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International students reach record high

University hosts 115 international students

By KYLE KNIGHT
Special to the Shield

Enrollment for international students exceeded 100 this year for the first in USI's history. This year's enrollment for International Students attending the university totaled 115 with over 43 new students.

Twenty-two of the 115 students come from the country of Saudi Arabia, which recently approved over 1,000 scholarships to study abroad.

With the aesthetic improvements created by the university, the increasing presence of International Students highlights another area of USI's growth.

Director for International Programs and Services Heidi Gregori-Gahan said, "Most students come because of the quality of education."

Motivating factors concerning location and safety drive many international students to the Midwest. USI also remains appealing because of its affordability, and the positive responses from returning students.

Because of a lack of funds, Gahan and IPS practice what she calls "armchair recruitment." Some of this recruitment involves advertising in magazines, such as Peterson's guidebook which go all over the world.

Working with Destination Indiana, IPS will host advisers from other countries who travel to the school and provide unbiased assessments of the schools. Founded in 2001, Destination Indiana works to provide educational opportunities in Indiana for international students.

The process for international students seeking admission involves an almost yearlong set of tasks that sometimes results in ranking the schools to attend from a list.

For Paul Rocton, a 20 year-old student from France, the top of his list did not include USI. Rocton's journey began with the International Student Exchange Program, who he said gave him 10 choices and told him to rank them.

This process began last October for Rocton and took him over nine months to complete. Rocton found the "process long and the

selection tough" and "waited five to six hours for the final interview that lasted 20 seconds."

The interview determined whether Rocton would return to France and the strength of his family ties. "All students coming as nonimmigrants have to prove strong ties to their home," Gahan said.

Gahan herself got the opportunity to see the process firsthand visiting the American embassy in Jordan.

"Out-front of the embassy were several tanks and you had to pass three checkpoints," Gahan said before entering the interview area. Like Rocton's interview, many have long waits and end in a minute long interview.

To gain admission into USI, students applying must present proof of English proficiency, translated high school transcripts and enough monetary funds for one year.

Szu-Tung Lin came to study abroad because her parents wanted her to study the English language. "I began studying the language because it is an international language and it would be easier to find a job back in Taiwan," Lin said.

Rocton's decision to study English came in his first year of middle school. "In my first year they gave us a choice between English and German and I chose English," said Rocton.

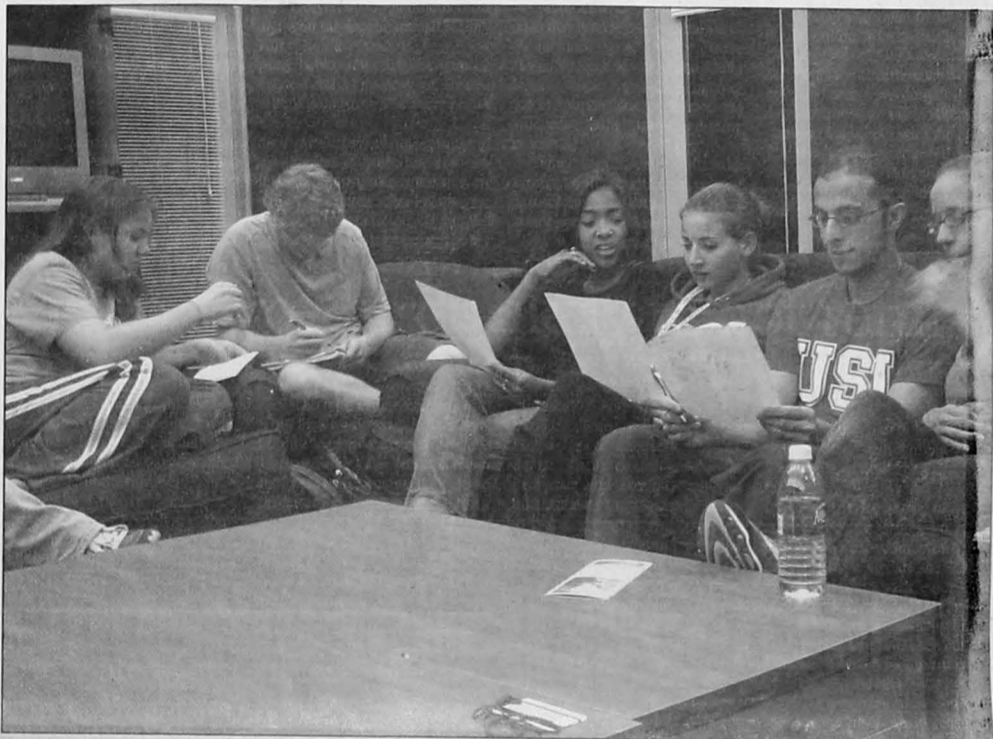
Once arriving in the United States, IPS helps ease the transition for the students.

"They're (IPS) really helpful," Rocton said. "They help with trying to register, send someone to pick you up from the airport, and show you to your room." Rocton even commented that "they're not as nice in France, in France you're seen more as a customer."

If students need help adapting to American practices IPS provides a source of information to explain the practices.

"In the past we have had students that did not understand the banking system so we contacted a representative from a local bank to help," said Gahan. Also to aid students in conversations, IPS picks a conversation partner for students.

To meet the needs of students, IPS does assessments of students



Brazilian international student Leonardo Fleck conducts a bible study with his friends in the multi-purpose room of Ruston Hall. Pictured from left to right, Katie Funke, Leonardo Fleck, India Stiles, Maureen Rapa, Hasan Odeh and Jennifer Hancock.

Photo by Zachary Adkins

needs to help bridge gaps. "One of our goals is to meet the needs of Muslim students more effectively in praying," said Gahan. Specifically in prayer, this requires prayer five times a day and washing the body in a specific ritual.

The International Club also reduces the gap by helping exchange students meet American students through the organization. The club plans events with trips to Holiday World and Saint Louis. "IPS has been helpful with social activities," Rocton said.

Both noninternational students and even students outside the university may join the International Club.

At the beginning of the semester, Rocton visited IPS almost everyday. "After awhile you just go by to say hello," Lin said she continues to visit IPS almost twice a month.

Gahan said IPS's plans include "continuing to grow and to stay on top of student needs."

USI beats UE in Scion standoff, second year in a row

By COLLEEN BINKLEY
Special to the Shield

University of Southern Indiana won the second annual Kenny Kent Scion Standoff that took place between the USI Screaming Eagles and University of Evansville Purple Aces. The event began when Kenny Kent Scion approached the schools hoping to use their creativeness as a competitive tradition through the universities where each school paints one side of a Toyota Scion xB and the public votes on the winner. Kenny

Kent awarded \$500 to both schools and \$500 to the winner's art department.

The four USI students who designed the USI side of the vehicle included Natalie Victor, Bruce Bolin, Richard Krockner and Laura Ross. Chuck Armstrong, instructor of graphic design, helped the students with the designing process.

"They worked really hard under a pretty tight deadline to get our half completed, and they did a pretty good job," Armstrong said.

The theme this year was

the 86th Annual West Side Nut Club Fall Festival and their history of giving back.

Voting was open to all the public online from Sept. 26 until Oct. 6. Over 13,000 votes were cast, with a vote difference of only 300. USI won rewarding USI's art department with the \$500 prize and also the school with the \$500. The winner was announced Saturday at the Fall Festival. The car was in the parade at the festival that evening.

Freshmen enrollment up, two-thirds likely to not return

By RACHEL TERLEP
The Shield staff

While USI can celebrate its second biggest freshmen class ever this year, it must face the fact that total enrollment reached a plateau. Since its peak in 2004, USI's enrollment numbers have steadily stayed the same. Not only are numbers leveling, but the school is also losing a large chunk of students each year.

According to the College Board website, only 64 percent of freshmen classes return here for their sophomore year. This compares to University of Evansville's 78 percent, Purdue's 84 percent and IU's 88 percent retention rate. This statistic brings some questions to mind. Why is USI losing so many students? What can the school do to keep future students?

Robert Parrent, vice president of student affairs, offers many explanations. According to Parrent, retention at institutions depends heavily on the student profile, which is the type of people that make up the student body.

"USI has a very broad student profile," Parrent said. "We have commuters, nontraditional students, first-generation college students, full-time workers and moms with families at home."

Although most every university has to deal with these demographics, USI has higher percentages of each than many schools. For example, non-traditional undergraduate make up 25 percent of USI's enrollment. Nearly 40

percent of USI students are first-generation college students.

"Many times, first-generation students are not familiar with college jargon and lingo," Parrent said.

Undergraduates that come from families accustomed to the university lifestyle are usually not as overwhelmed as those without experience in the family.

These types of students are more apt to not complete a four-year undergraduate program than traditional students. Some do not even have the goal to complete all four years.

students enroll just to complete a semester or two.

The type of university is also a big factor with keeping students. Highly selective institutions, like Harvard and Yale, tend to retain more students because they are so discerning to begin with. The student profile in private schools is less homogenous than those at bigger, public schools, which also plays a factor in retention. While USI's retention rates seem low,

Universities collect and report data in different ways.

"Comparing statistics in some cases is like comparing apples to oranges," said Parrent. The 64% for USI applies to first-time, full-time, baccalaureate degree-seekers. USI numbers will vary depending on the category.

USI is working to keep its students with construction, expansions and updating current facilities. The university is playing "catch-up" with its expanding student body. For instance, the old Rice Library could sustain 3,500

students. It needed to be revamped to accommodate the growing population.

"Students like to be affiliated with success," said Parrent. "They want to take pride in their campus."

The new fountain, labyrinth and quad projects hope to ignite that pride. Renovation won't stop there. Plans to update the Recreation and Fitness Center and McDonald West are also in the works. While the university hopes these expansions will keep current students, it also hopes to catch the eye of prospective ones. USI wants to become a more competitive institution in an increasingly competitive market.

Beyond construction, much of keeping students at USI has to do with the campus community itself.

"Everyone at the university is a retention agent, from the grounds staff to President Hoops," Parrent said. "Our students deserve the best educational experience possible." USI is working to make — and keep — it that way.

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Vice President of Student Affairs

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"We must ask ourselves, 'What is the intended educational purpose at the time of entry?'"

Parrent said. Many nontraditional

Parrent said that, according to the Cooperative Institutional

Research Program (CIRP), USI is "right on line" with other institu-

Film class learns that movie's story lies outside of dialouge

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER
The Shield staff

To Professor Eric Braysmith, there is no such thing as a bad movie.

By his painted hands, his keen eye for movies and a collection of Hawaiian print shirts, Braysmith defends and teaches the delicate art of film at the University of Southern Indiana. For 18 years, Braysmith has been teaching "movie watching" to a variety of students at USI.

In his class, students learn to dissect movies through visual imagery and shot compositions, which Braysmith considers the biggest story teller in a movie, even more than the dialogue.

"A lot of times a student will say that a movie is bad, which is not usually true. Some movies

may be better than others, however, the movie itself isn't bad, the transfer is bad," said Braysmith. Bad transfers are especially prevalent in movies from the 1950s and 60s era, which is why

and renovates historical houses. This would explain why dry paint usually covers his hands during lectures.

His works can be seen at the Bank of Evansville, the Civic

'Movies are a visual thing, but people only watch them for the story.'

**-Eric Braysmith
Film Professor**

Braysmith asks the same question after every movie, "Who didn't like this movie?"

In addition to studying and teaching film, Braysmith also paints murals around Evansville

Center and Angelo's.

Braysmith has gathered his teaching expertise from Ohio State, where he studied film and photography and later went on to study film in graduate school.

His training has now brought him to USI where his objective is to enlighten "bad movie watchers".

"Movies are a visual thing, but people only watch them for the story," Braysmith said, who has spent years teaching movies to USI students, as well as members of the community.

"Friday Night in the Forum" allows people throughout the community to view a variety of films in movie theater style, minus the concessions. It gives the public a chance to view rare movies in their original format.

However, due to the rigorous process of attaining the reels, many of the movies that have been scheduled are now being replaced with others.

The first film of the season

will be an African film called, *Adangaman*, which will show Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Forum 1.

In some cases, these reels can cost as much as \$800 to use, which does not include postage.

Surprisingly, the newer films are the most expensive, even though there may be many prints in circulation. It is a price that Braysmith is willing to put up with, though, because to him any theatrical film can only be justified on the big screen.

"I have no respect for cropped films," Braysmith said. A DVD crops films down. It cuts out up to 40 percent of the picture and creates a blurry non-directional image of "talking heads" rather than the intended theatrical composition of shots and visuals that collaborate to tell the story.

According to Braysmith, New Yorker Films contributes the majority of the reels for class, along with Swank Motion Pictures.

These companies own the copyrights to the movies, which are then signed over and barrowed by USI.

In some cases, only a few prints of these movies remain in circulation. This only makes it harder to receive a reel, even though Braysmith often returns them in better shape than he received them.

"The whole point is to get people to care and respect these movies," Braysmith said.

University preparing for new alert system

Clocks, speakers and texting to warn students during emergency

By CARRIE WILLIAMS
Special to The Shield

Miles Mann, assistant director of the physical plant, said that USI was looking into a new alert system even before the Virginia Tech shootings back in the spring of this year.

Mann and Barry Hart, director of campus security and transportation, have already been meeting with potential vendors to install the new alert system.

Some of the potential vendors include Message Net, BRG, Siemens Technology and Precision Communications. The company that they are considering to maintain all the databases will cost USI at most \$50,000 per year.

"Within the next couple of weeks, we will send out proposals telling the companies what we want," Mann said.

Both Mann and Hart said that students and faculty will be alerted through email, campus televisions, loud speakers, text messaging and even clocks.

The campus televisions are already up and Mann and Hart are currently looking for a company that will take care of e-mailing everyone on campus.

The system for the e-mail will end up costing between \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Whatever the vendors the directors choose, they are hoping that the company will install the loud speakers, text messaging database, and the clocks.

The new clocks will replace all existing clocks in the classrooms and all throughout campus. The clocks will either be analog or digital, but both will come with speakers.

The digital clock is an LED clock that will work like a scrolling text message. When an alert has been sent out, the time will go away and then the alert will scroll across the screen. The clocks will cost between \$50,000 to \$120,000.

When the students are outside playing sports or doing any outdoor activity, they will be alerted for severe weather, or any other disaster, through the loud speakers that will be placed throughout campus.

The speakers that will roughly cost \$15,000, will be placed by the rugby, soccer, baseball, and disc golf fields. There will also be one by the Broadway complex.

Whichever company Mann and Hart decide to go with to do the speakers, they will also set up the text messaging database.

Students and faculty will volunteer their cell phone numbers to be put into a database done by either the company or the students. Numbers will most likely be registered through email.

Purdue University was the first university to test the mass text messaging alert system.

The school recently did a test of speed and dependability on Sept. 24, texting over 10,000 students and faculty. The test was a success.

According to the Associated Press, the test message took at least seven minutes to send and within minutes, 2,000 people responded. Some of the people that signed up did not receive a message because either they were not capable of receiving messages or have not paid for a texting service.

Once a company has been chosen and everything goes well, the new alert systems should be installed within the next four to six weeks.

"If everything doesn't go well, things should be wrapped up by Christmas" Mann said.

The goal is to have everything running by the second semester.

Jesus tells his tale in former professor's book *Jesus of Nazareth*

By RACHEL TERLEP
The Shield staff

A former USI professor was on campus Sept. 25 to endorse his new novel *The Autobiography of Jesus of Nazareth*, which hit the shelves this past July.

John Gotcent, who retired in the spring of 2006 after teaching here for 36 years, was outside the bookstore signing copies and talking to interested students about it.

Gotcent was a humanities and English professor from 1970 to 2006. He also taught a Literature of the Bible class at USI, and his experiences in that class sparked his interest in writing the book.

The fictitious novel, which is just under 200 pages, is a first-person account from Jesus Christ himself and his life experiences outside of the Bible's tales.

The story focuses on the historical events taking place during Jesus' time and the "lost years" of his life (from early adolescence to age 30).

It's a "what-if" autobiography, which creatively works to recreate what might have happened during those years.

Gotcent, who spent nearly a year on the book, wants to see the success of this novel before deciding to work on another.

He has however done additional writing in his retirement. According to an article written on Gotcent on the university's website, he has also written several columns for the Courier and Press.

Jesus of Nazareth is available at Barnes & Nobles, Borders and other retail bookstores for \$19.95. It can also be purchased online and at the USI bookstore.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Friday, October 12, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
2:00 PM
Conversation with the FBI
2:00 PM
USI Political Science Society Lecture
2:00 PM
USI Political Science Society Lecture
3:30 PM
Liberal Arts Colloquium: Dr. Jason Hardgrave
7:00 PM
USI Volleyball hosts Kentucky Wesleyan College

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
TBA
Southern Hospitality Day
3:00 PM
USI Volleyball hosts Bellarmine University
5:30 PM
USI Live at the Apollo

Sunday, October 14, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
1:00 PM
Rotary Cultural Diversity Heritage Fest 2007
8:30 PM
Catholic Mass

Monday, October 15, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
4:00 PM
The Termination of Procrastination
5:00 PM
CEO Workshop: Presidents' Roundtable Discussion
6:00 PM
Wedding Floral Design--Corsages
6:00 PM
Using Windows
6:00 PM
Basic Healthy Cooking

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
8:00 AM
Basic Orientation Plus
1:30 PM
College of Nursing & Health Professions Alumna-in-Residence
4:30 PM
Toastmasters Meeting
5:30 PM
USI Nursing Alumni Society Dinner

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
5:00 PM
Habitat for Humanity Meeting
7:00 PM
Maria Falzone presents: Sex Rules!
7:30 PM
Global Community Iranian Culture Night
9:00 PM
SPECTRUM meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Time
Event
ALL DAY
2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
10:00 AM
Alcohol Screening
3:00 PM
Basic Orientation Plus - Refresher
9:00 PM
APB Movie: Transformers

Plane crash kills 10

Skydiving trip leads to deadly tragedy

WHITE PASS, Wash. (AP) - Searchers combing through wreckage Tuesday found the last three victims among 10 killed when their plane crashed in Washington's rugged central Cascade Range on their way home from a skydiving event.

Bodies of seven of the 10 people aboard were found Monday. Recovery crews found the rest on Tuesday, said Nisha Marvel, spokeswoman for the state Department of Transportation's aviation division.

"It's rough rugged terrain, and it took about 35 volunteers to comb that recovery area today to find the remaining passengers," Marvel said.

The debris at the remote crash site indicated that the Cessna Caravan 208 went down in a steep nosedive, Yakima County Sheriff Ken Irwin told a news conference at a command center.

The plane left Star, Idaho, near Boise, on Sunday evening en route to Shelton, Wash., northwest of Olympia, but did not arrive. It had been returning from a skydiving

meet in Idaho when it disappeared.

It was not immediately clear what caused the plane to crash.

"We have radar information that shows the rapid descent but other than that we have really no hard evidence as to what caused it," Marvel said.

Fighting back tears, Kelly Craig, whose 30-year-old brother, Casey, died in the crash, said the skydivers on board had made lots of jumps over the weekend. He doubted that they would have been prepared for an emergency jump, because it was unlikely they were strapped into parachutes and wearing goggles on their way home.

The plane crashed just east of the crest of the Cascades, about five miles south of White Pass and on the edge of the Goat Rocks Wilderness, said Wayne Frudd of Yakima County Search and Rescue. The crash site is about 25 miles southeast of Mount Rainier.

"I'm told it was a horrific sight and the airplane crashed at a fairly high speed," said Jim Hall, direc-

tor of Yakima Valley Emergency Management.

The wreckage was found about an hour after dark Monday by searchers on the ground following the smell of fuel.

A hunter who reported seeing a low-flying plane then hearing a crash said the engine sounded like it was working hard and whining as the aircraft went down, said Tom Peterson, aviation and emergency services coordinator for the state Department of Transportation.

The plane, a single-engine turboprop built in 1994, was found within 200 yards of its last radar ping in rugged terrain at an elevation of 4,300 feet. The crash site measured about 100 feet by 60 feet, indicating that the plane probably went straight down, said Irwin, the sheriff.

There was no explosion or fire, said Mike Robertson, a safety inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration. "As far as we can tell the plane is all in one spot."

Family, friends and officials said the victims were Casey Craig,

of Bothell; Hollie Rasberry, 24, of Bellingham; Michelle Barker, 21, of Kirkland; Landon Atkin, 20, of Snohomish; Jeff Ross, 28, of Snohomish; Cecil Elsnor, 20, of Lake Stevens; Andrew Smith, 20, of Lake Stevens; Bryan Jones, 34, of Redmond; Ralph Abdo, whose age and hometown were unavailable; and pilot Phil Kibler, 46, of the Seattle area.

The nine skydivers were affiliated with Skydive Snohomish, a company that operates a training school and skydiving flights at Harvey Field in Snohomish County, about 20 miles north of Seattle.

Skydive Snohomish had nothing to do with the flight to Idaho or the event held there, said Elaine Harvey, co-owner of the company.

The plane was registered to Kapowsin Air Sports of Shelton, located near Olympia.

Geoff Farrington, Kapowsin's co-owner, said the family-owned company had never before lost a plane. He also said the plane had never experienced mechanical problems.

Deadliest since 2001

MIRAN SHAH, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistani aircraft bombed a village bazaar packed with shoppers near the Afghan border Tuesday, pushing the death toll to 250 in four days of fighting — the deadliest clashes since Pakistan threw its support behind the U.S.-led war on terror in 2001.

The attack on Epi village in North Waziristan tribal region killed dozens of militants and civilians — deaths that are likely to harden domestic opposition to President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's alliance with Washington.

"The bazaar was crowded with people buying food to break their daylong Ramadan fast when it was rocked by a dozen explosions that destroyed shops and nearby homes, residents said. Abdul Sattar, a grocery shop owner, said he counted more than 60 dead and more than 150 wounded, including many civilians. Many of the victims were mutilated.

"Some did not have heads, hands or legs. Some people were searching for their children and women," Sattar told The Associated Press by telephone from Epi.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad said military aircraft targeting militant hideouts struck "one or two places" near the town of Mir Ali — located about 27 miles from Epi — and local tribesmen reported about 50 militants were killed.

He said the airstrikes might have killed some civilians who were living in the areas where militant hideouts were targeted, but he had no exact numbers.

"We had confirmed reports

about the presence of militants, and the air power was used to target those militant hideouts," he told the AP.

Another resident, Noor Hassan, said both militants and civilians were killed and that he was fleeing the area. He said the nearby village of Hader Khel also was bombed.

The fighting broke out in North Waziristan on Saturday after a roadside bomb hit a truckload of paramilitary troops, sparking bitter clashes. The bodies of dozens of soldiers, many with their throats slit, have been recovered from deserted areas of the region, fleeing residents said.

The violence comes as Musharraf tries to secure another term as president, vowing to shore up Pakistan's effort against Islamic extremism, particularly in its border regions where Osama bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri are suspected to hide.

Pakistani troops have suffered mounting losses as they try to reassert state authority in a swath of mountainous territory where warlords supportive of the Taliban and al-Qaida have seized control. Now the army appears to be resorting to heavy firepower.

Sattar, the shop owner, accused the army of "oppressing" the local Pashtun tribespeople. He said journalists should visit the area so they could see that the "miscreants" — a byword in Pakistan for militants — targeted by security forces were in fact women and children.

Pakistan struck a controversial cease-fire deal with mili-

tants in North Waziristan last year. U.S. officials criticized the pact, claiming it gave a safe haven for al-Qaida and provided a rear base for Taliban guerrillas fighting NATO troops in Afghanistan.

In July, Pakistan's army redeployed troops at key checkpoints in the region, sparking fresh hostilities. Security forces have since suffered more than 250 casualties, many of them in suicide bombings, and more than 230 soldiers have been kidnapped.

The escalating clashes have sparked debate in Pakistan on whether military action — widely perceived as done at the bidding of the United States despite Musharraf's insistence it is in the national interest — can curb Islamic extremism or only serves to enflame it.

"Rather than losing soldiers and killing civilians in indiscriminate bombings (the government) should revive the peace agreements with tribesmen and devise an effective strategy to flush out foreign militants," an editorial in The Nation daily said Tuesday.

Prior to Tuesday's airstrikes, the army reported that battles have killed 150 militant fighters and 45 soldiers since Saturday, while about 12-15 troops were missing.

It is the most intense episode of fighting on the Pakistan side of the border since Musharraf first sent troops to its lawless tribal regions in late 2001.

The army said in a statement it had rejected a cease-fire proposed by the militants and will "continue punitive action until complete peace is restored."

On Sunday, about 300 militants ambushed an army convoy traveling to the scene of a roadside bombing, killing 22 troops and wounding 11, an intelligence official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

One resident of Isu Khel village said three soldiers came to his home asking for protection but he refused, fearing he might be targeted by militants. Others said they saw the bodies of soldiers in deserted areas and on the side of the road between the region's two main towns, Mir Ali and Miran Shah.

Many victims' throats were slit, they said. A woman, who fled to Miran Shah, said she saw eight soldiers who had been shot dead. The bodies were covered in dust and one was mutilated, she said.

The villagers spoke to the AP on condition their names not be used because they feared reprisals.

On Monday, the army used artillery and fighter jets against militant targets in Isu Khel and nearby Melagan village, where announcements were being made from mosques urging authorities not to target civilian areas, residents said.

The intelligence official also said Monday that a dozen civilians had died when a shell struck their home in Mir Ali. It was unclear who fired the shell.

Arshad said some houses had been targeted that were being used for attacks on security forces and some residents may have died.

Sutherland pleads no contest in drunk driving case

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kiefer Sutherland pleaded no contest Tuesday in his drunken driving case and will begin serving a 48-day jail sentence while his Fox TV drama "24" begins its winter production break in December.

The show's star agreed to serve 30 days for driving with a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit of .08 percent, as well as 18 days for violating his probation for a 2004 drunken driving case, according to court records.

The actor was not in the courtroom and his attorney, Blair Berk, entered the plea agreement. A second misdemeanor charge, driving under the influence, was dropped. The charges stemmed from a traffic stop in Los Angeles last month.

As part of the arrangement, Sutherland must also enroll in an 18-month alcohol-education class and attend weekly alcohol-therapy sessions for six months.

"I'm very disappointed in myself for the poor judgment I exhibited recently, and I'm deeply sorry for the disappointment and distress this has caused my family, friends and co-workers on '24' and at 20th Century Fox," Sutherland said in a statement.

While early releases have been granted to others, including celebrities, because of jail crowding and other concerns, Sutherland must serve all of his time, according to the plea agreement. The sheriff also was specifically ordered to not release Sutherland

to electronic monitoring.

The 40-year-old actor will officially be sentenced Dec. 21, when he must begin serving the 18 days in the county jail. It also is the same day his show begins its winter production break.

Sutherland then will have until July 1, 2008, to serve the remaining 30 days in jail. He will be on probation for five years and faces fines and a driving suspension, according to court documents.

The actor's plea arrangement ensures that production of "24" will not be interrupted, Fox officials said in a statement.

"Kiefer made clear to us at the time of his arrest that his first concern was the welfare of those he worked with and that he intended

to do whatever was necessary to prevent shutting down the show because of his situation," the statement said.

"He told us that even if he had to sacrifice more time in custody in order to protect the show and the jobs of those who work with him, he would do so. From what occurred today, it is evident he is a man of his word," it said.

Sutherland also has a 1993 conviction for alcohol-related reckless driving, according to the city attorney's office.

He won a best actor Emmy last year for his performance as dashing federal counter-terrorist agent Jack Bauer on "24."

Jena 6: proof some things never change

By DANI PALMER
The Shield staff

I've been following the Jena 6 case on CNN for awhile now and it makes me angry every time I hear about it or see it on TV.

In September of 2006, several black students at Jena High School located in Jena, Louisiana, sat under an oak tree dubbed the "white tree" after asking permission from the vice principal. The next day students arrived at school to find three nooses hanging from the tree. The school principal was informed of the incident and recommended expulsion for those students responsible.

A school district committee, however, overruled the recommendation and instead suspended three white students. They dis-

missed the incident as a prank. On Nov. 30, 2006, Jena High School's main academic building was torched. The arson was blamed on increasing racial tensions at the high school although the crime still remains unsolved today.

In Dec. 2006, a 17 black student named Robert Bailey was beaten with a bottle by a twenty two year-old white male Justin Sloan while attending a private party. Sloan was charged with simple battery and was given probation.

During another instance in December, a white high school student pulled a gun on black students in a convenience store parking lot.

Three black students wrestled the gun away from him.

On December 4, 2006, six

black students now dubbed as the Jena 6 attacked Justin Barker, a white student at Jena High School. He was sent to the hospital to be treated for injuries and was later released that day. Parents of the Jena 6 say that Barker had provoked his attack by using racial epithets. Barker's parents maintain he did nothing wrong.

The Jena 6 were arrested later that month and charged with attempted second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Three of the six, however, later had their charges reduced to aggravated second-degree battery.

The last of the Jena 6, Mychal Bell, was recently released on Sept. 27 after a judge set his bail to \$45,000. Bell's case had just recently been moved to juvenile court after he'd been sitting in

prison for nine months on a \$90,000 bond.

Just eight days before Bell's release, District Attorney Reed Walters had stated that the Jena 6 case was not actually about race, but instead about fighting for justice.

If you ask me, it's about both. I, along with many students whom I've spoken to, know that the three nooses hanging from the tree was not a simple prank. That is what I call a hate crime. Of course, in Louisiana it didn't qualify as a federal hate crime, but nonetheless it was one. This is where the issue of racism comes in.

The Jena 6, the black students who were arrested, should not have responded with violence. That was visibly the wrong way to

go and yes, justice should be served, but fairly. The Jena 6 should not be the only ones getting punished for their deeds. The white students who hung the nooses got away with something they should not have. Justin Sloan, the white male who attacked black student Robert Bailey with a bottle, should have received a more severe punishment. He was a legal adult unlike the Jena 6 who were all still teens. They face possible years in prison; Sloan got probation.

And what about the white student who pulled a gun on black students?

What kind of punishment did he get?

Apparently none.

This case has shined light once again on something that has

never fully disappeared. Racism is a never ending cycle of hate that, sadly, we cannot break away from. Children learn from their parents how to behave and if the parents are ignorant racists, then the children will most likely become ignorant racists as well. It continues through generations and is almost impossible to change. That is why racism will never cease.

It's a shame that the U.S. as a nation has not matured enough to learn to work together and not hate others based on skin color. You'd think we'd learn from our past mistakes.

We haven't. Honestly, I don't think we ever will.

Get your guns: Uncle Sam wants you

By KYLE KNIGHT
The Shield staff

Once again the drums of war resound through congressional halls as the Senate passed a resolution that tolerates the use of "military instruments" against Iran.

The Senate based the resolution on the testimony of General David Petraeus who statements set the ball in motion to build the case for war.

The claims made by Petraeus focus on EFP's and the support of Iran's military inside Iraq. No ties between the EFP's, which ripe through soldier's body armor, and the Iranian government currently exist.

Also, claims of Iran's military in Iraq have resulted in the accidental arrest of members from Iran's energy ministry.

When the military displayed the instruments for press officials back in February, no one present

offered proof of support from the Iranian government. Also, the military even lacks proof of where the instruments entered the country.

In a press briefing on Sept. 8, Iraqi General Major Thomas Turner II, admitted, "I don't think we have any specific proof of Iranians in our area other than reports... where they are coming from across the border, we're not sure."

Somewhat this lack of certainty compelled the Senate to comprise a resolution condoning military action. Looking back to the shaky foundations for the war in Iraq, it becomes difficult not to feel history could repeat itself.

The certain backlash of a region dominated by Shi'a populations makes military action more ridiculous. Other countries in the region, like Lebanon and Syria, contain Shi'a majority populations who will not take this lightly.

In an article in the *New Yorker*, Zbigniew Brzezinski, the former national-security adviser, said "By intensifying the conflict in Iraq and in Afghanistan, their neighbors, and that could draw in Pakistan. We will be stuck in a regional war for twenty years."

Current evidence points out the wheels are in motion. In the *New Yorker*, a recently retired CIA official said, "They're moving everybody to the Iran desk. They're dragging in a lot of analysts and ramping up everything. It's just like the fall of 2002"—the months before the invasion of Iraq."

The evidence of this administrations effectiveness in waging and planning wars remains on display daily in Iraq.

With the foolish assumption that a military strike against Iran appears valuable, the Senate proves it has not learned anything from our history.

Hillary Clinton even voted

yes to the resolution and currently stands atop democratic candidates in the polls.

Not even the top democratic candidate seems willing to reduce the intensifying tension in the Middle East.

Clinton and 76 other senators chose to neglect history, but the house of representatives does not have to and neither does the community.

The pressure to stop these drastic measures must begin now and the public must know about the building bellicose language once again brewing.

Iraq serves as the reminder of United States' ability to craft loosely tied information to persuade both Congress and the public in accepting its war-mongering tactics.

Such military action cannot happen again and a stumbling media should not fail in its coverage of burgeoning possibility of another war.

Call your local congressman

By S. CHAD SHOULDERS
The Shield staff

The United States war on terrorism redefined itself the day its military set foot on foreign soil. Once thought of as a defensive measure protecting us at the home front, it is now a global war.

American soldiers are killed nearly every day over seas, fighting an invisible enemy. Having no defining face for our military to paint a "great big red bull's-eye" on is making this global war a difficult war to win.

Although the solution to some seems simple, define a face, paint it and start shooting.

On Sept. 26, the Senate approved a resolution urging the Bush administration to redefine Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a branch of Iran's government, as a foreign terrorist organization in addition to economic sanctions against the country.

The measure, proposed by Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, an independent of Connecticut and Sen. Jon Kyl, Republican of Arizona, was in part a response to the testimony made by General David Petraeus on Sept. 10, 2007.

Petraeus was quoted in paragraph one, Sec. 1535, Sense of the Senate on Iran, as saying it is "Increasingly apparent to both coalition and Iraqi leaders that Iran, through the use of the Iranian Republican Guard Corps Qods Force, seeks to turn the Shi'a militia extremists into a Hezbollah-like force to serve its interests and fight a proxy war against the Iraqi

state and coalition forces in Iraq".

Lieberman and Kyle struck paragraphs three and four to the original document, which the senate first rejected because of fears that it might serve as a back door for military action against Iran.

"This is not our intention here," argued Lieberman before the senate floor. "In fact our intention here is to increase the economic pressure on Iran and The Revolutionary Guard Core so we will never have to consider the use of military to stop them from what they are doing to kill our soldiers."

However, oppositions to the amendment made by Senator Jim Web, a Democrat of Virginia, suggested that the revisions were not sufficient enough to foil the threat.

"I have grave concerns about this amendment," Web said. "We have never characterized an entity of a foreign government as a foreign terrorist organization. If we are saying that if the Iranian Revolutionary Guard are conducting terrorist activities, what we are saying in effect is that the Revolutionary Guard are conducting military activities against us. This has the danger of becoming a defect-authorization for military force against Iran."

Despite arguments the strong arguments made by Web the resolution pass at an astonishing 76-22 vote.

Although the sense of the senate is a non-binding resolution, it has the potential to influence the legislative branch and could act as further justification for the Bush administration to carry out a military strike against Iran.

The possibility for a military conflict with Iran lies not in this resolution alone, but with in the intent of the Bush administration in its last leg of reign, and evidence for such a strike has been mounting.

In his recent article published by *The New Yorker*, Shifting Targets, Seymour M. Hersh points to such evidence.

"In a series of public statements in recent months, President Bush and members of his Administration have redefined the war in Iraq, to an increasing degree, as a strategic battle between the United States and Iran," Hersh implies.

He continues by quoting Bush at the national convention of the American Legion in August. "The attacks on our bases and our troops by Iranian-supplied munitions have increased... The Iranian regime must halt these actions. And, until it does, I will take actions necessary to protect our troops." He (Bush) then concluded, to applause, "I have authorized our military commanders in Iraq to confront Tehran's murderous activities."

It is apparent that pulling troops from Iraq, has been the furthest thought in Bushes mind. In fact escalation and control of the oil rich Middle East seems to be what it is all about.

For those who truly believe we should pull our troops from Iraq, military strikes against Iran are not an option. Such an aggressive move will intensify terrorist moral, and force Iran to retaliate against the US, who they see as foreign invaders.



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'Apollo' upcoming for USI talent

Students gear up for annual talent showcase in Carter Hall

By KYLE KNIGHT
Shield staff

After starting out with five or seven performers and 20 audience members, USI's "Live at the Apollo" now includes various acts performing hip-hop, magic, and poetry recitation.

On Saturday Oct. 13, the Multicultural Center will bring together this diverse group of students to showcase the talented performers from the student body.

"Live at the Apollo" began five years ago when the name changed from the simple title, "Talent Show."

The Black Student Union wanted a show to provide an outlet for performance, and came to the Multicultural Center with the idea.

Beginning modestly with only 20 people present, the event has grown with over 400-500 attending.

"We had to promote it in its infancy, but now we really do not have to promote," said Pamela Hopson, director of the Multicultural Center.

Hopson said they changed the name to "Live at the Apollo" because they needed something catchy.

The Apollo reference refers to the theater in Harlem which gave up-and-coming performers an opportunity to display their talent before a live audience.

"This title might inspire students to become more involved," said Hopson.

With the audience growing each year, "Live at the Apollo" has

also seen growth in the diversity of its participants.

"Last year we had a magician for the first time which was unique, and this year we have a juggler performing," said Hopson.

'[Live at the Apollo] gives me a place to showcase my talent and build a fan base.'

**- Terrence Crowell
USI student**

The magician, Matt Grisham, plans to return to the stage this year, along with a few others.

The show consists of five categories including group and individual rhythmic interpretation, group and individual lyrical interpretation, and individual theatrical interpretation.

A panel of judges including USI employees, and members of the community then pick the top three performers in each of the cat-

egories.

One of the returning hip-hop acts includes Terrence Crowell, a local artist who began writing at the age of 14.

"I started out performing in

hometown of Long Beach, California where he performed over 16 shows this past summer.

Crowell first album, *Street Hood* sold over 1,100 copies and he plans to release his second album *Enough Said* on October 23rd.

Billy Martinez also returns this year in the category of rhythmic interpretation.

Martinez, a 21-year old communication studies major, practices various dance styles including modern, jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop.

Since the age of ten Martinez experienced a wish to dance but never competed.

"Dance has always been a hobby I love to do," said Martinez.

During the summer Martinez worked at Disneyworld and performed as characters and in the parades. For this year's competition, he plans performing a mix of contemporary, lyrical, and hip-

Martinez, like Crowell, decided to perform at Live at the Apollo so he could showcase his talent.

Some of his friends have even told him he should follow his hobby as a career, but for Martinez "education has always been more important to me."

This year's performance will not only see artists returning, but even the mc, Nikki B., who now works for 106.1.

Nikki B. worked as a mc for several university events when 106.1 heard her talent and offered her a job.

She now co-hosts a morning show every Monday thru Friday.

The event remains free thanks to the student activity fee and starts at 6 p.m.

The door opens at 5:30 and Hopson advises students to arrive early to get a seat.

Hopson said students should expect a diverse display of talent and Carter Hall to be full.

Apathy attacks: how to ease student boredom

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

There is nothing to do around here.

This sentence falls from the mouth of many USI students each weekend.

The belief that Evansville offers nothing but brain-numbing boredom has become so engrained that each of us have resigned to believe it; and in our boredom, we've given up the search for fun altogether.

But, dear students, the problem is not with Evansville or USI. It is with you.

You are apathetic. Take last year's GLVC basketball tourney, hosted by USI.

The men's basketball team entered the tournament with an excellent shot of walking away with the trophy.

Instead of flocking to the game in droves, students chose to stay home and watch IU on television.

The PAC looked like a Florida Marlins home game.

Jesus this is boring. I don't want to write this anymore. Nobody will read it anyway. I probably won't either. I hate Evansville.

For another example, I look to unattended events meant to improve student life.

On Oct. 11, USI will offer a depression screening on - You guessed it - National Depression screening day.

Will students attend and tend to their mental health?

Most likely no, but will choose instead to hole themselves up in campus apartments with no central lighting and bland, off-white walls.

I'll check out Facebook. Should I add the Harry Potter application? No, I guess I won't. I hate Harry Potter anyway.

Who names their kid Hermione? A no-good hippie, that's who.

Outside of campus events, Evansville boasts a varied and interesting nightlife. Over 21 students could head down to Fast Eddy's, where a student ID waves the cover charge.

I wish I was at Fast Eddy's. I have a song stuck in my head, but I don't know what it is.

It kind of sounds like a mix between Briney Spears and The Shins. But that doesn't make sense.

Who would sound like a mix between a boozehound pop singer and an indie rock group?

If you're not of legal age, you and your friends could catch a movie at Stadium 16, and then afterwards take a walk to Historic Downtown Evansville.

Like anyone would do that. If you're not 21, you find someone who is. Pure and simple.

I say it only because it's the truth. No one here at the school wants to admit students drink on campus.

I won't say whether I did

(that'd just be stupid) but believe me: I have a list of names.

Evansville also has an art museum . . .

. . . but I don't where it is . . .

. . . and brings in several successful musicians and comedians to play at Roberts Stadium and the Centre. On top of that, delicious, locally owned restaurants abound in the River City. Turoni's, for example, offers brewed-on-the-spot beer and the most delicious pizza west of New York.

Now I'm hungry: another good reason to stop writing this piece of garbage.

What is that song?! It's Feist! "1234."

Thank god, that was driving me crazy. She doesn't sound like Briney Spears. I'm an idiot.

I wish I'd heard it before I saw the iPod commercial. I'd be a lot cooler if I did.

Still, with all these fun options, students still seem more content to complain than take advantage. An alleviation of apathy, however, can begin with one student.

So, next time you hear your roommate say "I'm bored", you can remind him (or her. Can't be sexist) of all the aforementioned places and events.

Jonathon Adam Webb, Jonathon Adam Webb, Jonathon Hermione Webb, Jonathon Hermione Webb.

Remember, college is what you make it. I urge you to make it fun.

Fun with the smart fountain



Students Zach Conner (hoisted) and Josh Wigginton cool off in USI's new fountain. Photo by Kayte Wigginton

Springsteen sheer Magic

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

In "Radio Nowhere", the opening track to Bruce Springsteen's excellent new album *Magic*, the legendary rocker points his finger straight at the American people he loves so much.

"Is there anybody alive out there?" he asks.

Yes, but not for long.

All through *Magic*, Springsteen conjures images of dead soldiers, meaningless wars and a dying America quickly losing touch with what makes it great.

This kind of material is nowhere near new ground for Springsteen - just listen to the anguished lyrics buried under the gloss of the classic protest song "Born in the USA," but his usual obsessions spark with the engulfing flames of the country's current failures.

And the failures, much to the chagrin of the artist, are the things the public can't ignore anymore.

Take "Gypsy Biker" - a shoddily titled, yet brilliant song - in which Springsteen relates the story of an Iraq soldier returning home in a coffin.

Under the rushed strum of an acoustic guitar and faraway echo

of an electric, the narrator of the song tells of the soldier's family swallowing their pain with alcohol.

In the title track, Springsteen bitterly watches freedom "drift like a ghost through the trees."

easy to see Springsteen's fingerprints all over thirty years of alternative rock and alternative country.

Sadly, none of his followers can cut through patriotic-posturing long enough to stare deep into the

'Is there anybody alive out there?'

**-Bruce Springsteen
Musician**

"This is what will be," he said.

The album turns away from America and toward romance in "I'll Work For Your Love." The song starts with the best opening lyrics Springsteen's written since the screen door slammed and Mary's dress waved in *Born to Run*'s "Thunder Road."

"Poor me a drink Theresa/in one of those glasses you dust off/and I'll watch the bones in your back like the stations of the cross."

Listening to the album, it's

beating heart of America.

In "Long Walk Home," Springsteen stands on a hill at night and marvels that "in the distance I can see the town where I was born."

The message of *Magic* is simple: if human beings - especially American human beings - don't change their ways soon, our homes will drift and disappear into the darkness.

But that won't happen, hopefully, as long as we have a prophet screaming out and leading us gently by the hand.

Radiohead rails against industry traditions

Rock band foregoes record label, retail for new album

By RYAN DELANEY
Sports editor

The ever-evolving Radiohead unleashed their latest, groundbreaking-behemoth of an album to the world on Wednesday, marking the seventh major release in their 21-year history.

Infamous for constantly revolutionizing their sound, the band continues its long-term, wide-scale musical experiment with their newest creation: *In Rainbows*.

What separates *Rainbows* from other Radiohead albums - and any album in the history of recording - is the release's record label and suggested retail price.

The album is an independent release, available only on Radiohead's website. This liberates the recording from the limitations created by record labels and distribution partners.

The one factor that makes this

release perhaps the most important album in recent history is its entirely-up-to-the-consumer price.

When preordering *Rainbows*, Radiohead's website prompts the user at checkout with an empty text box where the price would normally be.

When the buyer clicks on the box, the simple message "It's up to you" appears. Clicking on the box again reveals the prompt "It's really up to you."

This brave and progressive method of record distribution makes the album the first major recording in history whose price tag is determined by what the listener thinks the album is worth.

It is even optional for the buyer to download the album without charge.

Soon after Radiohead's *Hail to the Thief* dropped in 2003, the band's contract with major recording label EMI/Capitol expired.

In a TIME magazine inter-

view, singer Thom Yorke said there may no longer be a need for a record label and that their separation from one would give them "some perverse pleasure to say 'F*** you' to this decaying business model."

Radiohead apparently made the final decision to create an album completely devoid of corporate influence only weeks ago.

While industry insiders assumed that the band would release an album without a record label, they did not foresee Radiohead as having the audacity or resources needed to release an album without help from online music stores such as iTunes or Napster.

The recording industry remains in a state of turmoil as the use of free digital downloads of copyrighted material continues to flourish and record sales steadily decline.

If Radiohead succeeds in their experiment, other bands can be pleased that options different from the traditional path exist.

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That 70's Show star Mila Kunis told the Associated Press on Tuesday that not only is her boyfriend Macaulay Culkin brilliant and so sweet but he is also an amazing cook. "He makes dinner every night," she said. She also admitted that she is "such a nerd."

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

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- USI Assessment Day Results Fall 2006



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IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOON (PG)
3:00pm - 5:00pm, 7:00pm
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)
7:00pm - 9:00pm, 11:00pm
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Sizemore hits leadoff home run, Indians win 6-4 and eliminate Yankees from playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — As Joe Borowski and the Cleveland Indians celebrated out on the infield, Joe Torre walked up the tunnel from the New York Yankees dugout toward the clubhouse — perhaps for the final time. Thoughts of another season ending early went through his mind. "It's such an empty feeling," he said. "You think it's going to last forever."

While the Indians' 6-4 victory in Game 4 Monday night advanced them to an AL championship series matchup with the Boston Red Sox, the Yankees wondered whether it was the end of an era — for Torre, and perhaps Mariano Rivera, Alex Rodriguez, Jorge Posada, Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, too.

George Steinbrenner's title lust remains unsatisfied, and Torre might be swept out. He sounded wistful in what may have been his final night in pinstripes. "This has been a great 12 years. Whatever the hell happens from here on out, I'll look back on these 12 years with great pleasure," he said, his voice quavering as he tried to avoid choking up. "The 12 years just felt like they were 10 minutes long, to be honest with you."

He wouldn't address his future. "If I have some options, I'll look at it because I'm certainly not ready to move somewhere and not do anything," the 67-year-old New Yorker said.

Grady Sizemore homered to put Cleveland ahead for good on the third pitch of the game, then

Paul Byrd and the bullpen closed out the third straight first-round debacle for the Yankees.

"This team hasn't had a championship in Cleveland for a long time," said Kenny Lofton, the veteran who hit .375 for the Indians. "This is just an unbelievable feeling to be able just to start this process again."

Cleveland moves on to its first ALCS since 1998, opening Friday night at Fenway Park. The Indians were only 2-5 against the Red Sox this season but will have ace C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona fully rested.

Winless in six tries against the Yankees during the regular season, the Indians are seeking their first World Series title since 1948. The NL championship series starts Thursday night with Colorado at Arizona.

Bewildered New York opens yet another offseason of turmoil, another October over nearly as soon as it began. All eyes will be on Steinbrenner, who said last weekend that he didn't think he'd keep Torre as manager if New York bowed with another early exit.

Looking grim, the owner didn't speak as he left the ballpark.

"Hopefully there will be some reconsideration, but the Boss does what he wants," Johnny Damon said.

General manager Brian Cashman spoke to Steinbrenner after the game.

"All I told him was: 'Sorry, Boss,'" Cashman said.

The owner's reaction? "Nothing," the GM said.

Torre managed the Yankees to four World Series titles in his first five years and reached the playoffs in all 12 of his seasons. Yet, that might not be enough for Steinbrenner, impatient his team has lost 13 of its last 17 postseason games and gone seven years in a row without a championship. The Yankees have lost four straight postseason series for the first time.

If Torre does depart, Don Mattingly and Joe Girardi are the leading candidates to replace him. Fans chanted Torre's name when he made two trips to the mound in the eighth inning, handing the ball to Rivera for perhaps the last time in an era that brought the Yankees success they had not enjoyed since the 1950s.

"These fans are very special," Torre said. "You can feel their heartbeat."

New York overcame a 21-29 start to win the AL wild card but was done in by poor pitching, an insect invasion and the latest October vanishing act by Rodriguez, whose bat was quiet until a solo home run in the seventh.

The pesky Indians, who wasted a three-run lead in Game 3, chased Chien-Ming Wang in the second and burst ahead 4-0. Byrd kept wiggling out of trouble, and Victor Martinez's two-run single made it 6-1 in the fourth against Mike Mussina.

A day after averting a sweep, New York put runners on in every inning except the eighth. But when it counted, its high-octane offense fell flat once again, with late solo homers by Rodriguez, Robinson Cano and Bobby Abreu

not enough. "I got some big outs with guys on base," said Byrd, who stranded two runners in the first and three in the second.

A disappointed crowd of 56,315 also might have seen Rodriguez in pinstripes for the final time. A likely MVP during the regular season, A-Rod was largely AWOL in the playoffs for the third straight year, striking out with two on in the first and again leading off the third.

Rodriguez, who can opt of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract next month, did homer off Rafael Perez in the seventh — ending a streak of 57 postseason at-bats without an RBI since 2004. He finished 4-for-15 in the series and said he hadn't thought about his big decision.

"One of the reasons I came here was to help this team win a world championship," Rodriguez said. "I have failed at that."

Indians manager Eric Wedge was questioned for not using Sabathia on short rest, but Byrd came up big. Time after time, the Yankees failed in the clutch, going 1-for-9 with runners in scoring position, leaving them at 6-for-28 in the series and making for another winter of discontent in the Bronx.

At the end, A-Rod stood with one leg on the top step of the dugout and stared straight ahead. His No. 13 looked as huge and unlucky as Ralph Branca's across the Harlem River at the Polo Grounds in 1951.

USI volleyball overcomes losing streak with a clean sweep over UW-Parkside

By RYAN DELANEY Sports editor

The University of Southern Indiana volleyball team blew out the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday, defeating the Rangers in only three games. The Screaming Eagles' home-game win breaks their two-match losing streak and improves their record to 10-9 and 5-6 in the GLVC.

The Eagles secured triumph in the first set as they limited the Rangers to a meager .054 attacking percentage. They also created an 11-point spread over the course of the first set as they brought about booming runs of 11-5 and 8-3.

The Screaming Eagles faced a greater challenge in the second game of the set. The Rangers fought back from a five-point deficit to create a 29-29 tie. However, USI freshman outside hitter

Brittani Oliver halted the UW-Parkside comeback as she slammed two consecutive kills to provide the Eagles with a 2-0 lead in the set.

In the third match of the set, The Eagles trailed by one point until they battled back with a 6-0 run and put the ball back in USI's court. The Eagles outplayed the Rangers in the third game, creating a nine-point spread at one point. USI secured the final game of the set, barring UW-Parkside to a meager attack percentage of .024.

Oliver annihilated the USI Physical Activities Center court with 14 total kills and an excruciating attacking percentage of .542. Senior middle blocker Molly Rahman knocked 16 total kills and fashioned a .375 attacking percentage.

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Marion Jones returns five Olympic medals, accepts 2-year ban for doping before 2000 Games

(AP) — Little by little, the remnants of Marion Jones' once glorious career are being stripped away.

Jones gave back the five medals she won at the Sydney Olympics on Monday following her admission that she was a drug cheat, and also agreed to forfeit all results, medals and prizes dating back to Sept. 1, 2000.

"I'm pleased that it was resolved efficiently," said Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. "And at the end of the day, I hope it's a good lesson that will have a dramatic deterrent effect on all athletes who may be tempted to dope."

The U.S. Olympic Committee now will return the medals to the International Olympic Committee, which will decide what to do with them. Jones won golds in the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 1,600 relay in Sydney, as well as bronzes in the 400 relay and long jump.

"That, however belated, was the right thing to do," said Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

No one answered the door Monday at Jones' house in Austin, Texas.

Jones' relay teammates also should give back their medals, USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth said. Though there is precedent for not punishing an entire team, the race was tainted, Ueberroth said.

Jearl Miles-Clark, Monique Hennagan, Tasha Colander-Richardson and Andrea Anderson all won golds as part of the 1,600-meter relay. Chryste Gaines, Torri Edwards, Nanceen Perry and Passion Richardson were on the 400-meter relay team.

Both Edwards and Gaines have served doping bans since the 2000 Olympics.

"It's our opinion that when any sporting event is won unfairly, it's completely tainted and should be returned. The relay events were won unfairly," Ueberroth said. "We don't have the jurisdiction on that matter. If we did, we would be on the side of returning the medals."

The USOC has not talked to the other athletes yet about giving up their medals.

Fielding a clean team is a priority for a country trying to improve its image in the Olympic movement — not to mention win the 2016 Games — and drug cheats like Jones have been an embarrassment for the USOC. Jones was one of the most celebrated female athletes in the world, and she vehemently denied any doping allegations.

Athens gold medalist Justin Gatlin faces a ban of up to eight years after testing positive for testosterone and other steroids in April 2006 — one month before tying the then 100-meter world record.

But the USOC and USADA have worked hard to rid the U.S. team of cheats, and Ueberroth pledged Monday that the American athletes at next summer's Beijing Olympics will be drug-free. The USOC also sent letters apologizing to 205 national Olympic

committees and the people of Australia.

"Even though it is a negative going back, this will be viewed as positive in our commitment to fielding a clean team," USOC CEO Jim Scherr said of Jones' punishment.

After long denying she ever had used performance-enhancing drugs, Jones admitted Friday that she'd taken the designer steroid "the clear" from September 2000 to July 2001. "The clear" has been linked to BALCO, the lab at the center of the steroids scandal in professional sports.

Jones' admission came as part of her guilty plea to lying to federal investigators about using steroids. She will be sentenced on Jan. 11, and prosecutors had suggested to Jones the prison term would be a maximum of six months.

Though Jones announced her retirement after Friday's court hearing, she accepted a two-year ban Monday and agreed to forfeit any results dating back to Sept. 1, 2000. That includes the two golds (200 and 400 relay) and silver (100) she won at the 2001 championships in Edmonton.

She stands to lose more. Scherr said the USOC plans to go after Jones for prize money it awarded her, about \$100,000.

The International Association of Athletics Federations rules also allow for athletes busted for doping to be asked to pay back prize money and appearance fees. British sprinter Dwain Chambers, who admitted using the clear, had to pay back a reported \$230,615 before he was allowed to return to competition after a two-year ban.

Jones would have earned millions in prizes, bonuses and fees from meets all over the world, including a share of the \$1 million Golden League jackpot in 2001 and 2002.

If the IOC does nullify Jones' results in Sydney, the standings likely will be readjusted, with the second-place finisher moving up to gold, third to silver and fourth to bronze.

Jamaica won silver in the 1,600 relay, and France was fourth in the 400. Pauline Davis-Thompson of the Bahamas was the silver medalist in the 200 meters, and Tatiana Kotova of Russia was fourth in the long jump.

The silver medalist in the 100 meters in Sydney was Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou — at the center of a major doping scandal at the Athens Olympics. She and fellow Greek runner Kostas Kenteris failed to show up for drug tests on the eve of the games, claimed they were injured in a motorcycle accident and eventually pulled out. Both later were suspended for two years.

"Obviously we're concerned about a level playing field all the time. But we have no jurisdiction or nothing to say about that," Ueberroth said. "We have a responsibility to compete fairly. That's our system, and that's the way we're going to live."

Colts RB Keith makes statement in win over Bucs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Colts running back Kenton Keith walked into a whole new world Monday afternoon. His cell phone was ringing and reporters surrounded his locker.

The former Canadian Football League player, who never had a serious chance in the NFL till this season, had become an instant star. "I knew I could do it," Keith said. "It was just a matter of feeling comfortable with the game, the tempo of the offense and my position as a whole."

For months, people around Indianapolis worried about the backup to feature back Joseph Addai. Critics and online message boards constantly asked: Who is Kenton Keith, and why would the Colts go into the season with someone so untested?

Keith heard everything, and Sunday, he all those doubts.

Like unknown Colts running backs before him, most notably James Mungro and Dominic Rhodes, Keith had an emphatic answer in his first career start. He ran 28 times for 121 yards and two touchdowns, caught five passes for 37 yards and, perhaps most

important, protected Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning in passing situations.

Nobody seemed to notice that Addai was out with a bruised shoulder.

"I'm more proud of me being in there and keeping my wind," said Keith, who never had more than 17 carries in a pro game till Sunday. "I'd not really had a chance to go more than six or seven plays in a row in a game before this, and the week before I was tired after running five in a row."

It's not that Keith didn't have talent, he simply got lost in the shuffle.

In four CFL seasons, he ran for more than 3,800 yards, topped 1,000 yards twice, caught 52 passes in 2006 with Saskatchewan and had eight TD receptions in 2003.

He also wanted to add to his family lineage.

One of his cousins is former NFL running back Roger Craig, the first player in league history to top 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season. Another cousin is Ahman Green, who had six 1,000-yard seasons in Green Bay before joining Houston

this year, and his father, Percy, like Green and Craig, was a running back at Nebraska.

Unlike his cousins and dad, though, Keith wound up going at New Mexico State where he rushed for 2,134 yards in 39 career games and dropped off the radar of most NFL teams.

One, the New York Jets, signed him in 2004 — after his first CFL season. Buried behind Curtis Martin, LaMont Jordan and B.J. Askew, the Jets cut him before training camp opened and Keith headed back to Saskatchewan.

"At the time, I didn't know what a training camp body was," Keith said. "When I left, I knew what it was. They didn't really need me."

One game changed everything.

Some contend the Colts (5-0) could put almost anyone in the backfield and have a 100-yard rusher, and there is a hint of truth to that. Mungro, primarily a short-yardage back during his five seasons with the Colts, ran for 114 yards and a touchdown in his starting debut against Philadelphia in 2002 and Rhodes ran for more 1,104 yards in 10 games — an NFL record for undrafted rookies

USI men's soccer team back on the road after loss against Lewis University



USI freshman Mike Bendzen defends Lewis University freshman Jorge De Jesus in attempt to slow the momentum of the Flyers.

By COLLEEN BINKLEY Special to The Shield

The University of Southern Indiana men's soccer team lost to Lewis University Sunday afternoon 5-1. The Screaming Eagles record falls to a 4-9-1 in overall season while the Flyers move up to a 10-4-0 overall.

The Flyers came out strong in the first half with two goals to nothing. The second half, Lewis scored two more goals before the Eagles could even get on the board. The only USI goal was scored in the second half by freshman midfielder, Ricky Wittman, his first collegiate goal scored off a rebound shot by senior midfielder Carl Carr. The Flyers came back with another goal to make the final score of the game 5-1.

The Eagles play next on the road against Northern Kentucky University on Oct. 12. They play again at home the following weekend starting Oct. 19.

Photo by Colleen Binkley

Doctoral program awaits approval

By BRANDI WEYER
Editor-in-Chief

University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved the Doctoral Program of Nursing Practice in September. If approved by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education, this will make the first doctoral program to be offered at USI.

"We can not go any further until we receive approval. We assume we are going to get approved. They (ICHE) determine when it goes on the agenda. They meet every month. The first possible option is in November," Ann

White, assistant dean of nursing, said.

If the ICHE decides to approve the program, USI will offer its first doctoral classes in Fall 2008, and the program will accept 20 students at first.

According to White, the idea came from the national statistics in the demand for the program and the success of the master's degree program. Two years ago, 26 universities across the nation offered the doctoral of nursing practice degree. Now, approximately 50 universities offer this degree and with the national demand on the rise, the numbers continue to

increase.

"There are about 200 schools moving into this direction," White said.

According to White, the only Indiana state university that offers the DNP is Purdue University. It established this program three or four years ago.

According to Nadine Coudret, dean of nursing and health professions, this past year, the university received a good response from the profession and some from USI graduates.

The school of nursing and health professions sent out surveys to nurses that obtained their mas-

ter's of science degree of nursing from USI.

"These group of nurses are very interested," White said.

According to Linda Bennett, provost and vice president for academic affairs, by year 2015, the AACM standards will require nurse practitioners to obtain a doctoral degree.

"We have to be prepared for the shift," Bennett said.

According to Coudret, to fully implement the doctoral program, reassignments of faculty with different courses and the hiring of two new members of faculty and another administrative assistant to

help minimize the work load. An approximate figure of \$ 15,000 will be needed for library resources. USI already contains the equipment needed because of the master's program.

The undergraduate and master's degree programs received immediate accreditation once the programs became eligible. Since initiation in 1988, the undergraduate received accreditation in 1990. According to Coudret, the programs contain a 10-year accreditation and will not have another visit until 2014.

Since Coudret started as dean in 1988, she saw the development of

the master of science degree programs, three majors related to the food and nutrition fields: dietetics; food management and nutrition and wellness and a certificate program offered online around the world.

After the establishment of the DNP program takes place, other options for doctoral programs such as physical therapy may arise but not in the near future.

"At this point, after that is established to the point of excellence, there is potential in several health fields," Coudret said.

Off duty deputy kills six, one survives

CRANDON, Wis. (AP) -The off-duty sheriff's deputy who shot six people at a pizza party told a friend he had gone to his ex-girlfriend's house hoping to patch up their relationship.

Tyler Peterson, 20, lost control when they got into an argument and her friends began calling him a "worthless pig," Mike Kegley told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

"He was just very remorseful about what happened," Kegley said.

Police declined to provide details of the argument that preceded the shooting but said Peterson had stormed out of the party, retrieved an AR-15 rifle from his vehicle and burst back into the house firing 30 shots.

All but one of the people at the party were killed.

"We had no idea, obviously, that anything like this would ever occur," Crandon Police Chief John Dennee told reporters Monday.

Peterson, a deputy and part-time Crandon police officer, later

died after what authorities said was an exchange of gunfire with law enforcement officers. It was unclear whether Peterson was shot by police, took his own life or was wounded and then shot himself.

Kegley said Peterson came to his door about five hours after the rampage early Sunday and calmly told him what happened.

"He wasn't running around crazy or anything. He was very, very sorry for what he did," said Kegley, adding that he gave Peterson coffee and food and later made repeated calls to 911.

Kegley wouldn't comment when reached by The Associated Press.

"I ain't talking no more," he said.

District Attorney Leon Stenz said he talked with Peterson by telephone for five or 10 minutes right before Peterson was killed, as they tried unsuccessfully to find a way for Peterson to turn himself in.

Peterson seemed calm and said he had talked to an attorney, but

the two didn't talk about what had happened at the house, he said.

"He didn't call to confess," Stenz said.

Moments later, Peterson ran toward a wooded area where he was shot, he said.

Stenz said he knew Peterson well because he handled several cases with him.

"He always seemed to be level-headed and fine during those meetings. I think he wanted to talk to me because he knows I'm fair," Stenz said.

The rampage raised questions in the remote northern Wisconsin community of 2,000 of whether Peterson was qualified for his law enforcement positions.

Police acknowledged Peterson received no psychological screening before being hired Sept. 11, 2006. His yearlong probation ended last month.

"No person that I've ever known at 20 years old was responsible enough to be a police officer," said Steve Bocek, of Oak Creek, whose 20-year-old nephew

Bradley Schultz was killed. "It's unbelievable. You don't have the mind to be a police officer. It takes a lot."

But Crandon City Attorney Lindsay Erickson said age doesn't matter as long as officers do their jobs well. Peterson testified for her in several cases, wrote good reports and was "true to his job," she said.

"From what I saw of him, I didn't see any warning signs or red flags," Erickson said.

Dr. Phil Trompeter, a police psychologist in Modesto, Calif., estimated at least 40 states require psychological testing of prospective officers.

"Wisconsin must be in a very small minority," he said.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice Law Enforcement Standards Board requires only that applicants be free of emotional or mental conditions that might hinder them in their duties. It does not say how that is determined.

No formal national standards exist for hiring police, although

individual states are adopting requirements such as mandatory psychological tests, said Craig Zenzian, author of several guidebooks for police applicants.

In Minnesota, police officers must be licensed by the state Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, which includes an evaluation by a licensed psychologist.

The six young people who died were either students or graduates of Crandon High School, where Peterson also had graduated.

They were at the house to share pizza and watch movies during the school's homecoming weekend.

Classes were canceled Monday, and many teens went to a church to meet with counselors. School was not scheduled to resume until Wednesday.

The other victims were identified as Jordanne Murray, 18, Peterson's ex-girlfriend; Katrina McCorkle, 18; Lianna Thomas, 18; Aaron Smith, 20; and Lindsey Stahl, 14.

The lone survivor, Charlie

Neitzel, 21, of Pickering, was still in serious condition but recovering at a hospital. He was scheduled for surgery Tuesday afternoon to remove debris from his wounds. St. Joseph's Hospital spokeswoman Karla David said.

Neitzel's father, Charles, said his son was tough and doing well.

"It hasn't sunk in to the immediate family," Charles Neitzel said. "Every day, you feel a little bit more emotion come on."

Pastor Bill Farr read a statement from Peterson's family in which relatives expressed their shock and sorrow.

"Our hearts go out to the victims, their families and their friends. We are grieving for your losses. We feel a tremendous amount of guilt and shame for the acts Tyler committed," it said.

"We may never receive the answers we all seek. Like those close to Tyler we are in shock and disbelief that he would do such terrible things. This was not the Tyler we knew and loved."

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