



# Nude photos cause controversy

BY BRANDON COLE  
The Shield staff

A photo depicting two women in a sexual manner that was published in the university's student literary journal is not pornography, according to Liz Fields, who took the photo. But USI College Republicans disagree.

"It's not pornography," said Fields, a sophomore art education major, regarding the controversial photo, titled "Lose," featuring Leslie Mundy and an unidentified woman.

The picture shows two women in bed. One is naked and the other has her hand next to the other woman's genitals.

"The Aerie has run nudes before," said Scott, managing editor of The Aerie. "The last issue exhibited some nudity, but it seems that certain people have taken offense on this occasion."

USI College Republicans have made it clear that they believe the photo published in The Aerie is pornographic.

"Why does the University of Southern Indiana abstain from using the word 'Christmas' in a press release, but has no qualms publishing soft-core porn," the USI College Republicans ask on their Website.

"This question is prompted by a photo of two naked women in bed kissing, while one appears to mas-

turbate the other, which appeared in the USI-funded Aerie, a USI journal of arts and letters."

Dr. Glen Kissel, USI College Republicans faculty adviser, said, "USI had no problem using the word 'Zen' as in Zen Buddhism, last May in a press release publicizing a sailing class. So why are 'Zen' and soft-core porn no prob-

lem, 'Christmas' such a problem?" Kissel also spearheaded the protest of a nude art exhibit in the Technology Center last year.

The Republicans' Website also states, "It was learned that the Aerie is funded in part by the Student Activity Fee paid by virtually

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## South Korea denounces North Korea's nuclear testing



A South Korean Christian student prays with a candle in his hands during a special service denouncing North Korea's nuclear test in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006. North Korea faced united global condemnation and calls for harsh sanctions Monday after it announced it had detonated an atomic weapon in an underground test that thrust the secretive communist state into the elite club of nuclear-armed nations.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

## Freshmen beat odds

By ANNA FLAKE  
Special to The Shield

American College Testing (ACT) reports that nearly a quarter of college freshmen drop out of school.

USI has beaten the odds of freshmen dropouts.

According to Beth Butcher, Institutional Research Associate of for Decision Support, about 84 percent of first-time, full-time baccalaureate degree-seeking USI freshmen return for the spring semester.

Why, on average, do so many freshmen drop out? It may be because many incoming college students are unprepared. High school teachers must affectively challenge student in order to give them a taste of what to expect after they graduate and move onto college. Additionally, students need to learn how to efficiently manage their time, which leads to the next reason for dropping out of college: too much fun.

The new experience of freedom can cause freshmen to forget the sole reason for attending college.

Another reason 25 percent of college freshmen don't return to school their sophomore year is because of high costs and little money. On average, tuition for the 2005-2006 school year at a four-year public college was \$5,491, whereas tuition at a private four-year college was approximately \$21,235.

To help battle this dilemma, freshmen can continue to apply for scholarships and grants.

Finally, if freshmen are in a major that they enjoy, the odds are that they will take pleasure in going to their classes and work harder to keep their grades up. If a major is only offered at an expensive private college, students can earn their core credits at a less expensive college and then transfer later.

Freshman Keri Duckworth likes USI but will eventually have to transfer to another college in order to obtain an Animation degree, which USI doesn't currently offer.

The reason more of USI's freshmen return than the average colleges' freshmen could be because of USI's low tuition.

Terre Haute native Kourtney Reed's freshman was pleasantly surprised by USI's small class sizes. Even though Indiana State is located in her hometown, she doesn't want to leave USI.

"I haven't been home all semester," says Reed, who is especially close to her family.

Nearly halfway into the fall semester, many freshmen are approaching the dreaded midterms in many of their classes.

Here at USI, Academic Skills offers Success Series workshops that many students, especially freshmen, find extremely useful.

In particular, the M.U.R.D.E.R. workshop could be helpful in preparing for midterm exams.

Mark Razor, the presenter of the workshop, explains that M.U.R.D.E.R. is an acronym for a 6-step study strategy. If the students follow each step in order, they will be ready for any type of exam.

Other upcoming Success Series workshops include seminars on improving note taking, time management, reading speed, and math skills. You can check out the schedule at the Academic Skills website.

## Marijuana legalization group organizes on campus

BY BROOKLYN SOLIS  
Special to The Shield

NORML, The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, was originally formed in California, in the 70's for Americans who opposed mar-



ijuana prohibition and favored an end to the practice of arresting responsible marijuana smokers. Since their efforts, groups have spread out across the nation,

including on college campuses. USI may be the next university to have its own group.

The non-profit advocacy group is currently made up of 10 members meeting in UC205 at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"We just secured a faculty

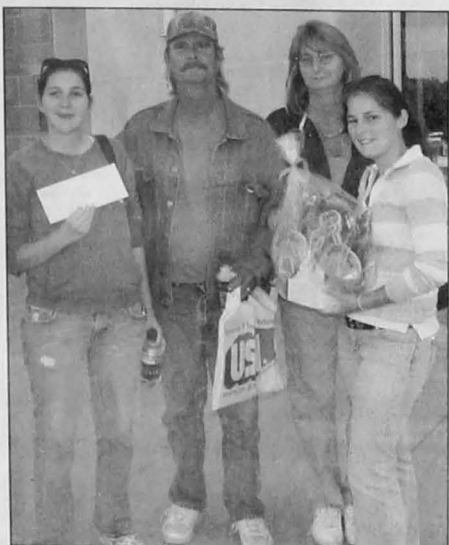
advisor, and we hope to set up the bylaws of our constitution," President Ryan Darr said. "Once these things are in order, we will be considered an organized group on campus."

"We hope that campus policy can change, and deal with mari-

juana more internally, instead of calling in law enforcement. If you look at the statistics on campus, it seems a little one sided. Compared to alcohol violations, marijuana had very low numbers last

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## Parents and families visit USI campus



Shelley Dyar, David Seaman, Mary Seaman and Ashley Dyar (from left to right) win the scavenger hunt during Parents and Families weekend at USI.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Schaefer

By BROOKLYN SOLIS  
Special to The Shield

The First Annual Parents and Family Weekend, hosted by the Parents and Families Association, along with APB and Student Government Association, invited students and their families to visit campus and attend community events on Oct. 7 and 8.

There were events scheduled on and off campus to allow family members to see what student life is like.

"Most of the events were already taking place on campus. We wanted to take advantage of them, and six and a half weeks in the semester, is the perfect time for families to visit their student," Lisa Schaefer Assistant Director of Alumni and Volunteer Services said.

"In the early 90's there was a Parents and Family Day, but nothing like this," Schaefer said. Scheduled events on campus highlighted the new library and refurbished buildings.

There were library tours, disc golf, a scavenger hunt and a production of *Elleemysnary*, in the Malette Studio Theatre.

"I thought that the weekend went really well," APB Education Chair Jeff Ausenbaugh said. "The scavenger hunt started to get really competitive. We spent a lot of time setting the event up, and it made it all worthwhile to see that

everyone was enjoying themselves."

Sisters Ashley and Shelley Dyar and their family won the scavenger hunt challenge.

"I am a senior, and I loved family weekend," said Shelley Dyar. "I thought it was a lot of fun! It also gave my parents a chance to see the campus and really learn what different buildings were through the scavenger hunt, which my family won! I was excited for my parents to have a chance and come and see where I spend my days."

"We had 170 people pre-register for the weekend and several others signed up onsite," Parents and Families President Ingrid Lindy said.

"We of course, wanted the families to see campus firsthand, but the Fall Festival was a wonderful event to wrap around the weekend to let the families see what is happening on the Westside."

"There were about 15 of us that rode on the float through the parade," Lindy said. "I am so glad that I got to be a part of that."

The Parents and Family organization will hold more events including the Alumni Chili Dinner on Jan. 6 and Homecoming on Feb. 3.

If students are interested in learning more about the Parents and Family Organization, e-mail [parentsandfamilies@usi.edu](mailto:parentsandfamilies@usi.edu)

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all USI students." The Web site also supplies a link to the photo with the following warning: "Parental warning contains nudity."

The Aerie staff hosted a reading on Oct. 5, and no one – including College Republicans – came to protest the photos. The reading went on as planned.

"Nudity is not the problem," said Scott. "It is the fact that there are two women in the photo."

"No comment," said Kissel regarding The Aerie and the controversial photo. Although the Web site discusses the photo on the main page, Kissel said, "The College Republicans have taken no position."

President H. Ray Hoops said the university administration has taken no stance against The Aerie.

USI was the first school in Indiana and the third in the nation to designate The Shield and Access USI "public forums" free of censorship. Student editors make content decisions, Hoops said.

The Aerie is a student journal that showcases the work of students in photography, creative writing and poetry. It is published twice a year, once a semester.

On Page 2 is a disclaimer: "The views and opinions displayed in this magazine may or may not reflect the opinions of the editors and staff."

A note on the table where copies of The Aerie were displayed in the Tech Center read: "Being pulled."

This could have been the source of rumors that the journal was going to be "recalled," or "pulled," according to Kissel, whose office is in the Tech Center. He said the table was to be removed, not The Aerie magazines.

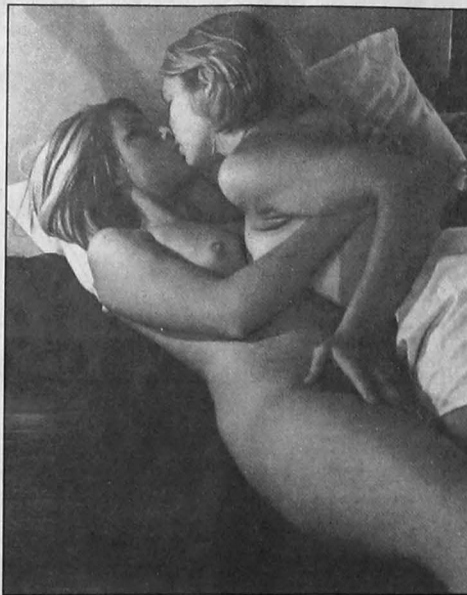
"We had it replaced," said Eric Sprouls, chair of the engineering department. He made the work order for the table to be removed.

"It blocked the door and it wasn't supposed to be there in the first place," he said.

Most of the attention is on Fields' photo, but the journal also includes an ode to Hunter S. Thompson, the father of gonzo journalism, and a story titled, "Marriage Costs More than a Penny," by The Rock Defender.

The Aerie is distributed on campus in the library, the bookstore and the Technology Center.

**The Shield staff discussed the pros and cons of running the controversial photo. After careful consideration, The Shield decided that printing the photo was an essential part of reporting the story completely and accurately.**



Leslie Mundy, student at USI, and an unidentified woman are portrayed in this photo that appeared in the 2006 USI Aerie. Since the release of the magazine, controversy has sparked within campus organizations whether the photo is "soft-core porn" or whether it is art. The Aerie is a student journal that showcases literature and art of USI students.

Photo courtesy of The Aerie

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year."

According to the yearly incident statistics report from 2005, there were 47 referrals and 12 arrests on campus for drug-related violations.

"If we become aware of a student conduct violation, or a criminal violation, it is our statutory responsibility to investigate," said Barry Hart, director of campus security.

"If the violation is drug related, with a possession not of a felony amount, security may or may not involve law enforcement, depending upon the action of the suspect," said Hart. "If a suspect possesses felony amount, we will call law enforcement."

In Indiana, the penalty for possessing 30 grams or less marijuana is a misdemeanor with a chance of incarceration and fines up to \$5,000. For more than 30 grams, it is considered a misdemeanor or a felony with the possibility of six months to three years of incarceration, with fines up to \$10,000.

Also, according to Indiana State law, if one is present in a situation where they are knowledgeable that drug activity is occurring, it is considered a misdemeanor, with a possible incarceration of six months and fines up to \$1,000.

If students are interested in joining NORML, they can attend a meeting in the UC (Room 205, Wednesdays at 4 p.m.) or go to the national website [www.norml.com](http://www.norml.com) to learn more about the national organization.

## What is the difference between art and pornography?



"Porn serves a different purpose than art."

Art looks more towards inner beauty and art is more meaningful.

Porn serves more for entertainment. Being educated in college will help decide what is porn and what is art.

Jennifer Kochler, sophomore, dental hygiene



"Art is something that can be valued."

Art takes talent because anybody can get behind a camera naked and do freaky things."

Darisha Milan, freshman, elementary education



"You hear noises in porn and you don't hear anything in art."

Darius Lyndsay, freshman, physical education

## WIRED... Check out the film clip 'Fall Festival Mullet Hunting'... only online at [www.usishield.com](http://www.usishield.com)

**DVDs and their discontents: The Best and Worst Studios Offer**

Last week's DVD releases of X-Men: The Last Stand and The Little Mermaid set records. While one disc is a batched of fair treatment to everything wrong with studio releases, the other is an example of a quality studio product. Cole Perkins examines everything that's right and wrong with studio releases and the new practices that have steadily been emerging.

**A modest proposal: Make WAB on Mexico**

While Jon Webb supports the construction of a wall across the US/Mexico border, he believes only one thing can prevent the influx of migrants: a military invasion of Mexico. Moreover, he wants you to believe it too. Head online to read his forcefully-argued manifesto. (And remember, you can't spell manifesto without man.)

**Dressing with the Stars?**

Most costume guides this October will show you how to dress like your favorite celebrity. But Blake Berham inverts this tired idea, instead explaining what the celebrities themselves will be wearing. Carefully, cogently, Berham discusses the likely get-ups for Tarell Owens, Dubya, and Britney Spears, among others. Sure, you can read about the costumes in *Us Weekly* on November 1st, but why not head online to *Shield's* website for some real investigative journalism?

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## Thursday 10/12

4 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
Yes, You Can Beat the Odds!  
Improve your test taking performance!  
ED1102

6:30 p.m.  
Problems of Hispanics in the Tri-State  
Kleymeyer Hall

7 p.m.- 8 p.m.  
Eykamp String Quartet  
Rice Library Grand Reading Room

7 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of "Eleemosynary"  
USI Theatre

7 p.m.  
APB Comedian: Owen Smith  
Carter Hall

7:30 p.m.  
American Chemical Society Lecture  
ED1101

## Friday 10/13

5 p.m.  
Men's/ Women's soccer hosts Northern Kentucky  
Strassweg Field

7 p.m.  
Volleyball hosts Lewis  
PAC

8 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of "Eleemosynary"  
USI Theatre

## Saturday 10/14

2 p.m.  
Volleyball hosts Wisconsin-Parkside  
PAC

6 p.m.  
Live at the Apollo  
Carter Hall

8 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of "Eleemosynary"  
USI Theatre

## Sunday 10/15

12 p.m.  
Men's/ Women's soccer hosts Bellarmine  
Strassweg Field

2 p.m.  
Memory Walk  
For more info call (812) 475-1012  
USI campus

## Monday 10/16

9 a.m.  
College of Business Executive in Residence Program  
Carter Hall

## Tuesday 10/17

2 p.m.  
Volleyball hosts SIU-Edwardsville  
PAC

8 p.m.  
"Refuse to Choose: Reclaiming Feminism"  
Carter Hall

## Wednesday 10/18

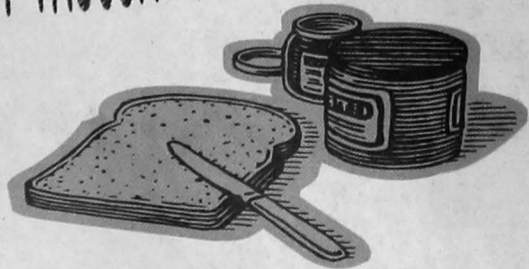
9 p.m.  
APB Lecture: GTC Dramatic Dialogues- The Sex and Drugs Show  
Carter Hall

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## Editorial USI should mandate adviser training sessions

Advising season is open, and students are now responsible for securing a seat in their classes. We can still seek advising, but advisers can no longer register us.

Students, along with full-time faculty members, have groaned about advising. Both groups groan because of the hassle, but the difference is advising is in the job description of all full-time faculty. As with any job, training is mandatory. Sure, instructors receive degrees, qualifying them to teach, but they are not required to undergo training to effectively advise students.

On Oct. 25 and 26, faculty adviser training, sponsored by USI's Advising Training Sub-

committee of the Academic Advising Council, will take place in the UC. The sessions will cover core curriculum, finding transcript and degree info in MyUSI, what to cover in an advising session with incoming freshmen or students on probation, and much more.

Only 15 of 296 full-time instructors have signed up to attend, just above 5 percent. Granted, some may have already had training, but it never hurts to buff up, especially considering the changing needs of students. The aforementioned council is discussing more long-term training, but it is not discussing mandating this training. Perhaps it will soon.

## No smutty costumes for preteens

By **ASHLEE McCANN**  
The Shield Staff



It's about that time again for females to dress as skimpy as possible and call it some kind of costume. Maybe the costume would be called a sultry ghost, a skimpy witch or just a smutty cheerleader. I can't bust on these ladies that do dress in as little as possible on Halloween, because I have done it myself.

Somehow Halloween has given the female crowd the go ahead to make up any costume and call it something, but all it really looks like is a few sheets of fabric with hips coming out here and tits popping out there. I'm sure most of the male population love this as much as the girls love the attention – which is that great because we all have that need – but there has to be a line.

That line was crossed this Halloween season when I was looking through an ad for basic costumes and saw CHILDREN in stilettos and almost only bras and tiny shorts. Little girls who still play with Barbies

should not be trying to resemble Barbie with a costume complete with fake boobs. I have seen this, and I'm sure some unwise parent bought their daughter such an outfit.

Yes, we are supposed to look different on Halloween and push the norm, but when does that mean take more and more clothing off? As college students we can show as much skin as we want, but I do not think it's okay for children to dress as flirty school girls.

Throw on the makeup and tease the hair, but let's keep preteens covered and in the spirit of traditional Halloween costumes like ghosts and ghouls.

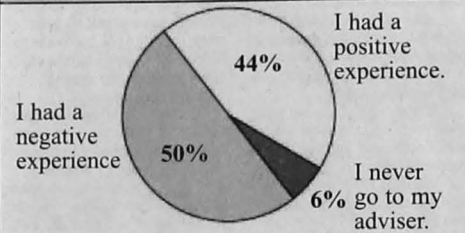
What happened to scary costumes anyway?

This all reminds me of the movie Mean Girls. Even this movie flat out says that this lack of costumes is happening more every year.

Let's try not to make the child molesters of Evansville so happy this year by trotting our young kids out in nearly nothing. Instead, let's throw on some fake blood and creepy wigs and go get candy. This is what Halloween should be about when you're a little kid. They have plenty of time to wear smutty Halloween costumes later in life when they actually have breasts to show.

### The Shield Online Poll:

How would you rate your experiences with your academic adviser?



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### Editorial Cartoon

By **NICK FOLZ**



## Astrology readers make horoscopes ring true

By **TIFFANY LAMPERT**  
Special to The Shield



Your destiny relies on the sky. Personality, business affairs and relationships. All predetermined by the mapping of the sun, moon and planets when you were born. Choices become limited, and evolving as a human becomes impossible.

"A 1996 Roper-Starch worldwide survey reported that one out of every four adult Americans, roughly 50 million people, believes in the efficacy of astrology," according to Barbara Schermer, author of *About Astrology Historical Facts*.

Now, horoscopes can be found anywhere. Free online horoscopes are readily available telling you how to live. That's a concept, like having an advisory lesson without an adviser.

Most horoscopes read similar to the following: It will be much easier to concentrate without all those distractions going on around you. Find yourself a quiet retreat, and you will get much more done.

This vague description is a likely prediction. If you're studying in your apartment with your roommates, you'll probably procrastinate and join them. However, in the library, distractions are limited because others are studying as well.

The broad predictions contribute to the likely possibility that your horoscope will, in fact, come true. Or do you live your life by that three-sentence paragraph with the lucky numbers attached to it? Could it be coincidence, psychology in the working, or the reliability of your horoscope?

You tailor your thoughts and ideas toward it, easing your mind as it tells you what to do, which in turn make the predictions accurate by taking the advice. From whom, a person who knows absolutely nothing about you?

Subconsciously, you alter your actions toward your horoscope because you strongly believe that everything around you is based on a vague passage from a complete stranger. If you live your life by it, expect the dreadful outcomes that may come your way.

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## Terrorism on our own soil

### Recent school shootings should shed light on problems inside American borders

By **ADRIAN STOICA**  
The Shield staff



Terrorism is a word that has become a household term. Everyone everywhere is familiar with it. We're fighting a war for it. In the Middle East, people live with it everyday.

I'm not talking about 9-11-style attacks involving planes or people with explosives strapped on. I'm talking about a new style of terror, one that we've seen in the last few years: our nation's youth becoming targets while at school. It's not so much terrorism like we see in the Middle East, but it still involves people dying for lost causes.

It started with Columbine in 1999; then a killing spree that plagued the Washington, D.C. area. There were a string of workplace shootings, and then things started to quiet down. In recent weeks, it's come back.

Within the past month, schools have become the popular target of lone gunmen, who instead of walking into a crowd and blowing themselves up, go in, shoot people at random and commit suicide. The real paradox is they're not just adults anymore; they're also school children upset at authority figures. The killing that occurs in the Middle East is becoming more and more prevalent here. The most recent attack occurred in Pennsylvania where six Amish children were murdered; there were also incidents in Wisconsin and Missouri. Clearly, it is starting to take its toll on our youth.

Since these news reports, President Bush is meeting with advisors to try to work on this problem. It's good to see the government acknowledging this problem, but I wonder what they can do. Tougher gun laws? Teachers with guns? National Guard members in our nation's schools? What's wrong with us today? How did we get to this stage? Schools are supposed to be a nurturing, learning environment where children and adolescents learn about the world and life. Instead, they're learning about violence and death.

In Missouri, the young man, a 13-year-old boy, had an AK-47. How did he get his hands on a fully automatic weapon? He said, "Please don't make me do this." I ask myself why he would say that.

It's unsure who to place the blame on, but I imagine there will be numerous

sources: video games, media, violent movies, society, etc. Instead of trying to find blame, we need to work on a solution.

The solution starts with each and every one of us. If you have a problem, or know someone who does, get help – before it's too late. Sure there are numerous infomercials that say that, but think about it. Your problems aren't worth someone's life. When we see incidents like these occurring more and more, it's time to take these things seriously before more young people die.

To parents: watch your children. Watch what they do. If they're having problems, see to it they get help – not in the form of an automatic weapon. Spend time with them and know what they're doing and what they're into. Keep an eye on Johnny. You never know when he may become the next lone gunman.

## Too many best friends can cause controversy

By **KELLY SCHMIDT**  
Special to The Shield



Take my advice – females can only have one best friend at a time. Having several at once will make life a living hell.

For women, best friends are the person you share everything with. Her phone number is on speed dial in case of a crisis. She always brings the ice cream when you are depressed. Best friends are always supportive, no matter what.

Men, on the other hand, could care less about how many friends they have. Many consider three or four of their male friends as "best" friends. They are indifferent to all the jealousy and competition surrounding females and their friendships.

Men understand the different types of friendships. Women should take note of this and learn to distinguish between acquaintances, good

friends and best friends. Acquaintances is just an occasion. You wave at them while walking across campus or sit next to them during class. Most of the time, you don't even know their last name. Basically, these people are around for convenience. You may not even like them all that much. For a woman, an acquaintance is just another number to add to her cute little cell phone.

Good friends are everywhere. It is quite possible to have an unlimited number of good friends. These are the kind of people you want to hang out with on a regular basis. They are not the kind of people you spill your deepest, darkest secrets to, but they make you feel better about yourself. I had a friend that suffered from multiple best friend disorder. She thought all her female friends were her "best" friends. She didn't understand the concept of having one best friend.

This caused anxiety and hatred among her women friends, and a war for the top spot began.

I was on the receiving end of the situation because I lived with her. Naturally, I was the first one she ran to with her problems, and I was hated by the other women because of it. The other "best" friends started feeling insecure and began their assault.

They felt jilted, ignored and rejected because they weren't "No. 1" on her friendship list. Soon came the jealousy, competition and degrading comments.

This is how I came to the conclusion women should only have one best friend at a time. There is nothing wrong with having many good friends or acquaintances, but the best friend title is a singular, monogamous term and should be treated as such.

Women simply cannot have more than one female friend in times of emotional distress. It becomes a competition to see who can become the best of them all. Or "bestest" friend, as my ex-roommate would say.

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## USI needs to offer more first-hand experience

By **WES GROGAN**  
The Shield staff



I love the Liberal Arts department, but I can't help thinking that they are missing some opportunities when it comes to the students they serve. For writers, especially, first-hand experience is a critical part of the career, which isn't being addressed at the moment.

The Ropewalk Series is certainly great, and I appreciate the university making it available. But, it's still a second-hand experience. You experience another person's reading and another person's writing knowledge. It's a wonderful foundation for the practical side of writing, but not so good for the creative aspect. For creativity, I believe hands have to get dirty.

There are a lot of options for a writer who wants to experience the world first hand, and it would be great if the Liberal Arts department could consolidate or officially endorse at least some of them for their students. Police department ride-

alongs, jail tours, interviews, autopsy or surgery observations, and countless other possibilities exist on a daily basis in our city, but it's difficult to take advantage of them individually.

I've been able to experience a few surgeries, both human and animal, and the challenges I encountered were in convincing the people involved that it was for a legitimate reason. If I need to write about a medical procedure, I can only include the reader through all five senses if I have experienced them myself. It's understandable that they wouldn't want some random person from the street involved in sensitive surgery moments, but it is a valuable chance for a writer to add more realism and empathy to what they write. A university endorsement for a sanctioned experience would be far easier and, perhaps, more educational.

This also doesn't have to be limited to writing, although it's the area in which I have the most experience. I could see more opportunities being out there for all of the branches of Liberal Arts or even the other schools of education here. All it would take is students that are serious about gaining more knowledge and professors open to expanding their base of education.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Shield accepts original, unpublished letters from all of its readers. Letters should be no more than 250 words. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number for verification. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, style, grammar and spelling. Pieces will appear in The Shield Online. Letters can be submitted online or via e-mail.



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# Local food providers focus on global change

**Commentary: both global and local events bring awareness to community.**

By JASON BARR  
The Shield Staff

Do you know where your food comes from? Every day thousands of people get a Big Mac attack with little thought concerning its origin.

This blissful ignorance got a rude awakening with the recent E. Coli spinach contamination. Obviously, quality control and oversight in the American food production system had failed grievously.

To a growing number of people, however, this was just one symptom of a much larger problem: that the system itself is fundamentally flawed. They say the food production system in the United States is basically unjust and point to alternative methods including local and organic farming, cooperative business practices, and other ways of removing one's self from the food-business chain.

If you really are what you eat, you should know what you're eating and have access to good, wholesome foods that do not rely on oppressive and environmentally degrading practices between the grower and dinner table.

Heidi Krause, owner of Penny Lane Coffeehouse and member of the Urban Sisterhood, an inner-city gardening group,

says the spinach scare is just one example of how out of touch we are with our food.

"We began as an agrarian society," Krause said. "Our ancestors were far more self-reliant and self-sustaining. To get in touch with our food again is to get in touch with ourselves in many ways."

The Urban Sisterhood's goal is to educate families about getting back to those roots through planting gardens in the city, teaching people how to resist the quickness and convenience of a fast food nation. John Eades of the River City Food Co-op believes gardening is key to opposing the system.

"Maybe we don't equate that with alternative lifestyle, but I think growing a garden is huge, getting people close to their food, having control over their food sustainability and availability," Eades said.

"Communities that produce their own food would not have to rely on megacorporations to meet their needs, but would take that power into their own hands."

The Co-op is a nonprofit corporation. Instead of stockholders, it is owned by members. Instead of stock benefits, members receive a discount that is multiplied if they volunteer at the store.

Each member has equal power in deciding business matters, and membership is arranged by household so whole families buy in at a single price and none gains an advantage by buying multiple memberships. They also keep a close watch on their suppliers, valuing quality and ethics over quantity, and recycle as much as possible.

Their location, in a predomi-

nantly low-income neighborhood, is intentional. While the typical corporation is profit-driven, the Co-op is about closing the gap between people and good food. They offer a discount to people who purchase with food stamps or can demonstrate financial need, and also offer educational programs, including hands-on gardening.

"We see this a lot with the kids, where they wouldn't dare eat a green bean if you told them, but if they've worked on it, tilled the soil, planted the green bean and worked on getting it out of the ground, it's not a green bean anymore, it's about eating the work of their hands. It takes it in a different direction," Eades said.

Penny Lane recently made all drinks completely organic, and is doing the same with their all-vegetarian food offerings through a partnership with the Co-op. Krause says organic is important, but community involvement is paramount.

"It feels good knowing our patrons are getting something absolutely clean of corporate greed, and we are supporting our neighborhood co-op," Krause said.

"Buying locally is more important than organic. It cuts down on the use of energy to transport the food, it's fresher and we are supporting our own community, not some place far away we know nothing about."

The local practices of the Co-op, Penny Lane, and the Urban Sisterhood are also part of an emerging global consciousness about the relationship between food production and social issues.

The Slow Food network is

dedicated to opposing the homogenization of fast food culture, protecting cultural food identities, and defending biodiversity. It boasts 83,000 members in over 100 countries.

Freeganism is a movement of people who employ alternative strategies for living based on limited participation in the conventional economy and minimal consumption of resources.

According to <http://www.freegan.info>, "Free-gans embrace community, generosity, social concern, freedom, cooperation, and sharing in opposition to a society based on materialism, moral apathy, competition, conformity, and greed."

Freeganism is "a total boycott of an economic system where the profit motive has eclipsed ethical considerations and where massively complex systems of production ensure that all the products we buy will have detrimental impacts most of which we may never even consider."

Freegans often plant gardens, but perhaps their most notorious strategy is dumpster diving. This involves rummaging through the garbage of retailers, offices, and other facilities for useful goods. Freegans also support eco-friendly transportation, rent-free squatting and voluntary joblessness.

In the June 2003 issue of O Magazine, Anna Lappe said, "Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want."

Freegans, Slow Fooders, and Urban Sisters are on a quest to remake the world in a friendlier, more just, and more ecologically sustainable image by thinking and acting, both globally and locally.

## 'Democracy block party' rallies music fans, voters

By JASON BARR  
The Shield Staff

"Democracy is NOT a Spectator Sport!"

So proclaims a flier for a democracy rally sponsored by Communities United to Strengthen America.

Rock music and the democratic consciousness have been a strategic partnership in recent years through such venues as MTV's Rock the Vote campaigns.

In that vein, the Evansville chapter of Communities United to Strengthen America, in conjunction with the River City Food Co-op, is hosting a Democracy Block Party this Saturday on Haynie's Corner at 2nd and Adams from 4-9 p.m.

According to Director Lana Abel, the group is an issues-based organization dedicated to helping American families feeling the middle-class squeeze.

The group focuses on initiatives such as affordable healthcare, economic prosperity and retirement security, supporting aid programs for college students in the face of rising tuition costs and inflation.

The party will feature performances by local bands Namaste and the Smoke Rings.

"We're a country that takes its democracy for granted," said Shawn Storckman, bass player for the Smoke Rings.

Storckman is a senior at USI

and a delegate for USI's Model U.N. The band has played venues across the Midwest, as well as in New York clubs CBGB and The Bitter End.

For more information on The Smoke Rings, visit [www.myspace.com/thesmokersings](http://www.myspace.com/thesmokersings).

USI political science professor Mary Hallock Morris will be featured as guest speaker.

There will be drawings to win gift certificates to businesses including Barnes and Noble, Hacienda, and The Pasta Grill. Absentee ballot forms will be available.

There will also be information about polling places throughout the city, early voting procedures and new voting laws like Indiana's new photo ID requirement. A forum will be conducted for people to write letters to elected officials urging them to support their key issues.

"The party is about bringing the action back into democracy, and getting excited about being part of the process," Abel said.

The organization has other events and activities planned leading up to and after the election.

For information call (812) 471-9890. Those interested can visit <http://www.communities-united.org/evansville>.

(Sarah Matthews contributed to this article.)

## Cooper shows he's still no 'Mr. Nice Guy'

By ADRIAN STOICA  
The Shield Staff

Alice Cooper welcomed an ecstatic crowd into his nightmare on the night of Oct. 6.

The Centre was the last place one could ever think of to see a concert like this. The chairs were cushy with padding. Ushers dressed in black tie attire checked the tickets at the door. After going in, music filtered out of the doors as the opening act, Crash Kelly, started their set. The Toronto-based band, made up of four members, sounded reminiscent of 80s pop-rock bands.

They finished up their set after numerous thanks and started to tear down their equipment.

Soon after, roadies began to set up the stage for the main event. Chants of "Alice! Alice! Alice!" started up through the crowd as the sound checks began. Random guitar chords echoed through the auditorium, along with the occasional bang on a drum.

A few minutes later, the lights went out and an organ started eerily, starting a much-anticipated evening of the music from rock legend Alice Cooper. As the eyes of Cooper lit up, he came out with his signature cane, swinging it around and twirling it as though he was in a marching band. The front row went wild, holding out their hands and giving him the "bull horn" as they swung their arms to the music.

Without taking a pause to say anything, they went on into the next song, pointing the microphone to the crowd to fill in the chorus of, "No more Mr. Nice guy! No more Mr. Plea-he-he-he-hese!" raising his arms and cane as the notes went higher and higher.

He stopped for a minute afterwards to raise his hands to receive the cheers the crowd had to give.

After a quick, on-stage costume change, the front row reached out hoping to get a hand on the once-in-a-lifetime concert memorabilia of the coveted coat of Cooper.

As the songs progressed, so did the show that made shock-rock what it is today, as he got placed in a straight jacket and random body parts on stage came together in a purple coffin to make a body without a head; he even did an acoustic set in an MTV

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Owen Smith, a veteran stand-up and sitcom comedian with appearances on Comedy Central and Black Entertainment Television, will bring his comedy routine to the USI community tonight at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall. Admission is free.

Photo courtesy of Owen Smith.

## Comedian Owen Smith a cutup since childhood

By ROGER GUDE  
Special to The Shield

"I told the family I wanted to be a gynecologist. It always made them laugh."

At the age of nine, most kids are proclaiming that when they grow up, they want to be a fireman, or an astronaut.

However, at nine years old, not many kids truly knew it all figured out.

Owen Smith knew what he wanted to be at that age: a comedian.

Tonight, at 7 p.m. in Carter Hall, Smith will showcase his dream career to the USI community.

At 33, Owen has now been a comedian for 10 years, and his career shows no signs of slowing down. Readers may ask, "I've never heard of this guy, what's so special about him?"

To this, he has a lot to say.

"I work on one of the hottest sitcoms out right now, Everybody Hates Chris, so I've met or seen up close almost every celebrity in what they call 'Black Hollywood' anyway," Smith said.

Having Chris Rock as a boss has to be something that makes

going to work fun. Not only has he worked with Chris Rock, but he has also worked with Whoopi Goldberg, who recently joined the cast on Everybody Hates Chris.

"That was one of the best weeks of my young showbiz career because I wrote a couple of jokes for her and she loved them and they made the script and they made the episode. So to see Whoopi say some words that I wrote, was an awesome moment!"

Along with meeting Chris Rock and Whoopi, he's also met Halle Berry and Dave Chappelle. He opened for Jamie Foxx a few years ago.

He also described his experience of meeting Tom Cruise.

"He's short, man. Like parking meter tall. Kind of hard to believe he saves the world in all his movies."

Smith has also appeared on Comedy Central's Premium Blend, NBC's Friday Night and CBS's Star Search.

However, his list of celebrity connections and TV resume aren't the only reasons to go see Owen Smith when he performs tonight.

Although he cites a variety of comedic influences, from Bill

Cosby to Jim Gaffigan, it's easier to get an idea of what kind of a comedian he is by just asking him.

"Funny. I have a funny style of comedy. Funny observations, stories, all from real life experiences. I'm not a joke punch-line comedian. [The audience] will experience comedy like they've never seen it done before. I am not your typical run of the mill comedian," Smith said.

Becoming a successful comedian is rough; however, some people have the talent and the experience.

It wasn't easy, but Owen Smith has finally come into the spotlight.

"The buzz on me in Hollywood is that I am the next hot comic to break man so you guys should catch me while admission is free!"

Readers who want to be on top of things and brag to kid someday that they saw the "it" comedian for free while in college should not miss Owen Smith tonight.

For more information, visit <http://www.bassschuler.com/owensmith.php4>.

## Two unique boutiques serve mall-weary fashion seekers

By BETSY GENTRY  
The Shield Fashionista



Tired of feeling like the mall is the only place to find trendy clothes in Evansville? Loathe no more and experience shopping at two of Evansville's trendiest boutiques: Excursions and District.

While these two specialty boutiques are less than a mile and a half apart, both offer very different styles and prices to suit anyone's fashion needs.

### EXCURSIONS:

Excursions supplies the latest fashions for the fashion savvy gal and carries various contemporary name brands that cannot be found anywhere else in the city.

Browse through glamorous cocktail and evening gowns for formal events from brands such as ABS, CBGB, and Nichole Miller.

Update your basic wardrobe with tees and loungewear attire

from brands such as Juicy Couture, James Perse, and Michael Stars.

James Perse's tees, an LA fashion designer who is famous for his ultra soft and comfy tees, are perfect paired with jeans or khakis.

Juicy Couture lounge suits, which have been seen on celebrities such as Jessica Simpson, Paris Hilton, and Britney Spears, are available in a variety of colors; however, prepare to shell out around two hundred dollars for one outfit.



The Juicy Couture lounge suit, available at Excursions, provides comfort and style.

The sales associates, many of whom have degrees in fashion, have a strong sense of style and can assist you in choosing the perfect outfit. To top it all off, various make up brands are available as well in their beauty section.

Excursions is located at 4910 Lincoln Ave. For more information, call 812-962-4850.

### DISTRICT:

Ever look in your closet before going out on a Friday night and feel as if you have nothing to wear?

Visit District boutique and browse a plentiful range of tops and blouses that will glam you up without depleting your money supply.

Little black dresses and jeans are priced as low as forty dollars while tops are found around twenty to thirty dollars.

District also carries a wide variety of jewelry, handbags, belts, and shoes; therefore, you can complete an entire outfit including accessories at this store.

All the merchandise at District is in limited supply; usually

an item of each size is available and once it sells the item is not reordered.

This means that if you wear an outfit from District the chances of going out and seeing another person wearing the same thing are slim to none. Find a one of a kind outfit on a budget that fits your style and be reassured that you will be the only one in town wearing it.

District is located at 2809 Lincoln Ave (812-401-7777)

Scent of the week: Donna Karan Gold. This new scent captures the luminous personality of the woman who wears it. With



notes of Casablanca lily, amber, gold pollen, and East Indian patchouli, this warm scent is perfect for fall.

### Fashionista suggests:

Dior's off print bag, left, and matching tee, above. These designs are a modern mix between fishnet and floral prints.

The tulle trim on the neckline of the tee adds a soft touch while the splash of red on both the tee and the bag off set the black and white colors. Dior.com.



# Don't let migraines be a pain

By JAMIE SMITH  
The Shield Staff



The weather is changing and stress levels are rising. Changes in the climate as well as developing stress can produce a migraine.

Midterm is almost here and finals week will be coming up before you know it.

Therefore, you need to learn how to cope with your stress so you can avoid getting a dreadful migraine.

If you have ever had a migraine, then you know that it is not just an ordinary headache.

Migraines are painful headaches that can last up to three hours and even up to three days, if not longer. Migraines are often accompanied by nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light.

Even though a cure has not yet been found for a migraine, there are ways you can learn on how to make living with migraine's manageable.

You can also find some relief in medications, and by learning ways to reduce your stress level.

Symptoms of a migraine are a pounding headache that eventually develops into throbbing pain, sensitivity to light, noise and odors, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite, paleness, fatigue, dizziness, blurred vision and diarrhea.

Occasionally, a fever may develop

when having a migraine but it is rare.

Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Aspirin and Motrin are often effective pain relievers for those with migraines.

Even though OTC medications can be somewhat of a relief, they are capable of contributing to a headache.

If you find yourself taking an abnormal dose of any OTC medications more than three times a week or daily, then you should plan on scheduling an appointment with your doctor.

Chances are, your physician will prescribe you medication that will take care of your migraine.

If you are unsure whether or not to call the doctor when you have a migraine, then take a look at the list below, provided by WebMD.

**See a doctor if you experience any of the following symptoms:**

- A sudden, new severe headache
- A headache that is associated with neurological (nerve) symptoms such as weakness, dizziness, sudden loss of balance or falling, numbness or tingling, paralysis, speech difficulties, mental confusion, seizures, personality changes/inappropriate behavior or vision changes (blurry vision, double vision or blind spots)
- Headache with a fever, short-

- ness of breath, stiff neck or rash
- Headache pain that awakens you at night
- Headaches with severe nausea and vomiting
- Headaches that occur after a head injury or accident
- Getting a new type of headache after age 55

Learning techniques on how to cope with migraines can be very helpful. One of the best ways of learning how to cope with a migraine is knowing how to reduce emotional stress.

Make sure you allow yourself to relax. Also, reducing physical stress is just as important as reducing emotional stress. Therefore, it is highly recommended to get proper rest and sleep.

Exercising regularly is also a good way to prevent migraines from happening. Take a break from studying and go for a jog or walk.

USI has a great fitness facility as well as exercise groups available for you, so make sure you are taking advantage of both. Fitness Center hours are 1 pm to 9 pm Sunday, 6 am to 11 pm Monday through Thursday, 6 am to 7 pm Friday and 10 am to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Do you have a health question for Jamie? Send an E-mail request to [usishield@gmail.com](mailto:usishield@gmail.com) and you could get your question featured in a future Shield issue.

## Sudoku

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(Turn paper upside-down for solution.)

# Heavy metal rebuilds Evansville homes



By S. CHAD SHOULDERS  
Special to The Shield

Launch of the Bands on Sept. 30 was mainly about raising money for Habitat of Evansville, but ten bands and many others came together to rock the Coliseum and have fun for the cause.

That night, the back stage scene buzzed with anticipation. Problems surfaced early with space and equipment, but nothing would keep them from a night of amusement.

Most were gathered in a backstage room eating food when director assistants Lisa Shields and Cassie Fambrough made an announcement. "We were told to make sure

that no one urinates in the air conditioning unit next to the door."

They both snickered at the idea; someone must have done it before. Then somebody called out, "Anywhere else is probably fine!"

Jason Nellis kicked off the show with his commanding voice and humorous antidotes about cow tipping in Indiana and provolone cheese. Jon Frederik Band followed.

Last Hour and 4-seamer both sparked the crowd to mosh,

and Jason Harvey provided a pleasant contrast to the head-banging mania of the night. Left of Eden followed, and Fervent Heat and Exempt topped the cake with some heavy screamo.

The highlight of the evening came from Civilian when drummer Harley surprised not only his own band members and the crowd, but also a WFIE 14 cameraman.

Drum sticks in hand, Harley ran around to the front stage, wearing nothing but a skimpy gray thong drenched with sweat.

Lead singer Shane was thrown off guard when he saw Harley. "I'm really sorry you all had to see that!" he apologized to the crowd.

The event raised about \$600 for Habitat of Evansville. Although the overall turnout for the night was moderate, Launch of the Bands was considered a success. Coordinator Amanda Shields expects its return next year.

**In photo: David Horkin of Fervent Heat plays it up at Launch of the Bands. All proceeds from the show went to Habitat of Evansville's Operation Home Again Project.**

Photo by S. Chad Shoulders

# Frak, yeah! 'Battlestar' returns

By LEAH BARR  
Et Cetera Editor



Triumphant returns have abounded in the past week.

After some months of waiting, a not-so-academically-or-politically-relevant editorial by yours truly and a number of grumbled epithets from slackers, geeks and administrators alike, the UC basement couch has finally been returned, complete with shiny new upholstery.

Even better, this event occurred just in time for the start of "Battlestar Galactica's" third season on the Sci-Fi Channel.

In short, Fridays at 9 p.m., USI students can find a cushy seat in addition to some damn good television.

In spite of naysaying from many an old-school BSG purist, I have been waiting impatiently and calling for Gaius Baltar's blood - ever since the betrayal of the humans at the end of Season 2.

Here's a short description of the action, in case you've been living under a rock: "Battlestar Galactica" follows the journey of the last surviving humans after most of their race was annihilated by the Cylons (human-created robots, who look exactly like their creators but rebelled violently against them.)

The survivors are led by President Laura Roslin, played by Mary McDonnell, and Admiral William Adama, played by Edward James Olmos. The few surviving humans seek the lost colony, Earth, in a ragtag fleet of ships with the huge warship Battlestar Galactica leading the way.

Their journey is constantly plagued by the Cylons, who want to finish their job of destroying humanity.

Things finally seemed to be looking up as Season 2 neared its end. The travelers discovered a habitable planet, escaped the Cylon army and founded a colony where they hoped to live in peace. That is, until Baltar sold them out and the Cylons invaded, setting up a despotic rule reminiscent of Nazi Germany.

The human insurgent strikes against the current Cylon rule evoke stirring thoughts of modern international politics.

As if the almost-constant space and ground battles aren't sexy enough, there is also plenty of drama, deception, nifty camera work and, yes, sex. If you aren't hooked yet, you're not paying attention.

Commander Kara "Starbuck" Thrace (Katee Sackhoff) and Lieutenant Sharon "Boomer" Valerii (Grace Park), arguably the

best characters, are also a big thorn in the side of purist fans of the original 1978 series.

Who cares if they were men in the 1978 series? There are few things better than watching Thrace slicing, stabbing, shooting and otherwise obliterating the enemy faster than her male counterparts can say "Oh, frak! Cylons!"

It's almost too bad that all her killing style goes to waste, since the consciousness of a slain Cylon will simply download into an identical, new body and come right back for more. Still, this is just an opportunity to watch her kick their butts all over again.

Valerii, a Cylon in love with a human, has her own fights to face. Her internal conflicts, combined with the explosive war between man and machine, push the show to deeper levels.

Strong women create a powerful dynamic throughout the show, from tough female fighter pilots to the regal President Roslin. In the BSG universe, the human spirit and will to fight are not limited by constructs such as gender. This is a trait I wish our world shared with theirs.

BSG is a reminder of common humanity in the face of all conflict. Plus, things get blown up a lot. Now, that's entertainment.

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Unplugged-style. After going into "Only Women Bleed," a female ballerina dancer came out to help get a visual image of the song, only to take her revenge as he went into "Welcome to My Nightmare."

Having enough of his mal-treatment, she got in control and brought out a guillotine, asking the crowd what they thought, gauging what she should do from the cheers and screams from the crowd.

There seemed to be a great desire for his head, but instead it got put in a coffin with the rest of the body and giving him back to the show, after a great flash of light and smoke. The show got wilder, as he came back to sing "School's out for summer! School's out forever!" while four-foot balloons were thrown into the crowd like a beach ball at a graduation ceremony out of the movies.

Just when the crowd was thought it was over, the band came out to finish their set and the show, which had the entire crowd on their feet clapping and cheering after a much-enjoyed evening of music.

Alice Cooper's show proved that listening to any of his songs pales in comparison to the live experience.



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## Penalty box busy against the Norse

### Ice Eagles need more fan support against Volunteers

By DAVID BAKER  
The Shield staff

in the final seconds of the period, rising the crowd to their feet as their shot clang off of the bar, just left, with :10 on the clock.

Charles Decker and Bryson Harley assisted Luke Lannan on a goal while on a power play with 3:34 remaining in the final period, and Duff scored just 15 seconds later, putting the Ice Eagles up three.

The final minutes of the period were spastic, as the Norse desperately tried to score while on a power play.

The Ice Eagles held their ground, final score USI 8, NKU 5.

Saturday's game started off on a down note for USI fans.

Not only was there a different ref, but NKU scored two in a row before Garner put back Jack Beyers' shot for a goal with 6:38 on the clock.

USI ended the period with two players in the penalty box, something fans and players became accustomed to for the rest of the game.

During intermission, a young Ice Eagles fan won the Crazy Hat contest Darth Vader style.

Last year's Crazy Hat winner clad a hockey helmet with a three-foot inflated Bud Light bottle taped to the helmet.

Theme night winners take home Ice Eagles merchandise and home game tickets.

Next week's theme nights are Disco Night on Thursday and Baseball on Ice on Friday.

USI goalie Tolly Tsiamas continued to take abuse from the NKU offense.

He was knocked to the ice several times during the game, but continued to play. Whistles started to blow,



Freshman goalie Coty Psycher defends a shot by Norse forward Justin Barr. It was the first time NKU beat USI in the history of Norse hockey.

Photo by Jay Hile

The USI Ice Eagles split games with Northern Kentucky University's Norse at their October 6 and 7 contests.

The deciding factor seemed to be the referees.

Friday night's win came with limited interference from the referees, which made the game flow and allowed the Ice Eagles to get into their rhythm.

Saturday's game was heavily laden with whistles, a common occurrence with the ACHA's new rules for this season.

Friday night's action started up when sophomore Aaron Garner scored just four minutes into the game.

Senior Patrick Duff's solo goal came just three minutes later, putting the Ice Eagles up 2-0.

NKU managed to put a score on the board- their only of the period- with 9:00 remaining before Garner's pass to USI freshman Grant Carr tallied up another goal.

USI sophomore Colin Finn scored with just thirty seconds remaining in the first period.

Freshman goalie Coty Psycher defended the goal well in the opening minutes of the second period with two Ice Eagles in the penalty box.

Almost fifteen minutes into the period, a goal finally came from NKU, bringing them within two.

The Ice Eagles weren't at the advantage of the whistle most of the second period, which didn't result in a USI score until only 1:37 remained on the clock when sophomore Bryson Harley found the net.

NKU scrambled to score

penalty time was given, and the second period was heavily interrupted with penalties.

USI was unable to score while on a two-man power play, and the aggression came out.

Junior Isaac Coy mowed down a NKU player at center ice while defending a power play.

Soon after, the whistles were in USI's favor for a moment when three NKU players were in the penalty box.

Lannan seized the opportunity and scored with 6:55 in the second, tying the game 2-2.

An unusual penalty occurred when a NKU defender shoved Garner into the goal from behind, which allowed Garner another chance at the goal on a penalty shot.

All fans stood as Garner took the puck from center

ice towards the goal, only to be stopped by the glove of NKU's goalie.

Again, whistles held up play, and NKU scored three straight, score 2-5.

Fans' tense emotions were rocked when referees handed down a five-minute major to Coy with 1:45 in the second.

Fans weren't afraid to express their anger towards the call to say the least.

Sophomore Jacob Beyers' tremendous hustle at the beginning of the third gave fans hope that the tempo would swing in USI's favor.

Beyers overpowered a NKU player straight to the ice, as he hustled on defense and offense.

The USI penalty box wasn't empty for more than a few moments as the third period ticked away, forcing freshman Alex Culver to stay sharp in the goal.

He fended off shots until NKU scored with 10:29 left.

Garner answered back with his second goal of the night with 9:48 left, keeping the Ice Eagles within three.

The rest of the game, Garner and teammate Coy could be found in the penalty box.

It seemed that every time they stepped out onto the ice, the refs just sent them right back in, shutting down the Ice Eagle's chances to get their offense running again.

"I guess he saw something he didn't agree with. You can't really say a ref has a personal vendetta, but some do," said Garner.

The game ended with frequent "boos" from the crowd as the Ice Eagles were handed their first home loss of the season, 3-6.

The Ice Eagles will have a chance at the Norse again

this season when they travel to Cincinnati on January 12 and 13.

"We need to redeem ourselves," said Garner.

USI will host the University of Tennessee Volunteers this week at Swonder Ice Arena.

Games are Thursday, October 12 at 9:15 and Friday October 13 at 9:30.

The group of fans who tailgated this past week will be back in strong numbers, and the team hopes to see more fellow Ice Eagles fans in the parking lot before they take on the Volunteers.

USI will need fans in the stands as they take on the Volunteers, who have a roster of 40 skaters.

"It'll be one of the games we really need to show up and play our A game and jump on them early," said Garner.

## USI volleyball falls to GLVC rival NKU

By MICHAEL LONER  
The Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana Volleyball team continued their road trip this past weekend.

The Screaming Eagles traveled to Louisville, Kentucky where they played Bellarmine University last Friday.

Then they traveled to play Northern Kentucky University on Saturday.

The Eagles won the opening game quite easily with a score 30-17.

USI had a rough start in the second game but rallied by outscoring the Lady Knights 16-9 and eventually winning 30-27 to take a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles were unable to get into the third game and the Lady Knights really dominated from start and defeated USI 30-25.

In the fourth game the Lady Knights scored the first point of the fourth game, but then USI scored 11 straight points and continued to dominate the rest of the way.

USI went on to win game four by a score of 30-16.

USI won by a score, 3 games to 1 over Bellarmine University.

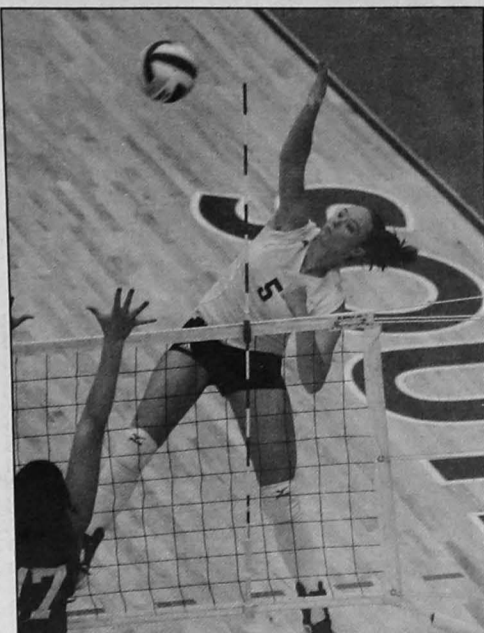
USI Volleyball raises its record to 13-6 overall and 5-3 in the GLVC, while the Lady Knights go to 8-8, 4-5 GLVC.

USI was led by senior Chelse Doubler, who had 17 kills and six blocks.

Emily Ryan and Courtney Bealor both had 12 kills a piece.

Kathi Hindman was able to record 44 assists throughout the match.

Saturday was a different story for the Eagles. They struggled to keep up with Northern



Senior outside hitter Chelse Doubler recorded 18 kills and a .440 attacking percentage against Northern Kentucky University. Doubler also had six blocks in the match.

Kentucky University and lost in three straight games. USI lost 30-18, 30-21, 32-30.

USI (13-7, 5-4 GLVC) had no answer to NKU's attack as they had an attacking percentage of .453, as well as out digging the Lady Eagles 43-18.

The Eagles looked like they were ready to make a comeback as they jumped out to a 27-23 lead in game three, but the

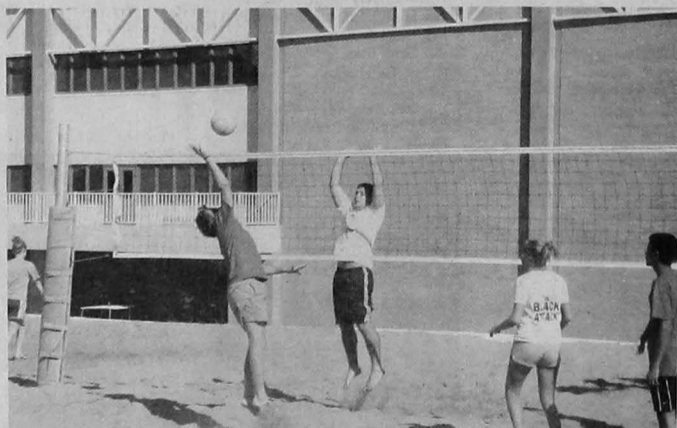
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Norse rallied, scoring four straight points and eventually winning by a score of 32-30.

Senior outside hitter Chelse Doubler led the Eagles with 12 kills to go with a .440 attacking percentage, while Ashley Henricks ended with an attacking percentage of .857.

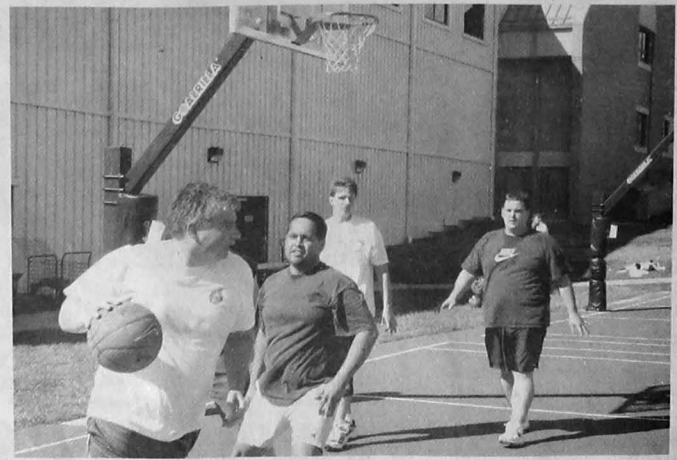
USI returns to the PAC on Friday when they host Lewis University.

## REC Madness



The intramural event RecMadness took place outside the REC Center last Saturday. Students and faculty members competed in sand volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball. Brian Evanson tries to block a spike by Andy Fandel (above). Jeff Sponn and the Sponn-Feeders take on 3-power (below).

Photos by Jared Kinkade





# USI basketball ready to win the wide-open west

By STEPHEN SMITH  
The Shield staff

The USI men's basketball team returns six seniors from a squad that went 27-7 last season, advancing all the way to the Great Lakes Region Championship game.

A new season dawns for the Eagles and Coach Rick Herdes is, "excited, but we haven't done anything yet."

The Eagles will be led by a pair of senior long-range bombers in Melvin Hall and Geoff Van Winkle.

Hall set the single season school record last season hitting 82 three point field goals.

Van Winkle hit 68 himself, shooting 44 percent from behind the arc. Van Winkle is only 22 shy of the school record for three pointers made in a career.

It will not be easy to repeat the success of last season. Coach Herdes described the schedule as brutal.

USI opens the season with an exhibition against Evansville before heading to Florida to

defend their title in the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic.

Once GLVC play starts the Eagles will be tested every single night. USI finished 14-5 in the GLVC last season, in a four way tie for first place. "The West is going to be terrific," said Herdes.

This year the Eagles are looking to take another step, a birth in the Elite Eight. They know it will be tough.

As senior Geoff Van Winkle said, "Each game is a different challenge, we can't take anyone for granted."

The USI women return five seniors from a team that finished 15-15 last season.

Coach Rick Stein is excited as he returns 60 percent of the scoring from last season's team along with half the rebounding.

The Lady Eagles will be led by junior forward Jasmine Baines who was named Honorable Mention All GLVC last season.

Baines averaged 14 points and five rebounds a game last year.

Along with Baines senior Katie Thiesenhusen will lead the backcourt as she averaged 11 points and four rebounds a game.

Just like the men, the women will face a difficult schedule as well.

Coach Stein called the GLVC the best conference in the country. Although the conference is tough, "The West is up for grabs," said Stein.

Stein expects his team to compete for the Western Division title in the conference.

If his Eagles can defend and rebound the way Stein believes they can, a trip back to the NCAA Tournament could be in order.

Practice starts this weekend for both the USI men and women. Saturday night Midnight Madness will be held at the PAC.

Doors open at 11:00 p.m. with the festivities on the court starting at midnight.

This is your first chance to see the 2006-07 USI basketball teams.

# Eagles contend but Salukis win

By ERIC BREWER  
Special to The Shield

USI Cross Country traveled to Carbondale, IL for the Saluki Invitational this past Saturday.

After defeating many Division I schools, the men and women finished fourth and second, respectively.

The men's team looked to become back-to-back Saluki champs, but their score of 78 points was not enough to repeat.

The host team, Southern Illinois-Carbondale, took advantage of being on their home course. The Salukis took first place in both the men's and women's competitions.

USI runners Paul Jellema and Tim Sirbek finished among the top ten individually.

"At the peak part of the season most of us run up to 95 miles a week in preparation for these events", said Jellema.

Paul improved his 8k time of 25:30 to 25:13, and placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall, and Sirbek followed in 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sophomore Joe Raymen cracked the top 20 with an 18<sup>th</sup>

place finish.

In the past nine years the women's team has made six trips to the National Tournament.

This year seems to be no different. After capturing the "Little State" title earlier this September, the Eagles have continued to be a dominant team in the conference.

Led by sophomore Allison Shafer and seniors Missy Burgin and Katy Simutis the Eagles finished second at Saluki.

Shafer finished second in the 5k race with a time of 17:56 seconds.

Fourth and fifth place finishes went to Burgin and Simutis with similar times of 18:18 and 18:20.

"We are a team that works hard for and with each other, and hopefully we will have a national qualifying performance together", said senior Missy Burgin who set a 7<sup>th</sup> place school record in this race last year.

The Eagles next test will be October 21 at the GLVC championships in Edwardsville, IL.

# Former USI basketball stars playing in the pros

EVANSVILLE - Former University of Southern Indiana men's basketball players Chris Thompson and Danny Gibson have started on the right foot as professionals and members of the NVV Lions Monchengladbach in Germany.

Thompson, a 2006 NCAA Division II All-American, made his debut on September 27 and recorded 31 points and 18 rebounds.

He is currently averaging 27 points and 12.7 rebounds in his first three games.

Gibson, who was a honorable mention All-GLVC last year, made his debut on October 8 and scored 14 points.

He also tied for the team lead with three assists.

In addition to Thompson and Gibson, former Screaming Eagle Reque Newsome is playing in South America for Uruguay's Club Atletico Olimpia. Olimpia is fifth in the Liga Uruguaya.

# World Series hunt down to four



By ERIN HOBGOOD  
The Shield staff

The last divisional series has been played, and on Oct. 10 and 11 the league championship series began with the same new faces against old faces.

For the American League Championship Series no Sox,



Yankees, or Angels can be seen.

The Detroit Tigers have totally revamped their play and miraculously gone from worst to first with the help of manager Jim Leyland.

The Cinderella Story Tigers are facing the Oakland A's who were also absent from last year's playoffs.

In the divisional series, the Tigers lost the first game to the Yankees, but didn't let that Yankee offense get a ball on the bat after that game.

They won the next three games and in those games they outscored the Yankees, who had a league leading 930 runs scored during the season, by a margin of 18-6.

Despite dropping the last few games of the season and falling from leading the A.L. Central to winning the Wild Card, the Tigers are back on track.

Clearly, the bats are now awake and even their pitching didn't appear to be much of a problem against the mighty Yankee bats.

The Tigers find themselves facing the winner of the west, the Oakland A's.

The A's, who haven't had their first round knockouts since the millennium started, finally found a way to the second round.

Perhaps, playing a team with worst luck is just what Chokeland, I mean Oakland needs to find postseason success.

Barry Zito has always been a solid pitcher for Oakland and this year he had a 3.83 ERA, a bit better than last year and was 16-10.

He is scheduled for game one and Esteban Loaiza is scheduled for game two.

Nathan Robertson is starting for the Tigers, and if Oakland wants to get past the Tigers, they're going to need to get in front fast.

With Robertson starting against Zito, they may have that chance as long as their bats are alive.

Robertson allowed seven runs against the Yankees in

game one.

Moving to the National League, Albert Pujols will be facing the New York Mets. Pujols and the rest of the Cards will fly to New York for their first two games.

Out of the four teams left in the playoffs, the Cardinals are the only team returning from last year.

Of course, Pujols is the key player for the Cards. In the first two games, Pujols had one home run and 5 RBIs.

In the third game, Pujols didn't even get a hit and the Cards lost to the Padres.

For the fourth game, Pujols played better, but he did get a hit and the Cardinals won.

The Cards have tons of potential and until September played well.

Last year, the Cards also had a lot of potential and then got the NLCS and played the Houston Astros in a slug-off.

Pujols seems immune to slumps, but the not the rest of the team.

If they want to get past the

Mets who had the NL's best record, they're going to need the team that beat the Padres.

While some New Yorkers want blood, the Mets are giving others a reason to cheer.

The Mets didn't make last year's playoffs, but ended up sweeping the Dodgers.

Starting pitchers Maine and Trachsel combined only allowed four runs, and postseason vet Glavine didn't allow any runs in six innings.

Carlos Delgado is a solid first baseman for the Mets, but clearly he is no Pujols.

Mets catcher Paul Lo Duca can handle a pitching staff better than newcomer Yadier Molina.

Cardinals' third baseman Scott Rolen has been playing below his numbers all year while David Wright has become a rising player for the Mets.

More comparisons can be drawn with the Mets either getting the upper-hand or breaking even with the Cardinals.

The Mets clearly have an advantage with the Cardinals playing catch up.



Maybe this year without being the heavy favorite, the banged up Cardinals can pull it together.

Or maybe the clock won't strike midnight and this year's winner would've been last year's worst. The next few weeks will tell.



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# China: N. Korea must face 'punitive actions'

Diplomacy still possible, Lugar says

(AP) - North Korea must face "some punitive actions" for testing a nuclear device, China's U.N. ambassador said Tuesday, suggesting that Beijing may be willing to impose some form of Security Council sanctions against Pyongyang.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya told reporters that the council must give a "firm, constructive, appropriate but prudent response" to North Korea.

"I think there has to be some punitive actions but also I think these actions have to be appropriate," he said.

Wang spoke before a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council - Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States - plus Japan, to discuss a U.S.-proposed draft Security Council resolution. It would impose an array of sanctions, including a ban on imports of military goods and luxury items, and crack down on illegal financial dealings.

While the U.S. and its allies want a swift, tough resolution, the question has been how much punishment China would allow. China has been North Korea's major ally and a source of both food and fuel for the desperately poor nation of 23 million.

Wang's comments suggested that Beijing will at least allow some muscle in the resolution.

The meeting ended without any decision. Experts from the 15 Security Council nations planned to convene again to discuss the American draft. "We're making progress and we'll keep at it

steadily," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones-Parry said.

In Beijing earlier Tuesday, China's Foreign Ministry vented its anger against its communist ally over the test for a second day, with a spokesman saying that relations had been damaged.

"The nuclear test will undoubtedly exert a negative impact on our relations," the spokesman, Liu Jianchao, said at a routine media briefing. He said Monday's test was done "flagrantly, and in disregard of the international community's shared opposition."

Wang went a step further than Liu, who said the time was not right for punishment, much less military action.

China finds North Korea as a useful if irritating buffer against U.S. forces stationed in South Korea. The worry for Beijing is that too much pressure could cause economically unsteady North Korea to collapse, sending North Koreans streaming across the border into northeast China and inviting intervention by the American military.

The North, meanwhile, stepped up its threats aimed at Washington, saying it could fire a nuclear-tipped missile unless the United States acts to resolve its standoff with Pyongyang, the Yonhap news agency reported from Beijing.

"We hope the situation will be resolved before an unfortunate incident of us firing a nuclear missile comes," Yonhap quoted an unidentified North Korean official as saying. "That depends on how the U.S. will act."



The official said the nuclear test was "an expression of our intention to face the United States across the negotiating table," reported Yonhap, which didn't say how or where it contacted the official, or why no name was given.

Even if Pyongyang is confirmed to have nuclear weapons, experts say it's unlikely the North has a bomb design small and light enough to be mounted atop a missile. Their long-range missile

## Military power in Northeast Asia

North Korea's claim to have conducted an underground nuclear test Monday is expected to make it harder for neighbors China and South Korea to pursue their policies of working with the regime.

capability also remains in question, after a test rocket in July apparently fizzled out shortly after takeoff.

The Bush administration rejected anew Tuesday direct talks with North Korea and said it would not be intimidated by the reported threat.

"This is the way North Korea typically negotiates by threat and intimidation," said U.S. Ambassador John Bolton, who was inter-

viewed on CNN and on CBS' "The Early Show." "It's worked for them before. It won't work for them now."

Asked about the possibility of U.S. military action against North Korea, including a possible naval blockade, Bolton said, "Well, we're not at that point yet."

"We keep the military option on the table because North Korea needs to know that, but President Bush has been very clear he wants this resolved peacefully and diplomatically," Bolton said.

Meanwhile, Japan's leader said the country could slap sanctions on North Korea without waiting for confirmation of its alleged nuclear weapons test. But Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told lawmakers his nation still had no intention of seeking atomic weapons, easing fears of a new regional nuclear arms race.

Measures could include a total trade embargo, stricter financial sanctions, banning North Korean nationals from entering Japan, blocking North Korean boats from Japanese ports and ordering ships already in Japan to leave, officials and news reports said.

Earlier Tuesday, Japan's lower house of Parliament unanimously adopted a resolution protesting Pyongyang's move.

"As the only country to have ever suffered a nuclear attack ... Japan strongly condemns North Korea's actions and demands that it abandon its nuclear weapons program," the resolution read. Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki were leveled by American atomic bombs in 1945.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - North Korea's nuclear test is a sign of the difficulties that the United States will face with that country for years to come, Sen. Richard Lugar said Tuesday.

Lugar, chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, said he backed the Bush administration's decision to reject direct negotiations with the North Koreans.

He said he believed that the U.S. should work closely with South Korea, China, Japan and Russia in responding to the nuclear test because those countries face more immediate danger. "Diplomacy still has a chance," the Indiana Republican said. "There is a possibility a formula can be found in which the North Koreans want to re-enter the world, want to deal with their neighbors. Otherwise, they are going to remain isolated, whether there are sanctions or not."

Despite his hopes, Lugar said he did not expect a resolution to be reached with North Korea anytime soon.

"I don't see that coming in the next few days or weeks," Lugar said. "I think we have a lot of further diplomatic consolidation to do in the meanwhile."

Even if North Korea's communist government agreed to give up its nuclear ambitions, Lugar says its secretive history would leave doubts about whether it was hiding weapons.

# Hostettler, Ellsworth mirror many stances during debate

(AP) - Republican Rep. John Hostettler said during a debate Wednesday that sending his Democratic challenger, Brad Ellsworth, to Congress would open a floodgate of liberalism in federal government.

Ellsworth, who has served two terms as Vanderburgh County sheriff, argued that voters should choose a candidate who will listen to their concerns and work on their behalf, not someone who will work independent of them.

"Washington has stopped listening. And when they stop listen-

ing, they stop working," Ellsworth said during opening remarks of a debate televised from Vincennes University.

Hostettler said that if Democrats gained a majority in the House, their leadership would take the country "so far to the left that ultimately the American people will not be able to recognize the institution that was the House of Representatives."

Campaign advertisements paid for by the National Republican Congressional Committee have depicted Ellsworth as a puppet



Rep. John Hostettler (R)



Brad Ellsworth (D)

with strings controlled Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the House Democratic leader expected to become speaker if Democrats gain control in the Nov. 7 election.

"Liberals from all over the country want Brad Ellsworth in

the House of Representatives for one vote and one vote only, and that is for the speaker of the House," Hostettler said.

Yet House leadership was one of few differences the candidates for the seat representing south-

western Indiana's 8th District had in their answers to a dozen questions.

During the hour-long televised debate, Hostettler and Ellsworth agreed about goals in Iraq, reducing foreign energy dependence and the expansion of powers to help the federal government fight terrorism.

On the issue of immigration, both candidates proposed building a fence along the Mexican border to stem illegal entries, electronically monitoring such a fence and reducing the availability of jobs to

illegal workers.

"One of only few issues they differed on was minimum wage. Hostettler opposed a hike. Ellsworth supported it."

Republicans this election are trying to hold control of the U.S. House, where Democrats have only to gain 15 seats to take control of the 435-member chamber. Three of those seats are in Indiana - the state's 2nd, 8th and 9th districts - where analysts say Republican incumbents face strong challengers.

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