Construction set to begin on entrance marker

Construction of the permanent campus entrance marker, to be located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 11th Street and Ernest Hemingway Drive, will begin at the end of this month. An artist’s rendering of the marker is on display in the PAC concourse and has been posted on the Academic Professional Advisory Committee website: www.uis.edu/~apac/ marker.htm. The marker will be a three-sided structure, constructed of blue aluminum with a white acrylic backlit logo and the campus name. Each face of the marker measures 9 feet in width and 12 feet in height. The marker will be placed in a landscaped, limestone-clad raised planter, situated on a raised knoll, and will be lit from beneath at night.

APAC conducted a fundraising campaign on campus two years ago to build the marker; the project was put on hold, however, while a comprehensive exterior signage plan for the campus was developed. The original design of the marker was then modified by the signage consultants to complement the appearance of the new signs. Construction of all of the new signs, including the marker, should be substantially completed in August. APAC will organize a dedication ceremony during the fall semester to which the campus community will be invited.

Barbara Ferrara, co-chair of the Permanent Entrance Marker Planning Committee, acknowledged the committee’s gratitude to those who were involved in the planning and fundraising efforts and to the staff, faculty, and students who made donations to the entrance marker fund. She noted that a plaque listing donors’ names is planned. (Contributions can still be made to the fund. Send donations, payable to UI Foundation/Entrance Marker, to Diana Jordan, PAC 566, before May 15.) Contact Ferrara at 6-6576 or e-mail at bferr1@uis.edu if you have questions or comments about the entrance marker.

Reminders, Special Notices, Corrections, etc.:

- UIS’ Christian Student Fellowship will sponsor the second annual Rez Week, Monday-Friday, April 17-21. Activities will include a prayer walk, brown bag lunch and video, Bible study, and a Coram Deo - “Face to Face with God” (a time of worship, reflection, communion, and celebration). The program at UIS is part of a nationwide celebration on college campuses. For a complete schedule of events, contact Gretchen Magruder at 498-7749 or Rachael Sjostrom at 206-1611.

- The UIS Counseling Center will offer workshops on “Stress and Coping” presented by Cameron Dean. One session will begin at noon on Wednesday, April 19, in PAC 4 E. A second is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the housing commons meeting room. Both sessions are presented free to the UIS community; registration is not required.

- The Office of the Chancellor, in cooperation with the UIS Black Caucus, will host an open house and dedication of the Homer L. Butler Commons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30. If you would like to attend, R.S.V.P. to Joan Sestak by e-mail at sestak.joan@uis.edu or by phone at 6-7794.

- The deadline to make a nomination for Sangamon Auditorium’s I. Lawrence Camp Award – Volunteer of the Year is Saturday, April 29. Call the auditorium administrative office at 6-6150 for details. The winner will be announced at the Sangamon Auditorium Volunteer Association picnic on June 11.

- Recreational facilities in the Fitness Center will be closed Sunday, April 23.

- There will be a pottery sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, in the PAC concourse. All proceeds will go to the UIS Ceramics Guild to support its visiting artist program.

Studio Theatre to present Burn This

Burn This, a play by Lanford Wilson, will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, in the Studio Theatre, lower level of the PAC.

Burn This is set in a Manhattan apartment shared by Anna, a dancer/choreographer, and her two gay roommates. Robby, one of the roommates, has been killed in a freak accident and as his friends return from the funeral, Robby’s older brother, Pale, arrives to collect his belongings. Pale is both a terrifying and fascinating man, and the play revolves around the relationship that develops between him and Anna.

Featured in the production are Joan Wade as Anna, and UIS students Willie Mitchell as Pale, Bryan DeShasier as Larry, and Marcus Fizer as Burton. Michael Savage is the director.

Burn This is sponsored by the UIS Repertory Theatre and Studio Theatre Arts. Cost for general admission seating is $6 ( $3 for students with a valid I.D.). Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call Julie Slack at 6-7464. (Note: This play contains adult language.)

Exhibit commemorates campus’ groundbreaking

In observance of the campus’ 30th anniversary, an exhibit commemorating the SSU groundbreaking ceremony on June 10, 1970, is on display near the circulation desk at Brookens Library. The display features photographs and other material from the UIS archives, including photos showing the construction of the interim campus, architects’ drawings of the interim campus, and the original master plan for SSU. The exhibit was prepared by university archivist Thomas J. Wood and archives graduate assistant Sarah Kirsch. It will remain on display through the end of April.

Assessment test schedule

This week’s schedule of assessment tests for incoming and graduating undergraduate students is April 17, 9 a.m.; April 18, 1:30 p.m.; April 19, 6 p.m.; April 21 & 22, 9 a.m. All daytime sessions will be held in BRK 475; all evening sessions will be in BRK 417. Call for dates, times, and locations of sessions scheduled in Peoria.

For more information or to register, phone 6-7125 or (800) 881-4177.