

Emmy winner helps celebrate diversity week

by jami maday
staff writer

The USI Multicultural Center presented diversity week with "Gene Therapy: Healing Racism" with speaker Teja Arbolda.

Arbolda is an Emmy award winning television producer from Boston. He left his producing career due to the stereotypes of the entertainment and commercial industries. Arbolda is now an acclaimed speaker,

interactive lecturer and teacher at a local Boston university.

Arbolda learned about racism during his childhood years when his father, who is Chinese-Filipino, and his mother, who is German, moved from country to country to escape segregation. His family lived in the Philippines, the United States and finally resided in Japan.

Arbolda later moved back to the United States

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Members of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority brave the weather under the UC to sell baked goods. Proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. (Photo by Roberta Fugate)

College Democrats promote disabled voting accessibility

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USI College Democrats hosted their first official event on campus with "Democrats for Accessibility" on March 21 at the UC Conference Center, promoting access in voting booths for disabled citizens.

Bob Kerney, political science professor at USI, spoke on behalf of the College Democrats and disabled Hoosiers. He lost his eyesight to severe diabetic retinopathy. Doctors could not save Kerney from his blindness after retina reconstructive surgery.

"On June 7, 1991 I sat up on the side of my hospital

bed and looked out the window, and for the first time in 24 years I wasn't able to see out of it," said Kerney. "It was a whole new awakening for me."

Kerney started a state-wide campaign this month, speaking in several cities including Muncie, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. He is also the Indiana Democratic Party Eighth Congressional District secretary and secretary of the Vanderburgh County Democratic Party.

Two federal laws demand that polling sites acquire sufficient features to accommodate the disabled, but nearly 84 percent of polling sites in the United States do not meet the requirements. These



Bob Kerney

problems include lack of handicapped parking, unformed poll workers and narrow doors which are not wide enough for people in

wheelchairs to enter.

"It is not fair that disabled citizens or elderly individuals, who cannot get out, cannot cast a secret ballot," said Amy Stockholm, president of the College Democrats. "It is their Constitutional right."

Disabled voters are unable to cast their ballots without a poll worker's assistance, making the voter unsure about his or her candidate's choice.

The elderly have trouble reading the small print on ballots, and the classic punch cards are inaccessible to the blind, paraplegic and people

with arthritis.

Kerney's campaign rests on five main goals: to educate Democrat office holders, register the disabled to vote, get them out to polling sites, get them to vote a Democratic ticket and have all polling sights accommodate the disabled.

Other states have audible machines for the visually impaired so they can cast their ballots. Air pump machines are also available for the quadriplegic that will allow them to blow or suck their vote into a tube, Kerney said.

Texas, for example, mandates a certain height for vot

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College Democrats thank Republicans for publicity

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Members of the USI College Democrats responded in favor of the morning-after pill on campus and questioned the steps the College Republicans are taking to eliminate it. Especially the recent coverage of the College Republicans accepting money from an outside party.

"If the Republicans have the choice to take money from an outside source, then women should have the choice not to take money from an outside source, such as welfare," said Elizabeth Raiche, secretary of the College Democrats.

"This is a college campus and there is sexual activity, and taking away the morning after pill will be a detriment to students on campus."

The Student Health Center distributes the "pill" to students by giving several birth control pills with the same hormone level at once. The same consistency as one actual morning-after pill. Raiche stated that if this package is no longer given in the Health Center, then birth control pills should be pulled as well.

Vice president Matthew Rowe clarified the morning-after pill as "old news" and that students can obtain the pill elsewhere.

"There was a lot of coverage in the press about this issue from groups that are much more influential than the USI College Republicans," said Rowe. "This is an official policy of Deaconess Hospital and it is not just limited to the USI Health Center."

The College Democrats do not see the pill as a form of

abortion, since the large dose of hormones changes the uterine lining to hinder implantation, Rowe said.

"It affects an egg that has never been fertilized," said Rowe.

President Amy Stockholm showed her thanks for the College Republicans for "publicizing the fact that it is available for women who are in a crisis."

Rowe also stated that the College Republicans and their supporters strongly hold their pro-life belief, but once a child is born, "they are pretty much on their own."

The USI College Democrats are not receiving funds from outside parties, but Rowe plans to speak with Deaconess Hospital to further support the morning-after pill package.

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German, Jermakowicz has maintained a 3.96 GPA and speaks fluent English, German, and Polish.

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ing machines so people in wheelchairs can vote. Rhode Island accommodates blind voters by providing ballots in braille, said Kerney.

"The first step is funding. It's our biggest issue," said County Commissioner David Mosby.

The cost for each accessible machine is \$200 to \$300, however, Mosby stressed the need for these machines during this year's elections.

A bill passed this session will demand that every new polling machine in Indiana be available to the disabled for private voting. The bill will go into effect later this year, said Kerney.

Members of the College Democrats attended the press conference along with Democratic State Representative Dennis Avery, County Commissioner David Mosby and County Council Member Phil Hoy.

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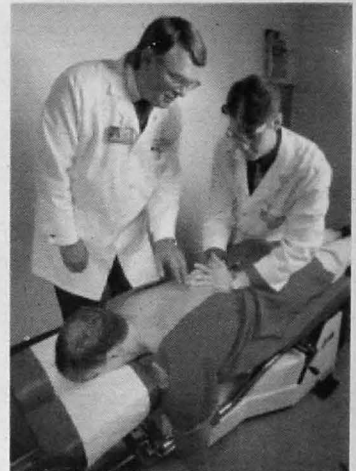
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and attended college in Boston.

"People always asked me 'What are you?' instead of 'Where are you from?'," said Arbolda.

Arbolda stressed that culture and ethnicity comes from the heart, but race comes from the mind. Race is the only word that "we continue to use to describe people," and the United States recognizes the mixed culture but we are "afraid to embrace the difference."

Arbolda spoke in front of the U.S. Senate in favor of a multi-racial category on the Census in 1999.

However, the 2000 Census did not list a multi-racial option, and the listings "Indian" and "Negro" were presented, said Arbolda.

The 2000 Census also stated that it was more practical if the observer checked the race. Arbolda was mostly checked as Hispanic, although his heritage was Filipino and German.

"We want to break the barrier of racism, but we don't know how," said Arbolda.

"We now have the opportunity to stand ground against racism and keep going what we worked so hard for."

Left, Teja Arbolda presents his speech, "Gene Therapy: Healing Racism" to USI on Monday. Arbolda spoke in front of the U.S. Senate in favor of a multi-racial category on the Census in 1999.

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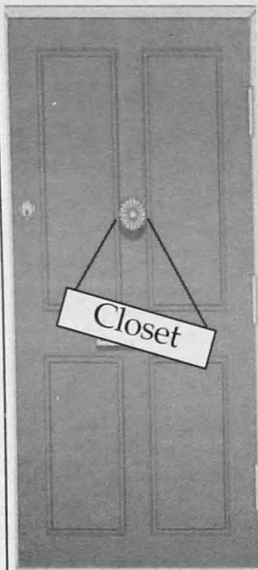
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A forward I received about frogs

by brandon cockrum
columnist

I hate forwards. I get them from people I don't know, people I do know, aunts and cousins. I hate them.

I think it runs in the family. I forwarded an article from ESPN about IU basketball (go Hoosiers!) to my dad and was immediately contacted; your email has been blocked and message returned, read the note from his account first.

Talk about feeling unloved. My forward was at least relevant to current events.

I recently received a forward containing a strange breed of human loving frogs. This led me to the conclusion that anyone sending frogs

with intimate feelings for their friends needs (a) a better hobby, (b) heavy doses of medication and (c) their computer confiscated by the FBI.

The perpetrators are always strange folk hiding behind names like phat_bootie_4u, ZDog13, ditzychick, wazzup_420, and evilicious2005. They are probably members of some evil terrorist cell.

This one began innocently enough with the subject U R 1 SEXY PERSON. Intriguing.

Had it been a note left on my car I might have been excited, but by being on the internet it could have been one of a million things. You have to be careful on there; it is the only way you can get a virus without even touching

another person.

Upon opening I was greeted with a large, primitive frog proclaiming: You have been humped by the Froggy, which means you are one sexy bitch!

The pain continued. You will have good sex for two years if you send this to anywhere from 6 to 9 people. And if this is sent back to you then you know that you are a truly, a sexy bitch.

Truly, but what if I feel that way already, what could happen then I ask?

You must send it in 5 minutes or your good humping will be broken!

At this point of the email I became completely embarrassed at being an American. Shortly after this part the sap really gets poured on with a

list of Top Ten Things Guys Like About Girls.

Number 8, how their little hands fit perfectly in the guys hands and number 9, how guys can put their arms all the way around her waist, are truly the cream of the crop. In my entire life I have never heard one guy say this, maybe in the movies and maybe in a book, but never in real life.

The second list or Top Ten Things Girls Like About Guys, contained a list of female wishes. That actually seemed to be an important piece of information and useful enough to write down for future reference.

Next was the infamous make a wish section. Fortunately it wasn't for some child wanting to go to Disneyland, but for myself. My wish, that

this was the end of the email, was left unfulfilled as I scrolled further down.

It rambled on predicting success rates with my crush, dependant on how many people I sent this too. In case I didn't have enough friends, it offered helpful advice by encouraging me to visit chat rooms and sending it to people there. I am afraid of what they might send back.

The final portion offered real world examples of those who had listened to the letter, two "crushes" hooking up, and those who didn't, a poor lonely man who died after being attacked by ravenous humping frogs.

Well the prediction for me wasn't quite that bad, but that's what I wished for the person that started the thing.

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Walker sounds a lot like Hearst

by isaac clemens
Daily Californian
(U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - So the John Walker Lindh case is finally starting to come together.

The defense says there's no proof he actually targeted Americans—that he only fought against the Northern Alliance and was afraid to leave the Taliban.

Not withstanding the error in prosecuting Walker as an American citizen rather than as a foreign soldier, the more interesting question may be what fuels the fanatical crusader impulse of youth of comfortable backgrounds.

Walker comes from Marin, a region well-known as a home of upper-class 1960s counterculture. It's a liberal Disneyland, a place of perfect relativism where people are encouraged to find their own way without any messy standards like "right" or "wrong."

Walker should not be sympathized with, but coming from that rudderless background, he should be pitied. Walker cast about to find direction as a teen-ager and found the rigorous Islamic code a welcome moral compass.

Does this sound familiar to anyone? Maybe not of our current college generation, but our parents certainly remember Patty Hearst and her tenure with the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Hearst was a child of wealth and privilege, from the elite Santa Catalina School for Girls to the UC Berkeley campus her family helped build.

When the SLA kidnapped Hearst from her Berkeley apartment, it didn't end with the poetic rescue of the media darling—it ended with her transformation into Tania, the machine-gun toting SLA pin-up girl caught after participating in the robbery of a San Francisco bank.

Hearst's case is often attributed to Stockholm Syndrome, in which prisoners end up sympathizing — and one time even marrying — their captors.

In an effort to please the captor, the prisoner gradually starts to subscribe to similar ideals. The psychological shift can take from four to seven days.

But even today, doubts remain about whether she was really a captive or a princess taking a walk on the wild side. Not to say only the wealthy buy into deceptive ideology —

it's just that they seem to have a greater chance for a morally ambiguous upbringing. J.G. Ballard spoke of the immaculate German suburbs from which the Baader-Meinhorf gang sprung in the late '60s.

In this prosperous but controlled society, he said, "madness is the only freedom." The desire to sacrifice oneself to something greater, more "pure," more complete, is what motivated John Walker.

Ideals aren't bad by any means—but somewhere along the line his parents needed to step in and say, "Hey, you're in over your head. Let's think this over." In the end, that's what Walker will be remembered as: a cautionary figure to teach the dangers of romanticism.

As Robert Young Pelton, the journalist who first interviewed Lindh, said, "John Walker came from a fairly well-to-do middle class family in Marin County. Here was a man who came from a very permissive society where nothing was wrong, nothing was right ... nothing really had consequences."

But does that mean there should be no consequences for his actions now?

Real world: real consequences.

Security needs improvement

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. -

According to a USA Today report released Monday, screeners at 32 U.S. airports were only 52 percent successful stopping prohibited items from passing through checkpoints.

Other statistics and information gathered during this undercover testing are just as alarming.

This is unacceptable surveillance for any time period, but it is especially disheartening after airport security has been such a targeted and important focal point since Sept. 11.

Screeners and airports must work hard to deter and detect knives, explosives and guns in order to ensure both personal and societal air travel safety.

The results of the undercover tests conducted from November through early February were released in a Feb. 19 memo.

In all, 783 tests at airport screening checkpoints and

hundreds of tests in other areas of airport security were conducted. The results are not only ridiculous but also appalling in the face of supposedly increased and heightened airport security measures.

According to USA Today, more than 70 percent of the investigators carrying knives went through screenings undetected, as did 30 percent of those carrying guns and 60 percent carrying explosives.

Intensive and effective training must be given to all airport employees to ensure, whether checkpoint staffers, flight attendants, baggage handlers or tarmac workers, that dangerous items such as guns and explosives are not brought onto planes.

Obviously, little has changed since Sept. 11, and according to the USA Today report, security was stronger in the 1970s and 1980s. This must change soon, and hopefully this investigation will spawn true airport security reform.

Letters to the EDITOR

Student thinks Viewpoints should be more diverse

To the editors of *The Shield*,

I along with a great mass of the student body, gave up reading *The Shield* a long time ago. I recently decided to break that trend by thumbing through several of your recent issues. I can now put, with great certainty, why it is that I stopped reading that liberal rag that you call a newspaper.

Reading articles by Chad Crowe only affirms the pride that I have in being a member of the Republican party. It is disgraceful that a student newspaper would set aside a section entitled viewpoint and have only one writer put work into it.

It is also disgraceful that the viewpoints section is a forum for the liberal propaganda that Chad Crowe personally feels every single day of the week.

The lack of objectivity is embarrassing. The students who actually open up *The Shield* are not only subjected to what I consider the least professional writing for any student newspaper in the great state of Indiana, but are

also subjected to the least subjective paper around. As I write this, still looking at the recent articles by Chad Crowe I laugh, not only at the immaturity that is written by Crowe but also that he is the editor of that section and still writes so poorly.

I can now fully understand why it is that there is an article in *The Shield* each week asking for new writers. Granted, I don't have a problem with the entire paper. There are many contributions that are good, but the Viewpoints section is completely unacceptable.

Chad Crowe is a poor excuse for a professional type journalist. I challenge you to diversify your paper with more viewpoints than the single minded ideas put forth by Crowe.

I know several writers, who if willing to subject themselves to this paper, could provide several contrasting viewpoints to the liberal view of Mr. Crowe.

Sincerely,
Brad Lutes

Let's get to the real issue

To the editor,

In the editorial from March 21, 2002 entitled "Morning After Pill not for sale," the writer discusses what they believe this pill does.

In this editorial, it says, "Women can...get a prescription for one of the two FDA-approved drugs that are marketed specifically as emergency contraception." The key word in that sentence is "marketed."

Contraception refers to something that prevents conception. The morning-after pill is taken after conception has occurred, thus we can safely say that it is not a contraceptive.

This pill does stop the progression of human life. Once conception has occurred, we are not wondering if there is a dog growing inside that woman. It is in fact the early stages of human life and should be treated as such.

Let's get away from the debate about whether or not the USI College Republicans were right in accepting outside money and instead get to the real issue here... Is it right for a public institution, funded by taxpayers, to make this drug available? I say no.

Eric Davis

What's your OPINION???

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Government should not prosecute Arthur Andersen

by michael vrana
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. -

The U.S. Department of Justice recently indicted Arthur Andersen, with 85,000 employees worldwide and 26,000 in the United States, on a single count of obstruction of justice for shredding Enron-related documents.

This indictment, based on the actions of only a handful of people, will cause the destruction of both an 89-year-old firm and the livelihoods of 85,000 people.

Andersen has admitted to the shredding of the nonessential documents, and no one has shown the documents were material to the government's investigation of Enron's collapse. As CNN's Lou Dobbs states, "Andersen's auditors

clearly stated that [the financial] statements were the responsibility of the energy trader's management.

That responsibility is made clear in the annual report of every American company audited by an Andersen accounting firm. I haven't seen that fact reported by journalists or brought up in congressional hearings in what is one of the worst examples of a press and political feeding frenzy in years."

Furthermore, no one, including the Department of Justice, has even charged Enron or any of its executives with a crime. Isn't this supposed to be about Enron?

The U.S. justice system is based on the idea of innocent until proven guilty. The government, however, is working in the other direction in this

case. Because of the indictment, the government has suspended Andersen from entering into any new federal contracts, even though the firm has been found guilty of nothing. Who gains from the collapse of such a venerable accounting firm and the loss of its employees in the United States?

Any attorney who wanted to sue Andersen on behalf of Enron retirees has just found his job much more difficult with Andersen's dimming prospects for long-term revenues.

Furthermore, how are the U.S. capital markets to act more efficiently as 2,300 clients, roughly 20 percent of U.S. publicly traded companies, switch auditors, and we are left with only four large accounting firms?

Denzel takes home gold

by ryan jackson
columnist

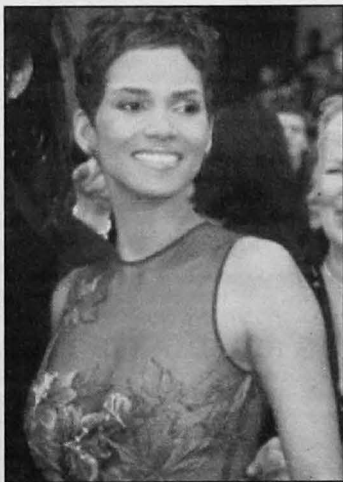
Well, I had my predictions, some wrong some right, but in the end it was Denzel Washington that made the whole Oscar experience perfect for me.

In fact, this year's 74th annual Oscar presentation was rather heart warming all around. Just look at the winners at you get the feeling that this might have been the most emotional or maybe even tension filled Oscar race ever.

First off, besides my pick of Denzel taking home gold, the beautiful and talented Halle Berry became the first black woman to ever win a best actress Oscar.

Not only was the award justified by her strong portrayal of a single mother in *Monster's Ball*, but her highly emotional acceptance speech helped give black female actresses another voice in their struggle to get the respect that they deserve, needless to say it was a very touching moment.

Then came the showdown of the night, the moment we had all been waiting for, who would win the battle for best Oscar between last year's champion Russell Crowe and this year's under-



Halle Berry took home an Oscar for her role in *Monster's Ball*.

dog Denzel Washington. A battle complete with studio mudslinging, media hype, and everyone carrying their own opinion of who the better actor was, well the answer was clear.

When the lovely Julia Roberts opened the envelope and showed her obvious excitement and happiness, she blurted out DENZEL WASH-

INGTON!

That's all it took, Russell Crowe had finally been put in his place, after the past two years of treating everyone around him like one of the animals on his Australian ranch, Russell's peers finally had enough.

Of course this isn't to say that Denzel wasn't great in *Training Day*, where he played Alonzo a crooked Los Angeles undercover narcotics agent. It just shows that no matter how great of an actor you are, because it's only fair to say that Crowe's performance in *A Beautiful Mind* was excellent,

if you bite the hand that feeds you, you won't get any more treats.

So Denzel took home gold, Halle got her Oscar and even Sidney Poitier was given an honorary Oscar for all of his work over the past four decades. Three Oscars given to black actors, it was definitely an uplifting moment and movement for the African American community.

Nickelback will make you want your money back

by aaron distler
and jasmine goff

The Shield will periodically feature CD reviews written by two music-oriented USI students in a "love it or leave it" format.

Each reviewer will give his or her opinion of the CD in question and come to a final conclusion of "love it" or "leave it." Contact USIZone@hotmail.com to suggest a CD for review.

Aaron Distler is in the band *Five Star Theory*. To learn more about the band members and performance dates or to order a CD, visit www.fivestartheory.com.

Jasmine Goff is a disc jockey at WSWI AM-820. She can be heard from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays via webcast only. The webcast is available at www.usi.edu/WSWI.

Aaron's Take:

Do you remember the band Candlebox? They hit pay dirt in '93 with "Far Behind."

Candlebox was nothing more than a poor man's Pearl Jam. That is exactly how I feel about Nickelback.

Is it necessary that we still have to endure these bands nearly a decade later?

The list of bands that top the modern charts these days is just sickening. Not one band has a defining sound. They just provide a good "rock" song for strippers to dance to.

I wonder if unsuspecting customers are disappointed when they pop Nickelback's "Silver Side Up" into their CD players. I never had any expectations going into this. I was amazed, however, at what I

heard.

Nickelback has an identity crises as a hack job Metallica on the opening track "Never Again" and I laughed when I heard the "Unskippy Bop-Tinged" guitar riff on "Hangnail," coupled with singer/guitarist Chad Kroeger's attempt at being Gavin Rossdale.

In short, this album sucks and so does the band. And unfortunately, if this is what the music industry is churning out to eradicate fluff pop like N'Sync and Britney, we've fallen upon sad, sad times.

Even if the singer looks like our Lord and savior, J.C., they'll find themselves short of a miracle when no one cares about them in a year. **Final Verdict: Leave it.**



USI SUMMER THEATRE Employment Opportunities

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Details about these theatre job opportunities can be viewed on the University's web site at <http://www.usi.edu/HR/Employ/Temporary.asp>.

Fax, mail or e-mail a resume and a personal letter of interest indicating the positions and theatres in which you are interested to:

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What do you rate this year's Academy Awards?

Let us know at shield@usi.edu.

Jasmine's Take:

Nickelback's "Silver Side Up" is not a bad CD.

The first single, "How You Remind Me," is actually a pretty decent song.

The problem is, every song on the CD sounds just like "How You Remind Me."

It's a classic case of "do not rely on your first single."

Radio stations have also aided in my distaste of Nickelback.

A particular song can only be heard so many times before somebody has to suffer the consequences.

Yes, the song is very overplayed.

Nickelback is so overrated that just the mere mention of them makes my blood run cold.

Their sound is one that you can find with so many other artists that they just are not unique enough.

My advice? Find something else.

Number one single for almost a year?

Sure, but it's a single, not an album.

It's OK, but there are so many other albums out there that are well worth the money that this one just does not cut it.

Final Verdict: Leave it.

Sound Advice:

Save some dough
and a headache;
buy a different CD!

The Shield SOAPBOX

• I was walking to the Orr Center one day before spring break, when the weather turned sour. Basically, a sheet of ice was in my path, so I thought I could bore right through it. Well, that was as far as I knew because I ended up falling on my face, which nearly got caved in. I feel that our maintenance staff does an adequate job, but could help to prevent this in the future.

• So what color do you want to be the new M&M? I'm voting for aqua. Pink and purple are just too... pastel.

• Let's hope we can get through the rest of this school year without any more USI students dying.

• It's about damn time that Denzel Washington won an Oscar. Congrats to Halle Berry as well. It's good to see that the Academy is finally waking up and realizing that not all great actors are white.

• Do we really need Survivor 4? I was sick of this crap when the first one was still on. I can't believe people still watch this garbage.

The Shield Soap Box is a regular feature of the opinions of USI students and faculty. To give your comment about campus issues, the news, Soap Box comments, The Shield, Evansville, entertainment, sports, and anything else on your mind, send an e-mail to USIZone@hotmail.com. Comments may be edited for space or appropriateness.

SGA is searching for Core Curriculum Council members

by elissa travers
staff correspondent

How many of you out there have ever wondered why a certain class was in the core curriculum?

If you believe that a class should be in the University Core Curriculum, but it is not, here is your chance to change that.

The Faculty Senate allows a student to serve on the University Core Curriculum Council.

This committee deter-

mines which courses are included in the core curriculum and in which area they apply.

Applications for this position are available in the Orr Center Lobby, outside the Student Government Association Office, and in the University Center at the information desk.

The student representative will serve a one-year renewable term beginning in the fall semester.

He or she must be enrolled full-time and must have earned at least 62 semester hours by the end of this semester.

Student writes and directs independent play

by darcy fisher
staff writer

"Noramally", a play written and directed by USI student, Ryan Jackson will be presented at The Pub, 1348 Division Street in Evansville on March 28-31 at 8p.m.

"Normalcy" is captivating new drama that explores the inside of criminal life and a quest to find a way out. This existential drama looks at a criminal life hostage situation

where the hostage and criminal develop a relationship and begin to communicate almost like friends in the real world.

"This play discusses issues like lack of communication, domestic problems and humanity between two people," said Jackson.

The featured actors will be Stephen Jackson as Burk, C. Lynn Kincaide as Jimmy, and Rick Johnson as Gino, and first time actress Sam Howell as Natasha.

Applications are due in the Dean of Students office no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 5.

These applications will go to the University Core Curriculum Search Committee, which will decide on three finalists.

Dr. Robert Reid, USI Vice President for Academic Affairs, will interview the finalists, then appoint one student representative and an alternate.

Anyone wanting more information should contact the Student Government Office at 464-1873 or e-mail SGA at sga@usi.edu.

Jackson is a senior at USI majoring in Business Administration. This is his third play Jackson written and directed. The first while he was in school. Jackson started getting involved in playwriting and directing through his grandfather Jim Jackson, who has years of directing experience.

Tickets for "Normalcy" are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and senior citizens (55 or older). For advance ticket sales at discount prices call 421-8743.

Naturally 7 to perform

The Activities Programming Board will present its fourth Coffee House of the semester on Tuesday, April 2 at 9 p.m. in the University Center Carter Hall. A cappella group Naturally 7 will perform.

Admission is free, and APB will be serving coffee, hot chocolate and biscotti or some other form of cookie or pastry.

Past Coffee Houses have featured performances by magician Adam Williams, local bands Never Been Caught and Five Starry Theory, hypnotist Frederick Winters, and comedian Jon Reep.

For more information, call the APB office at 464-1872 or e-mail apb@risc.usi.edu. The APB office is in the lower level of the University Center in the Student Involvement Center.

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Kent Scheller

Formal Name:
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Born: Jan. 30, 1966

At USI Since: Fall 1999

Family: Married to my wife Amy, with my 4-year old son Nicholas.

Degree/School:
Doctorate in nuclear physics the University of Notre Dame.



Photo by Roberta Fugate

Why did you pick your field of teaching?

Why physics? So that every time I tell someone what I teach, I get to hear that painful "argh, oh, uh, that's nice." Seriously, from as young as I can remember, I always wanted to know how things work at the most basic level. Physics does that for me and I enjoy passing on what I've learned.

What is your favorite class to teach, and why?

Physics 101, because for those students it may be the only exposure to physics that they ever have. I utilize a lot

of demonstrations to illustrate that physical laws govern every facet of their daily routine and that those laws can be understood in a most basic manner. It is enjoyable to see the non-science majors truly engaged in discussions on physics and its description of everyday phenomena. Also, what other disciplines get to blow up trash cans and break concrete blocks on your chest?

What is your favorite thing about USI?

It is enjoying positive

growth, without losing the personal attention between faculty and students, so far.

Something secret or unusual about yourself:

I was asked to a try out with the Kansas City Royals as a high school baseball player, but they needed a grandfather clock to time me in the 40-yard dash.

Words of wisdom to USI students:

There are many shortcuts, but there is no replacement for hard work.

TOP 10 MOVIES OF THE WEEK

1. Blade II	\$33.1 million	6. We Were Soldiers	\$5.8 million
2. Ice Age	\$31.1 million	7. The Time Machine	\$5.2 million
3. E.T.	\$15.1 million	8. A Beautiful Mind	\$4.3 million
4. Showtime	\$8.2 million	9. Sorority Boys	\$4.3 million
5. Resident Evil	\$6.6 million	10. 40 Days and 40 Nights	\$2.7 million

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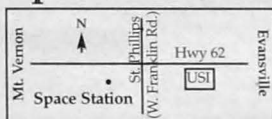
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THE ZONE

Did You Know?

- The world's largest spider is the goliath bird-eating spider, found in Venezuela, with a legspan of 11 inches.
- Mark McGwire's 70th home run baseball was auctioned off at a price of \$2.7 million.

Deep Thoughts

- Never poke a mean dog with a short stick.

Nonsense

- ...so what's the speed of dark?
- If Pringles are so good that "once you pop, you can't stop," why do they come with a resealable lid?

Bumper Stickers

- Honk if anything falls off.
- He who hesitates is not only lost, but miles away from the next exit.

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Softball sweeps KWC after lackluster Saturday outing

Biggs triple boosts Eagles to one run win in game one Saturday, then carries to game two

The USI softball team took two games from rival Kentucky Wesleyan College Sunday at the USI Softball Field. The Screaming Eagles won the first game 3-2, in nine innings, before blanking the Panthers, 4-0, in game two.

Down 2-1 in the bottom of the ninth with one out and a pair of runners on first and second, sophomore second baseman Brooke Biggs came up with a triple to send both runners across the plate and give USI the 3-2 win in game one.

Junior centerfielder/pitcher Rachel Bowling accounted for USI's first run as she connected on her team-high sixth homerun of the season.

Senior hurler Danielle Garnett went the distance as she improved to 7-4 on the season. Griffith, who was flirting with a no-hitter until giving up two hits and KWC's first run in the top of the sixth inning, struck out 13 batters while walking just three.

KWC's Selena Morris was charged with the loss after giving up the three runs and 10 hits.

Freshman right-fielder Sunny Oelling led off the bottom of the first inning of game two with a single and

eventually came around to score the game's first run when sophomore first baseman Monica Tepe singled to right field.

The Eagles added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth as they went on to the 4-0 victory.

Bowling worked all seven innings of game two as she recorded her second shutout of the season and improved to 5-5 on the season.

She recorded six strikeouts and allowed just six hits and one base-on-balls.

The Panthers' Melissa Solomon was charged with the game-two loss as she allowed seven hits and four runs in five innings of work. KWC falls to 2-12 overall and 0-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

USI, which improves to 12-9 overall and 2-2 in the GLVC, will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis University this Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30.

Friday's doubleheader, at UWP, will begin at 2 p.m. while Saturday's contest, at Lewis, is slated for an 11 a.m. doubleheader.

Strongman/woman contest coming to Fitness Center soon

Free training available

by dan engler
staff writer

Have you ever seen those strongman competitions they have on ESPN and thought to yourself, 'I'd like to try that out?'

This is your chance. The Power Lifting Club will be hosting the Strongman/Woman Competition at noon on Saturday, April 20, in the lawn across from the recreation and fitness center.

"We'd like to get the word out, for people who pay to go to somewhere else, or compete in competitions, they are going to be able to come here and compete also," said Josh Downey.

"This will be the first year for the competition," added Brett Braunecker.

"We'll have a max of ten competitors for each weight division, but we'll need a minimum of five people in order to have it."

The weight classes for the men's division will be 179 and below, 180 to 215, and 216 and above. The women's division will be open, with all weights competing against each other.

Events will include the Farmer's Walk, Clean & Press, Medicine Ball Throw, Crucifix, and Tire Flipping (which is tentative).

The competition will be free of charge, and weight belts will be provided. If it rains, the event will be held in the PAC. Trophies will also be awarded to the champion of each division.

For those interested in competing, Downey had some advice to offer.

"You don't want to come out here if you

haven't worked out in a year. You want to be in decent physical shape before you try and do this. You could get hurt, cause it's a lot of heavy weights. But that's what we're here for; you can come in here and we can get you ready."

Even if you don't want to compete, you can still take advantage of the club.

They meet once a week, and have sponsored two weightlifting competitions this semester already.

"The first month we had a power lifting competition, who could lift the most weight," said Downey.

"The second month was more of an endurance competition, who could lift a certain percentage of their body weight. Now we're looking to top off the year with the strongman competition."

The club looks to add even more events for next year, possibly competing against other schools.

The Power Lifting Club offers consultations at no cost as well, and all USI students and employees are eligible.

"Personal training is free over here. Not a lot of people know that," said Braunecker. "We can get you ready for the competition, or even if you want to tone up a little. We're all trained to do that."

"People may be scared to come in; they may not know what's going on," added Downey. "We can help them out a lot though."

Questions about being in the competition or joining the club, can be directed to Josh or Brett at 461-5268.

Softball this week

RESULTS

Saturday (Doubleheader)

USI 1
Bellarmine 7

USI 2
Bellarmine 3

Sunday (Doubleheader)

USI 3
KWC 2

USI 4
KWC 0

Tuesday Postponed

UPCOMING

Fri. March 29 (DH)
@ Parkside, 2 p.m.

Sat. March 30 (DH)
@ Lewis, 11 a.m.

Sophomore second baseman Brooke Biggs came up with a triple to send both runners across the plate and give USI the 3-2 win in game one.

Baseball splits weekend series

Eagles fall victim to errors in second game against Parkside

The USI baseball team split a pair of Great Lakes Valley Conference games with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday at the USI Baseball Field.

The Screaming Eagles (10-12 overall, 3-3 GLVC) won game one, 4-3, but fell victim to three errors in game two as they lost 7-3.

In game one, junior hurler Lonnie Baker threw 5 1/3 innings and gave up just 3 runs, 2 earned, off 6 hits. However, after giving up the tying run in the top of the sixth inning, Baker gave way to junior pitcher/infielder Bowie Johnson.

Johnson got out of a jam in the sixth inning and retired five of the six batters he faced en route to his first victory of the season. Senior infielder Brian Branson went 2-of-3 from the plate including a double and a pair of first-inning RBI.

With the score knotted at three in the bottom of the sixth, the Eagles got leadoff hitter Marcus Renn aboard on a base-on-balls. A stolen base combined with an RBI double to right field by junior left-fielder Andy Nucci and the Eagles found themselves with a 4-3 lead and eventu-

USI names Jay Newton new Assistant Athletic Director

The University of Southern Indiana has named Jay Newton as its new Assistant Director of Athletics. Newton fills the position that was vacated when Jon Mark Hall was named USI's Director of Athletics.

As the assistant director of athletics, Newton will be responsible for directing game management activities for thirteen Division II athletic programs; oversee ticket operations; monitor and ensure compliance with all NCAA, Great Lakes Valley Conference, and University rules and regulations; and work in conjunction with the Faculty Athletics Representative in completing eligibility and certification forms for the University and the Athletics Department.

Newton comes to USI from the Southern Conference in Asheville, North Carolina, where he was the championships and compliance assistant. His duties included assisting the Associate Commissioner of External Affairs, ensuring compliance with league and NCAA rules and regulations by the

conference members.

"Jay is an outstanding person who will bring a great deal of energy and expertise to our department," said USI Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall. "He has been working with an excellent staff at the Southern Conference who has prepared him for this position. I am very excited to have him as a member of a staff that I believe is one of the finest in all of Division II athletics."

The University of South Carolina graduate received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1996 and earned a master's degree from Murray State University in public administration in 1998.



Jay Newton

In 2001, Newton earned his law degree from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.

Jay is an outstanding person who will bring a great deal of energy and expertise to our department."

-Jon Mark Hall

Hardball this week

RESULTS

Friday	
USI	9
Parkside	4
Saturday (Doubleheader)	
USI	4
Parkside	3
USI	3
Parkside	7

Tuesday
Postponed

UPCOMING

Wed. March 27
vs Bellarmine,
2 p.m.

Fri. March 29 (DH)
@ Lewis, noon

Sat. March 30
@ Lewis, noon

Steve Arnold was charged with loss, dropping him to 1-4 on the season. Arnold spread six hits throughout seven innings, but errors led to five runs.

ally a 4-3 win. Despite giving up just one earned run in the second game of the doubleheader, senior pitcher Steve Arnold was charged with loss, dropping him to 1-4 on the season. Arnold spread six hits throughout seven innings, but errors led to five runs.

USI had a chance to tie or take the lead in the bottom of the eighth inning as it had the bases loaded with just one out. Howev-

er, a 4-6-3 double play ended the Eagles rally. UWP (4-13 overall, 1-5 GLVC) added two more runs in the top of the ninth to put the contest out of reach for the Eagles.

USI will host Bellarmine University Wednesday, March 27 before hitting the road for a weekend series at Lewis.

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Formal Name: Joseph R. Gratz

Born: Shaftsbury Vermont
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Family: Wife Gina Gratz, Pharmaceutical Researcher at Bio-Analytical Systems; six month old son Austin.

Degree/School: Bachelor degree in Physical Education from University of Vermont.

Masters degree in Sports Administration from University of Louisville.

Certified Recreational Sports Specialist (CRFF) certified by National, Recreational, Sports, Association (NIRSA).

How have you influenced the Intramural Program?

I have lots of contact with the students. Being on site coordinating activities help me develop relationships with students and help me, as a faculty member, see the intramural success.

What Influences have there been on the Intramural program since you have been on staff?

For one thing, the variety of programs offered to students expanded a great deal to total up to be about 84 intramural activities.

With the new Fitness



Joe Gratz

Center my office has moved from the University Center to the Fitness center making things more convenient for me as a Faculty Member.

All 4 fields of the Broadway Recreational Complex will be open allowing intramural activities to expand and be able to be played. The expansion of this complex will also keep recreational activities closer to campus.

What do you like about your position at USI?

The thing that I like most about being apart of this program, is that I get a chance to get apart of the activities as much as the students. My job is fun,

every day I do a different thing. One day I am doing rock climbing and another day I am doing Basketball. I am also able to be active in campus life, and have the opportunity to be able to interact with the students of USI.

What is your favorite Intramural Activity?

My favorite Intramural activity is Indoor Rock Climbing because I love the challenge. This activity gives me a sense of reward and accomplishment of each inch of over hanged contoured, however I have many more favorites.

Words of wisdom to the USI Students:

Be an active member of USI and get involved. Enjoy activities provided, have fun, and play hard. Be considerate to fellow students who you play with, against, referred by, or whom may be keeping score. Be adventurous and try new things. Enjoy life while you are here, Make the best of what life has to offer, or sends your way. Get out and be active, to soon the realities of life will be knocking at your door.

Rugby team continues dominance at home

by luke wagner sports editor

jewski converted eight of nine conversion kicks.

The home win marks the 18th straight game USI Rugby has won at home,

The USI Rugby team thumped the University of Southern Illinois Saturday at home 61-0.

The win raised USI's record to 2-1 on the season.

Seven different players scored in the contest, which is very unusual, said Head Coach Jeff McKeon.

USI was also kicking the ball well against SIU.

Kicker Matt Andrzejewski converted eight of nine conversion kicks.

Saturday's win marks the 18th straight game USI Rugby has won at home.

including 26 of 27 home wins overall.

The Rugby team will be back in action at the USI Rugby field Saturday, March 30. Gametime is set for 1 p.m.

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