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Jeron Lewis' family accepts Lewis' senior award and photo during last year's Senior Night. Lewis passed away Jan. 14, 2010 after collapsing during a game against Kentucky Wesleyan.

One year later: Jeron Lewis remembered

By MATT ZIELSKE
Sports editor

The clock ticked by effortlessly. Over a thousand people stood by and quietly honored a student, father, fiancée, athlete and son during Monday night's basketball game. A man who was known for having only one thing bigger than his 260 pound, 6 feet 8 inches tall, sturdy, fast frame; his heart.

Everyone that speaks of Jeron Lewis, a year after his death on the court, talks positively; in math we refer to reducing a fraction to the lowest common denominator as finding the true number. Jeron's

common denominator was his smile and caring attitude.

Lewis collapsed on the court during a basketball game against Kentucky Wesleyan on Jan. 14, 2010. He was pronounced dead at Owensboro Medical Health Center. An autopsy later revealed that an enlarged heart was the cause of Lewis' death.

Lewis wasn't much different than the average person when you first met him.

He was much the same as all kids, except that he stood a towering 6 feet 8 inches tall. He was a little out of shape for a basketball player at over 260 pounds, but once Head Coach Rodeny

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Pressures of higher education

Board of Trustees meets in Indy to discuss budget

By CHANSE FORD
News editor

Government institutions and organizations have been putting the pressure on public higher education institutions recently.

There is pressure to work with smaller budgets, pump out degrees and complete in a global market, among others. Indiana follows this trend.

Governor Mitch Daniels pushed for three-year degree programs, wanting students to get a timely education and quickly become a part of the real world.

USI President Linda

Bennett almost seemed to be feeling the pressures on higher education at the recent board of trustees meeting last Thursday in Indianapolis. Bennett's presentation to the board was defensive of USI and its policies.

For example, one criticism was the administrative "bloat" in higher education, but Bennett defended the 45.5 instructors hired since 2005 by giving a few examples of what the positions were and what have been accomplished through them.

"We have done that within the ability of our budget," Bennett said.

Graduation rate statistics were also mentioned. Bennett said 16 to 17 percent of full-time students graduate in four years, with 35 to 36 percent graduating in six.

Bennett attributed these numbers to things outside of the influence of universities. Things such as family income level and family experience in higher education are two such factors.

Not all of the presentation had the defensive tone.

Other News

Some of the presenta-



Photo by JIMMY PYLES, Visual Editor

Linda Bennett talking during last week's board of trustees meeting in Indianapolis.

tion also highlighted recent accomplishments by the university. One such achievement is the recent China International Partnership Program, which was announced during the meeting.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of

Education for improving post-secondary education faculty and student exchange.

"My understanding is that there were many applications and that they were very impressed with the level of dedication to the opportunity in China

by USI," Bennett said.

USI is one of ten universities that got chosen to participate. Bennett made a trip to China back in August on behalf of the university for the program. "I'm really excited to see this continue," Bennett said.

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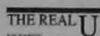
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Board of trustees met in Indianapolis last Thursday to discuss the school budget.

"This is a good development for us as we look ahead in expanding international education efforts on our campus."

Bennett went on to talk about how far ahead USI is of other schools. She

cited things such as the increase in enrollment in online classes as well as the expansion of summer course opportunities.

The president finished out her presentation by emphasizing the need to

look ahead and striving for improvement by sticking to the strategic plan and moving forward.

"I think there is more that we can do," Bennett said.

Students use Adderall to stay ahead

By JESSICA CANADAY
OSU Daily Barometer, Oregon State U. via UWIRE

Like many Oklahoma State U. students, Blake Zimmerman, a sports media broadcasting junior, takes Adderall to improve focus for academic performance and daily life.

"I need it," Zimmerman said. "It really isn't a choice. I take it every morning so I pay attention in all my classes. If I don't take it, it's like my mind is a TV and someone else is changing the channel."

Adderall, a prescription stimulant, is intended for people diagnosed with attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and depression. People who suffer from ADHD are frequently impulsive and struggle with organizational skills, anger and mood swings, according to WebMD.com

Marilyn Adams, an agricultural economic and accounting junior, said she sought a prescription because she saw how it helped others.

"I have many friends, especially people who are very involved on campus or busy working and attending school, that take Adderall," Adams said. "I have studied around people who have taken it and I noticed they were very

alert and productive with their studying time. This lead me to seek an Adderall prescription. Many of my friends have gotten prescriptions through a doctor by being diagnosed with ADHD."

Although many students have acquired the drug through legal prescriptions, some students have taken the use of Adderall beyond its intent by purchasing it illegally both to increase focus for study and to decrease the effects of alcohol.

"I know a lot of people who taking it so they could stay up and drink," Zimmerman said. "People offer to buy my pills all the time, especially during dead week and finals".

Wanda Moore, coordinator of nursing at OSU's University Health Services, said mixing Adderall, a stimulant, with depressants such as alcohol can be life threatening.

Four Loko, the alcoholic and caffeinated beverage that caught the attention of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, has been regulated because the amount of caffeine in the original version of the drink was so high that inebriated consumers would continue to drink and stay wide awake, instead of passing out. This is the same reason students cite for taking Adderall to prep

for a night of partying.

Zach Wright, a broadcast and electronic media and communication senior at the University of Oklahoma, said he has noticed and experienced similar things on OU's campus.

"When you're on Adderall, you don't feel the effects of alcohol so quickly," Wright said. "I have a lot of friends at OSU... You can get a pill for \$1.50 there. I would say three-fourths of each school uses Adderall."

According to the DEA Website, although stimulants have effects that appeal to young people, such as extended wakefulness and reduced appetite, the drug can also have a darker side. Chronic, high-dosage use for a week of tests or a weekend of partying can result in aggression, panic and paranoia, according to the Website. Tolerance and psychological dependency occurs rapidly in drugs like Adderall. According to the DEA, obtaining a prescription drug or taking someone else's medication is a felony.

Although Adderall may be easy to obtain, there are alternatives to maintaining energy and focus, Moore said. Adequate nutrition, rest and fitness can improve academic performance and overall wellness.

Pell Grant program may face funding cut

By EVE CHAN
The GW Hatchet, George Washington U. via UWIRE

Funding for the Federal Pell Grant Program is facing a potential \$5.7 billion funding cut, a move that experts say may force millions of students to turn to private lenders to fund their undergraduate educations.

The cuts are due to an unexpected budget shortfall in the program, after more students applied for Pell Grant funding than anticipated. Pell Grants offer aid to the neediest undergraduate students across the country.

If Congress votes to reduce the Pell Grant budget, nearly 9 million students nationwide would face a cut of more than 15 percent in their 2011 maximum award, according to the Committee for Education Funding.

At George Washington U., roughly 11 to 12 percent of undergraduate students receive Pell Grant funding as part of their financial aid package, said Dan Small, assistant vice president for Financial Assistance.

Small said if the Pell Grant funding is cut, the onus to help fund the education of these low-income students will fall on GW, which has already had to increase its financial aid pool by millions of dollars in order to help students weather the financial downturn. If GW could not afford to fund the difference, these students would potentially need to turn to private lenders to finance their education.

"If a student's family financial situation has not changed, reducing the grant award places more of the burden on the student or institution to make up the difference,"

Small said. "This could put additional demands on GW's aid allocation."

Over the past two years, GW has increased its aid pool to \$150 million, and has placed an increased emphasis on fundraising for financial aid.

The maximum Pell Grant award for the 2010-2011 academic year was \$5,550, according to the Federal Student Financial Aid division of the U.S. Department of Education. With the potential budget cuts, the maximum grant could drop to \$4,705, and may be cut completely from a student who qualifies for less Pell Grant aid.

The amount granted to each student is based on financial need, costs to attend school, and status as a full-time or part-time student.

Sophomore Steve Li said he considers his Pell Grant to be a "pretty sig-

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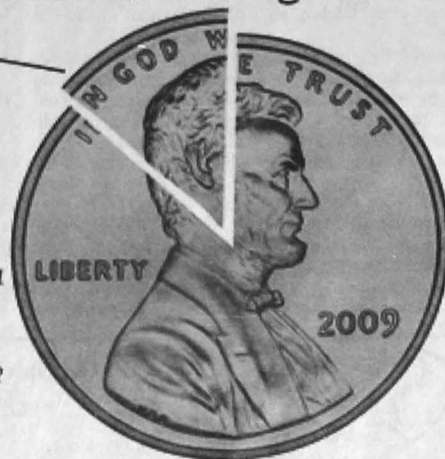
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Proposed cuts to the Federal Pell Grant Program

14.5 percent of the maximum 2011-2012 award would be cut if Congress votes to reduce the Pell Grant budget.

\$5,550: Maximum 2010-2011 award per student.

\$4,750: Maximum 2011-2012 award per student under the proposed budget cut.



SOURCE: THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

GRAPHIC BY ALLISON ELFRING

nificant" part of his financial aid package, as it covers one-tenth of his overall financial aid allotment. Li said if students lost part or all of their

Pell Grants, they would be forced to find another source of aid.

"Since, as you progress through GW, your bill increases because of

housing, people have to get more private loans to compensate for the gap," Li said.

What the f#@k? leggings/jeggings

By JIMMY PYLES
Visual editor

Let me start off by saying I don't hate leggings/jeggings. Actually, I find them to be the short shorts of winter.

Girls seem to be wearing them everywhere from school to church and even funerals.

Okay, I'm not sure they are worn at the last two places, but they are worn at school and many other places.

Even celebrities like Conan O'Brian have worn them, and they look better on him than some girls.

I constantly find myself walking behind a girl in leggings/jeggings, which is fine until I glance at their

butt. Sorry girls, but if you're going to wear them, I am going to look. If you think I'm a 'perv,' sue me.

Back to the story, I notice that after walking behind these girls some have huge wedgies.

Come on ladies, how can you not feel your ass eating your leggings/jeggings?

Which is why at this point if I have been walking behind from the Orr Center to the quad and you haven't noticed it, I reserve the right to either tell you without fault or save your leggings from being totally ate by your ass.

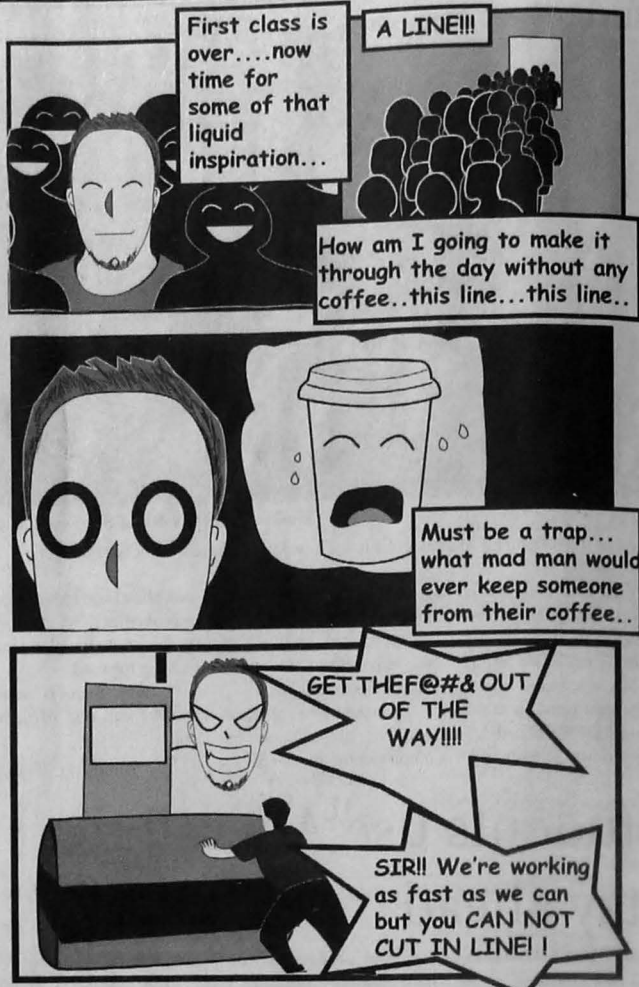
Now sure, it's fine to wear them if you have a nice figure.

I'm not trying to be rude, I just know what I can and can't wear regardless of the trend.

I'm not going to go out and buy a baby gap shirt like Simon Cowell from American Idol, so I expect the girls with cottage cheese thighs that can be seen through the leggings not to wear them out of respect for the human race.

Now ladies, it's cold outside, so why are you wearing saran wrap on your legs anyways?

You know you should put some pants on, but it's fine because your feet are always warm with the UGG boots that seem to go hand-in-hand with leggings/jeggings.



A green tax to earn more green

By MAXWELL BALVIN
The Triangle, Drexel U. Via UWIRE

Everyone knows that rising gas prices are a result of the increase in the price of crude oil. Presently, the cheapest gas you can buy in Philadelphia is more than \$3.00 per gallon. However, the federal government needs to give serious consideration to levying a national "green" tax on the price of gas. That's right, it would be beneficial for us to be paying more for our gas. As argued by Thomas Friedman in a New York Times op-ed called "Real Men Tax Gas," a national gas tax could be used to pay down the debt and invest in green technology.

While it's true that no one wants to pay more for gas, there's no doubting the fact that higher gas prices force consumers to conserve gas. Another benefit of levying a national gas tax is that the money can be used to invest in alternative energy. In this country, nuclear energy has a stigma that has been hard to shake due the disasters at Three Mile

Island in 1979 and Chernobyl, Ukraine in 1986, but we should not turn our back on a method of energy production that doesn't rely on burning hydrocarbons - releasing no greenhouse gases. Currently, nuclear energy supplies 20 percent of America's energy needs, and at the same time is responsible for over 70 percent of the U.S.'s total renewable energy production. The revenue generated from a national "green" tax could be used to develop other methods of renewable energy production - such as solar, wind and geothermal energy - to diversify America's energy portfolio.

A common kneejerk reaction to hearing about new taxes is to whine and grumble about the tyranny of an oversized government that is killing jobs and taking money away from the workingman. Here's why a "green" tax is necessary. First of all, America's addiction to oil is an issue of national security. T. Boone Pickens, who founded Mesa Oil but now invests in alternative forms of energy

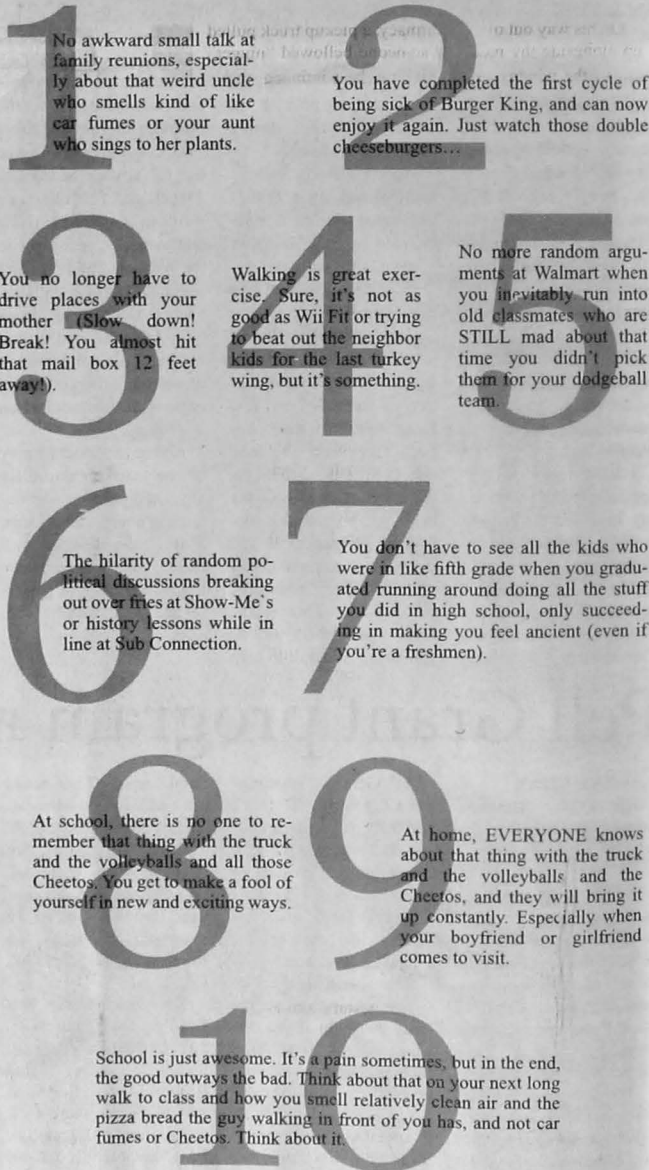
production, has declared that our addiction to oil "threatens our economy, our environment and our national security." If we don't curb our use of oil, our addiction will cost us \$10 trillion over the next decade. Rather than send astronomical amounts of money to countries that don't even like us, we need to invest in green energy now so that we can save money later.

Additionally, we have lost millions of jobs due to outsourcing, automation and the financial collapse that plunged us into a recession. For a country struggling with unemployment that currently hovers around 9.4 percent, investing in green energy would certainly create a lot of jobs here at home and revitalize our economy. Finally, we can use some of the money levied from a green tax to help pay down our national debt. The national debt is over \$14 trillion, so we need to start generating revenue. For the sake of our future, we need a "green" gas tax because success doesn't come without sacrifice.

The back to school highs

By CLARE PRATT
Staff writer

Back to school means back to tests, papers, treading to class through the snow, ice and sludge (at least mailmen get paid and get to play with dogs) and your weird professor who still swears that the government has been watching him since the 60's. Still, it's not all bad. It seems like there is a significant amount of doom and gloom infesting campus, and that just isn't right. So here are some things that you won't miss about break, and some things you might be surprised you did miss:



Sex talk: Let's get it on

By JUSTIN LAW
Opinion editor

Let's talk some sex. As part of Know Your Status Week, Christine Tolis, assistant program director of student wellness, spoke at a seminar entitled "Let's Talk About Sex."

The discussion, hosted by Activities Programming Board (APB), Black Student Union and Spectrum, dealt with how to practice safe sex in order to reduce the risk of contracting an STD.

One of the first things Tolis had the group do was yell the word 'sex.' From there, the seminar was informative, blunt and to the point, as well as entertaining.

In the past, I have been to sex seminars that have been just the opposite. Usually, it seems like the speaker at these types of discussions are afraid of

the topic.

They are nervous about answering questions and certainly have issues saying the word 'sex,' let alone yelling it.

Tolis explained the different types of STDs. There are bacterial STDs, which are treatable, and viral STDs, which are not.

She also gave instruction on proper condom usage, telling people to make sure they get the right size, that it isn't expired and to pinch the top and roll it onto the penis.

This was the first sex seminar I have been to where the putting the condom on the banana technique was used. She even showed the audience how to make their own dental dam.

Simply take a condom and roll it out, cut off the tip and slice up the side. What you should be left with is a large, rectangular

piece of latex.

Sex can be an uncomfortable topic, however, that doesn't make it any less important. There should be more seminars like this one.

Perhaps if students were given this information in high school, there would be less of an issue with STDs.

Plain and simple, people are going to have sex. Preaching abstinence has never really worked and is just an excuse to avoid informing people on how to have sex properly.

So talk about sex. Don't treat it like it's a hideous thing that no one else does.

Above all, know what you're getting into.

Unprotected sex puts you at a high risk for contracting an STD and the numbers for those who already have STDs are high. So why make yourself one of those numbers?

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TV actor delivers thought-provoking speech

Hill Harper speaks at annual Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon

By **JESSE HELLMANN**
Staff writer

The first time Hill Harper visited southern Indiana, he was not greeted with the "southern hospitality" we so often boast.

In fact, he was greeted with the same horrific and embarrassing manner with which African-Americans were treated in the Civil War days.

While visiting New Harmony, Ind., upon invitation to see a play, he ventured out of his hotel room to the downtown pharmacy to get a bottle of water.

On his way out of the pharmacy, a pickup truck pulled up alongside the road and someone bellowed "nigger" out of the window. Heart sinking, he continued on his way only to have the same word yelled at him by a couple of kids on their bicycles.

And with this, Harper was left with the impression that New Harmony, Ind. is not so harmonious.

This is the type of behavior Martin Luther King, Jr. died trying to eradicate. Star of television's "CSI: NY," acclaimed author and Harvard Law graduate Hill, 44, visited Evansville Monday morning to deliver a message of hope and courage, attempting to instill a new fire in the citizens of this small, Ohio River city.

Navigating his way through the sea of more than 325 people, Harper dove right in avoiding the sugar-coated speech that many would expect on such a celebratory occasion.

"The differences we see in terms of educational achievement and what's going on in our public schools, particularly with African-American males, I believe Dr. King would be appalled," he said.

However, his speech was not directed at the African-American demographic, but the entire Evansville community.

Quoting King: "We are all tied together in a garment of a mutual destiny," Harper said.

"If you're not doing well, I'm not doing well, because we're tied," he said. "Even though you may be in Evansville, Ind., if 73 out of 100 young African-American men in Baltimore aren't graduating, then you aren't doing well either."

He reiterated, "And it begs the question... what would Dr. King be working on now?"

Harper explained fear as "false evidence appearing real."

He said that fear is what stops most people from accomplishing their goals.

"Some of us work so hard to impress people we don't really care about," he said.

With this statement, a gentle hush covered the crowd.

He explained that true courage to him is acting and living from one's heart. However, he said that many people are too enveloped in fear to chase their dreams.

"Fear is in here," Harper said, gesturing to his head, and with a similar motion, towards his heart. "Courage is here."

He assured the audience that the future does not belong to the fearful.

"It belongs to those who live through passion, energy, reason and courage," he said.

USI president Linda Bennett found herself relating to the message.

"Every one of us can sit here and think of a moment in time when we really wanted to do something but (thought), what would my family think? What would my friends think?" Bennett said. "And we stop ourselves. And then we regret it for the longest time."

President of the Student Government Association Hope Fussner said that Harper shone a light about how things can be in the world.

"I think the speech was amazing. He made great points that anyone could understand and relate to," Fussner said.

"He was correct in saying that we need to just stand up and break out and not just keep quiet," she said. "We need to work for equality."



Photos by **JIMMY PYLES**, Visual Editor

Top Left: Dancers perform during Monday's MLK luncheon.

Top Middle: Following the luncheon on Monday, CSI: NY star Hill Harper signed books for fans and attendees.

Top Right: Hill Harper asked a spectator a question during his MLK speech Monday.

Main: "We are all tied together in a garment of a mutual destiny," Harper said quoting Martin Luther King Jr.

Above: The MLK luncheon was sold out Monday packing Carter Hall full of attendees.

Left: Amadeus Percussions of the Glenwood Leadership Academy (formerly known as the Culver-Glenwood Drumline) performed at the end of the luncheon Monday.



Photo Courtesy of Sony Pictures

Movie review: 'Green Hornet' succeeds as action comedy

By JASON MACK

The Independent Collegian, U. Toledo via UWIRE

"The Green Hornet" walks a fine line between believable and absurd but manages to balance atop the tightrope throughout. The end result is a superhero movie that is pure fun.

Seth Rogen stars in the movie, is an executive producer and co-wrote the script with frequent collaborator Evan Goldberg. Friends since childhood, Rogen and Goldberg have collaborated on films such as "Knocked Up," "Superbad" and "Pineapple Express." The banter and sense of humor in "Green Hornet" is similar to their previous efforts.

Rogen plays Britt Reid, a rich playboy who inherits the family newspaper after his father's sudden death. He meets his father's genius mechanic Kato (Jay Chou) and the two bond immediately. A night of vandalizing his father's statue turns into the two stopping a crime in progress, and a brilliant concept is born: they will fight crime while using the newspaper to label themselves as criminals.

At one point Kevin Smith was in line to write and direct the film. He summed the plot up perfectly when he said, "I dig the fact that he kicked off a run of billionaire playboys who decided to put on a mask and fight crime and that he was Batman before there was a Bat-

man."

The major difference between the Green Hornet and Batman is the dynamism between hero and sidekick. Kato is no Robin. He constantly bails out Reid with lightning-quick martial arts thanks to an ability to slow time down with his quasi-superpower heightened adrenaline ability. Director Michel Gondry (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind) uses this skill to create unique and entertaining scenes that combine elements of fights from "The Matrix" and "Sherlock Holmes."

Chou is an overseas star with an American breakout waiting to happen after a nearly flawless performance in a role originally intended for his idol Jet Li. Along with

acting, writing and directing, Chou is a famous pop singer in Taiwan.

Despite the new role of a hero, Rogen comes off as the same witty slacker with a heart of gold that he has always played, and it works. He would not be believable as a true superhero, but the script smartly calls for him to play second fiddle to Kato. Reid's ego and the duo's misunderstood dynamic lead to plenty of snide remarks and amusing arguments.

The film benefits from the brilliant casting of Christopher Waltz as Benjamin Chudnofsky. Nicolas Cage originally had the part, but thankfully he dropped out due to creative differences in the first week of filming.

Fresh off his Oscar win as Col. Hans Landa in last year's "Inglourious Basterds," Waltz brings the same sarcastic wit to "Green Hornet" as an aging crime lord facing an identity crisis. He won't be winning an Oscar for this role, but like the rest of the film, his character is humorous and entertaining.

Cameron Diaz plays Reid's secretary Lenore Case, the third point in a barely existent love triangle. Her character provides little to the movie other than someone for Reid and Kato to fight over while she unknowingly supplies the duo with direction in their vigilante endeavors. Diaz is the weak link in an otherwise strong chain of

characters.

The other star of the film is "The Black Beauty," Kato's supercar creation featuring bullet-proof windows, flame throwers and turret guns, among other gadgets. The car was created by modifying 29 Chrysler Imperials from 1964-66.

"Green Hornet" benefits from daring to be different. It manages to provide a sarcastic take on the typical dynamic duo while avoiding becoming campy. While no 3D effects are worth the extra ticket cost, "Green Hornet" creatively implements the technology with some of the best post-production 3D to date. The film is more comedy than action, but fans of either genre will enjoy it.

Social work major engineers problem-solving forum

By DANIELLE NORRIS
Life & Culture editor

Brandon May dreams of creating solutions to the world's problems through innovation.

Last year, when the senior social work major started thinking about things he wanted fixed around him, he decided to get other people involved in executing benevolent ideas.

This was born the concept of SocialVent.

The concept involves web-based interaction be-

tween contributors who identify problems and competitive capital investors who bid for rights to bring the idea to physical reality.

Contributors are in turn rewarded with 5 percent of the funds raised towards the cause.

"Just imagine what will happen when we create a global meeting place for the world's most creative individuals, allow their intense motivations to be focused on benefiting the world, provide a global network of individuals

willing to pitch in for the greater good and then connect them with establishments that have the means to take that concept and turn it into physical reality," May said. "The potential is mind-boggling."

But before he can change the world and aid others in doing the same, May too must come up with the funding to make SocialVent a reality.

May has set a deadline of March 31 to raise the necessary funding.

Currently, he has raised 3 percent of his \$10,000

goal.

Though he has still been tossing around ideas about raising awareness of the project, he has slowly been getting his friends and USI faculty involved in the effort.

His Exponential Expansion of Good (EEG) project allows those interested in the concept of SocialVent to affect an immediate change in the process of donating to the larger idea.

Contribution amounts range from \$10 to \$20,000, and beneficiaries

of the EEG project include the Nothing But Nets Campaign, Kiva.org, the Seva Foundation and the Vittana Foundation.

Smaller contributions will provide anti-malarial bed nets and help fund a college education for the economically disadvantaged.

Larger contributions promise to fund laptops for children in developing countries and even the construction of an actual school.

If the fundraising goal isn't met by deadline, the

donations will be returned to contributors, though May hopes that will not be the case.

May does not plan on giving up on SocialVent if the fundraising campaign fails.

The concept is, after all, almost a year in the making.

"Never before in human history has such a collaborative and streamlined approach to improving and creating our reality been possible," he said.

Holocaust survivor, Philip Gans, shares his story

By RYAN HOWE
Staff writer

Philip Gans, 82, began his presentation to the crowd that gathered in Mitchell Auditorium on Friday night with a simple request.

"When you go home tonight, cross the word hate out of your dictionary," he said.

USI students, faculty and community members were among the listeners to Gans' story of survival during the mass extermination of Jews in World War II Europe in the Holocaust. Gans and his family were forced into hiding when the Germans invaded Holland in 1940.

Three years later in July 1943, they were arrested and sent to Westerbork Detention Camp, only to be relocated to Auschwitz Concentration Camp one month later in overcrowd-

As soon as people stepped off the train at Auschwitz, they were separated into groups, one for laborers and one for those who would be sent to the gas chambers, Gans recalled.

When Gans stepped up, a Nazi guard hesitated but placed him in the worker line.

It was then that Gans became #139755 - not Philip, but a number.

He was then stripped of his belongings, given a striped prison suit and shaved.

Gans endured brutal living conditions in Auschwitz for two years, where the food rations were small, the drinking water was unsanitary and the work days were long.

Gans worked in constant fear of abuse by the camp guards.

"The Nazi soldiers never had a nice word

abused us physically and mentally. When I first arrived a very ugly man told me 'You'll never get out alive,'" he said.

In April of 1945, after 21 months, Gans was liberated from the Nazi camp.

He was 17 and the sole survivor of his family.

Sixty-five years later, Gans' story of survival still caused strong reactions in some audience members.

"It's so different from what you read or hear about," freshman creative writing major Sky Simmons said. "It really gets you thinking, 'I'm sitting close to a piece of living history.' It's awesome."

Gans ended his presentation with words of wisdom.

"Erase hate, don't be a bystander, and never give up hope."

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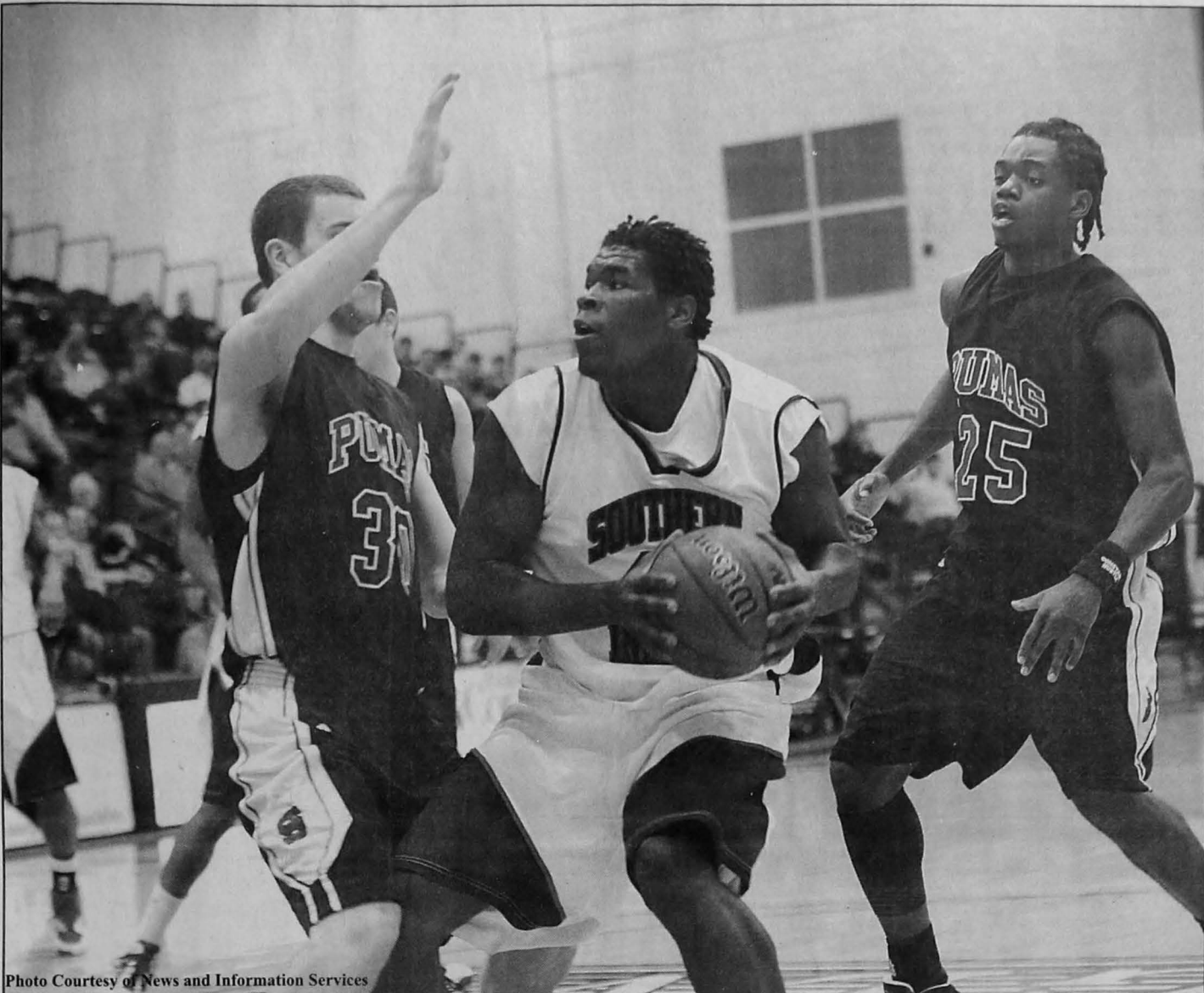


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Former Eagle receives posthumous degree

By MATT ZIELSKE
Sports editor

Jeron Lewis wasn't only an athlete, a father, a teammate and a soon-to-be husband, but also, a student. His passing on January 14, 2010 not only resulted in the loss of an individual who impacted the USI community greatly, but a student who wasn't able to complete a journey that many do.

The Board of Trustees recognized Lewis' commitment to his team, family and community May 8, 2010 when the board awarded Lewis a posthumous degree for the bachelor of science in kinesiology.

Provost Ronald Rochon gave the degree in Indianapolis this past semester. "We went to Indy and had an elegant ceremony," Rochon said.

Head coach Rodney Watson described the ceremony as beautiful and well-done.

It was a celebration of Lewis' life. Family and friends sat and discussed the moments that reflected his life. There were an abundance of them, according to Watson.

"It was a first-class move by our university and the family greatly appreciated the degree,"

Watson said. In addition to this, the student must be in good academic standing with the university. If all of these requirements are met, the Board of Trustees vote on

it at a meeting. This was the case in May when they approved the award. "I thought it was a great decision by the university and a nice gesture," said Athletic Director John Mark Hall.

Hall said it's been a rough year and that it's always important to celebrate Lewis' life. The giving of this degree was a step in that direction.

In the history of the university, only four or five posthumous degrees have been awarded. Watson reflected on how upbeat and positive Lewis was. "He always had a smile and was a hard worker," Watson said. "He knew when to have a good time and get serious."

Upcoming Games/ Events

- Sat, Jan. 22, 2011
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. University of Indianapolis 1 p.m.
- MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD at Gladstein Invitational
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- MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. University of Indianapolis 3:15 p.m.

Jeron remembered: continued from Pg. 1

Watson got to know Jeron he says he was blown away.

"The first time we ran the timed mile, he's over 260 pounds, he ran it in 6 minutes and 15 seconds. It was incredible. He was running on heart. It was tremendous."

He was a very athletic player and that same drive that he had that day for the timed mile carried over into his work ethic on and off the court. Coming into his first year at USI, Lewis had to pass 6 credit hours in the summer to be eligible and he got done what he needed to get done.

Senior Brandon Hogg reflects on how much Lewis cared about his teammates and his work ethic by talking about drills the team ran in practice. The team would run sprints across the gym. If the last player was not across the line by a certain

time they would all have to run again.

Lewis, being a larger man, would often struggle because he would always be so close to making his teammates run again he would often dive across the line to ensure they didn't have to.

"He was a horse on the court," Hogg said.

To his teammates Lewis was seen unlike any of us could imagine.

"He was like a big brother. He would take you under his wing and show you what needed to be done," said Hogg.

Senior Kevin Gant was roommates with Lewis and as a result had a close personal relationship with him.

"He was always a happy guy, he never took things too serious. He knew though when to get work done."

Although Lewis was

most well known for his actions on the court, the memory that Watson recalls the most about him was his dedication to his family and helping those in need.

Lewis walked into Watson's office and sat down to talk with him one day. Watson recalled the event with clarity.

"Jeron was an athletic guy and a good basketball player," Watson said. "He was selfless on the court and could have gone overseas to play."

When Watson told him this, Lewis' reply was surprising to him.

"He said that he wanted to graduate, move back to Fort Wayne and live with his family. To work at the boys and girls club and help kids in need," Watson said. "I was totally blown away. When he left my office I knew that he got 'it' and better than I

would ever understand."

Jeron left a lasting impression on those he came into contact with. There is a saying that the good die young and Jeron Lewis was definitely one of the good ones. He isn't gone though, because he is remembered.

Immortality is an enigma. Ponce De Leon searched for the fountain of youth in Florida. Shakespeare believed immortality could be reached by placing someone in the lines of a poem.

Maybe true immortality is reached by the ability of others to remember you in a positive, loving light.

To his teammates, family and the PAC community number 40 will always be remembered. He will be remembered for his wide smile, his big body and his giant heart.

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Condoms, dental dams and preventing STDs

By **LOGAN HURSH**
Staff writer

Sex. The word itself can cause some to blush and giggle, but there is increasing concern that this topic be discussed.

Here are the facts: one in four college students have a sexually transmitted disease.

Eighty percent of people who have STDs do not show symptoms, and 50 percent of college-aged people will contract an STD.

In collaboration with H.E.A.R., Spectrum, the Black Student Union and the Activities Programming Board, USI hosted a "Let's Talk About Sex" seminar Tuesday evening in Carter Hall to draw attention to these realities.

The event was part of Know Your Status week, which aims to increase

awareness about the spread of HIV and STDs within the student body and the precautionary measures necessary for prevention.

The seminar drew a modest-sized crowd but the audience was actively participating and engaged in topics discussed.

Guest speaker Christine Tolis, assistant program director of student wellness for the Recreation and Fitness Center, discussed a wide range of topics such as proper use of condoms and dental dams.

"The seminar was very informative and entertaining," said Tara, a social work major who wished to be identified by first name only.

"They mentioned that women are really susceptible to STDs and I don't think that girls really know that," she said.

"It definitely was in-

formative and interesting when they talked about their own personal experiences," said Mark Boettcher, an international studies major.

"That made it a lot more personal and real to me."

Know Your Status week will continue with guest speaker Hydeia Broadbent, who will present on the effects of HIV on the new generations on Thursday at a free event in Carter Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Free HIV testing will be offered on Friday in the Student Health Center in the lower level of the Health Professions building.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the free test and to learn more about what they can do to reduce their risk of contracting HIV and STDs.

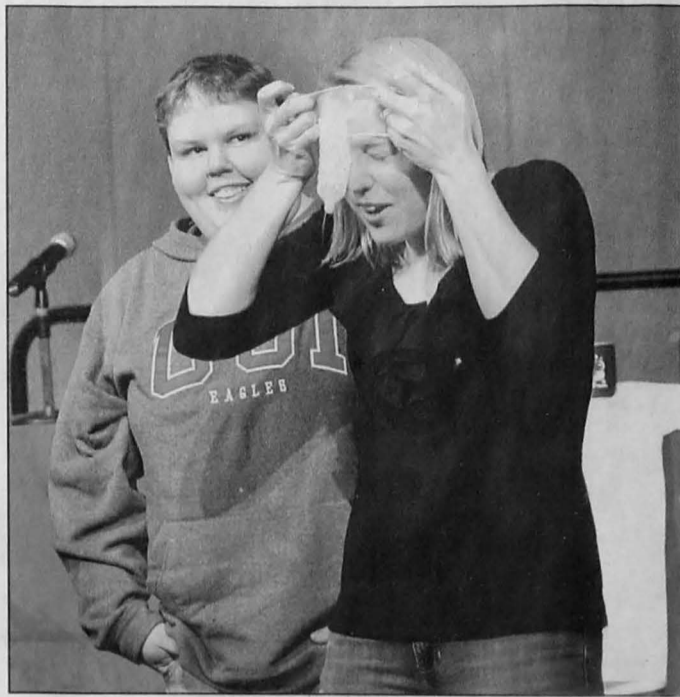


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Christine Tolis attempts to stretch a condom over her head during Tuesday night's "Let's Talk About Sex" seminar. Tolis gave information on safe sex techniques and how to avoid contracting STDs.

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