

# The Shield

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## Seminars help prevent suicide, anxiety

Anxiety does not have to lead to depression or suicide as long as the signs are recognized and treatment is sought. A free Suicide Prevention's Seminar and Anxiety Disorder clinic are being held at USI.

The Free Anxiety Disorder clinic will be held from 9 - 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 1 in UC 350. The free program is to help the attendees or a loved one understand anxiety disorders. A video, a screening questionnaire, a meeting with a doctor to review the questionnaire and plenty of anxiety disorder literature will be offered during the day of events.

For information on the Anxiety Disorder clinic contact Health Services Director Sandra Lawrence at ext. 1807 or Donna Carr at 426-2640.

The Suicide prevention seminar will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 25 in HP 1008.

The event is being sponsored by the Youth Service Bureau as in-service training for crisis line volunteers. The program will include a panel on suicide intervention.

Anyone interested in joining the panel can join on an availability basis. Registration is required and limited to 100 people; call 423-5816 for information or to register.

## 26th annual Eagle Gran Prix Race ends when the flag drops



photo by Ryan Suesse

Campus photographer K.C. Grosenick pauses to take a photograph of a cyclist during Sunday's running of the 26th annual Eagle Gran Prix. The winners for the gran prix this year were the Science and Ecology Club in the Co-ed Race, The Delta Zetas in the Women's Race and the men's race is under debate due to a lap difference. The winner of the Men's race currently is the Alpha Sigma Phi's, but after a lap recount the winner could be the Phi Deltas. Race day attendance was low due to the number of other events happening on campus EGP Chairman Amanda Barton said.

## Health Professions associate dean heads for retirement

Dr. Gordon E. Kelley, associate dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, will retire July 1, having completed a quarter of a century teaching in health professions at USI.

A native Hoosier, he graduated from Indiana University in 1957 with a teaching degree in biological sciences.

After military services, he was working in a hospital and decided that medical school was not in his future, but some sort of science teaching was. Looking back, he feels he was always cut out to teach in the health professions.

He returned to IU and received a dental degree in 1964, then joined the faculty of the IU School of Dentistry.

He is not sure why he left in 1971 to join the faculty of the still very young university in southern Indiana, but he

said he did it with a personal belief that if it did not work out, he would look elsewhere.

Now, 25 years later, he will retire from his post as associate dean for health professions and said there have been no disappointments along the way.

He is proud of the university's accomplishment and his participation in USI's hard-won separation, as well as the remarkable growth that marks the school which was known as the Division of Allied Health when he joined it. The switch to schools including creation of the School of Nursing and Health Professions came after the separation in 1985.

"It has been a very pleasurable experience," Kelly said. "There was something new all the time to keep us on our toes. We never knew where we would be going so we always had to

think ahead. It was a constant challenge...there was always a job to do."

Kelly is perhaps best known in the community as the host of Radio Theater, which was aired every Saturday for eight years on the Universe radio station WSWI. The vintage radio program he played each week came from his own collection, which at one point numbered more than 100,000 episodes.

Details are still being worked out, but he plans to donate the collection to the David L. Rice Library.

Kelly's avocation started sometime before 1970, when he ran across a cassette of Orson Welles' infamous "War of the Worlds." Welles aired the program in 1938, creating havoc on the East Coast among people who had not heard the beginning and thought they were listening to live accounts of

alien invasions.

Kelly later found "I Love a Mystery" cassettes and his collection began to grow. A bonus came with his joining collector organizations and attending conventions where he met many old time radio personalities such as Bugess Merideth; Parley Bauer, who played Chester on the radio version of "Gunsmoke" and later was the Mayor of Mayberry; and actors who portrayed the Great Gildersleeve and Henry Allrege, whose real names he could not recall.

Kelly has now turned to creative writing and will fill his retirement days working on several articles and books, including a horror novel of the Steven King variety. He and his wife, Gail, a retired accountant who still works during tax time, will do the normal retirement things and vision with their four daughters.

# Campus & Community Bulletin Board

To have your campus or community event published by *The Shield*, send a description of the event, including date, time, place and contact person to The Bulletin Board, c/o *The Shield*, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, Ind., 47712. Or drop it off at *The Shield* office, located in UC 115.

## Today, 22

**The Sunshine Club** at 9 a.m. in OC 1012.  
**Student Government House of Organizations** at 4:30 p.m. in UC 118.  
**Eagle Gran Prix Banquet** at 5:30 p.m. in 309.  
**Pep Band** from 7:30 - 11 p.m. in GLH.  
**The Baptist Student Ministry** from 8 - 11 p.m. in WT 8113A.  
**Alpha Kappa Psi** from 9 - 11 p.m. in OC 2018.  
**Men's Golf** vs. NCAA II District IV Tournament (A).

## Tuesday, 23

**Amnesty International** at 8 a.m. in UC 118 and at 5 p.m. in UC 113F.  
**Mentees** from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in UC 113F.  
**Baseball** vs. McKendree at 1 p.m. (H).  
**Social Work Club briefing** at 1:30 p.m. in HP 1030.

**Spring Film Series - "Singles"** at 1:30 and 6 p.m. in FAI.  
**Collegiate Republican Organization** at 3 p.m. in UC 113H.  
**Communications Arts Club** from 3 - 4 p.m. in UC 113F.  
**Collegiate Democratic Organization** at 4 p.m. in UC 113F.  
**Greek Awards Program** at 4 p.m. in the UC Dining Room.

## Wednesday, 24

**Mentees** from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in UC 113F.  
**Student Christian Fellowship** from noon - 1 p.m. in FA 58.  
**Softball** vs. IU/PU-Indianapolis at 3 p.m. (A).  
**Black Student Union** from 3 - 5 p.m. in UC 118.  
**Political Science Organization** at 3:30 p.m. in UC 113F.  
**Panhellenic Council** from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in UC 113F.  
**Student Life Awards Banquet** at 6 p.m. in the UC Dining Room.  
**Kappa Chi** from 9 - 11 p.m. in GLH.

## For the Record

**The students in the School of Nursing and Health Professions** will sponsor Stare Rep. Vaneta Becker at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Mitchell Auditorium. Her topic will be "Influencing Health Care Legislation and Policy." The program will be followed at 6 p.m. in the lounge area by a poster signing session on "Current Issues in Health Care."

**The University Employee Wellness Committee** is sponsoring a "Stress Reduction Through Yoga" seminar Thursday at noon in L100. President of the Awareness Center board Jean Wessel will discuss breathing, stress reduction, stretching techniques and relaxation techniques.

**The USI Theatre** is presenting its final spring production. George Bernard Shaw's *Candida* will run Thursday through Saturday April 25-27 and at 8 p.m., and Sunday April 28 at 2 p.m. at the USI Theatre located at

3001 Igleheart Avenue. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for students, the USI family and senior citizens. For more information call ext. 1668 or 7110.

**Optimist International** is interested in starting a new club based at USI. Anyone interested in helping the club get started or joining after it is colonized, should call Ken Dennis, Optimist Zone 10 lieutenant governor at 421-9853.

**The Youth Service Bureau** is sponsoring a "Suicide Prevention" seminar Thursday in HP 1008 at 3 p.m. The program will include a panel on suicide intervention, including William Seymour, a clinical social worker at Southwest Indiana Mental Health Center; Terri Watson, USI sociology instructor; and the Reverend Stephen Litzenich of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Registration is required and will be limited to 100 people. Call 423-5816 for more information or to register.



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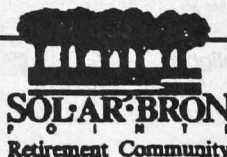


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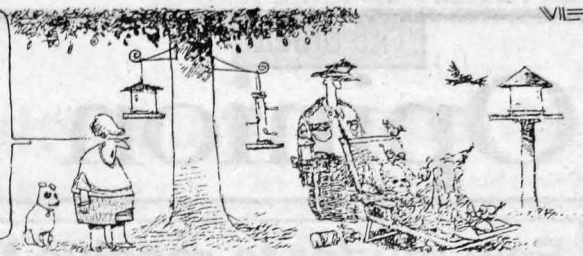
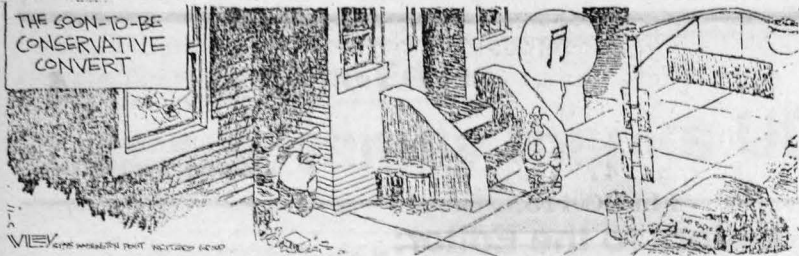


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By Gerry Frey

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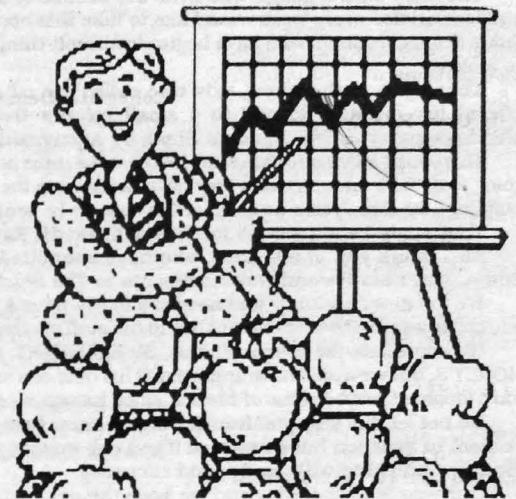
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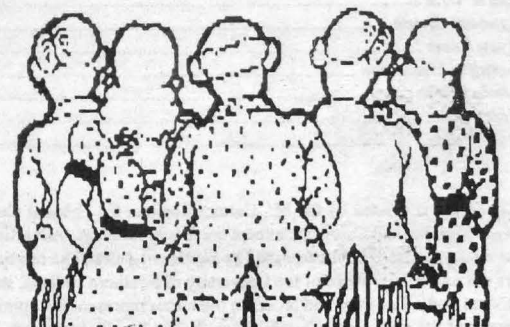
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## Few students receive thanks

The small staff of people who write this section of the paper, called the staff editorials, every week would like to take this opportunity to thank a few gracious students who have begun to submit things as the year winds to a close.

Thank you to the young lady who called the editor's voice mail and offered her question to add to a small column that appeared in last Monday's paper called "Random Shots by Anonymous."

This young lady's question was...Why are the three new housing buildings going to be for freshmen when they have not lived in the run-down, crummy buildings for three years as some of the soon to be seniors have?

That might be a question for President Dr. H. Ray Hoops to ponder.

Also thank you to all those who have submitted your letters to the Editor, your stories and your comments to *The Shield*.

We toil never endingly and needless to say have A LOT TO LEARN. As one caller was, oh so nice to point out to the staff via the Editor's voice mail.

We appreciate the comments this, SWEETHEART, was able to offer us, HONEY'S, but we would have appreciated his offer of a solution, which could have included maybe some of himself since he was so quick to criticize.

Do not let this stop you from letting us know how you feel about your student newspaper, but be warned if you call we may try and recruit you. (So come prepared with really good excuses.)

Our year is almost over and we hope the next will begin the way this one has ended, with increased interest in our efforts down here in the UC Basement.

We have a long way to go and need writers, reporters, concerned students, artists, photographers and copy editors to help next year. Join us. What have you got to lose?

## Letters to the Editor:

# Non-traditional student feels evaluations serve good cause

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. Morgan's letter on student course evaluations that appeared in Monday, April 15th's edition of *The Shield*.

Like Mr. Morgan, I am also a non-traditional student at USI, but I feel the course evaluations serve a good cause.

As far as a professor losing tenure because of poor evaluations I seriously doubt it. We must give the administration more credit than that.

Also in response to Mr. Morgan's statement about the lack of maturity

and knowledge of our student body well just look at number of non-traditional students attending this university.

They, as well as the traditional students, have valid comments and complaints to bring to light.

In the future maybe Mr. Morgan should just throw his evaluation for the course away saving him 10 minutes.

Then he can go hang out with those students who complain about walking so far to their cars.

Richard Minton

USI non-traditional students

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## Sports team possibilities unexplored by *The Shield* page editor

To the Editor:

In the April 18, 1996 edition of *The Shield*, there was only one page of sports and even that was not a full page worth.

The coverage of certain sports teams seem to not be covered at all. I know for a fact that the girls softball team played over the weekend and yet nothing was published about their games. There are no pictures showing the teams or team members in action.

As far as the letter written by the Sports Editor Lynnette Renie, I can understand where she is coming from; however, a true journalist would keep after someone from the other sports until they got the information they wanted and needed to have the best coverage possible.

Being a former newspaper editor I know how hard it is to get information and meet deadlines. However, there is no excuse for such poor coverage of

sports.

I was always told that as an editor I had to have some type of picture(s), especially for the sports because not everyone can make it to the games that they would like to and the pictures give the readers a more vivid picture of what was going on in the game.

If you can not get the information that you want from a coaches' assistant, then go to the managers and team members to get their view of what went on during the games, ask people at the games what they thought about what was going on.

There are many possibilities that seem to be unexplored by the Sports Editor that really need some attention paid to them for better coverage and participation from everyone in the sports programs and for the viewing audience.

Jim Reese

A concerned sports enthusiast

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## More letters to the Editor

# Student, family thanks USI faculty, staff, students

To the Editor:

On Friday, April 2, the house in which my two daughters, my mother and I lived was completely destroyed by a fire. As a result, all of our personal possessions were also destroyed.

Many generous, caring people at USI came to our aid and offered assistance in many forms, from money

to clothing to moral support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for being there when help was so desperately needed.

We give our deepest thanks to the following USI faculty, staff and students: Terri Watson, sociology instructor; Sandra Lawrence, health services director; Helen Sands and her students; Nancy Lehnus, friend

and student; Jill Ross, friend and student; Mike and Diane at the USI Bookstore who loaned me books to study for my finals and replaced my cap and gown; and the faculty and staff of the School of Liberal Arts.

I am sure there are many others who contributed that I am unaware of and my gratitude is extended to all those who cared enough to share.

We are unable to adequately express how much the support meant during this devastating period.

We hope your kind deeds are returned to you many times over.

**With our deepest thanks,  
Christine, Samantha & Della  
Sandage**

# Man conveys message to students "It only takes once"

by Kent Maikranz  
special to The Shield

"It's not the idea of saying that scares me, it's the thought of living. The type of life that an AIDS patient must endure is the real hell.

"When death finally comes, I think that I will welcome it. I'm not sure how graceful I'll be, but that doesn't really concern me.

"For now, I must learn how to live with this disease, and try to help others by telling a part of my story."

Sam is a man that says what everyone says, "I never thought it would happen to me."

He is the typical small town guy who has had the same type of life that many have had. He was born on July 6th, 1962.

His childhood was "just like that of others kids who were born in this era."

The time was one of hope and prosperity. There was tension with the missile crisis and the cold war, but the American Dream was still alive and will.

He said, "The sixties and seventies were a good time to be a kid growing up in rural America."

His childhood was as typical as anyone's growing up in this country.

He had the freedom to pursue his dream, the freedom to live without worry, the freedom to live the lifestyle he wanted and the freedom to live.

"I enjoyed all the typical things that a young boy does—baseball, bike riding, walks through the woods and swimming on hot summer days in local lakes and stripper pits."

He attended a small town grade school and went on to attend a small town high school.

As the look on his face turned into a smile, from remembrance of times long gone, he said, "My life was good."

After high school he entered college, pursuing his dream of being a chef and cooking elaborate foods around the world.

It was during this period of his life that he made a decision that would

change his dream and slowly bring his world crashing down.

He was at a party one night during his senior year. He had been drinking at the party and ended up having sex with a girl he knew from one of his classes.

"I thought that I knew her," he said.

He sat solemnly for a moment, then added, "We had talked quite a bit during those few years."

He ended up marrying this woman, all the while maintaining a monogamous relationship. A year and a half later he tested positive with the HIV virus.

"At first I thought that I may have come in contact with the virus at an earlier time, but through the process of the others I had been with being tested I discovered that I had in fact contracted it (HIV) from my wife."

His wife died from AIDS related complications almost two years ago.

"Right before she died she told me she had been faithful from the first time we were together, so I knew that we entered our relationship with the disease."

Every since testing positive, he has tried to get as much out of life as possible.

He has been a chef at some of the finest restaurants throughout the world, from Hawaii to San Francisco, Denver to Miami, New York to Paris.

He has had the opportunity to travel extensively and do what he enjoys.

But he admits, "I would trade it all, if I could go back and relive that fateful night in the Spring of 1984."

Today, his disease has progressed into full blown AIDS. A common cold could kill him.

He takes medication five times a day, seven days a week. He is always weak and exhausted, and sleeps a large part of the day.

He knows that any day he may get sick and not recover. He knows about the pain that faces him.

He has already learned about

the isolation that is imposed on him by the people who are afraid of him.

His goal is to "educate people on how deadly this disease is, but that you can still be involved with others."

He wants to convey a message to the people who feel they are beyond contracting anything like the AIDS virus.

"I was a health conscious individual that took pride in keeping myself physically fit. I would take vitamins and work out daily. I took all the precautions when around sick people.

"AIDS was not a major issue in rural America when I was in school. I thought that it could never happen to me.

"I didn't use intravenous drugs. All I ever did was drink, but that was

enough.

"One night when I was drinking at a Fraternity part, I lost my sense of judgment and had sex.

"The thought of her having HIV never entered my mind, but it has changed my life totally."

He said as his eyes started to fill with tears.

He looked at me and said, "Life is like a game, sometimes you get a second chance or an opportunity to correct your mistakes.

"I feel like I have fouled out and am sitting on the bench, and there is not hope of getting any more playing time.

"I have no time outs. No substitutions can be made. The clock is ticking and time is running out."

He made it very clear that the most important thing to remember is that "it only takes once."

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## Women runner gains all-conference title

by Lynnette Reine  
*Sports Editor*

The women's track team placed 12th at the conference track meet on April 20 at Edwardsville, Ill.

Former North High School runner Chrissy Carlson finished second in the 10-kilometer run.

Carlson earned all-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors and finished second with a time of 39:28, putting her 42 seconds behind Wisconsin-Parkside's Amy Haines.

"Although, I gained all-conference, the times were not what we would of liked so we could qualify for nationals.

"This was the worst race in my collegiate career."

This is the second time Carlson has won all-conference honors. The first time was in cross country.

Carlson said that it is an honor to win the honor, but track is an easier honer to win than cross country.

Carlson explained cross country as all runners being against each other while track is not.

"It was a bad race for everyone, but

Wisconsin-Parkside was hard competition for USI."

Christy Moore placed fourth in the 5-kilometer run with a time of 19:17.

The next meet for USI is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at IUPUI.



Christy Carlson placed second place in the April 20 track meet. Carlson gained all-Conference.

## Women's track schedule

DATE	PLACE
Sunday, May 5	NIT-IUPUI
Sunday, May 12	IUPUI-Billy Hayes Invitational
Saturday, May 18	LastChanceNorth Central
Friday, May 24-Sunday May 26	Nationals California Riverside

## Men's track schedule

DATE	PLACE
Friday, April 26-Saturday, April 27	Des Moines, IA and Philadelphia, PA
Sunday, April 28	Bloomington, IN
Saturday, May 4	Bloomington, IN
Saturday, May 11	Bloomington, IN
Wednesday, May 22-Saturday, May 25	Riverside, CA

## Men's runner earns all-Conference title

by Lynnette Reine  
*Sports Editor*

The men's track team placed with an overall team score of 14 in the conference meet at Edwardsville, Ill on April 20.

In the 3,000 steeplechase Chad Smith ran a time of 9:35 and came in second.

Smith gained the all-conference honors title for the first time in track and gained the title in cross country once. Not only is he an all-conference runner, but he has a qualifying time of 9.22.3 for the nationals meet on May 22-25.

Smith is among the top 12 who will go on to nationals. Heile is running a time of 9:25, but needs at last 9:23 to qualify.

Smith said, "We had a pretty tough conference and I felt privileged to gain all-Conference.

"Our GLVC is stacked with good quality runners, but I felt I could of ran better."

Also, Jason Heile came in right behind him with a time of 9:37 placing third.

Head coach Bill Stegemoller is

looking for both Heile and Smith to qualify for the nationals. Smith has already met the provisional time.

The next meet for the men's track team will be on Friday, April 26-Saturday, April 27 in the Drake and Penn Relays.



Chad Smith received all-conference for the first time in track. Also, he is a provisional qualifier for nationals.

## Track Briefs

### Women runner sets her goals high for Boston Marathon

It was one runner's goal to run in a marathon. USI track member Tess Harden took the opportunity to run in her first marathon in the summer.

On June 11, Harden ran in the Hoosier Marathon, a 26.2 mile course. Harden came in with a time of 3:36.

She did not stop here, but went on to a bigger opportunity, the Boston Marathon.

This event took place on Tuesday, April 16 marking the 100th anniversary for the oldest marathon ever.

There was an attendance of about 38,000. Harden placed 21,813 with a time of 3:50.

"It was neat to be part of a big thing." "Spectators were lined up everywhere.

"I was impressed at all the people there. There was about a million and a half people watching."

Not only was it a long day for Harden, but a warm one with a temperature of 50 degrees.

Harden said she knew the day had been long when the blisters on her feet were unbearable and hurt bad after the race.

# Baseball team falls short for GLVC

by Lynnette Reine  
Sports Editor

The baseball team played a double header April 20 against Edwardsville losing the first game 7-9 and the second 10-12.

In the opener, freshman Ryan Martin (1-1) was the losing pitcher pitching 1 1/3 innings.

Martin allowed on hit, two runs and two errors.

Sophomore outfielder Jason Englebrecht, junior infielder Kevin Irons, junior catcher Andy Hoffman and sophomore outfielder Kyle Niemeler all had one run and hit a piece.

Also, four team members contributed one hit. They were senior infielder Korey Lamb, sophomore catcher Rich Eyler, freshman infielder Jeremy Jones and freshman infielder Jeremy Cook.

Senior Sam Marx had one run and two hits.

In the second game, senior Craig Shoobridge (6-4) was the losing pitcher allowing 11 hits, eight runs and six errors.

Englebrecht, Cook and Hoffman each had one run and one hit a piece, while Lamb had two runs and one hit.

Irons managed to get two runs and three hits for USI.

Eyler, sophomore outfielder Chad Allstock and Niemeler each had one run. Eyler had two hits.

These two losses gave USI a 25-18 record and in a bad position as far as qualifying for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

SIU-E has won their sixth straight GLVC game on the road with a 13-11 record in the league.

USI is 13-11 in the league and USI will be playing their next game on Tuesday against McKendree.

USI will play in the GLVC tournament on Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28 if they qualify.



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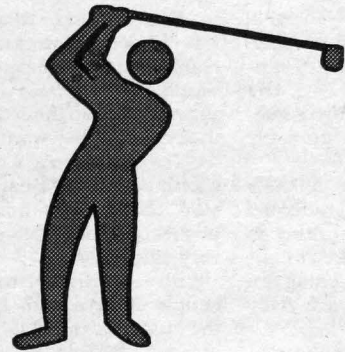
Freshman infielder Jeremy Jones is up to bat and ready to hit it home on the April 20 double-header against SIU-E. USI lost both games knocking them down from qualifying for nationals. If USI qualifies for the GLVC, it will be held Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28.

## Golf Briefs

### PLAYERS

### SCORES

Michelle Mayer	96
Jamie Ford	98
Rachel Naville	106
Jamie Sterling	117
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The women's golf team had their match at Legends Country Club in Franklin, Indiana.

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# Children's Center provides students with opportunity

by Tammy Boren  
special to The Shield

One look inside of USI's Children's Center brings back memories of Kindergarten.

There are balloons announcing birthdays on the wall, a play kitchen, baskets of toys, while recent activities using glue and paint strongly perfume the air.

Hearing the chattering back and fourth where laughing and learning are intermingled.

As much as it is reminiscent of early school experiences, the kids at the Children's Center have something the old days probably did not.

The difference is their teachers have not graduated yet. For students working as teachers at the Children's Center teaching and learning are also intermingled on a daily basis.

Students planning to major or minor in any field that

involves children, consider working at the Children's Center to test your desired occupation.

Amy Bradley, a sophomore who has worked there for about one year and a half said, "Studying about kids is good but experiencing it here is better."

Sophomore Brian Smith said his year and a half of experience with kids has taught him that it is "better to see it in reality than read it in a textbook."

Bradley said, "If anyone was thinking of working with children of any age being here would give them real work experience to help them decide if that is what they wanted."

The Children's Center coordinator Pam Buschkill said the facility accomplishes the decision stage very efficiently.

She said, "within a couple of days both I and the student can tell if being around children is really what they want."

The Children's Center also affects the decisions of students who stay there; either to prefer a certain age group or affirm their desire to be a teacher.

Junior Mattie Barnes has been working at the center since December and said "it helped me decide I like working with younger children and want to be in elementary education."

Bradley said that working at the Children's Center simply "helped reinforce her to want to be a teacher."

Besides strongly influencing decisions about becoming a teacher, the Children's Center offers a real setting where practical and valuable skills

are learned and taught daily.

Smith said, "learning how to deal with the children and to better understand their needs" is a helpful aspect of the center.

Barnes said she learned, "patience and how to be on the children's level as a friend."

Bradley said she learned "not to jump to conclusions and to hear both sides of a situation. Learning to have a sense of humor with the kids is important too."

Patience is another lesson the center teaches.

Buschkill said, "being a friend and a care giver have fine lines, but working at the Children's Center helps stu-

dents learn an air of authority while gaining respect from the children."

Bradley said, "learning to be respected is important," working in any setting with children.

Buschkill explained some of the duties, which help prepare the future teachers for their chosen career, include "preparing the room for set up and also helping plan the children's activities. These students also help deal with parents when needed."

Barnes said, "by interacting with the kids it helped me think up activity ideas that could be used when I become a teacher."

## Tenth Annual Teacher Recruitment Day slated

The tenth annual Regional Teacher Recruitment Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, in the USI Conference Center.

Students that did student teaching in the fall or spring semesters have been invited to attend.

Some 30 different recruiters representing 20 different school districts in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and New Mexico are registered for the event.

Assistant Director for Career Services and Placement Tracy Powers said the number of schools participating in the event have not changed from the previous years.

Teacher Recruitment Day is broken up into a variety of parts she said.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with registration and is then followed by an open visitation period from 9-9:30 a.m. which allows students to drop off resumes and visit with prospective employers.

From 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. pre-scheduled interviews are conducted.

Each school district allows for 12 interviews. The interviewees were chosen by

what the school district requested and needed and by which students turned in their forms first for what schools they would like to meet with.

More than 150 teacher candidates will be available from the host schools-Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan colleges in Owensboro; Oakland City University in southern Indiana; and the University of Evansville and USI in Evansville.

Powers said, "This is a good opportunity because basically it is a guarantee of getting a first interview."

The students prepare for the day in many different ways she said.

"I encourage preparation."

Students have prepared resumes, have evidence of their work and have been given a list of potential questions the school districts might ask during an interview.

Powers said, "This is an opportunity in one day to meet with representatives from 20 different school districts."

For more information contact Powers at ext. 1865.

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