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"With the presidential primaries coming to Indiana, each of us has a choice to make. And I've made my choice of Barack Obama," said Mayor Weinzapfel. Sen. Obama campaigned in Evansville on Tuesday. He is pictured with singer/songwriter John Mellencamp, right.

## Obama brings his 'change' campaign to Evansville

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER  
News editor

Thousands packed into Robert's stadium awaiting Sen. Barack Obama's speech on Tuesday night, fixating their eyes upon jumbo-television continuously updating the results of the Pennsylvania Democratic primaries to the time.

"We came all the way from Illinois to see our senator speech," couple Charles and Raquel Stephens said as they stood in line. "We have an opportunity to change this country, I think we should do that," said John Mellencamp, native singer/songwriter before he performed his song 'Small Town.'

Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel publicly endorsed Obama for the Democratic nomination and urged all voters to choose Obama during the Indiana primaries on May 6.

"With the presidential primaries coming to Indiana, each of us has a choice to make. And I've made my choice of Barack Obama," said Weinzapfel.

Backed by his wife, Michelle Obama, she referred to the phrase "maybe I am out of touch" as she related to the crowd by discussing main issues such as the cost of living, education and healthcare when she visited Harrison High School on April 16.

"American people are hungry for change. People are focused

and engaged more than they ever did before," Michelle said.

Obama promised to install change and hope back into America, and back into the middle-class. Obama said he plans on focusing on American jobs instead of the wishes of over-sea investors.

He focused little on his Pennsylvania Democratic Primary loss just hours beforehand, and focused more on Sen. John McCain than Sen. Hillary Clinton. Obama accused McCain of following failed policy from President Bush's economic plan, as well as his defense plans. "McCain endorses a war that distracts us from Afghanistan," Obama said.

"Real change doesn't begin in

the halls of Washington, but in the streets of America," Obama said.

Audience member Greg Frohbieter used Obama's speech as his deciding factor for the Indiana primaries. "I was already leaning towards Obama, but if he can do half the things he said tonight, he'll be a great president."

USI freshman Jake New said he saw the speech more as a rally of voters already committed to Obama.

"After hearing Obama's speech, I definitely want to do more research about Obama's policies," New said.

—Contributions made by  
Brandi Weyer, Editor in Chief.

## USI student charged with false informing, harassment

By BRANDI WEYER  
Editor in Chief

USI student was charged with false informing and harassment on April 15, according to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department news release.

Jennifer Fritz, USI education major and student teacher at Perry Heights Middle School, sent an e-mail under a false name on April 10 to Perry Heights Principal Charles Goodman. The e-mail implied that a "group of males were armed with handguns, and that they were heard saying 'we will be famous and Perry Heights will never know what him them.'"

Vanderburgh County Sheriff Eric Williams said based on the seriousness of the threat, Perry Heights was immediately put on temporary lock down for their own security.

Williams said through extensive research and by using an Internet protocol address, the sheriff's department was able to link the Internet service provider to Insight Communications. He said Insight led them to the residence where it originated, which was her boyfriend's apartment. At first, both parties denied having information regarding the e-mail.

Williams said Fritz admitted

she sent the e-mail, and she said the information in the e-mail was accurate on April 11. He said she said she sent it under a false name because she was afraid and did not know what else to do. As the sheriff's department continued its investigation, they discovered holes in her story.

On April 15, Fritz was brought in for an interrogation as a suspect, which she revealed she fabricated the whole thing. "It was all manufactured," Williams said.

Williams said at this time the sheriff's department thinks she acted alone.

The news release stated Fritz's reasoning for sending the e-mail was because she did not want to report for her student teaching duties on April 10.

Fritz was charged with a misdemeanor class A and a misdemeanor class B. She was released on \$200 bond after a court appearance on April 17.

Editor's note: Under Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), no university official, teacher or staff member is allowed to speak on the behalf of what action's USI will take on a specific matter. Since it is considered an educational record, all information is kept confidential.

## USI students shocked by the recent quakes

By LINDSEY ZILIAK  
News editor

Many USI students were up long before classes began last Friday. At 4:37 a.m. on April 18 an earthquake shook the Midwest.

At a magnitude of 5.2, the shock caused minor damage to small towns near the earthquake's epicenter around Mt. Carmel, Ill., said Michael Hamburger professor of geological sciences at Indiana University.

Many people in Evansville, including USI students, felt the shock as well.

USI Freshman Andrew Nalin, who lives in Evansville's east side, said, "I was sleeping until it woke me up. I thought it was a tornado."

Since the initial shock, there have been over two-dozen aftershocks, several of which could be felt in Evansville, 60 miles Northwest of the epicenter.

One of these came just six hours after the first earthquake. There was another one early Monday morning.

Sophomore Jarett Freyberger, who missed the initial earthquake, felt Monday morning's aftershock.

"I thought a bunch of people were running up the stairs outside of my apartment and across the balcony. But then when no one showed up to my place, I figured out what it was. It was kind of cool," Freyberger said. Hamburger said it's common

to see anywhere from 7 to ten aftershocks after an earthquake of this size.

"This seems to be a very active aftershock sequence, though," Hamburger said.

He also said that this was a significant earthquake. It came close to surpassing the biggest earthquake in Illinois history, which occurred in 1968 and registered at a magnitude of 5.4.

"If (an earthquake) of this size hit under Evansville, we could see destruction and even casualties," Hamburger said.

Hamburger said he predicts that there will eventually be a major earthquake that causes significant damage to the region, which lies in the Wabash Valley seismic zone.

"Earthquakes that cause major destruction only happen every several thousand years, though," he said.

So the time period for when the next major earthquake will occur is very unclear at this point.

He said the recent shocks should serve as a wake-up call.

"It's a warning sign that we're in earthquake country. We should be prepared," he said.

USI's physics and geology departments will be hosting a meeting of the regional section of the Geological Society of America today and Friday. The meeting has been planned for some time but comes after multiple earthquakes in the area.

## USI freshman arrested at Springfest

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER  
News editor

University of Southern Indiana freshman Michael Simcock, 18, was arrested at Springfest on Saturday during a Dashboard Confessional concert for public intoxication, according to Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office incident report.

In the report, Deputy Rob Lutz said Simcock, who is an international student and soccer player at USI, was pushing his way through the crowd inside the

PAC Arena. Once the officer asked Simcock to leave the event, he refused and was apprehended for public intoxication shortly after.

"USI athletics is disappointed with the actions of the player and he has been suspended until the matter can be fully reviewed," said Ray Simmons, director of sports information. Simcock himself did not comment on the event.

Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall said that further disciplinary actions are taking place,

and once he meets with Simcock and the head coach of the soccer team Dan Hogan, he can effectively make a decision.

"We just can't lump every incident together. That would not be fair. We have to handle everything on a case-by-case basis," said Hall.

With a case such as Simcock's, Hall will decide an efficient punishment for the player, which could then be altered by Hogan if he does not find the measures appropriate for the incident. Hall said they could review

everything from attitude on the field to performance in the classroom.

Director of Security Stephen Woodall said the public intoxication arrest was the only arrest made during Springfest, but he said the event was safe secure.

"Overall, I thought that the crowd was very orderly," said Woodall.

Along with USI security, Woodall said additional deputies from the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office attended the event.

## Soggy weather not enough to dampen enthusiasm at Springfest

By LINDSEY ZILIAK  
News editor

Despite the rainy weekend, the Springfest steering committee said the event was a success.

"It was the biggest event and most expensive in the history of the campus," said Tim Buecher, chairman of the steering committee.

Buecher said that even when it was pouring down rain, people were standing outside in front of the main stage watching the Battle of the Bands competition.

He also said that there were more people at USI's Battle of the Bands at one point than there were at the University of Evansville's Hello Goodbye concert that also took place on Saturday.

Friday night's Battle of the Bands winner was 4 Seamer and Saturday night's was ?????? As the winners, both bands have the opportunity to have one of their songs played on Hot96.

The USIdol finals were also held on Sat-

urday evening. USI freshman Greg Weldon took first place honors after singing an original song that he wrote himself. Weldon was the first male to ever win the USIdol competition.

Though there was plenty of support for these events at Springfest, said Buecher, the weekend's real ray of sunshine came in the form of the Dashboard Confessional concert.

"The concert was like nothing this campus has ever seen," said Buecher.

Students were lined up three hours before the doors to the concert opened. They stood in line in the rain holding umbrellas over their heads.

Nearly 2,500 people attended the concert. This more than doubled the size of the biggest concert previously held on campus. This was the Twist concert in 2005, which brought in 1150 people.

"For years people have been saying let's pack the PAC. It's never been done until Saturday," Buecher said.

Scott Miller, one of the student members of the steering committee, said that he thinks

the Dashboard concert improved the image of Springfest.

"I believe (the concert) made Springfest an event that can be compared to a weekend at IU or Purdue," said Miller. "I talked to several people who came down from IU or Purdue, and they said they had a great time."

Miller, Buecher and the rest of the steering committee are already working on Springfest 2009. Within the next week, Buecher said he wants to have a meeting that's open to the public to get an idea of what the people want to see in coming years.

Miller said that students have already been giving him feedback. Some students want longer sets for the bands that play outside. Others want two national acts—one on Friday and one on Saturday. Several people have expressed interest in a longer weekend in general. He said the committee will take these students' requests into account when they're planning next year's event.



# Clinton advisors talk healthcare to USI

By KYLE KNIGHT  
The Shield staff

With over 47 million Americans reportedly uninsured, health insurance occupies an important role in this year's presidential election.

On Thursday afternoon, Andrea Palm, Hillary Clinton's senior health care advisor, visited the University of Southern Indiana to offer over 50 members of the community a chance to view and discuss Clinton's plans for universal health care.

"We have a uniquely American health care plan that meets our needs to get a universal system," Palm said.

Currently, the Indiana State Department of Health lists over 790,000 Indiana residents as without health insurance. And that an estimated 44 percent of males ages 18 to 24, and 27 percent of women ages 18 to 24, do not have health insurance in Indiana.

Several faculty members of USI, along with Deaconess employees, came with a variety of concerns.

"[Health care] directly affects what we teach and what we do," said Amy Wilson, instructor in radiology.

Jennifer Titzer, also an instructor in radiology at USI, attended because she said she believe in choices but there needs to be something for the uninsured, but she would not want her choices taken away.

In front of a Power Point presentation labeled, "American Health Choices Plan," Palm outlined a vision that began with covering all individuals.

To cover all individuals, the plans would offer national coverage for the uninsured and the insured. Clinton's plan would

allow those currently with insurance to keep their current plan or receive coverage through the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP), currently made available to federal employees.

Under FEHBP, citizens will have the opportunity to pay for one of 200 various plans that vary according to regional concerns. Businesses will have the option of purchasing insurance through the plan for their employees, and the plan would offer small businesses a tax credit to help offer insurance.

Programs like Medicaid, Medicare and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) would remain available, and Clinton's plan would emphasize creating "safety nets" to fix the fundamental problems.

About options for citizens, Palm said, "I want folks to be in the driver seat and want it to be true."

Under the plan, everyone would be required to have health insurance and no one would be denied for any reason. To help lower-income citizens pay for insurance, Clinton's plan would provide refundable income-related tax credits available once a year and would insure that health care premiums do not exceed a certain percentage of family's income.

With a surge of new patients, Palm pointed the need for making the medical profession more attractive. "If people can't find a provider the plan becomes counter intuitive," said Palm.

For the plan to succeed, Palm emphasized a shared responsibility among insurance and drug companies, along with individuals and employers. "Make sure the actors are holding their end of the bargain," said Palm.

With many concerned about who will pay for the system, Palm

emphasized treating diseases earlier than later to help reduce costs. Modernizing the health system's effectiveness and developing modern information technology to better serve individuals would save over \$35 million according to Clinton's plan. The plan estimates that \$56 billion would be saved from new efficiencies and over-payments to HMO's various coverage companies.

One audience member expressed concern about the plan's future in Congress, and whether or not the plan constituted socialized medicine. Palm pointed out the plan did not constitute "socialized medicine."

Palm also emphasized a desire for input to help further mold the plan but wanted the overall basic ideas to remain intact. "The goal is to get across the finishing line without violating principles."

Other questions came up regarding how the mandate will be enforced, and certification for certain professions. Palm said matters of certification qualify under efficiency standards, which require new standards to be met to help reduce costs.

In regards to how the plan will find and cover everyone, Palm said, "There never will be a health care police force or door knocking. Employers will ask you which plan you choose."

"We are encouraging everyone to look at the different plans and to talk to other teachers who have opinions and experience. The teachers bring experience to the table and create a dialogue which goes all the way back to Washington. It's an opportunity to give attention to an issue after 12 years of being ignored," said Nadine Coudret, dean of nursing and health professions.

# USI breaks ground on fitness center expansion

By ANTHONY PATE  
Online editor

Standing in front of the mountain of dirt behind the Recreation and Fitness Center, Robert Parrent, vice president for student affairs, announced the groundbreaking of phase two of the recreation and fitness center on April 16.

"It's a place to be and a place to be seen," Parrent said.

Parrent also said the 44,000 square foot expansion will include a rock climbing tower, 8-foot-tall bouldering wall, two group exercise rooms, a game room with foosball, air hockey, table tennis, televisions and equipment for



Robert Parrent announces the groundbreaking of the fitness center renovation

gaming. It will also include two stretching areas, a cardio room, a

combative room with speed bags and heavy bags, a health assessment room, additional locker rooms and office space. Students will also be able to check out outdoor gear like sleeping bags and tents.

David Enzler, director of Recreation of Fitness and Wellness, said they actually broke ground on the project April.

"We're all excited about watching the new REC Center being built over the next 15 months," Enzler said. "The fitness staff will be working to buy the best equipment and plan for the best programs."

# Professor explores another life

By JOSH LICHTENFELD  
The Shield staff

Betty Har, acting chair and professor of English, presented a colloquium on her screenplay over the life of literary Harlem Renaissance figure Zora Neale Hurston.

Hurston garnered the most attention with her novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

After pamphlets containing a scene and the structure bases for the work were distributed, Hart talked about the work that went into drafts.

"I wrote under the constraints of conventional screenplay guidelines and the need for accuracy," said Hart.

Hart spent three years not only gathering material from Hurston's biography and autobiography, but also walking around Eatonville, Fla., with maps. Eatonville is the place where Hurston grew up and the first all-black-incorporated town.

"There is a kind of security you have growing up in those towns...I grew up in an all black town," said Hart.

Hart spent time not only

checking for clarity of information but also keeping brevity in her story as well. She said that a writer gets only 120 pages to tell a story in his screenplay. With that number of pages, she wanted to make sure that the screenplay cued up with the real life of the main character, Hurston.

Hart said she visited Butler University where Toni Morrison, author of the book *Beloved*, was speaking. A student asked the author what she thought of the film version of her work.

"I don't like it, it's not my book at all," said Morrison.

This response is what Hart wanted to avoid in the comparison between Hurston's real life and Hart's screenplay.

To achieve what she set out to do, Hart set up the play with linear plots. The different plot episodes, Hart said show different portions of Hurston's life. Hart had to omit a number of episode ideas due the limitations of time, if acted out.

In response to the linear base, Paula Von Loewenfeldt, assistant professor of English in the English Department asked, "You have a

selective linear life...do you have selected images that you're bringing in?" Hart said it's an actor's job to interpret the dialogue so your writing has to be tight, a reference to Hart's scene omission.

A linear example given by Hart is a scene where Hurston runs into another famous Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes in Eatonville.

"She got married and her husband went on to Chicago for medical school. Hurston stays in Florida, however, buying a car to continue her writing...a brief snippet of their conversation [Hurston and Hughes] shows an explanation of this [the linear plot]," said Hart.

Hart said Hurston was somewhat like a chameleon, meaning in many ways Hurston didn't know who she was, but adapted to different circumstances. It was also mentioned that Hurston's family was never close.

"She was kind of a lonely character and that is something I wanted to convey without making her a pitiful character," said Hart.

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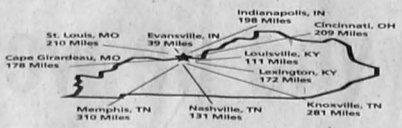


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I love you and you are pretty

It's okay to love your girlfriends... just not in public

By BROOKLYN SOLIS Opinion editor

I have beautiful friends. They are smart, funny and when we have a few drinks we may be more affectionate than we would be without the help of tasty alcohol.

When the rumor spread around our favorite place to Karaoke, I had no idea people were talking about us.

Sure, her stage name is "Brooklyn's Girlfriend," but she isn't going home to sleep with me.

It wasn't offensive, just shocking. I just began to wonder why it is so bad to be considered gay?

I will admit that since it was brought to my attention; I have over thought my regular bar behavior.

If a group of guys walk into a bar together and split a pitcher, they are just good friends hanging out.

Sadly ladies we have another double standard to deal with.

I guess its okay to love your friends, just don't do it in public.

# Power of the pump: the truth about biofuel

By KYLE KNIGHT The Shield staff

With biofuels touted as one of the safest and efficient ways to reduce greenhouse emissions, many jumped on to the bandwagon to help ensure a better climate for the world.

Several have presented research identifying that biofuels have resulted in the deforestation of rain forest for more crops and even increasing world hunger.

Recently the price of oil has spurred significant interest in biofuels. Current expectations predict ethanol consumption will rise to over 1.2 billion gallons by 2012, but research indicates the process releases a significant amount of greenhouse gases.

Further, once those plants and

trees have been removed they can no longer absorb carbon dioxide. In the New York Times, Fargione said, "so for the next 93 years you're making climate change worse, just at the time when we need to be bringing down carbon emissions."

In another study for Science magazine, two scientists found that "by using a worldwide agricultural model to estimate emissions from land-use change, we found that corn-based ethanol, instead of producing a 20 percent savings, nearly doubles greenhouse emissions over 30 years and increases greenhouse gases for 167 years.

Biofuels also factor into the recent food shortages, causing significant problems in under-developed countries. Although drought and the economical growth of other countries contribute to the overall circumstances, biofuels remain an area where countries can exercise restraint and help alter the present circumstances.

Joachim Von Braun, the author for IFPRI report, "Rising Food Prices," said "about 30 percent of U.S. maize production will go into ethanol in 2008 rather than into world food and feed markets."

The research journal Amber Waves, found that "worldwide agricultural commodity price increases were significant during 2004-06: corn prices rose 54 percent; wheat, 34 percent; soybean oil, 71 percent; and sugar, 75 percent. But this trend accelerated in 2007, due to continued demand for biofuels and drought in major producing countries."

Allow little can be done about the recent droughts in countries like Australia; we can have an impact by altering our path with better management of biofuels.

Some have begun calling on developed-countries to alter their policies, but thus far, Europe and the United States have ignored the call. Recently the European Commission rejected an appeal to halt Europe's goal of making biofuel account for 10 percent of its transportation fuel by 2020.

In an interview with Nature, Fargione suggested that to efficiently utilize biofuels we must act "in ways that do not require the conversion of natural ecosystems." Von Braun from the IFPRI, recommended developing countries alter their policy on which crops to develop.

Ultimately, it's time Congress reconsidered current environmental legislation in light of this new evidence and begin altering the present. If we begin to take lead, and heed the warnings of several respected institutions, others developed nations might follow.

# America prefers politicians who lie well

By J.I. LUTZ The Shield staff

Lying is an art, and politicians are great at it. They continually raise the art form to new heights. The ones who are really good at it flourish. The bad ones, the ones who get caught, become objects of ridicule.

John Kennedy was a terrific liar. He could look into a television camera and tell a lie with such cool, calm sincerity that he was difficult not to believe.

Richard Nixon lied about,

well, everything and Ronald Reagan was also a wonderful liar. Reagan looked into the cameras and claimed not to have traded arms to Iran for hostages. When the truth became known, he said he didn't realize it was actually an arms-for-hostages deal.

Bill Clinton lied when he said he hadn't had sex with "that woman." He would have gotten away with it too, if "that woman" had gotten her dress dry-cleaned.

Bill used to be a very good liar. It seems to me, though, that the Clintons have lost their touch. They've gotten clumsy.

We now all know that Hillary lied about landing under sniper fire in Bosnia. It didn't happen, there's proof that it didn't happen and no one makes a mistake about whether or not they are under sniper fire.

Hillary made jokes about it on the Tonight Show. It reminded me of President Bush making jokes about the weapons of mass destruction. It was bad form.

ed telling everyone she just said it once, and she was tired. But, of course, all of her speeches are taped so there is proof of the controversy. She said it several times, in different places and at different times of the day.

John McCain is also a very poor liar. He claimed to walk through calm Iraqi neighborhoods when, in truth, he wore a bullet-proof vest and was accompanied

by a full military escort of 100 soldiers with helicopters overhead.

He is also lying when he says the surge is working and that the Bush tax cuts are good for the economy. He knows that both are lies, but he has made his deal with the devil and can't back out.

Of the three candidates, Barack Obama shows the most promise. This guy might be a fantastic liar. I can't tell yet. It takes history's hindsight to know for sure. Yet, here I am, stuck in the present, trying to make a decision

on how to cast my vote.

Obama talks about working toward a better, more peaceful world and he seems to mean it. That must be a most excellent lie. He promises a government that will talk to our neighbors, even if we don't like them, in order to try to resolve disputes and surely he can't mean that.

hear. I think I'll vote for him. He could be the best liar we've seen in a long time.

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# Green Halloween

## Rewriting in the name of recycling

By JON WEBB  
Et Cetera editor

The concept of "Going Green" permeated popular culture last Tuesday thanks to the arrival of Earth Day: A 24-hour period in which American citizens tossed their wasteful habits into the metaphorical garbage-can and embraced the environmentally frugal lifestyle they spent 364 days peeing on.

To celebrate the idea of "Going Green", this article not only provides pointers on leading a "greener" lifestyle, but is "green" itself, as it is printed on top of an old *Shield* article written by Blake Benham entitled: "Ghosts, ghouls and Honest Abe: Suggestions for students who seek a fun, hip Halloween."

Editors underwent Herculean efforts to make the article as clear as possible, but readers should be warned that parts of Benham's work still bleeds through.

"Going Green" – or, leaving a lighter tire mark on the planet – is a movement spreading across the nation encouraging citizens to reduce waste and cut back on the use of fossil fuels.

Like being Anti-Bush before it, the idea deeply resonates with students.

Following are steps students should take to get greener and, as a by-product, feel much better about themselves.

### Drive a hybrid SUV

Single students with little possessions often need SUV's to drive on Evansville's non-poisonous streets.

Luckily, several car companies now offer hybrid SUVs, which provide the negative stigma of a gas guzzler without all the gul have been digging deep, day and night, to find out what America's A-list stars, athletes and average Joes are masquerading as this October 31.

These are guaranteed to be the most fashionable get-up's out there.

Abraham Lincoln –

### Wash – don't dispose of – dishes

The tendency – or sometimes-near need – to allow dishes to pile up in one's apartment may cause students to abandon a mounting sink and turn toward Styrofoam and/or paper plates.

Disposable dishware can, I admit, erase the possibility of gnats carrying students away in the middle of the night, but they also produce Hefty (a pun) amounts of the blood of a basset hound, I suggest taking the high road: carrying one of those cute Cabbage Patch puppies in one hand.

People can change, you know.

### If only for five minutes, log off Facebook

Instead of finding out what kind of serial killer one would be or configuring one's Sex IQ, an ecologically concerned student should log off Facebook and give the laptop a rest to conserve energy.

Before doing so, one could change their status to *Jane Doe is . . . taking her foot off the Earth's throat.*

Because, really, what's the point of Going Green if it's not plastered all over Chuck Norris – the perfect costume idea if you're still living in 2005 and want to hear fresh, original Chuck Norris facts from Frat Guys on Halloween night.

It's also a good option if you happen to be losing your sanity.

### On-campus students: walk instead of taking the bus

Spring in Evansville is like prettiness on Drew Barymore: it's very fleeting.

Instead of climbing on to the emphysema-suffering bus, why not take a ten-minute walk in the warm spring sun?

I understand the busses will still run regardless of one student's decision, but smothering your deep-fried Twinkie in butter and washing it down with some gravy.

Don't forget your Liberty Mutual testing supplies. Pronouncing the word "diabetes" as anything other than "diabetis" makes you lose all credibility.

People dressing up as Wilford Brimley: Jared Fogle, Kirstie Alley.

### Be buried in a cardboard coffin

"Green funerals" are a popular, eco-friendly way to die.

Being buried in a cardboard coffin in a natural setting – such as a state park – cut down on waste and keeps the polluting chemicals found in embalming fluid from seeping-around underground and tainting the soil and water.

Corpses are also encouraged to wear natural fibers with a slight speech impediment, irrelevant comments and a tall, cool Budweiser (or seven).

Even if people don't recognize you, they'll still laugh at your crazy hair and your big thick glasses. Cubs win! Cubs win!

Hopefully these suggestions have gotten the ball rolling for your HallGoing Green plans.

Just remember to be creative and, if possible, stay in character for maximum fun.

-Additional contribution by Blake Benham.

# Werewolves, vampires and *Hobbit* soon hit theaters

By KIMBERLY STURGILL  
The Shield staff

*Underworld*, the dark vampire fantasy, came to the screen in 2003.

Starring Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman, Bill Nighy, Michael Sheen and more, this movie was a hit as soon as it arrived in theaters.

A story of forbidden love, hidden pasts and the undead – along with your average bloody scenes to top it all off – this movie allows the imagination to soar into the world of warring werewolves and vampires.

The story continues in *Underworld: Evolution* almost immediately where the first leaves off.

The long-awaited movie hit the screens in 2006.

Danger lurked everywhere, and it was up to Selene (Beckinsale) to basically save the day.

The ending of the movie lead fans to believe there would be a third—and it happens to be true.

The story, however, continues in a surprisingly way.

*Underworld: Rise of the Lycans* – due in theaters in January 2009 – is a prequel to the first two movies and revolves mainly around the Lycans (a group of werewolves) and the history of what happened before the impending vampire/werewolf war.

The story focuses on the Lycans' enslavement to the vampires, their bid for freedom and the prices to be paid because of it.

Rhona Mitra (*The Number 23*) will play Sonja, the vampire bride of the werewolf Lucian, who is played once again by Michael Sheen from the first two *Underworld* movies.

Bill Nighy (*Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*) will reprise the role of Victor.

Other cast members of the preceding *Underworld* movies will return as well.

These cast members include Shane Brolly, who is rumored to play Kraven, and Kevin Greivoux, who is rumored to play Raze (both of which are werewolves).

It is so far unknown whether Kate Beckinsale will return in the role of Selene.

Beckinsale has been quoted in past interviews to say that she was rather tired of the whole vampire scene and was uncertain if she would participate in a third *Underworld*.

She may have changed her mind since then, but if she has not, *Underworld* fans will surely be sad to see her go.

Patrick Tatopoulos will direct the film and the writers are Kevin Greivoux and Danny McBride. Tatopoulos was the creature designer for not only the first two *Underworld* movies, but for the recent *10,000 BC* as well.

*Underworld* fans can only hope that the third time really is a charm.

The *Lord of the Rings* trilogy was a hit in both book and film form.

The author of the trilogy – J.R.R. Tolkien – wrote another as a prelude to the other three entitled *The Hobbit*—the story of Baggins' life before the war of the Rings.

In 1977, a cartoon version of *The Hobbit* was made.

Although some things were changed—as in all movies that come from books—the cartoon held true to the story as best it could.

Then in 1982 and again in 2003, another version of Tolkien's *The Hobbit* came to the screen—as video games.

As if a cartoon and various video games weren't enough, now another movie version may be in the works.

To be possibly released in 2010, the movie is still in pre-production.

The plot follows the same basic outline of the book, but will be undoubtedly spiced with a few added twists.

The only information so far is just hearsay: Ian McKellen reprise the role of Gandalf the Grey from *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, but this is not set in stone.

The movie will be directed by Guillermo del Toro (*Pan's Labyrinth*).

Supposedly, there will be a sequel to this movie as well, and Toro will also be in charge of it.

In *The Hobbit*, Bilbo Baggins is a quiet little hobbit that likes his life just fine the way it is; unfortunately, his life is about to take a drastic turn as Gandalf introduces him to a group of Dwarves bent on their mission—of which Bilbo is pushed into accompanying.

Set on a road full of adventure, the group will come face to face with trolls, a cranky and evil dragon (who guards a mountain of treasure), and a mountain of trouble: the very trouble Bilbo becomes famous for in the following novels.

He also meets the mysterious, creepy Gollum for the first time, and stumbles—almost literally—upon the One Ring.

Tolkien have a long wait before them as this movie won't be out for a while, but they can only hope it will be as successful as the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

# Fives Times August finds audience among college crowds

By LAUREN BREEZE  
The Shield staff

With his new album "The Brighter Side" having just been released last month and a tour across the United States currently in progress, things appear to be going very well for the one-man show that is Five Times August.

Bradley James Skistimas is the perfect model of a self-made musician from Dallas.

His music has that warm coffee-house acoustic feel that have brought Jason Mraz and John Mayer to musical fame.

As for his own tastes, Skistimas has no real idols, but enjoys listening to bands like The Beatles and Fleetwood Mac.

"You kind of have to realize what they did at the time as an artist" Skistimas said.

"I like to discover old music and see why music is at where it's at today."

Skistimas appeared at USI for SpringFest in concert with Dashboard Confessional on day 2 of a 10 day tour that will take him through

Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Along the way he tries to stop in at local music shops that promote his CDs.

"They are easy to work for," Skistimas said when speaking about his in-store performances at Borders Bookstore.

"I always get lots of support from them, so I try to stop in whenever I'm close to one."

His tour list makes it quite obvious that college shows are the venue of choice and he is looking forward to pairing up with Dashboard Confessionals again at Valparaiso University on Saturday.

"Chris [the lead singer for Dashboard Confessional] is a great guy and an amazing musician. I've really enjoyed working with him."

As for other venues where his music is featured, Skistimas has received a great deal of exposure and advertisement through his songs featured on MTV's *Laguna Beach*, *The Hills*, *Real World: Sydney* and *Reunited*, as well as several other television programs.

According to Skistimas, he gets a lot of flack for what other people label as "selling out".

"I don't think selling out really exists" he said, "because it's up to each artist to make their own definition. For me it's just another avenue to gain exposure."

In fact, he remarks that several people have commented that without his work on such popular shows they never would have discovered his music.

The future is looking bright for Five Times August, and he has already started working on his next album that he hopes to have released sometime in 2009.

His latest CD and previous works are on sale at Best Buy, Borders and F.Y.E. in the tri-state area. You can find his tour dates at [FivesTimesAugust.com](http://FivesTimesAugust.com) or on his Myspace page [myspace.com/fivetimesaugust](http://myspace.com/fivetimesaugust).



Five Times August (James Skistimas) performs at USI's Springfest.

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**DECEPTION (R)** [11:00am] 1:50 4:50 7:30 10:15  
**HAROLD & KUMAR Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R)**  
 [10:20am] 1:10 4:20 7:00 9:50  
**88 MINUTES (R)** [10:50am] 2:00 5:20 8:00 10:35  
**EXPULSED: No Intolerance Allowed (PG)**  
 [10:00am] 12:45 4:00 6:50 10:15  
**THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13)**  
 [10:00am] 12:45 4:00 6:50 10:15  
**FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R)**  
 [10:10am] 1:00 4:40 7:20 10:00  
**FROM MONTY (PG-13)** [11:00am] 2:15 4:45 7:10 9:40  
**STREET KINGS (R)** [11:00am] 2:10 5:05 7:45  
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**MIM'S ISLAND (PG)** [11:10am] 1:30 3:50 6:20 9:00  
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Thursday, April 24, 2008

## USI tennis heads to GLVC tournament

## Spring Fun Night to greet finals week

By RYAN DeLANEY  
Sports editor

By ANTHONY PATE  
Online editor

The University of Southern Indiana men's tennis team lost to Bellarmine University's Knights Friday, 6-3, which also put the Screaming Eagles in a tie for fifth place in the GLVC.

The rain caused the teams to move indoors to Advantage Courts and Fitness. Senior Christoph Burger and junior Nathan Sexton had USI's only victory, defeating Bellarmine's Tim Braam and Nicolas Janssen-Bernard 9-7 at number one doubles.

Burger had his 17th solo victory of the season defeating Bellarmine's Nathan Matthews 7-5. Freshman Ben Hamm had the only other victory for the Eagles in a super tiebreaker 6-4, 5-7 and 10-5 against Tyler Worley at number five singles.

"It was a close match," said Coach Ross Brown. "I think we can do better than what we did this last time."

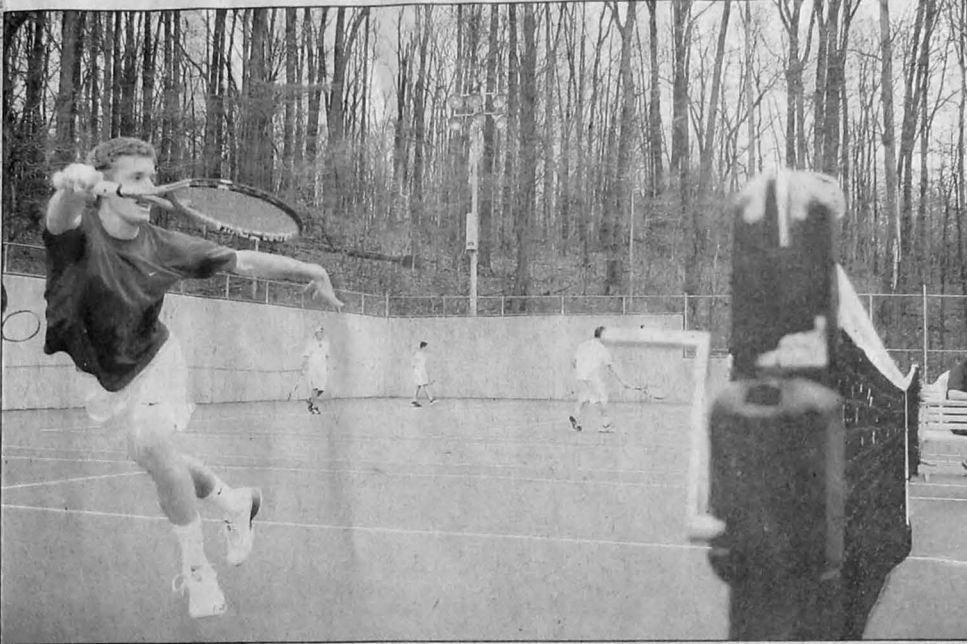
Brown also said with GLVC conference championship this week, they may play them again.

As the end of the school year approaches, many students find little time away from the pressure from the final week of the semester. Intramural Recreational Sports will host Spring Fun Night for those students looking to close the books for an evening to have some old school nostalgic entertainment.

"[Spring Fun Night] gives students the chance to relieve stress and socialize before finals," said Intramural and Recreational Sports director Ruth Waller.

Walther's Golf 'N' Fun Center will house Spring Fun Night on Thursday, May 1 beginning at 8:15 p.m. The event welcomes all USI students to participate in various tournaments and competitions. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the ski-ball tourney, the rock-paper-scissors tourney, the hole-in-one competition and many other contests. Buffalo Wild Wings sponsors the event and will provide free food to participants.

People planning to attend the event should register at the Recreation and Fitness Center by Friday. Those unable to register are also encouraged to attend. The event costs \$5, which includes entry to all contests including the 18-hole miniature golf tournament as well as 40 tokens to spend on arcade machines.



Senior Christoph Burger makes a quick return in the April 18 match against Bellarmine University. The Eagles travel to Indianapolis this weekend to battle for the GLVC championship. They matchup against Rockhurst in the first round on Friday morning.

Photo by Anthony Pate

## Nationally ranked Eagles down Flyers

By GUY SCOTT  
The Shield staff

Last week's loss didn't hurt the Eagles national ranking. The 25th ranked Eagles swept Lewis University last weekend 6-4 and 5-2. The victories raised the Eagles record to 30-13 and 19-4 in conference play. The Flyers fall to 14-21 and 8-14 in conference play.

Junior left fielder Royle Beach set the pace for the eagles in the first game batting two-for-three with a double and two scored runs. Junior Garret Oros also batted well at the plate pounding two hits with an RBI.

Junior right hander Michael Dewig was the man on the mound for the Eagles picking up his second win of the season, which makes him 2-0 on the season. Junior right-hander Shaun Larsen went three and out in the seventh inning for his 12th save of the season.

Junior right-hander PJ Thomas started off slow in the evening game, but propelled the Eagles to a 5-2 victory and picked up his fifth victory of the season. Thomas allowed two runs, and five hits while striking out four in his six innings on the mound. Shaun Larsen also picked up his 13th save of the year in game two.

The Eagles are at home for the final time this weekend hosting the University of Missouri St. Louis for alumni weekend.



Senior left-hander Cory Julian tosses one over the plate in Saturday afternoon's bout against Lewis University. The Eagles took the Flyers in three of the four weekend games. USI stands strong as a top contender in the GLVC.

Photo by Anthony Pate

## Softball team hopeful for playoff action

By JAMARR HENDERSON  
The Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana women's softball team split a doubleheader at home with the University of Missouri Science and Technology. On Monday, the Miners captured game one, 3-2, prior to the Screaming Eagles reeling in game two, 5-4.

The Eagles (29-21, 12-10 GLVC) took advantage of an Eickholt home run in game one that ricochet off the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning, which cut the Miners 2-0 lead in half.

Sophomore designated player Sara Loete hit a two-out single that drove in senior leftfielder Kathy Wood in the fourth that tied the match at 2-2. This RBI not only tied the game but also opened up the record books for Loete acquiring her with the most RBIs in a single season at 51.

However, the Miners scored a run at the top of the fifth inning to take control of the contest throughout and win game one 3-2.

During the second game USI battled back from a 1-0 deficit to square it up when senior third basemen/pitcher Kristen Eickholt hit a single to send senior centerfielder Kristen Morgan home. The Screaming Eagles took their first lead of the day by scoring three times off of five hits in the fifth inning making the score 4-1.

Morgan and freshman second basemen Dani Finkelstein both had RBI singles, whilst the junior shortstop Allyn McKinley had an RBI double that began the scoring streak.

Missouri S&T (22-17, 13-7 GLVC) sent nine players up to bat in the sixth inning and scored three times to tie the contest a four a piece. Eickholt (3-3) climbed the pitchers mound to prevent the Miners from swinging in

any more damage. Eickholt held them to nothing in the seventh, which would pave way for some immaculate play.

Sitting at two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Morgan drew a walk on four straight pitches, while freshman rightfielder Heather Swarts followed by hitting a walk-off double to the right field fence that sent Morgan home all the way from first base.

This win gave the Eagles playoff hope as they return back to action Saturday hosting Kentucky Wesleyan College for Senior Day here at the USI Softball Field. The contest is scheduled to begin at noon as the Eagles honor their five graduating seniors Eickholt, Harrison, Morgan, Wood and second baseman Niki Stewart, be sure to attend as the Eagles look to conclude a successful season.

### Upcoming Events

#### Baseball

Fri., April 25 - Missouri-St Louis @ Bosse Field 7:00pm  
Sat., April 26 - Missouri-St Louis 1:00pm  
Sun., April 27 - Missouri-St Louis 12:00pm

#### Softball

Sat., April 26 - Kentucky Wesleyan (Senior Day) 12:00pm

#### Women's Tennis

GLVC Tournament (Indianapolis, IN)  
Fri., April 25 - SIU Edwardsville 10:00am  
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