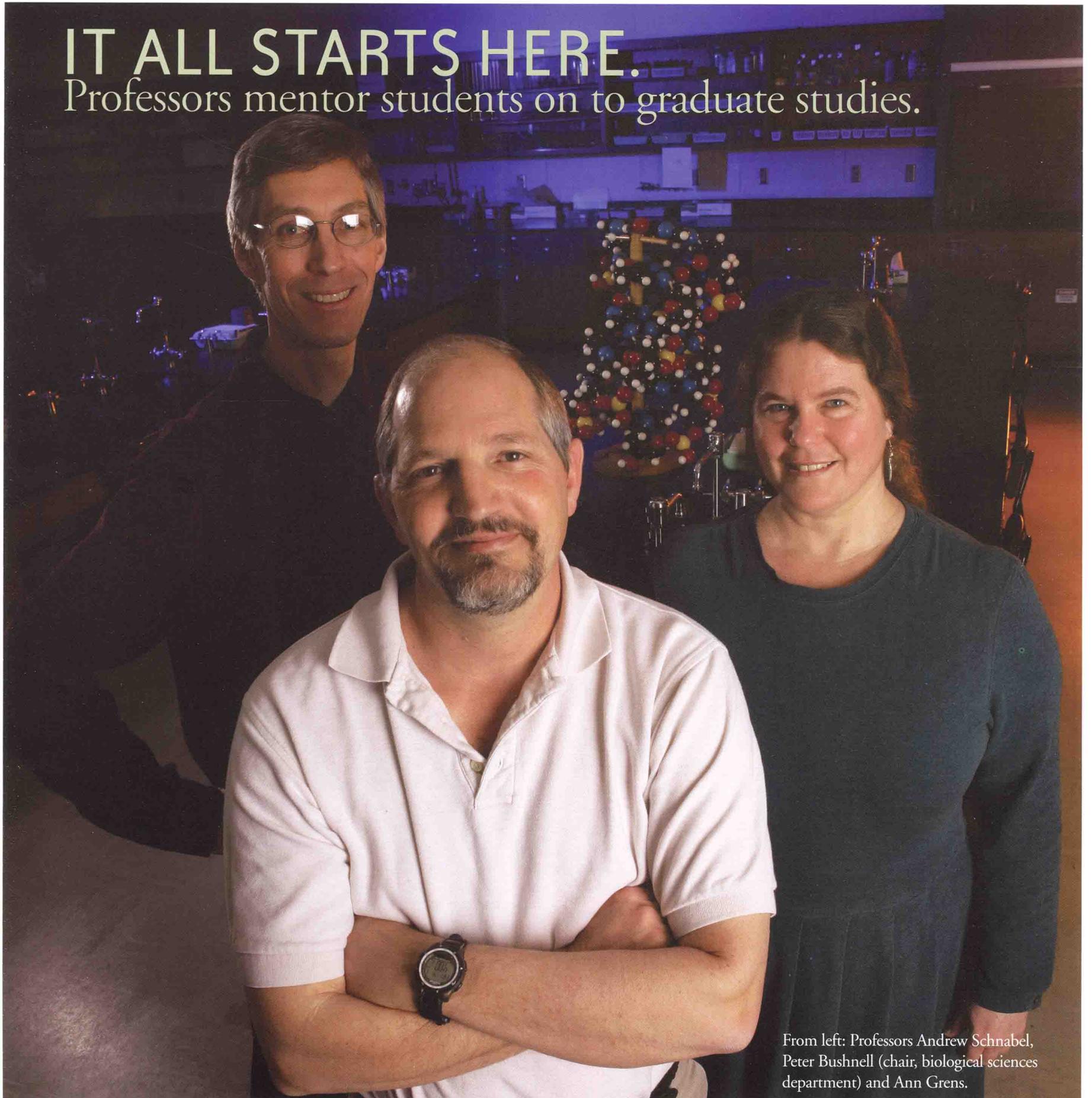
THE STUDENTS WERE TALENTED AND THEY BECAME SCIENTIFIC STARS.

THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT AT IU SOUTH BEND HAS 200 DECLARED MAJORS. SOME WILL GO INTO MEDICAL, DENTAL, VETERINARIAN, OR PHARMACY SCHOOLS. OTHERS WILL FIND JOBS IN INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT, AND BUSINESS. OTHERS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE AND RESEARCH.

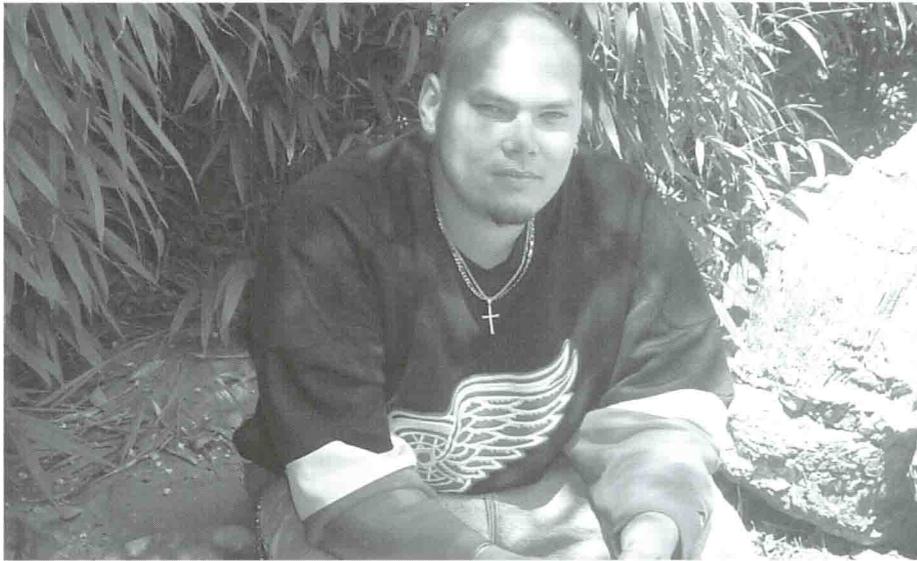
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IT ALL STARTS HERE.

Professors mentor students on to graduate studies.



From left: Professors Andrew Schnabel, Peter Bushnell (chair, biological sciences department) and Ann Grens.



JAMIN WILLOUGHBY

At 26, Jamin Willoughby's life had already taken some interesting turns before college: a tough upbringing near Detroit, junior professional hockey, a construction job, and a young family. Now he is working on his doctorate in molecular and cellular biology at University of California, Berkeley.

He is studying how naturally occurring compounds can stop the growth of prostate cancer, as well as how they can inhibit progression of the cancer cells from an early and less dangerous form to late and extremely dangerous stages.

Before Berkeley and IU South Bend, he graduated from night classes at Clay High School and worked in construction. He looked over life's options and decided higher education would create a stable environment for a new family.

He started in pre-vet classes at IU South Bend. "I realized I didn't get along with cats. I was always interested in biology and history. But there isn't much money in history."

Willoughby turned to biology. "Biology is a less formal environment and I can't stand being bored. IUSB served me well. There is better one-on-one interaction. Dr. Grens said to me, 'You know you're smart enough to go to graduate school. You should think about it.' The professors were always there to help...and they could be teaching anywhere but they like IUSB. I don't blame them. It is a great school, I am proud to tell people I graduated from IUSB, not Bloomington or Notre Dame, but IUSB."

For him, research is interesting because of the rewards. "I am most likely the only person in the world working on this specific drug. Any data I produce or publications are all new. Biology is much more complicated, so the satisfaction of finding out something that has never been seen by human eyes is a great personal reward," he said.

He plans to graduate from Berkeley in two and a half years and head into bio-technical research, a post-doctorate position, or a teaching job.

RANIA RIZK

Rania Rizk, 25, believed her future was in dentistry until she came to IU South Bend.

"I saw the (biological sciences) professors were passionate and professional about their research and their teaching. I wanted to do what they do."

She is beginning to follow that path. Rizk currently is working on her doctorate in cell biology at IU Bloomington. Her dream is to teach at a small university and to continue her research. "I love research and teaching. The excitement of research is finding something new, when it works. You are the one who has designed (the project) and you're adding to the body of knowledge."

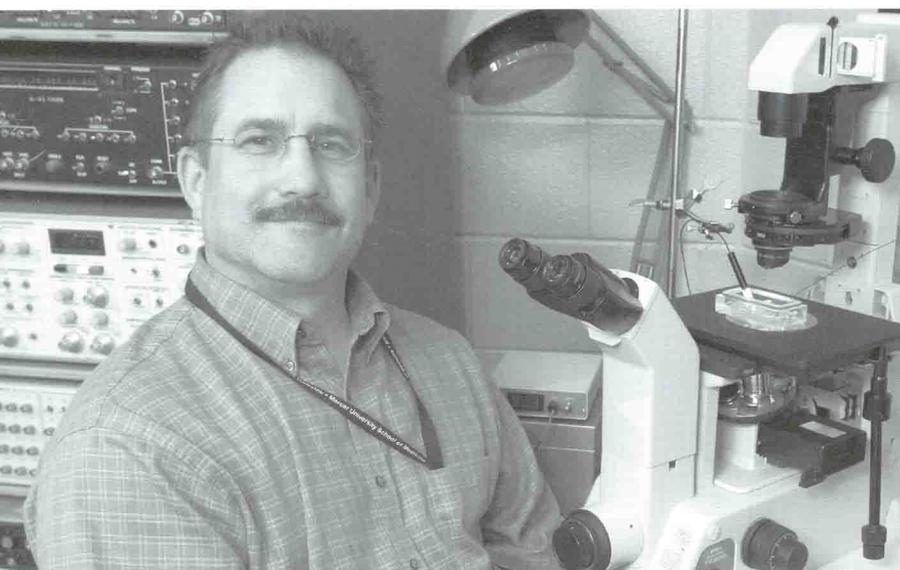
Her research is now exploring mitosis and cancer growth. She has a passion and enthusiasm in her voice about her work and her time in South Bend. She describes her time at IU South Bend with a typical word, "awesome."

She came to the U.S. from her native Egypt when she was 12. The family first lived in Sioux Falls, S.D., and then Troy, Mich. Both she and her brother, Shahir, came to IU South Bend after researching schools and speaking to international students about the possibilities on campus.

Her brother is now at Duke University studying bio-chemistry.

She credited Gretchen Anderson, Ann Grens, and Andrew Schnabel with encouraging her.

"I tell everyone that I love IUSB. It is awesome. The professors gave me a chance to see the possibilities as an undergraduate and to see the goal."



MIKE RUSSELL

At 35, Mike Russell enrolled at IU South Bend. Right out of high school and for 20 years, he worked with his in-laws in the auto upholstery business.

Now at the age of 47, he teaches physiology at Mercer School of Medicine, Macon, Ga., and he continues research on lungs and hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction.

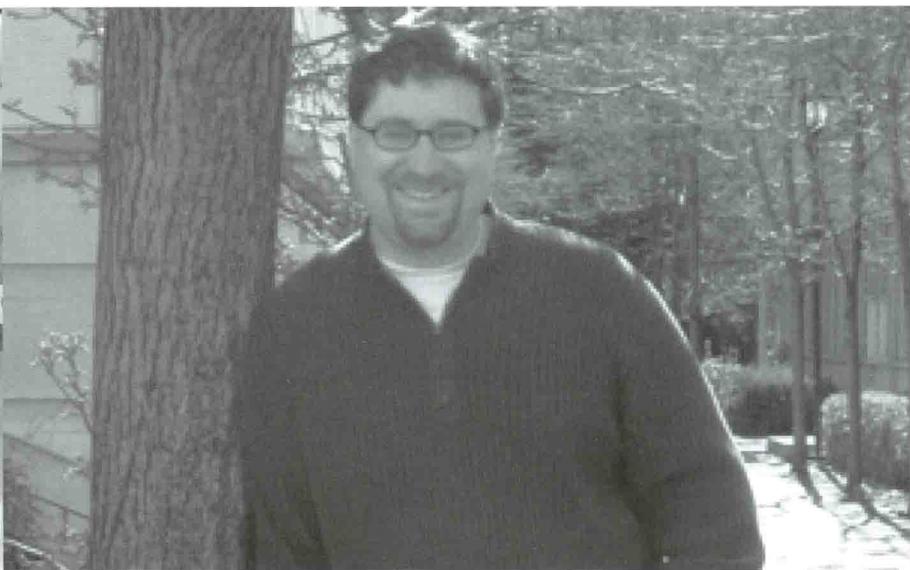
Before the school journey began, he and his wife, Carrie, were interested in taking over the family business. Before the switch, his mother-in-law suggested that they explore different interests before they were tied to the business.

He and Carrie became licensed wildlife rehabilitators for a number of years in Elkhart County and Mike began taking classes at IU South Bend's Elkhart center. "College was a trial to see if I could do it or if I was brain dead," he said, referring to the number of years since high school. He took two years of classes at Elkhart before committing full time to school.

While at IU South Bend, he worked in Peter Bushnell's lab, where he was awarded an intercampus grant to study in the lab of Ken Olsen at the IU School of Medicine, South Bend Center, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

After graduation from IU South Bend with a degree in biology, he went to graduate school at Notre Dame as an Arthur J. Schmitt and National Science Foundation pre-doctoral fellow. Following graduate school, he completed a two-year fellowship in cardiovascular research at the South Bend Center.

"If it wasn't for my experience at IUSB, I would not have done this. There were good people here who gave me every opportunity to achieve," he said. "I'm fortunate to have experienced the intellectual environment fostered by the professors and shared by the students at IUSB. The students helped each other" to succeed. "My education was my ticket."



PATRICK MCDONEL

Patrick McDonel moved from Adams High School to IU South Bend. It was a matter of finances. "I could live at home and I had scholarships. I intended to be in pre-med. My dad was an adjunct faculty member at the time and was a friend of Kirk Mecklenburg. Kirk took me into his lab when I was only a freshman. He got me working on an undergraduate research project involving molecular genetics in fruit flies."

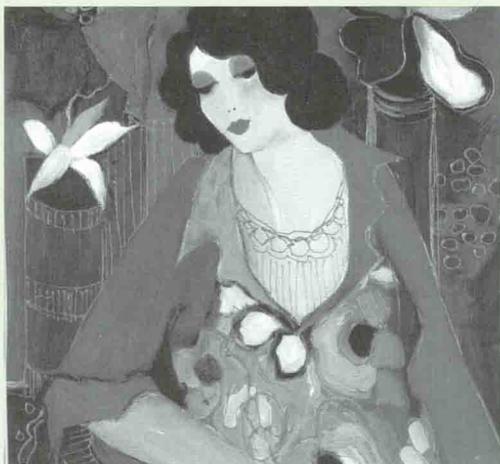
McDonel, 28, said he was "hooked forever, for research is addicting."

While at IU South Bend he worked two years with Andrew Schnabel and received practical and scientific advice from Ann Grens. "Ann encouraged me to apply to top-notch graduate programs, including Berkeley."

He is now in the graduate program at Berkeley studying DNA and an X-chromosome regulatory process called dosage compensation, a process where a large portion of the genome (the X chromosome) is regulated by the cell in an epigenetic fashion. That is, the regulation is imposed on that entire region on top of the existing temporal and spatial gene by gene regulation.

"My project aims to understand how the X is specified as a target of this regulation by moving pieces of X to other chromosomes and then looking to see if these chromosomes are not dosage compensated."

The challenges of the research change day to day. "Every experiment that works provides new information that only leads to more questions and new experiments. Scientific research is really a bottomless pit where mostly what you find is that you have a whole lot more to find out," he said.



THE ART OF GIVING: JUNE 4, 2005

Does that wall in the living room need a new touch of class? Here's your chance to buy some stunning art and help the campus. The Alumni Association is sponsoring a fine art auction on Saturday, June 4, in the Main Café of the Administration Building.

The Park West Gallery, of Southfield, Mich., will bring 300 to 400 pieces of framed art from the works of the masters to contemporary artists to the campus for the evening. The originals, prints, lithographs, watercolors, etchings, animation art, sports collectibles, and serigraphs will be offered at a fraction of the cost. Many will be sold for \$200 to \$300 and each work comes with a registered certificate of authenticity.

The proceeds will be used for alumni programs.

The evening will begin with a preview at 7 p.m., followed by the auction from 8 to 10 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$10 each or \$15 at the door. All dues paying alumni association members will be admitted free.

For information and tickets, call (574) 520-4381.



PROFESSOR ANN M. GRENS, CENTER, WITH STUDENTS WHO FUNDED THE SCHOLARSHIP.

SCHOLARSHIP NAMED FOR GRENS

The agenda for the biological sciences faculty meeting in March included an item called "student concerns." About midway through the meeting, 12 students of Professor Ann M. Grens walked into the room to express their "concern" and to surprise their favorite prof.

They were there to announce the "Dr. Ann M. Grens Scholarship" for undergraduates in the biological sciences. Twenty students have contributed to the scholarship, and it is one of the first created by current students for a living professor at IU.

Senior Gerald Morris Jr. read from a letter that was sent to the IU Foundation about Grens and her investment in students, her enthusiasm, professionalism, and devotion to students. "Dr. Grens' passion for teaching is unequalled by any professor I have ever seen or had in the classroom," Morris said.

As Morris read from the letter about her abilities and love of teaching, Grens became visibly moved. He concluded by saying that they wished to acknowledge her phenomenal contributions with the scholarship in her name.

Morris personally committed to working toward the endowment after he completes medical school, which will begin in the fall of '06 at the IU School of Medicine South Bend Center.

Grens received the framed gift agreement signed by the students and hugs from each student.



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PROFESSOR EMERITUS WILLIAM M. GERING

Professor Emeritus William M. Gering was invited to a lunch last year with Chancellor Reck and other retired professors. There was talk about the campus and what it means to the community. Gering walked away pondering the importance of the university and how he would like to be remembered.

“They put a number of thoughts into my head,” Gering said. He later talked with Dean Tom Miller about the need for scholarships, especially in his field of communication arts.

With a little additional pondering, Gering decided what to do. With a lead gift from William M. and Lucille Gering, a new scholarship has been created for communication arts. A letter is being sent to former students about the scholarship with hopes of increasing the endowment.

Gering came to the area from Kansas in 1965, and he became the campus’ first full-time speech professor. He was one of 36 full-time faculty members of the growing campus.

In the classroom he emphasized the learning experience and pioneered the use of audio and later video recordings to give his students feedback on their work. He initiated a student intercollegiate debate club and the semester speech contest, which continues today.

He retired in 1988 after 24 years of teaching at IU South Bend.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Rhonda Newsome Scholarship recently was established for special education students at IU South Bend. It was created by nine alumnae of the program in honor of their friend, Rhonda.

Mollie Hurd, of Warsaw, is one of the special education graduates. Hurd said Rhonda and the nine friends became close as they went through the classes together. They graduated, got jobs, married, had kids, moved, and faced the other challenges of adulthood, yet they stayed in touch and had regular reunions for the last 25 years.

“Everyone clicked. We had so much in common, and Rhonda was the listener. She gave advice when others were uncertain what to do. She could see solutions. She was the rudder for the group,” Hurd said. “She was the perfect counselor.”

And indeed, she became a counselor after teaching 25 years in Virginia.

Just after Christmas 2002, Newsome was killed in a car accident in Richmond, Va., leaving her husband and two daughters.

The friends thought that the scholarship was the perfect way to remember a great friend and great counselor. “We’re going to get together this summer in South Bend, the first time without Rhonda. There will be plenty of Kleenex,” Hurd said. “We want to remember a friend.”

To remember Rhonda Newsome with a donation in her name, call Jan C. Halperin, director of development, at (574) 520-4801.



CHAD E. PEARSON UPDATE

The Chad E. Pearson Memorial Scholarship endowment continues to grow. The February dinner, dance, and silent auction netted more than \$12,000. Since its inception in 1995, 12 scholarships have been presented. Today, the total endowment is \$60,000, which is well on the way to the \$100,000 goal.

Pictured: Glenda Pearson with Jennifer Madox, chair of the Scholarship Committee.

RISLER SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Walt Risler was one of the founding fathers of IU South Bend. "He was a student-oriented person. Our biggest problem was that Walt's classes filled up too quickly," according to Bill Hojnacki, professor and former campus dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. "He was a pioneer."

Risler came to the campus after graduate school at the University of Chicago. He taught sociology and criminal justice and later served as dean of faculty. He was a fixture on the campus for 26 years, retiring in 1980. He also worked at Parkview Detention Center and as a private counselor. He died in 1989.

Shortly after his death, his wife, Doris, created a scholarship in his honor for students who major or minor in criminal justice. "I wanted to make a lasting memorial to him."

Mrs. Risler established a charitable gift annuity to increase the scholarship. In exchange for her irrevocable gift, the IU Foundation guarantees to pay her a fixed dollar amount each year of her life, a portion of which is tax-free income. Another benefit of the annuity is that the fixed payments are not subject to volatile stock market fluctuations.

The amount is based on the life expectancy – the older the gift giver, the greater the annuity rate.

"He was a special man and a special teacher who made an impact on the community," Mrs. Risler said. "I'm sure his former students will want to remember him."

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY RATES*

	AGE	RATES
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	60	6.0%
	65	6.5%
	70	6.8%
	75	7.5%
	80	8.2%
	85	9.2%
	90 +	10.3%

* one-life rates as of January 2003

SUEÑO SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES DREAM OF EDUCATION

Jorge Marin understands the importance of a college degree. He also understands the challenges facing Hispanics who come to America to pursue their dreams. Jorge is a native of Columbia who came to the United States in 1997 to study English and to earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA). He received his MBA from IU South Bend in 1999 and now has a successful career at 1st Source Bank.

With the help of the IU South Bend Alumni Association, he has established a scholarship with preference for Hispanic students. It is called the Sueño Scholarship. Sueño translates as "dream." In this case, the dream is of a college education. The goal is to endow the scholarship at a minimum level of \$10,000. Jorge made the first gift and is calling on the community to join him.

Jorge praises IU South Bend for its academic excellence and also for addressing the needs of the growing Hispanic community. The campus is actively recruiting Hispanic students, addressing language, economics, and immigration issues, and has hired a bilingual Hispanic student coordinator.

If you are interested in contributing to the Sueño Scholarship fund, contact Jorge at (574) 235-2869 or Jan Halperin at (574) 520-4801.



Douglas E. Sakaguchi, Jon A. Criss, Jeffrey J. Stesiak, Daniel H. Pfeifer, and Richard W. Morgan

LAW FIRM INVESTS IN CAMPUS

The law firm of Sweeney, Pfeifer, Morgan & Stesiak has been active in a number of community organizations. The members have been generous to the arts, universities, and other causes. "We wanted to recognize the importance of IU South Bend to the area we serve. It was important to make a statement," according to Rick Morgan, a partner in the firm.

The law firm has created an undergraduate scholarship for high school graduates from St. Joseph County or the contiguous counties in Indiana and Michigan. The recipients can study in any field and must achieve a 2.5 GPA.

A number of the attorneys with the firm have IU degrees, undergraduate and law. "We're proud of the campus and what it does. We want to encourage others to make the same statement about the importance of education to the community," Morgan said.



Chancellor Reck and Byron Parshall



Jan Halperin and Franklin D. Schurz Jr.

2 NAMED TO PRESIDENTS CIRCLE

Two long-time friends of IU South Bend were inducted into the Presidents Circle of benefactors at a ceremony in December in Bloomington. Byron Parshall and Franklin D. Schurz Jr. were honored along with 78 noted benefactors.

Parshall is a South Bend native. He graduated from Central High School and served in the Army from 1944 to 1946. He graduated from Western Michigan University and Indiana Tech.

He married IU alumna Valerie Kamm, who was well known as a teacher and jewelry designer. He retired after 30 years with Rockwell International, working primarily with NASA in Houston. Parshall returned to South Bend in 1990. Mrs. Parshall died in 1995 and he later honored her with the creation of a scholarship in her name.

Schurz is the president and director of Schurz Communications, Inc., the parent company of the South Bend Tribune and WSBT, Inc. In addition to the Tribune, Schurz Communications publishes seven other newspapers in Indiana, including Bloomington, Bedford and Martinsville. Other holdings include papers in Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and California; four radio stations, four television stations, two cable companies, and a publishing company.

Schurz received his bachelor's and master's in business administration from Harvard University. He has spent most of his career with the South Bend Tribune and Schurz Communications. He has been a longtime advocate for the campus, and he is a member of the Chancellor's Advisory Board.

The Franklin D. Schurz Library is named in honor of his father. Most recently, Frank Schurz Jr. donated money for the creation of a scholarship for minority students. The Opportunity Scholarship provides financial support to African American and Latino undergraduate and graduate students.

PIANOS NEEDED

The campus and the Toradze Piano Studio have received gifts from the Geraldine Martin, Rex and Alice A. Martin Foundation, the Metz Foundation, and a matching gift fund from Laura and Jack Boyd Smith Jr., and John and Judy Bond for the purchase of four pianos for the studio.

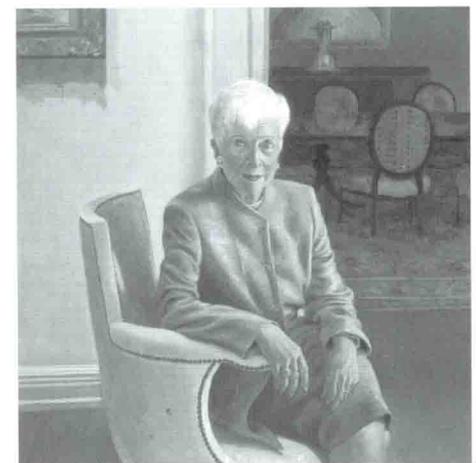
Four more pianos are needed for the group of talented artists who study with Alexander Toradze.

Approximately \$15,000 was raised last fall from a catalog auction for the purchase of a practice piano for the Toradze Piano Studio.

The studio can only thrive with appropriate instruments. The condition of the piano inventory is a source of grave concern. Several of the pianos being used were described by the Steinway Piano representative as "unserviceable" or "firewood."

The pianos are often played for 24 hours per day and suffer through 3,500 hours of grueling practice every year. IU South Bend needs to replace these pianos to better recruit students, teach, and continue to bring the best possible music to the community.

Anyone interested in receiving the next catalog auction to raise money for the piano fund or for information about the Toradze Studio should send an e-mail to isheffer@iusb.edu.



An Anthony Droege portrait of Ernestine M. Raclin, benefactress for the School of the Arts, was unveiled in September at a reception in Northside Hall. The oil now hangs in the lobby outside the auditorium.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RUN

The Breast Cancer Awareness Run found a new home on the IU South Bend campus. There were 758 registered participants for the walk/run in early October through campus and the neighborhood.

About \$68,000 was raised, and next fall's event will be October 8.

HERITAGE WALK

The Civil Rights Heritage Center sponsored a fund-raising walk October 16. "Walk the Path of Peace and Freedom" offered residents a time to reflect on the power of community commitment.

Seventy people participated and they raised about \$1,400. The center will build on the program and another walk will be scheduled this fall.

Money raised went to the heritage center and four civil rights sites in the South.

PAGE FILLS RECITAL HALL

Chicago Tribune columnist Clarence Page spoke to a full house for the annual Conversations on Race just days after the fall elections.

He discussed the surprises of the elections, such as the emergence of the moral value issues, the black and Hispanic voting trends, and the red states versus the blue states.

"I think the Midwest is going to be the salvation of America," Page said. "I think people of the upper Midwest appreciate those moderate values. We don't move too fast, we don't move too slow either, but we move."

FOUNDERS DAY

Three IU South Bend associate professors and a lecturer received honors for their mentoring and teaching skills during the annual spring Founders Day ceremonies in Bloomington.

The four faculty members, their positions and the awards are Gretchen Anderson, associate professor of chemistry, the Herman Frederic Lieber Memorial Award for teaching excellence; Linda Chen, associate professor of political science, the Wilbert Hites Mentoring Award; Betsy Lucal, associate professor of sociology, the Sylvania E. Bowman Award for teaching excellence; and Elizabeth Mooney, lecturer of sociology, the Part-Time Teaching Award.

The awards recognize outstanding faculty members and students throughout the university system. Sixteen faculty members were honored from Bloomington, Indianapolis, South Bend, and Southeast.

IU South Bend faculty members received the largest number of awards at the annual event.

STUDENTS RECEIVE 'OSCAR'

At least eight students from the university may have bright futures in marketing. One of the four-person teams received the grand prize Gold ECHO from the Direct Marketing Education Foundation (DMEF). The competition was sponsored by DMEF and the Advanta Corp., a provider of services for small businesses.

The winning team of Lisitha Madiwake, Scott Hope, Lauren Wilstein, and Susan Hampton submitted "Women Helping Women: Success With Finesse." The IU South Bend campaign was one of 150 to be entered in the 2004 Leonard J. Raymond Collegiate ECHO Competition. The winners received a trip to the Direct Marketing Association Conference in New Orleans.

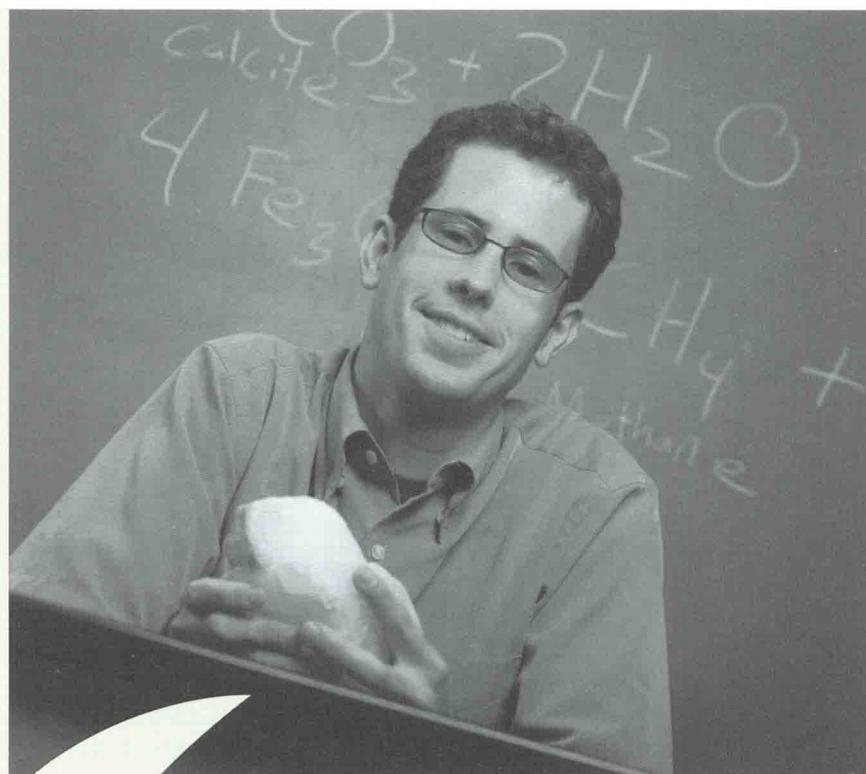
The second team of Sean O'Brien, Riccardo D'Angelo, Mary Voder, and Kanako Yoshida received an honorable mention for marketing strategy. Four campaigns were submitted from Professor Monle Lee's M418 Advertising Strategies class.

Hope said the award is called the "Oscar for marketing. It was amazing and surreal. We spent spring break working on it 8 to 10 hours per day. We changed the campaign and rewrote the entire presentation three to four times." At one point the presentation was 40 pages, single spaced. In its final form it was 15 pages, single spaced.

The grand-prize team focused on a strategy that encouraged charitable and socially responsible roles for Advanta and its customers through cash-back credit cards and other features.

Team member Wilstein saluted Lee for her guidance through the project. "She pushed us to do a lot better. We were committed to do a good job and we put a lot into it."

The school's names are not submitted with the project so that all the projects are on equal footing. Other projects were submitted from University of Texas, Loyola, and Temple. Direct, and interactive marketing professionals judged the entries on research, objectives, strategy, creativity, and theme.



GAS PRICES GOT YOU DOWN? Scott's Research May Be the Answer

COULD THERE BE A HUGE RESERVE OF UNTAPPED METHANE, THE MAIN COMPONENT IN NATURAL GAS, DEEP IN THE EARTH'S CRUST? COULD ENERGY BE CHEAP AGAIN?

Not so quick. According to the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) a new source of methane is a possibility that is being explored.

Physics and geology Professor Henry Scott was the lead author of the PNAS study that included scientists from the Carnegie Institution's Geophysical Laboratory, Washington, D.C.; Harvard University, and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

As a postdoctoral fellow for the National Research Council, Scott developed a collaborative relationship with this distinguished group of scientists at the Carnegie Institution's Geophysical Laboratory. Their research involves the formation of hydrocarbons, and he continues this work as a faculty member at IU South Bend.

The team of researchers found that there is a possibility of an inorganic source of hydrocarbons deep within the earth from a simple reaction between water and carbon-bearing rock. The traditional theory is that fossil fuel is close to the earth's surface (three to five miles down) and it formed over millions of years from the breakdown of plants and animals.

The experiments show that methane can form independently of living organisms and remain chemically stable at pressures and temperatures similar to conditions at 120 to 180 miles beneath the earth's surface. The team used a diamond anvil cell (two gem-quality diamonds with flattened tips that are pressed together) to squeeze materials common on the earth's surface, such as iron oxide, calcite, and water, to pressures many thousands of times the pressure of the earth's atmosphere. The scientists heated the mixture to 2,700 degrees Fahrenheit and produced methane.

These experiments point to the possibility of an inorganic source of hydrocarbons at more than 100 miles down where the pressures and temperatures are extremely high.

"This is an interesting step forward. Although it is well established that commercial petroleum originates from the decay of once-living organisms, these results support the possibility that the deep earth may produce abiogenic hydrocarbons of its own under high pressure chemical reactions," Scott said. "These initial results do not prove the extent to which this occurs within the earth, but they spark the imagination" regarding the origin of natural gas and petroleum and what that means to the future supply of natural resources.

Scott cautioned that their findings do not offer a quick cure for high gas prices or oil politics. "These results in no way alleviate the immediate problems we face regarding our natural resources, but they do suggest that additional research is needed to fully understand how hydrocarbons form in the earth."

ONE BOOK, ONE CAMPUS

One Book, One Campus is a campus and community reading/discussion program that encourages all students, faculty, alumni, staff, and community members to read the same book and participate in discussions and events related to the work. The library-led program began at IU South Bend this year with the book "War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning" by Chris Hedges.

Hedges, a former war correspondent, writes of lessons learned in his years of covering wars in Iraq, Sarajevo, and Kosovo. He also wrote "What Every Person Should Know About War" and "The Decalogue." He shared his experiences to a full house when he spoke on campus in March.

Next year's One Book is "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" by Philip K. Dick, which was selected in a campus-wide vote. The title, which is related to the campus theme of the body, is an examination of what it means to be human and told through the story of a bounty hunter who must "retire" a group of escaped androids within a day.

Anyone interested in leading a book discussion on this title or contributing a piece related to the work on the One Book, One Campus blog should contact Julie Elliott at jmfelli@iusb.edu or call (574) 520-4410 or visit www.iusb.edu/~libg/onebook.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Thirteen IU South Bend Alumni Scholarships will be awarded this spring. Since the program's inception in 1997, it has grown and gained support. Larry Lentych, BS '69, first had the idea of attracting honors students to the university by asking companies to sponsor freshman-year scholarships and individual alumni to give to an endowment fund.

Donors agreed with Lentych's philosophy of keeping great students in the area. The program has now raised more than \$500,000, awarded 82 scholarships, and become exemplary in the IU system of what alumni can accomplish.

Specialty scholarships have developed. For example, a Community Service scholarship was made possible by Reflex Industries. Alumnus David Bloss endowed scholarships especially for the School of Business and Economics, and 1st Source Foundation developed a scholarship endowment for their employees' children. A Nontraditional Student Scholarship fund was started by Chancellor Una Mae Reck.

Recently, through the efforts of Alumni Board member Jorge Marin, MBA '99, the Sueño Scholarship has become available with preference for Latino students. The Larry E. Lentych Four-Year Scholarship was named in honor of the program's original founder and was established last year from the endowment fund's interest.

And now the program is expanding to involve donors who are interested in funding athletics scholarships.

This year, donors of full scholarships include Chancellor Una Mae Reck, Rick and Audrey Herzberg, Gurley Leep Automotive Group, the Gibson Insurance Group, Teachers Credit Union (two scholarships), Northwestern Mutual Life, Reflex Industries, and KeyBank. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (574) 520-4381.

JOB SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES

Take a student under your wing for a day and make a friend. Get new insight. These are a few of the selling points for a new job shadowing program from the Career Services Department and the Alumni Affairs Office.

Jeffery L. Jackson, career counselor, said the program is geared for first- and second-year students who are attempting to choose a major. "This will give students real-life experiences in the work field, and it will give alumni a chance to make an impact."

Jackson meets with interested students and he matches them with an alumnus or alumna. "Our goal this semester is for 30" such matches, he said. The alumni-mentors-for-a-day get the chance to pick the times and situations. "No specific amount of time is required. The program is very open to their schedules."

Jackson made a presentation to the alumni board and they saw promise. "Both career services and alumni affairs are excited about the job shadowing. This is a way to foster success and build partnerships in the area."

If you'd like more information about job shadowing, contact Jackson at (574) 520-4438 or visit the Website at www.iusb.edu/~sbcareer.

WORKING AT ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE IN SOUTH BEND IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR PATRICIA MARVEL. THERE IS NO PLACE TO GO ON FROM HERE, SHE SAID, NO BETTER JOB. THIS IS THE PLACE.



PAT MARVEL BA '98, MS '02

Pat Marvel began working at St. Margaret's House in the fall of 2001 as a volunteer. For the spring semester of 2002, she interned for her master's in counseling. Her career evolved again in June 2002 when she became assistant director.

Located behind St. James Episcopal Cathedral on Lafayette Street in South Bend, St. Margaret's is a day center for women. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, it is a comfort zone for women to find rest, a meal, educational assistance, and friends. Some are homeless, many live alone in poverty. Others are abused or elderly, others have children.

The center opened the door in 1990 to 15 guests. Today, there are about 70 guests per day and Marvel works with them and more than 100 volunteers.

At noon, there is a lunch to be served and there is an overwhelming commotion of kitchen noises and voices. Toddlers play in the corner. Someone asks for help with a washing machine. Marvel and the staff serve lunch, help, and make the place run smoothly.

But before St. Margaret's, Marvel had to gather the courage to go back to school. First, she came to IU South Bend in 1967 for one class. She quit school, got married, raised a family, and worked at a bank. As an avocacion, she and her husband, Rex, worked with engaged couples during encounter weekends.

Twenty years passed and she thought of college again, with the urging of her daughter. "I called IUSB to get information. I thought they would tell me how to re-apply. They said my Social Security number was still in the system. I was still a student and class started that night," she said.

Marvel took one class – Psychology 101 – and loved it. She got her degree in speech communications in 1998. That same year, she was named the acting affirmative action director at IU South Bend, a job she held for two years. During that time she became certified in affirmative action and mediation. That was a job she said she loved.

Later, she worked as an adjunct teacher at Notre Dame teaching diversity, and she continued her education. Marvel received her master's of science in counseling in 2002.

Going to IU South Bend was a blessing, she said. She had experienced life and returned to school. "I came out with a job I never could have dreamed of in a million years."

CAROL J. EVANS BA '73

Carol Evans received the Indiana University Alumni Association President's Award during the alumni association's Executive Council meeting in early December.

The President's Award is the highest honor bestowed by the IUAA to alumni volunteers for their service to IU and their local communities.

Evans serves as vice president for strategic planning on the board of directors of the IU South Bend Alumni Association, chair of the student recruitment committee, and as a member of the IU South Bend alumni scholarship selection committee. She also is the alumni liaison to the Faculty Senate.

Evans also serves on a number of community boards, such as the Community Foundation, Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County, and the George Swiatowy Education Foundation.

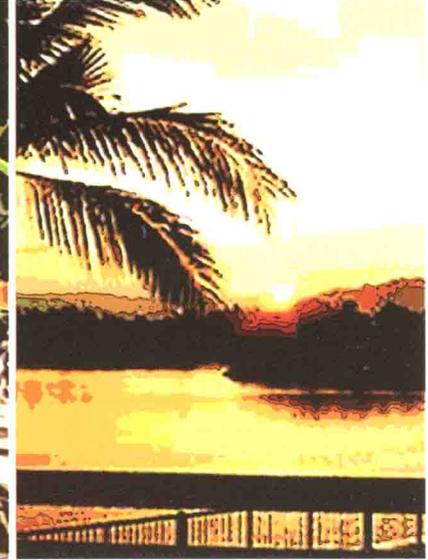
In 1993, Evans was named Indiana Women in Business Advocate of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

She and her husband, Richard, live in Mishawaka, and she is group developer for U.S. Pilkington, Niles, Mich.



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