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Behind the Scene...

Hello Freshmen, and welcome back everyone! Are you ready for another great year?

OK, so buying books, paying for classes and spending all the money you made this summer isn't really the best intro for another nine months of laborious studying and tests.

Me, I'm holding out for the first week of classes to even get started. The drop-add rate around here is incredible.

I usually lose about five pounds just running around getting forms signed to petition into classes.

On the other hand, it is sort of fun moving onto campus, meeting your roommates (yeah, right) and finding

your new classes.

But what I know you're really looking forward to this year is this. *Transitions*, the USI student magazine, is just what you need to relieve that last bit of restlessness left over from Summer.

I don't know about you all, but I had a pretty fun summer. I spent about two months skydiving every weekend and have accumulated about twenty free-fall jumps. I promise I'll tell you more about it next issue.

Back to school- some things just never change. And because the only thing really changing around here is the scenery, you get my customary pitch for reader contributions.

We're off to a rough start this Fall, because contributions are hard to find during the summer. But I'll promise that next issue will just be packed.

Well, hate to leave you, but I've got an ad to put on the bottom of this page. So, Later!

Jude Wolf
Editor

Security Stats for July 1994

University

1 Theft
6 Criminal Mischief 1*

Campus

3 Viol. of Liquor Law
1 Theft

Joseph E. O'Daniels

2 Theft
1 Trespass

Key

Resulted in Arrest

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On March 15, the phone rang at 5:30 in the morning and a police detective asked me if I was Matthew Maxwell, if I worked at such-and-such place, if I knew Mike Wells or Jerry Sanders or Charles Boyle or David McGillicuddy, if I knew about a fight that resulted in a shooting, if I could come to the Police Station right then.

I hung up the phone and quickly dressed. My girlfriend asked what was going on, and as I tried to tersely explain what had happened at work before

know who got shot?" I shook my head, afraid to even guess. "Jerry Sanders. Charles Boyle shot him in the chest." My mind raced trying to deduce how Charles could have shot Jerry when they had chatted like friends in the bar; then I asked about Jerry's condition, already expecting the worst but hoping against it. Without looking up from his report, the detective replied, "He died around two o'clock this morning."

When I ambled home, my girlfriend was on the phone hearing the news from a friend. The rest of the day is a blank; I recall nothing, except finding my way to the 6 p.m. Astronomy class. I stopped by work after class and a small table of friends and co-workers sat silent and tearful. One of them told me that Mike left his house and his girlfriend was scared:

Mike had held Jerry as he died, hadn't slept or ate, and spent the night, morning, and afternoon in tears.

I cruised around looking for Mike's car. After thirty minutes I stopped at his apartment to see if Angel, his girlfriend, had heard anything, but as I talked to her, Mike pulled up. He looked terrible. As he fought back tears and anger, he recounted what

had happened and complained that the incident was all he could think about and he was tired of replaying the shooting. We went in the house and watched almost two hours of *Beavis and Butthead* (it made him laugh and forget about the shooting...for a while).

As the trial date neared, we knew Charles would claim self-defense, yet we failed to see how he could prove it. Jerry and Mike were leaving the parking lot in Jerry's truck when Charles stopped them, came to the truck THREE different times, and at one point, non-politely ordered Jerry to calm down. Jerry stepped out of the truck, took a swing at Charles but knocked down Marilee who was trying to stop the fight, then grabbed Charles' jacket with *both* hands. Charles, holding a 9mm pistol in his jacket pocket, and without any warning, shot Jerry just below the heart.

Charles' self-defense centered around Jerry being a larger man: Charles was 6 inches shorter and sixty-five pounds lighter. Charles also claimed he intended to shoot Jerry in the leg. In order to further aid the self-defense claim, Charles' lawyer was intent on using Jerry's past criminal record and Charles' lack of any record (Jerry had robbed a bank

in 1979 and was released and fully reformed in 1991). Wisely, the judge, J. Douglas Knight, rejected the evidence because it had no bearing on the trial, which succeeded in fully irritating Charles' family.

Helping our side were the facts that Jerry had not hit Charles and had both hands on Charles' jacket when he shot without warning, and the bullet was a Black Talon, a discontinued bullet renowned for its destructive capabilities.

The jury found Charles guilty of involuntary manslaughter, which in effect means, "I meant to shoot him but I didn't mean to kill him." Of course, we were disappointed with the verdict, but something was better than nothing. The conviction carried a two to eight year prison sentence.

Sentencing was scheduled for July 5, but several weeks before then, he was unexpectedly and unjustifiably released on bond to return to Indianapolis to work. The sentencing date was moved to July 29.

In the meantime, a jury convicted an 18 year-old black man of the same offense (involuntary manslaughter) and a judge sentenced him to the maximum eight years in prison. Our hopes were somewhat lifted, but Charles being released on bond *after* his conviction kept us pessimistic. For the sentencing, the judge, citing Charles' lack of criminal history, and Charles being "strongly" provoked by Jerry, released Charles on four years probation. We were indignantly crushed.

No one noticed the differences in the sentencing,

or if they did, they decided writing an editorial to either of the Evansville newspapers would be futile. For a few days I wished the NAACP or Reverend Al Sharpton would catch news of the sentencings, and I thought about contacting them, but I talked to several policemen about the differences. All said that the young black man, according to witnesses, was so gleefully excited by the melee his first shot went through his own foot. Then he held the gun less than eight inches from a man's face and pulled the trigger. His third shot, thankfully, hit no one.

Even still, the circumstances of the

shootings are different, but the convictions by the juries were identical and each deserved similar sentencings. Of course, what can one really expect from our judicial system where money and skin color are pre-sentencing determiners.

It's heartwrenching having a friend unlucky enough to be the victim of idiotic violence—in this case, gone forever—and the criminal walking around unpunished. But it's even more heartwrenching dwelling on the fact that the last time I saw Jerry I was thinking, "I'm glad I'm getting out of here."

EDEN LIES OBSCURED

BY MATT MAXWELL

I left, I realized the detective didn't tell me who had shot who. I sat on the bed, shaking, guessing about an outcome I didn't know, and mumbling, "Oh, God, don't let it be Mike or Jerry," for they were my best friends.

I raced to the Police Station and waited in a small room for the detective. Scared, nervous, fretful, I paced the room, sat down, paced the room, wondered which of my friends was in trouble and which end of the gun he found himself. The detective sat down and asked to explain what occurred while I was at work.

I told him everything I could remember until the point where I left at 1:15 while everyone was still inside the bar. Mike and Jerry came in about 7:00 to shoot a few games of pool after spending the day fishing and drinking beer. Not even two hours after their arrival, Mike pulled me aside and told me that he was coming close to beating the crap out of a pretty boy prep, David McGillicuddy, who was there trying to win back the heart of his ex-girlfriend, Marilee Wright, by charming her mother, Lillian Mooney.

In order to accomplish this, David spent the night insulting Mike and Jerry, Marilee's friends, by calling them "white trash" and "scum." Of course, he didn't say anything loud enough for many people to hear, but Marilee told several people and David's sneers were confirmation. In the meantime, Lillian's boyfriend, Charles Boyle, in from out of town, kept silent and played pool with Mike, Jerry, and Marilee for several hours.

At one point later in the night, Mike walked over to the sitting David and said, "Look, motherfucker, I haven't said shit about you all night and I didn't have a problem until you kept running your mouth, so if you have a problem, we can go outside right now." David kept silent and Mike returned to the pool table.

By 12:30, the alcohol had kicked in on everyone, but Mike's temper had abated to mere annoyance and he told me David wasn't worth busting his knuckles on; Jerry, however, began loudly proclaiming, "I don't know who that pretty boy punk thinks he is, but if he don't shut his mouth, I'll shut it for him." I told the bartender he might want to cool a few heads at the pool table. Finally, disgusted at everyone but the calm Mike, I left the bar.

After I finished, the detective asked, "Do you

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Welcome to Evansville. What Now?

Here are just a few of the places to go.

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Aiken Management (502) 831-2982
 Center City Corporation 424-2986
 Civic Theatre 717 N. Fulton Ave, 425-2800
 Evansville Dance Theatre: 473-8937
 Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences:
 411 SE Riverside, 425-2406
 Evansville Philharmonic 425-5050
 Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public
 Library: 428-8229
 Henderson County Public Library: (502)
 827-0016
 Historic New Harmony: 682-4488, For
 Food, Plays and Sight Seeing.
 Indian Image Gallery: 100 NW 2nd St, 464-
 5703
 Koch Planetarium: 411 SE Riverside, 425-
 2406
 New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary
 Art: 506 Main, 682-3156
 Northbrook Art Gallery: 423-1393
 Perigo-Moore Gallery: 101 NW 1st, 426-
 0073
 Reitz Home Museum: 224 SE 1st, 426-1871
 RiverPark Center: 101 Davis St, (502) 686-
 8300 or 1-800-285-2787 for tickets
 Repertory People of Evansville: Old
 Courthouse. 423-4506
 T.N.T. (Totally New Theatre): Old

Courthouse 423-4506
 University of Evansville: 1800 Lincoln Ave,
 479-2562
 USI Theatre: 422-3970

Clubs

Alibi Lounge
 1305 Stringtown Rd.
 422-9326
 Ashley Grill
 1310 N. Green River Rd.
 479-6300
 Bob's Lounge
 907 N. Fares Ave.
 42-4929
 Breakers Billiards
 15 S. Green River Rd.
 474-0800
 Bar/Restaurant that offers pool, live bands,
 and games
 Captain's Den
 200 N. Fulton Ave.
 426-1385

Casa Gallardo Mexican Restaurant
 900 S. Green River Rd.
 473-5080

Castaways
 Marina Pointe Restaurant
 1801 Waterworks Rd.
 424-1200
 Bar/Restaurant with river view

Club East/The Other Side II
 4209 E. Morgan Ave.
 477-6012
 Alternative Lifestyle

D.C.'s Lounge
 4701 E. Powell Ave.
 473-3378
 Occasional comedy and live bands

Darryl's 1920 Restaurant & Bar
 501 N. Green River Rd.
 474-1920
 Bar/Restaurant

Desperados
 Executive Inn, Evansville
 600 Walnut St.
 424-8000
 Country Western Bar

Duck Inn
 4100 Pollack Ave.
 479-8050
 Blues Tavern with live music

Duffy's
 405 E. Riverside Drive
 421-0374

Frontier Tavern and Restaurant
 12945 Indiana 57
 867-5518

Funky's II
 18 S. Third Ave
 422-3690
 Pop/Metal Dance (Under 21)

Gloria's Corral Club
 3101 N. Krantzville Rd.
 423-0138
 Country Western

Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, East
 405 S. Green River Rd.
 474-1635
 Bar/Restaurant with live music

Harpole's Main Street Exit
 1031 Main St.
 468-9400
 Live Music/Dance

Hornville Tavern
 2607 W. Baseline Rd.
 963-9318

Jacob's Pub & Restaurant
 4428 N. 1st Ave.
 423-0050
 Sports Bar

Jim Dandy's
 1531 S. Green River Rd.
 477-4088

Kipplee's Stadium Inn
 2350 Division St.
 476-1936
 Sports Bar

Lanhuck's
 321 E. Columbia St.
 424-0830
 Bar with live music

Legends
 2019 Adams Ave.
 476-7444

Mattingly's
 1700 Morgan Center Dr.
 473-4323
 Restaraunt/Sports Bar

Rookies
 117 Second St.
 Henderson
 826-1106
 Dance/Sports Bar/Country Western

Scuffletown Saloon
 5 State
 Newburgh
 853-6090
 Sports Bar

Scooters & Scobo's
 240 S. Green River Rd.
 471-8333

Sho Bar
 750 E. Franklin St.
 428-5970
 Alternative Lifestyle/Dance

Southern Lights
 763 W. Lincoln Ave.
 Chandler
 925-9814
 Country Saloon

Sportsmans Billiards & Pub
 2315 W. Franklin
 422-0801
 Sports Bar

Teana Faye's
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 425-3523
 Alternative Lifestyle

The Razz
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 422-8200

Wizzard's
 3400 N. Kentucky Ave.
 423-0646
 Country Western

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9,10. TRIGGER HEAT

16,17 PALACE FLOP HOUSE

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HIV 101: answers to the basic questions of transmission

by Amanda Barton

AIDS isn't a phobia anymore, it's a fact. A lot of people think about it, but still don't take precautions. AIDS and the HIV virus don't discriminate. They strike people who engage in high risk behaviors, whether they realize the possible repercussions or not.

Sex and Joe Public's general lack of responsibility regarding it are the primary method and reason AIDS spreads. These are just what most college students are notorious for.

The entire campus is at risk and new students, as well as returning students, need to be aware of the dangers of their behavior.

A clarification is necessary for the difference between HIV and AIDS. Because the media and society uses these words interchangeably, many people believe them to be one in the same. That isn't the case. The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) causes Acquired Immunodeficiency

Syndrome or AIDS.

The key to HIV is that it is 100% preventable. Many people are infected in their teen years and yet don't know for years to come. Someone with HIV may not even look sick. But every single case of HIV eventually develops into AIDS. For some, it may take as little as 6 weeks, some reported cases have carried the virus for over 10 years before developing into AIDS.

The time-line differs for every person infected. At first, flu-like symptoms may occur. Usually six to 12 weeks later, HIV antibodies develop. (An antibody is the body's response to a foreign substance.) An infected person may look and feel great for the next five to 12 years. However, eventually the person develops symptomatic HIV infections such as swollen lymph glands and opportunistic infections.

HIV is spread through contact with bodily fluids. Bodily fluids include blood, vaginal fluid, semen and breast milk. Sharing needles or having ANY TYPE of unprotected sex can spread the virus. During pregnancy, the virus can be passed from the infected mother to the child.

HIV is 100% preventable

HIV cannot be transmitted by shaking hands, sharing a bathroom, hugging, talking to or being around an

HIV-positive person. Regardless of this, society's rejection of carriers is often "social death" long before the virus even takes its toll.

Abstinence from sex and intravenous drugs is the only 100 percent way to not contract HIV. If someone does have sex, they need all the protection they can get. Using a latex condom or dental dam correctly can greatly reduce the transmission of

the HIV. Combining these with a spermicide containing nonoxynol-9 may provide the as safe an option as exists besides abstinence.

Safe sex refers to no sexual activity with another person. Safer is using protection if engaged in high-risk behaviors. High-risk activities are those that put a person in contact with another person's bodily fluids.

Of course needle sharing of any type, including usage for illegal drugs, steroids or insulin can transmit the virus. Needles can be cleaned by flushing with water twice, then bleach twice, and then twice more with water. This disinfects the needle and rids it of harmful blood and bacteria.

USI offers an HIV Peer Facilitator Program for anyone interested in teaching others about general HIV and safe sex information.

Any group interested in a presentation by the group should contact Health Services at 464-1807.

Test to see if you at risk for sexual transmitted diseases, including HIV, the virus that causes AIDS

Every student or member of the community who involves themselves in high risk activities should take this test. High risk activities includes sex outside of a mutually monogamous, long term relationship, needle sharing and sex under the influence of drugs and alcohol. This test assesses your risk of acquiring or transmitting any sexually transmitted diseases. STDs considered here include, but are not limited to: gonorrhea; syphilis; genital herpes; chlamydia; hepatitis B; giardiasis; and HIV.

Be honest with yourself and if you have any questions or if your results indicate a high risk for STDs, you should turn towards the school nurse or another health care provider.

Sexual partners/contacts means any type of sexual activity including oral, vaginal and anal sex.

Please check the single answer that best describes your preferences or activities.

1. How many sexual partners each month in the last year?
(3) 5 or more (2) 2-4 (1) 0-1
2. How many sexual partners each month in the previous year?
(3) 5 or more (2) 2-4 (1) 0-1
3. The kind of sexual contacts I have are:
(3) one-time or anonymous "tricks," "one night stands," groups or prostitutes
(2) multiple times with two or more partners
(1) exclusively with one partner
4. I have sexual contacts or encounters most frequently
(3) in baths, bookstores, parties, "massage parlors," "spas," public restrooms, autos
(1) in my or my partner's home
5. The frequency with which I use drugs or alcohol to enhance my sexual encounters:
(3) frequently (2) occasionally (1) rarely/never
6. I have injected myself with one or more illegal drugs in the past five years.
(4) yes (1) no
7. I had a blood transfusion before 1980.
(2) yes (1) no
8. I have sexual encounters most frequently in:
(3) New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Washington, Dallas, Houston, Newark, Atlanta
(2) other large urban areas (Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Philadelphia, etc.)

- (1) small cities, towns, rural areas
9. Those kinds of sexual activities I practice most frequently are:
(4) vaginal or anal intercourse without a condom, oral-anal contact (rimming), direct fecal or urine contact (scat or water sports), or manual-anal/vagina contact
(3) "protected" vaginal or anal intercourse (use of condoms and spermicides)
(2) oral-genital contact (fellatio or cunnilingus)
(1) masturbation, massage, body rubbing, kissing
10. My current sexual partner and I have discussed our previous sexual behavior and experiences with each other.
(4) no (1) yes
11. I negotiate with sexual partners for safer sexual practices.
(4) no (2) sometimes (1) yes
12. I ask potential sexual partners about their use of drugs and steroids, especially their use of needles.
(4) no (2) sometimes (1) yes

Add up the numbers from each question and see the key below to determine your level of risk.

My score is _____.

If you answered "1" (the last option) for question 8, deduct 3 points.

Total adjusted score _____

KEY

18 or more: You appear to be at high risk for developing STDs, including the HIV infection, and for possibly developing dependence on psychoactive substances. You should visit a health care provider immediately to discuss your results of this test.

13-17 points: You are at a moderate risk for developing either an STD or chemical dependence and are encouraged to lower your overall risk by altering the behaviors that resulted in high scores on some of the questions. See a health care provider for any questions or concerns.

12: You are at a low risk for problems and are encouraged to continue your healthy behavior. Please feel free to contact your health care provider at any time for updated information regarding safer sex, AIDS or other issues.

The scoring system was designed to increase your awareness of STDs and the risk factors associated with acquiring or transmitted STDs. From "AIDS on the College Campus," A Special Report of the American College Health Association, 1989.

Rush Alerts

Rushees survival guide to intricacies of sorority ties

by Amanda Barton

Are the squirrels, Raggedy Anns and panda bears that decorate several apartments on campus signs of sororities, or of insecurity? It is a question many people pose, but that one can only answer for themselves. Take the opportunity to do so.

On Sept. 8, formal sorority rush begins. Any women interested in sorority should attend in order to find out about rush, which in the past has annually attracted about 100 women.

Rush is when three sororities, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Delta Zeta sing, dance and talk with prospective pledges. Anyone interested in meeting new people, having fun and free food should attend. It all gives a little background

on each sorority and should enable students to have an idea of what to expect from each one.

Every sorority is a little bit different. Alpha Sigma Alpha president, Pam Thompson, said, "We're a perfect blending of all types of people," while Amiee Smith, the Alpha Gamma Delta rush chair, said the "relationship between the sisters is very strong. We tend to work as a group rather than individuals."

Group activities including mixers and campus events are held on a monthly basis. Trisha Haley, Delta Zeta and Standards Chairman, said, "We're all allowed to be individuals. We accept each other."

The strengths of the Alpha Gams according to Smith are "their ability to put hard work into a cause" like rush or the Eicher Barn party and "have fun at it." The ASAs find their strength in "everyone." They have members who excel in academics, athletics, leadership and social events. DZ Haley said that the sisters are "there for each other." These sororities' unique strengths are displayed at rush. Students can find out which sorority is for them.

While AGD Smith said that their chapter size was a problem, the Alpha Gams has now doubled in size last year. ASA said the members' schedules do "tend to create problems in planning." The DZs claim no weaknesses.

For those interested in sororities, commitment is not optional. Most expect regular attendance at meetings and certain activities. And monetary commitment is required as well.

Fees differ, but a pledge fee and an initiation fee are onetime payments. Pledge fees vary from \$40 to \$50 and monthly dues are about \$30 for nine months of the year. Initiation fees fluctuate between \$145 to \$165.

Community service projects are a large part of sorority. Alpha Gamma Delta supports diabetes; Alpha Sigma Alpha national philanthropies include the Special Olympics and S. June Center for the Blind. They also support the American Red Cross, Wish Upon a Star, Street Relief, and USI Children's Center. Delta Zetas work for the speech and hearing impaired, along with a church orientated program helping people with their homework.

One thing all sorority chapters have in common is that their meetings are on Sunday nights.

Each year, each sorority hosts different events. The Alpha Gams host the Eicher Barn Party

and the Fall Festival Raffle. The ASAs hold Parent's Day, Providence Day, Founders' Day and will host their first ever all-campus dance, where they'll announce ASAs' Big Man on Campus. Delta Zetas give the King of Hearts dance near Valentine's Day and sponsor movie nights. They also have speakers discussing drugs and alcohol with a friend to friend attitude.

This Fall, ASA and DZ are starting different New Member programs. In ASA, the rushees become new members automatically. Their education program lasts six weeks, with initiation immediately following. The DZ program "hopes to promote better relations within and outside of chapters," said Haley.

Sorority rush provides a unique experience. Costing nothing but time, rush allows incoming students to meet new people.

However some believe that sororities put a crunch on individual style. All sisters who live on campus must live in sorority housing. Missing certain events can result in fines up to \$100. Certain reputations also follow each sorority. In the *In Sync* magazine on August 15, it is reported that the "Delta Zetas share everything, including their boyfriends" and that the ASAs have the "lowest organizational GPA on campus." In light of this, women should carefully consider whether sorority life is for them.

To rush or not may be one of the biggest choices incoming female students have to worry about. But with careful consideration, either way can lead to a full, fun and educational college experience.

SORORITY TIDBITS

Alpha Sigma Alpha
(ASA's, Alpha Sigs)
Alpha Gamma Delta
(AGD's, Alpha Gams)
Delta Zeta (Dee Zee's)

Founded locally: AGD 1985
ASA 1972
DZ 1976

Colors:
AGD - Red, buff and green
ASA - Crimson red and pearl
DZ - Rose and vue green

Mascots:
AGD - squirrel
ASA - lady bug and Raggedy Ann
DZ - panda bear

GREEK DICTIONARY

Active: a fully initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

Associate: see pledge

Alumnae/alumni: an initiated member who is no longer in college.

Bid: an invitation to join a fraternity or sorority

Pledge: one who has been accepted as a new fraternity or sorority; after a period of education about the fraternity/sorority and after earning a designated GPA, they are initiated.

ert ■ What it means to be Greek

FRAT FACTS

FRATERNITIES:

**ALPHAKAPPALAMBDA
(AKL)**

**DELTA SIGMA CHI (LOCALLY)
INTEREST GROUP FOR
ALPHA SIGMA PHI**

**LAMBDA CHI ALPHA
(LAMBDA CHIS)**

**SIGMATAUGAMMA
(SIG TAUS)**

**TAUKAPPA EPSILON
(TKES)**

PHI BETA SIGMA

**PHI DELTA THETA (PHI
DELTS)**

LOCAL FOUNDINGS:

AKL - JAN. 1988

ΔΣΧ - SPRING 1994

ΛΧΑ - MARCH 1981

ΣΤΓ - MAY 1973

TKE - NOVEMBER 1970

ΦΒΣ - FALL 1992

ΦΔΤ - OCTOBER 1986

COLORS:

ΔΣΧ - FOREST GREEN

AND GRAY; AS

ΑΣΦ RED AND GREY

**ΛΧΑ - YELLOW, GOLD
AND GREEN**

ΣΤΓ - BLUE AND SILVER

**TKE - CHERRY RED AND
GREY**

**ΦΒΣ - ROYAL BLUE AND
PURE WHITE**

LOOKING FOR A FEW, GOOD MEN

by Amanda Barton

Fraternalties - wild, drunk men who ravage women. The media offers displays this image of fraternity life. Until college, most people aren't exposed to the real side of fraternities. Each fraternity on campus differs. Some fraternities even have the reputation of being the nicest guys on campus. Men should check out fraternity Rush Sept. 12 - 18 and figure out for themselves if one of the frats is for them.

Each fraternity associates with the others, but there is a different kind of brotherhood within each one. Stuart Mosby, president of Lambda Chi Alpha, pointed out that rushees for ΛΧΑ go directly into associative membership with a full set of rights and voting privileges. Phi Beta Sigma stands apart as the only traditionally black greeks on campus. Shelton Floyd, ΦΒΣ president, said, "We take being Greek a little more seriously than other fraternities. We don't ever wear letters other than our own." They, also, have an extensive national alumni network that helps members in relocating and finding employment.

Sigma Tau Gamma and Tau Kappa Epsilon both claim the fact that they have houses off campus as their differences. James Reese, Sig Tau president, pointed out that the Sig Tau house is on Clarke Lane, while the TKE house is on Wabash Ave. Delta Sigma Chi moves into Greek court this fall as the newest addition to the Greek system. ΔΣΧ President Brian Meador said they have a different attitude towards fraternity life.

The main weakness of most fraternities is numbers. They simply don't come close to the goal numbers. TKE scholarship chair, Eric Titzer, said, "Small can also be perceived as strength. We have room to build and change things." ΔΣΤ Meador said, "Just starting out, we don't have any background or alumni support. We won't have any until we go national in the fall." ΔΣΧ began in the spring of 1994 and is now an interest group or colony for Alpha Sigma Phi. ΦΒΣ has a GPA requirement of 2.5 and Floyd said, "Some minorities find it a problem for different reasons to meet the GPA requirement. For that reason, we only have four members."

Costs for a fraternity vary. ΦΒΣ is the cheapest overall at \$320. ΔΣΧ, the next lowest, charges overall around \$552 for the first year. Individual pledge fees vary from \$35 to \$55. Initiation fees start at \$110 for ΛΧΑ to \$280 for ΠΒΣ. Both ΦΔΤ and TKE give good grade discounts.

Strengths in brotherhood, support and

community service serve as the corner stone for fraternity life. Reese said their strength lies in the "diversity of knowledge" and a strong, supportive alumni. ΔΣΧ offers "strong brotherhood, outstanding athletes, and a positive Greek attitude." ΦΔΤ treasurer, Evan Porter said the Phis have a "complete bond from pledges to actives." Floyd said, "Being a small chapter, we are really close. We spend a lot of time together and really know each other on a personal level."

The commitment involvement of each varies. While the Phi Deltas had few fundraisers last academic year, they do hold an annual pig bowl which is the active/alumni football game. The Sig Taus raise money for Street Relief. They also hold cookouts, mixers and parties such as Big Chill in early September and Big Splash in the spring. ΛΧΑ has a pumpkin bust. The AKL help wrap and transport Christmas trees for the Junior League of Evansville's Festival of Trees and organize fundraisers for the National Kidney Foundations. ΔΣΧ hopes to begin an annual mud-volleyball tournament in the fall and raise money for Canine Companions for Independence.

Changes for the ΔΣΧ will occur rapidly this fall. But, other fraternities are trying to change as well. Titzer said, "The TKEs are going to take in quality pledges and make ourselves more visible on campus." ΦΒΣ has plans to hold an annual step show in the spring, starting in February 1995. They also work with area churches for special occasions such as mother's days. They are developing a new program called "Sigma Squires" for juniors and seniors in high school. The Sig Taus are moving to raise their GPA according to Reese and he plans to implement "a few other changes to help improve ourselves and others." Scholarship appears important to the Phi Deltas as well. Porter said, "We are implementing a new scholarship program to give us incentive to improve our grades."

Grades aren't the entire focus. Part of being Greek is having fun and the fraternities that throw the most parties are the Sig Taus and TKEs. ΣΤΓ host Big Chill and Big Splash while the TKEs gives a End of Fall Festival Party and Halloween Party. Smaller parties are also thrown at random times. The Sig Tau's house near campus isn't under University rule. The other fraternities reside on Greek Court on the edge of campus housing and are under campus security's watch.

Scholarship, brotherhood and parties are the fraternity life. As each fraternity is an individual, each person needs to find out for themselves. As the Sig Taus say, "It's all a part of the experience."

I Stopped At An Accident

I watched as flames licked away the blue paint of the van
that had swerved to miss my truck.
Drifting smoke and sticky black tire tracks
showed its tumbling path,
and as I climbed from the air conditioned cab
I heard glass cackling under my feet.
Others had stopped
with morbid curiosity resting on their faces,
and their bodies became a frame to the picture before me.
The smell of medium rare flesh
hung in the air,
making noses wrinkle and stomachs turn,
and when people noticed it was children burning,
their stomachs often became part of the wreckage.
I noticed strands of Easter grass
fluttering from behind the leg of a spectator,
but when he moved,
the grass remained
trapped in the blood matted hair
of a young girl.
What locks were left were still,
and where the hair was gone,
I could see a skull that hadn't done its job.
Part of her left cheek was missing,
leaving a ragged hole,
big enough to see baby molars
that would never fall out.
Her eyes were open and glassy,
and the odd tilt of her head
reminded me of the last look
of cows in the slaughter house
just before they got the bolt between the eyes.
They thought you were gonna scratch their nose
or rub them behind the ears,

just like the little girl looked
as if she expected a kiss on her good cheek.
The fire cast shadows on what skin she had left
and as I watched,
paramedics covered her with a sheet
that began soaking up what little blood
hadn't blessed the pavement.
I looked once more at the wreckage
and noticed tiny chocolates
dressed for the season
laying silently in the shattered glass.
Slowly the smell of burning chocolate
replaced that of charred flesh
and I glanced back at the uniformed men
and the slowly thinning crowd
as I bent down and picked up three or four pieces.
Walking back to my truck,
I could tell by the feel
that they were melted
and thought perhaps the little girl
would have enjoyed them more if they too
were put in a freezer at the morgue.
Back in my intact truck
I began to peel away the metallic paper
noticing the chocolate holding on
much like the little girl's skin,
but in the end I was like the pavement,
peeling back the paper
the way it had her skin,
and as I popped the sweet, warm chocolate in my mouth
I smiled
and silently blessed the little girl for her gift.
And then I laughed,
because we both knew she wouldn't need the candy,
not where she was going.

Chad Sanderson

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T'words Heaven?

The rain pours over the blasted landscape
But I sit, wrapped in the warm fur of other beasts,
The heat of my body filling the cave
My breath is slow
I slowly begin to sink
Into the half-real pictures my mind creates.
No warning
No notice
Outside the cave a flash of lightning strikes a dead tree
Lighting the night as day
Thunder crashing, like a thousand avalanches
Echoing across the land for forever it seems.
My breath is gone
Eyes open now, searching, quivering
As I worm my way to the mouth of the cave
And my trembling eyes and body
Behold the tree on fire.
Fire!
Moving, thrashing, casting its uneven glow everywhere
Here sputtering, there raging
A myriad of light and noise that stands alone
from the landscape
Holding the attention of everything.
The desire to grab a burning branch,
To unwrap myself from dead skin and run into the
rain.
Standing in the pouring torrent.
My naked body held taut on the top of the mountain
Brandishing my fire-stick at heaven
In control
My soul fills with lust
And yet I cannot make my body leave the warmth
And as the two struggle I wait
As the rain puts the fire out...

Jeff Anthony

Shallow Intentions

The look on her face said NO DIVING
but I couldn't read it
until my fingers had splintered
on the bottom of her eyes.
Her voice was like a baby's blanket,
security with frayed edges
stained with memories and tears
that I had outgrown long ago.
She moved with a grace
that made her indistinct
behind the cigarette filters
and endless cans of Dr. Pepper,
but I never noticed
when she asked the waitress for a refill,
she'd always disappear.

The dark circles that rested under her eyes
I believed to be from sleepless nights
filled with internal struggles
punctuated with discarded tissues
and overflowing ashtrays,
but were nothing more
than a lack of Iron in her diet.
And as I sit here
watching the time-lapse photography
of our relationship
on the inside of my eyes,
I realize that the nights in the diner
she really did disappear
and the NO DIVING look
wasn't merely for insurance purposes.

Chad Sanderson

Diversified attitudes produce new style of play

by Velvet Litsey

As the Screaming Eagles soccer team prepare for the approaching 1994 fall season, both positions and attitudes are being revamped. A number of "psychological setbacks" have fallen upon the coaching staff and team as they enter into practice according to head coach Tony Colavecchia. Last year's assistant coach Brent Churchill resigned, with Ali Malaekheh taking over the title of assistant and senior goalkeeper Chad Harmon moving into the position of student assistant coach.

Harmon broke his right leg during a staff game at the Star Goalkeeping Academy in Wisconsin this summer. "It doesn't feel too good (being a student coach), I'd rather be playing. It'll be a different experience, hopefully a good one," said Harmon. "I've played 17 years without injury, so maybe my time was due. Maybe I needed to take a step back from playing and approach it with a fresh attitude next year."

The possibility of the soccer program's move to Division II has affected morale. Until the end of September, the matter is under consideration by USI president H. Ray Hoops.

As for the prognosis for the upcoming season, the schedule shows a plethora of challenging games. "It's by far the best schedule we had. We'll play three or four top 20 teams throughout the season," said Malaekheh.

Three of the teams USI faces made it to the Division I tournament at least once in the last two seasons. They include Bowling Green State University, Coastal Carolina College and the University of Memphis. On Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. on Strassweg field, USI plays its annual alumni game. The next home game occurs on Sept. 5 against Oral Roberts.

"It's a very tough schedule they are capable of playing, but there aren't any easy games. I would like to be optimistic about this team as they have the most potential than any I've seen, but can they live up to that potential? It isn't in my hands, but in theirs," said Colavecchia.

On paper, the team appears to be the best that Colavecchia has coached in his time at USI. Leading the way for the Eagles is senior forward

Justin Igleheart and junior midfielder/back Adam French. For part of last season, Igleheart was ranked eighth nationally in scoring. French was 15th in scor-

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ing in the region. Other returning seniors include midfielders Mike Grassi, team captain Sean Helliwell and goalkeeper Todd Bailey.

Newcomers entering the field encompasses freshman back Leslie Meenan who hails from Ireland. Colavecchia plans for Meenan to play a central role. Junior transfer Joseph Carter adds "outstanding speed and great finishing ability up front," said Colavecchia.

According to Colavecchia, junior University of Evansville transfer Korby Smith will have a great impact in the backfield.

There are a number of factors that will contribute to the success of the season. Key among these is the strength of the seniors. "The leadership is outstanding for the seniors.

Everyone has worked hard to make sure that everyone else feels a part of the team," said Malaekheh. "It's not only a senior leadership, but the all the upperclassmen. Everyone is meshing together very well. It's the tightest knit group I've seen since I've been here."

Staying healthy is another crucial point to the team's performance. "If we stay away

from injuries and group together as an unit, we will be capable of surprising many good teams," said Malaekheh.

How well the team plays on the home field determines how the season will go. "The team is very capable of winning 90% of the games at home," said Colavecchia. "If we do play well at home, it'll be a catalyst for our performance away."

According to Colavecchia, the team will be playing a different style of game due to the different personalities emerging. They will become more of a "possession team and much better on the defensive" than last year, he said. They will be equivalent to a fast break team in basketball, which will make for an "entertaining team."

Community and fan support will be an important issue as the season progresses. "It's their team. We play to represent the university and community as a whole," said Malaekheh. "Since we play for them, we'd like for them to see us."

Although the season hasn't started, Colavecchia looks ahead for ways to improve the program and its contribution to the university. "I marvel everyday that we have such a beautiful playing field. We need to build on that and the atmosphere that is created out there," said Colavecchia. "We must also move beyond the status quo we've established, it's not healthy at all and so we must keep building."

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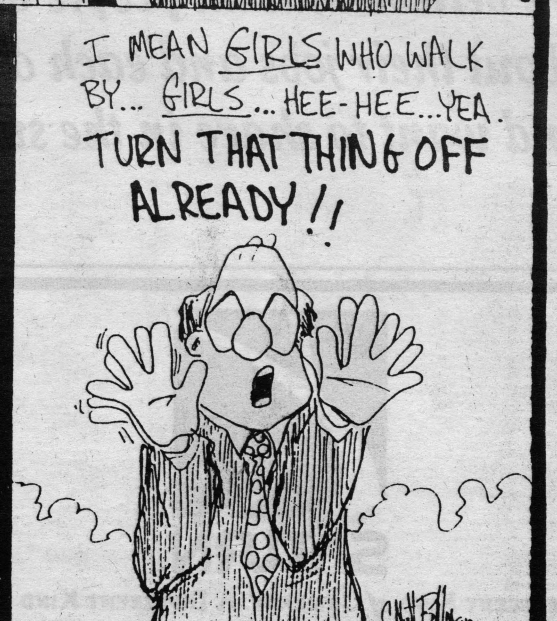
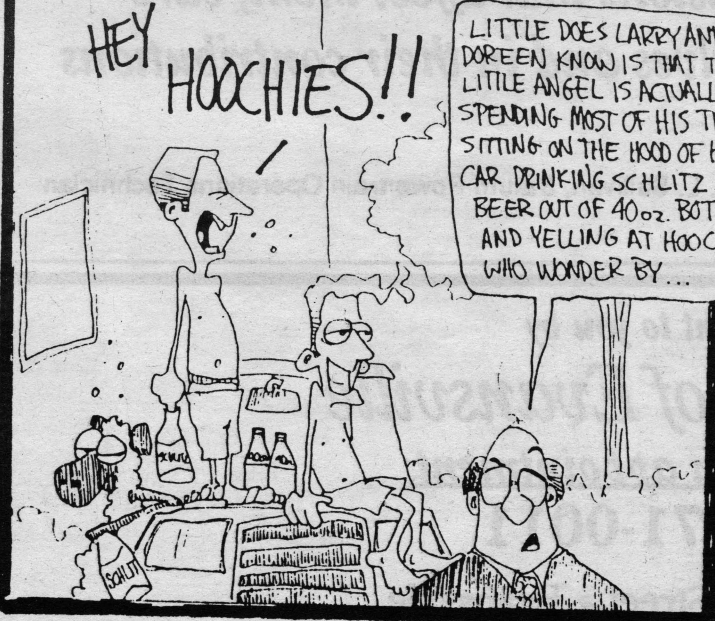
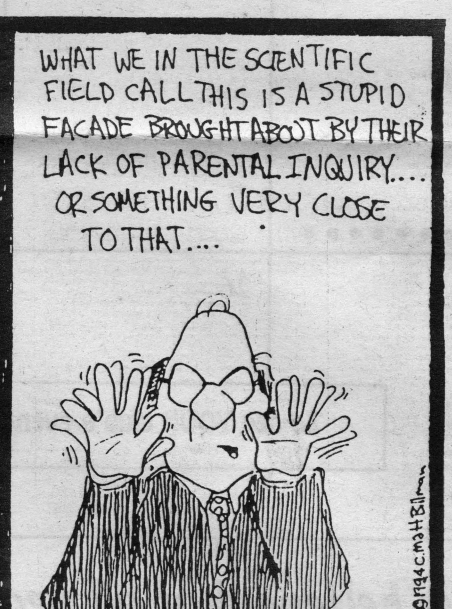
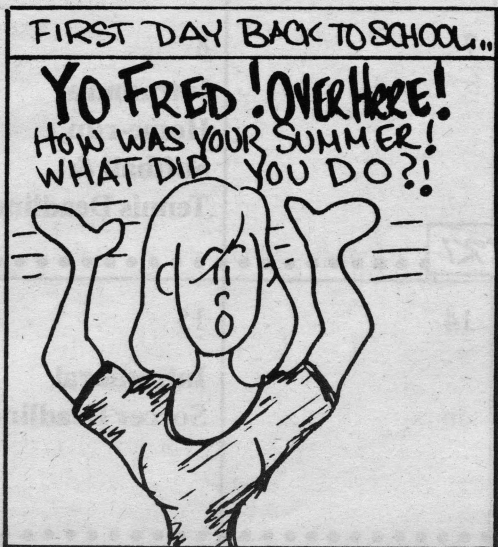
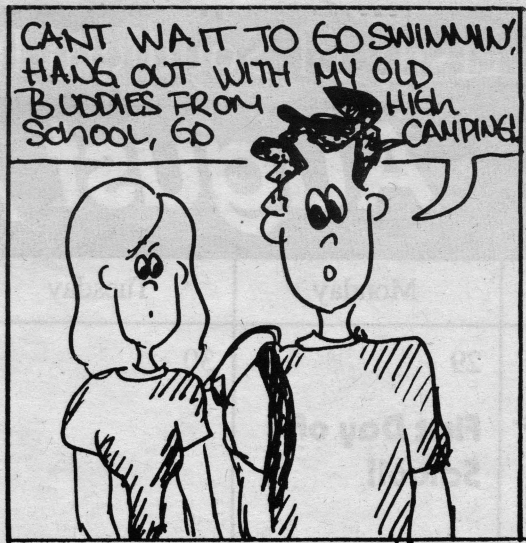
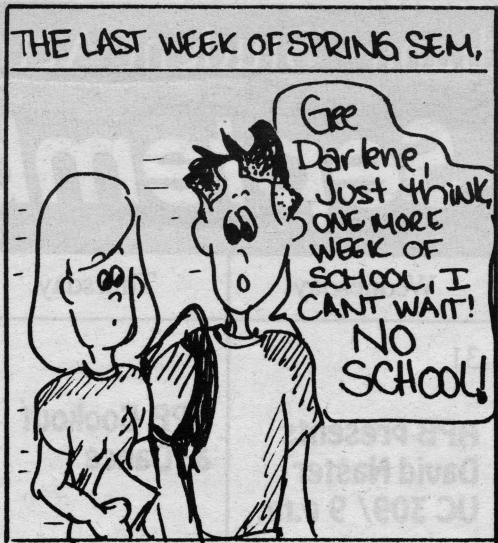
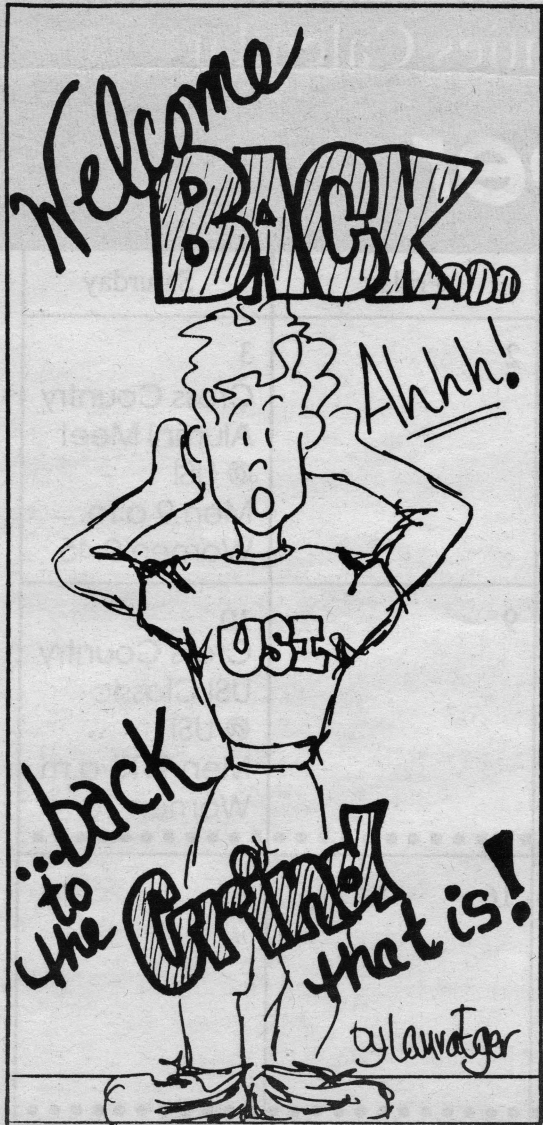
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