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Presidential search soldiers on

Parrent: first to interview for presidency

By **TRAVIS SNYDER**
 Asst. News editor

A mentor of USI Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Parrent once told him, "when you make the decision to seriously pursue a presidency it's like you are marrying the university. It becomes your life."

"Well, it has been for seven years and I love my life," Parrent, who is one of three finalists to be the next president of the University of Southern Indiana, said.

He, along with University of Southern Indiana Provost Linda Bennett and Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs at Murray State Timothy Todd, were announced as the three candidates to replace USI President H. Ray Hoops when he retires on June 30, 2009.

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USI goes to Washington

By **JON WEBB**
 Editor in chief

Mary Hallock-Morris never thought she'd have the opportunity to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with a "billion of her closest friends" at President-Elect Barack Obama's January 20 inauguration, but thanks to a little luck, she will do just that.

Hallock-Morris and her husband were among the names drawn in a lottery conducted by Rep. Brad Ellsworth's office to provide tickets for local citizens to attend the historic event.

"I didn't think we had a chance," Hallock-Morris said. "But lo and behold, we were chosen in the random lottery."

According to Liz Farrar, an Ellsworth staffer, the congressman's office received

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Concerns about Hahn development project arise

By **DANI PALMER**
 News editor

The Hahn Realty development project has been an ongoing topic of conversation for months now, and it doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon.

Traffic is one of the main concerns.

In the Dec. 4 issue of *The Shield*, USI President H. Ray Hoops expressed concern for students' safety and the safety of others in the area.

Hoops believes a solution to the traffic issue is most needed.

Other than that, he felt the university as a whole had no objections to the project.

The Westside Improvement Association, however, seems to disagree with a lot more.

DeAnna Outlaw, president of the Westside Improvement Association, also expressed concern for traffic in the December 4 *Shield* issue. Along with traffic, she discussed the possibility of other businesses being driven out, and the worries neighbors

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Murray State University



Dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs

TIMOTHY TODD

- Has served as dean of the college of business and public affairs at Murray State since 2006.

- Has served as both assistant provost and associate provost at Murray State.

- In addition to his administration duties, he serves as a full, tenured professor.

University of Southern Indiana



Vice President for Student Affairs

ROBERT PARRENT

- Has served as vice president of student affairs since 2002.

- Served as associate vice-president for Enrollment management at Southeast Missouri State.

- Began academic career at Western Kentucky, where he served as a pre-admissions counselor.

University of Southern Indiana



Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

LINDA BENNETT

- Has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2003

- Served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of political science at Appalachian State University from 1999-2003.

- Served as chair of the department of Political Science at Northern Kentucky University (1996-1999)

USI presidential candidates Timothy Todd, Robert Parrent and Linda Bennett will undergo a two-day interview session before campus constituency groups within the next two weeks.

By **SETH GRUNDHOEFER**
 Managing editor

With only three finalists remaining in USI's hunt for a new president, John Dunn, chair of the presidential search and screen committee, says he is ready to take the search to the "next step."

USI administrators Linda L. Bennett and Robert W. Parrent were announced as two of three top finalists for the presidency during a Jan. 8 USI Board of Trustees meeting in Indianapolis. Timothy Todd, dean of the college of business and public affairs at Murray State was the third candidate.

The three candidates were selected from 58 applicants and interviewed over the duration of several months, said Search Coordinator Sherianne Standley.

Though a search committee has evaluated and nominated three finalists, each candidate must now complete the final leg of the presidential search by undergoing a two-day interview process with campus constituents.

Parrent will begin the presidential inter-

views on Jan. 20-21, followed by Todd on Jan. 26-27 and ending with Bennett on Jan. 29-30.

"All the candidates show a lot of drive," Dunn said. "It will be interesting to see (each candidate) interact with the campus community and the general public."

Each candidate will meet with each department of the university, according to Standley. Interviews lengths will vary from 30 minutes to one hour. The interviews begin with President H. Ray Hoops and end with the board of trustees, who will select the university's new president.

"We wanted to make sure that all or the people who report directly to the president had a chance to talk to each candidate," Standley said.

Even though candidates will spend much of their time interviewing with different departments in the university, student groups will also be allotted an interview slot.

The Student Government Association (SGA) and Activities Programming Board

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Interview dates for presidential candidates:

Robert Parrent

Jan. 20-21

Timothy Todd

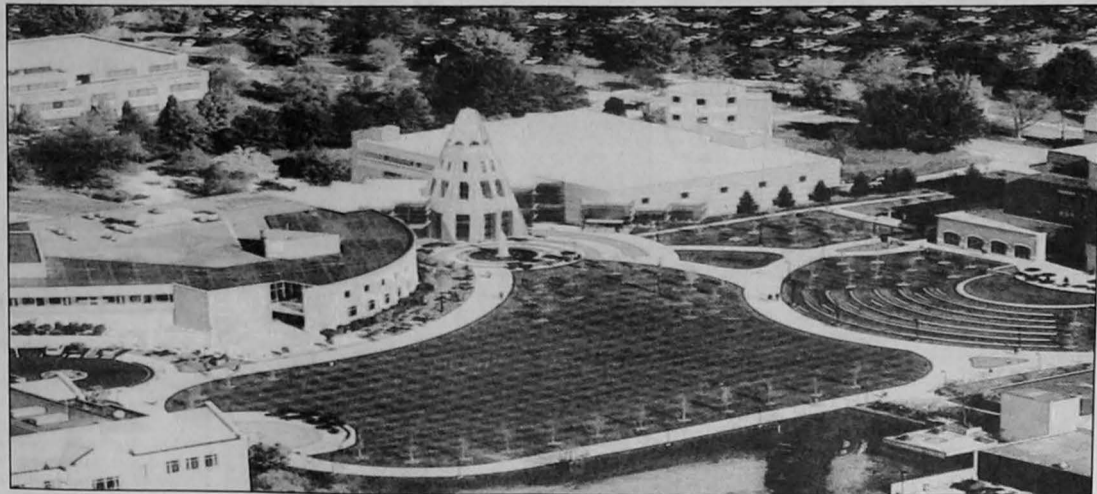
Jan. 26-27

Linda Bennett

Jan. 29-30

Candidates will give public presentations on the second day of their interviews from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Carter Hall.

USI looks to bid out UC expansion project



By **DANI PALMER**
 News editor

A final review of the University Center expansion was conducted on Dec. 10. Architects, engineers, USI staff and student services discussed and finalized the project plans, pushing the expansion one step closer to reality.

According to Steve Helfrich, director of facilities operation and planning, minor changes were made

to the plans.

"Friday (Jan. 9), documents were completed and sent to contractors for the bidding phase," Helfrich said.

Contractors have until Feb. 10 to put in their bids, and then those bids will be evaluated for a week or two before the Board of Trustees construction committee authorizes the final decision.

According to Helfrich, construction is slated to begin in mid March or a little later. The UC expansion

Photo courtesy of Steve Helfrich.

sion will most likely be completed in 2010.

Deconstruction of the UC sky bridge will begin shortly after graduation in May.

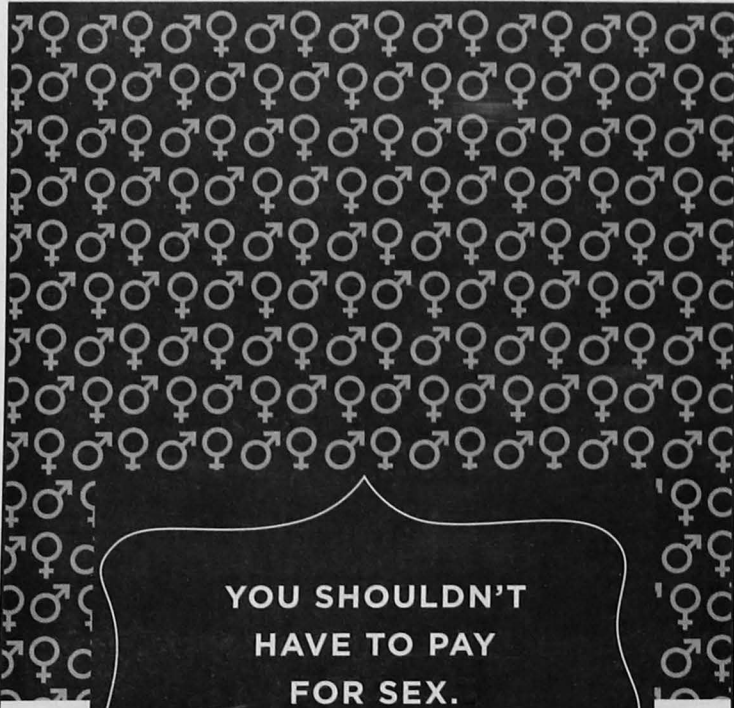
It will be demolished to make way for more lounge spaces, food areas and a new cone-shaped tower.

According to Helfrich, the cone tower will provide a large amount of student space.

"(The tower is) a great new feature," Helfrich said. — See **BID OUT** on Pg. 3


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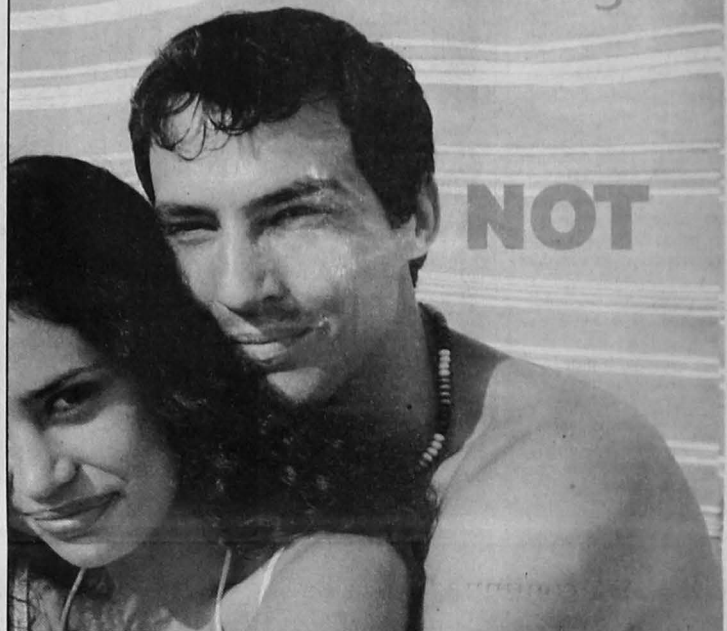
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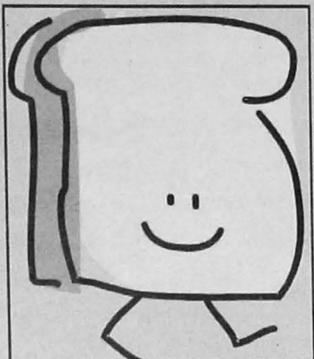
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Robert Parrent, USI presidential candidate speaking during a Veterans Day ceremony at USI.

Photo by Jon Webb.

(APB) are two student groups who will get to "meet and get to know the candidates," said Amy Beard, president of SGA.

Beard said she will select members of SGA to interview the finalists after representatives speak with students from each college at the university.

"What I'm planning on is to have the representatives go to their constituents and ask what issues people want to hear, or what concerns they may have," Beard said. "We'll have a better idea of what everyone wants to hear on campus that way."

Students and community members are also encouraged to visit Carter Hall while each candidate gives a public presentation at 11 a.m. on the second day of their respective interviews, Standley said.

Feedback forms are available on the presidential search committee Web site. Standley will have forms available during each presentation.

Forms must be printed out, completed and then sealed in an envelope and sent to Standley within 24 hours of each candidate's public presentation. The search committee will not accept any electronic evaluations, due to confidentiality purposes, Standley said.

"The trustees have their eyes and ears wide open," Standley said.

Each evaluation will be presented to the board of trustees before they select the next president of the university.

Dunn said the board could meet a decision as soon as Jan. 31.

"I'm particularly pleased with the input from the campus community," Dunn said. "No matter who is chosen, I think the community will be happy."

The decision is expected to be made as soon as Jan. 31, according to USI Board of Trustees President John Dunn.

Parrent said he believes all three candidates have their merits and are qualified for the position but he feels something very special.

"It's not just some comfortable decision to become president. It's a calling," Parrent said, "and I have that calling."

Tenacity, being well informed and listening are qualities Parrent said are important for the president of the university to possess.

He said President Hoops' tenacious manner when it comes to understanding what programs the university needs and working to implement those programs is an important quality that must be continued at USI.

"The next president needs to be just as tenacious and just as aggressive but in an informed manner," Parrent said.

He believes it is critical for the president to connect with local government and legislators, in addition to deans, faculty and staff on campus.

He said the educational experience is very important. Reading a quote by an unknown source that said, "earning has become more important than learning," Parrent called that notion "sad."

"It's the journey," he said.

"It's not just what's at the end."

He has worked in higher education for 29 years at six different institutions including serving as the Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Southern Indiana since 2002.

"It's not just the years of experience, it's the network that comes with that experience," Parrent said about the relationships he has built with many presidents and other officials at local universities over his career.

His professional experience in higher education has included stops in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Missouri, where he was the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Southeast Missouri State from 1997 to 2000.

"It has not been an accident that I have served at six universities," Parrent said. "That's all been by design."

"It's also not an accident that they were six universities that were in different states and that had different perspectives or missions or focuses and that's to provide me with a set of skills and talents to be able to understand and appreciate what's going on."

Parrent said his career path has provided him with the understanding of what it takes to be the president of a university.

"I have been very careful and very strategic about what I have done in building my career to assemble those sets of skills to be able to use them at the time," he said, "and the time is now and this is the place."

Parrent left higher education for the business world in 2000 when he joined Sheldon Management & Consulting in Bowling Green, Ky., before coming to USI in 2002.

He said his detour in business was another opportunity

for him to gain experience and see how higher education was viewed from the business perspective, as well as a chance to work with his identical twin brother.

"It's part of building this 29-year career," he said. "To step outside higher education to be able to then view what higher education means and how the business world looks at the product of higher education... its graduates."

Parrent said he is the only candidate who has that business perspective outside of education.

As a former student athlete, Parrent said he has the ability to relate to students because he has had the pleasure of living as a college student and because of his interaction with his 24-year old daughter and 17-year old son.

"I feel like I have an ability to connect and to listen and to understand and then well represent the students interests," he said.

Parrent said he is also not a stranger to Rock Band or Guitar Hero.

"I'm a lead singer in a rock 'n' roll band," he said with a laugh.

He will participate in a series of interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week with various groups and people affiliated with the university including the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association.

"I feel like I am the right guy for the job at the University of Southern Indiana at this time to lead this institution forward with a vengeance," he said.

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Photo courtesy of Steve Helfrich.

During the bridge deconstruction, summer classes will have to be moved in order to make them more accessible to students. Helfrich said this will be a challenge when the fall semester begins.

Helfrich said there will be a protected area from construction for students and faculty to pass through, but advises back walkways be taken.

In addition to the UC expansion, construction will begin on a loop at the mouth of University Blvd.

Loop construction will also begin after graduation and should be opened for the '09 fall semester. Helfrich said that steps are being taken to maintain traffic.

The cost of the campus loop project is estimated at

\$3.5 million while the UC expansion will cost approximately \$17 million.

This includes construction costs, design fees, furnishing and landscaping.

"These projects will change the way we walk and drive," Helfrich said.

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were expressing.

Fred Padget, treasurer of the Westside Improvement Association, emphasized these concerns.

"We have several concerns. Major traffic congestion and safety is just one of many," Padget said.

He believes the traffic situation will become much worse as the commercial area in the Hahn project adds cutouts and stoplights near University Parkway, making it similar to Route 41.

According to Padget, it will also affect businesses on both sides of town.

He mentioned how Lawndale is already nearly vacant, and the North Park area is beginning to thin out. He's afraid that even Eastland Mall will face some challenges because the new development project is one and a half times larger.

Padget is afraid that the development will actually take jobs away or transfer them, and views the project as poorly planned due to its sudden leap from the city to the city limits.

"Good land use is expanding outward from a city," Padget said.

He thinks that adding more student housing is also a bad idea.

According to the Board of Trustee's finance/audit committee meeting minutes on Sept. 6, 2007, USI student housing had an occupancy rate of 95.3 percent.

That number may be large, but Padget points out that empty space still remains in the apartments and dorms. He also mentioned that both Eagle Village and Golden Towers contain vacancies and were already located near campus.

Padget discussed the short distance between college students and those living in senior housing and assisted living, and viewed the situation as "a problem from a social standpoint."

According to Padget, the January 20 rezoning meeting will most likely not reflect on these issues at current time despite the fact that many citizens are concerned or completely against the project.

Padget was informed that Hahn Realty and property owner Gene Pfeiffer will be proposing new changes to the plan and requesting that it be returned to the area planning commission.

This could delay progress for months.

Despite all of the Westside Improvement Association's concerns, they feel they can reach an agreement with Hahn Realty if the project is downsized to a reasonable area.

"Adjustments could be made to make it acceptable," Padget said.

Any students or faculty interested in expressing their opinions can attend the public rezoning meeting on Jan. 20 at 5:30 pm in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex.

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1,500 ticket requests from constituents for the 198 available - the number provided for all U.S. representatives.

The office recorded the names behind each request and then dropped them into a jar. "We just did the good old fashioned 'pull a name out of hat' routine," Farrar said.

"There was a lot of interest in the campaign, obviously, and that just extended to the inauguration."

The office will distribute the

tickets the Monday before the inauguration, and apparently will do so uniformly.

"(The Ellsworth office) is being really stringent," Hallock-Morris said. "My husband just can't go pick up the tickets for me. We both have to show up and both have to have our IDs."

Hallock-Morris hopes to implement her experience into the classroom and provide first hand accounts to her students of what an inauguration is like.

Her husband - a teacher in Kentucky - will attempt to film the event.

"People in the U.S. don't really get worked up about politics," Hallock-Morris said. "This is one of those times (people) really got engaged."

Unlike Hallock-Morris, Wendy Bredhold - a writer for USI's News and Information Services and recently appointed Evansville City Council member - will travel to Washington D.C. sans ticket.

Bredhold and other members of local volunteer group "Women for Obama" will depart from Evansville's Washington Square Mall at 12:30 a.m. Monday morning.

"I've just got to be there," Bredhold said. "I worked on (Obama's campaign) since February 2008. It's a historic occasion and I wouldn't miss it for anything in the world."

"I was one of the core group of volunteers who worked their butts off," she said.

According to CNN.com, Washington D.C. officials expect upwards of 2.5 million people to crowd around the steps of the U.S. Capitol, and tickets to the night's inaugural balls are currently selling for as much as \$5,000 on eBay.

"I'm a political science professor, so for me it's like the Super Bowl," Hallock-Morris said. "I know that's kind of a nerdy analogy, but really, that's what it's like."

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RIAA fails again

By: MAX DAHLQUIST
Shield staff

The Darwin of business might finally be taking its toll on the music industry.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), which has stubbornly refused to evolve its business model in the face of changing markets, announced in December that it will be abandoning its campaign of litigation against suspected music pirates.

Since 2003, the RIAA has targeted approximately 30,000 people, including college students, children, and in the publicized case of Gertrude Walton, a deceased grandmother who didn't even know how to use a computer.

The organization would send notices to its victims threatening lawsuits if they didn't settle out of court. The monetary demands were usually in the range of a few thousand dollars.

Most of the recipients of these messages decided to settle, regardless of whether they had actually pirated any music, to avoid spending greater sums fighting a legal battle against the media monstrosity.

The artists themselves, usually portrayed as the victims of music piracy, were not even benefiting from this tactic. The money extorted from the accused was simply put toward lining the pockets of executives.

However, despite the scare tactics and the considerable amount of money the campaign dredged up, all the lawsuits and threats ultimately did very little to slow down internet piracy.

The only tangible thing that the RIAA got out of its efforts was a public image that fell from poor to abysmal.

Now, at long last, it is ceasing its futile policy of direct attempts to take money from peo-

ple. Instead, it is changing its business model, abandoning DRM, paying artists what they are due, and lowering the exorbitant price of its product.

Oh, wait, no. The RIAA is going to try to make Internet service providers do its dirty work.

The latest scheme that the RIAA has cooked up is a three-strikes-you're-out collaboration with ISPs that would involve monitoring of Internet users peer-to-peer activities. When someone is believed to be illegally sharing files, that person's ISP would be notified and sent a warning.

On the third warning, Internet access would be cut off altogether.

The main problem in this brilliant plan is the small, insignificant fact that few ISPs have yet agreed to be part of this. Most are remaining tight-lipped, but one major company (Verizon) has definitively said that they will not be participating.

This shouldn't come as too much of a surprise, as there is no legal requirement for them to participate, and no real benefit to the companies.

The owner of one small provider, Jerry Scroggin of Bayou Internet and Communications in Louisiana, has actively defied the RIAA's request that he enforce this policy on his customers. Every time he receives a request to comply from an entertainment company, he asks for its billing address.

"They have the right to protect their songs or music or pictures," Scroggin said to CNET. "But they don't have the right to tell me I have to be the one protecting it...we don't work for free."

Scroggin's example of a little guy standing up to a juggernaut

Presidential search yields same result

By: ANDREW FOSTER
Opinion editor

When the presidential finalists were first announced, the primary emotion was disappointment.

The first thing that jumped out was that only three candidates were invited to campus out of a possible five.

It seems a little weird not to invite the extra two candidates, and failing to do so gave us two less options when it comes to a president.

There is something to be said about keeping a narrow field, but two extra candidates certainly wouldn't cloud our judgment.

Maybe the lack of two extra candidates wouldn't be so noticeable if the candidates themselves were diverse.

All the candidates are white and middle-aged, with one female representative in Linda Bennett.

I'm not one who is in favor of diversity solely for diversity's sake, but in this case, a diverse field could provide new thought and different proposals about what

USI needs in its next president.

All the candidates come from the same region of the country and from relatively same-sized universities.

While it may be helpful to have candidates from a similarly sized university, as USI expands, it might be prudent to have a president who is familiar with the dynamics of a larger campus.

A president from a larger university, such as Indiana University or Purdue University, might give USI a new degree of respect that it lacks among high school students in the Evansville area.

The presidential finalists also have similar experience, with all being vice-presidents or deans at their respected universities.

It would be helpful to have a candidate that was a president elsewhere, as he or she could provide the experience that the current candidates don't have.

Among the three, Timothy Todd is the only candidate who isn't already an administrator at USI.

Having in-house candi-

dates might be good for providing continuity with the current administration, but we probably did not need two-thirds of the field to be from USI.

None of this bodes well for providing a diverse field of candidates with new ideas and different skill sets.

Instead, we get what looks like the same person, at least on paper.

I don't want to simplify the issue and say the three candidates are all the same person.

I'm hoping that when they interview and make the rounds that they give us more than the standard vague political talk that we're accustomed to.

Even if they look the same on paper, they may have something unique to say and demonstrate differing qualities.

That said, I don't think the selection of candidates has provided us with a diversity that is needed in the selection of the university's top spot.

Bush apology unwanted

Rolling Stone's mock interview misses the point, disappoints

By: JON WEBB
Editor in Chief

Rolling Stone magazine completed its free fall toward journalistic non-integrity last week when it ran an eye-grabbing, attention-arousing cover story.

The headline read, dramatically: "Bush Apologizes."

Next to the headline was a dramatic "photo" (drawing) of the soon-to-be former president mid-lip-bite, complete with sandbag eyes, "bushy" eyebrows (*Editor's note: get it?*) and an overall look of painful regret and sorrow.

Wow, I thought when I first saw the cover. *This does not look real.*

And it isn't.

A phrase below the headline - which is top-hated with an even more misleading "Exclusive!" - proves the story as a fake: "The Farewell Interview We Wish He'd Give."

Although the *RS's* editors obviously meant this story to provide a clever, fairyland, satisfying sense of closure to Bush's tumultuous two terms, the story instead becomes almost as disappointing as Bush's presidency itself because it could have been so

much more.

Granted, the Bush White-house was notoriously stingy with their interviews, but *Rolling Stone* is still a respected publication with far-reaching access to public officials.

The magazine boasted at least two exclusive set-downs with President-Elect Obama during the campaign season, profiled Al Gore during his 2000 bid and interviewed Bill Clinton several times - including when he left office.

So why didn't *Rolling Stone* take a grab at the proverbial brass ring and - if so intensely aroused at the thought of a Bush apology - punch him with said proverbial-brass-ring until the president couldn't help but make non-fictional amends?

Several possibilities exist, but my best guesses narrow them down to three:

They were too lazy or too hounded by deadline to try;

They assumed - and if one were to go by Bush's final presidential press conference, they would have been correct - Bush would refuse to apologize and persist with the history-will-vindicate-me jazz;

They didn't want an apology.

After all, a "my bad" wouldn't really accomplish anything.

A simple "sorry folks" could never erase the Mt. Vesuvius disaster that is the Iraq War and the boulevards of dead bodies piled in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

An apology can't reverse our current economic situation or erase the fear in any college-hopeful kid that the loans they need may dry up.

And more than anything: an admission of guilt would be the end-all for any Bush hater.

The beauty of the president lies in his easy morphing from man into monster.

No matter how much noise ridiculous *Rolling Stone* makes about the need for an apology, the truth is they've never cared anything about the man who would actually - and maybe, in private, actually does - say I'm sorry.

They want only the monster, and so does anyone who has ever empty uttered "f*** Bush."

Seeing an enemy as a true, empathetic man only complicates things, and right now complicated is the last thing we need.

What do you think of the presidential search process?

-It yielded good candidates.

-The field of candidates selected is lacking.

-The candidates are good, but there could be more diversity

-I don't know

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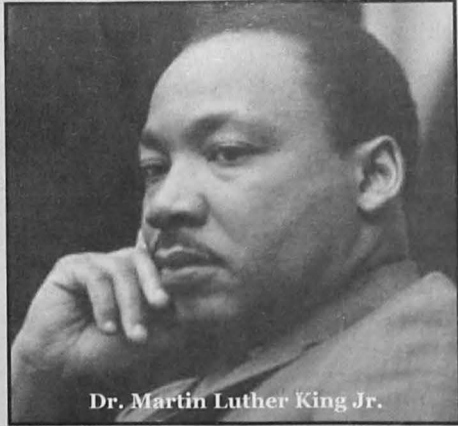
Olympian John Carlos to speak at memorial luncheon

By LANA KUNZ
Student Life editor

Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream is inching towards a reality. Although racism is far from extinct in the United States, the celebrations that observe the peaceful activist's birthday remind American citizens how far we have come. On Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. at Carter Hall in the University Center a luncheon will be held in King's honor. John Carlos, a civil rights activist and Olympian medalist, will speak on the topic, "Is your dream alive?" Carlos raised his gloved left hand in protest at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City as he stood, without shoes, at the bronze place platform for the 200 meters dash. The gold medalist in the event, Tommie Smith, raised his right hand with Carlos to make a united stand against the

poverty and neglect that African Americans were facing, and in some cases still are. Although their actions were nonviolent and meant to merely shed light on the inequality in the country at the time, both men received many negative reactions, including death threats. Carlos will clarify some of the misconceptions about the Olympic protest in his speech. "Anytime anyone is willing to take a stand there is a risk," Multicultural Center Director Pamela Hopson said. The meal consists of salad, fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, collard greens and cornbread with tea, coffee and water to drink. Additionally apple pie and chocolate cake will be served for dessert. USI's gospel choir. Designed by Grace will provide entertainment along with the Thump Squad, a drum line formed from local schools and Glenwood Middle School

Steppers. Additionally, the Children's Center for Dance Education will perform a tribute for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, named for the prominent African American dancer that founded it. Tickets are \$10 for employees and general public and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at the Multicultural Center in the UC or at the UC basement from USI dining services with a meal plan card. All three years the luncheon has been held it has sold out. In order to accommodate, overflow has been arranged in Forum 2. Those in overflow will not be able to hear or see the entertainment performing during the meal. They can hear Carlos's speech and can stay for the up close and personal question session that will continue in Forum 2.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

From Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech

Newton's creation set to a beat

Calculus taught in an entertaining style

By JON WEBB
Editor in chief

Calculus. Musical. The two words despised most by the average college student, perhaps second only to *Syphilis Opera*. One would assume any ghastly combination of the two would send the masses fleeing in terror, menaced by the thought of variable-laden formulas put to music. Such hatred didn't play out in Mitchell Auditorium last Tuesday, when students, professors and even some scattered mother/son combinations nearly filled the venue to witness *Calculus: The Musical!*—a pathos-laden two-person-performed account of how Isaac Newton came to "invent" modern Calculus.

According to the Pott Science of College and Engineering's semesterly newsletter, the show was conceived by Marc Gutman, who realized students learned better when formulas were accompanied by song. Against the backdrop of videos and a Stephen-Colbert's-"The-Word"-esque accompanying PowerPoint that actually produced some decent jokes, actors Dan Davidson and Sarah Stephens of Cincinnati's Know Theatre regaled the crowd with the tale of an in-therapy Newton (Davidson) struggling to grasp and create the authoritative formula for the derivative of a polynomial function. The show is laced with Davidson-and-Stephens-performed songs, which illuminate principles of Calculus and parody radio songs from Eminem's "Without Me" to The Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Under the Bridge." The whole thing can be described as an equal mix of a lecture from "the cool" high school math teacher and those Will Ferrell/Ana Gasteyer music-teacher sketches on

Saturday Night Live. *Calculus 'Newton*, though, is nothing short of a paranoid schizophrenic. He talks to an action figure named "Little Isaac" — who talks back in the voice of an extremely distressed Minnie Mouse — and feuds with overly-German Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: the man Newton historically accused of stealing his ideas. At one point Newton dreams he talks to a fairy sash-ed with Christmas lights. When said fairy offers Newton help in finding his (Newton's) one true love, Newton replies, disturbingly: "No, help me discover the formula to find the derivative of a polynomial function!" Or he says something like that. To be honest, trying to follow *Calculus* without an extensive background in mathematics is tricky, and can easily lead to the overwhelming feeling your brain is about to transform into a warm, delicious ball of oatmeal. Try listening to a song about the power rule of a derivative set to the tune of Petula Clark's

"Downtown" without bellowing in horror. Apparently I was in the minority, though, because of the audience stayed enraptured throughout, belly laughing at a bevy of polynomial jokes. Across the aisle from me, a mother and her two kids giggled away and swayed to the admittedly catchy tunes. I — however — felt like a customer at a Swahili dry cleaning shop being yelled at by a clicking, angry owner. I wasn't the only non-Math guy in attendance, though. According to Davidson, neither he nor Stephens have any sort of math background and had to go through a sort of Calculus bootcamp to prepare for the role. "I'm just a hired actor," Davidson said. "Stephens and I went through a Calculus intensive before the show. We basically studied 8 hours a day for a week and a half." Unfortunately, I don't possess any sort of desire to dedicate any amount of time to understanding Calculus. For those who do, however, the show apparently makes the dedication worth it.



Sir Isaac Newton

Professor requires community involvement in class

By LANA KUNZ
Special to the Shield

Legendary folk singer Pete Seeger inspired English Instructor Don Moore to restructure his 201 classes. Moore saw a documentary about Seeger's efforts to clean up the Hudson River by touring in a sloop: a cargo vessel that was once a common sight on the river, named Clearwater. "He (Seeger) brought people down to the river to see the boat and him, knowing that they would clean up the river when he came down," Moore said. Certain mottos from the film struck a note with Moore. The motto, "Think globally, act locally", inspired Moore to start cleaning the litter around the Liberal Arts building. He started an organization called the Butt Crew to rid USI of unsightly cigarette butts and other litter. The Butt Crew encourages others groups around campus to help clean up. Each participating organization signs an annual contract to take care of a particular area on campus, which (hopefully) eventually leads to a regularly clean campus. Moore is currently working with USI administration in an effort to develop signs marking the area each club tends. Several organizations have signed up to take part, but the majority of the campus is still unspoken for. "If the USI community is being cleaned by smaller com-

munities... eventually it could become a model for UE and other schools and (eventually) we make a global impact," Moore said. Another motto, 'Participation will save the human race', convinced Moore to incorporate his new passion into his classes. "If you're going to make that change it has to be a con-

The group hopes to one day have programs such as a "Green Move In/Out": a way to make the moving process in and out of college dorms and apartments environmentally friendly. A long-term goal is to have bicycles that can be borrowed from racks on campus with just a swipe of your college ID. For the time being the group plans to focus on the Butt Crew and encouraging other organizations to adopt a litter-free zone. The campus landscape is not the only area benefiting from Moore's activist motivated class, though. Ashley Kuehn decided to join her daughter's school's PTA and currently goes to classes at West Terrace Elementary School to teach children about cleanliness and nutrition. "My daughter has been out of school 6 or 7 times already this year for being sick," said Kuehn. "Plus it is linked to my major, nutrition." She hopes to eventually start an after-school program that incorporates lessons about how to stay healthy. Moore said he wanted to do more than just get students involved in the community. "I figured that it would give them something new to write about and something new for me to read, plus it might help the retention of students at USI if they get involved with a group."

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**- Don Moore
English Instructor**

tinuing education effort," said Moore. He now requires students to join a group or create a new group that is either affiliated with the school or community. "I thought that when I required them to join a group and write about it all semester half the class would leave." Moore has received positive results. Two students in his class, Stewart Lindsey and Jillian Memmer, have formed the group The Green Life, which promotes current and future environmental projects on campus. "None of the other groups interested me enough to write all semester about them," said Lindsey.

USI gets the Hollywood treatment

By DANE CARMAN
Special to the Shield

Evansville, Ind. is about as far away from Hollywood as you can get. The glitz, glamour and red carpet tend to elude humble areas like the Tri-State. USI and the Activities Planning Board (APB) have announced, however, that they will be attempting to bring Hollywood to the university with the 2008-2009 homecoming, dubbed "USI Goes Hollywood." "We choose the theme 'USI goes Hollywood' to increase an interest in Homecoming activities. Our goal is to make each student feel like a celebrity," Jeff Threlkeld, president of the APB, said. The festivities will consist of an entire week of events beginning Monday, Feb. 2, all of which incorporate the Hollywood themes of celebrity and pop culture. The first day will consist of the Homecoming tip-off, a pep rally set in the Physical Activities Center during which the Homecoming Court will be introduced and free USI T-shirts will be given out. Voting for the court has already been closed for some time, however. So for those of you who hoped for a spot, you're out of luck. The candidates, announced in mid-Dec., are as follows: (For Homecoming King) Brady Edwards, Robert Oswalt, Raul Ramirez, Sean Weir, Brandon Whobrey and Bob Wolfey; (for Homecoming

Queen) Amber Bryant, Roneshia Clark, Kelly Clem, Danielle Cundiff, Maddy Heine and Claire Robison. Tuesday, comedian Jeff Dye (a finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" in 2008) will take the stage in Carter Hall. Though he finished the show in third place, his performances won him many good reviews and he has since done multiple shows and tour dates, including the Last Comic Standing tour with the other four finalists of the show. "We thought [Dye] would be the celebrity that we could bring on campus," Threlkeld said. Following Dye and continuing the Hollywood-themed events will be Live Band Karaoke, a chance for USI students to showcase their singing abilities in an American Idol-type setting. "Students will have a chance to live out their rock star dreams, singing on stage with music provided by an actual band," Threlkeld said. The "Hollywood Blitz" game show will be carrying the Hollywood theme on to Wednesday. This will be a show in which students put all of that useless pop culture knowledge rattling around in their heads to good use by competing against each other on an actual game show set that will be erected in Carter Hall. The weekend will bring a climax to all of the Hollywood excitement, starting Friday with the Homecoming Formal Dance, which comes complete

with a genuine red carpet entrance. Finally on Saturday, Feb. 7 the last event-filled day begins with the Homecoming Tailgate Party starting at noon on the PAC lawn, followed by the men's basketball game against Drury University. The game will bring an official end to the week with the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen at halftime.

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Fourteen-game win streak ends with loss in Louisville

Team prepares to host rival Kentucky Wesleyan

By **KELLY MONROE**
The Shield staff

The USI Men's Basketball team (15-3, 5-1 GLVC) had a busy schedule over the holiday break. The men won all six home games before falling to Bellarmine University on the road.

The first game took place on Dec. 20 against Maryville University. The Screaming Eagles, who were ranked 22nd in Division II, won with a final score of 92-55. Maryville's only lead came very early in the first half when they led by two points. The Screaming Eagles took the lead and continued to outscore Maryville by as much as thirty-seven points. Leading scorers for the Screaming Eagles included Brandon Russ (fourteen), Marvin Gray (twelve), Kenny Love and Anthony Pimble each with 10 points. The win against Maryville helped the Screaming Eagles rise in the rankings to 18.

Their second opponent was Tiffin University on Dec. 30. The Screaming Eagles defeated Tiffin 107-58.

Tiffin led for only a few minutes in the first half. A lay-up by Brandon Carr gave the Screaming Eagles their first lead of the game. The Screaming Eagles never looked back, eventually leading Tiffin by fifty-one points in the second half. Anthony Pimble led in scoring with sixteen points. Other Screaming Eagles in double figures included Brandon Russ (fourteen), Marvin Gray

(twelve), Brandon Carr and Jamar Smith with eleven points each.

On Jan. 2, the Screaming Eagles were back in action when they hosted St. Joseph's College. The Screaming Eagles defeated St. Joe by a score of 81-62. Saint Joe took an early six point lead, but The Screaming Eagles came back and eventually led by twenty-three points in the second half. Leading the Screaming Eagles in scoring were Tyrone Bradshaw (fourteen), Jamar Smith (twelve) and Marvin Gray (ten).

The Screaming Eagles continued their winning streak against the University of Indianapolis on Jan. 4. The Screaming Eagles defeated the University of Indianapolis with a score of 87-74. The Screaming Eagles biggest lead of twenty-four points came in the second half. The University of Indianapolis never led at any point during the game. Jamar Smith led in scoring with seventeen points followed by Marvin Gray (thirteen), Jeron Lewis (twelve), Kenny Love (eleven) and Brandon Carr (ten). This win shot the Screaming Eagles up to #8 in the rankings. The Screaming Eagles have not had a top 10 ranking since 2007.

The next win for the Screaming Eagles came on Jan. 8 against Northern Kentucky University. The Screaming Eagles defeated Northern Kentucky by a final score of 83-78. Northern Kentucky led most of the first half. The Screaming Eagles

came back in the second half taking the lead and holding off Northern Kentucky for the remainder of the game.

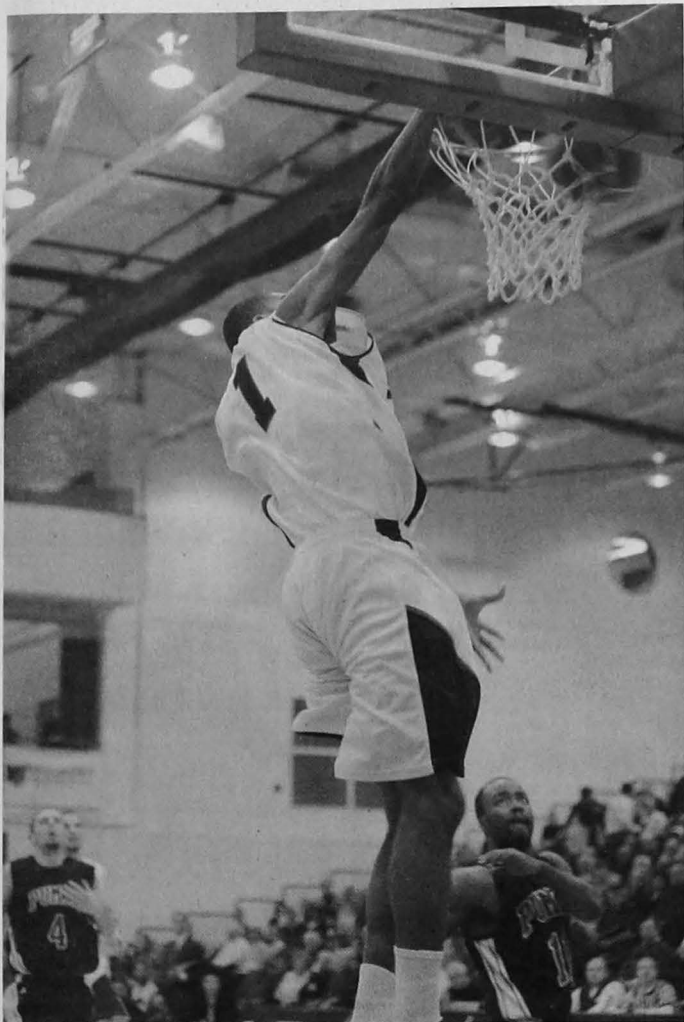
Brandon Russ led in scoring with nineteen points. Following Brandon Russ were Jamar Smith (seventeen), Marvin Gray (sixteen) and Anthony Pimble (twelve).

The Screaming Eagles fourteen game winning streak came to an end on Jan. 10 when the team traveled to Bellarmine University. Number five ranked Bellarmine won the game with a final score of 82-68. Bellarmine took the lead early in the first half and continued to lead by thirteen points at halftime. Bellarmine also led the second half by as much as twenty-one points. Jamar Smith led the Screaming Eagles in scoring with a season-best twenty-one points. Other players in double figures were Marvin Gray (fourteen) and Kenny Love (ten). "Bellarmine shot the ball really well," said Head Coach Rick Herdes. "We've got to take care of the ball better an rebound more."

The Screaming Eagles take on Kentucky Wesleyan Thursday night in the "Battle of the Bridge" at 7:30 p.m. in the Physical Activities Center. "It's going to be a war," said Herdes.

Herdes added that the Kentucky Wesleyan USI rivalry is one of the top five rivalries in the nation.

"You throw the records out the window when you play this game," Herdes said.



Junior forward Tyrone Bradshaw dunks the ball during USI's game against St. Joseph's College on Jan. 2. The Eagles won 81-62.

Photo by MaCabe Brown/ USI News and Information

This week in sports

Hockey

The Evansville IceMen face the Chi-Town Shooters this weekend at Swonder Ice Arena. Saturday is College Night. All college students get a \$1 discount on the \$6 admission price. The games start at 8 p.m. Beer is available for those 21 and over.

The IceMen roster boasts two former USI Ice Eagles—Isaac Coy and Aaron Garner. During his 2004-2005 season at USI, Coy registered 42 goals and 70 points for USI, both all-time Ice Eagles records for a single season. In his time with the IceMen, Garner has already scored one goal and one assist in 16 games.

Track and Field

University of Southern Indiana men's track and field senior sprinter Tom Cunningham set a pair of school records Saturday at the Indiana Open. Cunningham, who was the only USI competitor in action Saturday, finished third in the 200 meter with a record-setting time of 6.93 seconds. He also finished fourth in the 200 meter with a school-record time of 22.53 seconds. Both times were close to meeting NCAA II provisional qualifying standards.

Baseball

USI senior right-handed pitcher Shaun Larsen was named preseason All-American by Collegiate Baseball Magazine and the American Baseball Coaches Association of America.

Larsen is the first named preseason All-American since Jason Folz in 1998.

Dungy: More than NFL coach

By **ANDREW FOSTER**
Opinion editor

On Jan. 12, an NFL coach retired.

This is a normal thing in the NFL. Players and coaches retire, and then in many cases retire. It happens all the time and is a natural part of the game.

But when Tony Dungy retired on Monday, there was a sense that this wasn't your regular retirement.

Success wise, Dungy has been far from average. He coached the Colts to a record six consecutive 12-win seasons, doubling the second best mark.

Including his years in Tampa Bay, Dungy took his

teams to ten consecutive playoffs, also a record.

His .759 winning percentage with the Colts is the third highest single team winning percentage in history among those who coached at least 50 games.

He was the first black head coach to win a super bowl, when he won Super Bowl XLI.

The accolades go on and on, but the stats aren't the reason why Dungy's retirement was different from the others.

Perhaps more than any coach in recent history, Dungy has been defined less by his accomplishments on the field and more by the will and temperament that led him to these accomplishments.

Read anything covering the Dungy retirement and it is always consumed with praise for the man Dungy is and all the good things he is doing, such as his organizations Family First and All-Pro Dads.

Most coaches have some charitable organizations they are associated with, but for Dungy, he wanted to be defined by good character and service to others.

When former Pittsburgh Steeler coach Bill Cowher retired, there was no talk of what he had done for his community. It was the same for Bill Parcells and Joe Gibbs when they retired. NFL coaches, whether it's appropriate or not, are judged on

their wins and losses and very little else.

That's what makes Dungy's retirement so unusual; we couldn't stop talking about the good man that he was and the good things he had done outside the game.

We remembered his faith-orientated message directly after his Super Bowl victory that inspired people across the nation to write Dungy and thank him for his witness.

We remembered the strength he showed as he continued coaching after his son committed suicide in December 2005.

You would be hard pressed to find a story that emphasized Dungy's 2007 AFC championship win or the

famous Tampa 2 defense.

Maybe it is the media rehashing an easy story line.

I would like to think it is more than that. I would like to think we all admire Dungy and refused to have him defined by Xs and Os or the mere boundaries of the field. I would like to think we, as rarely as it happens, decided to highlight the good a man has done for society and not simply his success in his job sector.

That Monday's retirement was not simply another head coach hanging it up.

That on Monday, a good man retired, not simply that statistics that go with him.

Up Close and Personal with Austin Inge

By **LINDSEY ZILIAK**
Sports editor

What grade are you in?
I'm a senior.

Where are you from?
Fort Wayne, Ind.

What's your major?
Radio and television.

What sport do you play?
Track and Field. I run the 200 and 400 meters.

How long have you been running?
I've been running since fifth grade. I started so I'd have something to do after basketball season ended. Then in high school I found out I was actually kind of fast.

What are your plans after college?
I want to be a weatherman. I have to go another three years to get my certificate of weather.

Is the track team close?
It's divided. The distance runners hang out and the sprinters hang out. The sprinters are a small group. We hang out and watch movies and play video games.

What's something that not a lot of people know about track and field?

Cross country and track are two completely different sports. Putting the two together would be like combining tennis and football. It's two different types of athletes. Sprinters have more of an ego. We're all about intimidation and cockiness. Cross country runners are more laid back.

What's the hardest part about track and field?

It's not really a glory sport. We train just as hard as any other sport, but we don't get as much recognition as basketball or football. So staying motivated is difficult. We are like family and have to motivate each other because we have no fans.

Do you have any pre-race rituals?

Ever since high school, before every race visualize what I want the race to look like. Then I get into the blocks the same way every time. Also I wipe my hands on my shorts after I put my hands on the ground. In high school we had an old crusty track and when I'd put my hands down after getting in the blocks, I'd get dirt and

rocks on them. So I'd wipe my hands off once before the race. And I still do that to this day even on brand new tracks. I also say the same prayer before every race.

Do you like USI?

I absolutely love USI. When I was in high school I thought I wanted to go to a huge school in a huge city. But my best friend was being recruited for the cross country team at USI, so we decided to visit USI over spring break our senior year. I loved it here.

What's something that not a lot of people know about you?

I make music videos. Songs I like, I'll sing and dance to in front of the camera and put them on YouTube. Also, until this past summer I had a life-sized cutout of Michael Jordan in my room, but my mom made me get rid of it.

What's the hardest part about track and field?
Most of the competition is within yourself. It's a mental game, especially with sprinting.

What are your greatest achievements in the sport?
My best year was my fresh-

man year. I broke two school records.

What are your goals for this year?

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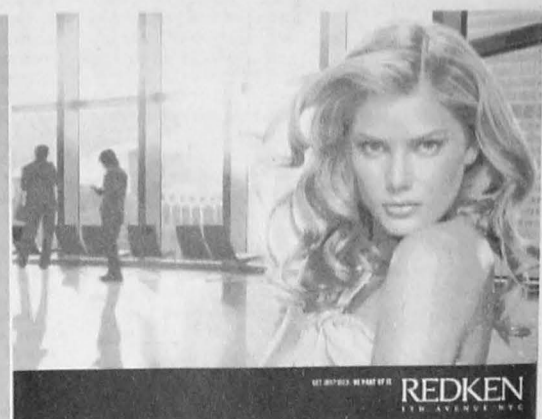
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