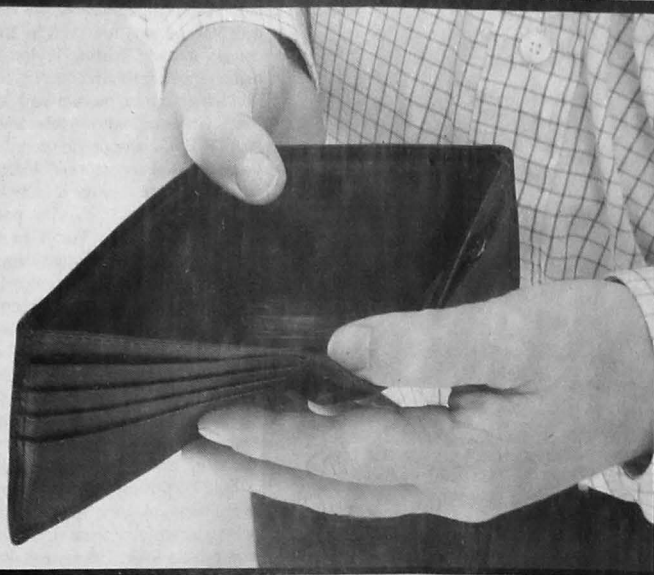


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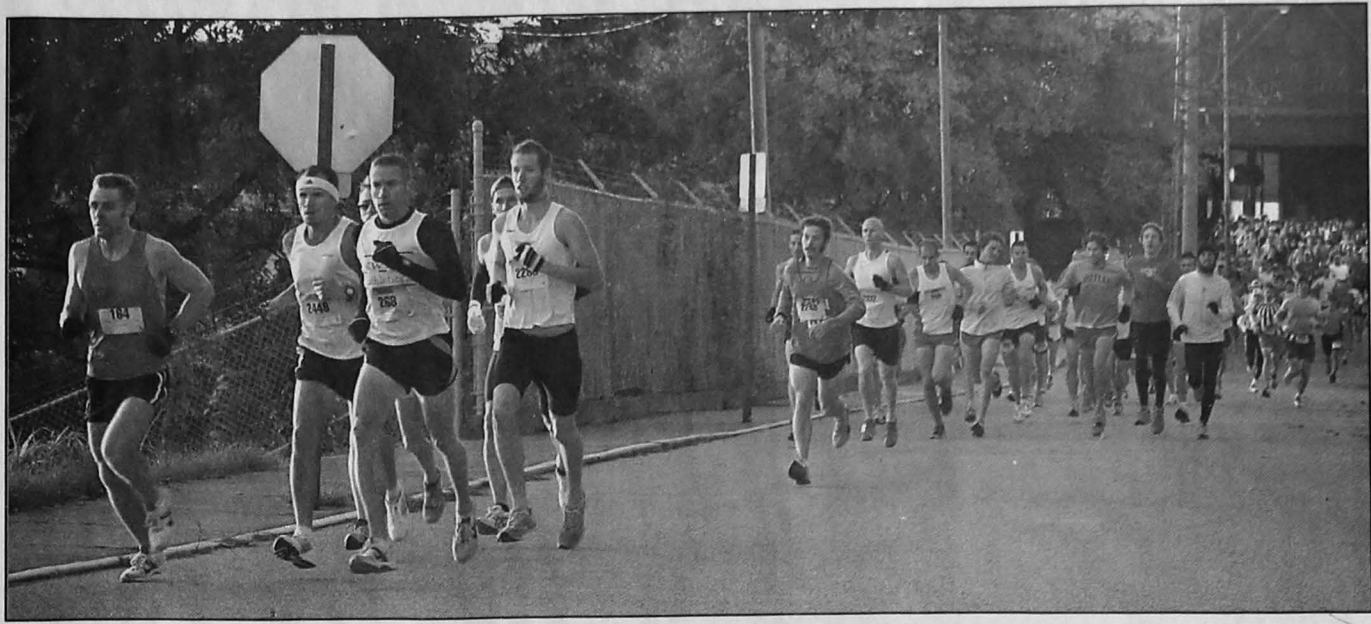



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Runners lead the pack in the YMCA Evansville Half Marathon Sunday. The half marathon was won by USI assistant cross country and track coach Tristan Mannix.



Half-Marathon Facts
 Reitz High School to Downtown Evansville
 2,185 Runners
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By **ANDY HIATT**
Staff writer

It was 4:40 a.m. I glanced at my alarm clock thinking if I should get up now or wait until five. I got up at 4:40.

As I walk out of my bedroom, I turn on my laptop computer and got some rice krispie treats cereal and typed on my facebook status, "IT IS RACE DAY!!!"

I then leave my apartment at five after five and head downtown to catch the bus to my destiny: the half marathon.

6 a.m. - As I get to Reitz High School, I sit at the worship service and eat energy

gummies and take off my long sleeves, exposing my tank top and short running shorts.

6:45 - I get into my corral, which was a seven-minute mile pace, and prepare for the race.

7 a.m. - The gun fires and we all take flight in the half-marathon. I start out the race with a six-minute mile pace and was excited.

As the race continues, I get tired, but I push myself like crazy.

I get to the eight-mile marker and see my old coach from Vincennes University, Chris Gafner, cheering me on, giving me a huge second wind. During

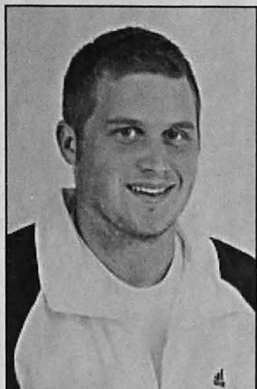
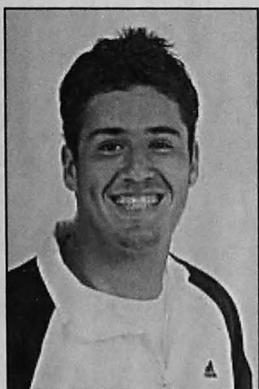
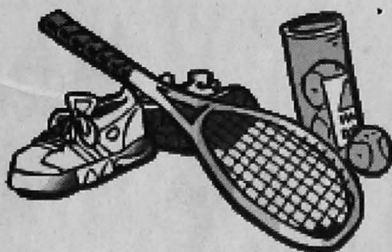
that mile, I joke with one of the competitors about how those energy gummies are really working. I am feeling great.

The tenth mile comes and I feel like a cinder block is on my feet, but I persist to the river walk. People are saying, "You're almost done!"

As I hit the river walk, I am drained, but I push myself like no other and cross the finish line in one hour and thirty-four minutes.

I am thrilled to see that I finished 105 out of 2,185 runners and walkers.

Duo advances to nationals



Photos courtesy of Sports Information

Diego Gimenez (left) and Joseph Boesing (right) will represent the Screaming Eagles at nationals this weekend.

By **KELLY MONROE**
Sports editor

Two men's tennis players will represent the Screaming Eagles in a national tournament this weekend.

Junior Joseph Boesing and sophomore Diego Gimenez have competed as the No. 1 doubles team this season. The duo is currently 2-0.

In order to qualify for nationals, they clinched the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional title.

They are the second team in school history to win a regional title in doubles

action.

Brothers Joe and Jarrod Epkey won the first title in 2004.

"It is a huge win for the program and a great start to the season," said Chris Crawford, head coach of the men's team in an interview with USI Sports Information.

Boesing and Gimenez's first win came on Sept. 19 when they defeated the No. 1 doubles team from West Alabama by a score of 8-4.

They moved on to compete in the regional tournament, which was held Sept. 25-27. There they battled back from a near loss

against the No. 1 doubles team from the University of Missouri Saint Louis. Boesing and Gimenez won the match by a score of 8-2.

Following Monday's practice, "just win it" was both players' goal for nationals.

Boesing also said he was happy to be part of the second team to compete.

Gimenez said he would focus on nationals on a point-by-point basis.

The ITA National tournament will be held Thursday through Sunday in Mobile, Ala.

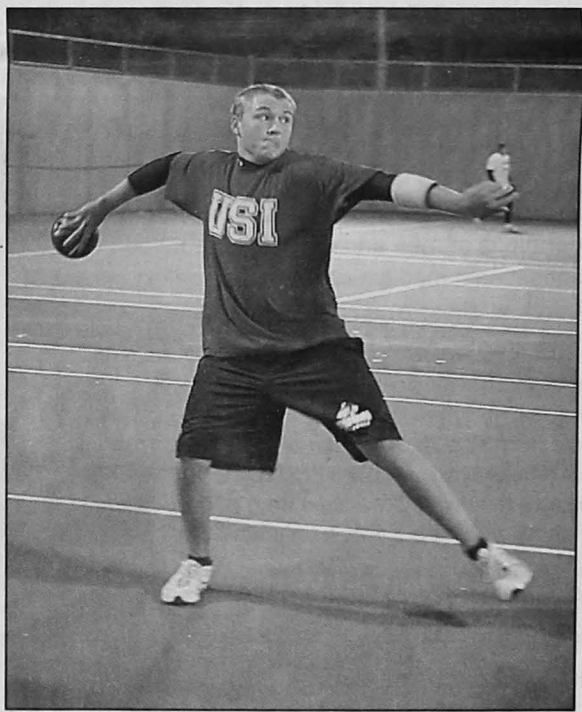


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Joe Ward prepares to launch a ball during the Greek dodgeball game Monday.

Fantasy football failure

By **KELLY MONROE**
Sports editor

Maybe it is because I am a fairly new football fan or the subject never arose, but one sporting event that has eluded me for years is fantasy football.

Quiet honestly, I would not even know where or how to begin, if I ever decided to partake in this event.

The only reason I have even heard of it is because I can recall times when my older brother would call and ask me to update his team for him. I just did whatever he told me, even though I really had no clue what I was doing.

It was even more puzzling when he came home wearing a fantasy football ring one afternoon. He explained that he had won his fantasy football league or whatever him and his friends did that made him

the champion. The ring was basically the type of class ring a person buys in high school, except this one was customized to reflect his championship win.

On occasion, I have even seen people working on their Fantasy Football team during class. Is it really that important to do it right at that second? After all, one of the major reasons for coming to college is to get an education. Last time I checked, a bachelor's degree in fantasy football was not an option.

I have nothing against people who choose to participate in the yearly event. I just think their time could be better spent on something that actually serves a real purpose in life. If nothing else, turn off the computer and go explore the world, or at the very least the expanded Recreation and Fitness Center.

Like I said, it could just be my lack of football knowledge or the fact I never actually took the time to sit down and figure out the purpose of it. I just do not understand the joy of sitting in front of a computer and trying to figure out the best combination of players for a team.

Anyone who would care to enlighten me about why they enjoy fantasy football so much, I would be more than happy to listen and gain a better understanding of this game.

For now, I will continue to stay out of the fantasy football world and take the more traditional approach to supporting my team, which is by watching the games on television.

Editor's note: This article is based on the writer's opinion.

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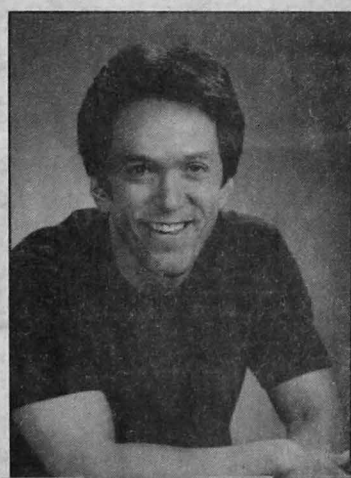
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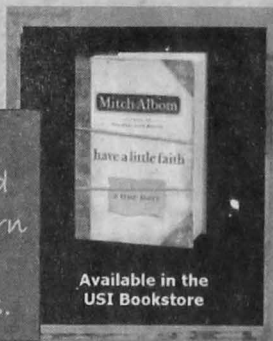


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