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Need cash? College students are selling their plasma for an easy paycheck.

By MATT ZIELSKE Sports editor

Plasma donors have many reasons for contributing to this growing

Some donate for charity or to help a family member. Others use the extra cash earned from donating to fund weekend excur-

Zane Clodfelter, junior journalism major, for example, uses his earnings to drive to and attend Cardinals baseball games.

"Nothing beats a summer night in St. Louis, it's definitely a baseball city," Clodfelter said. "I love the Cardinals. Baseball is the first indication of summer, and warm weather, which to me is the best part of the

By donating plasma for a couple of hours twice a week. Clodfelter is able to watch the games he loves.

Clodfelter goes to the CSL Plasma location off of Weinbach Avenue and the Lloyd Expressway.

For first time donors. the process takes a little longer because each new donor must answer a series of questions.

CSL technicians can then determine if they are healthy enough to donate.

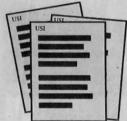
"The plasma bank does a good job of making sure the donor is fully capable of donating that day prior to the process beginning,' Clodfelter said.

What is Plasma?

- Blood is made up of liquid and cellular
- Plasma is the liquid portion of your blood
- Vital functions in bleeding and infection control.
- Uses include coagulation therapy, critical care products and the treatment of immunological disorders.

PLASMA on Pg. 3

Life of a budget Have you



The university puts a budget request together.



The Commission for Higher Education reviews and recommends changes to the budget.



The budget is debated by the General Assembly. If passed, the university has its budget set for the following year.



The budget is then will also make recommendations

By CHANSE FORD

News editor

world revolves around money. It is the beast that enslaves ambitions and necessitates its use for survival. This is true for the individual as well as large institutions.

The University Southern Indiana is no

exception to the rule. The university needs money

just like everything else. The question is where it gets that money.

Every two years, the state provides what it considers appropriate fund-ing. The majority of the rest comes from what students pay.

"About 57 percent of

USI's funding comes from the state," Vice President for Government and Uni-

versity Relations Cindy Brinker said. The state funding is de-

termined by a formula that incorporates such things as successfully completed credit hours, on-time degree completion and change in degree comple-

The focus of this formula used to be on successfully completed credit hours, but recently the focus changed to degree completion. What matters is not how

high those numbers are, but the percent of increase of those numbers.

BUDGET on Pg. 3

done your **FAFSA yet?**

By MATT ZIELSKE Sports editor

As the month of March approaches, many college students are thinking about spring break and midterms rather than filling out quite possibly the most important document related to their education: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

FAFSA is an application a student fills out to ensure he or she gets government and state aid to go towards the following school year. The deadline for filing FAFSA is

If one submits FAFSA by March 10 and leaves parent information off, he or she has until May 16 to add the information.

Things included in the 'edit-correction' process include adding or changing parent or personal information.

"Usually if you don't have parent information, you can submit it without it." said Joanna Riney, associate director of student financial assistance. "You can add information until May 16, but that is the deadline for state aid."

According to Riney, FAFSA needs to be filled out to receive state grants, higher education awards and the 21st Century Scholars award.

In order for the application to be finalized, a parent must provide a signature either electronically or by mail. If the parent chooses to sign electronically, he or she can do so on the website with a PIN

Once the application is submitted and finalized, the student or parent can go back and make minor changes until June 30. After this date, no changes can be made to

When FAFSA is initially filled out, the student or parent will receive an e-mail informing the recipient of the

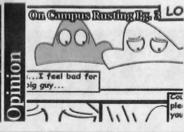
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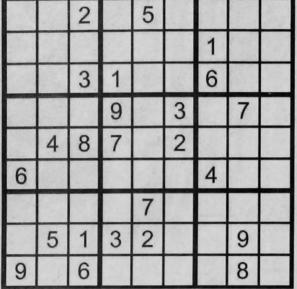




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BUDGET continued from Pg. 1

Life of a Budget

The university puts a budget request together, and then it is sent to the Commission for Higher Recommendation.

After the Commission recommends changes to the budget, it is attached to the state's budget bill and sent to the governor of Indiana, who will also make recommendations.

Finally, it is sent to the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate to get recommendations from each before both decide upon the final bill.

As of now, the bill is stuck in the House because the quorum needed to vote on the bill hasn't been met since Feb. 21.

Basically, not enough congressmen are present to hold a vote.

The budget being voted upon is USI's operational budget, which funds things like employees, utilities and services. USI also has a capital budget, which deals with construction projects.

The university is requesting a 9.4 percent increase in state funding to its operating budget, from \$39.2 million to \$42.9 mil-

However, the Commission only recommended

a 1.9 percent increase in funding and the governor recommended a 1.3 percent decrease in state fund-

"We followed the formulas that were given to us by the state and that's what our data generated," Brinker said. "We've never had a lot of extra money. We've always had to operate very efficiently."

Student Opinions

According to Brinker, each dollar requested has a specific purpose and reason for the request.

Students at USI have their own opinions as to where the money should be

"I think we need to have more opportunities to get freshmen into the [business] building," senior accounting major Matt Mitchell said. "Something to get students more involved in their field of study."

The nursing profession is always short staffed," senior health services major Whitney Becht said. "I'm sure they would welcome more money."

Multiple students said more money should be invested in parking also, but that falls under the capital budget, not operating.

Clodfelter and others

similar to him, provide

the proteins necessary to

save lives. According to

Florentz the real payoff is

when you see the people

who are really affected; the

elderly, people similar to

Clodfelter's age and young

individuals see the results

Florentz sees how these peoples' quality of life is

improved through plasma

At the end of the day,

of plasma donation.

USI Security Incident Log

02/19/2011 - 02/21/2011

Harrasment 909A Eckels Lane - Hanley Building 2/24 1:38 p.m. Case was cleared

Criminal Mischief 8033B O'Daniel Lane - Hendricks 2/25 11:16 p.m. Case was cleared

Intimidation 8033B O'Daniell Lane - Hendricks 2/25 11:16 p.m. Case was cleared

> False Reporting Morton BLDG 2/25 5:10 p.m. Case was cleared

Driving while intoxicated O'Daniel Lane 2/26 10:35 p.m. Case is pending

Information gathered from USI's Public Crime Log, provided by USI Safety and Security.

Crime Log Key

- * Case suspended: No suspects listed, no leads.
- investigation unless new information arises.
- Case cleared: The incident is resolved, suspect was identified and will be adjudicated appropri-
- * Case pending: On hold, awaiting new informa-
- Violation of University Policy: Violation of the Student's Rights and Responsibilities.
- * Failure to comply with a university official: Any university official, from an area coordinator to a security officer.
- *Residential entry: Someone walked into the residence. This is different than burglary because burglary is entering with intent to commit a felony.

PLASMA continued from Pg. 1

After questioning, technicians record the donor's blood pressure, temperature, heart rate and weight recorded. The CSL staff will not allow anyone under 110 pounds to donate. This and similar standards are in place for the donor's safety Chris Florentz, manager of communications for CSL Behring, the parent company of CSL Plasma, said.

The amount of money received per donation varies by weight and the donators number of donations at CSL Plasma. A donator may receive money from \$15 to \$50 and they may only donate twice a week.

Clodfelter isn't the only USI student that attends CSL plasma. Florentz reported that somewhere between 10 to 15 percent of the traffic seen at CSL are students.

Proteins are extracted from the plasma and used create therapies that treat diseases and disorders. The proteins treat everything from hemophilia, immune disorder to angio-

Florentz stressed only the medical benefits but also the economic benefits to the community.

"The average payroll for an institution like CSL is \$1.5 million a year," Florentz said. "Donor compensation runs in the area of \$2 million per year. These indivudals are surely putting this money back into the local economy."

CSL Behring made roughly \$2.8 billion last year in profits according to Florentz.

donation; and that's what really matters.

cut is currently unknown. The proposals must be voted on by Congress.

grants will be reduced or

As of now, the Pell grant program is still up and running, according to Riney.

FAFSA continued from Pg. 1

option to make minor corrections up until May 16.

Of the students at USI that applied for the FAF-SA, 2,600 received aid during the 2009 to 2010 school year, according to

For a student who has the 21st Century Scholars award, missing the FAFSA deadline can mean the difference between receiving all of their tuition for an academic school year and having to pay it without aid: a costly mistake.

There are currently proposals at the federal level to cut Pell grants.

A Pell grant is a form of government aid issued by the Department of Educa-How much a student

gets varies by their EIC (Earned Income Credit). This is a number deter-

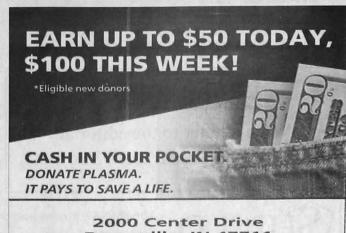
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CSL Plasma

What the Fre-spring To creep or not to creep

By RYAN HOWE

Let me start off by saying that the term "stalker" is certainly not a positive

When said, the image that immediately jumps into my head is an older man sporting his favorite baseball cap, an overgrown mustache and a pair of binoculars that bounce off of his protruding beer

That is why I refer to

myself as a "creep."

I know that the term "creeper" is not generally a positive word either, but a creep, according to Urbandictionary.com, 'someone who views your profile (multiple times) without saying anything.

This is an exact defini-

tion of how most people creep these days

Just as humans have done for thousands of years, we have adapted to new technologies that allow us to creep on people without the fear of them noticing us admiring from

It also allows us to dive into the victim's personal

It wasn't until these last couple of weeks that I really discovered how big of a creep I am.

It was a simple mention of a kid's name. I searched him out on Facebook and immediately realized I wanted him.

Lucky for me, his profile is open to the public so I didn't have to freak him out with a friend request

And since I found him,

I have checked his profile at least once a day, finding information that gives me insight to his life.

With the help of Facebook, I have found out who his friends are, what kind of car he drives and who his roommates are. I even know the exact dorm room he lives in.

Creepy, right? Not how

I see what I'm doing as survival of the fittest.

By finding out what he is interested in, I'm figuring out what topics to avoid if I ever do get the courage to talk to him -which I'm still working

It sure beats admiring someone from a few rows back in American Govern-

break craziness

By SHANNON HALL

You look like a pump-

kin. We all see them: the people with the spray tans, the ones burnt from tanning beds.

Something's coming: Spring break. Freedom.

It's such a big deal in college and every year, the pre-spring break craziness gets out of control.

First, there's those tans.

If you go to a tanning salon, you run the risk of getting skin cancer. In July 2010, Indiana passed a tax on indoor tanning to make people think twice before making their skin a fake

Spray tans are healthier, but I didn't know Oompa Loompa was in style this

Are those fake tans really necessary?

I'm also a pale person so I'm biased, but I think pale skin is better. It pretty much glows in the moon-

That's sexy right there: pale skin glowing on the beach with a full moon.

Secondly, we have the people who brag about the great places they are going.

According to the travel portal MacQuil, Cancun, Mexico is the number one spring break destination with Panama City Beach, Fla. following close be-

Those two places make me extremely jealous. I don't have the funds this year to go anywhere spe-

Yes, the people going on trips probably worked their asses off to pay for them. But, you know what, I'm still jealous.

I don't want to hear about how much fun you are going to have while I get to sit with great grand-ma at the nursing home and knit with her.

And thirdly, relation-ships go sour. If you aren't in a serious relationship, chances are that you or your significant other will want to be single for party

According to the Heartland Times' website, Da-vid McCandless, a Brit-ish designer and author, researched Facebook statuses - go figure - for when break-ups happen.

Out of 10,000 people. the highest percentage for break-up statuses was before spring shortly

So people break-up for a possible hook-up when they will probably be too drunk to remember any of

Now that's an awesome

By JESSE RININGER Special to The Shield

I walked into the art center the other day when I was escorting my girl-friend to her next class and, because time allowed, we sat down and started to

As the conversation progressed, my eyes wan-dered to the wall in front of us. What I saw shocked

I saw a naked woman, and I don't think I've looked away from something so quickly in my life.

My girlfriend rambled about something that had become incoherent to me. It seemed she didn't notice the portrait of some random woman's voluptuous breasts staring us in the face

Now I was in a dilemma. I sat there trying not to look back at the wall, fear-

ing that my girlfriend's eyes would follow mine. What actually struck me about the picture was

bored expression. I don't know if I could handle having my nude portrait hanging in the middle of a hallway, but maybe she thought nobody

the woman's surprisingly

would notice or something. Or perhaps she is proud of her body. If that's the case, more power to you, Strange Naked Lady.

Still, I wouldn't want to walk down campus sidewalks with strangers run-

ning up to me and saying: "Hey, are those your breasts hanging in the hall-

"Why yes, thank you for noticing.

"No problem. They're big, and you're hot."

'Uh, thank you?"

When the person's eyes traveled down my shirt, I'd be slightly uncomfortable with the fact they really don't need much of an imagination to picture me naked.

Some guys like that challenge. I'm not one of them, of course.

As for the artistic value

of the portrait, if my body was going to be on the wall, I would want an artist that could actually make my breasts not look lop-

After all, I wouldn't want to give hundreds of strangers the wrong idea.

Also, I would want to put some kind of emotion on my face because wouldn't want anyone to think I was naked and bored. Those two things really don't mix well in my

Wait a minute, isn't that how most famous nude sculptures and paintings look though?

David: Holding a towel, naked and bored.

The Thinker: Hand on face, naked and bored.

The Birth of Venus: Naked on a seashell and bored.

I guess it is normal to be naked and bored.

Anyways, I was really hoping my girlfriend wouldn't ask me a direct question, because I was too concerned with the naked woman to pay attention.

Finally, her class started and as we hugged, I saw that woman staring at me.

And as I walked away I heard my girlfriend call over my shoulder: "It's weird, but I keep feeling like that lady is watching

She said this as she mo-

tioned to the nude picture. My heart exploded. Did she find me out?

Was she staring at it too? (That could be a good thing). What if she tests me over what she said earlier'

I nodded and waved with a big nervous smile As I turned to walk away again, I could've sworn that Strange Naked Lady was checking out my butt.

I felt cheap and used. but I know I'm not the only one. Plenty of people walk through that hallway. And I can't really blame

After all, it is boring to be naked, right?

Judgement from a MacBook

By JESSIE HELLMANN

It's a sad fact, but as soon as I wake up, I open my Macbook and check my Facebook account.

Almost immediately, I'm greeted with a status from the night before that says something along the lines of "Drunk as hell n headed to Ft. Wayne for an epic party

I'm going to skip the cture on why posting lecture how drunk you are in your Facebook status doesn't make you look cool and approach a more serious

Why is this kid driving six hours away with an assortment of alcohol raging through his system?

I still find it completely unfathomable college students don't understand drinking and driving is a horrible and life-threatening idea.

According to collegedrinkingprevention.gov,

1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle

It is purely unacceptable to drive under the influ-ence of alcohol and is just not a good idea.

Reading these statuses every Saturday morning (or whenever else I stum-ble out of bed) makes me sick to my stomach.

As if drinking and driving isn't stupid enough, some people are idiotic enough to document their stupidity with pictures of drunkenness and disorderly behavior on Facebook

You know the ones I'm talking about. An 18 to 22-year-old teenage girl with disheveled hair, dancing on top of a bar or other elevated surface whilst dry humping some college frat

now, you should know that posting pictures of yourself indulging in il-

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legal activities on a social networking site is a bad

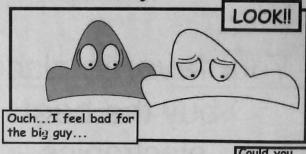
You know why? When I'm busy having no life on a Saturday afternoon, I'm sitting at my Macbook judging you.

And people you work with (or for) could see these pictures and report you, which could end badly for the drinker, espe cially if you're drinking on a dry campus.

I'm not here to encourage underage drinking, but I know as well as the next person that there is no peron on this earth capable of guilt-tripping bored teenage college students out of getting drunk on the weekends.

If you're going to drink, please, for the love of all cheesy and delicious, hand someone your keys before you down a fifth of yodka.

I'd rather not see one of my friends splattered on the Lloyd Expressway. ON CAMPUS: Rusting ...







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Above: Two members of Alpha Sigma Phi, DC and Junior Christian, perform during Friday night's Lip Sync. Alpha Sigma Phi won the competetion.

Main: Waiting for their music cue, Delta Zeta sorority lip sync group prepars to

last year and paid \$90,000 in vet bills for their care, said P.A.A.W.S. volunteer Sherry Meckam.

"We try to save as many cats and dogs as possible ney Brown, Gamma Phi Beta's philanthropy chairwoman, to the USI chap-

"I really like what they do for the organization and the locals," Brown said. "It's a great event."

All the proceeds from the contest's \$3 per person admission fee are donated to P.A.A.W.S.

In the end, the boys of Alpha Sigma Phi won bragging rights with their shirtless boy band medley.

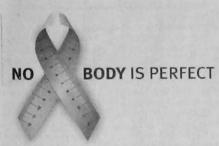
Though students per-formed to a variety of different soundtracks, it didn't escape event judge and assistant director of Student Development David Duval's notice that Greeks seemed to favor Justin Bieber imperson-

"I think I've had enough Justin Bieber to he said.

P.A.A.W.S. a-thons take PetSmart on Burkhardt Road Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Counseling Center advises against feeling like the fat kid



By LOGAN HURSH

think of their 6-foot-1-inch struggles with the percep-

Most students would not

tall, 160-pound peers as being "fat kids."

However, Tim Nellis, a USI junior of such stature, tion that he is, in fact, a fat

Photos by JIMMY PYLES

Nellis is one among many young adults on a quest to achieve his ideal body weight.

However, unlike some, Nellis has approached his quest in a healthy manner.

Many Americans aren't as fortunate

The South Carolina Department of Mental Health reported 50 percent of females between the ages of 11 and 13 see themselves as overweight, and an esti-mated 8 million Americans

Phillips, works in the counseling center, organized an eating disorder screening day here at USI last Thursday for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

The aim of the screening day was to talk about healthy ways to lose weight and how to deal with the issues that surround eating disorders.

Many of the individu-als Phillips sees suffering from eating disorders indicate their disorders origi-nated in a "need to not be fat," she said. Media, she said, is also

a major contributing factor to many eating disorders The need to feel pretty

and fit the model image of health and fear of being overweight," Phillips said, is the biggest concern she from eating disordered students.

The USI Counseling Center offers counseling for students suffering from an eating disorder. However, if the disorder

is so severe that the student needs intensive therapy, he or she may be redirected to either Deaconess Hospital or Architects of Awareness, a counseling firm lo-cated in Evansville.

Nellis, who has not struggled with an eating disorder, can relate to the perception of being overweight.

At his heaviest, Nellis weighed 240 pounds. He was 18.

"I was like a vulture. I was eating everything and anything, even eating

off other peoples' trays at lunch," Nellis said.

Nellis confessed to consuming an average minimum of 4,500 calories a

day.

Now he said he's reached a maximum of 1,600 calorie intake.

Walking and running, two newfound hobbies, have also helped him shed

the pounds.

Nellis attributed his success in losing weight to simply being more con-scious of what his food consumption was and walking more.

'I haven't been to a public pool since I've lost all that weight, but that's my goal for this summer: go to a public pool," Nellis said







By SHANNON HALL

International students epresented their cultures through the culinary arts Friday at the annual In-ternational Food Expo in Carter Hall.

About 500 students, faculty and community members visited the expo and experienced food from parts of Asia, Central America and Europe as well as Saudi Arabia, India and the U.S.

Guests rounded the corner upon arrival and expe rienced food from India first

Volunteers, most of whom were international students, served food from around the globe from Saudi Arabia to Spain with sushi from Japan for the finale

Every country displayed an item of cultural significance at their booth.

nome for winter break and

return with trinkets from their homelands, said Andrea Barnard, assistant director of International Programs and Services.

The expo had 65 volunteers, and this year seemed easier than previous years, Barnard said

"The cooking went re-ally smoothly, and the students knew what they were

This year, all the booths had nutritional information present. Junior dietetics major

Andres Ayesta suggested this change He helped prepare food from Venezuela, his home

country, and was excited it had a booth this year.
"I love this country and I love to represent it,"

Ayesta said.

He has hosted the expo for two consecutive years now, in addition to helping prepare food.

International students from South Korea Suakyung Kim, Selki Kim and Ariel Kim spent eight hours cooking their traditional dish: bulgogi.

They served the dish in gowns they brought from

Business major Selki Kim said Americans are extremely nice and pleas-

Whenever someone in the U.S. makes eye contact, they say 'hello,' she said.

"In Korea, we don't normally say 'hi, how are you?' to strangers."

A fashion show and awards ceremony closed out the event. India took home the

award for Best Food, while Nicaragua won Booth. Saudi Arabia won

Best Overall Booth and Food. International

students took advantage of this opportunity to share their traditional dances with the audience, dancing together unified as the event came to a close.



During the Internaltion Food Expo, Saudi Arabia serves food to students. Every country served traditional food and displayed items of cultural significance

Break it down in Evansville this

By LOGAN HURSH

Many college students believe a beach, booze and babes are necessary to have fun over spring break.

However, those feeling stuck in Evansville might just find there are hidden gems all over the city waiting to surprise those who care to look with endless

amounts of entertainment. The Koch Family Children's Museum of Evans ville (cMoe) is suggested for students who have children or just have a child-

like nature about them. The exhibits displayed have the potential for not only fun, but education as well. Even adults can learn while engaging in fun ac-

tivities Located downtown, cMoe offers an array of exhibits and games for chil-dren and adults to participate in at an admission rate of \$7. Children 18 months and younger are admitted

you have fun like you are a big kid," said cMoe staff worker Olivia Swinger.

Penny Lane could be an ideal spot for catching up with friends who have come home for break.

The coffeehouse is located downtown at the corner of Second and Mulberry streets and specializes in vegan and organic foods and coffee.

Penny Lane is almost always exhibiting local artistalent and has a library full of books available for customers to read while enjoying their organic fair

trade coffee.

Danny Kopp, a theater major, offers advice to students staying in Evans-

What I would do is sit outside on my windowsill because I live next to some honkey tonk (bar) and listen to people leaving saying 'Oh yeah that bar sucked; there were no hot girls there.' I sit and listen to people leave The Duck Inn all the time; you hear some of the best conversa-

who don't want to sit listening to oth ers carry on conversations leaving bars and are of age, there is Mardi Gras.

A whole host of bars around Evansville will be hosting Mardi Gras celebrations.

Grab some friends, a few drinks and then take a cab home.

For those who aren't into the barhopping scene, a stroll to the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, which is lo-cated off Riverside Drive, might be appealing.

The Evansville Museum is free of charge and is always hosting new exhibits In the upper gallery, art-work is displayed.

The lower levels are re-constructed scenes of early Evansville life

The museum also has a planetarium.

Evansville has some-thing to offer to curb boredom for those willing to look outside of the typical mall and movie scene

Performers end Black History Month poetically

By MIKAEL DROBNY Staff writer

Obie award-winning actor and playwright Daniel Beaty offered words of inspiration on Saturday to students who attended USI's Poetic Rhythm event

"No matter what shows up in your life, no matter what you may have dealt with in the past, no matter what you may be going through in this moment, you have the power to choose who you will be and what you will make your life to be," he said.

"As an artist, as a poet, As all drust, as a post, as an actor, as a singer, my goal is to inspire people to transform pain into power ... and transform it into something that can be accountful, for yourself and powerful for yourself and

for other people."
The HBO Def Jam Poetry performer's appear-ance was only the latest in a series of Black History Month celebrations hosted by USI.

drick "Mississippi Phat" Vivians, performers in-cluded USI health ser-

vices/administration ma-jor Ashlea Gantt, Student Activity Advisor Kathy Jones, The Stockwell El-ementary School Steppers and USI students Day-Eli and Lawrnetta Stacker,

who read poetry. Gantt opened with the

Black National Anthem. Beaty then performed a collection of poems about overcoming the hardships in his past.

He concluded with a scene from his critically acclaimed off-Broadway solo play "Emergency", in which a slave ship emerges before the Statue of Liberty in New York City hospess ty in New York City before 40 characters, all of them played by Beaty himself.

"I ask you," Beaty said, "what stands in front of your freedom?"

The second half of Po-etic Rhythm entitled "Expression Through Step" included a "unity stroll" during which the "Divine during which the "Divine Nine" National Pan-Hellenic Council performed.

Heralding from Ball State University, the council is a collection of histori-cally black Greek-Letter organizations.

Representing the "Di-vine Nine" were Delta Sigma Theta from Murray State University and Ome-ga Psi Phi of Mississippi

ga FSI FIII of Massissip, State University. "I enjoyed all of the sororities," said medi-cal assisting major Tiara Johnson, a visitor from Ivy

"I think that a lot of people want to pledge, but USI doesn't have them here ... if they get a Divine Nine chapter here, I would definitely consider transferring from Ivy Tech to USI."

Although USI does not currently recognize any "Divine Nine" organiza-tions, Kappa Alpha Psi, a USI fraternity, has been authorized to conduct information sessions to seek membership, said David Stetter, Student Development's program advisor for Greek life and leadership.

It is not a requirement for students to be African-American to join "Divine however, the organization is often heav-ily influenced by African-American culture, Stetter





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We choose to live more and

And your announcer is... Craig Prindle

By MATT ZIELSKE Sports Editor

A young man stands in front of a church congregation and gives his confirmation. In the audience a proud mother and father sit and watch their son. It's in this moment that they dis-cover, along with the rest of the con-gregation, a special gift young Craig Prindle was born with: the gift of pub-

The way Craig's voice carries and the impact it makes on those around was the quietest of her three boys, but that when he got up in front of the church congregation in eighth grade to give his address, she knew he had

"Everyone who heard him at his age couldn't believe his voice," Cindy said.

he took to implementing and fine tun-ing it. His mother said that, although they encouraged him, he found his own way and was self-driven.

He attended Central High School in

Evansville and eventually began call-ing Reitz High School football games. Craig said he even called some Evansville Otter games for a little while. A short stint at Fox News 7 gave him a great amount of experi-ence before he started calling games

he majored in broadcasting and made

an eventual switch to public relations.

Craig said it was after the switch that he was made aware of the oppor-

cal Activities Center.

He started calling for the women's volleyball games at the PAC. Shortly

after, in 2006, a spot happened to open up to call the men's and women's bas-ketball games, and he took it. In September of 2009, Craig mar-ried his wife Christa, who is a biology earth space teacher at Central High school, They dated for 10 months be-fore they were married.

school. They dated for 10 months before they were married.

"It wasn't that long, but we love
each other and things are great,"
Christa said. They met through mutual
friends while working at Hacienda.

Christa said she loves her husband's side project. She gets to sit up
front with him and has, "the best seat
in the house."

Now at the age of 25 and well into public announcing, Craig splits the rest of his time among other things as well. He has a full-time job at the West

Side Hacienda as a cook.

To add to that, he is currently enrolled at USI with hopes of becoming a teacher. He will be student teaching soon and eventually wants to teach width exhert

Craig has become as much a part of the basketball games to the crowd as the teams have. Cindy said if her son ever misses a game that his grandpar-

"Craig's grandparents have season tickets to the games," Cindy said. "If he misses a game, boosters and fans will come up to them when they are

The community supports Craig and seems to know him well, Cindy said. Whenever she and Kevin, her husband, are out, they usually get people coming up to them asking how Craig is doing.

"He makes us very proud. He knows what he wants and has his head on straight," Cindy said. "He's always been a driven man and what he is do-ing right now is a positive thing."







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Upcoming Events

Fri, Mar. 04, 2011

BASEBALL vs University of Missouri - St. Louis 4 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL vs Winner Drury-Lewis TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALLvs GLVC Tournament Quarterfinals-Championship TBA

Sat, Mar. 05, 2011

SOFTBALL vs Indiana University of Pennsylvania (OCSC 4) 8 a.m. (CST)

SOFTBALL vs Ferris State University (OCSC 4) 10 a.m. (CST)

BASEBALL vs Wayne State College 4:30

MEN'S BASKETBALL vs Winner Drury-Lewis TBA

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Important Dates to Remember:

March 21-31, 2011

Students who currently live on campus who have a signed 2011-2012 Housing Contract may electronically select their bed space for 2011-2012.

June 13-30, 2011

Students who are new to on-campus housing or returning students who did not sign up in March may electronically select their bed space for 2011-2012.

Note: If you have been accepted into a Living Learning Community, Housing will assign you to the appropriate bed space for your community.

July 15, 2011

Notification to students who have self-assigned, including roommate name and contact information.

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