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Senate passes gay marriage ban

Proposed language raises questions

By LUCAS NIEKAMP
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The Indiana State Senate passed a joint resolution defining marriage as consisting only of a man and a woman on Monday, Feb. 12. The Senate voted 39-10 in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 7.

The joint resolution follows the same definition of marriage agreed to in early 2005 by both the House and Senate. If identical legislation passes the House this ses-

sion, Indiana voters would face a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November 2008.

If a majority of voters approve the measure, the constitution would be amended.

Sen. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, and Sen. Bob Deig, D-Mount Vernon, both supported the joint resolution.

"[SJR 7] doesn't change much," Becker said. "That is already the law by statute."

State law already limits marriage between a man and a

woman. By amending the constitution, however, legislators hope to avoid the possibility a court could declare the existing law unconstitutional.

"This allows the public to have a vote and I think the public should have the right to decide the issue," Becker said.

Deig cited the high percentage of e-mails and phone calls his office has received in support of the marriage amendment as reason for his vote.

The marriage amendment is

made up of two parts: the first states marriage may only consist of a man and a woman; the second prohibits the interpretation of state law to grant the rights of marriage to unmarried couples or groups.

"I was pleased with the strong bipartisan support, and I was grateful for the thoughtful debate that took place," said Sen. Brandt Hershman, R-Monticello, primary author of the joint resolution.

According to Hershman only the Legislature would be able to grant marital benefits — such as

Definition of Marriage

--"Provides that marriage in Indiana consists only of the union of one man and one woman. Provides that Indiana law may not be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

- Senate Joint Resolution SJR7

hospital visitations or inheritance rights. The decision is currently left up to the courts. The amendment would strip this power from the courts.

The vote in the Senate followed a contentious Judiciary Committee hearing Jan. 31 where

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A Salt Lake City Police officer squats with his gun drawn next to a body inside the Trolley Square Mall, Monday night, Feb. 12, 2007, in Salt Lake City.

AP Photo

Gunman kills 5 at Salt Lake City mall

(AP) — A trench coat-clad teenager who opened fire on shoppers at a mall had one thing in mind: "to kill a large number of people," and he likely would have killed more than five had an off-duty officer not confronted him, the police chief said Tuesday.

"There is no question that his quick action saved the lives of numerous other people," Police Chief Chris Burbank said of the officer.

Burbank identified the gunman as Sulejmen Talovic, an 18-year-old who lives with his mother in Salt Lake City, and said he had a backpack full of ammunition, the shotgun he was using and a .38-caliber pistol.

The teen killed five people and wounded four at the Trolley Square mall, includ-

"There were a lot of blown-out store windows and shotgun shell casings all over the floor. It was quite surreal."

-Matt Lund

ing two people shot in the parking lot as he arrived around 7 p.m. Monday, another at the entrance and then five people inside a card store, the police chief said.

"It appears to be very random," Burbank said. "There was no sense to why he was doing what he was doing."

"The suspect in this particular circumstance had one thing on his mind, and that was to kill a large number of people," Burbank said.

Had the off-duty Ogden police officer, who had a gun but no extra equipment or additional ammunition, not gone after the gunman, the teenager likely would have continued shooting people on his way through the mall, Burbank said. He said police knew little about the young man.

The card store Cabin Fever had been packed with Valentine's Day shoppers

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2005 tornado prompts bill

By JULIA HUNTER
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The Indiana House Technology, Research and Development Committee passed a bill on Tuesday that will make it a requirement for all mobile homes to be equipped with permanent weather radios.

House Bill 1033 came as a response to the November 2005 tornado that killed 25 people — 21 of whom died in mobile homes.

Licensed professionals will install the radios while the mobile homes are anchored.

The radios will be installed in all mobile homes that are set up after July 1, according to Rep. Phil Hoy, D-Evansville. "It will not be retroactive," Hoy said.

Mobile home residents will be responsible for the \$29 that the radios will cost.

"That's the best radio you can

get," Hoy said.

Mobile home park managers will be responsible for reminding occupants to check radios yearly.

Hoy said he was looking at ways he could make things safer after the tornado when Kathryn Martin proposed the idea of weather radios.

The bill is nicknamed "CJ's Bill" after Martin's son who died in the tornado. "We had no sirens and no TV's — the storm completely took us by surprise," Martin said during the committee meeting. "I looked for my son for six hours, before he was finally found by emergency medical services. Installing a weather radio would be a simple way from preventing a tragedy like this from happening again."

The bill passed unanimously though committee and will go to House for further consideration.

Expo provides a world of choices

By TIFFANY LAMPERT
The Shield staff

Twenty-one countries will be represented during the International Food Expo on Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, according to Kristine Murray, program director in International Programs.

The event, in conjunction with International Programs and Services and the International Club, will take place in Carter Hall from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. A longer time frame will be offered this year than in the past, because students requested extended hours to offer more time for those who would like to participate in this event.

"We feed over 600 at the Food Expo," said Murray, and this event will be bigger than the past few years.

This event gives international

students the opportunity to showcase their country, said Murray, through food, costumes and entertainment.

"We have about 85 international students from 35 countries, and approximately 21 will be represented at the Food Expo," said Murray.

The entertainment will include fashion shows, Saudi Arabian and Indian dancing, as well as Belly dancing. Door prizes will be available and much more, said Murray.

"Through the Food Expo we (international students) are given the opportunity to celebrate cultural diversity and customs originating from (their) countries," according to the International Club website. The annual International Food Expo is the club's biggest

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Bill to up driving age requirements

(AP) — Teenage drivers would be required to get a lot more practice behind the wheel — and would be banned from using cell phones while driving until age 18 — under a bill that cleared a Senate committee Tuesday.

The legislation would also eventually move the age requirement for a driver's license to 16 1/2.

Supporters say such restrictions will improve safety by giving beginning drivers more practice. But some lawmakers questioned whether the bill, which passed the

Senate Transportation Committee on a 5-4 vote, would work.

"This is another example of government trying to overstep its boundaries," said Sen. Mike Delph, R-Carmel.

The bill would require teens applying for a license to have at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice, with 10 of those hours at night.

Sen. Vaneta Becker, a Republican from Evansville, said logging that much practice could be a

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event of the academic year. It's open to everyone including the public. Anyone can buy tickets in advance on Feb. 15, 16, 19, and 20 for \$8 at the University Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, tickets will be on sale at the International Services office in the lower level of the UC until Feb. 22, and on the day of the event, tickets will be \$10 at the door.

The International Food Expo is just one event during International Week, which will be held from Feb. 19 to Feb. 23 by the International Programs and Services.

For more information visit the USI International Club or International Programs and Services website.

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struggle for some teenagers and their parents.

"How do kids get this?" she asked.

"What if they don't have parents that drive?"

Tom Zachary, who owns a driver's training company, said he offers six hours of training for \$399.

At that rate, getting 50 hours of training would cost more than \$3,300.

Other states already have tougher restrictions on teen drivers, Zachary said.

"We're not blazing a trail here," he said. "We're trying to catch up."

Bill sponsor and committee chairman Sen. Tom Wyss, R-Fort Wayne, said most teenagers have someone they can turn to for driving practice.

Advocates said traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for people ages 15 to 20.

Inexperienced drivers can hurt people in other cars as well, Wyss said.

"I just think it's an important issue," he said. "We're seeing too many kids dying."

The bill would move the age requirement for a driver's license in stages from the current 16 and one month to 16 and six months by 2010.

Drivers would not be allowed to use mobile phones or other handheld electronic devices while driving until age 18.

The bill's chances in the Republican-controlled Senate are uncertain.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said a cell phone ban for teenagers may gain traction among lawmakers, but that his caucus hasn't discussed the other aspects of bill, such as the 50 hours of training.

"Properly preparing your children is a parental responsibility, in my opinion," Long said.

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Monday night when the shooting started, store owner David Dean said.

Dean said his assistant manager called him, saying "someone's in the store killing people." The place was "all shot up," Dean said. He said three or four of the victims were shot inside.

As investigators began interviewing the 100 to 200 witnesses, people placed candles and flowers at two memorials outside the mall for the victims. Business owners surveyed the damage, and shoppers who had fled returned to pick up cars they had to leave parked overnight.

Marie Smith, 23, a Bath & Body Works manager, said she had seen the gunman through the store window. She watched as he raised his gun and fired at a young woman approaching him from behind.

"His expression stayed totally calm. He didn't seem upset, or like he was on a rampage," said Smith, who crawled to an employee restroom to hide with others. He looked like "an average Joe," she said.

The victims were identified as Jeffrey Walker, 52, Vanessa Quinn, 29, Kirsten Hinkley, 15, Teresa Ellis, 29, and Brad Frantz, 24. Four people were hospitalized — a 44-year-old woman and a 53-year-old man in critical condition, and a 34-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy in serious condition.

For hours after the rampage, police searched stores for scared, shocked shoppers and employees who were hunkered down awaiting a safe escort.

Matt Lund was visiting his wife, Barbara, manager of the Secret Garden children's clothing store, when he heard the first shots. The couple and three others hid in a storage room for about 40 minutes, isolated but still able to hear the violence.

"We heard them say 'Police! Drop your weapon!' Then we heard shotgun fire. Then there was a barrage of gunfire," said Lund, 44. "It was hard to believe."

Witnesses said officers treated everyone like suspects — ordering those hiding in store-rooms, bathrooms or under stairwells, to lie on the floor with their hands on their heads until police were sure no one posed a threat.

On the way out, Lund said, he saw a woman's body face-down at the entrance to Pottery Barn Kids and a man's body on the floor in the mall's east-west corridor. "There were a lot of blown-out store windows and shotgun shell casings all over the floor," Lund said. "It was quite surreal."

The victims were found throughout the 239,000-square-foot shopping mall.

Outside, streets were blocked as police swarmed the four-block scene. Dozens of people lingered on the sidewalk, many wrapped in blankets, as they talked about what they had seen inside.

Four police officers — the off-duty officer from Ogden and three Salt Lake City officers — were involved in the shootout with the gunman, Snyder said. She provided no other details.

The two-story mall, southeast of downtown, is a refurbished trolley barn built in 1908, with a series of winding hallways, brick floors, wrought-iron balconies and about 80 stores, including high-end retailers such as Williams-Sonoma and restaurants such as the Hard Rock Cafe.

It was purchased in August by Scanlan Kemper Bard Cos. of Portland, Ore., from Simon Property Group for \$38.6 million. The company said it planned to invest \$80 million, attract a new anchor tenant and possibly add condominiums.

"We are devastated and shocked by this senseless, random act of violence and tragedy at Trolley Square, owner Tom Bard said in a statement posted on the KSL-TV Web site. "At this time our greatest concern and prayers are with the victims, their families and loved ones."

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three hours of debate for and against the proposed legislation occurred. In committee, senators voted 7-4 to advance the legislation to the full Senate, with all Republicans voting in favor and all Democrats voting against it.

Prior to the Jan. 31 vote, a group of gay-rights activists started singing "We Shall Overcome" in protest. State troopers then escorted the group out of the hearing.

Proponents of the amendment cite changes in other states as a need for preserving marriage in its current form in Indiana. In December 2006, New Jersey became the third state to recognize civil unions, behind Vermont and Connecticut. Massachusetts also recognizes same-sex couples but is the only state to use the term marriage.

Some against the amendment say it is simply discrimination while others worry of the unintended consequences of the legislation. Opponents argue that the second part of the amendment lacks clarity and could result in the weakening of domestic violence laws that apply to married and unmarried couples, and it calls into question contracts unmarried elderly couples sometimes enter to maintain their inheritances and share financial, health care and legal decisions.

Misty Gillespie, president of Spectrum, an organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender USI students and friends, said the government should not place restrictions on marriage.

"I believe it should be legal," Gillespie said. "But as far as religion goes, that is their business."

Gillespie also made reference to unforeseen problems that resulted from Michigan's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage approved by voters in November 2004.

On Feb. 2, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that same-sex partners of

employees working for state universities could not receive health care benefits. In the appeal, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox argued that providing domestic partner benefits to gay employees was an endorsement of same-sex relationships, a violation of the constitutional amendment passed in 2004.

Opponents of the marriage amendment also cite Ohio's gay marriage ban as cause for concern. Ohio's amendment restricting same-sex marriage has resulted in a challenge to domestic violence laws across the state. Ohio's amendment was termed one of the most sweeping gay marriage bans out of 11 similar measures adopted in November 2004.

In December 2006, the Ohio Supreme Court heard debate calling into question the constitutionality of domestic violence laws. The Court has yet to rule on the effects of such laws in the state.

The joint resolution now moves to the Indiana House. Last year, House Speaker B. Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, said he would allow a vote on the proposed amendment.

"I voted against it two years ago and will mostly vote against it again when the House takes the measure up," said Rep. Dennis Avery, D-Evansville.

Echoing Avery's sentiment, Rep. Phil Hoy, D-Evansville, also indicated he would oppose the legislation.

"I don't like the amendment at all because it's discriminatory," Hoy said. "There are a significant number of senior citizens who live together and it could affect their social security. There are also a number of small businesses that give domestic benefits to partners that could be eliminated. I think there are hard questions that need to be answered."

The AP contributed to this story.

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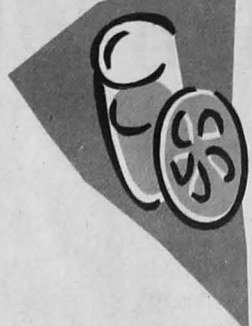
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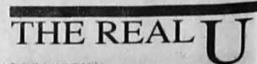


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International Week 2007 serves up a unique world

By GREG ASHER
The Shield staff

The culmination of months of planning and preparations by hundreds of people is fast approaching. International Week, an entire week of food and entertainment begins Monday, Feb. 19.

"Every one of the events has something neat to offer. It takes a lot of hands to make this a success. We've all put in a lot of work, and this year is going to be really great," said Kristine Murray, International Programs and Services program coordinator.

International week begins Monday at noon in UC 206. Dr. Mohammad Husain will speak about some of the main cultural aspects and misconceptions about Islam.

The Lunch and Learn session, with free punch and fruit kabobs, is a cultural outreach program sponsored by a network of Indiana institutions that wish to educate the public about the Arabic culture.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 features an information session in UC 214 at 4 p.m. for all students considering studying abroad.

At 7:00 that evening in UC 201 a free performance and introduction to Bulgarian, Macedonian and Serbian dance will be lead by Daniela Ivanova of the Evansville Folk Dancers.

She will conduct her own Lunch and Learn Wednesday, Feb. 21 at noon in the same room with more demonstrations. Anyone wishing to attend a more formal dance workshop will find information there.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall the dancing duo Calle Sur will perform. Murray said she is especially looking forward to this presentation.



International Fair participants can fill their plates with food choices from over 22 countries. Above, a participant samples the diverse options at International Fair 2006.

"Calle Sur is going to be our big featured performance. They're a man and a woman, one is black, one is white; one's from an urban area, the other's rural. They like to educate people about different Latin cultures," she said.

The highlight of the week is the Food Expo, held Friday, Feb. 23 from 10:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. in Carter Hall. Tickets at the door are \$10, with advance tickets available for \$8 at the international office. Trivia and Where in the World photo contests the week leading up to the food expo also give students the opportunity to win tickets.

More than 40 items from 22 countries

will be arranged for tasting, including Native American cuisine that will display the culinary diversity within our own country.

Raffles will be held to give away themed gift baskets, and the entertainment will consist of an international fashion show (including Meier and her

husband modeling English soccer attire) and music performances from around the world, including Native American drummers and Saudi and African dancers.

For more information contact the International Programs and Services office at 465-1248.

Photo by Laverne Jones

Cacaphony of preparation is music to club members' ears

By SHEIPHALI GANDHI
Special to The Shield



Beneath the din of clattering pots and pans and sizzling oil, one can hear the conversations of countries from Turkey to Japan.

Ingredients for various recipes are strewn among the counters of the kitchen, with labels covered with exotic images and languages as students adorned with hair nets and rub-

ber gloves attempt to sort them. All available tables are covered with cutting boards as students prep anything from cucumbers to ginger to be included in cooking the food from their country to be presented to the university.

Although this seems a pure cacophony to some, the university kitchens during the week of the International Food Expo are a time of reunion and education as people learn more about other countries and possibly something about their own.

During the third week of February, a brief stroll through the USI kitchens may make you feel as if you're sprint-

ing through all the continents of the globe. It is International Week, one of the most well-received programs in which USI students can participate.

International Week is the culmination of many months of work by both the International Programs and Services (IPS) office and the student-run International Club.

It involves planning, organization and, of course, much enthusiasm and excitement by many separate departments including the International Office, Food Services, and Student Scheduling.

Most students don't know the amount of preparation that is involved

in the programs during International Week. Discussion among International Club members begins in November where ideas are presented.

Recipes are due in mid January and students make appointments to meet with the head chef at Food Services where recipes logistics and feasibility is discussed.

The various forms of entertainment are planned and practiced which includes dancing (India, Sierra Leone, belly dancing, and Saudi Arabia), singing (China and France), and instrumental music (Native American drumming).

A new feature this year is the Fashion Show, where students wear common clothing from the various countries they are from.

Although the International Office can be hectic at times, and many people seem to be stressed about all the planning and preparations that takes place for International Week to occur, we are proud to be a part of one of the best educational programs provided to students on campus.

We hope that this experience will provide a great experience and that it will remain in people's memories as one of the most educational experiences.

'Tiny' comedian provides big dose of clean humor

By JOSH LICHTENFELD
The Shield staff

With thirteen years in the college comedy circuit and still bringing laughs, comedian Tiny Glover will be performing 7 p.m. tonight in Forum 1. The performance is sponsored by the Activities Pro-



The not-so-tiny Glover will perform tonight at 7 p.m. Photo courtesy of Tiny Glover

gramming Board.

Comedian Tiny Glover is making his way from Rochester, Ny. to southern Indiana this week to perform his brand of clean cut, storytelling humor.

The larger than life performer had made many college stops, but is looking forward to performing at USI.

"I'm absolutely looking forward to coming out to Indiana. I feel like that part of the world is really laid back," Glover said about his upcoming performance.

Glover has been performing in front of college crowds since his first comedy contest at his junior college in 1982.

"In college, the first time I ever stepped on stage, I lost, but I returned the following year to win the competition," Glover said.

After winning the competition, he took a break from mainstream performances until 1993.

"Tiny has been performing on the college scene for thirteen years, it seems each year he gets stronger and stronger," said Scott Talarico, a long time college agent for Glover.

Glover said he models his act after famous comedians including Bob Newhart, Flip Wilson and Bill Cosby.

"I perform clean cut, PG-13 rated material...I don't drop curse words like the 'F-bomb' during my act."

Glover's clean-cut comedy has also made its way into elementary schools and a script which he just completed for a children's television show.

Beyond live performances, Tiny can be found online by searching keywords Tiny Glover Talent Agency in an online search. "I'm excited about Tiny coming out, I've heard a lot of good hype," said sophomore Adam Trinkel, vice president of APB.

Glover is a happily married man with a six year old daughter. He holds a college degree in drama.

He recently was contacted by the Byron Allen Show for appearance and has performed in a few independent films.

For more information visit www.tinyglover.com.

Sundance films to see

By ROGER GUDE
The Shield staff



Every year, starring film makers pour their heart and soul into a festival that has been growing in size, as well as attracting the masses since the late 1970s.

I speak, of course of Sundance Film Festival, which rates almost alongside Cannes as one of the most prestigious film festivals on earth. This year's Sundance took place from Jan. 18-28.

While movie theatres are flooded with block-buster action flicks and romantic comedies, at Sundance, indie filmmakers get a chance to see their movie on the same list of nationwide show times.

As much as everyone likes hearing about a no-name filmmaker achieving the unachievable, not everyone has that gift. Sundance, which takes place every January in Utah, filters out those incompetent movies that

don't have the talent others possess, which in turn allows for those independent films that do shine to shine even brighter.

A few movies showcased this year that people shouldn't miss are "Grace is Gone," "Rocket Science" and "Chasing Ghosts."

"Grace is Gone" is a deep meaningful story that director James C. Strouse hopes will hit home with many Americans.

John Cusack plays a father of two young girls, and has to deal with the loss of his wife as she served in Iraq. Confused, and depressed, he has no idea how to tell his daughters.

Following suit, Cusack packs up the car, and decides to take his daughters to their favorite theme park. "Grace is Gone" is a touching story of a father trying to get to know his daughters before he lets them know their mother's fate.

"Rocket Science" is a high school indie flick that, of course, is very relatable.

It is the love story of a teenage boy with a stutter, who joins his high school debate team to win over the girl of his dreams. The stutter happens to be accompa-

nied by countless embarrassing moments, as well as some moments of laughter. A must see for anyone who lived through high school...and I think that's a lot of us.

Finally, "Chasing Ghosts" is a documentary dealing with the competitive videogame circuit of the early 80's. "Chasing Ghosts" catalogues the lives of the highest scoring 1980's arcade champs and where they are now, and brings them all together 30 years later.

It's about time we got to see what the future of video game enthusiasts has in store for us. And it's nice to see the reigning Pac-man champion once again.

The Sundance Film Festival showcases some of the biggest directing and acting talent in the business.

When budget is low, talent becomes the key ingredient. Documentaries and dramas are the key focus during the festival, but for extra entertainment, there also happens to be music, as well as celebrity sightings and skiing.

For more information, visit <http://festival.sundance.org/2007>.

'Campus Superstar' tryouts ongoing

By ROGER GUDE
The Shield staff

Aspiring singers' cry for success has been heard.

For the past three years the event Campus Super Star, a statewide singing competition, has been pitting the best singers in Indiana against one another. Anyone who thinks they've got the goods to out-ging someone, is eager to win recording time or wants a shot at the cash prize can try out.

Stephanie Parker, the first winner of CSS, received recording time with Kanye West after attending other singing competitions.

"Stephanie will actually be hosting our semi-finals event in Bloomington on March 7th, so if you want to be enter-

tained for a couple of hours, come up with a car full of people and watch the free show," said senior JCSC Fellow Tslil Shtulsaft.

Refreshments will also be served, and every contestant will receive something for their efforts.

"There will be some snacks, juice, water and tea for contestants," Tshulsaft said. "Everyone who tries out will walk away with a small prize package of coupons for local businesses, such as \$5 off coupon for Bucceto's Smiling Teeth Pizza and Pasta."

Besides recording time, the winner of the competition will score a nice \$5,000, and a cache of other gifts.

The first tryout was held in Indianapolis on Feb. 11. The second tryout will be in Bloomington on Feb. 18.

Over 30 semi-finalists will be chosen to compete at IU on March 7th, and the finals will be held in Indianapolis on March 25th.

"We always have a Bloomington try-out as well as an Indianapolis tryout, which are open to any college student in the state of Indiana. Over the past two years, we have had about 100-125 students try-out. Our goal for this year is to crack the 200 student mark," says Shtulsaft.

The tryouts follow the same format as American Idol. The contestants enter a private room with three judges, and sing a song of their choice for roughly 30 to 45 seconds. Contestants will be notified by the end of the day if they made the cut.

Anyone interested can visit www.indianacss.com.

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Defeat eating disorders

By JAMIE SMITH
The Shield staff

One of the most common New Year's resolutions is to lose weight. Sometimes people develop an obsession with their weight. This can lead to eating disorders.

Eating disorders can interfere with everyday life and can have life-threatening consequences.

Anorexia Nervosa is a disorder that deals with extreme fear of weight gain and refusal to eat. Anorexia is usually found in those who feel pressured to be a perfectionist in all areas of life. It does not matter how thin they are; they see themselves as being overweight.

Many contributing factors lead to the disorder. A feeling of loss of control, anxiety and guilt are only a few components that could lead to the development of anorexia. Listed below are a few symptoms of anorexia:

-Distorted body image. Anorexics are convinced that they are overweight. They will look in the mirror and see an excessive amount of body fat that is not even there.

-Intense fear of gaining weight. Anorexics refuse to eat with the fear of gaining weight.

-Exhaustion and fatigue. Without proper nutrition, anybody is bound to feel tired.

Approximately 80% of bulimia nervosa patients are female. Bulimia Nervosa is characterized by "binging" and "purging." Those who suffer from bulimia eat large quantities of food in a short amount of time, often in private. Self-induced vomiting usually begins when they start to feel guilty after taking in an excessive amount of calories. A few warning signs of Bulimia Nervosa are listed below:

-Frequent trips to the bathroom. Often, after meals, bulimia sufferers will go to the bathroom to purge.

-Swelling. The cheeks or jaw area begin to swell from frequent self-induced

vomiting.

-Discoloration of teeth. Poor nutrition and self-induced vomiting will eventually result in discoloration or staining of the teeth. It is estimated that more individuals struggle with a relatively newly diagnosed eating disorder, Binge Eating Disorder, than anorexia or bulimia.

Binge eating disorder is similar to bulimia, but different because purging does not occur. Symptoms of Binge Eating Disorder are listed below:

-Rapid weight gain. Consuming large quantities of food will eventually lead to weight gain.

-Eating a large amount of food when not hungry. Those who struggle with bingeing will usually eat even when they are full.

-Eating late at night. Eating late at night usually consists of lying around and eating junk food. Therefore, weight is more likely going to be gained easier.

Eating disorders are hard to overcome by yourself. It may take the help of a friend. If your friend is struggling with an eating disorder, below are some helpful tips for you to keep in mind:

-Listen. It is important for you to listen with a non-judgmental ear when talking with your friend about their eating disorder. Your friend will feel more comfortable talking about their eating disorder knowing that you are not there to judge.

-Avoid topics like food, weight and exercise. Try to keep his mind off of eating habits, weight, and working out. Go shopping or watch a movie.

-Do not gossip. Your

friend trusts you. Therefore, do not run your mouth to your other friends about his eating disorder.

-Be supportive. Discuss his eating disorder with honesty and respect.

An eating disorder is not something that should be taken lightly. It can result in serious health complications. It is important that you seek help immediately if you or someone you know has an eating disorder.

Recently, USI's counseling center started a support group for those who suffer from eating disorders. For more details contact the counseling center at 464-1867.

Get Off Campus!

Your guide to entertainment in and around Evansville... Mardi Gras edition

Mardi Gras Parade...

New Orleans isn't the only place to go for a little Fat Tuesday action. Evansville's own Mardi Gras parade will start at 8 p.m. Feb. 20 in the parking lot of Crawdaddy's and the River House Hotel, located downtown at 20 Walnut Street. Parade entry forms can be picked up at Crawdaddy's. Following the parade is a performance by blues band Tommy Stillwell and the Hellcats. 21+. For more information call 422-1891.



Revelers' masks line the walls at The Nick Nackery.

Photo by Jared Kinkade
Ginny's Place

Cajun Celebration Someplace Else, located at Main and Sycamore, will feature parties throughout Mardi Gras weekend, starting tonight and culminating with a Cajun potluck Tuesday at 6 p.m. Partygoers will watch the Mardi Gras parade at 8 p.m., with a masquerade ball immediately following. 21+.

Library events

Zydeco music will bring Mardi Gras to Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library's Central branch Sunday at 3 p.m. Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp will play in the library's Browning Events Room.

Mardi Gras beads and king cake will also be provided. All ages welcome. For more information visit www.evpl.org.

Deerhead celebrates

Mardi Gras activities will take place throughout the weekend at Deerhead Sidewalk Cafe's 20th annual celebration.

Cajun food will be served, along with jazz, Dixieland and blues music from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday. Fat Tuesday features music by The Huckleberrys at 8 p.m. No cover. 21+.

Ginny's Place, at the corner of Vann and Covert, continues Cajun Fest '07 with special appearances by the Miller Girls tonight and Tuesday, Jaeger Girls Friday and Saturday and the Malibu Girls Tuesday. Authentic Cajun cuisine served nightly. Also featured is music by The Shagadelics on Fat Tuesday. Bead sales benefit Wish Upon a Star. 21+.

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Corrections:

In a photo caption in last week's Shield, a USI junior dancing at APB's Homecoming formal was falsely identified as Kelly Bauer. The student's name is Katie Bauer.

USI Theatre's production of "A Raisin in the Sun" was incorrectly reported as being performed at Mallette Studio Theatre. The play is at USI Theatre, 3001 Igleheart Ave.

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Around the diamond



2005



BASEBALL

Archuleta has some talent returning in the outfield from last year, and a few transfers that will only increase the production.

Junior transfer Michael Beaven will play center field for USI. Beaven comes to USI from U.E. His defensive ability should make him the mainstay in center. "Michael can run down baseballs. That's his thing," said Archuleta.

Senior Hunter Slade will start in right field for a third straight year for the Eagles. "Hunter's a guy who will probably hit in the five-hole," said Archuleta. "He has a lot of experience, and has the capability to drive in a lot of runs."

Junior Darin Mastroianni will be at second base and bat in the three-hole. He is coming off an All-Star summer season in the New York Collegiate League. "Darin is a tool player for us. He can run a little but and cause havoc on the base paths," said Archuleta. "We expect him to be an RBI guy and lead the team offensively."

Archuleta said that junior transfer Matt Pleiss will probably be playing first base and hitting in the DH spot. "We are counting on big things from him," said Archuleta. Pleiss hit .336 in 42 games at John A. Logan last season. Junior Josh Malone will also see time at first base and DH.



Tracy Archuleta

The USI Baseball team looks to improve on a 2006 campaign in which the Eagles finished 18-33 overall and 15-31 in the GLVC. The Eagles look to new head coach Tracy Archuleta to lead the turnaround. Archuleta spent the past five seasons as the head coach of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. In his time with the Rangers, Archuleta led them to the NCAA Division II Tournament and to 40-plus wins twice. He also earned 2004 GLVC Coach of the Year honors.

Returning sophomore Chad Werry and transfer Bryan Rudden will both see time in left field. Werry led the Eagles with 27 RBIs in 2006. When Werry isn't in left he will most likely be in the DH spot.

A sophomore transfer from Scottsdale, Ariz. will be the other Eagle in the middle. "Kevin O'Hair is going to play short for us," said Archuleta. "He's a very good defensive player and he'll help us out quite a bit."

Archuleta has players competing for playing time at the corners. Chad Bruce and Alex Thieroff are the two who will see time at third base.

Ten pitchers return from last year's team, along with a few fresh faces on the hill. "Our pitching staff is the strength of our club," said Archuleta. "They should be able to keep us in baseball games and compete, and that's what we ask every year from our pitchers." As for a staff ace, Archuleta doesn't like to designate one guy to start before the season. "We are going to throw our four starters out there and everybody is going to get their opportunity. As the season goes we'll see who prevails in that spot," Archuleta said.

Four seniors — Adam Vetter, Adam Summers, Aaron Clark and Brent Wendholt. USI welcomes a few transfers that will compete for time on the mound. Junior Cory Julian comes to USI from cross-town rival the University of Evansville. Nicholas Yoder racked up 69 strikeouts for the College of Lake County. Senior Brook Meier brings his 1.83 ERA from Illinois Valley Community College. Aaron Schmitt comes from the 2005 NCAA national runner-up Parkland Community College. Freshmen Trevor Leach and Casey Geiger will also compete for time on the mound.

The Eagles have five guys returning in the infield, and a couple of transfers who will see significant time.

Connersville High School's two-time MVP, Josh Jarboe, will compete with junior transfer Garrett Oros to be the man behind the plate.

SOFTBALL



Sue Kunkel

The USI Softball team fell just short of the Great Lakes Regional championship game last season. The Lady Eagles finished 39-18 overall and 17-5 in GLVC play in 2006. They ended the season second in the GLVC, fourth in the conference tournament, third in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament and with a national ranking of 22. The performance helped to earn head coach Sue Kunkel 2006 GLVC Coach of the Year honors.

In 2007, the Lady Eagles begin the season almost exactly how the ended 2006. They are 23rd in the NFCA Division II Preseason Poll, and second in the GLVC behind Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville who is fifth in the nation.

Coach Kunkel's group returns four seniors that will provide the leadership for this year's team. USI also welcomes four transfer players and four freshmen that look to provide an instant impact. The Lady Eagles expect to compete not only for the GLVC Championship, but also the National Championship.

Their schedule is tough, but Kunkel believes her team is up to the challenge. "Some of the teams are pretty tough, but you know, so are we," said Kunkel. "You have to play the best to the be the best."

The outfield group returns three players who saw significant time last season. Kathy Wood, Nikki Nichols and Lacey Liganowski all contributed to the success of the Lady Eagles a year ago, and Coach Kunkel will look for that group to step up. "Kathy, Nikki and Lacey are all good leaders," said Kunkel. "They are all returners and they have all been out there before." Wood was second-team All-Great Lakes Region and second-team All-GLVC in 2006. Nichols played multiple positions last year, and hit .257 with 11 RBIs. Liganowski had an outstanding freshman campaign. She led off and hit .347 with 10 doubles, five home runs and 23 RBIs. Junior transfer Kristen Morgan and freshman Lindsey Raikes will also see time in the outfield for USI. Morgan transfers to USI from Wabash Valley Junior College. She was a two-time All-Region and All-GRAC, and hit .375 with 46 RBIs. Raikes was All-County and All-Conference twice in two sports for Speedway High School.

Sophomore Ally McKinley will make the full-time transition from center to shortstop this season. "Ally has probably one of the strongest arms in the conference," said Kunkel. McKinley also showed she can hit as well. She had a .219 average with 11 doubles and three home runs in 2006.

USI's top returning slugger will man the hot corner in 2007. Kristin Eickholt hit .343 with 21 doubles, four home runs and 45 RBIs last season. She was named second-team All-Conference. Her defensive performance last season was just as impressive, as it helped her earn All-Great Lakes Region honors.

USI welcomes two junior transfers to the pitching staff. Amy Harrison spent two seasons at Florida State, where she earned some significant contributions for USI in 2006. She made significant contributions offensively by hitting .330 with 37 RBIs last season. Junior transfer Kristen Morgan may also see some time at second base throughout the season. Harrison transferred to USI from Florida State, where she earned some significant contributions for USI in 2006. She was named NCAAA II Region XXIV Player of the Year in 2006. "Amy and Stephanie are both extremely strong pitchers," said Kunkel. "They both throw really hard. Freshmen Kambria Current and Brooke Pennington will both have their opportunities on the mound as a senior at Secunia Memorial High School. Pennington was a two-time All-State and three-time All-SIAC player for Harrison High School. Returning lefty Kathy Wood will also see some time on the mound for the Lady Eagles.

Coach Kunkel is confident in her infield this season. "Our infield will be very strong for us this year," she said.

Another senior will get the bulk of the action at the other corner. "Our mainstay at first base will probably be Jenn Mullikin," said Kunkel. Mullikin played well at first last season after injuries increased her playing time.

The Eagles have three options behind the plate. Senior Lisa Anderson returns from a knee injury that kept her out of the 2006 season. Newcomers Courtney Bates and Tara McConnell are the possible back-ups. Bates is a transfer from Wabash Valley Junior College, and McConnell is a freshman from Henderson High School.

National Sports
News & Notes

Wrestlers defend home turf

PRO FOOTBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP)- Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer was fired in a shocking move by team president Dean Spanos, who cited a "dysfunctional situation" between the coach and general manager A.J. Smith.

Spanos said the exodus of assistant coaches - the two coordinators became NFL head coaches and two assistants became coordinators - contributed to a difficult situation that resulted in the coach being fired. Schottenheimer is due more than \$3 million for the final year left on his contract.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)- Eagles coach Andy Reid will leave the team for a month to deal with family issues, a decision that comes less than two weeks after two sons got into separate legal trouble on the same day.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - The New York Giants released linebacker LaVar Arrington and two other starters Monday in the first major shake-up under new general manager Jerry Reese.

NEW YORK (AP) - Tiki Barber will work for NBC next year after spending most of the 2006 NFL season entertaining bids from various networks for jobs in both news and sports.

PRO BASKETBALL

MIAMI (AP) - Pat Riley will remain coaching the Miami Heat following the All-Star break, an official within the NBA said. Riley is expected to announce his return at a news conference Wednesday morning in Miami. His first game back would be Feb. 21 at Houston.

PHOENIX (AP) - Steve Nash withdrew from Sunday's All-Star game because of lingering inflammation in his right shoulder.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - Duke's Top 25 streak is over. Saddled by its first four-game losing skid in 11 years, Duke fell out of The Associated Press poll for the first time since the end of the 1995-96 season. The Blue Devils had been in the media poll for 200 straight weeks - the second longest streak behind UCLA.

By JAIME HESS
The Shield staff

The USI wrestling team finished first overall in the USI Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 10.

"The team performed really well and the tournament went smoothly," said Jeff Aussenbaugh, team captain.

This was the first wrestling match held at USI, and Aussenbaugh admitted it was a drawn out process but was a very pleasing experience.

"We enjoyed having it at the PAC and hope to be able to have more tournaments here again next season," said Aussenbaugh.

The other teams that participated in the invitational were Rio Grande University, Indiana Wesleyan, the University of Dayton, and the University of Madison Wisconsin.

USI scored 133 points followed by Rio Grande with 76, Indiana Wesleyan with 72, University of Madison Wisconsin with 58 and Dayton with 24 points.

Brian Bittner, Joe Hillen-

brand, and Casey Miller-Bock led the Eagles by each winning their four matches.

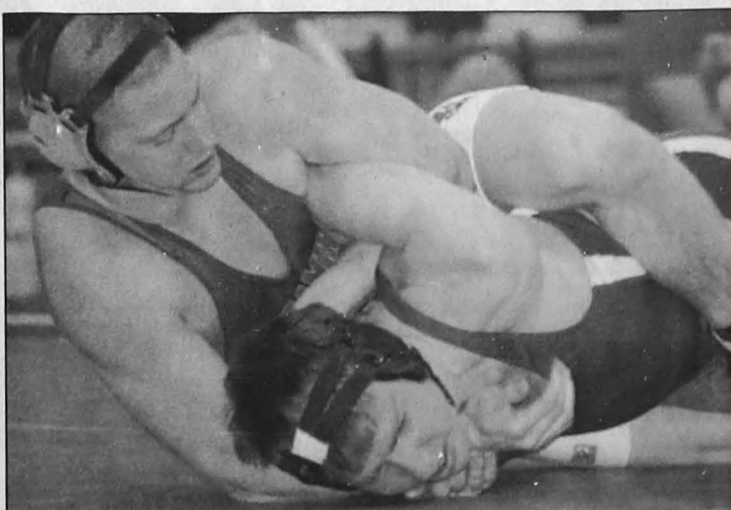
Each wrestler had four matches except David O'Neal who only wrestled two. O'Neal won one of those matches.

The atmosphere wasn't what the team had hoped for.

"We had a few students attended, it wasn't anything crazy. It was mainly parents," said Aussenbaugh.

The wrestling club's next meet is in Grand Rapids, Mich. for the conference finals, and then the team will be going down to Dallas, Texas for the NWA nationals.

"Hopefully we will be able to have some home meets at USI next November or December," said Aussenbaugh.



USI wrestler David O'Neal fights for position with his opponent. O'Neal won one match and lost one match at the USI Invitational.

Photo by J.D. Becht

Lady Eagles have a lot on the line

USI is two games out of first or fifth as GLVC rivals come to town

By ERIC BREWER
The Shield staff

The women's basketball team has a lot on the line as SIUE and Quincy come to town.

The two games on Thursday and Saturday will create a dramatic change in the Western Division standings for the Great Lakes Valley Conference in the last weeks of regular season play.

"We have a chance this week to make up some ground with teams that we would want to make up that ground with," said head women's coach Rick Stein.

This home stand features the top teams in the GLVC as the division shows SIUE and Drury in a tie for the first place position, while USI and Quincy currently are tied for third.

"We are two games away from first, but two games away from fifth too. Now is the time to get hot," said Stein.

The Lady Eagles are just coming off another repeated split decision with the University of

Missouri-St. Louis and Missouri-Rolla.

Senior Sabrina Brandon had a great performance, tying her season-high of 19 points as she returned to action Thursday night.

Brandon also went 9 of 10 from the free throw line helping USI pull away in the final minutes of the 67-62 defeat of UMMSL.

Senior Katie Thiesenhusen hit four three-pointers, finishing with a total of 18 points, and Junior Jasmine Baines added to Eagles production with her 12 points and 13 rebounds.

The dramatic victory over UMMSL gave the women room to move up in the conference rankings, but the loss to Rolla has kept the women in the third place position for the fourth week in a row.

Saturday's 1 p.m. game against Quincy not only represents a possible change in the conference standings, but is also senior night for the basketball team.

"We lost to both teams (SIUE and Quincy) earlier this season, so we are definitely looking for some payback for the senior's last home stand," said sophomore Asha Jordan. "These two wins would be a great way to end the season."

Quincy has a similar record to

USI at 14-9, and the Hawks are coming off a successful road trip with victories over Rockhurst and Drury.

USI will face Rockhurst and Drury in the final week of regular season play next week, but first it's the number one team in the GLVC West in SIUE.

If you haven't had a chance to catch a game in the newly renovated PAC, Thursday would probably be the time. Tip-off is at 5:15 p.m.

GLVC West Standings

Team	GLVC Record
1. SIU-Edwardsville	10-5
Drury University	10-5
3. Quincy University	8-7
Southern Indiana	8-7
5. Missouri-Rolla	7-8
6. Rockhurst	2-13
Missouri-St. Louis	2-13

Eagles sweep Missouri, ready to wrap up west

By JAMARR HENDERSON
The Shield staff

The eighth-ranked USI men's basketball team improved its record to a stunning 23-3 overall and 12-3 in GLVC play.

The Eagles traveled to Missouri last Thursday and Saturday to face off with Missouri-St. Louis and Missouri-Rolla.

Not only did the Eagles prevail, but they also beat their opponents by a combined 29 points in both games.

Senior center Rashard Sullivan said, "These two victories are a milestone," being that, it's the first time all season the Eagles have won two consecutive games on the road in conference play.

Sullivan made a huge contribution, as he poured in 21 points along with a game-high 12 rebounds. The effort against Missouri-Rolla was his fifth double-double of the year.

Melvin Hall, USI's single-season record holder for three-point field goals, said, "In order to ensure our success, we are going to continue to practice on what we

have been doing, and that is playing fundamentally sound team basketball on both ends of the court."

With the two victories, combined with 12th ranked Quincy University's loss to Drury University, the Eagles now have a two-game lead in the GLVC West Division with just four games remaining.

The Eagles' philosophy is to have a winning "mindset," meaning that once you have made your mind up about wanting to win, then you are now willing to do whatever it takes to become successful.

With the Eagles wrapping up a flourishing road trip, they are now preparing to face Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. It is one of their final two home games of the season.

Game day is Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC.

Then Saturday they host Quincy at 3:15 p.m. USI looks to avenge a 76-74 overtime loss they suffered at Quincy earlier this season.

Track and Field racks up provisionals at Iowa State Classic

By LINDSEY ZILIAK
Special to The Shield

Move over Elly Rono. It's time to make room for Paul Jellema.

Jellema, a junior, broke Rono's school-record in the 3,000 meters by nearly four seconds Saturday at the Iowa State Classic.

"Paul Jellema beating the school record was the highlight of the weekend," said Coach Mike Hillyard, "Unfortunately this isn't an event you can compete in at the national championships."

That wasn't the only event Jellema competed in at the Iowa State Classic, though.

He was also a part of the dis-



Paul Jellema

Jones and Andrew Menner.

Freshman Tim Sirbek almost posted a provisional mark at the Iowa State Classic in the 5,000 meters.

While half the team competed at Iowa State, the other half traveled to Greencastle, Ind. for the DePauw Invitational.

Financial reasons caused the split in the team. Hillyard said that the top athletes were sent to the Iowa State Classic where they would face "top flight competi-

tion." In Greencastle, the Eagles finished 14th as a team. Freshmen Matt Zielske, Brandon Campbell and Jake Stahl, along with sophomore Taylor Sellers, placed individually at the meet.

Zielske finished third in the 3,000 meters, and Campbell finished fifth in the same event.

Sellers was seventh in the 1,000 meters, while Stahl took home seventh in the mile.

The women's track and field also competed this weekend at the same events, being split the same way.

Sophomore Allison Shafer and senior Missy Burgin competed at the Iowa State Classic. Both posted NCAA II provisional marks in their respected events.

Shafer beat her personal-best time from earlier this season in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17 minutes, 10.22 seconds.

"Allie Shafer had a really nice race. It put her in the top eight in the country. This record should hold up and allow her to compete at the nationals in Boston," said Hillyard, referring to the results of the weekend.

Burgin, who ran the mile, also set a record of her own. She now has run the third fastest indoor mile at USI, finishing with a time of 4 minutes, 59.18 seconds.

Senior Carrie Leimberger and freshman Sarah White placed fourth and sixth, respectively, in the in the 3,000 meters at the DePauw Invitational.

Sophomore Christy Dixon finished fifth in the 800 meters, and freshman Danielle Glick was sixth in the 5,000 meters. The team finished 13th.

Both USI track and field teams will compete in Bloomington, Ind. in the Hoosier Hills Invi-

tational this weekend. The GLVC Championships will be hosted in Crawfordsville, Ind. on Feb. 24.

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Tentative accord reached for North Korean nuclear disarmament

BEIJING (AP) — Six countries reached a tentative agreement Tuesday on initial steps toward North Korea's nuclear disarmament that could usher in the first concrete progress after more than three years of talks marked by delays, deadlock and the communist country's first nuclear test explosion.

The U.S. envoy to the talks, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, emerged in the early morning hours of Tuesday looking weary after a marathon 16-hour negotiating session and announced that a tentative deal had been struck at the latest round of six-party talks on the North's nuclear program.

commitments on disarmament and energy assistance along with "initial actions" to be taken by certain deadlines, Hill said. Working groups will be set up, hopefully in a month, laying out a framework for dealing with regional tensions, he added.

Later Tuesday, after a break of several hours, Hill said that the pact had U.S. government support. "Yes, we've approved it. To the best of my knowledge we've approved it," he told reporters.

North Korean delegates were speaking Tuesday to superiors in Pyongyang about the proposal and had not yet made their position known, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said on condition of anonymity due to the ongoing

talks. The New York Times reported that the draft called for North Korea to complete the "permanent disablement" of its main nuclear facilities at Yongbyon within 60 days.

The newspaper said the U.S., South Korea and China would provide aid under the deal. South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the North would receive 500,000 tons of heavy oil and other energy and humanitarian assistance equivalent to that amount.

All six heads of delegations met again Tuesday morning, where they made some "suggestions of technical changes, but the draft was virtually concluded," a South Korean official said on condition

of anonymity due to the ongoing process.

A full session of negotiators was expected later Tuesday.

The agreement could herald the first step toward disarmament since the talks began in 2003. The process reached its lowest point in October when North Korea conducted its first nuclear test explosion, alarming the world and triggering U.N. sanctions.

In the last few days, the talks had appeared to be on the verge of foundering and envoys made clear that their frustration was increasing and their patience growing thin.

The current round was to conclude on Monday but as they progressed toward a deal, negotiators

extended it late into the night and then into the early hours of Tuesday.

Hill said the draft agreement still must be reviewed by the home governments of the six countries at the talks, but he was upbeat about it. He said he had consulted "many times" with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe welcomed the progress but urged North Korea to make further efforts toward denuclearization.

South Korea's envoy Chun Yung-woo said he believed the proposal would be acceptable to Pyongyang.

Russia was more noncommittal. Deputy Foreign Minister

Alexander Losyukov said there were "many questions regarding details," Russia's Itar-Tass news agency reported.

John Bolton, the former U.S. ambassador to the U.N., harshly criticized the deal and urged President Bush to reject it, saying it made the U.S. look weak.

"I am very disturbed by the deal," he told CNN. "It sends exactly the wrong signal to would-be proliferators around the world. If we hold out long enough, wear down the State Department negotiators, eventually you get rewarded," in this case with massive shipments of heavy fuel oil for doing only partially what needs to be done" to dismantle the nuclear program.

New Guantanamo rules inadequate

MIAMI (AP) — Revised rules for the treatment and military trials of detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp are "too little and too late," Britain's attorney general said Monday, repeating his call to close the facility.

Attorney General Lord Goldsmith said Guantanamo remains a symbol of injustice because prisoners held in the facility in Cuba cannot use American courts to protest their detention and may be convicted of crimes on the basis of coerced evidence and other means not typically allowed in civilian courts.

"There remain fundamental problems with this system of detention," Goldsmith told the American Bar Association at its meeting in Miami.

He first called for Guantanamo's closure last year, before the Supreme Court struck down the Bush administration's plan to use military commissions to try some detainees and Congress sent President Bush a new law intended to answer the court's objections.

Goldsmith said the fight against terrorists must be won not only through force, but also values and ideas.

"The presence of Guantanamo makes it so much more difficult to do this for all of us," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. J.D. Gordon, a Pentagon

spokesman, said the detentions have allowed interrogators to learn information to avert terrorist attacks and kept so-called enemy combatants from returning to the battlefield.

"The detainees at Guantanamo include some of the world's most vicious terrorist operatives, including those who are alleged to have planned the attacks of Sept. 11, the bombing of USS Cole and the U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania," Gordon said. "We have no desire to be the world's jailer and do not hold detainees for any longer than necessary. We have been working to persuade other countries to accept their citizens."

There are almost 400 people suspected of ties to al-Qaida and the Taliban being held at the military's prison in Guantanamo Bay. About 380 others have been released since the facility was opened five years ago.

None has been tried, although Defense Department officials have said they envision trials for 60 to 80 of those held there.

The Pentagon recently prepared new charges against three detainees under new rules to govern trials at the prison.

The rules are based on a law passed by Congress last year that permits the administration to go

ahead with special military commissions to hear the cases.

The law also grants wide latitude in interrogating and detaining captured enemy combatants.

The legislation prohibited some abuses of detainees, including mutilation and rape, but granted the president leeway to decide which interrogation techniques were permissible.

The Pentagon has called the new rules fair. The Democratic-controlled Congress is likely to hold hearings on them and also perhaps introduce legislation to close Guantanamo by the end of 2008.

Goldsmith called the remarks by Charles "Cully" Stimson "unjust, unacceptable and un-American."

The ABA in a policy statement reaffirmed the importance of providing free legal services to people accused of heinous crimes and holding odious beliefs.

Stimson resigned his post a few weeks after he told a radio interviewer that he found it shocking that lawyers at many of the nation's top law firms represent Guantanamo detainees.

The White House, Pentagon and Justice Department distanced themselves from the comments and Stimson apologized.

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N.D. Senate against 19th-century "living in sin" law

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Living together out of wedlock would be downgraded from a sex crime to fraud, and then only if the couple claims to be married, under a proposal that passed the state Senate.

The bill, passed Friday, was changed from an outright repeal of the state's anti-cohabitation law. The amended proposal would make the false representation of marital status a misdemeanor crime for a man and woman who live together.

Since statehood, North Dakota has barred unmarried couples from "openly and notoriously" living together as if they were married. It is one of seven states with anti-cohabitation laws.

Simultaneous kiss by 6,124 couples breaks world record

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — More than 6,000 couples kissed simultaneously at midnight Saturday in the Philippines with organizers of the event claiming to have set a new world record.

Organizers of the annual pre-Valentine's Day celebration said they broke the record held by Hungary, where 5,875 couples kissed simultaneously in Budapest in 2005.

With fireworks, confetti, a giant TV screen, and red balloons as the backdrop, couples locked lips and hugged for 10 seconds following a countdown outside a Manila mall.

An unofficial tally showed 6,124 couples kissed simultaneously, organizers said.

Gen. David Petraeus named 3rd U.S. commander

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gen. David Petraeus took charge of U.S. forces in Iraq on Saturday, becoming the third commander in the war and declaring the American task now was to help Iraqis "gain the time they need to save their country."

The media-savvy, Princeton-educated Petraeus, 54, spoke bluntly of the task before him that coincides with President Bush's decision to send an additional 21,500 troops to clamp off violence in Baghdad and nearby regions.

"We will have to share the burdens and move forward together. If we can do that and if we can help the people of Iraq, the prospects of success are good," he said. "Failing that, Iraq will be doomed to continued violence and civil strife."

House Democrats unveil anti-war resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats rolled out their resolution opposing President Bush's troop increase in Iraq on Monday, setting up a likely rebuke in a political landscape turned upside-down since Congress' overwhelming 2002 endorsement of force against Saddam Hussein.

Lawmakers are expected to vote on a resolution by week's end opposing Bush's decision to send 21,500 more troops to Iraq. The measure states simply that the House "will continue to support and protect" troops serving in Iraq but "disapproves" of the troop buildup.

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