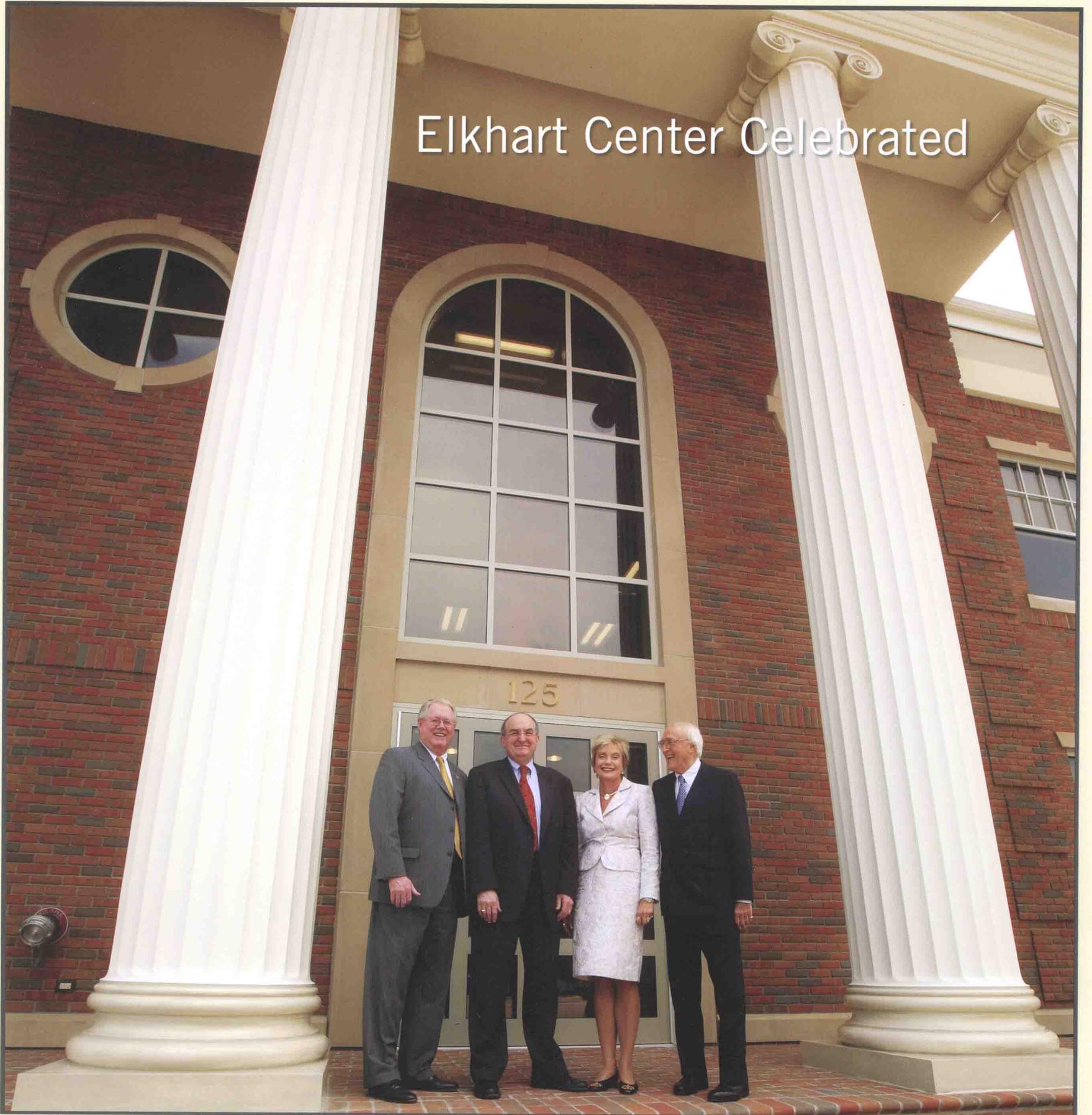


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Featured on the cover: Robert Deputy, co-chair of the Elkhart Center steering committee; Michael McRobbie, president of Indiana University; Una Mae Reck, chancellor of IU South Bend; and Art Decio, co-chair of the Elkhart Center steering committee on the front steps of the new IU South Bend Elkhart Center.

Dear Friends,

Architectural planning, construction, a groundbreaking, and a memorable dedication ceremony have marked the past six months at Indiana University South Bend. This issue of *Foundations* will bring you up-to-date on all of the activity including construction of student housing, renovation of the Administration Building, plans for the Education and Arts Building, construction at the Engman Natatorium, and the dedication of the IU South Bend Elkhart Center.

All of these projects enhance the ability of IU South Bend to educate students. Each of the facilities will add to an environment of teaching, learning, and growth at IU South Bend. As chancellor, I am proud that the funding for these projects comes from a mix of public and private sources. To me, that indicates a belief by elected officials, business leaders, and residents in the transforming power of higher education.

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in these projects. Your commitment and generosity will make a difference in the lives of students for generations to come.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Foundations*. Thank you for your support of IU South Bend.

Sincerely,

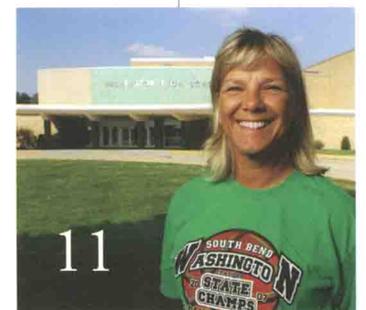
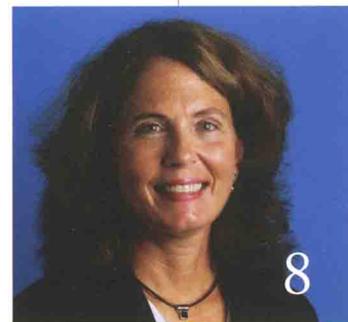
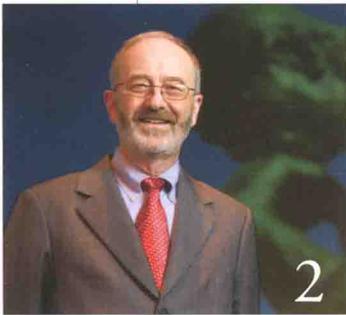


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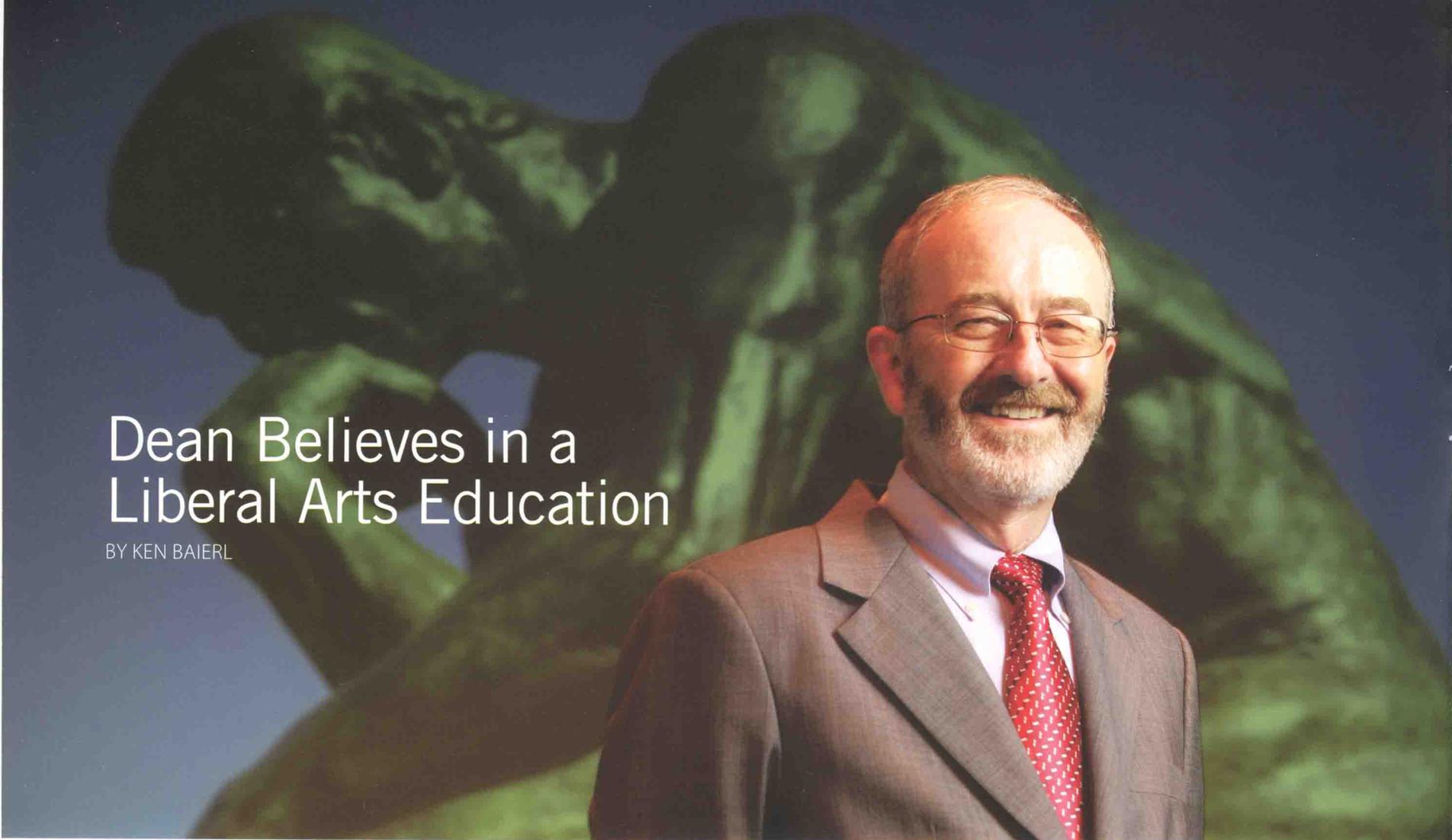
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Dean Believes in a Liberal Arts Education

BY KEN BAIERL

Lynn Williams was never interested in being an administrator at a university or anywhere else. Yet today he is the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), the largest school at Indiana University South Bend with more than 200 faculty members and approximately 1,800 students. How did it happen?

Williams can trace it back to 1988 when he went to Malaysia to teach mathematics. He was part of an Indiana University program that brought American faculty to Malaysia to help prepare students for college in the United States. At the time, he was a professor of mathematics at IU South Bend and had just completed a term as chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

“Teaching in Malaysia was an eye-opening experience,” he said. “It was my first extended trip out of the country and made a great impression on me.” Upon his return to IU South Bend he began gaining experience in administrative positions to see if it suited him. It did.

Williams was appointed dean of CLAS in 2005. “The thing I like most about being dean is the people I work with,” he said. “IU South Bend has excellent faculty, staff, and students.”

Williams is a staunch advocate of the value of a liberal arts education. “Parents, particularly those of first-time, post-secondary students, want to

know that their children will get jobs. Students are often pressured to study more narrowly focused fields when exposure to a variety of liberal arts and sciences disciplines may be the best life and career choice.”

Williams says there is evidence now that most people will change jobs a number of times. “Essential skills in writing, critical thinking, scientific investigation, and languages provide the basic tools for employment, and the in-depth exposure to a variety of disciplines provides the foundation to meet the challenges of our ever-changing world. The liberally educated student is truly prepared for lifelong learning as an informed, engaged citizen. This is the value of a liberal arts education.”

Williams wants more students and more majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences runs very effectively. We squeeze everything we can out of our budget,” he said. “I want growth in the programs we currently offer and in the future I would like to add programs.”

Williams grew up on a farm in Tennessee. He came to IU South Bend after earning his bachelor’s degree in mathematics at King College in Bristol, Tennessee, and his master’s degree and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky. He remains at IU South Bend for the same reason he first came here, “Because IU South Bend values teaching and respects scholarship,” he states with pride.

Retirement is Bittersweet

BY KATHY BORLIK

Jacqueline Caul's July 1 retirement was bittersweet. She was looking forward to the chance to relax and travel with her husband, Paul Joray, who also retired late last year as director of IU South Bend's General Studies program. However, she knew she would miss the excitement of the new campus housing project. "The campus is on the brink. Housing will take the campus to a different level," she said.

Caul served on the campus for 18 years and most recently as vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management. Before the retirement journey began, she reflected on her time on campus and the university's future. She said she knows this is a good time for the next person to come into the position as the campus continues to change.

Topping off her career several weeks before her departure, the campus had the groundbreaking ceremony for housing. After the official event, Caul turned her ceremonial shovelful of dirt. She said she had put in her share of paperwork for the project and she wanted the chance to dig into the topsoil. "That was a wonderful feeling," she said.

"When I first came here, you would never see students (between classes). They came to class, got in their cars and drove away. In the last three years, the mall and the Student Activities Center have turned this place into a campus," she said.



"Housing gives us the opportunity to respond to the needs of students from across the state who will thrive in a university that is focused on its teaching mission and challenges, and develops students through interaction with outstanding faculty," Caul said.

The development of the traditional student body is "extremely exciting," she said. Also the growth of a more diverse population with minorities and international students promotes a greater understanding. Yet, she reminds everyone, it is important to remember and support the strong non-traditional student base.

Caul also was thrilled with the Elkhart Center and what it will do. "I was director of off-campus programs for eight years." So she was well aware of the significance of the new center and what will be accomplished there.

On a future road trip through the Midwest, what would you expect of the campus in 10 years? "I expect the campus to easily be 10,000 students from all over the state. I see it as a university, not just a campus," she said.

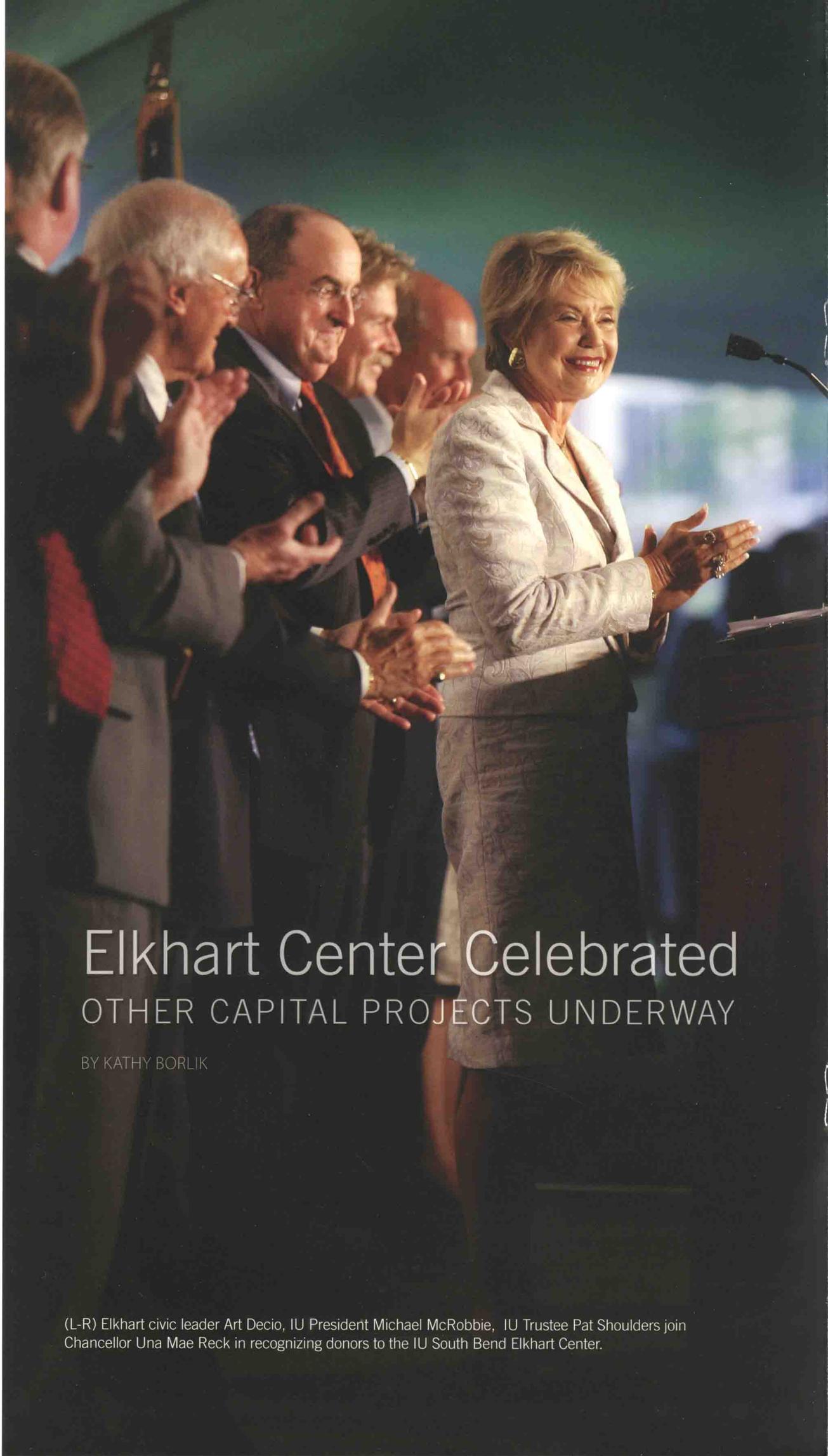


Other faculty retirees include: Paul Joray, director of General Studies, 36 years of service; Gabrielle Robinson, director of International Programs and professor of English, 28 years of service; Mary Truex, senior lecturer of biological sciences, 15 years of service; Michael Washburn, professor of philosophy, 37 years of service; John Withey, professor of marketing, 36 years of service.

From the groundbreaking for student housing in June to the rainy dedication of the Elkhart Center in late August, IU South Bend has had a busy few months. Chairs were lined up for the student housing groundbreaking ceremony one day and earthmovers arrived a few days later. Changes are coming rapidly.

In addition to student housing and the Elkhart Center, the campus will be transformed with the pending renovations to the Administration Building and the Associates Building, and the ongoing renovations to the Engman Natatorium.

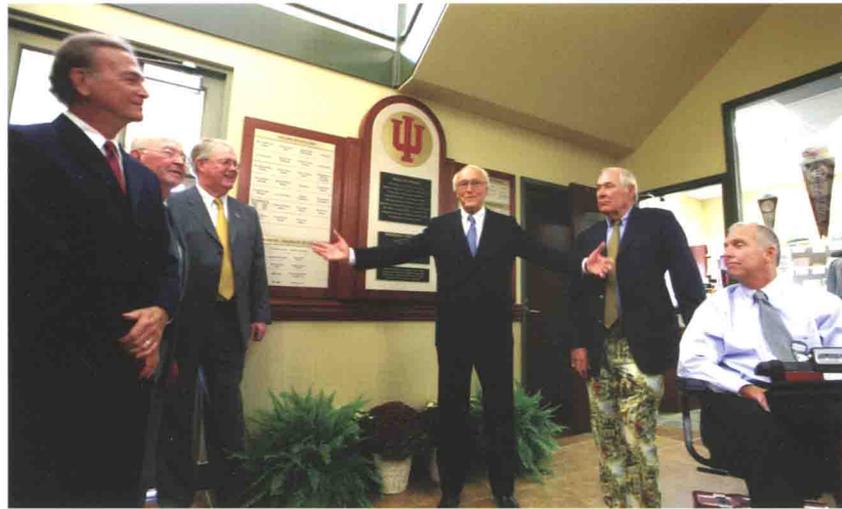
This story will highlight the projects that are completed, continuing, and being planned.



Elkhart Center Celebrated OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY

BY KATHY BORLIK

(L-R) Elkhart civic leader Art Decio, IU President Michael McRobbie, IU Trustee Pat Shoulders join Chancellor Una Mae Reck in recognizing donors to the IU South Bend Elkhart Center.



ELKHART CENTER

The Elkhart Center has a striking presence, looking more like a corporate office than a classroom building. From its stately two-story Ionic columns to the blue-green carpeting that is reminiscent of Indiana prairies, the Georgian-style building makes a strong statement about the importance of education to Elkhart — it is built to stay.

The 13 classrooms, including science lab, computer lab, and a distance classroom, are a welcome addition to a community that had hoped for a permanent site for more than 30 years.

Nearly 400 people braved a rainstorm to participate in the Aug. 29 dedication.

IU President Michael McRobbie's speech was punctuated with thunder and lightning. "I've never given a speech in these conditions. It's very dramatic."

McRobbie and Chancellor Una Mae Reck both thanked the Elkhart leaders and the community for the dedication and resolve to build the center.

Reck said Art Decio and Robert Deputy, the co-chairmen for the Elkhart Center steering committee, were "my heroes." She added her thanks to the rest of the committee by saying, "The campus and I will be forever grateful."

Decio also thanked the committee for their work and Jack Cittadine, who contributed to the design of the building. "Jack is the Michelangelo of Elkhart," Decio commented several times.

A group of civic leaders led by Decio and Deputy raised \$4.2 million to build the 25,000-square-foot building at 125 E. Franklin St., which is the first permanent location for IU South Bend in Elkhart in 30 years.

Thirty-three business leaders from Elkhart and St. Joseph counties contributed to the building and the city of Elkhart donated the land. Ground was broken in the summer of 2006.

Credit hours for the fall semester in Elkhart is up nearly 13 percent.

STUDENT HOUSING

Final approval for student housing for IU South Bend and IU Southeast came from Gov. Mitch Daniels in April. Bids were approved, ground was broken and construction for the \$17.8 million project began in July. Work began on the east side of the 26.5 acres near Ironwood Drive. Bill O'Donnell, vice chancellor for administrative and fiscal affairs, is happy to report that construction is 30 days ahead of schedule. Eight two-story apartment buildings and a community building are being constructed. The first phase will house 400 students and will open in August 2008. A model will be open in March for prospective tenants.

Visit the student housing Web site at www.housing.iusb.edu/ for the latest developments.

EDUCATION & ARTS BUILDING

Funding — \$27 million — for the renovation of the Associates Building into a modern classroom building was approved by the Indiana Legislature in April 2007. It will be called the Education and Arts Building.

Architectural plans are now being developed to include space for the School of Nursing and Health Professions, the School of Education, Dental Hygiene, some arts programs, the Health and Wellness Center, Counseling Center, and Information Technologies.

Construction is expected to begin in 2008 and the project could take as many as 18 months to complete.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The first two phases of the \$7 million renovation of the Administration Building will begin this winter with work on the first-floor entry/reception area and the second-floor foyer.

The other seven phases of the renovation will be completed as funding becomes available.

Plans call for reconfigured hallways and offices, as well as new wall, ceiling, carpet, and upgrades to the heating, cooling, and electrical systems. A campaign to raise private donations is under way.

ENGMAN NATATORIUM

Construction of the 1,500-square-foot addition to the Engman Natatorium, in the 1000 block of West Washington Street in South Bend, is under way. The addition will include two large rooms for lectures and events, a study room, and instructional technology. A peace garden is planned for the area south of the building.

The natatorium is historically significant to South Bend and especially to the African-American community who were prohibited from swimming there until a court ruling in the 1950s.

The completed building will be an extension for the IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center.



Zisla Art Scholarship Started

BY DINA HARRIS

With a sparkle in his eye and a wry sense of humor, it is easy to see how Harold Zisla has influenced generations of art students. His teaching style is legendary at IU South Bend. Known for his unique, experimental artistic style, Professor Emeritus Zisla has had numerous one-man exhibitions of his work. His paintings are included in many group, public, and private collections throughout the country. Now, a scholarship has been established in his name.

Zisla was a professor of fine arts at IU South Bend from 1966 through 1989. He was the first chairman of the Fine Arts Department. During his tenure, he taught a variety of studio, art history, and art appreciation courses. Zisla was also involved in many community organizations, giving more than 140 lectures and demonstrations to groups, museums, and universities. He retired from IU South Bend 18 years ago and continues to pursue his love of painting.

Zisla has received numerous academic, civic, and cultural awards. Among them are the Mayor's Art Award for cultural contributions in South Bend; South Bend Alumni Association's Community Hall of Fame inductee; Midwest Art Fellowship Award; the first Eldon Lundquist Faculty Fellow, IU South Bend; the Sagamore of the Wabash Governor's Award; and the All University Teaching Award, IU South Bend.

Before coming to IU South Bend, Zisla was the director of the South Bend Art Center from 1957 to 1966. Zisla helped to position the Art Center as an important Michiana cultural center. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Zisla served in the U.S. Navy. He completed his undergraduate work in art education and earned a master's degree in art history, both from Case Western University, Cleveland. Zisla also received a diploma from the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Zisla has had a lifelong love of and commitment to art. Anthony Droege, professor and area coordinator of Visual Arts, IU South Bend, explains that Zisla was one of his most significant teachers. "He opened up a whole new world for me. He is a light post, sharing what a commitment to this business of art is and what it means. It is a way of living, learning and getting wise. Harold has never wavered from the path. He was an inspiring teacher to many students. He had great enthusiasm for teaching and he loved it. He found that teaching was a calling, rather than a job."

To honor Zisla, long-time friends Doug and Marlene Hunt established the Harold Zisla Art Scholarship. For information concerning the scholarship, contact Anne McGraw at (574) 520-4801.

Two Join University Advancement Staff

BY KATHY BORLIK



McGraw

Harris

Anne D. McGraw became the director of development on July 16.

For the past two years, McGraw was the director of development at Stanley Clark School, South Bend. Before that she served as director of development for the Montessori Academy at Edison Lakes, Mishawaka. She also has been a community volunteer and activist for more than 20 years.

McGraw has served on numerous boards including Potawatomi Zoo, Children's Dispensary, Reins of Life, Logan Adult Protective Services, and Kid's Community Network.

She received her bachelor's degree in fine arts from IU Bloomington.

Elkhart resident **Dina Harris** is the new director of foundation relations at IU South Bend. Harris is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and has been in the area since 1979.

Her previous position was development manager at Greencroft Retirement Communities, Goshen, where she was the lead grant writer raising more than \$480,000 and tripling sponsorship commitments. She joined Greencroft in September 2002 as foundation associate. In October 2005, she was promoted to development manager.

Harris has a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State University, and a master's degree in education from Boston University. She taught in the Elkhart area, and Parma and Berea, both in Ohio.

She is active in the Kiwanis Club, Association of Fundraising Professionals and several other organizations.



Gift Creates CTS Center for Experiential Education

BY DINA HARRIS

(L-R) Gary Kern and Dean Rob Ducoffe

CTS Corporation, through its foundation, has donated \$475,000 to the university to create a unique initiative for students in the School of Business and Economics. The funding will endow the CTS Center for Experiential Education, designed to actively engage students in authentic learning experiences that will complement their traditional education.

“The support CTS is providing will impact every business student at IU South Bend studying either at the South Bend campus or the new Elkhart Center,” said Robert Ducoffe, dean of the School of Business and Economics. “The CTS Center for Experiential Education will allow us to develop new techniques and strategies that engage students and encourage them to take greater responsibility for their own learning. It is under these conditions that students learn most effectively. “

Ducoffe announced that the new director of the CTS Center will be Gary Kern, associate professor of decision sciences.

Kern has taught at IU South Bend since 1992. Before that he taught at the University of Notre Dame. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia, his M.B.A. from Case Western Reserve University, and his doctorate from IU Bloomington.

Kern said the gift to the school was very generous. “When I found out it would focus on experiential education, I was very excited. I have been a proponent of using realistic cases, individual projects and team projects in many of the courses I teach.”

The CTS Center is innovative and will support:

- Annual experiential learning scholarships
- Student internships
- Co-op programs
- Research projects
- Consulting projects for organizations in Michiana
- Roundtables with local business leaders
- Faculty development of new courses and exercises
- Identification of additional funding sources, via matches, partnerships, and grants
- Creation of a resource library of experiential learning material

CTS is a leading designer and manufacturer of electronic components and sensors with corporate headquarters in Elkhart.

GIFT PLANNING?

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A portrait of Nancy Botkin, a woman with dark, wavy hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored top and a necklace with a small pendant. The background is a solid blue color.

Botkin Finds Space for Parts that Were Once Whole

BY CYNDY SEARFOSS

One of the lines in the poem which provided the title for Nancy Botkin's book of poetry, *parts that were once whole*, reads:

There are two worlds – this one,
and the one you want back,
and you ride shotgun in both.

Nancy Botkin, a senior lecturer in the English Department and assistant director of First Year Writing at IU South Bend, may ride shotgun in both worlds, but she's very much in the driver's seat when it comes to the craft of teaching writing from a writer's perspective.

Botkin relates a wonderful anecdote about the craft of writing. Margaret Atwood, the prize-winning Canadian author, was speaking with a man at a party. The man, who was a heart surgeon, told her, "When I retire, I'm going to write a book." Atwood's reply was "When I retire, I'm going to be a heart surgeon."

Botkin went on to say, "Everyone thinks they can write — but not many people are willing to do what it takes. It's taken half my life to do a book." It's a craft that's as demanding as any other in the amount of time and work it takes to master.

According to Botkin another key ingredient is imagination — "That's what makes writing powerful." And powerful writing is often ambiguous and mysterious. While this can make teaching fun and lively as students explore different ideas about poetry and the layers of meaning they find there, Botkin has experienced the other side of the coin as people ask her, what does such and such mean? She has found that explaining the subject of her poems is straightforward enough, but what it means is a very different story — and different for each reader.

She seeks to make her students astute readers, especially those who want to pursue writing. "Some people don't get this — you have to be a reader as much as a writer." Botkin encourages her students to become familiar with the old and new in literature to give them a solid foundation for their work.

For her students, having a "real writer" in the room — one who has published — demystifies being a writer to a certain extent. It also gives her assertion that learning to revise and practice the craft pays off. Botkin noted, "I tell people it takes a long time to become a writer, that you have to practice, just like you have to practice to run a marathon. You just don't go out there and do it."

Even after the work is done, being published is not a quick task as Botkin has experienced. After she finished *parts that were once whole* (although a number of her poems had been published previously in journals such as "The Flying Island," "Poetry," "The Midwest Quarterly," and "Sycamore Review," among others), she enlisted the help of a friend, David Dodd Lee, in finding a publisher. He gave her a list of 20-30 names, one of which was Mayapple Press. The book was accepted at the end of 2005, but wasn't published until March 2007.

Botkin has the distinction of being both an IU South Bend alumna as well as a faculty member. After completing her undergraduate degree at Michigan State and a stint in Lexington, Ky., while her husband, David, finished his Ph.D., she enrolled in the Master of Liberal Studies program here. She has been a faculty member since the early 1990s teaching freshman composition and introductory creative writing.

School News

BY CYNDY SEARFOSS

RACLIN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Lasater Receives 2007 Distinguished Research Award – Michael Lasater, professor of communication arts, is the first professor in the school to be recognized with the campus award. Lasater has degrees in music from the Oberlin Conservatory and the Juilliard School and received his doctorate in mass communications from Syracuse University. He has created a number of widely distributed documentaries on music and literature.

Toradze Piano Institute Continues to Shine – The fourth iteration of the Toradze Piano Studio earned rave reviews including this from the South Bend Tribune, “The South Bend Symphony Orchestra’s season and the Toradze Piano Institute both wrapped up in grand and riveting style Saturday night at the Morris Performing Arts Center. Maestro Tsung Yeh, the orchestra and seven piano soloists made what could have been an overly ambitious program – four concertos and one excerpt from a longer work – a rapturous evening of music.”

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

E.M. Morris and Distinguished Alumni Awards Given – Robert C. Beutter and Susan Magley received awards at the annual honors event which also recognizes outstanding students and faculty. Beutter, the former mayor of Mishawaka, received the E.M. Morris Award. The award honors a Michiana businessperson whose achievements and leadership have contributed to the advancement of business and the quality of life in the Michiana area. Magley is founder of Magley and Associates, a staffing firm specializing in information technology, marketing and human resources and received the Distinguished Alumni Award. She graduated in 1979 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from IU South Bend.

EDUCATION

Transition to Teaching Program for Secondary Education (T2T) Debuts – This 18-hour credit program targets individuals who have bachelor’s degrees in English, French, Spanish, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, social studies, history, geography, economics, political science, psychology or sociology and are looking to become teachers.

DeKeever receives Distinguished Alumni Award – Peter DeKeever, a Penn High School teacher, received this award at the school’s spring Excellence in Education Awards Reception.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Ladd Receives Grant to Study Prayer – Kevin Ladd, assistant professor of psychology, recently received a \$735,000 grant from the John Templeton Foundation to support his research into prayer. The three-year grant, “Inward, Outward, Upward Prayer: Programmatic Research Development” will explore different aspects of prayer and spirituality.

LAS Honors Gibney – Jeff Gibney, executive director of the South Bend Heritage Foundation and interim director of South Bend’s Department of Community & Economic Development, received the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award at the school’s spring honors convocation.

NURSING

Master’s of Science in Nursing Degree Approved – The IU Academic Leadership Council, IU Board of Trustees, and Indiana Commission for Higher Education have approved the degree. The program will begin in fall 2008.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Meissner Receives 2007 Henry Ferrettie Memorial Award – Rose Meissner was awarded the Henry Ferrettie Memorial Award for 2007 for outstanding public service. With her leadership as president of the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the foundation’s assets grew from zero to more than \$60 million.

The Henry Ferrettie Memorial Award is given annually by the IU South Bend Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha, a national honorary society of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

ALUMNI BOARD BIOS

Philip Mark I Member

Philip Mark, BA’84, has been a member of the IU South Bend Alumni Association Board since 2005. His wife, Brenda, is currently a student at IU South Bend. They have three children: Sarah, Jason, and Brandon. Philip is a partner with PentaVision Communications, a regional video production company. As a South Bend resident, Philip has also coached youth hockey and baseball for many years.

“As a freshman my intentions were to attend IU South Bend for a year and then transfer to a school in California. It wasn’t long before I decided that IUSB was where I needed to be. It’s been an honor returning to my school and serving on the board with a great group of fellow alums.”

Christian Velazquez I Member

A native of Tijuana, Mexico, Christian Velazquez, BS’02, moved to Santa Barbara, Calif. to live and continue his studies at the local city college. While studying there he met his wife, Cristina, to whom he has been married for more than six years. They both moved to Indiana in 2000 to attend IU South Bend and complete their studies. Currently, Christian works as a global compliance officer in a local money transmitter company that wires money to Mexico, Central, and South America. When he is not at work, you will find him playing soccer or enjoying family time with his wife and two-year-old, Fabian.

“I never (dreamed) of the full potential that I had until coming to IU South Bend. The great diversity of students teaches you how to be more open-minded with other people. The teachers do have a gift in bringing out the best of you, not only academically, but professionally.”



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DRIVE, SHOOT, SCORE, Ladd's Successes Continue Off Court

BY CYNDY SEARFOSS

Emily Ladd's stellar career as a member of the Titans women's basketball team may have ended with a loss to top-ranked Houston Baptist in the first-round of the NAIA Tournament in 2005, but her legacy as a student/athlete and IU South Bend success story continues.

Her name shows up in most of the IU South Bend women's basketball single season records including third in most field goals made (212); fifth in most points scored (541); seventh in most free throws attempted (176); and eighth in most free throws made (117). Her career records are even more impressive – first in most field goals scored (599); first in rebounding (805); second in most blocks (72); second in free throws attempted (478); and third in free throws made (315).

In addition to her on-court accomplishments, she was also named to the 2004 and 2005 Daktronics NAIA Division One Scholar-Athlete team with a cumulative GPA of 3.84 her senior year.

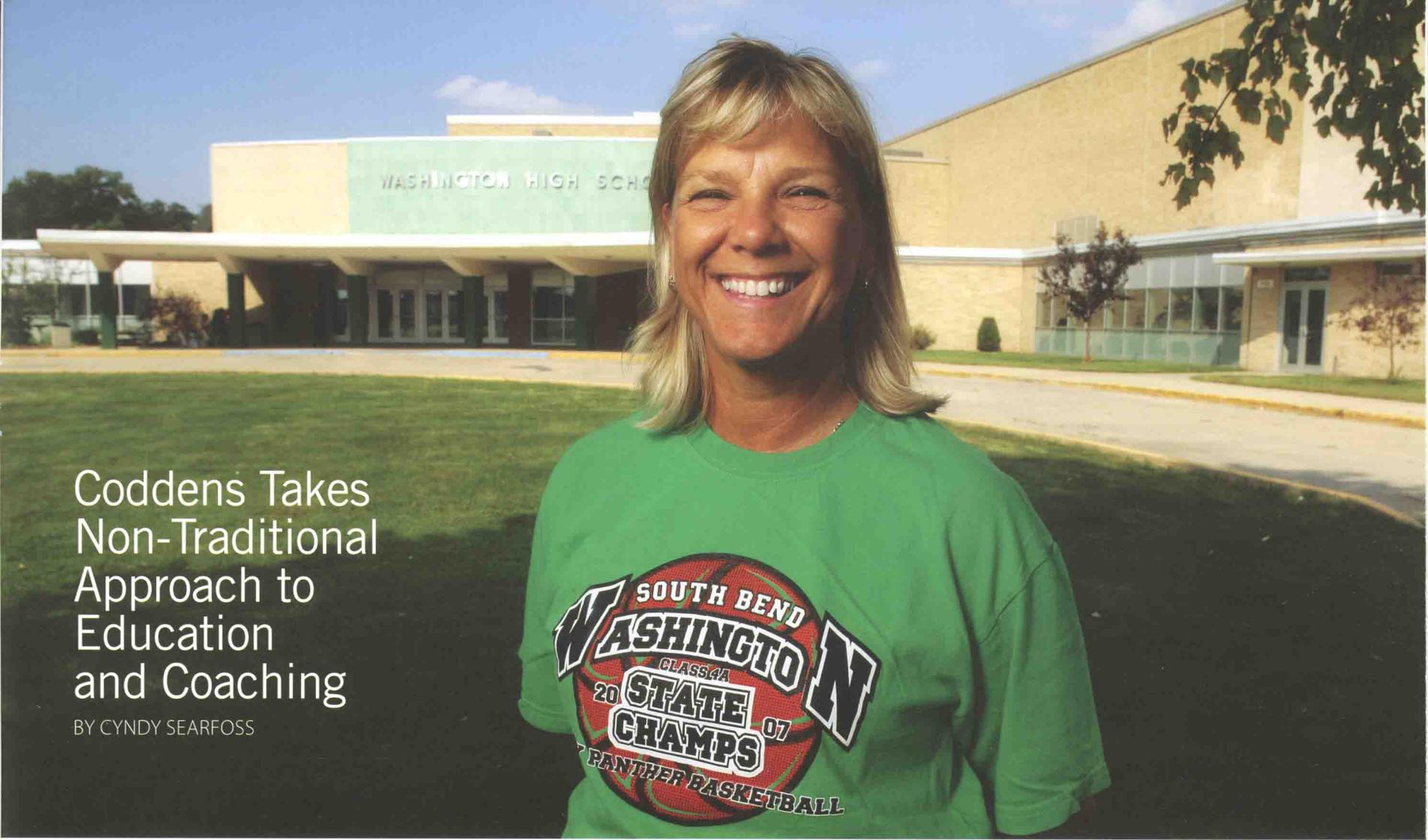
Ladd came to IU South Bend from Maconaquah High School in Miami County (Indiana) as a three-sport athlete — basketball, golf, and tennis — although basketball was her primary sport. As a freshman at IU South Bend, the 5'10" Ladd played forward/center. Of her choice to attend IU South Bend, Ladd said, "Academically, I knew I could go wherever I wanted, so my decision was based on where I could play. Plus I knew IU South Bend had good programs and a good education school." She also felt the size of the campus would be a good fit.

Another plus to attending IU South Bend was the fact that her parents, Frank and Debbie Ladd and her brother Adam (who was a student at Purdue) would be able to be at many of her games. Their support has been crucial to her throughout her basketball and academic career. "They allowed me to fail without making me feel like I was a failure," Ladd said.

While she started college intending to be a teacher and coach, Ladd found business was much more to her liking. Her introduction was an accounting class with P.N. Saksena. "I loved it," she noted. "I needed an elective and my dad urged me to take a business class. I really enjoyed it – P.N. made you laugh."

She changed her major from education to sports marketing and if her schedule weren't already full enough with practice, games, and classes, Ladd added an internship with the South Bend Silver Hawks during her junior and senior years. She became an expert at budgeting time, "I was very organized," Ladd said. "And I made getting my work done before a busy week a priority. You have to know when to have fun and when it's time to be serious."

Ladd's work ethic and determination have led her to other successes. After graduating from IU South Bend in 2005, she decided to pursue a master's degree in recreation and sports management at Indiana State University. At ISU she was inducted into the honor society Phi Kappa Phi and received the Outstanding Recreation and Sport Management Graduate Student award from the College of Human Health and Performance for the 2006-07 academic year. This summer she landed another sports internship, this time for the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, which led to a full time position as an Event Presentations/ Game Operations Assistant. The position is in the Event Presentations department. [It's] the same department I interned with over the summer) and is in charge of planning and executing any internal events and also the game operations once the season starts," Ladd said. "I had so much fun this summer, the internship was beyond everything I wanted it to be. (I even had a brief encounter with Michael Jordan!) I'm insanely excited that I get to stay."



Coddens Takes Non-Traditional Approach to Education and Coaching

BY CYNDY SEARFOSS

Call it fate. Call it serendipity, but if she hadn't driven past the IU South Bend campus in the early 1970s, chances are very good that Marilyn Coddens wouldn't have coached the South Bend Washington Lady Panthers girls' basketball team to a state championship last spring.

"I got married at 19 and had my first child at 20. I didn't go to college after high school," Coddens said. "Then one day I went past and saw a sign for daycare and it clicked. I started going part time and I was unsure, but it really was the right thing."

Once she began taking classes, Coddens was quickly hooked. "I took night classes so my husband (Don, who is also an assistant coach for the Lady Panthers) could watch our daughter. The small classes and the small family-type environment were fantastic." In fact, Coddens and her classmates were known to have potluck dinners before study groups.

Coddens graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1976, majoring in mathematics. She returned to IU South Bend for a master's degree in secondary education immediately and has spent the last 31 years teaching at various schools in the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Her coaching career began during her second year of teaching, starting with the boys' elementary school team. Two years later, she moved to Dickinson Middle School and coached the boys' team. Around this time her husband Don was coaching the girls' team at Riley High School and Marilyn attended his summer camps. Coddens noted their role reversal was a little unusual at the time.

As both a teacher and coach, her experience in the kindergarten through eighth-grade buildings prepared her for her 17 years at Washington. "It's one thing to say 'this is what you should know' and another thing to understand what they've gone through to get there. I have better insight having worked with the lower grades."

Although she's watched the state championship game three times on tape, Coddens says the whole experience is still unbelievable. "It's everyone's dream when they're coaching to get to that level. And there are so many factors that go into it. We had to get past Michigan City, then Anderson. They were great teams, with great players."

Is Washington on the verge of that elusive, great thing called a dynasty? While Coddens has the utmost faith in her team (which includes one of the most sought-after high school girls in the country, Skyler Diggins) and her assistant coaches, she will admit only that the potential for another trip to Indianapolis for a championship game is there.

Coddens is even quicker to extend her thanks to her family (which also includes daughters, Tina and Camille, son Rick and six grandchildren, with another on the way), the coaching staff and administration at Washington, as well as the west side. She then adds, "No, not just the west side, it's the whole community." She also notes that while she's still not really comfortable in the spotlight, she feels she has an obligation to the school and the community to talk about the good things — and the Lady Panthers certainly qualify.

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MARYELLEN NARAGON, AA'04, Psychology, writes that "after graduation I decided to continue working in the mortgage business. I have been with Trustcorp Mortgage now for 10 years. I was recently promoted to supervisor of my department."

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