AUGUSTINE J. FREDRICH IS 1993 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Professor Augustine J. Fredrich has been selected by his colleagues to receive the National City Bank Distinguished Professor Award. As professor of civil engineering technology and chairman of the Engineering Technology Department, he has been engaged in professional activities which demonstrate his commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service — the criteria used to select the recipient of this annual award. He will receive a monetary award, and a scholarship in his name will be awarded to a deserving USI student. The award is made possible by a generous gift from National City Bank of Evansville.

Professor Fredrich joined the faculty of USI in 1979 after a successful career in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he directed planning and design of water resources projects. A civil engineer, he earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Arkansas and the Master of Science from California State University at Sacramento.

At USI, Professor Fredrich’s contributions touch many facets of the University. In addition to teaching a series of undergraduate courses in his civil engineering discipline, he also teaches a master’s level interdisciplinary course on the world’s cathedrals. Professor Fredrich is the author of *Sons of Martha: Civil Engineering Readings in Modern Literature*, and is widely published in professional journals.

Professor Fredrich has been recognized for his service to professional engineering and educational organizations. He was named a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1985 and received that group’s Service to Profession Award in 1986, Citizen Engineer of the Year Award for Zone II in 1991, and the prestigious Julian Hinds Award for career achievement in water resources planning and management this year.

Professor Fredrich’s keen interest in young people is evident in his university and community work. He has instituted a program to counsel personally with engineering technology students experiencing academic difficulties. Sensing the need to interest more young people in engineering and science careers, Professor Fredrich designed the Career Awareness in Science and Engineering (CASE) program. For six weeks each summer, 50 middle school children undertake science and engineering projects and learn about career opportunities from employed professionals. To fund the program, he won grants from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Indiana Commission on Higher Education, and obtained contributions from local businesses and industries.

Professor Fredrich has been a school board member, an active board member for Campus Ministry, and a leader in the youth soccer program. In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to youth soccer, a local soccer field was named for him in 1988, and this spring, the Indiana Youth Soccer Association’s highest award for individual service is being renamed the Jay Fredrich Award.

SHERRY M. BEGLE IS 1993 PRESIDENT’S MEDAL RECIPIENT

In the Commencement ceremony, Sherry M. Begle will receive the 1993 President’s Medal, the highest honor given a senior at the University of Southern Indiana. She was chosen for the honor by the Faculty Senate Student Academic Affairs Committee based on her commitment to academic excellence and her service to the University and the community.

Miss Begle, who has attended the University as a Presidential Scholar, is graduating *summa cum laude*, having earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Since completing course work for an accounting major in December, she has successfully completed the Indiana Certified Public Accountant examination and accepted employment at the Indianapolis office of KPMG Peat Marwick, the world’s largest public accounting and consulting firm.

At the spring School of Business honors convocation, Miss Begle received the Wall Street Journal Award, the Indiana C.P.A. Society Award, and the Academic Achievement Award for Accounting. She has received numerous other awards and scholarships, including The Outstanding German Student and the Elks’ National Foundation Scholarship. Miss Begle won first place in the regional division and second place in the national competition of the Donald W. Fogarty International Student Paper Competition for the American Production and Inventory Control Society. She also was named to Alpha Chi and Golden Key honor societies.

A campus leader, Miss Begle was president of the USI Accounting Club, secretary of the Student Alumni Association, chairman of the planning committee for the Data Processing Management Association, and a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and Student Ambassadors. She also served as a member of the Enlow Distinguished Scholar Committee and the School of Business Student Advisory Council.

While she was a student, Miss Begle held a cooperative education assignment with General Electric in Mt. Vernon. A graduate of Southridge High School, Miss Begle is the daughter of Wilfred and Cathy Begle of Huntingburg.