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## Relay for Life comes to USI

By Jessica Singleton  
News editor

USI will host "Relay for Life" April 2-3. The event raises money for cancer research.

This year's "Relay for Life" will be a challenge between USI and UE to see which university can raise the most money.

The radio station KISS FM 106.1 will be sponsoring the challenge.

Students will form teams of eight to 15, and the team members will take turns walking a track for 12 hours.

Before the event teams will be

accepting donations for the American Cancer Society.

The ACS has started a Web site that will help the teams in their fund-raising campaign.

The team can set up an account on the Web site and e-mail friends and family with a link to the site.

The Web site will allow people to donate money using credit cards.

To register a team go to [www.acevents.org/relay/in.usi](http://www.acevents.org/relay/in.usi).

The event is tentatively planned to be held in the Fitness center, however the final location has yet to be decided.



Fans gathered in the PAC on Saturday afternoon to wish the men's basketball team good luck on their trip to California. See related story on Page 6 (photo by Aubrie Waninger).

## Coalition travels to Chicago to protest war



Protesters march down Chicago Avenue in Chicago to protest the Iraq war. More than 10,000 people participated in the protest (photo by Brian Kennedy).

By Brian Kennedy  
News reporter

An Evansville group was among thousands of participants in a march in Chicago protesting the war in Iraq.

The protest was part of the Global Day of Action on March 20, a day when people in at least 60 countries marched or gave speeches against the war.

Phillip Field, a member of the June 1st Peace and Justice Coalition in Evansville, marched in the Chicago protest and believed the war was a mistake.

"We're in someone else's country," Field said. "We're the aggressors. Iraq has done nothing to us. There's no connection to al-Qaeda. There's no connection, therefore, to 9/11."

Royster Christian, a "soon-to-be" June 1st member, agreed with

Field. Christian also said the decision to go to Iraq was based on politics.

"I feel that 9/11 happened, and we couldn't get Osama bin Laden," Christian said.

"I think Bush's cabinet said, 'Hey, let's go get Saddam Hussein. He's at home. We can get him.'"

The protest, with an estimated 10,000 participants, began in a plaza near Loyola University-Chicago with guest speakers including Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Jackson led in chants of "end the war now" and "keep hope alive." He also said the nation was not where it should be.

"We have gone from a nation of hope and healing to a nation of threats and intimidation," Jackson said.

"We've become, unfortunately, the most violent nation on earth."

The march was originally supposed to proceed along Michigan Ave., but safety concerns moved the march west on Chicago Ave., then south on Clark to the Federal Plaza at the corner of Dearborn and Adams streets.

Along the way, signs were seen and music and chants were heard. Signs included "Where are the WMDs?," "Who dies for Bush lies?" and "We must eliminate the mad cowboy disease."

Music from groups such as the Anti-War, All-American Marching Band and chants such as "Bush lie, people die, we want peace" were heard.

Hundreds of Chicago police in riot gear and Cook County, Ill., police were there for security, but the number of police made some

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in the spotlight...



## Model UN Club

By **Matthew Hennessy**  
News reporter

If you have ever wanted to learn more about international relations and the role the United Nations plays in our world, or even if you just wanted to know what the United Nations is, then USI has just what you are looking for.

The Model UN Club is an organization dedicated to this very purpose.

The goal of the Model United Nations Club is to educate people on what the UN does and why it is important.

Conferences are held throughout the year for clubs from all over

the country and used to educate the public, and more specifically students, about the role of the UN.

The USI Model UN Club also holds its own activities on and around the campus to get the message out locally.

The Model UN club is open to everyone. To join, you must fill out an application and pay dues of \$5 each semester. The only requirement is that the student must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

For those hoping to attend the Model United Nations conferences, the member must fill out a separate application and have at least a 2.5 GPA.

For more information you can check out their Web site at [http://business.usi.edu/dpartrid/usi\\_model\\_un\\_club.htm](http://business.usi.edu/dpartrid/usi_model_un_club.htm).

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people uncomfortable.

"I was overwhelmed by all the police, definitely," David Platts said. This was his second protest march with June 1st.

Jackson also noted the police presence, adding "The police should be marching with us."

Onlookers watched the march along the side of the street. Jess A. Weber, who stood on a trash can and held up two fingers in a peace sign, was one of those people.

Further down the road, Marilyn MacKay, who travels between Los Angeles and Chicago, watched the protest and disagreed with its message.

"We stood up for ourselves, and America should always stand up for itself, in my opinion," MacKay said. "To do the right

thing is never easy. The easiest thing is to wimp out, and that's what this is saying to me."

The march featured other issues as well. Signs protesting occupation of Palestine were abundant. There were even signs protesting Fox News, spelled F-A-U-X, and ClearChannel.

There were also some protesters who deviated from the path. A group of high school and college age people went into a McDonald's still holding their signs.

The march ended in the Federal Plaza, where guest speakers continued the protest with speeches against the war.

Overall, Christian, who was attending his first protest, said it was "inspiring."

"It was an awakening for me," Christian said. "I want to do it again. I liked everything that

went on."

Meanwhile, Field said there were a few problems, such as the stage not being high enough to see the speakers, but called it "just small stuff."

"The main thing is thousands of people gathered in Chicago spoke out against what's happening and spoke for what they believed in," Field said.

Despite the protests in Chicago and elsewhere around the world, President George W. Bush remained unchanged in his stance on the Iraq war.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times, Bush said, "There can be no separate peace with a terrorist enemy. Any sign of weakness or retreat simply validates terrorist violence and invites more violence for all nations."

# 'Shakespeare in September' sign-up deadline March 29

By **Matthew Hennessy**  
News reporter

If you're looking to add a little Shakespeare to your life, the USI English department may have just what you are looking for.

Every fall the English department takes 18 students and faculty to the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario to see Shakespeare performed live.

The deadline for registration is March 29.

This year the group will be attending four plays: *Macbeth*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *King*

*Henry VIII* and *Gyps and Dolls* (not a Shakespeare play).

The group will depart from USI on Sept. 30 at 6 a.m. and return to USI on Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.

The trip costs \$290 for USI students who are willing to share a room with three others and \$340 for students who want to share a room with just one other person.

This fee includes your four theatre tickets, three nights of lodging, and transportation.

Anything else must be covered by the student. Students will be staying in The Arden Park, a large hotel in Stratford.

Stratford, Ontario is a small city about two hours southwest of Toronto and three hours north of Detroit, MI.

Everything will be within walking distance of the hotel, including the theatres.

Besides the plays, The Stratford Festival offers many other activities such as the Celebrated Writers' series, lectures, workshops, concerts, and free talks.

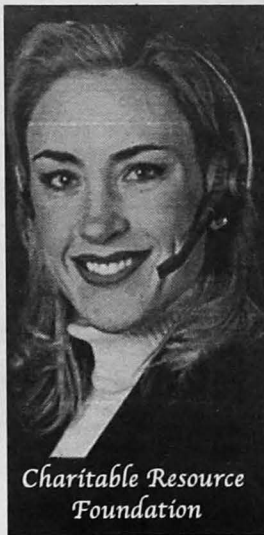
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# Peace in Middle East even more unlikely

By Randy Hawkins  
Opinion editor

"They" say fight fire with fire. "They" say an eye for an eye. Of course, "they" also say six in one hand, half dozen in the other.

As if things in Israel weren't going poorly enough, rather than facing fairly small-scale attacks against its country, Israel has the wrath of an entire people seeking vengeance.

For a brief recap, Israel launched a one-rocket air strike against Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of Hamas (depending on who you ask, they're either a terrorist group or "militant political party").

The attack came Monday as the 67-year old Yassin left a mosque in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. Yassin was confined to a wheelchair, blind and going deaf. A rocket fired into his car is overkill. The attack also killed seven others and wounded 16.

Hamas has been linked to countless terrorist bombings and has been a general nuisance to the peace process, but is this apparent assassination justified especially in the manner it was carried out?

According to CNN, "Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon thanked the security forces who carried out the operation and said the "war on terror is not over.""

Is this the way the war on terror is starting to manifest itself? And is this the attitude we're going

with which we're going to accept it?

I was under the impression all the nations in this snipe-hunt sought to apprehend terrorists and hold them accountable in an effort to halt attacks and find justice, not to blow them up and then smile.

We, as the civilized and progressive nations, are supposed to be the rational ones, using force when absolutely necessary and then only as much as required.

We are not supposed to try and make statements with our expensive toys. Surely a sniper with a scope would have been just as deadly. From the sound of the man's health, popping an inflated balloon just might have done the trick. If he could hear it.

While this particular counterterror attack may have been carefully calculated and executed, its backlash will most likely not be as such. The retaliation will most likely be bloody, savage, and even more likely against innocent Israeli citizens.

So if the death of one side's hero is worth the price of probably dozens of innocent civilians and further delaying the already unattainable peace between the two sides, then I guess it was a success.

Even if Israel had not carried out this plan, the suicide bombers would have most likely continued in Israel, and now that they have executed Yassin, the attack will most likely continue and maybe even worse than ever. Six in one hand, half a dozen in the other, indeed.

# Bush unveils 'spend-o-meter'

By Bryce Cooper  
Guest Columnist

Republicans fought back against the Kerry Campaign on Monday citing that it was time to present the President's side of things. The Bush administration unveiled a "spend-o-meter" to show taxpayers just how much they'll have to pay for Sen. John Kerry's spending proposals.

According to the Republicans, under Kerry's proposed expenditures, taxpayers would have to pony up more than \$1 trillion dollars over the next ten years.

The Bush re-election campaign is using these numbers to show that if elected the Massachusetts senator would take the country further into debt and take away more Americans' money by raising taxes.

Although some critics of the

President have disagreed on his budget proposal, at least he has a proposed budget unlike Kerry who doesn't.

"The President has put out a budget," Bush's campaign manager, Ken Mehlman, said Sunday, "We have not seen a budget from Senator Kerry."

Sen. Kerry has said he wants to extend health insurance to millions of uninsured people and cut costs for those who already have coverage. To do this he has proposed rolling back tax breaks for wealthier Americans as part of a plan to offset those costs.

This simply doesn't add up and would end up costing the average American worker more than \$15,500 over 15 years. Does Senator Kerry think that this country is something it's not?

This is not Canada or Western Europe. There is no universal

healthcare. This is the United States of America.

We have privatized healthcare, good or bad, that's what this country has, and a person can't just make it available to everyone and think the costs will just work themselves out.

Senator Kerry, like every other democratic candidate, thinks the solution to all economic problems is a taxation problem, and we need to tax the rich more. That is utterly ridiculous. Why should a wealthy person be punished because they have done well for themselves? Taxes should be based on a certain percentage of a person's net income. A wealthy person shouldn't be taxed just because he or she is wealthier than another.

So far the Kerry campaign has had no answers for the Bush re-election campaign, and they probably won't any time soon.



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## Hit the runway 'Hidalgo' provides mixed bag of cliches, some excitement

### Drag show offers 'little bit of everything'

By Ashlee McCann  
Et Cetera editor

"USI" and "drag show" are not two terms that generally coincide, but the times are changing, thanks to Spectrum's second annual Drag Show.

Spectrum, USI's gay/straight alliance, is hosting their second drag show on Thursday, April 1 at 8 p.m. in Carter Hall.

Tickets are \$4 at the door or \$3 ahead of time, if you bring a canned good or if you show up in drag.

Spectrum's goal is to create a more accepting atmosphere on campus and in the community toward gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people and to maintain a safe environment for students to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences.

"There will be a little bit of everything: some solo acts, group

acts, or single people with back-up dancers and/or singers," said Michelle Hennessee, president of Spectrum.

"There will definitely be a variety -- men dressed as women and women dressed as men."

The 10 to 15 acts of the night are from different walks of life -- some gay, some straight. Some performers are USI students while others come from UE.

Ambrosia DeVille was the winner of the UE drag show and will be performing once again in front of the USI crowd.

Sadi Michelles and Ivana Michelles will also be appearing. These two are professionals from Someplace Else, Evansville's longest running gay bar.

Along with musical acts and theatrical performances, there will be a cat walk for the boys and girls to show their stuff on.

The proceeds of the drag show will benefit the "Tri State Alliance, and some will also go to Indiana Justice, a group that opposes the anti-gay amendment," Hennessee said.

Hennessee urges everyone to come out to the show just for the experience if not anything else.

"It's good to open people up to this culture, drag and acting. Plus, not everyone can randomly see a drag show in Evansville," Hennessee said.

By Cole Perkins  
Special to The Shield

In the movie *Hidalgo*, Viggo Mortensen's Frank Hopkins competes against fellow riders in a race across the Arabian desert on his horse Hidalgo. It is loosely based on a supposedly true story.

The main appeal of this film is action and adventure. All of *Hidalgo*'s set pieces are exciting, but this film has one flaw.

There is no real threat or any palpable form of competition to add suspense as to who will win the race.

The cinematography is excellent, especially the shots used in the various montages to show that time and distance are passing.

Other than the action pieces, of which there are many, and cinematography, the film doesn't have too

much else going for it.

Some of the ideas brought up by the film are intriguing, especially an idea set up early in the film that Hopkins is entering the race to discover himself. Sadly, this aspect of the film is barely explored.

The movie also makes it clear in its opening moments that Hopkins is ashamed of his Indian heritage, but no background is given to help the audience understand the reason Hopkins feels this way, and when his obvious change in attitude does occur, there is no indication this was taking place. It just happens.

There's also corny dialogue and cheesy moments throughout the film, most of which fall flat. A few bits of dialogue are clever, and some of the latter moments work.

Although slow-moving at times and cliché-ridden, *Hidalgo* offers enough genuinely exciting moments to make it worth renting.

## 'Joel' gives Carrey different role

By Cole Perkins  
Special to The Shield

*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* is a thoroughly entertaining and thought-provoking romantic drama/comedy from writer Charlie Kaufman.

Jim Carrey stars as Joel, a man who discovers his girlfriend Clementine, played by Kate Winslet, has had a procedure to wipe him from her memory, so Joel decides to do the same.

Despite featuring some sci-fi conventions and though much of the film plays out inside Joel's mind, Winslet and an understated Carrey turn in realistic portrayals and develop a palpable romance together.

This isn't a sugary sweet romantic comedy. What the film does contain is largely dark and dry.

The film doesn't shy away from the whole spectrum of emotions that accompany any relation-

ship. The film's narrative jumps around constantly, but is worth keeping up with.

After a lengthy prologue, the film largely moves between events inside Joel's mind as memories are erased in reverse order.

Although this could be confusing, the film does a good job of keeping everything accessible.

The film also uses its disjointed narrative to offer plenty of surprising, and sometimes clever, twists and turns.

*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* is an original, realistic film that makes you think and feel while remaining consistently entertaining.

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**THE LADYKILLERS (R)**  
11:10am 1:50 4:30 7:20 10:00

**NEVER DIE ALONE (R)**  
12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 10:10

**SCOOBY-DOO 2 (PG)**  
10:50am 11:20am 11:50am 1:10 1:40 2:10  
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**THE PRINCE & ME (PG) Sneak Preview**  
7:00 pm Saturday and 2:30 pm Sunday

**WALKING TALL (PG-13) Sneak Preview**  
7:00 pm Saturday

**DAWN OF THE DEAD (R) 11:25am 12:00**  
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10:40 \*No 2-30 pm show Sunday

**ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND (R) 12:15 2:45 5:30 8:00 10:35**

**TAKING LIVES (R)**  
12:10 2:40 5:20 7:50 10:30

**AGENT CODY BANKS 2 (PG)**  
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**SECRET WINDOW (PG-13)**  
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**HIDALGO (PG-13) 11:55am 3:00 6:15 9:30**

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**Thursday, March 25**  
**Former Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders** - Issues in Healthcare for Minority Populations, 7:45 p.m., Carter Hall. Free. Public invited. Information: 461-5206.

**Friday, March 26**  
**RISC Showcase abstract deadline** - Information: 465-7137.

**Liberal Arts Colloquium** - 3:30 p.m., Kleymeyer Hall. Program: "Interpersonal Perception" by Dr. Ronda Priest, assistant professor of sociology. Free. Public invited. Info: 465-7053.

**Friday Night in the Forum Film Series** - Siddhartha, 7:30 p.m., Forum I. Free. Public invited.

**Saturday, March 27**  
**Free Basic Income Tax Preparation** - USI accounting students, noon to 3 p.m., School of Business. Appointments required: 464-1718.

**Pre-Law Mock Trial** - 1 p.m., Carter Hall. Sponsor: Pre-Law Club. Information: 464-1722.

**Monday, March 29**  
**Walk/Jog Program** - March

29-May 8, incentive program sponsored by the Recreation and Fitness Center. Info: 461-5268.

**Scholastic Book Fair** - March 29 - April 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, Ed. Center atrium, benefits USI Children's Center. Info: 464-1869.

**Rape Awareness Week** - March 29-April 2, used cell phones collected for local women's shelters. Boxes will be in the UC, the LA and the Orr Center. Purple stickers will also be handed out with hotline numbers and rape statistics.

**Tuesday, March 30**  
**Spring Film Series** - featuring *The Business of Strangers*, 1:30 and 6 p.m., Forum I. Free.

**Wednesday, March 31**  
**Candlelight Vigil** - 7 p.m., to honor survivors of rape and sexual assault, guest speaker, refreshments. Free. Open to public.

**Thursday, April 1**  
**Take Back the Night** - 6 p.m., University of Evansville, shuttle service from USI at 5 p.m., meet under UC bridge. Information: 468-2527.

**Math Problem 10**

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# Eagles ready to soar past competition in the 'Elite 8'

By **Tony Black**  
Sports editor

Bakersfield, Calif., is this year's site for the NCAA Division II "Elite 8." They will welcome the University of Southern Indiana for the first time since 1995.

The Eagles ended the reign of the evil empire also known as Kentucky Wesleyan College. The Panthers have won the Great Lakes Region every year since 1998.

USI nearly had a chance last season to end the reign but lost 95-91, with 32 points from then-senior Diondre Givens.

In the first game of the "Elite 8," the Eagles will play Northwest Missouri State University.

The Bearcats were the third seed coming out of the South Central Region as they defeated Drury University in that region's championship game.

Senior Travis Farmer said, "From what the coaches told us, they (NWMSU) have a really good point guard. Their big guys like to step out and shoot and score. We are going to have to go out and contest those shots."



Senior Joe Gordon dribbles the ball waiting for something to happen against Northern Kentucky in the GLVC Tournament (photo by Elizabeth Courtney Randolph).

The Bearcats played very good competition in their regional, defeating number one seed Washburn University 63-62, and also Drury, 62-59.

It's Northwest Missouri's second trip to the "Elite 8" in three seasons. The Bearcats will be the veterans when they play the Eagles.

Northwest Missouri's Jesse Shaw said about the last second shot, "I was thinking he'd (Kelvin Parker) make a play. They sagged off him and left me open. I knew I had to take a shot with time running out. I really didn't even have a chance to think about it." (courtesy of NWMSU Sports Information Department)

USI's coaches Rick Herdes and Marc Hostetter are no strangers to being the "Elite 8." Herdes was an assistant the last time the Eagles made it this far, and Hostetter played in the game.

Hostetter said, "There is a lot of emotion involved. When you are a player, it's a lot simpler. You don't have to worry about travel arrangements, hotels and eating. You just go and play basketball."

USI can now call its basketball team one of the top eight in Division II basketball.

The Eagles were ranked number one in the country for a couple weeks in December, but a loss to Lewis at home gave USI a reality check.

"It's great to be one of the top teams in the country," Farmer said. "We've worked really hard throughout the season. We were ranked number one early in the season, and hopefully in California we can regain that title."

If the Eagles win the first game out in Bakersfield, they will play the winner of Metro State and Rollins College. Metro is tied for the best record in the "Elite 8."

"Metro State is good and they have been good for the past couple years. Rollins will give them a go. Once you get to the 'Elite 8' everybody is good -- there is no such thing as an upset," Hostetter said.

The Shield will have post game coverage on our Web site after the USI games.

The first game for the Eagles was yesterday March 24.



Senior John Oden battles underneath with Kentucky Wesleyan at the GLVC Tournament. Fellow senior Clarence Chillers is there to help (photo by Elizabeth Courtney Randolph).

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# Senior Kristen Houseworth talks off the diamond

**You might know her as No. 7 on the softball field. Here is your chance to get to know Houseworth away from the diamond. Kristen is in her fourth year at USI. Her teammates like to call her "House."**

**Birthdate:** April 29, 1982

**Hometown:** Martinsville, Indiana

**Major:** Sociology

**High School:** Martinsville

**What have your four years been like at USI?**

It's been filled with friends and family.

It's what I base my life around.

I love playing sports, and being an athlete has made me who I am.

**What would your teammates say about you?**

I'm pretty much the mouth of the team, along with Nichole Pike.

I have my ways of encouraging being goofy or just telling my teammates what they need to hear.

**What's the funniest thing you have ever told a pitcher on the mound?**

I'm not the one that does the joking.

It's usually Brooke (Biggs) or Mo



(Monica Tepe) doing that because it's their job.

**What's in your CD player right now?**

It's still my CD that I listen to before every single game.

It's just a bunch of random songs that try to get me pumped up and get me in the right frame of mind.

**Do you have any superstitions?**

I refuse to untie my cleats after every single game.

I pull them off and on without untying them.

Pike and I have a ritual to cross fingers between every inning out on the mound.

**What's the craziest thing you have ever heard on the field?**

The worst calls by the umps to everybody when they are wrong whether it be an out, strike or a hit.

**What's the most romantic thing a guy has ever done for you?**

My [current] boyfriend, for Valentine's Day, gave me a necklace. He wrote a letter to explain every part of the necklace. The necklace represents our relationship, and there was a cross on it because God is a big part in my life.

**Now what are your plans after you graduate?**

Hopefully graduate in December, in four and a half years.

I want to go home and find a job.

Hopefully do the marriage thing and work with juvenile kids near Indianapolis.

## MLB ready for summer action

By Tony Black  
Sports editor

With baseball season upon us, many people are ready to see what this year will be all about.

The off-season has been filled with free agent signings and steroid talk.

Major League Baseball banned the muscle-enhancer THG this past winter in hopes of making the game pure for fans to enjoy.

The Detroit Tigers won this year's free agent signing, with Ivan Rodriguez and David Wells.

The Chicago Cubs got some help with the services of Greg Maddux once again on the North Side.

St. Louis Cardinals' fans are happy with their winter since they traded J.D. Drew to the Atlanta Braves -- for what, I don't think they care.

Now Drew won't be spending a quarter of his time on disabled list for the Cards.

The Houston Astros put out some money for crafty veterans Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens. They should contend for the National League Central with the Cubs and Cardinals.

The three other teams in the central will just be there to make upsets, unless for some reason the Astros, Cubs and Cardinals have some unforeseen collapse.

Oh wait, it is the Cubs, after all, and I'm sure they will do something to ruin this season for fans.

After all they are the team that has not had back-to-back winning seasons since Richard Nixon was in office.

Here it is March 25, and Cubs fans already have their World Series tickets bought, ready to enjoy the chilly October Chicago air.

On ESPN Sunday those experts told the TV audience that the Cubs will be in the series.

I just have a hard time believing the Cubs will make it to the Fall Classic, simply because they are the Cubs.

They will do something to mess up, but at least there's an escape route when they blow it. It's all Steve Bartman's fault, and the goat!

Just kidding. I don't blame Bartman for the loss in Game 6 of the NLCS, and other fans shouldn't either.

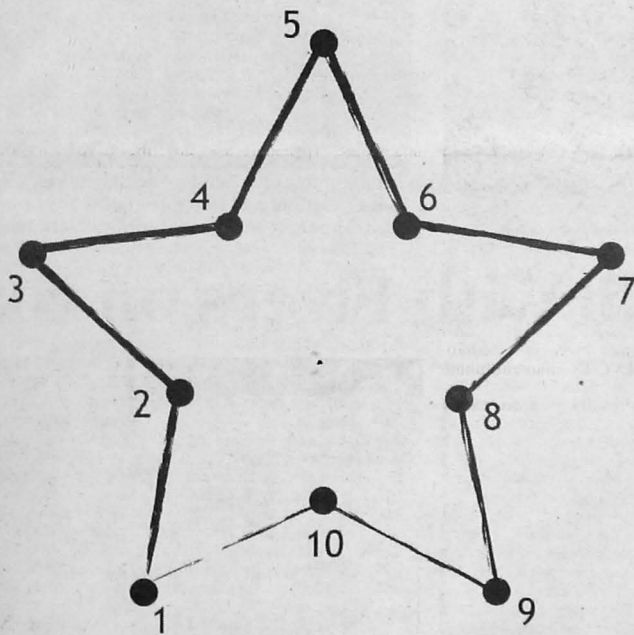
He was just doing what five million other fans would do in that situation -- going for the ball.

It will be an exciting summer for fans in the National League Central, and maybe the Tigers can win a few games over there in the American League.

Maybe this season we will see the Cubs and Tigers in the World Series.

It happened once before in 1945 when the Tigers dashed the dreams of the Cubs.

This time it probably won't happen. The New York Yankees will play in October against the Astros.



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# Eagles fly higher than Hawks in conference weekend opener

By **Tony Black**  
Sports editor

Through lightning and rain the University of Southern Indiana softball team did battle with Quincy University on Saturday afternoon.

The Eagles dominated the first game behind pitching from sophomore right-hander Missy Grover and a homerun from freshman catcher Lisa Anderson.

USI tacked on 10 runs in the first game to run rule the Hawks 10-0 in five innings.

Anderson said, "It feels pretty good. I wish my parents were here to see it. They haven't seen either one of my homeruns."

Grover pitched a complete game three-hitter to get her fourth win of the season.

The three-hitter was even de-

played just over 45 minutes due to lightning and rain after the third inning.

The second game wasn't as dominated by the Eagles, but they still got the job done and won 3-1.

Senior Shannon Emmons pitched a complete game seven-hitter for a fifth win of the season.

In game two, the offense was charged by junior Sunny Oelling, who had a couple of hits and a run.

Senior Jessica Brown was able to knock two hits of her own to help the USI cause.

USI head Sue Kunkle said, "I think we had a great day offensively. The biggest thing for us today is that we played great defense. We did not have one single error in both games."

The Eagles will have a tune-up game Wednesday against arch-rival Kentucky Wesleyan down in Owensboro.

The Panthers have not won a game since the end of the 2002 season. Wesleyan went 0-30 last season, and this season the Panthers are 0-10.

After the game on Wednesday USI will travel up to Peoria, Ill., to play in the GLVC/GLIAC

Showdown.

The Eagles will play five games in three days against the GLIAC.

The games were scheduled for South Bend, but the field will not be playable because of winter damage.

After the long trip to Northern Illinois, the team will return to play Oakland City University here at home.

The game will have special interest because Emmons will battle her older sister Rachel for the second time.

Last season Shannon bested her sister by allowing one hit in just three innings of work.

After the games against the Mighty Oaks, USI will be home for three more games in April.

Two of those games will be against conference foes Bellarmine, Northern Kentucky and non-conference McKendree College.

The team will close the season at home on April 22 and 25 against Kentucky Wesleyan and SIU-Edwardsville. The Eagles will start the conference tournament April 30 back in Peoria, Ill.



**Junior outfielder Sunny Oelling takes a slap bunt at home. Oelling and her teammates have now won 32 of their 33 games at the USI Softball Field (photo by LaVerne Jones).**

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## Eagles split with Flyers on road

By **Tony Black**  
Sports editor

The University of Southern Indiana baseball team fought cold weather in Chicago this weekend to play four more conference games.

The Eagles and the Lewis University Flyers got played the second weekend of action in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

USI and the Flyers split the four games with one of them going into extra innings.

The Eagles lost the first game

6-2, then lost a four nothing lead in game two in the bottom of the seventh. USI did win that contest 8-4 in 10. On the second day they pulled their second win of the series 6-2, and in the final game, the Flyers trounced the Eagles 9-1.

USI assistant coach Chris Barney said, "We are excited about the opportunity to play. It was the first weekend we split with a team. We feel that we are gaining ground and making progress."

In the early goings of conference play, the Eagles are currently ninth with a 3-7 record. USI won

their first conference game last week against Bellarmine 1-0 in the bottom of the ninth on a bases loaded walk.

One of the areas giving the Eagles problems is the bullpen. In their first games against Quincy, USI had the lead until the bullpen came into the game.

During the game against the University of Evansville, in six innings of work the pen gave up 15 runs. Sophomore Matt Goans was the only one to not give up any.

"It's really a combination of all three factors. It seems like

when we get one of them, the other two aren't there, whether it be pitching, hitting or defense," Barney said. "If it was just one thing it would be easy to fix."

USI will once again hit the road this weekend against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The Rangers are tied for second place with a 6-2 record with Kentucky Wesleyan. It will be Parkside's first home game of the season because of weather conditions.

USI will have three days off before they play their next game. Kentucky Wesleyan will take the less than hour trip to play the Eagles.

Last season the Panthers won the season series. KWC won both games at their place while dropping one to USI here.

The Eagles' next series will be against SIU-Edwardsville. Those games will be at home. Saturday's game will be in Evansville, and Sunday's game will be in Edwardsville. USI won two out of the three meetings. The Cougars won on the road.

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