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## Bill may cut student loan rates

### Ellsworth gets input from USI students

By ROSS SCHMITT  
Special to The Shield

For those sinking in student debt, help may be near. Newly elected Congressman Brad Ellsworth returned to his alma mater on Saturday, Jan. 14 to hold a roundtable dialogue with USI students and faculty. Ellsworth, the former Sheriff of Vanderburgh County and a USI graduate, said he wanted to get "first-hand" input before he voted on the College Student Relief Act of 2007.

The bill is part of the "first hundred hours" agenda of the Democrats of the new 110th Congress. It proposes to cut interest rates on unsubsidized Stafford loans from 6.8 to 3.4 percent over the next five years. If passed, it would directly affect 5.5 million college students according to American Council on Education. According to the Education and Labor Committee, the bill could save students up to \$4,400 over the span of their loan. Ellsworth opened the discussion with a story about his time as

a college student, recalling going to the Registrar's Office with a check for around \$300 in-hand for a semester's tuition. He concluded saying, "The times have changed. You can't afford to go to college on \$300 and a part time job."

The rest of the panel consisted of a diverse group of USI students and the director of Student Financial Assistance, Jim Patton.

Patton remarked to Ellsworth that, "a large amount of students [would] benefit from the interest cuts." He went on to cite that around 60 percent of USI's student body receives some form of financial aid.

Freshmen Maria Basham told Ellsworth that she is currently working four jobs to stay on pace

with her student loans. "It takes a certain amount of initiative... and I think a lot of students are intimidated by such a huge task," said Basham.

Senior and non-traditional student Lori Harter talked about the problems that arise for someone who has children and is trying to attend college. Harter, who has a daughter, told Ellsworth that, "It's difficult to raise a family and go to school. The problems of budgeting between school and home can be complicated."

The bill is projected to be a \$6 billion dollar cut over the next five years, with student loan companies taking the brunt of that damage. In explaining how the bill looks to ease into this reduction, Ellsworth said, "The plan is to



Congressman Ellsworth discusses student loan interests rates with USI students and faculty on Jan. 14. If passed, the College Student Relief Act of 2007 would cut student loan rates in half.

Photo by J.D. Becht  
reduce the interest rates in increments... The bill isn't without its detractors. The bill specifically targets the largest student loan companies, which comprise only one See RATES on Page 2



Students wait in line at the USI Bookstore to buy their books during the first week of school. Amazon.com and Barnes and Nobles offer other options for students who don't want to buy their books at USI.

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## Bookstore patrons have 1 gripe: prices

By JAIME HESS  
The Shield staff

At the beginning of every semester, the line at the bookstore is out the door with students waiting to purchase their books for upcoming classes. For some it will be the last time they will have to tackle this line. Others are buying books for the first time.

All have the same complaint: prices. "I had twelve books that came to be around \$430," said Liz Fath, a sophomore Marketing student. "It was less than what I paid last semester though."

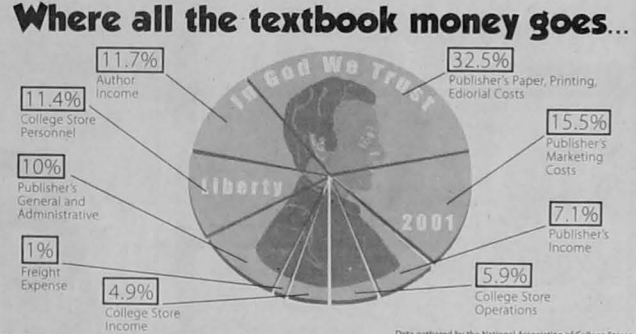
However, the high sticker price on text books does not reflect only the profit gained by the bookstore. It also reflects many things the average shopper might not consider, such as publisher's costs, author's income, taxes, freight expenses and the cost of keeping the bookstore running.

"About 75 percent of the sale goes to the

company and 25 percent of the sale goes to the bookstore," said Mike Goelzhauser, manager of the USI Bookstore.

Some professors do not require a text; others keep books in the library on reserve to cut down on costs for students.

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## Christmas fire closes apartment

By JAIME HESS  
The Shield staff

Fires in campus housing in the past three weeks damaged two apartments, said Laura Berry, acting director of Residence Life.

Grease left on a kitchen stove caught fire at about 4:34 a.m. on Christmas Day in Mount apartment building. This fire damaged the kitchen and left smoke damage in the apartment.

Dry wall and kitchen and appliances will need to be replaced. Most of the spring semester will be needed to make the apartment livable again.

"There have been seven fires including the most recent," said Barry Hart, director of campus security. "These included, though, everything from burnt popcorn to electrical issues."

The more recent of the two happened on Jan. 9 in Ray apartment

building around 6:45 p.m. from the heating unit near the window and was extinguished by the resident.

The apartment sustained slight damage to the wall unit and clean up from the fire extinguisher.

"Maintenance and custodial staff are taking care of this and the unit should be ready in a week at the most," said Berry.

Recent campus fires raise questions on how to react to a fire and how to be careful and safe.

Students should call security immediately and if it is safe to do so, pull a local alarm in the building.

When help arrives, students should provide as much information as possible.

To prevent fires, residents need to follow common safety practices.

"Candles and other open unattended flames are not allowed in

housing," said Berry. "When cooking in the kitchen always attend to food on the stove or in the oven. Do not leave pans or pots unattended."

The Residence Life staff responds to the scene of any emergency on campus when alerted by residents or security. On-call area coordinators are usually the first to respond.

Residence Life attends to the needs of the residents and property.

In case a resident is transported to the hospital, emergency contacts are notified and residents are relocated if need be.

"Security responds to any emergency to provide medical care, crowd control and any other assistance," said Hart.

In case of any emergency, students are encouraged to call security at 7777.

## Diversity a priority at USI

By JOSH LICHTENFELD  
Special to The Shield

USI, which is more diverse than many areas in Southern Indiana, still has a way to go.

"A campus that has a large degree of diversity makes a great place to learn, because it exposes us as citizens of the world and not just a narrow area," said Dr. Betty Hart Professor of Ethnic Literature.

The diverse ethnic percentage at USI is 7.6 percent.

One thing that helps people of various different ethnic backgrounds feel comfortable with their college choice is the amount of recruitment and opportunities that the university has to offer to them.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial luncheon hosted on Monday in honor of the civil rights leader is an example of an opportunity for all walks of people to attend. "More campus wide events and networking would make all the different groups of people that go to USI feel more comfortable living on campus," said Letisha

"By definition, a university should be considered as a group of vast amounts of different types of people that come together to learn on the same campus"

-Betty Hart  
professor of English

Douglas a senior at USI.

Various companies around the Evansville area play a key role in determining how diverse USI becomes. Companies such as the Toyota plant, which offers a large amount of job opportunities, make Evansville a more appealing place to live for many who are trying to decide on somewhere to further their education.

"If you want large amounts of different ethnicities to come into your city or the schools you have to be ready for them to come, and have plenty of opportunities for them to take part in," said Dr. Hart.

The Multicultural Center at USI provides many opportunities for a variety of students. When students feel they have a problem or need

someone to talk to that can understand where they're coming from, this is an area they can go.

"The multicultural center does more for students than the students even think happens, when I have issues I go to the people of my similar circumstance for help because I feel that is where my comfort level is," said Karley Spears a USI student.

With vast expansion of opportunities, which endorse various cultural needs, a more diverse community may keep moving into the USI system. "By definition, a university should be considered as a group of vast amounts of different types of people that come together to learn on the same campus," said Dr. Hart.

# Building plans get down to business

By LUCAS NIEKAMP  
Special to The Shield

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees met Thursday, Jan. 11 to review plans for a new building to house the College of Business and Department of Engineering.

Meeting in Indianapolis, trustees discussed the classroom and laboratory building that will serve business and engineering programs.

Mark Rozewski, vice president for business affairs, said the new building will contain lecture halls, classrooms, labs for business and engineering students and offices for the College of Business. Rozewski said the building will be 117,000 square feet, slightly smaller than the new David L. Rice Library that opened in July 2006.

In a Jan. 8 interview with the Evansville Courier & Press, USI President H. Ray Hoops noted that the engineering program is "greatly exceeding our expectations in terms of enrollment." Hoops said the growth of the program is

evidence of the need for more engineers in the region's workforce.

The Capital Improvement Budget Request for 2007-2009 states that the enrollment of students in bachelor's and master's degree programs in the College of Business increased 29 percent between 1995 and 2005, from 1,486 to 1,918.

Construction of the new building is the priority capital project the University is submitting to the Indiana General Assembly, which convened on Monday, Jan. 8 for the 2007 session.

Cindy Brinker, vice president for government relations, said the General Assembly is required to pass a two-year budget for the state this session. Included in the budget to be passed by the House and Senate and signed by Governor Mitch Daniels is the operating and capital budgets that fund the University.

According to Brinker, the new building is estimated to cost \$31.9 million. Of that money, \$2 million in architectural and engineering expenses to plan for the construction was released to the Univer-

sity in 2005. The remaining \$29.9 million in bonding authority is being sought from the General Assembly.

Brinker also said that Daniels' proposed budget matches the request of the University.

Brinker said local legislators, regardless of political affiliation, support USI. "Our [legislative] delegation has always been very very supportive of USI," Brinker said.

Hoops will meet with the House Ways and Means Committee on January 25 to address legislators on the proposed budget.

The planned location of the College of Business/General Classroom Building is between the Liberal Arts Center and the Technology Center.

Parking lot F along with the Administrative Services Annexes will be demolished to make room for the building.

Should the General Assembly pass the proposed budget, Rozewski estimates construction could begin the summer of 2008 and be completed by spring 2010.



University of Southern Indiana  
College of Business & General Classroom Building

entry perspective

Photo courtesy of News and Information

## CAMPUS

### CALENDAR

Thursday 1/18

12 p.m.  
Time Management  
EC 1103

5:15 p.m.  
Men's/Women's Basketball hosts Bellarmine  
PAC

Friday 1/19

No events scheduled.

Saturday 1/20

1 p.m.  
Men's/Women's Basketball hosts Northern Ky.  
PAC

7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
USI Theatre Showcase  
Mallette Studio Theatre

Sunday 1/21

No events scheduled.

Monday 1/22

ALL DAY  
Fraternity Recruitment

8:30 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Fraternity Information Night  
UC201-203

Tuesday 1/23

4:30 p.m.  
Toastmasters International Meeting  
OC 2011

Wednesday 1/24

4 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
SQ3R: A Formula for Textbook Reading Success  
EC 1103

5 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Habitat for Humanity  
UC 206

7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Global Community-France Night  
Ruston Hall Lounge

## BOOKSTORE

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English 437, Contemporary Fiction, taught by Thomas Wilhelmus requires ten books-more than any other class offered at USI.

"Contemporary Fiction students sample literary works of prose fiction in the last 25 years. I pick prize winning authors students need to know about," said Wilhelmus when asked why he chose these books.

Wilhelmus requires the same amount of ten or so novels, not textbooks, but seldom keeps the same list of books.

The most expensive book, found in the Marketing department, was priced at \$173.35. Some other expensive books included Physics, Fundamentals to Physics and Kinesiology.

"I think that the Health Occupation majors have the most expenses when it comes to paying for books," said Goelzhauser.

The bookstore's used books go for 25 percent less than the original sale price.

Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble offer textbooks at cheaper rates.

Fath's books were all used and bought at the bookstore.

Wilhelmus gives his students the ISBN number before classes begin so they can order books if

they choose to do so.

"I don't make any recommendations where students get their books, but it is important that the class use the same paperback text from the same publisher in the same edition so when we refer to the page numbers in class we all know where to look," said Wilhelmus.

Students must return new or used books for a refund in the first ten days of classes. After the ten days, refunds will only be given in the case of a dropped class. In such cases, a drop slip is required.

All books from dropped classes must be returned before finals week.

In all cases, a receipt in required.

The bookstore will buy books not returned before finals week during Textbook Buy Back at the end of the semester.

"[Textbook Buyback will accept] anything that is from the freshman and sophomore year classes and books that can be used in the fall," said Goelzhauser. "However, if a class is just offered in the spring, we will not buy those books back until the fall semester at the end of the semester, so keep those books until then."

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percent of all lenders. Many of these lenders have already voiced their complaints about the bill. Spokesman Tom Joyce of Sallie Mae, one of the nation's largest loan companies said, "When you continue to cut and cut again, eventually you you're hurting is...the students and the parents themselves."

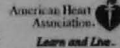
Another criticism that has been leveled against the bill is that it does not go far enough to help lower income students. Some have

criticized that Democrats have not fulfilled their campaign promises to help lower income families more in getting enough funds for college. The bill does raise the maximum amount students can receive on a Pell grant, the loan many lower income students apply for, from \$4,500 to \$5,100.

In concluding the discussion, Representative Ellsworth said, "If your going to take a loan you will have to pay it back...but I want to make that [process] easier."

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## End of Ramen noodles?

By **KELLY SCHMIDT**  
Special to The Shield



It's only the third week in January, but Washington politicians are hard at work raising the federal minimum wage. In a 315-116 vote, the House has already approved the first increase in federal minimum wage in ten years.

If the House bill passes in the Senate, minimum wage will increase from \$5.15 to \$5.85 per hour two months after the President signs it. The next year, minimum wage will increase to \$6.55 per hour and eventually to \$7.25 the year after that.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 11 percent of the workforce or about 14.9 million workers would benefit from a wage increase.

From a working college student's perspective, raising the minimum wage would mean no more Ramen noodles or Spaghetti-O's for dinner.

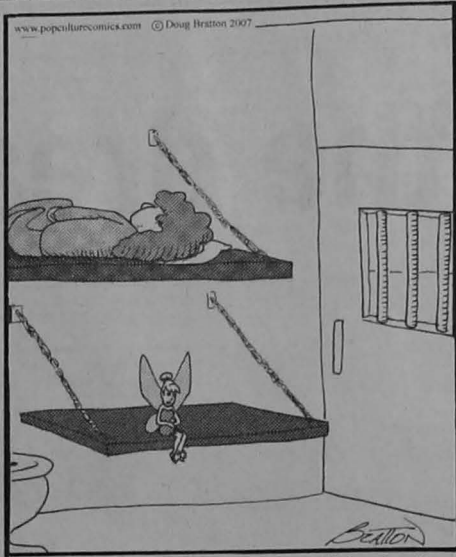
Text books wouldn't put such a dent in our bank accounts and we might be able to afford ink cartridges for our printers.

On the downside, minimum wage paying jobs could be eliminated. Companies profit from using a cheap form of labor - that is why low skilled jobs at minimum wage are created in the first place. That means fewer jobs for college students and the possibility that some of us may find ourselves unemployed.

In the interest of making money, companies might limit or eliminate those types of jobs altogether if minimum wage goes up. And there is another group to consider: jobs that would have been created at \$5.15, but won't be created at \$7.25.

There is also the possibility that the cost of living would go up. Or more taxes on wages. If that happens, we'd be right back where we started.

Making more money sounds great, but if jobs will be eliminated or simply never created, raising the minimum wage is most likely not the best option.



Tinkerbell was busted for selling "fairy dust" to an undercover cop.

## Editorial

# USI needs resolutions for the new year

With the new year comes New Year's resolutions. USI should make resolutions of its own.

As usual, parking is at the top of the complaint list at the beginning of the semester. Everyone shows up the first week and no one knows how long it will take to find a parking spot and get to class.

Rather than creating more parking as enrollment increases, the university is going to build a business building that will eliminate even more parking. Maybe the parking problem would come to light if the pay lot

privileges were eliminated. Budget meetings should be held the first week of classes at 10 a.m. with no access to the pay lot.

USI should also incorporate a fall break as a part of its New Year's resolutions. If the student body deserves a break the second semester, we should also get a break the first semester. The fall break would keep the morale up and keep students' minds focused.

Although it seems a little counterintuitive, USI should also include minuses in its grading system. Since we

already have pluses, minuses would provide a more accurate GPA. Someone who barely misses a B will usually get a C+. If the university gave minuses, a C+ may become a B-.

One cost-effect solution to the parking problem is to eliminate the attendance policy, thus creating more parking spots. Students that are forced to attend class don't make it in the real world anyway. If USI wants its students to act like adults it should start treating them like such.

# Smoking ban bans freedoms

By **LAURA BUCHANAN**  
The Shield staff



This year, Evansville became one of over 2,000 communities in the country to deprive many private business owners the freedom to run their establishments as they see fit. The smok-

ing ban approved unanimously by the city council that forbids smoking in most buildings and workplaces came into effect Jan. 2.

To most nonsmokers, the ban is somewhat of a godsend. Their hair and clothing are no longer victim to the smelly absorption of secondhand smoke and their lungs may breathe free and clear when dining out.

To those who smoke, the ban is a nuisance. When at a restaurant where smok-

ing is completely banned, the smoker must go outside and stand at least 10 feet from the building's entrance.

If the establishment has a smoking section, now mandated to be completely isolated by enclosed walls and ceilings, no one under 18 may be admitted. However, many restaurants have enclosed their bar as the smoking section.

As no one under 21 may be admitted in the bar, smokers aged 18 to 20 are out of luck.

The business owner is stripped of the right to choose. Regardless of the health concerns or social taboos that surround tobacco use, the government should have no right to tell the proprietor of a private establishment who he may accommodate or how he should do so.

As the owner has the freedom to accept the risk of losing customers because he accommodates smokers, the nonsmoker has the freedom to take his business elsewhere.

# Embryonic stem cell research is pro-life, not playing God

By **NICHOLAS THOMAS**  
The Shield staff



There are two types of stem cells. One is an adult stem cell, and this is the cell that reproduces tissues and repairs organs when one or both get damaged. The other one, the one that is under debate, the one that has the whole world up in arms is the embryonic stem cell. These stem cells are most commonly

harvested from the first five days of pre-embryonic development when what exists is only a small ball of cells known as a blastocyst. In this blastocyst, may lie the key to longer life, a cure to many diseases and health issues and a better world.

The debate is whether it is ethical to harvest these cells because of the possibility of life already existing once the blastocyst is formed. The pro-lifers say that harvesting these cells is part of taking a human life and that stem cell research is only a cloak for cloning to come into favor. Scientists have recently discovered

that stem cells can also be harvested from the amniotic fluid surrounding the embryos.

You know what this means pro-lifers, no more whining. I am here to say...go find a hole...sit in it...and leave me alone. If you have a child and that child needs a heart that could be harvested from stem cells, then my guess would be that you would use that opportunity.

These pro-life people are the ones on the sidewalks in broad daylight with huge posters of aborted and dismembered fetuses waving in the air so everyone can see their cowardly form of

protest. These are the same people that are arguing that it is not decent or moral to take stem cells from a pre-embryonic group of cells.

In the morning, they are graphic propaganda waving protesting zealots, at night they wear a big red superhero cape. I am not saying that all pro-life activists are crazy, however I am saying that the same people that partake in the aforementioned activities are amongst the ranks.

The research of these stem cells could lead to a much better life for all people, including the super-zealous protesters of such

research. Picture your child in the future with some kind of heart or lung defect. Picture going everywhere in the world looking for some kind of transplant after swimming through all the paperwork of a transplant list and waiting for months while your child starts to fade.

Now picture the possibility of being able to stop this from the very beginning.

Stem cell research is not a red-herring for cloning. It is the light on the other side of the hill that we continue to walk away from.

# Men in nightclubs not interested in romance

By **BRANDON COLE**  
The Shield staff



Can you expect to find your soul mate at a nightclub or a bar? The answer should be obvious, but countless people complain that the person they started dating that they met in a club is not who they expected. "I just want to fall in love," they all say.

The evening bar ritual is not complex. Girls doll themselves up, and guys spray on the Axe cologne to attract a member of the opposite sex.

The night usually begins with a few drinks before the car ride to the bar. A member of the party usually stays sober to drive the drunks to their night of debauchery. Now the party is loose, and alcohol tends to shake up a lot of situations.

Girls usually get a little wild, and guys start thinking about what they really want even more than when they are sober. The hunting ground is set. The guys are ready for the kill, and the girls are looking for someone who is going to respect them.

Let the chaos begin. Girls are approached to

dance and they are usually happy to engage in this useless activity.

After a dance or two, some conversation takes place and numbers are exchanged. One drink leads to two, which leads to three and so on.

The intoxicated girl believes she has found Prince Charming and the guy thinks he has just met Ms. Right Now. Sometimes the two will go home together and act on their intoxicated instincts.

What happens the next day? Usually the guy does not call, and the girl feels bad about her decision. "Why can't I find a guy that respects me?"

On the other end of the spectrum is a guy that is probably bragging to his friends of the conquest that he has just finished. What is next for the guy? Another nightclub and another girl—business as usual.

Most guys do not want to be tied down. Girls usually like a companion, someone they can talk to and share moments of life with.

Who is deceiving whom in this ritual of the nightclub/bar life? Is the guy deceiving the honest girl trying to have a good time, or is the girl deceiving herself into believing that she will meet a guy that will sweep her off of her feet with alcohol on his breath and one general thing on his mind?

# New Year's resolutions may not be so resolute

By **SARAH MATTINGLY**  
Special to The Shield



In 2004, I vowed to lose 10 pounds. I swore that I would buckle down and actually start a savings for a summer getaway in 2005. 2006 was the year I would finally get up off the couch and volunteer with a local organization for the sake of greater good. Now, I have landed squarely in 2007, and I have yet to reach any of these goals.

With this in mind, I was hesitant to make a New Year's resolution this year. I could have let myself off easy with, "I will watch CSI every Thursday" or "I will breathe every day." Of course, there is always the opposite end of the spectrum: "I will raise \$10,000 for charity, join the Peace Corps, write a novel and run for office."

Let us not forget the standard resolutions such as "I will give up chocolate and coffee." Some resolutions are very honorable: "I will give up alcohol and my Spice Girls collection." Yet none of these goals seemed to be just right for my 2007.

The tradition of making resolutions for the New Year dates back to ancient Babylon, when the most

common resolution consisted of returning borrowed farm equipment. The Romans pledged to ask forgiveness from enemies they had attained in the past. House cleaning topped the charts of the Chinese resolutions. Our contemporaries often promise to lose weight, exercise more, and quit smoking.

With all of these options, it can be difficult for a girl to choose a goal that she can realistically reach in the next 365 days.

December 31 seems a long, long way from today, but I know how easily it can sneak up on me. One minute I'm watching flowers bloom in April, the next I find myself celebrating Independence Day, and suddenly it is Christmas and I am once again struggling to make a good, honest resolution.

I have a feeling that I will still be toiling away on a list of goals I will never reach for the sake of a life I will never live when I'm on my deathbed.

Knowing I will probably gain 10 pounds this year, not lose them, and that I will blow all of my money on movies or shoes, and that the closest I'll ever come to writing a novel involves an essay for history class, I have decided to forgo a resolution for 2007. As the artist Jennifer Yane said, "The only thing that has to be finished by next Tuesday is next Monday."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# 'Keep living the dream'

## Nation, USI community celebrate King's legacy

Journalist George Curry, keynote speaker at USI's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon Monday at Carter Hall, gave personal perspective about the opportunities King's efforts opened for black Americans.

Curry never knew a black journalist until he became one. Neither of his parents made it past eighth grade. He grew up in segregated Tuscaloosa, Ala., drinking out of different water fountains and riding in the back of the bus.

Today, he has traveled to 49 states, written three books, met the Pope, flown on Air Force One and has covered five presidential campaigns.

Since 2001, Curry has served as editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) News Service in Washington D.C., a 65-year-old federation of black community newspapers across the United States.

He writes a weekly column syndicated by the NNPA and has appeared on the CBS Evening News, ABC's World News Tonight, The Today Show, 20/20, Good Morning America, Nightline, BET, MSNBC, and ESPN.

"He [King] was a dreamer," Curry said, adding that he gets tired of the "I have a dream" speech. "It makes it sound like he did nothing but sleep, and he did so much more than that."

Most people, he said, have no idea of anything else King mentioned in the speech he made during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Other highlights of the luncheon included performances by Designed by Grace; the Hebron Hoppers jump rope troupe; the Children's Center for Dance Education; Thump Squad; a drumline composed of students from local elementary and middle schools and Collabo, a dance troupe composed of USI students.

"His speech caused us to take a step back and think, 'are we doing what we should be doing?'" said Pam Hopson, director of the Multicultural Center. "I think I'm safe in saying there was something there for everyone."

The luncheon was sponsored by the USI Multicultural Center.

In Atlanta, Ga., the legacy of Coretta Scott King loomed large over the 21st observance of the King holiday at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached.

"It is in her memory and her honor that we must carry this program on," said her sister in law, Christine King Farris. "This is as she would have it."

It was the first Martin Luther King Jr. day since the death of his widow last year at age 78. An activist in her own right, she also fought to shape and preserve her husband's legacy after his death.

Mayor Shirley Franklin urged the congregation not to pay tribute to King's message of peace and justice on his birthday and then contradict it the next.

"Millions can't find jobs, have no health insurance and struggle to make ends meet, working minimum-wage jobs. What's going on?" Franklin said, repeating a refrain from soul singer Marvin Gaye.

Visitors also paid homage to the slain civil rights leader and his wife at their tomb, not far from the church.

"They're together at last," said Daphne Johnson, who was baptized by King at Ebenezer.

Crowds lined up early at the Atlanta History Center to see the first exhibition of King's collected papers since they were returned to his hometown.

The exhibit includes King's letter from the Birmingham jail, an early draft of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, his acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize and more than 600 other personal documents.

Several hundred people gathered in West Columbia, S.C., for a breakfast prayer service, where the Rev. Brenda Kneece said King set the standard for sacrifice and vision.

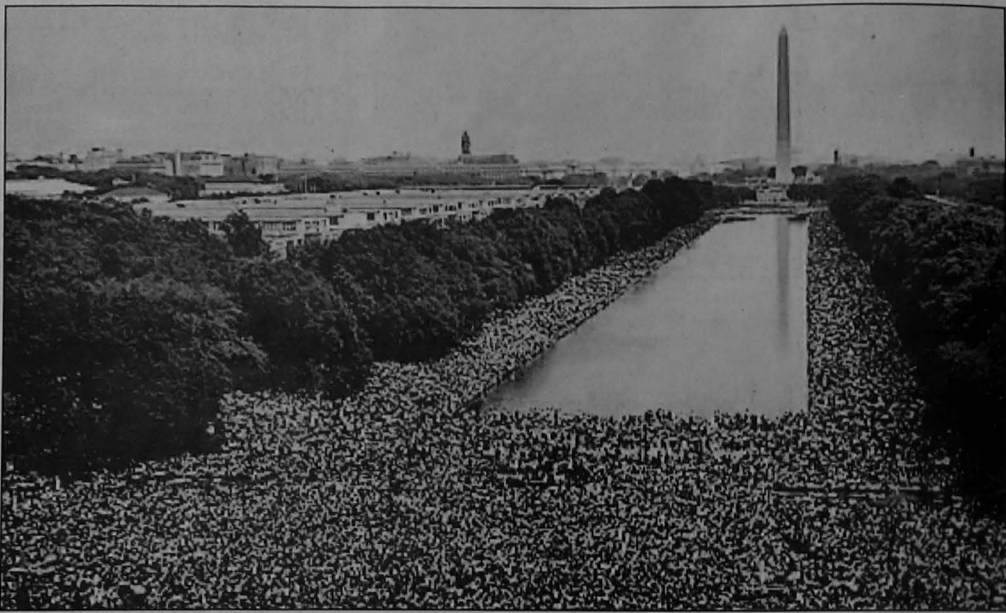
King's "vision became even more powerful because he understood the risks he was taking," said Kneece, executive minister of the South Carolina Christian Action Council.

"It's very important for our children to know that his sacrifice didn't win the war. We still have to keep at it."

Marchers commemorating King Day in Troy, Ohio, were heckled by a group of seven neo-Nazi protesters shouting white power slogans and carrying signs, police said. There were no arrests.

This year's holiday comes on the day King would have turned 78. King was assassinated April 4, 1968 while standing on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tenn.

(Leah Barr and the Associated Press contributed to this story.)



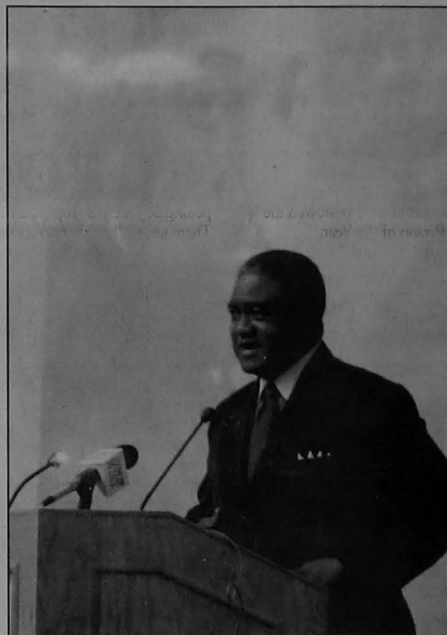
(Clockwise from top) A throng of 200,000-500,000 people march for civil rights in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963. This is where Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.

National Archive photo



At right, keynote speaker George Curry echoes Dr. King in asking his audience to be thermostats, setting the nation's 'temperature,' rather than thermometers, simply reporting it. Above, Hebron Elementary School's Hebron Hoppers perform jump rope stunts during USI's Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial luncheon. In top photo, Thump Squad, a drum line of students from Culver Elementary, Glenwood Middle School and other local schools, perform for luncheon guests.

Photos by Jared Kinkade



'I may not get there with you, but I want you to know that we as a people will get to the Promised Land.'

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
April 3, 1968

# King an extraordinary man, not a superhero

By JASON BARR  
The Shield staff



Four of the most famous words spoken in American history are "I have a dream," by Martin Luther King, Jr. on Aug. 28, 1963.

This speech, the pinnacle of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, showed a vision for justice and concluded with rousing words of hope from an old spiritual: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Today, every American schoolchild is steeped in King's legacy as crusader for civil rights, but there is much about King we are not taught in our youth. The picture I received in my classes was a Dr. King who preached equality and believed it would be better if people could just stop fighting and get along, essentially the civil rights equivalent of Mr. Rogers.

I learned that King was a Nobel Peace Prize winner, but not that he was radically anti-war.

I learned that he believed in equality, but not that he compared racist violence against African Americans to the Vietnam War in a New York speech exactly one year before his assassination, saying, "I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today—my own government."

I also did not learn that Dr. King had several extramarital affairs or that he plagiarized a large part of his doctoral dissertation and other papers, a fact not discovered until after his death. In short, I did not learn that King was human or how radical he was.

Humans have always had a tendency to take remarkable people and turn them into superheroes. They ignore the undesirable facts and remake them in the image of the spirit of their times.

Thus, our history books do not typically mention that Patrick Henry was a slave owner, Abraham Lincoln a white supremacist, or Helen Keller a communist. We do not learn that Dr. King cheated on his dissertation or that his politics were much more radical and threatened the status quo of his time.

By remaking them in our own image we turn these radical figures into promoters of today's orthodoxies. By deifying those in the past, we cut ourselves off from their legacies, for how can mere humans hope to follow them?

We would do well to remember the words of Dorothy Day, who said "Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed so easily."

It does no justice to King's legacy if we canonize him and ignore his shortcomings. He was a human being working within the reality of his time.

We must recognize him as such, lest his dream become unreachable and he be absorbed into the mythology of our culture, sanitizing him into a product of our time.

# Break the news gently

By RYAN S. BREDEMEIER  
The Shield Advertising Manager

You have an awful feeling in your stomach, and it's not from The Loft. "How will I explain this to my parents?" is the tormenting question that so many college students wish they never had to ask themselves. Report cards will be demanded from parents soon, and many students are hopeless. You will soon find that horrendous expression on your mother's face as, with your inadequate report card in hand, she says "Just wait until your father hears about this!" How will you respond? Denial? Anger? Excuses?

If this situation is familiar to you, then you may be asking yourself, "What is the best way to 'break the news'?" You could always suck up and buy expensive gifts, hoping that they will just "forget" about the report card. Not a great success rate, but worth a try. You could say that your teacher is "out to get you," and that there was nothing you could do, or you could just say the truth, and take what comes. Most students will find if they tell the truth, their chances of living are slightly higher. Here are some tips to help you avoid this situation at the end of the semester:

**1. Talk to your parents-** If you know a bad grade is coming, then it might be

wise to talk to your parents first. Let them know that you are trying to make a change and improve your performance. **2. Build a relationship with your professors-** Visit the teacher and ask him/her to go over your assignments with you. Ask them what you could have done differently to improve. This will look impressive and mature to your professors. **3. Give yourself credit-** if you're doing your best- If you have tried everything, but you just can't become the perfect student you want to be, perhaps you should give yourself a break. Identify your own strong points and make the best of them.

# Congratulations! You're Time Magazine's person of the year!

(LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) - OMG. You guys are so not going to believe this. I was named Time magazine's Person of the Year! That's right - ME! I finally can take my well-deserved place alongside luminaries such as Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King Jr. and FDR. All those guys did was end some war and economic depression and fight racism or ... whatever.

What I did is at least equally important, according to Time magazine. What was it, you ask?

I found this totally crazy video of two turtles having sex! And at the end, one makes a moaning noise! So I uploaded it to this really cool Web site called YouTube where thousands of people could watch it! It's like, a totally imagined community! I really made a difference in our society! Why I ...

Oh God, forget it. I can't keep this sarcasm up for a whole column.

It never ceases to amaze me how inward and self-absorbed we've become as a culture, perfectly symbolized by an increasingly narcissistic press embodied by Time magazine. Some huge things happened this year, chief among them the Israel-Hezbollah crisis, the Democrats' sweep of Congress, growing tension with Iran and North Korea and an increasingly out-of-control war in Iraq. Time had a good deal of people on which they could have bestowed the honor of Person of the Year.

So who did they pick?

The fact that old footage of you and your buddies lighting a pile of dog crap on fire on someone's doorstep can now be seen by anyone who logs onto YouTube and searches "dog crap fire."

Or our ability to make avatars of ourselves in "Second Life" and spend real money while trying to get people to have cybersex with us in what is essentially a more interactive, naughty version of "The Sims."

Or that we, as college students, have so few pressing reasons to be interested in world affairs that the biggest student activist protest since Vietnam was actually the Facebook News Feed fiasco, which people claimed was an invasion of their privacy (never mind that you cease having privacy when you put your information on Facebook to begin with).

It makes sense we would end up considering Facebook, MySpace and YouTube to be the most important developments of the year.

We, as college students, have been retreating into ourselves more and more for quite some time now.

For many of us, our biggest concerns are ourselves. With the rare exceptions of events such as the Darfur crisis, we largely don't proactively care about causes around the world.

But then again, why should we?

Not to sound selfish, but what do we have to make us care about what's happening beyond our Top 8 on MySpace? There are really only two answers to this: A military draft and the constant

fear of annihilation. Our parents' generation had both of these things, while we only have one of them and it's not exactly as clear-cut as theirs was.

Our parents had something real to worry about - being drafted or being blown up by a Soviet nuke.

We're blessed not to have to worry about ourselves or our friends getting sent off to fight an unpopular war.

If this were the case, however, and people started getting picked up off the UCLA campus and sent to Fallujah, I'd bet my subsequent paychecks that our generation's apathy would disappear in quite a hurry, simply because we'd have something very tangible to lose: our lives.

Yet that will probably never happen. After all, the people stopping a draft from being put in place are members of our parents' generation who abhor the thought of sending their own children off to war.

All we really have to worry about is the possibility that maybe our plane will get hijacked, we'll be in the wrong place at the wrong time when a suicide bomb goes off, or someone will sneak a nuke into a suitcase in a major city.

But in the end, those things aren't tangible and don't affect us in a real, immediately obvious way. Unless we think about them.

At which point you search "dog crap fire" on YouTube and forget about everything.

## Sudoku

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**Rules:** Fill the empty cells with numbers between 1 and 9. A number should appear only once in each row, column and region.

(Turn paper upside-down for solution.)

## 'Vagina Monologues' casting call in progress

"The Vagina Monologues," Eve Ensler's Obie-award winning play, is coming to USI for the first time this February, courtesy of the Philosophy Club.

The club is currently seeking interested female students and faculty to perform in the production, which will take place Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. in Rice Library room 0017.

Ensler's play has sparked debate and raised thousands of dollars in support of anti-violence groups in 81 countries since

it was first performed in 1996.

Tickets are \$1. Additional donations are optional. All proceeds and donations will go to local domestic abuse shelters such as Albion Fellow Bacon Center.

No memorization, club membership or previous theatre experience is required. For more information or to join the production, attend a philosophy club meeting, held each Wednesday at 3 p.m. in UC 205, or contact philosophy professor Mary Lyn Stoll at 461-5244.

## Get Off Campus!

Your guide to weekend entertainment in and around Evansville...

### She still loves rock 'n roll

Quintessential 80's bad-girl rocker Joan Jett will take the stage with her band, the Blackhearts, at Casino Aztar's Hoosiers Lounge for her second time this weekend. Shows start at 7:30 and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20. General admission is \$40, with free seating and standing room also available. For more information, call 1-800-342-5386.



She don't give a... well, you know how the song goes. Rock out with Joan Jett at one of her four performances this weekend at Casino Aztar's Hoosiers Lounge. Photo by Denis Gray

### 1123 First Ave.

Two shows will take place at 1123 this weekend. On Friday, Jan. 19, the all-ages crowd can see Fervent Heat, In Spite of All, As the Light Dims, Behind All Lies and From Rise To Ruin Gorilla Monsoon, From Ashes Resurrected, Dick Genius & the Shithouse Rats, Gang Stars will play Saturday, Jan. 20. Shows start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit [www.club1123.com](http://www.club1123.com).

### Wired Coffeehouse

Wired at 221 Main Street will host two all-ages shows this weekend. Backseat Goodbye, A Mauve Kinetic and A Perfect Mistake will play Friday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Forever At Last and Red Letter Reason will play Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. College Night will be Wednesday, Jan. 24 starting at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit [www.thewiredcoffeehouse.com](http://www.thewiredcoffeehouse.com).

### 'Midnight Magic'

Registration is underway for the annual 'Midnight Magic' ski trip, sponsored by Recreation, Fitness and Wellness. The trip will take place Saturday, Feb. 3, with busses loading at 3:40 in front of Orr Center and returning Sunday, Feb. 4 at 3:30 a.m. Registration for 100 students is on a first-come, first-served basis. Pass-only cost is \$15; pass with ski or board rental is \$30. Register at the Recreation and Fitness Center. For information, call 464-1807.

### Campus Diversions

Stuck on campus? Check out the following opportunities for free entertainment. "Saw 3" will play tonight at 9 p.m. in Forum 1. In the final film of the "Saw" trilogy, the cancer-ridden Jigsaw, on the brink of death, forces a young doctor to play a deadly game. Singer/songwriter Austin Willacy will perform in Carter Hall Friday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Both events are sponsored by APB.

## Exhibit features women

The Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana is issuing a Call for Entries for its Inspired Women in Art juried exhibition. The exhibition, hosted by the Deaconess Women's Hospital, will showcase original artwork from tri-state women artists. The show will open on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Completed entry form and fee must be submitted by Feb. 9. The Arts Council member's fee is \$20 for two entries. Non-member's fee is \$25. Membership is not required, but artists who wish to join the Arts Council can do so at the time of entry.

Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information or to request an entry form, contact the Arts Council at 812/422-2111 or visit [www.artswin.evansville.net](http://www.artswin.evansville.net), to download the form. The Women's Hospital is located at 4199 Gateway Blvd. in Newburgh.

## 'Children of Men' drama familiar but enjoyable

By ROGER GUDE  
The Shield staff



That ringing in your ear isn't just you. When you look around, bodies are strewn across the ground, there is smoke in your face and the helplessness of terrified people all around you add to the terror and confusion which is the year 2027.

Welcome to Theodore Faron's (Clive Owen) life. In this movie, "Children of Men," not a single child has been born in 18 years. After the last few playgrounds became extinct, it seemed as if all hope was lost. Slouching through his day to day routine, not caring for his fellow man, Clive Owen convincingly plays a man who has given up all hope. Then one day, he reunites with an old friend, Julian (Julianne Moore), who gives him the slightest hint

that his life is about to change. Julian introduces Theo to a young woman who happens to be pregnant. A rare thing for its time, and a very dangerous situation. Realizing that time is of the essence, and that at any second the pregnant woman could be killed by a stray bullet, Theo and company must act quickly.

Initially the plan is to safely escort Kee, the pregnant woman, to a dock where Kee could be taken to a program called, "The Human Project." Only rumored to exist, "The Human Project," is their only option. However, the tide quickly turns when Theo finds out that another member of their party, Luke, isn't such a good guy after all. Now the chase is on. The future of mankind is in the hands of two people.

With London, England being the most habitable city on Earth, the police have to control their citizens, as well as everyone else. Kee is from another Country, and is in England illegally. Theo and

Kee must watch out. Along with the police, there is the crazed political activist Luke, and his band of soldiers who want the baby as a means to get power.

Gunfights, bombings, knife fights, and all-out brawls are all over the place. It is hard to find a dull moment. However, this is a pretty straightforward chase. One goal, one story, and only a couple possible endings make the movie predictable. As good as the ride may be, it felt like I had seen this one before.

The ending to Children of Men leaves the audience questioning. What happens next? Did he die? Did she die? Are they good guys or bad guys? Overall, "Children" brings Clive Owen back into the spotlight. Not only does he play the part well, but it seems like he belonged in this movie. With steady story progression and an interesting plot, this is a must see for anyone who has ever wondered what it would be like to live in a world without hope.

Rating: 8.5/10

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**"crank" OF grand theft auto the movie**

"Crank" is the closest thing to a "Grand Theft Auto" film around, complete with a roaming camera, and a main character you don't care much about, but is the film stylish enough to make up for its lack of substance? And, more importantly, can you pick up hookers? Cole Perkins weighs in with his full review of the DVD.

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## Eagles win streak stopped at seven

### USI loses heartbreaker to Quincy in overtime 76-74



By **STEPHEN SMITH**  
The Shield staff

'Just a hell of a basketball game'

**Rick Herdes**  
head coach  
Men's basketball

close as two points in the second half.

USI sealed the victory as Geoff Van Winkle hit four straight free throws down the stretch, giving USI a 65-54 victory.

With those free throws, Van Winkle set a new school record

hitting 37 straight. He has not missed since December 2005.

Also, in the game Van Winkle passed 1,000 career points, becoming only the 18th player in school history to do so.

Rashard Sullivan led the USI attack, scoring 16 points and grabbing 8 rebounds. Kenny Page had 11, and Van Winkle chipped in 10 on his record-setting night.

Saturday was a battle of two top ten teams as Quincy and USI battled for the top spot in the GLVC West Division.

A back and forth first half saw USI take a one-point advantage into halftime.

USI had the lead up to as many as 11 at one point, yet Quincy battled back to tie the game late.

It appeared USI would take the lead as Marty Wise hit a jumper with 5.8 seconds left in regulation.

Instead an inadvertent whistle disallowed the basket. USI could not score again and the teams headed to overtime tied at 66.

In overtime, the teams traded baskets until Marty Wise hit a three, giving USI a 74-72 advantage.

A pair of free throws by Quincy tied it with 1:15 left. After a Van Winkle miss, Quincy got the ball with forty seconds to play. USI forced a miss with only :09 left, but Joe Box got the offensive board for the Hawks and put it back with :06 left.

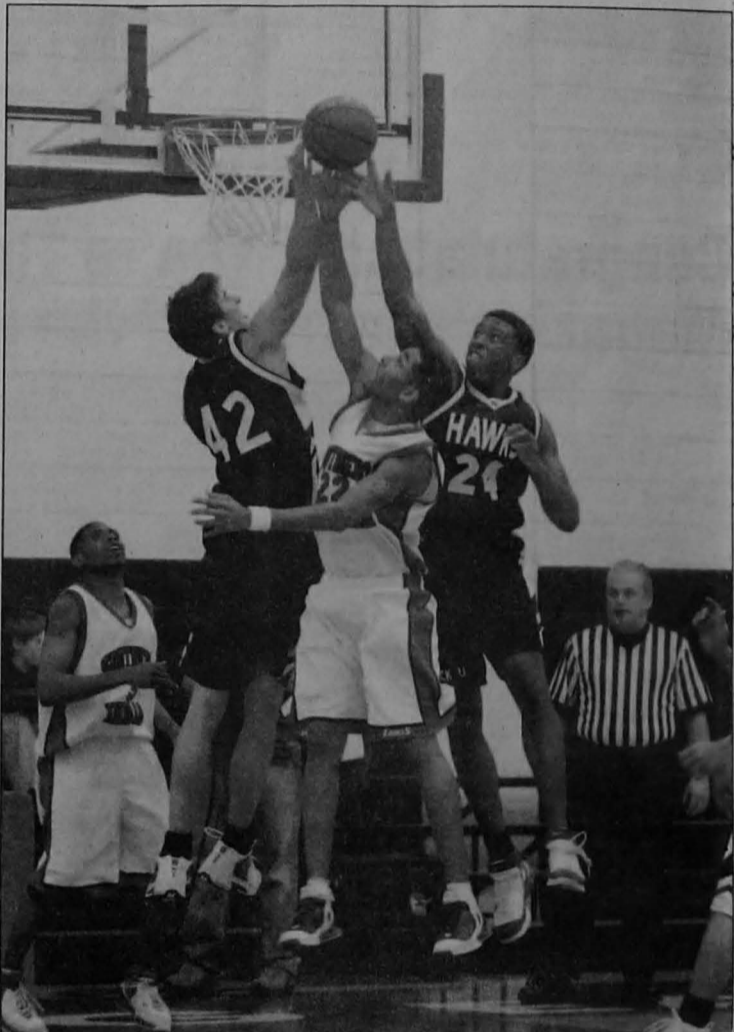
After a USI timeout, Van Winkle got off a three pointer that was off the mark and Quincy defeated USI 76-74 in overtime.

After the game, Coach Rick Herdes said, "Just a hell of a basketball game."

USI will get a chance to avenge this difficult loss next month.

Currently USI sits at 16-2, 5-2 in conference play.

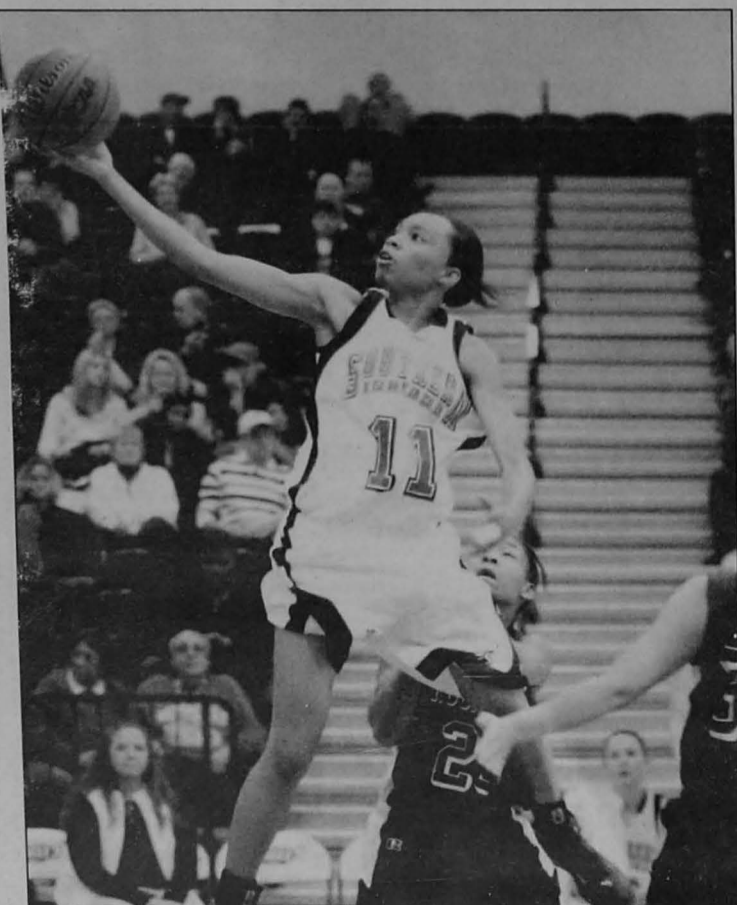
Up next for the Eagles are home games tonight against Bellarmine and Saturday afternoon versus Northern Kentucky.



Senior forward Marty Wise (above) hit a go-ahead three-pointer at the end of regulation against Quincy, but an in-advertent whistle caused the basket not to count. USI lost 76-74 in overtime. Rashard Sullivan (top left) led the Eagles with a scoring average of 13 points per game. File photos taken at home against Rockhurst.

Photos by Elizabeth Courtney Randolph

## Women drop two in a row on road trip



Junior guard Akiya Alexander scored a game-high 22 points in a tough 71-59 loss to Quincy University. Alexander also went 5-6 from the free throw line.

By **ERIC BREWER**  
The Shield staff

The USI women's basketball team kept busy over the break as they improved their record to 5-2 in conference play and 11-4 overall.

After knocking off two conference opponents in Drury and Rockhurst, the Lady Eagles dropped two games this past weekend.

Despite losses to SIUE and Quincy, the women do not seem phased.

"We are disappointed about the past weekend, but are looking forward to working hard and getting back on track", said senior guard Leah Stormont.

Leah created hope for the team in the late minutes against Quincy as she hit a 3-pointer to take the lead.

However, the Lady Eagles gave up 27 turnovers in the game, and fell short to their conference rival.

Throughout the months of November and December the women's team put up a seemingly flawless record winning eight games straight, while only suffering one loss all of last month.

Top scorers for the Eagles have been Akiya Alexander, Jasmine Baines, Sabrina Brandon, Katie Theisenhusen, and Sarah Buldman.

The toughest part of the schedule is now upon the women.

With only 12 conference games separating the team from the GLVC tournament, they could use all the support they can muster.

USI looks to gain momentum at home tonight and Saturday as they take on Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky University. Game time tonight is 5:15.

Photo by Elizabeth Courtney Randolph

### USI Christmas Break Basketball Review What Happened???

Activities during semester break: Dec 17th - Jan 6th

Men's Basketball	
-Sunday Dec. 17th - Glenville State College .....	Won 108-80
-Wednesday Dec. 20th - Wayne State University .....	Won 78-69
-Thursday Dec. 21st - Ferris State University (at Wayne University) .....	Won 91-76
-Saturday Dec. 30th - Harris Stowe State University .....	Won 117-78
-Thursday Jan. 4th - Rockhurst University .....	Won 79-64
-Saturday Jan. 6th - Drury University .....	Won 89-70

Women's Basketball	
-Sunday Dec. 17th - Harris Stowe State University .....	Won 79-58
-Tuesday Dec. 19th - Wayne State University .....	Won 72-69
-Friday Dec. 29th - Ferris State University .....	Lost 55-71
-Saturday Dec. 30th - Wayne State University .....	Won 57-40
-Thursday Jan. 4th - Rockhurst University .....	Won 90-61
-Saturday Jan. 6th - Drury University .....	Won 73-63

# Ice Eagles undermanned, but not overmatched

By DAVID BAKER  
The Shield staff

After having the team roster whittled away by academics and injury, the seven remaining Ice Eagles sucked it up and headed to Cincinnati to take on the Bearcats.

The results of the two games were disastrous.

Disastrous, that is, for the University of Cincinnati. USI embarrassed the Bearcats 10-1 and 14-1.

Continual progressive play started back on Nov. 17 when the Ice Eagles ended a seven game losing streak on a pair of wins against the Bearcats.

Even having beaten the Bearcats in the previous two

meetings this year, the Ice Eagles were not expected to win.

"We were the underdogs, but we came out with the wins," said junior Isaac Coy.

With the momentum of a winning season heading into this weekend's games against Division II Missouri State University, the Ice Eagles are not

grieving too much over their shortened staff.

There is still plenty of talent left up the Ice Eagles' sleeves, and they know how to handle being short on skaters.

On the road in early December, USI played at Grand Valley State University outnumbered 23 to eight.

The Ice Eagles forced the

first game into triple overtime before Grand Valley pulled ahead, but were unable to avenge the loss the next day. They were just too tired to skate hard.

The team knows what they need to do to not only compete, but to win with a slim staff.

Their techniques will have

to be strong against the Ice Bears of MSU when they meet Friday, Jan. 19 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at Swonder Ice Arena.

"We'll be able to compete with [MSU]," said Coy "If we play smart, we'll come out on top."

# Colts face familiar foe in AFC Championship

## Manning to lead Colts against Patriots for the eighth time since 2002

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)- The Indianapolis Colts' resurgent defense shut down two of the NFL's top runners to reach the AFC championship game.

When the Colts play long-time adversary New England on Sunday, they will face a different test against the league's most resilient postseason quarterback.

Tom Brady already owns three Super Bowl rings and masterfully rallied the Patriots (14-4) to a 24-21 victory at San Diego on Sunday to advance to the conference title game.

His next challenge is a Colts defense buoyed by the return of former Pro Bowl safety Bob Sanders.

Sanders was limited to four-regular season games but one of them was the Colts' 27-20 win at New England in November.

Indianapolis held the Patriots to 349 yards and intercepted Brady four times in the victory.

Sanders played in his second straight game Saturday, the first time he has been in consecutive games since the first two weeks of the season, before he needed arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

"I don't know what it is, all I do is go out and do what I do," Sanders said.

"Since I've been back, it seems like the guys have a lot more energy, but we're in the playoffs, so that may be it, too."

These old division rivals have met seven times since Indianapolis moved from the AFC East in 2002.

New England won the first four, including two home playoff games, and the Colts have won the last two, both regular-season games at New England.

Indianapolis' suddenly sturdy defense could be the key in this one.

Coach Tony Dungy insisted all season that his team's biggest problems were fixable.

Many thought it was impossible after a season during which the Colts (14-4) surrendered a league-high 173 yards rushing per game, even giving up a hefty 375 yards to Jacksonville in December.

Yet Dungy never lost faith in his system or his players, and they've responded.

"We're playing better," Dungy said. "We're tackling a little bit better. We've always had a pretty good rush in the long-yardage situations, but in the third-and-5, third-and-6, we've tackled the underneath throws a little bit better."

The Colts blew what many considered their best Super Bowl chance last season with a shocking home loss to Pittsburgh.

This season, they stumbled into the playoffs with four losses in six weeks, and conventional wisdom suggested the Colts

would make another quick post-season exit.

Instead, a defense long considered the greatest impediment to a Super Bowl run, has played more like the '85 Chicago Bears than the '06 Colts for two straight weeks.

"I think we're playing consistently well for 60 minutes, and we're playing with an intensity that's been unmatched," former Pro Bowl linebacker Cato June said.

"We're having fun doing it, and showing that all the stuff in the regular season doesn't matter."

Kansas City managed 126 total yards in a 23-8 wild-card loss and Larry Johnson carried only 13 times for 32 yards.

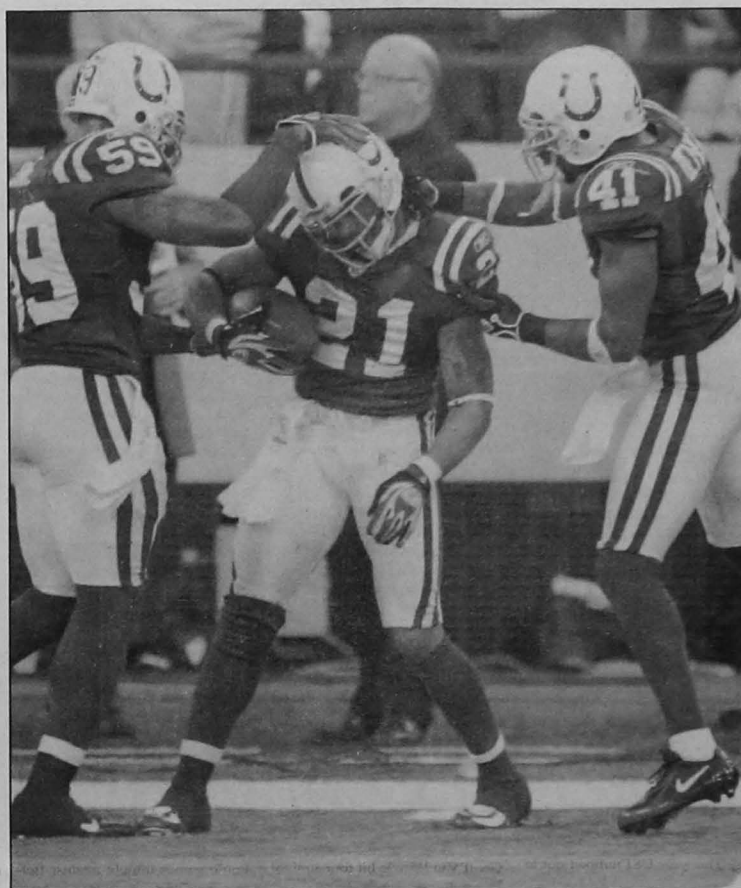
At Baltimore on Saturday, the Colts were more impressive. While the Ravens produced 244 yards in offense, Jamal Lewis ran for just 53 yards and Indy beat the NFL's top-ranked defense at its own game in a 15-6 victory, keeping the Ravens out of the end zone.

Whatever the explanation, the improved defense has been able to get off the field quickly and played well enough to overcome two sub-par games from two-time MVP Peyton Manning.

Kansas City and Baltimore were a combined 3-of-22 on third-down conversions.

"It's not the 3-4, it's not the people, it's not the scheme," Dungy said.

"It's doing your job on every play, and I thought that we did. The one thing that we've done well in this postseason is that we've played well on third down."



Colts' linebacker Cato June (59) and safeties Bob Sanders (21) and Antoine Bethea (41) celebrate an interception by Sanders. The Colts defense helped Indianapolis to a 15-6 victory over Baltimore Saturday.

AP Photo

# Gators cap another exciting bowl season

By ERIN HOBGOOD  
The Shield staff

The Bowl Championship Series or BCS is comprised of

four bowl games called the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Sugar Bowl and Fiesta Bowl and a BCS National Championship game.

The BCS bowls kicked off with the USC Trojans taking on the Michigan Wolverines in the Rose Bowl.

Last year's No. 1 USC, lost in the BCS Championship last season to Vince Young and Texas, but the Trojans were ready to get a win in Pasadena, Calif.

USC quarterback John David Booty threw for 391 yards with four touchdown passes to beat Michigan 32-18.

The vaunted Michigan defense allowed receiver Dwayne Jarrett to catch 11 passes for 205 yards.

But the offense wasn't the only thing shining on New Year's Day. Linebacker Brian Cushing had 2 1/2 sacks and defensive end Lawrence Jackson had a fumble recovery and an interception.

The next game to be played was the Fiesta Bowl where Boise State Broncos took on the Oklahoma Sooners.

While the Rose Bowl was an easy win for USC, the Fiesta Bowl was more of a nail biter that went into overtime before Boise State came out a winner with a score of 43-42.

The Broncos blew an 18-point lead halfway through the third quarter on an interception by Oklahoma cornerback Marcus Walker that was returned for a touchdown.

That put the Sooners up 35-28 with a minute left to play.

Boise held tough and tied the game for overtime on an improbable hook and ladder.

The Broncos finished out the game of the year on a modified statue of liberty play on a two-point conversion.

Perhaps caught up in the moment, Boise State running back Ian Johnson asked his fiancé, who happened to be a Boise State cheerleader, to marry him shortly after scoring the winning conversion.

The bowl games continued on Jan. 2 with the Louisville Cardinals and the Wake Forest Demon Deacons in the Orange Bowl.

For most of the game, the Cardinals, who won their last major bowl game back in 1991, seemed stalled.

They blew a field goal, lost two fumbles in Wake Forest territory and dropped a 62-yard potential touchdown pass.

But with Anthony Allen scoring touchdowns, one off a trick play, and Brian Brohm throwing for 311 yards, they were able to get their act together in the fourth quarter and beat Wake Forest with a score of 24-13.

Tigers were ready for meat and turned a 21-14 lead into an utter embarrassment for the Fighting Irish.

The second half seemed like play time to the Tigers who had 333 total offensive yards in the second half of the game. LSU won by a final of 41-14.

The final game of the bowl season was the BCS National Championship game.

The Florida Gators took on the heavily favored Ohio State Buckeyes and Heisman trophy winner Troy Smith.

The opening play proved to be the only excitement for Buckeyes fans.

Tedd Ginn Jr. returned the opening kick-off 96 yards for a touchdown, but injured his left ankle when his teammates piled on him in celebration.

Ginn did not return to the game. Florida then took control and never looked back.

Urban Meyer's offense and senior quarterback Chris Leak made the Ohio State defense look silly.

The Gators defense dominated the Buckeyes offense line and put pressure on Smith nearly every play.

Florida defeated the Buckeyes 41-14. Most people called for an Ohio State and Michigan rematch for the championship.

Thanks to the Gators and Trojans for proving them wrong.

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# Indiana considers minimum wage increase

(AP)—Some people who turn to an east central Indiana food bank for assistance have regular jobs - they just can't make enough money to support themselves and their families.

"If you're at the minimum wage, you can work 40 hours a week and still be in poverty," said Lois Rockhill, executive director of the Second Harvest Food Bank in Anderson.

Indiana lawmakers could consider raising the state's minimum wage to try to help working Hoosiers. At least five bills filed in the Indiana General Assembly would raise minimum wage, now \$5.15 an hour, to more than \$7 an hour by 2008, but it is unclear which proposal could move forward.

Rep. Duane Cheney, D-Portage, believes at least one should.

"Work should have value," Cheney said. "To pay people five dollars ... an hour tells them that their work doesn't have value. You can't go to the movies for five dollars ... let alone try to supplement an income, or certainly not raise a family."

Of Indiana's roughly 1.8 million hourly workers, about 2 percent, or 37,000, make \$5.15 an hour or less, according to 2005 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Some workers make less than minimum wage because of exemptions for waiters, young employees and others.

The state is one of 15 in which the minimum wage matches the federal rate. Twenty-nine states and Washington, D.C., already

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executive director  
Second Harvest Food Bank**

have minimum wage rates higher than \$5.15 an hour, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

The federal rate could soon rise. Congress is moving forward with a plan to increase the federal wage floor by \$2.10 over 26 months. If the plan succeeds, the higher rate would apply to most workers even if Indiana's figure doesn't change.

But those in small businesses - such as those with two or more employees that do less than \$500,000 worth of business annually - might only be covered under state law, the Indiana Department of Labor said.

Opponents caution that an increase in the minimum wage would hurt small businesses. Members of the Indiana chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business average about five employees.

"It will definitely hurt restaurants, retail businesses - any business that hires teenagers for its work force," said Steve Wolff, the group's member services manager. "Those are the people who are going to be most affected."

If businesses had to pay minimum-wage workers more money, they might have to cut back the total number of jobs or find ways

to pass those costs to the consumer, said George Raymond, with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a feel-good bill, but to me what it addresses is the symptoms and not the cause," Raymond said. "We ought to be focused on training people and getting them into higher-paying jobs."

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said raising the minimum wage would affect businesses around the state.

"Indiana needs to be cautious, given that our economic situation is not as strong as other parts of the country," Long said.

But Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels said he would be open to an increase.

"It hasn't been raised in a long time," Daniels said. "Obviously there are levels you could go to that would cost a lot of jobs and not do really very much good, but I have no problem with some modernization of that. I think it's been almost a decade, so I'm very open to that."

One of the proposed bills, filed by Rep. Joe Micon, D-West Lafayette, would continually adjust the minimum wage to reflect future increases in inflation.

"Right now, we're into this process," Micon said. "We increase the minimum wage, there's no adjustment for a period of years - in this case it's been a decade - and then we have to come back and make a major jump."

Ten other states have automatic minimum wage adjustments based on the cost of living, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, but the prospects of such a measure passing in Indiana are uncertain.

House Minority Leader Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said Republicans might find it easier to support a minimum wage increase if there were some government help for small businesses.

Other Indiana Republicans, including the chair of the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee, believe the state should not set a minimum wage.

Five states, all in the south, do not have a state minimum wage.

"Our society doesn't need it," said Sen. Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn, adding that most of the few people who make minimum wage are teenagers. "It's one of those issues I think doesn't mean a whole lot."

However, Kruse said he would consider giving a minimum wage bill a hearing in his committee if House members approved it.

At the current state and federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, a full-time worker makes about \$10,700 a year. At \$7.25 per hour,

## Increasing an honest day's wage

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia have laws making their minimum wage higher than the current federal rate of \$5.15 per hour. Minimum hourly wage by state, as of Jan. 1, 2007



STATE	WAGE	STATE	WAGE
Alaska	\$7.15	Maine	\$6.75
Arizona	\$6.75	Maryland	\$6.15
Arkansas	\$6.25	Massachusetts	\$7.50
California	\$7.50	Michigan	\$6.95
Colorado	\$6.85	Minnesota	\$5.25
Connecticut	\$7.65	Missouri	\$6.50
Delaware	\$6.55	Montana	\$6.15
Florida	\$6.67	Nebraska	\$6.15
Hawaii	\$7.25	New Jersey	\$7.15
Illinois	\$6.50	New York	\$7.15
		North Carolina	\$6.15
		Ohio	\$6.85
		Oregon	\$7.80
		Pennsylvania	\$6.25
		Rhode Island	\$7.40
		Vermont	\$7.50
		Washington	\$7.93
		West Virginia	\$5.85
		Wisconsin	\$6.50

\* \$6.15 for employees with annual receipts greater than \$225,000  
\*\* without benefits, otherwise \$5.15

SOURCE: Department of Labor

the annual salary is about \$15,000 - still below the \$15,577 average poverty threshold for a family of three in 2005.

Even if the Indiana or federal rates were raised to \$7.25 an hour, minimum-wage workers would still struggle to make a living, Rockhill said.

She noted that wages for employees at Second Harvest start around \$10 per hour.

"I think we have an obligation, since we are serving people in poverty, not to have a practice that keeps people in poverty," she said.

# University lab creates 'molecular condom'

DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE) - Scientists at Duke and the University of Utah have developed a "molecular condom" that women can place in their vaginas to prevent HIV transmission.

The research, which was published online Dec. 11 in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, describes the molecular condom as an innovative method for microbicidal protection. The condom was designed primarily for women in developing countries.

A microbicide is a topical treatment that prevents infection, said David Katz, professor of biomedical engineering.

Katz and Patrick Kiser, an assistant professor of bioengineering at the University of Utah who completed his doctoral work at the Pratt School of Engineering, drew on their past research with "smart

polymers" that targeted the tumors of cancer patients in order to develop the molecular condom.

The cancer-related polymers are similar to those in the molecular condom in that they release therapeutic agents in patients only when tumors are present, Katz said.

The only available microbicides to date do not change their properties after application, but this new product turns from a gel into a liquid when inserted in the vagina and when triggered by the chemical properties of semen, said Derek Owen, assistant research professor of biomedical engineering.

"What [Kiser] has done is make a great leap forward in the delivery system for microbicides," Katz said.

The gel microbicide firms up

inside the vagina in response to a few chemical cues, so it does not dissolve and wash away, Katz said. Once the gel comes in contact with sperm it transforms into a liquid that releases the antiviral drug.

Katz said the molecular condom differs from other vaginally inserted microbicides because it contains "smart polymers" that have the ability to change their properties according to certain conditions.

"This is the first publicity on a microbicide that will spread and coat vaginal tissue and use semen itself as a trigger for the release of an [anti-HIV] drug," Kiser said. "There are no products on the market other than condoms that women can use to prevent STDs, and [their use] has to be negotiated with their [male] partners."

## U.S. & World Briefs

### Skull suggests human-Neanderthal interbreeding

WASHINGTON (AP) - A skull found in a cave in Romania includes features of both modern humans and Neanderthals, possibly suggesting that the two may have interbred thousands of years ago.

The skull bearing both older and modern characteristics is discussed in a paper by Erik Trinkaus of Washington University in St. Louis. The report appears in Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The skull was found in Pestera cu Oase - the Cave with Bones - in southwestern Romania, along with other human remains. Radiocarbon dating indicates it is at least 35,000 years old and may be more than 40,000 years old.

### Dick Cheney insists CIA, Pentagon's bank, credit records checks aren't illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday the Pentagon and CIA are not violating people's rights by examining the banking and credit records of hundreds of Americans and others suspected of terrorism or espionage in the United States.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, the new chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said his panel will be the judge of that.

National security letters permit the executive branch to seek records about people in terrorism and spy investigations without a judge's approval or grand jury subpoena.

"The Defense Department gets involved because we've got hundreds of bases inside the United States that are potential terrorist targets," Cheney said.

"The Department of Defense has legitimate authority in this area. This is an authority that goes back three or four decades. It was reaffirmed in the Patriot Act," he said. "It's perfectly legitimate activity. There's nothing wrong with it or illegal. It doesn't violate people's civil rights."

### Bill would require college reps to register as lobbyists

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Employees who represent state universities at the Statehouse would have to register as lobbyists under a bill filed in the Indiana Senate.

Indiana law requires lobbyists to register with the state and file reports of lobbying expenses twice a year. They also must report gifts to legislators valued at more than \$100 in a day or more than \$500 in a year.

Sen. Jeff Drozda, R-Westfield, proposal would remove an exemption in the lobbying law for university employees and officials, including trustees.

Some colleges such as Indiana University host receptions for lawmakers - which might have to be reported under the bill - and provide free basketball tickets to legislators upon request.

That practice might not run afoul of the proposed law unless a single lawmaker was provided with enough tickets to cross the monetary threshold.

### Saddam's half brother beheaded during execution

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The Iraqi government attempt Monday to close a chapter on Saddam Hussein's repressive regime - by hanging two of his henchmen - only appeared to anger many of Saddam's fellow Sunni Muslims after the former leader's half brother was decapitated on the gallows.

A thickset Barzan Ibrahim plunged through the trap door and was beheaded by the jerk of the thick beige rope at the end of his fall, in the same the execution chamber where Saddam was hanged a little over two weeks earlier.

A government video of the hanging, played at a briefing for reporters, showed Ibrahim's body passing the camera in a blur.

The body came to rest on its chest while the severed head lay a few yards away, still wearing the black hood pulled on moments before by one of Ibrahim's five masked executioners.

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