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Glenna Bower demonstrates defensive techniques as Chris Marsh attacks and Joyce Noelle oversees them. (Photo by Lana Kunz)

Seminar focuses on defense, preventing sexual assault

By Lana Kunz The Shield

Does your pace increase once that menacing guy starts walking behind you? Do you clutch those keys so tightly that you have a permanent impression of them in your hand?

Confidence is a major factor of an assailant's decision whether or not to attack.

An attacker will pick an individual that seems less confident in their ability to protect themselves. One way to avoid being a potential victim is to take a defense course.

Rape Aggression Defense, a prevention seminar, is being offered November 9th and 16th from 10am to 2pm at the fitness center. It mentally and physically prepares females to manipulate the fight or flight response when confronted by an attacker. The course is free and open to all female students and employees of USI.

Classes are limited to 12 individuals; to sign up call 461-5268 or go to the fitness center. Assistant director of recreation, fitness, and wellness, Glenna Bower and former security officer Kelly Williams started this program three years ago. Security officers Joyce Noelle and Chris Marsh and Bower are certified to teach the upcoming R.A.D. seminars.

A simulation with each student follows the seminar. This is recorded for the instructor and student to analyze the See DEFENSE, Page 3

Hoops presents common-sense view of future

By Travis Neff The Shield

Administering the integral functioning of a growing university and weighing the needs and desires of the campus and the community requires a delicate balancing act.

University of Southern Indiana President Ray Hoops discussed this give-and-take process at his annual Q&A press conference Wednesday.

President Hoops presented several aspects of the university's 12-year plan of expansion to the campus and departments.

"We plan on changing the

campus in segments," Hoops said, "to best serve the needs of our students and Southern Indiana's economic community."

Hoops responded to questions from the sparsely attended audience on topics ranging from athletics to the ROTC.

President Hoops was asked about a recent lawsuit filed against him and the university by Prof. Stephen Sullivan alleging his free-speech rights were violated after he criticized the university for sponsoring the ROTC, which discriminates against homosexuals.

"I don't believe the lawsuit has any merit," Hoops said. "The university has a strict non-discrimination policy, but one of the parts of this job is that you have to trample on some people's interests in favor of another's."

An example of this, Hoops pointed out, was USI's decision to not form a varsity track team in the future. Hoops said that this was a desirable proposition, and workable financially.

But the legal necessity for USI to comply with Title IX, the federal law that requires all colleges to provide an equal number of athletic scholarships to men and women based upon student gender ratios, keeps track from becoming a sanctioned university sport.

"The law has its merits," Hoops said, "but since USI is 62 percent women, we could not pull it off."

Hoops said that the main athletic project in the foreseeable future is a \$12 million expansion to the PAC Arena.

Academically, Hoops said that USI has done a good job of providing new programs to meet with the area's economic needs, such as beginning an engineering degree, but that this is still an under-served academic region.

"We would love to be able to have a wider array of academic departments," he said, and we are slowly improving. But at the same time, by having fewer degree programs, we have been able to keep tuition low."

Indiana's recent budget problems have hurt the university financially, but the main undertaking that is in line is the, building of a new library, Hoops said.

The library will be built after the new university layout is configured and the University Student Center is expanded into the current library location.

"We are on track with a 12 year master plan," Hoops said, "and I am confident that we will meet our main goal, creating as many opportunities for our students as possible."

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Avery stresses service, leadership

By Rachel DeLong The Shield

Who has received more than 16 awards in a political career span of 28 years, including the Indiana Advocate for and Evansville Children Teacher's Association awards? Who has also done a great deal for USI and our campus?

One doesn't need to look far to find the answer.

Dennis Avery, a democrat, is running for re-election in the

Indiana House of Representatives. Avery was one of the officials who fought to get the money for USI's new Liberal Arts and Science Centers.

He also helped gain approval for the engineering program and the social work program.

But what motivated Avery to choose a career in public service? Thirty-four years ago, while still in college, Avery developed a flare for politics.

He joined the University of

Evansville's College Democrats and was a delegate for the Democrats State Convention. The Vietnam War also sparked a fire in his political life.

He has been involved with politics ever since, except for the two years he served in the Vietnam War.

In the House, he resides in District 75, which includes Evansville. One of the major issues he is known for is support of education, and higher education especially.

After obtaining money and grants for several new buildings, Avery is now striving to get a new library at USI. As for his re-election chances he says, "it looks very good."

Besides his opponent, Republican Marcia Able, he says the biggest obstacle he is facing right now is time. "I don't have all the time I would like to have right now," Avery

Another small challenge that stands in his way is the cost of the election.

So far he said he has spent over \$40,000 on this campaign and "most of that has been in the last two weeks, with more to come in the next two weeks."

Sophomore Amy Stockholm, the president of USI's College Democrats, and senior Kristen Pixley are just a couple of students that Avery mentioned who are helping his campaign.

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lassifieds International Club parties at Pub

By Lucia Napoli The Shield

Halloween became international last Friday at The Pub when the International Club celebrated with a costume party. Not only USI students attended the party; international students from the University of Evansville were invited as well.

Following tradition, students showed up with costumes to compete in a contest. Five students won for different categories. The award for the funniest costume went to two

MBA students, Vladimir Kasparov, a 22-year-old Russian student, and Onan Akalin, a 26-year-old Turkish student, dressed as nuns. Akalin said, "it was the first costume party in my life and I had a fabulous time, better than I expected."

The prize for the scariest cos-

tume went to Labeed Assadmi, a UE student from Saudi Arabia. Raul Illaramendi, a 20year-old Venezuelan, won as most original when he showed up as an INS Agent. He was acting as a Cuban agent and it was perfect for an international environment.

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"They stuff envelopes, go door to door, make phone calls, and help with fundraising, said Avery.

One of the tactics that Mr. Avery has utilized in recent months has been five fundraisers that cover almost every politically important group in

Avery has kept alive his passion and desire to best represent his constituents

When asked what would be the one thing he would tell an aspiring politician he quickly replied, "get a good educa-

He then added, "prepare yourself for service as a political figure. Be willing to work hard, and get good communi-cation skills. Get involved in political activities, too. College political groups, environmental groups, or any opportunity that provides leadership.

As for his future, Avery's fate will be decided in the upcoming election. For more information about Dennis Avery and his issues go to www.dennisavery.org

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effectiveness of the student's response. The R.A.D. objective is "to develop and enhance the options of self-defense, so they may be viable considerations to the woman who is attacked." The seminar focuses on education of confrontational principles, self-reliance, independent decision-making, and realization of one's physical strength.

Once a woman feels confi-

dent in her ability to defend herself, she is taught defensive martial art elements to guide her in a physical conflict.

While some advocate that a woman should comply with a rapist to avoid injury, a study at the University of Nebraska-Omaha proved that women who forcefully resisted were less likely to be raped and no more likely to become injured. R.A.D. advises a woman to be aware of her surroundings and take cautious measures.

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Falwell guilty of spreading hateful speech

The Reverend Jerry Falwell once again proved his tactlessness earlier this month by declaring the Muslim Prophet Mohammed a "terrorist" on national television. While such careless speech was met with the normal condemnation (from the Middle East) and a subsequent (halfhearted) apology, deadly harm has already been done.

Five people in Kashmir province were killed in riots protesting the remark, and Falwell's words have done nothing but further heighten tensions in one of the world's most

explosive places.

However, perhaps the most surprising aspect of his remarks is that they have been met with utter silence from the American press. The only protests came from the spiritual leader of the Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon and the Avatollah of Iran. However embarrassing agreeing with



the Avatollah and Islamic radicals is, it is crucial to condemn extremism wherever it lies, especially when it comes from a domestic source.

Falwell's comments were offensive not just for their insensitivity, but because they demonstrated how Falwell (and the religious right in general) has a pattern of making irresponsible statements and then successfully skirting the consequences through recantation. This latest outburst parallels Falwell's declaration that, "pagans, abortionists, feminists, homosexuals and civil liberties groups [have] secularized the nation and helped the Sept. 11 attacks happen."

In the situation last week,

Falwell immediately apologized and escaped the most scathing criticism. The fact that Falwell consistently apologizes at the first sign of trouble is an indication that he is not willing to stand by his statements when confronted.

The fact that he continues to make these types of statements is an indication that he really believes them.

The fact that Falwell is one of the "spiritual leaders" of the religious right sadly indicates that many people share his outdated views. To be sure, people who already agree with Falwell are more likely to accept his initial headlines than to heed his footnotes of regret.

The fact that the religious right is so vocal at the voting booths makes them a political powerhouse and Republican leaders to pander heavily to them. Allowing intolerant religious factions in America to buy political support through votes and dollars brings us closer and closer to what we want to avoid, which is a polity run by religious extremists and not morally guided by responsible religious tenants. It is up to non-Christian conservative Republicans to be equally outspoken about their distaste of religious intolerance as Falwell is about his hatred of people different from himself.

Finally, Falwell and his supporters make it much harder for American policymakers to fight the war on terrorism. Their irresponsible comments are infuriating Muslim populations and shrinking the ability of friendly Muslim governments to work with American authorities to stem terror.

As the tragic bombings in Indonesia and Kuwait have shown, the new phase in the war on terror may not be fought on American soil at all, but instead may take place on the soil of friendly Muslim nations. If foreign governments are too beset by internal political strife to be able to crack down on terror, then it is likely we have already lost.

While some Muslims indeed wish to destroy America and what it stands for, so do some Christians and some Jews. There may be historica roots for some of the terrorists. actions, but the key componen to religious development is how religious texts are interpreted by each religion's leaders. At present, it seems that Jerry Falwell and the conservative right are doing a poor job of interpreting Islamic texts and indeed their own texts.

Consequently, their intol erance is hurting moderate Christians, moderate Republi cans, and American interests a the same time. It is the responsibility of Falwell to stop spreading this type of hateful speech and the responsibility of the American people to remind him why he must.

A response to President Hoops

To the Editor:

President Hoops' comments on the ROTC issue in his recent USI press conference deserve a response.

In December 1999, USI added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy, so that the policy (as stated in the University Handbook) now reads as follows:

The University of Southern Indiana reaffirms its present policy of equal employment opportunity, affirmative action and nondiscrimination with respect to recruitment, hiring, training, promotion, and treatment of persons in all organizations, services and programs under the legal control of the Trustees of the University of Southern Indiana, which shall be maintained on

nondiscriminatory basis in regard to race, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era at all times.

After Vice President Reid first announced to the Faculty Senate in early 2001 that ROTO might be coming to campus, I raised the issue of a possible conflict between its "don't ask, don't tell" policy and our nondiscrimination policy; my con-cern was brushed aside. Reexamining the policy, I con-vinced myself that there was no conflict, given the legal-control clause; and at a Senate meeting that April, at which President Hoops affirmed that ROTC would soon be on campus, I noted that it was fortunate for the University that the conflict was not a real one after all. To my surprise, he became angry, insisting that there never had been even an appearance of a conflict.

By Fall 2001 I realized belatedly that USI does exercise some measure of legal control over the ROTC program: every single one of its courses must be approved by the USI Curriculum Committee. And then the President himself admitted to two students of mine - who had written letters to the Shield criticizing the University's handling of the situation - that there was a 'small" conflict between the two policies

Regrettably, his recent comments - essentially reiterating the claim about lack of legal control - do nothing to clarify the issue. And it is ironic that the President would say "we are not in the business of denying people opportunity," for that is precisely what ROTC does to openly gay (but not to openly straight) students.

I confess I'm still not entirely sure whether the presence of ROTC program violates USI's non-discrimination policy. It could be argued that the legal-control clause in the policy actually refers to COM-PLETE legal control; in that case there may be no violation, since USI clearly does not exercise such control over the ROTC program. And if religious organizations on campus engage in discrimination based on religion (and perhaps also on sexual orientation), this interpretation might make more sense than an "any control" interpretation. But no doubt the distinction between

complete and partial legal cor trol needs clarification.

President Hoops and I d agree, I think, on one import tant point: that it would b unwise for USI to try to rid th campus of the ROTC progra For the result would apparent ly be that the University would lose all federal funding (e.g. federal scholarship money which would indeed be unfai to students of all sexual orier tations. I hope the Presider will also agree with me now as he earlier did not - that th issue of conflicting policie merits thoughtful public dis cussion, and that the Univers ty should not be afraid t acknowledge its own misjude

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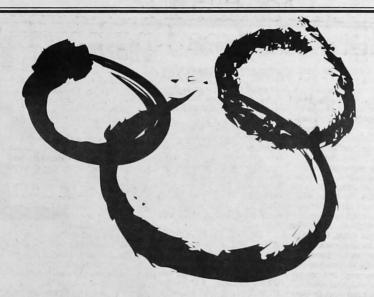
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Coffeehouse brings eclectic flavor

By Billy Perkins Special to The Shield

When Shadi Wadi-Ramahi and his wife Becky opened up Wadi Café, The Coffee Oasis about a month ago, it was not a rushed, thrown together prodnct.

Nothing like this existed on the Westside of Evansville. We had this idea for about five years. We had to really learn about the coffee business and go all out. We wanted it to be a unique, different, and cultured gathering place. It's just a fun place that I don't mind working in because it is a fun place. It's in a great location for U.S.I. students," Wadi-Ramahi said.

"We wanted it to be first class. We incorporate everything that we love. I'm from Jordan and when you walk in here it's obvious that you're not walking into a typical Westside

restaurant. It's a little bit of us," stated Wadi-Ramahi.

Wadi's is decorated in mostly earth tones and features a mural on the wall painted by USI Art major, Raul Illarramea-

Wadi's not only offers gourmet coffee and an array of other hot and cold drinks, but offers many foods such as calzones, salads and exotic desserts. Its most popular drink is called the Milky Way. It is a delicious mixture of coffee, chocolate and caramel.

Wadi Café doesn't only offer food and coffee. It has Jordanian décor and even offers authentic Iordanian merchandise including handcrafted pillowcases, rosaries, and hokkas (used for smoking tobacco).

Barista Christine Jackson has worked at the café since its beginnings.

"It's a really artsy place where people can just hangout. We have television, board

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games and video games in the We also make backroom. authentic Turkish over an open flame. I can't think of another place that does that in town," said Jackson.

The café even has a loyal customer base already. ÚSI professor Dr. Stephen Sullivan is one of them.

The things that attract me about the place are the long hours and the friendly staff especially Shadi and Becky. They have great coffee and some good food as well," said Sullivan.

Elizabeth Raiche, a Senior at USI and a barista at the downtown coffeehouse, Penny Lane, is a fan as well.

'I think that it has a pleasant atmosphere. I think that the differences from my workplace are refreshing; however, one thing that I want to make clear is that independently owned coffeehouses do not thrive on competition: they survive through cooperation and loyal customers," said



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My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) (12:10 2:40) 5:20 8:00 10:15

Sale, toy drive to benefit nursery

The USI MSW Student Association is holding a bake sale and toy drive to benefit the Ark Crisis Nursery from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 7. To support this event, bring used toys or children's books to the stall outside the University Center or purchase something to eat. Food items will cost 50 cents.

For more information, e-mail kalexand@usi.edu.

Film series to begin next month

USI's fall 2002 Friday Night in the Forum film series will begin in November. Sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts, the series brings films to the big screen in their original 35 mm widescreen formats and in their original languages with subtitles. Each free film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Forum I in the

Byron C. Wright Administration Building. An informal discussion will follow.

Psychology club meeting

The USI Psychology Club will meet on Monday, Nov. 4 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in UC 214. For more information, please contact J.M. Cronin at imcronin@usieagles.org

This week's math problem and additional information for the math problem-solving contest can be found at www.usishield.com



Sophomore midfielder Courtney Reeder works her way past an Indianapolis defender in Sunday's game at Strassweg Field. Reeder finished with a pair of goals, however, USI lost 3-2.

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Eagles knocked out

Women's soccer team eliminated from competing in the GLVC tournament with 3-2 loss on Sunday

The University of Southern Indiana women's soccer team set itself up for the Great Lakes Valley Conference schedule finale on Sunday with a 3-0 victory over Saint Joseph's College Saturday afternoon at Strassweg Field.

USI had three different players contribute to the scoring in Saturday's victory.

Senior midfielder Jenny Wessel started the scoring with the game-winner at 21:18 off the rebound of a shot by sophomore midfielder Courtney Reeder.

The goal was the first goal of the year for Wessel.

Sophomore back Lisa Stucki gave USI a 2-0 lead at halftime with a direct kick goal at 30:18.

Stucki also picked up her first goal of the year, booting the ball over the goalkeeper from about 30 yards.

The Eagles put the game out of reach in the second on the seventh goal of the year by freshman forward Alisann Shetler.

Shetler scored off her own rebound in front of the SJC net at 59:04.

Defensively, USI limited SJC to five shots, only two on goal. Senior goalkeeper Aude de La Salle made two saves to preserve her third shutout of the season

n In what was essentially a play-in game for the GLVC Tournament, USI was knocked out by the University of Indianapolis, 3-2, Sunday afternoon at Strassweg Field.

noon at Strassweg Field.
USI falls to 8-9-0 overall and 3-7-0 in the GLVC, while the Greyhounds go to 7-10-0 overall, 4-6-0 GLVC.

In a match that went back and forth, it was the Greyhounds who scored first and last.

Indianapolis started the scoring at the 20:13 mark to take a 1-0.

USI tied the match 1:22 later with the first of two goals by

sophomore midfielder Courtney Reeder.

Reeder's goal was unassisted at 21:35.

Indianapolis retook the lead at 23:20 and led at halftime

Reeder tied the game, 2-2, with 33:09 to play in the game off a pass by freshman back Brooklyn Gant.

The goals were the sixth and seventh of the season for Reeder, tying her for the team lead in goals scored.

The assist was the second of the year for Gant.

The score remained tied 2-2 until the 85:52 when Indianapolis junior forward Jenna Silverman connected with the back of the USI net for the game-winner and a 3-2 victory.

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Volleyball tops SIU Edwardsville Sports Shorts

The University of Southern Indiana volleyball team cleared a major hurdle Saturday afternoon as it defeated Southern University Edwardsville, 3-1, at the Vadalabene Center in Edwardsville,

The Screaming Eagles, who have won seven consecutive matches and taken over sole possession of first place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Green Division, improve to 18-6 overall and 7-2 in the GLVC

USI hit .375 to overcome a blistering SIUE attack and win the first game 30-27

The Cougars stormed back to win the second game, 30-28, and tie the match at 1-1.

After winning the third

On Tap

Nov. 1 PAC Bellarmine U. 7 p.m.

Nov. 2 PAC Northern Kentucky 2 p.m.

game, 30-25, the Eagles hit .459 in the fourth game to claim a 30-22 victory and close the door on any SIUE comeback

Senior outside hitter Shannon Wells hit .353 and recorded a match-high 25 kills, 19 digs,

Fellow classmate Kristi Kavanaugh recorded 16 kills, 7 digs, and a .342 attacking percentage in the winning effort.

Junior setter Kim Boehmer recorded a match-high 62 assists to lead the USI offensive to a .298 attacking percentage in the match.

Boehmer also contributed 17 digs as the Eagles won for the ninth time in 10 tries.

Senior right side hitter Gre-ta Grinstead and sophomore middle blocker Leeanne Gross each dished in 11 kills.

The Eagles will return home for the final five matches of the regular season, starting with Bellarmine University Nov. 1 and Northern Kentucky

Eagles triumph over Indianapolis

The USI men's soccer team scored two goals in the second half to defeat the University of Indianapolis, 2-0, Sunday afternoon at Strassweg Field.

Senior midfielder Greg Henry scored the first goal of the contest followed by a tally by junior forward Matt Settles. Duncan Bray earned assists on each score.

Men's soccer lock up fourth seed

The USI men's soccer team secured fourth seed in the GLVC tournament with its win over Indianapolis.

The Eagles will host their first GLVC tournament game since 1995 when they welcome fifth seeded Quincy University Nov. 6. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for non-USI students.

USI students will be admitted to the game for free with their Eagle Access Card. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

Byrne, Schneider top USI finisher's

Junior Joey Byrne won his second straight GLVC cross country championship, in leading the men's team to a third place finish while sophomore Casey Schneider led the Eagles with a third place finish en route to the women finishing second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship in Wisconsin Saturday afternoon.

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