

Student workers lose privileges

By GREG ASHER
The Shield Staff

"I didn't know anything about it," said vice president for Advancement, Sherianne Stanley. The Registrar's office recently changed from a DOS based computer system called SIS, Student Information System, to a new web based computer system called Banner.

Jennifer Briggs, assistant registrar, said they were upgrading from old technology to new technology. "SIS was ancient 1980s technology," Briggs said. This change coincides with

the decision to cut more than 1,200 student workers from the early registration program by the Academic Affairs Council in October, but little has been done to warn workers of their lost privilege.

The council cited the large amounts of time it takes to manually enter each student eligible for pre-registration into their database.

Before their decision, about 3,000 students were eligible for pre-registration.

Briggs said with Banner, people had to be flagged. They had to manually set those eligible to free them from the registration

time constraints.

She said one reason why they could have been cut was because the practice of letting student workers register early was so that offices could maximize office coverage.

"That is not how it was often applied," Briggs said.

She said early registration isn't until the beginning of April and they haven't gotten to the stage of notifying everyone yet.

According to Briggs, they will send a mass email to the offices at the appropriate time.

"It's not like we're keeping a secret," Briggs said. Briggs also said any universi-

ty sponsored organization other than student athletes, Presidential Scholars and members of APB, the dance team, The Shield staff and the Student Government Association are not eligible for early registration.

Jobs on campus only pay minimum wage.

The perk of early registration was one of the main incentives to work on campus.

Amigo, Kris Izzi, while insisting he would still continue working for USI, felt a little betrayed.

"We give a lot more to the university than the average student, and this is something the uni-

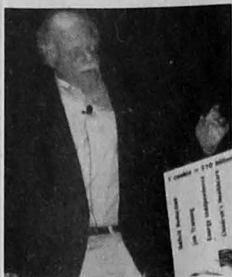
versity gives back to us," he said. Many other workers, like Mario Reid, were a little less inclined to elegance.

"I think it's a dumb idea," said Reid.

Jennifer Hyland, a student worker in the Scripps Howard Communication Center, reacted with a mixture of surprise and disbelief to the news.

Even though she was hired only three weeks ago, her supervisor still promised she could register early.

Anthony Pate contributed to this article.



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Speak out!

SGA gives students a chance to speak their minds.

By ANTHONY PATE
The Shield staff

The Student Government Association will hold its next town hall meeting, "Speak Out," Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in Rooms 201 and 202 in the University Center bridge.

The event will give students a chance to ask questions about academic issues.

Students can fill out question forms located at the SGA office or at tables set up by the SGA from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the UC.

The deans from each of the five colleges and SGA members will be in attendance to answer questions submitted to them and will conduct a question and answer session at the end of the event.

Melissa Mills, representative for College of Education & Human Services and chair of "Speak Out," said it is an excellent opportunity for students to get their questions and concerns answered.

"Many times I think students have important questions, but don't know who to go to in order to get them answered," Mills said.

She also pointed out the SGA is another way students can voice their concerns about the university. A main issue that will be addressed is the implication of the plus and minus grading system.

The faculty senate wants to give teachers the ability to give minuses on transcripts; however, Mills said this would lower grades. "For example, if you were getting a 74 percent you would have a C- and it would take points off your GPA," Mills said. "So I am sure many students have concerns about this."

Scott Carr, president of SGA, stressed the importance of student attendance.

"It is important for students to attend to give their input for academic ministers to take into consideration what they have to say,"

Playing around with health



Heath Racine and Eric Coher play around with a model of the human skull from Health Professions at the 'Safe Spring Break fair' in the conference center Tuesday.

Photo by Adrian Stoica

BSU reaches out

By LEAH BARR
The Shield staff

An opportunity for growth in cultural diversity, Black History Month comes to a close in a few days.

Several more community events will take place as February ends.

Black Student Union president Glynn Allen said he has had conversations with students who had never sat in a classroom with

Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"I think these events have to break down barriers and stereotypes," said Anita Cobb, BSU vice president.

This year's Black Student Union Week theme is "Speak to Me."

BSU members have distributed "Speak to Me" buttons this week to encourage easier conversation in the halls on campus.

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BSU Vice President

people of any minority before coming to USI.

This is one reason contributions to Black History Month are so important to minority groups throughout the year.

A variety of events, discussions and performances have marked the month.

Allen said he hopes the USI community will come out and share their support during the rest of February.

Upcoming events include "An Evening of Jazz" with Soul Factor, from 8 to 10 p.m., Saturday at Pub Banquet Hall, 1348 Division Street.

Tickets are \$10 in advance at the Alumni Office or \$12 at the door.

Artist Raymond Johnson will discuss and show his work Tuesday, Feb. 28 in Liberal Arts Room 2022.

"The Exonerated" play is showing in Mallette Studio Theatre until Feb. 26.

Performance times are

A display on the history of hip-hop was unveiled Tuesday and can be viewed in the University Center.

A panel, "Black Contemporary Issues in Higher Education," will take place tonight at 8 p.m. in Liberal Arts Room 1015.

Both Allen and Cobb said that for next year, they would most like to see more campus community support for Black History Month and Black Student Union Week.

"Next year, hopefully we can get some other organizations involved and hopefully co-sponsor some events," Allen said.

Allen said the Multicultural Center welcomes the entire USI population, not just cultural groups such as BSU and the Asian Student Union, and he would like to see more people visit the center and learn together.

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Student Press ruling stays out of Supreme Court

By LEAH BARR
The Shield Staff

The U.S. Supreme Court decided Tuesday morning to reject a request to review *Hosty v. Carter*, a long-fought case against censorship of college newspapers.

The decision ends a five-year court battle between former Governors State University student journalists and university officials who stopped publication of the student newspaper after it published articles and editorials criticizing school administration.

According to the press release, the court did not issue a written opinion to explain its decision.

"By stifling student media, universities

are stifling the very reason they exist," said Steve Calderwood, editor-in-chief of the University of Evansville *Crescent*.

By the court's rejection, a June 2005 decision by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals awarding college administrators authority to exercise prior review on student media will stand.

In the Supreme Court's 1988 *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier* decision, restrictions of First Amendment rights of elementary and high school students also apply to college. Governors State won this appeal after a lower court victory for the students in April 2003.

"It's a huge blow to student media in

general, especially to public schools," Calderwood said.

The decision affects public colleges and universities in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Calderwood said the decision has no effect on the U of E newspaper because it is a private school, and that university already has a policy protecting its student media from censorship.

Friend-of-the-court briefs were filed by journalism educators, civil rights organizations, and 15 national groups of student and professional news media organizations led by the Student Press Law Center, urging the Supreme Court to hear the case.

"This ruling changes the playing field,"

Mark Goodman, SPLC executive director said in a Tuesday press release.

"People in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin who care about free expression need to take steps today to defend a free student press if they want to ensure a free press will be around tomorrow."

The SPLC began an initiative in September 2005 urging public colleges in these 3 states to sign written statements designating student publications as public forums free of prior review and censorship.

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IPS hosts annual food expo



Anne-Claire Limon, VP for the International Club, sells tickets for the International Week Food expo.

Photo by Jennifer Murnighan

By ANTHONY PATE
The Shield staff

The USI International club and International Programs and Services office will host the annual International Food Expo, which ends International Week.

The expo will take place Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of the International Programs and Services office, said the International Club sponsors the event and the International office assists in making it happen.

The Food Expo has been around for about 13 years and became part of International Week the spring semester of 1999, a year after she came into office.

She said five years before it became part of International Week and the International office was created, a lot of the faculty helped students with the event.

"The International Food Expo allows our students the opportunity to showcase their culture and

traditions with members of the USI community," Gregori-Gahan said.

"We really appreciate the support the community has shown for this event."

There are 19 countries represented in the Food Expo this year, including Afghanistan, Canada, China, France, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion Island, Hungary, India, Japan, Lebanon, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

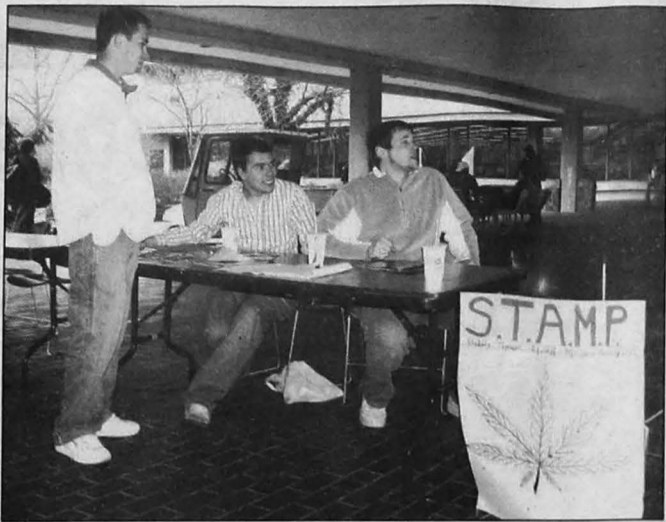
Kristine Meier, program coordinator of the International Programs and Services office, said people often times have no idea of the breadth of countries represented at the university.

USI has 101 international students from 41 countries.

"I would highly recommend the entire USI community to come and check out the Food Expo," Meier said.

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STAMP: A half-baked effort?



S.T.A.M.P. Students Together Against Marijuana Prohibition, is a new on-campus lobbying group whose aim is to raise awareness on marijuana smoking and appeal to state legislatures on approving the drug. USI student Ryan Darr, along with two friends, Aaron Gassier and Mike Jackson, started the group.

S.T.A.M.P. hopes to be a chapter of NORML, The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. The organization is a public-interest lobbying group who for over 30 years has represented individuals who are for the reform of marijuana laws in the United States. "There's not much awareness around here," said Gassier. "Purdue is the only other school in Indiana with a NORML chapter."

S.T.A.M.P. will have their first meeting Fri. March 3 from 4p.m. to 5 p.m. in Forum 1. Photo by Jennifer Murphy

USI travels abroad

By ADRIAN STOICA
News editor

USI, along with other colleges and universities throughout Indiana, is reaching out to students in countries in the Middle East.

Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of International Programs and services, went to Ball State University to participate in Destination Indiana, a program designed to reach out and inform students

overseas about what colleges in Indiana have to offer.

"It was really wonderful," said Gahan.

Gahan said the purpose of the program is to deliver "comprehensive, unbiased info about studying in the US."

Destination Indiana was started in 2001 by the International Trade division of the Indiana Department of Commerce and the Indiana Consortium for Interna-

tional Programs, according to the Destination Indiana website.

USI has been a regular participant since the program got started.

Gahan showed USI by showing a DVD and a power point presentation and then had a question and answer session.

"It's important to reach out to that part of the world," she said.

There will be another program in April to students in India.

Believe you can succeed

By BRANDON COLE
The Shield staff

"Don't let people put you down and believe it," was the message sent from James Harris, Eastern Division Category Manager for Bristol-Myers.

Harris bestowed a speech to a small group in the Education Center presented by the Black Student Union in honor of Black History Month.

Harris, a Philadelphia native, did not consider himself an intellect on his way to college.

He knew in high school that he had to learn a trade in order to make a living.

Harris attended community college after taking placement tests that landed him in all remedial courses.

He opened his math booklet and saw a very elementary math equation.

It was not long before he dropped all of his classes, due to elementary lesson plans.

Harris joined the Army on April 1st.

His superior told the platoon anyone who wanted out of the Army to come forward and they could leave.

"I thought if I didn't like it, that I could say it was an April fool's joke," he said jokingly.

Feeling that he had made the wrong decision, Harris and a couple others stepped forward.

The commander asked, "What's a matter, you don't like my Army, boys?"

For the first time, Harris was not allowed to quit.

The Army taught Harris how to finish what he started.

When his military commitment ended, Harris returned to community college.

This time he enrolled in regular level core classes.

Feeling he could succeed, Harris transferred to Seton Hall where he received a degree in international business.

When it came time to get a job, Harris cut off his dreadlocks to look more professional.

He said that it was amazing how people treated him in interviews after he cut his hair.

Harris came to work for Bristol-Myers after turning down jobs in marketing from Coors, Bicardi and Pepsi.

"You got to be together, believing you deserve the job, especially when you are a minori-

ty," Harris said.

He said that when you believe in your self, others will believe in you.

"You will be the manager when you graduate college," he said. He said that being confident and knowing how to get the answers when you are not sure is the key to success in any field.

Harris offered this advice to the crowd: "Get out of your comfort zone and experiment."

Being from Philadelphia, Harris was used to a diverse group of people.

In Evansville he said there are days when he doesn't see any black people on the way to work.

He says he believes that in some cases, affirmative action works to level the playing field.

"I don't want to be hired because I am black," he said.

Harris said if it came down to him and another guy of equal merit, he would accept the job in accordance to affirmative action.

He said that you have to believe that you belong at the job in which you are applying.

He said he believes whatever he does he can be successful at and so can African American minorities.

Suicide: should it be illegal?

By ANTHONY PATE
The Shield Staff

The College Republicans are sponsoring a speech against legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

Barry Bostrom, an attorney in the law firm of Bopp, Coleson and Bostrom and general counsel for Indiana Right to Life Inc., will speak on the topic.

According to Glen Kissell, advisor for College Republicans, the College of Liberal Arts on Sept. 29, 2005 presented Mr. Clarke Miller, president of End-of-Life Choices, Indiana Chapter, to speak on "The Right to Die Well."

"The College Republicans are doing the job the College of Liberal Arts should be doing."

- Glen Kissell
College Republicans Advisor

Why Physician-Assisted Dying Should be Legal."

Kissell said when asked if they would schedule an opposing speaker at some future date, the College of Liberal Arts indicated they had no plans to.

"The College Republicans are doing the job the College of Liberal Arts should be doing,"

Kissell said.

Adam Clark, the College Republican Executive Chair, said it is important for the students to know about the issue because it will continue to be one.

"It is important for the student body to be educated on both sides of the issue so they can make their own decisions," Clark said.

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Cobb said she would like to see more opportunities for learning about the diverse cultures that come together at USI.

"There are a lot of organizations and people I don't know about. There's more that I'd like to know and I think as a campus that's something we should work on," she said.

For more information, contact the USI Multicultural Center at 465-7188.

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"Not only will they get a great meal and entertainment, but more importantly, they will get to know a vital segment of the population here at USI, our international students."

The entertainment will include an Indonesian DJ, East African dancing, salsa dancing, belly dancing, a performance with bagpipes, some singing and a prize giveaway at the end.

People will also receive passports to get stamped at each booth. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

The cost is \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for children 6-11.

On Friday, The Loft will be closing during normal lunch hours in honor of the expo. Burger King, The Sub Connection and Pete's Arena, however, will be open for normal hours.

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USI joined the handful of colleges who have done so, becoming the first in Indiana to sign such a statement in October 2005.

More schools are expected to follow after Tuesday's decision, as student and faculty groups demand their administrators to act.

Goodman said it is important to make clear that the ruling only limits student press freedom in the three 7th circuit states.

"The Student Press Law Center stands ready to help college student journalists at any school in the country who find their right to publish freely under attack," he said.

"We will not hesitate to take other schools to court in defense of student press freedom."

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Cartoon by: Matt Goins and Troy Cunningham

Notes from the editor's desk

By SHANE TODD
Managing editor

So, people are dying in Europe at the hands of Muslims. Again.

I understand that having your prophet mocked in a political cartoon would probably make any devout follower upset.

It's not so much the killing and rioting that's bothering me, though, as it is the complete lack of focus.

Maybe it's just me, but if a Danish newspaper printed the offensive cartoons, I'd be going after the Danish.

Instead, I'm hearing reports

of protests in London, attacks on Italian embassies and a call for the best political cartoon to mock the Holocaust.

If these attacks and protests were focused more on the Danish people, rather than other European countries that may have reprinted the cartoons, I could understand the situation a little better.

I find myself in opposition when Muslims are out blaming every European for this offense.

Why does this bother me so? Is it because I find the same thing happening to me in class?

From the guy sitting in the desk behind me, to random pieces of conversation I hear in the UC; I

see it on television and hear it on the radio.

A few weeks ago a handful of incredibly brave and faithful Muslims hijacked a couple planes and flew them straight into the World Trade Center.

Ever since, anyone of Arab descent, or anyone that looks like they might be of Arab descent, has been under scrutiny.

Even natives of India and other nearby Middle Eastern countries have found themselves at the wrong end of this backlash.

None of these people are responsible for what happened Sept. 11, but they are blamed.

I doubt anyone you know is a

Editorial

Double bagging or double standards: What's worse?

This past Valentine's Day the College Democrats, a student organization, were handing out valentines that included safe-sex packets containing a condom, lubricant and a wet napkin.

Members were standing next to their reserved booth and asking people if they would like a valentine.

Little time passed before a complaint reached the Student Scheduling Office. Members were then told by a representative from the scheduling office that they couldn't stand up and hand out their valentines.

The USI Student Organization 2005-2006 Policy Book for Campus Facilities states nowhere that students reserving a booth must sit behind the display. It also does not state that students are not allowed to stand next to reserved tables or displays.

It is understandable that someone could be upset by such a gift, but is it reasonable that the

College Democrats were told they couldn't continue that method of dispersing valentines?

Gideons, however, come to campus every year, hosted by the Office of Religious Life, to distribute Bibles.

University officials said they have permission from the president of the university to hand out their literature.

They are allowed to accost people because they are sponsored by Religious Life and have permission, but the College Democrats can't promote healthy habits in a similar, less forward display?

Why the double standard?

The College Democrats were not badgering anyone or pushing an agenda. They were simply offering people a valentine.

Free condoms were available at the Safe Spring Break Fair exactly one week later. No one complained.

According to the Vice President of Advancement, Sherianne

Standley, the group was not violating any student organization policy.

Dean of Students, Barry K. Schonberger agreed with Standley, and neither was aware of the issue until they were contacted through researching this editorial.

Before finishing the research for this editorial, Standley alerted The Shield that she, Schonberger and the scheduling staff will be meeting to clarify policies for student organizations reserving tables.

The discrepancy lies within the person who complained. How accurate was the complaint?

The College Democrats were simply asking people, "Would you like a valentine?"

An innocent question should not be such an issue, but, apparently, to some, it is.

The Shield applauds the university for handling the matter in a timely fashion.

Letter to The Shield

In response to: "Student workers make too little"

To The Shield:

First, what is your source for the assertion that the cost of living in Evansville requires an hourly wage of nearly \$12 and working a 40 hour work week? The cost of living for whom? And full-time students should not be working a 40 hour work week, if they are to have adequate time to prepare for class; being a full-time student is a full-time job in itself.

Second, what do you mean when you say "students living on campus have some amenities provided via tuition"?

Third, the correct spelling is "equilibrium," but even then I'm not sure that's the word that captures what you were trying to say.

Fourth, the rationale for the pay rate may be that, first, student

worker positions do not have significant requirements in terms of education and experience; second, they typically involve limited responsibilities in not-pleasant working conditions (unlike, say, a fast-food restaurant); third, they do not involve travel costs to and from the workplace, as the student worker is already on campus and fourth, student workers can typically develop very flexible schedules.

And finally, USI strives to be the most-affordable four-year school in the state. It is not a pay leader for most, if any, positions. Would you be willing to see an increase in your tuition so as to generate the revenue to pay student workers a significantly higher wage rate?

Dane Partridge
Associate Professor of Management

Facebook over homework in labs

By ERIKA O'DONNELL
Special to The Shield

Midterms approach and competition for computers on-campus in labs and residence halls becomes vicious.

Any lab monitor who's been at USI for even one semester knows the pattern. Except now, students aren't just competing to get assignments done, they're also fighting for recreational internet time.

Since the start of Web sites like facebook.com and myspace.com students can spend limitless hours surfing these sites while simultaneously making someone else crazy.

For students who can't afford a personal computer or the Internet in their home, it's essential to have computers available at school for research papers and other miscellaneous assignments.

It's infuriating to come to a full lab and see at least five people either surfing facebook.com or playing Internet poker during time

when you could be writing papers or doing research. Especially when one considers that several of those people are probably just killing time between classes.

Nonetheless, these same angry people have probably known what their midterms are for two weeks, and probably had several spare hours when they could have at least started their work. In fact, a lot of those hours were probably wasted on facebook.com, or myspace.com or some other equally frivolous activity.

It's not just midterms though; it's the every day assignments that are getting pushed aside for recreational Internet use.

Unlike most of the labs on campus, the library tries to resolve this issue by designating computers for e-mail and personal activities, and others for research and homework. I have not really seen it successfully enforced, but at least it's an attempt.

Erika O'Donnell is a journalism major.

Cheney serves as example

By LIAM POLITZ
The Shield staff

When can the government be trusted?

The latest attempt by the United States government—particularly the executive branch—to dupe American citizens was launched last week following the accidental shooting of Harry Whittington, Austin, Texas lawyer, by Vice President Dick Cheney.

Time and again, this branch of government has tried to mislead Americans through a severe lack of honesty.

From false reports of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, to the leaking of the name of covert CIA operative Valerie Plame, the executive branch has continued to unapologetically lie to the American public.

Following the vice president's hunting accident, the White House did not offer comment on the incident for an entire day.

If Katharine Armstrong—owner of the Texas ranch where the shooting occurred—had not spoken with reporters from the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, the public might not have ever learned of the events. This is the exact problem with the current administration: accountability for their actions.

Why is it so difficult to be truthful with the American public? Are we undeserving of truth? Mistakes happen, but they are best atoned for through honesty.

The precedent for dealing with liars in the executive branch was demonstrated during the administration of President Clinton.

However, Clinton was personal life.

He did not lead the country into war based on false intelligence reports or injure someone in a hunting accident.

If anything, Clinton embarrassed the country but he did not hurt it. Maybe he was deserving of an impeachment.

If the Bush administration were held to the same standards as that of Clinton, how many impeachment trials would have already taken place?

Hussein trial or circus?

By ANNA BECHER
Copy editor

Clad in pajamas, crouched on the floor and mocking authorities—it sounds like a scene from an after school daycare.

However, this is not a daycare. It is the trial of Saddam Hussein, who has been charged with multiple "crimes against humanity."

In one of the most ridiculous displays of a judicial system, these trials continue to create a mockery in Baghdad.

Hussein, along with seven co-defendants, including his half brother Barzan Ibrahim Hasan, face charges of killing nearly 150 Shiites.

The court proceeding, which should be professional, is turning into a circus.

Confined to his cage, Hussein reportedly pounded on the railings and accused the court of forcing him to attend the trial.

But isn't this what trials are about?

Aren't you supposed to attend them?

If the defendant doesn't attend the trial, there is no trial. Period.

Maybe there shouldn't even be a trial at the rate this is going.

It seems like there has been little, if any, progress made since the trials began in Oct. 2005,

unless you count increased television ratings as a way of progress.

Iraqis have been tuning into the barbaric shouting matches and crazy costumes since the trial began.

Normally dressed in a tailored and professional looking suit, Hussein recently entered the Iraqi courtroom yelling, "Long

live Iraq!" wearing a jacket and slippers.

Why is Hussein even given the opportunity to defend himself?

If he is only going to put on an outlandish performance, mocking the authorities who are taking it seriously, Hussein doesn't deserve the justice that he is being shown.



Cartoon by Matt Goins and Troy Cunningham

Shooting is more than hilarious

By GREG ASHER
The Shield staff

For fans of political satire, these past two weeks have been entertaining.

Bob and Tom's radio show kicked off the week with the song "Cheney's Got a Gun."

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart kept the jokes going all week with their nightly "Cheney Shot A Guy In The Face Report."

Not to say the concept of the nation's second-in-command having a beer for lunch and accidentally shooting his almost 80-year-old hunting buddy isn't inherently amusing—it's hilarious.

The ease comedians will have in making fun of this story for

years isn't in dispute.

The question hard to understand is, why isn't anyone mad about this?

Harry Whittington, the man Cheney shot, suffered a life threatening heart attack because one of the bullets lodged in his heart, but no one seemed to care so long as there was humor to be had.

Even the 24 hour delay in reporting the incident, which should have sent conspiracy theorists into a frenzy, aroused few second glances aside from the potential to add another punch line.

Why is no one outraged at this?

Is it possible that Americans have lost the ability to feel shame for our actions?

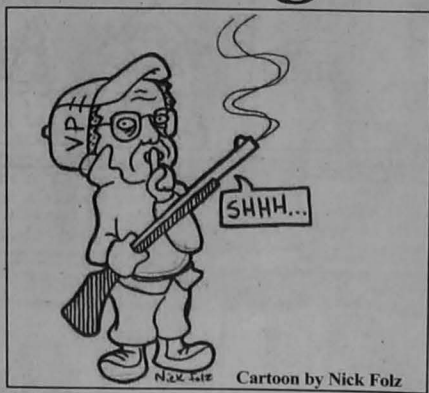
Just a few years ago, Clinton's infidelities were made fun of on nearly every episode of Saturday Night Live; they were also the subject of nightly condemnation on the news.

Why is everyone laughing, while no one is angry over a much more serious offense?

After Nixon's conspiracies, Carter's ineffectiveness, Reagan's bad movies, the first Bush's broken promises, Clinton's skirt chasing and the second Bush's general stupidity, has America lost all ability to be ashamed of our leaders?

Are we really so resigned to national embarrassment that we can only laugh at our declining image?

At least it is really funny.



Cartoon by Nick Folz

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Ben and Jerry scoop more than ice cream

By LEAH BARR
The Shield staff

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield - the famous ice cream entrepreneurs - gave 1,200 spectators the scoop on the company's history and their unique business model Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Centre.

Attendees were asked to bring non-perishable food items. Three 50-gallon barrels of food were collected for the Tri-State Food Bank.

"There's a spiritual aspect to business, just as there is to the lives of individuals. What you give, you receive," Cohen said.

Greenfield said the two met in seventh grade gym class because "we were the slowest and fattest kids in the class."

After Greenfield finished college and Cohen dropped out after several tries, they found themselves discontent and bouncing from one unsatisfying job to another.

"All we really like to do is eat, so we decided why not open a food business?" Greenfield said.

They started their first shop, a renovated gas station in Burlington, Vt. in 1978 after taking a \$5 correspondence course in ice cream making.

"We were really broke, so we split the class between us, \$2.50 each," they said.

They chose Burlington because it would be the first ice cream shop in the town and "we figured we'd be better off without any competition, since we didn't know what we were doing," said Greenfield.

Their business flourished in

summers but struggled through winters until Cohen began selling their product out of his station wagon by the pint to local homeowners and restaurants.

"Eventually, we were selling more than the car would hold," he said. They began selling through distributors.

In 1984, their growth led to a dispute with Haagen-Daz, which had just been bought by Pillsbury.

The company owners told area distributors that if they continued carrying Ben and Jerry's ice cream, Pillsbury would refuse to allow them to carry Haagen-Daz.

Cohen and Greenfield were amazed that the ice cream giant considered their company a threat worth bullying.

"We knew we had to do something, so we thought 'oh boy, we'll sue Pillsbury. That'll be fun!'" Greenfield said.

They launched the "What's the Doughboy Afraid Of?" campaign, a grassroots effort that caused enough public outcry to make Pillsbury back down.

In the same year, company revenue hit \$4 million and the pair decided to sell shares to the common people of Vermont, rather than take investments from "just a few wealthy people."

One in every 100 families became Ben and Jerry's stockholders.

Cohen and Greenfield realized their role had shifted from ice cream makers to businessmen.

Their negative attitudes toward the business world had them ready to quit until a friend intervened.

"He said, 'If you don't like the business, why don't you change it?' So we did."

"This is a change from business versus community to business working with its customers and employees for the benefit of all," Cohen said.

In an effort to help their community, they recycle and reuse cardboard supplies, donate 7.5 percent of their pre-tax income to charities, purchase milk from small Vermont dairy farmers above fair-market prices and donate profits from socially-minded flavors like Rainforest Crunch.

They also publish "50 Ways to Support Peace" on the company Web site, the Lick Global Warming campaign and Cohen's involvement in Business Leaders for Sensible Priorities, a coalition lobbying to reduce money spent on the Pentagon to allow more spending on education and human service projects.

Cohen said the root of most of society's problems is a combination of the compartmentalizing of lives and business' single-minded focus on profit.

"We'll never accomplish our social needs, what we talk about Saturday or Sunday in church or temple or mosque, until we incorporate that with our daily lives and our businesses," Cohen said.

He and Greenfield redefined the "bottom line" to include "how much we have improved quality of life" as well as profitability.

"If we fail at achieving both, we have failed as a business," he said.

For sale: one ankle

Sell your body on Ebay, pay your debts

By ASHLEE MCCANN
Et Cetera Editor

Everyday people seem to amaze others with the ridiculous things they think and even do.

However, it is not everyday that a former USI student sells part of their body to be tattooed just to pay off a small debt.

Jameson Farrell is one person that took the problem of having to pay off debt to a whole new level. Farrell obtained two speeding tickets and one seat belt ticket, giving him a fine of \$379 he owed to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

"I come up with horrible ideas all the time, but this is probably one of the worst I've thought of lately. I was sitting one evening after visiting the BMV earlier in the day only to think 'How can I make this money quickly and legally?' and voila, the idea to sell my ankle as ad space popped into my mind," Farrell said.

Farrell went straight to the online selling giant, Ebay.com.

His items, his ankles, were listed for ten days and attracted a ton of visitors.

A total of thirty bids were made and put the price up to \$405 dollars.

Not only was this auction



attracting Evansville locals, but Farrell also got the attention of people across the country.

Two high bidders included a fetish website from Atlanta and a private citizen living in Arkansas.

Fortunately, the private citizen or the fetish website did not win Farrell's ankle.

Golden Palace, an online casino, won the prize possession of being able to tattoo their logo on Farrell's ankles.

"One evening after visiting the BMV earlier in the day, I was thinking 'How can I make this money quickly and legally?' and voila, the idea to sell my ankle as ad space popped into my mind."

- Jameson Farrell
USI graduate

The Veronicas not the next Donnas



By SHANE TODD
Managing editor

So about every third or fourth time I log on to Myspace (a day), the featured artist is the Veronicas.

Now I bet you've been asking yourself, who are the Veronicas? Okay, so even if you weren't asking that, you're about to find out.

The Veronicas are twenty-year-old identical twins from Australia. And they rock. Hard.

Or so they seem to think. "The Secret Life of..." the Veronicas' debut album, is yet another attempt to cash in on the "grrl" rock craze that was popular back in the early '90s.

Now I loves me some chick rock. Give me some Kittie, Lucina Coil or Jack Off Jill and I'll be pleasantly entertained for hours.

Unfortunately, the Veronicas match up to none of these bands. They're much more akin to the Ashlee Simpsons and Avril Lavigne's of the music world.

Which, I suppose, isn't an entirely bad thing. I don't mind Avril, and Ashlee, well, she really has no redeeming qualities. Back to the point.

The Veronicas are another faux rock cookie from the popular music mold.

The saddest thing about "The Secret Life of..." is that there really is some potential for a decent band here.

There are some good guitar riffs and catchy rhythms on the album that almost make it worthwhile.

Then, the lyrics fall into that quasi-angst "I'm not a cheerleader, boo hoo" thing that all the girls are doing these days.

Like almost everything else in the music world, the Veronicas are trying to appeal to an audience they seem to know nothing about.

In fairness, the Veronicas are probably better than the aforementioned Avriils and Ashlees.

Hell, they're better than most of the stuff on radio today. But that's not really saying much.

If you're willing to accept the generic rock the Veronicas are pushing, then by all means it's worth the ten bucks or so for the album.

However, if you really want some good "grrl" rock, invest in one of the bands that the Veronicas only wish they could be. Like Veruca Salt.

Lame lyrics worth 1000 insults

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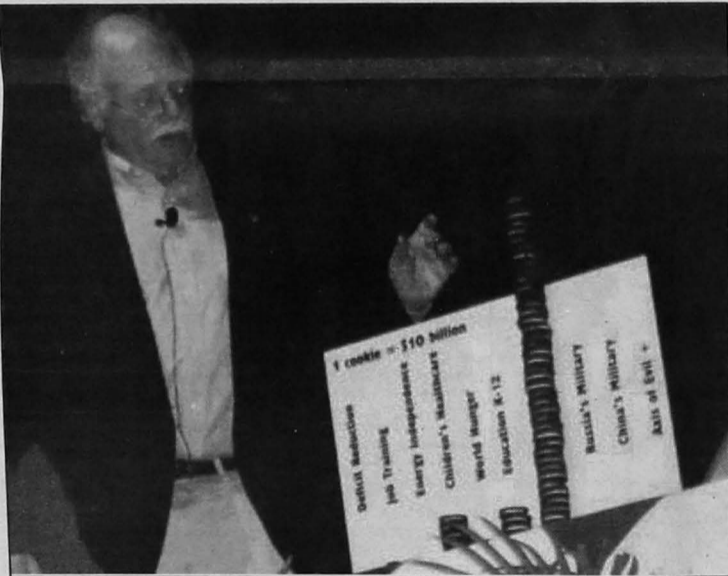
Craig Fehrman reviews The Subways' "Young for Eternity," an album that claims to offer catchy

riffs, punchy songs and short-but-sweet musical goodness. Fehrman, however, describes

"Young for Eternity" a bit differently:

"If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a lame rock lyric is worth a thousand insults. My heart is blue, my heart is blue for you," sings Bill, the frontman for the Subways...

Read the rest of the review online at www.usishield.com.



Ben Cohen, of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, talks about his 'cookie chart' during a recent visit to the Evansville area. He spends his time before a speech in his hotel room drilling holes in Oreos with a drill bit, says partner Jerry Greenfield. The famous ice cream duo presented an audience at The Centre with ice cream with informative toppings.

Photo by Jared Kinkade



Fashion can be comfy



By **BETSY GENTRY**
The Shield Fashionista

Loungewear is an essential part of a wardrobe. Whether it's a Saturday morning, class or going out to run a few errands, you need to look put together.

Your high school sweat shirt or pajama pants will not do.

Loungewear outfits will satisfy your need to look comfortable, but will avoid making you look as if you just rolled out of bed.

Start investing in some

loungewear ready-to-wear looks that you can wear just about anywhere.

The brand Juicy Couture is known for its loungewear.

These outfits are made of terry cloth, velour, fleece or polyester and are often worn by Hollywood stars.

If you want a complete outfit from Juicy, you will simply need a jacket, pants and a matching tee to wear underneath.

Excursions boutique in Evansville is the only place in the area that carries Juicy Couture.

They have a variety of short sleeve terry cloth jackets, matching tees, terry shorts and terry pants to choose from in a variety of colors.

Excursions also has other fleece and velour styles from Juicy as well.

My favorite item they're carrying now from Juicy is the striped pink and white tee. The tee looks great paired with the pink short sleeve terry jacket.

Visit their website for more information at www.shopexcursions.com or visit their boutique on Lincoln Avenue.

If you're looking for a loungewear outfit, but are on a tighter budget, you can find similar looks at Old Navy.

Be aware that Old Navy styles of loungewear pants run shorter (about a 30 or 31 inch inseam) so if you are tall, the length of the pants will not work.

Stick with an outfit from Juicy because the inseams start at 32 or 33 inches.

Scent of the week:

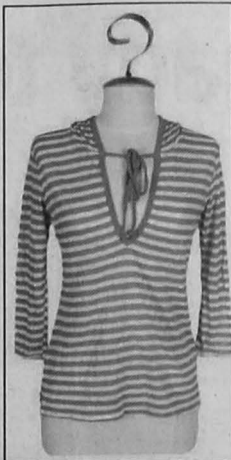
Alexander McQueen My Queen.

This new scent from the famous fashion designer smells sweet with notes of sweet almond and vanilla blended with a touch of fruitiness with notes of violet, orange blossom absolute and iris. It is currently only available online at www.sephora.com.

Spurge:

Chanel is coming out with a new powder bronzer in March. The new shade, called Canyon, will be darker than the current shades of Sierra and Toundra.

The silky bronzing powder works like magic, due to smooth texture and photo reflective pigments to diminish the appearance of fine lines.



This is a Juicy Couture tunic that is available in pink and white stripes or blue and white stripes at Excursions.

The bronzer costs \$45, but if you're in a crunch for cash, go to www.gloss.com for free shipping on any order over \$35.

Deal:

Macys is having a huge sale this week on tons of winter wear. This is the time to buy the coat you wanted and keep it in your closet until next year.

Items from brands such as Nine West, Tommy Hilfinger, The North Face, DKNY and others are over 50 percent off.

Fashionista suggests:

7 for all Mankind denim has paired up again this season with Great Wall of China brand for another breathtaking limited edition collection.

Check out different styles, cuts and washes at www.eluxury.com.

My personal favorite is the Aruba wash with the white vines. It will look great with a white camisole paired with white heels.

Want to see more of what I'm talking about? Check out my fashion segment live on the local Fox 7 news station on Thursdays around 7:50 a.m.



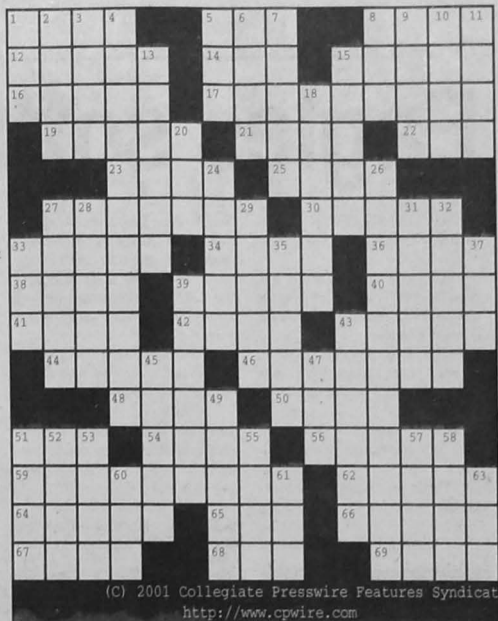
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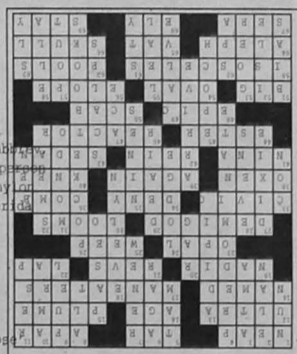
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43. Car type
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51. Tom Hanks' first starring movie
54. President's office
56. Leave without permission
59. A triangle
62. Some are for football helmets
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65. Dye quantity
66. Brain box
67. Evening in Roma
68. Isle in E. England
69. Remain

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2. Style
3. Hindu principle of life
4. Excel
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6. Used as gelling agent
7. Sign up again for a magazine
8. Model Carol
9. Gasoline
13. Acid used to produce nylon
15. Leisurely stroll in Meriden
18. Female name
20. Tease
24. Live with
26. Reticules
27. The South
28. Ties up
29. Breathe through 'de nos
31. _____ Cane
32. Cover with cream cheese
33. A lifer, e.g.
35. Dressed to the _____
37. Big _____
39. Get there
43. Skin on top of head (p)
45. Bra
48. What can be in a hole
49. An iceberg does this
51. Prejudice
52. Wight, e.g.
53. A regular attendee
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Eagles softball ready to take flight

By MICHAEL LONER
The Shield staff

The USI softball team will open its 2006 season Friday in the University of Alabama-Huntsville Charger Chillout.

The Screaming Eagles were to open their season this past weekend in the 10th Annual UCA Spring Clash, but due to inclement weather in Conway, Ark. the tournament was canceled.

The Eagles were 30-20 overall last season and 10-8 in the GLVC.

The five-year head coach

Sue Kunkle has a record of 114 wins with 80 losses since taking over the program in 2002.

The Eagles finished third in the GLVC Tournament for the second consecutive year last season.

The team also set a school record last spring by winning 18 consecutive games.

Coach Kunkle enters the 2006 campaign with 114 career victories and only needs four more to become second all-time winningest at USI.

The Eagles are returning their entire starting infield, the entire bullpen and the top two

pitchers from last season's squad. USI's top returnees include junior catcher Lisa Anderson and senior pitcher Missy Grover.

Kunkle needs to mix 11 returnees with six position starters and three newcomers this season.

The two-time All-GLVC and All-Great Lakes Region performer, Lisa Anderson, hit .329 with four home runs and 30 RBIs in 2005.

Teammate Missy Grover had a 2.08 ERA and six shut outs with 15 wins in 18 complete games, earning All-GLVC honors in 2005.

Through a vote by the

league's coaches, the Eagles softball team is expected to finish fourth in the GLVC in 2006.

USI received one first-place vote to edge past the University of Wisconsin-Parkside for the fourth spot in the poll.

The University of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville was the coaches' favorite to win the GLVC,

while defending GLVC champion, Northern Kentucky University, was second in the poll.

Lewis University was chosen as third in the GLVC Preseason Coaches Poll.

USI Lady Eagles start their GLVC competition March 18 when they travel to Indianapolis to

take on the Greyhounds of the University of Indianapolis.

USI also welcomes league newcomers, Rockhurst University and the University of Missouri-Rolla, to the USI Softball Field when the Eagles open their home schedule March 25 and 26.

Senior pitcher Missy Grover (right) and junior catcher Lisa Anderson (left) lead the 2006 USI softball team, who look to top a third-place finish in the GLVC Tournament.

Photos courtesy of News and Information



USI professor experiences the Olympic dream

By ERIN HOBGOOD
The Shield staff

The Olympic games happen every two years, alternating between the summer and winter games.

Athletes from around the world compete for a chance to win an Olympic gold medal, marking the pinnacle of their careers.

The Torino Winter Games are winding down, and we are just beginning to know the names of athletes who train for years hoping for a chance to compete and represent their nation.

Not all of us are destined to stand atop the first-place podium and listen to our country's anthem play from loudspeakers, but that doesn't mean a dream has to be given up.

USI's assistant professor of physical education, Glenna Bower, Ph.D., realized her Olympic dream by volunteering during the games.

Bower volunteered at the 2004 Athens Summer Games as a field crew assistant. She was responsible for taking care of the women's softball practice and game fields.

She lined the batters' boxes and painted the bases the Olympic colors.

Another responsibility of hers was to set up the award podiums. She was present when the

U.S. softball team stood atop the first-place podium, listening as the Star Spangled banner played, and the U.S. flag was raised above all the others.

"I was on the field and saw the team with tears in their eyes," Bower said. She said being a part of that moment gave a sense of satisfaction.

While her interaction with athletes was limited, she did manage to take some autographed souvenirs from Athens that she proudly displays in her office.

She has two signed softballs sitting on a glass case on her desk along with other autographed memorabilia.

Her role at the games was

mostly as a worker. She was scheduled to work only eight hours but often found herself at the fields all day.

As a volunteer, she wasn't paid in cash for her efforts but was given credit vouchers for meals.

Airfare and housing was her responsibility. Luckily, she was able to share a small room with a friend.

She also had to learn to communicate despite the language barriers.

Still she said she would recommend the experience to anyone.

"It's more than sports. It's about communication, culture and the world that athletes have put in to experience their dreams."

Anyone can apply online to work at any of the upcoming games.

After applications have been reviewed, the lucky few will be interviewed and then selected based on the application and interview.

Being an athlete is not necessary, but having knowledge of the sport is a definite help. Bower herself played softball when she was younger.

Left: USI professor, Glenna Bower, worked as a softball field crew assistant at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Photo courtesy of Glenna Bower



USI Ultimate Frisbee Club

Ultimate athletes and friends play by the code

By JEREMY BISHOP
Special to The Shield

Some consider the Frisbee just a disc to throw to a friend or man's best friend.

Just a simple little toss and your pooch is off in a flash, and that's all it takes to keep the bugger happy until you get bored and don't want to throw it for the poor thing.

Just as one thought that the Frisbee couldn't get any better, a couple of friends out of New Jersey got together one day and gave birth to what is now a sport played throughout the world.

In the college division of the Ultimate Players Association (UPA) there are 272 teams worldwide.

The University of Southern Indiana's Ultimate team is ranked number 25.

You probably wouldn't think that psychology plays a major role in sports, particularly Ultimate Frisbee.

However, in this case, Chris Bloom, a psychology professor and the coach of the University of Southern Indiana's Ultimate Frisbee team, says he believes psychology has everything to do with sportsmanship.

The athletes of this sport have to be in great physical condition "running about 7 miles in a game" Bloom says referring to how much running back and forth is done during a game.

Players not only need to be in

good physical condition, but they also have to have a cool head to stick with the "spirit of the game."

This "spirit" is a code of conduct that has stayed alive since the

beginnings of Ultimate in 1968.

This code requires that all players govern themselves. There is no taunting, no rough play of any sort, and the most impressive

thing is that every player of every team sticks to these rules with no referees.

If there is a dispute the teams on the field settle it themselves.

For 38 years this sport has been a sport of competitive friends, but now it's a much larger group of friends.

If you want to join this group

of friends visit the UPA Web site at www.upa.org.

Here you'll find everything you need to get started on the circuit or just find out where you can go to see their events.

Ultimate Frisbee can be played pretty much anywhere there is a field and some type of goal.

All you really need to get started is a Frisbee, a field and some friends.

Look up some simple rules posted on the UPA Web site and go at it.

Tina Prudhomme, a freshman at USI, describes the sport as "energizing" as she recalled getting together with some friends one summer to play Ultimate Frisbee on a soccer field.

However, summer is not the only time that this sport can be played.

Chris Bloom's girls and guys have played in all seasons and in all types of weather.

Once you get at this sport you are sure to feel "energized" like many that have come into it.

Just like the postal service "not rain, sleet or snow" will stop them from delivering a fun filled day of Ultimate Frisbee to you and your friends.

Jeremy Bishop is a freshman Public relations and Advertising major.



The USI Ultimate Frisbee team ranked No. 25 in the country. They finished their fall schedule with a 16-3 record. They will host a tournament March 19 here at USI. Their final tournament of the season is April 8-9 in Nashville, Tenn.

Photo courtesy of News and Information

How do USI athletes stay healthy?

By BRANDON COLE
The Shield staff

In the winter season athletes are faced with a challenge outside of their rigorous competition.

The winter season plagues athletes with common colds and flu viruses.

For most of us, just getting through the day while being sick is an uncomfortable task.

Student athletes have to go to class and compete at a high-level in their particular sport, while suffering with an illness.

So how do USI athletes cope with the flu season?

Allison Shetler, a senior soccer player, runs almost twice a day and lifts weights twice a week. Soccer is a very important part of her life.

She will compete unless she is "physically unable." She says being active makes her feel healthier and just better all around in any season.

She does not eat or drink any supplements to enhance her athletic competition, however, in preseason she will take vitamins.

To overcome sinus problems she will sometimes take a decongestant before playing.

Erin Steinkamp, a senior intramural basketball player, takes a vitamin everyday to keep healthy.

Steinkamp played basketball in high school and takes her intramural sport seriously, while still having fun.

She sometimes plays even though she is sick. "I shouldn't but I do," said Steinkamp.

She said when you are active

"[Cross Country] is a lot of what I do and who I am. It is a reason I live."

-Robert Garwood
Senior Cross Country runner



Robert Garwood

"everything just seems to fall in place." Robert Garwood, a senior cross country athlete, runs anywhere from "70-90 miles a week."

Garwood said regarding cross country, "It's a lot of what I do and who I am. It is a reason I live."

Garwood takes iron supplements, multi-vitamins, Gatorade and Enduros if he feels real bad.

He believes staying active

improves your immune system. He will compete or practice when he is ill. "It drives me crazy if I don't," said Garwood.

USI athletes say they are

dedicated. There is a saying many coaches have adapted as a gauge whether their athlete can compete or practice.

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If these athletes are not physically unable they will gear up and compete. They are true competitors.

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Help save the USI bluebirds

By **MATT HURT**
Special to the Shield

Thanks to the annual bluebird trail clean-up days, bluebird populations are now more stable than they have been in the past.

Each March, bluebirds come to nest in the bluebird houses located on the trail that stretches across 2.5 miles of the USI campus.

The houses on the trail will soon become the birthplace of many young birds when they hatch in April.

The Bluebird Trail was established with 25 houses by the Westwood Garden Club in 1972.

Over the years, however, the trail deteriorated and was in a dire state of disrepair.

After being worked on, the trail was re-established in 1995 and is now properly cared for by a biology or science education major, who collects nesting data from each of the houses on the trail during the season and monitors the nesting birds' overall environment.

The program has seen vary-

ing participation.

There have been as many as 25 people and as few as six; people come from all over, even Owensboro.

"We invite everyone to come out and bring their families," said Dr. Charles Price, head of the bluebird program.

Price, professor of science education, has coordinated USI's Bluebird Trail Project since the early '90s.

The project has proved a success as hundreds of bluebirds have survived into young adulthood

since the program was introduced.

The program is open to anyone who is interested in lending a hand.

Participants will meet Saturday at the Grimes Haus on the Bluebird Trail at 9 a.m.

For more information regarding the trail and the annual clean-up day, contact Dr. Price at (812) 464-1935 or you can peruse the trail's Web site at <http://www.usi.edu/bluebird/>.

CAMPUS ROUNDUP

Young activist will present eyewitness account of "Life in Occupied Palestine"

Anna Baltzer, a 26-year-old Jewish American Columbia graduate and Fulbright scholar, will present "Life in Occupied Palestine: Eyewitness Stories and Photos" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, in Carter Hall D in the University Center.

The granddaughter of a Holocaust survivor, Baltzer grew up believing that Israel was a peace-seeking democracy, but as a Fulbright scholar teaching English at a university in Ankara, Turkey, she came to question that view.

While in the Middle East, she traveled in Syria, Lebanon and Iran.

"My new friends told me stories of past and present military attacks, house demolitions, land confiscation, imprisonment without trial, torture and assassination sponsored by the Israeli government," she said.

Baltzer applied and was accepted to work with the International Women's Peace Service (IWPS), a grassroots peace organization dedicated to documenting and nonviolently intervening in human rights abuses in the West Bank, and supporting the nonviolent movement to end the occupation.

She is touring the United States with a presentation and book covering her experiences with the IWPS.

Witness in Palestine: Journal of a Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories is a collection of her writings and photographs from five months working in the West Bank.

Baltzer's talk provides information about checkpoints, settlements, environmental issues, the olive harvest, Israeli activism, the Separation Wall and the growing Palestinian and Israeli nonviolent resistance movement against the occupation.

Apply for Student Leadership Awards 2006

You and your organization could be eligible to win scholarships and awards from USI's Office of Student Development Programs.

Any student or organization who meets the eligibility criteria of the awards may apply. Applications must be returned to the Office of Student Development Programs, University Center Room 015 (lower level) by 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 17.

Winners will be recognized at the Student Leadership Awards and Recognition Ceremony at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

A list of the awards and scholarships are available at www.usi.edu/leadership/awards.asp or in the Office of Student Development Programs.

For more information contact the Office of Student Development Programs at (812) 465-7167 or e-mail connect@usi.edu

New Procedure for Degree Candidates

This year, degree candidates must make a reservation to participate in commencement.

The fire marshal is enforcing a limitation of 1000 chairs for the floor of Roberts Stadium and there is a possibility of 1800 persons eligible for seating.

Reservations can be made by going to the commencement home page at <http://www.usi.edu/commencement/index.asp>.

You will receive an e-mail confirming your reservation shortly after.

If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call the Office of Special Events at (812) 464-1930 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you do not receive a message concerning your confirmation or if you have any questions, please call the Office of Special Events.

Campus Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		3:30 p.m. Study Abroad Information Session UC 205 5 p.m. Spectrum Meeting Visitors welcome. UC 205 5:30 p.m. Speak Out SGA is holding a town hall meeting open to all university students and staff. UC 201-202 9:30 p.m. Student Housing Association Meeting McWest Recreational Room	9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Eating Disorder Screenings OC Counseling Center For more information contact Brooke Orth, staff counselor, at 464-1867	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Where in the World Trivia Questions located in UC, OC, LA and Ruston Hall. UC International Office 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Run for Student Government Association Pick up a packet UC Front Desk 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Student Housing Contract Renewal 4:30 p.m. Student Alumni Association Meeting UC 206 7 p.m. The Exonerated Call 422-3970 for more info. LA- Mallette Studio Theatre 7 p.m. Ropewalk Reading Series: Ken Smith Kleymeyer Hall	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Run for Student Government Association 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Southern Hospitality Day Contact the Office of Admission for program agenda and reservations. Campus Wide 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Student Housing Contract Renewal Resident Life 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. International Food Expo 2006 UC Carter Hall 8 p.m. The Exonerated 8 p.m. "Soul Factor" Jazz Ensemble For advance tickets at \$10, please call the Alumni Office at 464-1924. Pub Banquet Hall, 1348 Division St., Evansville	

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