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Majestic Place rezoning delayed

Rezoning for Majestic Place, a 195-acre development project proposed for the area worth of USI's campus, will be delayed ntil December.

During the Vanderburgh County Commissioner's meeting on Oct. 13, the commissioners voted 3-0 to delay the zoning decision until the Dec. 8 meeting.

"We've heard a lot (of concerns)," county Commissioner President Troy ornatta said.

The area plan commission sent the proosed development to the county commisoners with a 4-3 go-ahead vote on Sept.

"We voted to send it forward with no recommendation," Janet Greenwell of the Area Plan Commission said.

A study committee that will include

Hahn Realty Corp., property owner Gene Pfeiffer and Tornatta was discussed at the

The study committee will focus on resolving residents' objections to the rezoning needed to build Majestic Place, and the first meeting will be at noon on Saturday in Carter Hall at USI's University Center.

According to Tornatta, Vice President for Business Affairs Mark Rozewski is one of the university representatives slated to

The committee will meet several times before December to discuss Majestic Place. During the meeting, Tornatta praised

West Side community member Stan Blaszczyk on the "work he's done to bring all groups together."

T've worked hard to go from something was concerned about myself, to something I'm concerned about for the commu-

Majestic Place Rezoning

5 p.m. Dec. 8

Civic Center, 1 N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 301

Browning hearing pushed back



Photo by Jimmy Pyles

Browning, pictured with two unidentified women, walks into the court houseOct 7.

By ZACH EVANS

The hearing of ex-Director of Counseling James Browning, 66, has been postponed for

The hearing was originally scheduled for Oct. 7.

Browning's lawyer, Michael Keating, requested a postponed hearing date due to the fact that the state has yet to offer a plea bargain and that the defense is considering a motion to

suppress evidence in the case Browning was arrested with his wife, Sara Browning, 64, on Aug. 26 after police discovered 73 marijuana plants and more than two pounds of processed marijuana at the Browning's residence, located at 8908 School Road in Evansville.

Browning was charged with possession of marijuana, dealing in marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance, all Class D felonies. He was also charged with possession of paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Browning entered a preliminary plea of not guilty.

Browning was terminated from the universi-Sept. 2. He had been placed on unpaid leave following his initial arrest Aug. 26.

Missing Moore

By LANA KUNZ

English composition instructor Don Moore has been replaced in at least three of his five classes without any explanation to his students.

Multiple students confirmed Moore last taught them almost three weeks

"We were told he took a leave of absence for the rest of the semester,' Moore's former English 101 student Beth Elkins said. Ron Mitchell is now teaching Elkins's class.

According to the USI employee handbook, a leave of absence is defined as "any duration from at least five days up to 30 days."

Only after all sick leave and vacation time is used, can an employee take an unpaid personal leave. Human resources and the department head must approve all leaves of absence.

Human resources referred a reporter from WSWI to Cindy Brinker, vice president for government and university relations

"I do not have anything to add at this time," Brinker told *The Shield*.

Patrick Shaw, director of composition, referred inquiries about the matter to Liberal Arts Dean David Glassman, Dean Glassman refused to comment to both Access USI and The Shield.

Two unidentified people spoke to sophomore Chey Nash and the rest of her class on Sept. 29 before a woman took over instruction of the English 201 "They said they did not know any-

thing and (Moore) is taking personal leave," Nash said. Sophomore Hannah Smith said that

her class received a new professor Sept.

Dominic Micer, whom Moore spoke about fondly in his classes according to Smith, took over her English 201 class. "All (Micer) told us is that (Moore)

is on leave and will not be coming back for the rest of the semester," Smith said. According to administrative employ-

ees in the College of Liberal Arts, Moore no longer has an office. When asked to confirm if he was on leave, Moore declined comment.

Exploring Majors Fair to help undecided

By LANA KUNZ Opinion editor

A common dilemma among college students is declaring a major or, in some cases, settling on one

The Exploring Majors Fair will be held on Oct. 22 in Carter Hall in the University Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is meant to inform the undecided students, those thinking about switching majors or looking to add a minor.

"It's a centralized location where students can explore the various majors, Jo Ellen Bush, an academic advisor with the university division, said.

According to the university division Web site, a student must declare a major by the time they earn 62 credit hours.

All colleges will be represented along with many majors, minors and different departments hoping to inform students of services they provide.

According to Bush "The offices that

help students figure out what classes to

His next court date is scheduled at 1 p.m. on

Renovation to the Science Center remains Low key construction will continue and end this summer

By ERIN MILLER pecial to the Shield

Most construction on campus is not only vious to students, it's in the way. cience Center renovation, however, is an ntirely different story.

Renovation at the Science Center has taken ace undercover during the summer terms or three consecutive years. The building is orking toward achieving a new modern look blend more cohesively with the Education enter and Forum Wing that are attached to it.

"We decided to do this process over the ummer simply because it would be least disuptive to the staff and students. We wanted the least amount of traffic as possible," Dean f the Pott College of Science and angineering Scott Gordon said.

The process began dramatically in 2008 hen the third level of the Science Center was ansformed to include much needed office

space for the math department and new labs. Physics, geology and chemistry labs were built along with a \$1.5 million dollar organic chemistry lab Gordon said. Office space was the first priority in the

renovation because we were originally so lim-ited," Gordon said. "When we identified an area on the third floor that could be easily converted into office space, we started there and decided to work our way down."

This previous summer the work continued on the second floor. Students returned to labs with new computers and equipment as well as a prominent glass redesign of the chemistry, biology and physics office.

Student Paul Effinger's biology class was one of the labs renovated.

"We got a bunch of new computer equip-

ment. I want to say it was like \$7,000 a piece and we got about five or six sets. We use it to monitor oxygen consumption and electrical signals from muscles," Effinger said.

During the renovation of the second floor over the summer, asbestos was removed from the floor tile. Gordon said that student and faculty health was never taken lightly

"During the procedure, we did air testing 24/7 to make sure that nothing became airborne. All of the asbestos is going to be removed from the building by the end of the entire process," Gordon said.

With the summer of 2010 brings renovation to the final floor of the process: the first floor. The office and reception area where the biology faculty and staff are housed will be renovated as well as the hallways. One or more laboratories will also be modernized.

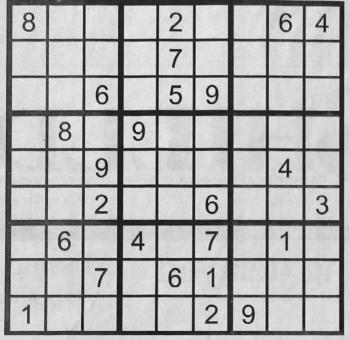
Gordon is "very happy with the process so

"These labs are more user friendly. They have updated technology for our majors to use, more outlets, and quieter hoods and are something we can be proud of," Gordon said.

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All About...

Kyle Marion Bradley

Staff writer

What is your favorite thing about USI?

Seeing all of the new studios being built. And the new gallery (in the basement of the Liberal Arts building), it's awesome.

What is your least favorite thing about USI?

Parking, that's an easy one.

Do you have any hobbies or activities?

Well, I'm an artist. I do sculpture -- non-objective abstract. I like to bicycle, and movie-watching.

Any words of wisdom you'd like to share?

Screw) 'em if they can't take jokes. I just try to take it easy, and it's all a oke. So there's no need to get all uptight.

Would you like to share some advice for freshmen?

Take art classes. It's a good way to learn to see the world in a different

Why do you want to be a teacher?

I want to teach the kids to be able to see the world in that different way, before they get to college.

What's something unexpected about you?

I'm a sucker for a good romantic comedy.



Major: Art Education

Hometown: Newburgh Family: sister, Erin; parents,

Rosalie and Lan

USI Security Incident Log

Oct. 5

11:45 p.m. - 831 Pruis Ln Drug Law Violations. Case was cleared.

9:15 a.m. - 1720 Rochelle Illness Report. Case was cleared.

Oct. 6

4:34 p.m. - Varsity Dr. Suicide Attempt. Case was cleared.

Oct. 7

11:45 p.m. - Physical Activities Center Illness Report. Case was cleared.

7:09 p.m. - 818A Melton Ln

Drug Possesion. Case was cleared.

Oct. 8

10:05 p.m. - 1818 Rochelle Possession of stolen property. Case is pending.

10:19 a.m. - Orr Center Illness Report. Case was cleared.

11:17 p.m. - 1818 Rochelle Sexual Harassment. Case is pending.

12:28 p.m. - Orr Center Drive Trespassing. Case was cleared.

1:16 p.m. - 1220 Rochelle

4:33 p.m. - Orr Center Battery. Case was cleared.

Oct. 9

12:20 p.m. - 1720 Rankin Theft. Case was cleared.

Oct. 10

3:55 p.m. - Orr Center Battery. Case was cleared.

Oct. 11

9:49 a.m. - 924A Eckels Theft. Case is pending.

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

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nity," Blaszczyk said.

Many West Side residents said the delay in planning will be beneficial.

The delay will be helpful. All points of view will be voiced," Karen Wollin, instructor of teacher education at USI,

Wollin attended the meeting because, as a resident of the West Side, she has concerns about the project.

Joe Kiefer of Hahn Realty Corp. said they plan to use the time from the delay to work with residents, members of USI and the county.

"We want to get the right plan in place.

Work with the neighbors and make it a win-win situation for all the parties involved," Kiefer said.

West Side resident Nancy Cates is worried about the traffic on the Lloyd and University Parkway. "(The traffic is) already bad enough

now," Cates said. Mary Naghidi agrees that traffic is bad

near USI and needs to be addressed. 'My biggest concern is all that added traffic on our doorstep," Naghdi, a West Side resident, said.

Kiefer said that neighbors want to make sure the "interchange gets addressed before more traffic is added."

He agrees that the traffic congestion at the Lloyd and University Parkway lead-ing into USI is something that needs to be fixed, but added that it is out of the developers' hands and something the state must address. Kiefer said the intersection needs to be upgraded.

On top of the traffic situation, Naghidi also expressed concern about the mixed development of residential areas and

Travis Flener, a worker at USI's distria good number of empty buildings on the West Side that could be used.

"They wouldn't be empty if there was that much business to be had," Flener

Ann Pickett, a USI alumni that graduated in 2007, shared housing concerns with USI President Linda Bennett. She said that student housing involved in the project is a waste and USI would expand when needed.

According to Kiefer, the developers plan to work closely with the neighbors over the next few months to ensure that Majestic Place will please residents, the USI community and Vanderburgh County.

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USI has

5 Colleges

88 Majors

72 Minors

take and what activities to become involved in," will be in attendance

Representatives will be available at the fair to answer student's questions and give them more information to guide them in their future. Some of this advice will be geared towards what particular career path a major might lead them into.

"A chemistry degree can lead them to pre med, pre dental, among other things," Jeff Seyler, chair of the chemistry department, said.

Many majors can be applied to careers that students would not associate with the major. Other information available will attest to the stability of a career.

"Most professions in healthcare are recession proof," Diane Utley, student activities coordinator for the College of Nursing and Health Professions, said.

Other students may find their ideal major by finding a passion they wish to

Seyler falls into this category.

"I was fascinated by how chemicals did what they did," Seyler said. "I was interested in understanding how things

Seyler will display how the chemical liquid nitrogen and a rubber ball interact at the fair for students with an interest in the subject.

Campus Briefs

Parking Spots in Lot C Reserved for USI's **Presidential** Inauguration

Approximately 375 parking spots will be off limits to the general public from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. today in Lot C, located across from the PAC, for USI President Linda Bennett's inauguration.

Parking spots will be reserved for special guests attending the inauguration.

Employee parking will be available off campus at the old West Side Walmart parking lot, across from the McDonalds on University Drive.

A shuttle will be available to and from the old Walmart lot throughout the day for employees.

The Doorstep Baby, The Babysitter and the Atheists.

The LA Faculty colloquial series will continue with a presentation by Dean David Glassman at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Kleymeyer Hall.

Dean Glassman is an internationally known Forensic Anthropologist.

The presentation is free to attend and will last until 4:45 p.m.

HP Career Expo

USI's Health Professions Career Expo will be held 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday at the University Center.

The event will feature interaction with potential employers for candidates in the health professions field.

The expo is sponsored by Career Services and is free to attend.

IPANEMA Pays a Visit

The Modern and Classical Languages Program will be hosting a Columbus day concert at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the UC's Carter Hall .

The concert will feature a Brazilian band called IPANEMA.

This event is no-cost and open to the public.

RopeWalk Writer's

Poet Brett Eugene Ralph will be reading at 5 p.m. Thursday in Kleymeyer Hall, located in the Liberal Arts Center.

Ralph's recent release "Black Sabbatical" has received rave reviews across the country.

This reading is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by RopeWalk

Safe Trick or Treat Program

Housing and Residence Life, along with the resident assistant staff of Newman and Governors Hall, will be hosting the Safe Trick or Treat program from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 29 in Newman and Governors Halls for children.

McDonald West resident assistants will be offering food and drinks for the children, as well as some games for them to play prior to trick or treating.

Missing professor needs no explaination

By ANDREW FOSTER Staff writer

Students in Don Moore's classes were informed that their instructor, who is an instructor of English, is on leave and will not be teaching for the rest of the semester.

Whenever an adjunct or professor has to leave USI for a personal matter or controversial reason, usually meaning they've been terminated or disciplined, students are usually told that they can't discuss the reason why the instructor won't be teaching the class for the remainder of the semester.

This incident and incidents like it in the past beg the question; what do students deserve to be told about their instructor's abrupt exit?

Let me be clear that I've never been in a class where an instructor had to leave abruptly.

But students in Moore's classes were told nothing as to the reason for Moore not teaching the rest of the

I think in many incidents students feel like they deserve to know what happened to the professor.

They had signed up to be taught by this instructor, had invested significant time into the course and therefore deserve to be told why their education was being disrupt-

That said, I don't think

students have an intrinsic right to know why they will be getting a new instructor in the middle of the semes-

Big picture, you are paying the university to give you a degree. The university tells you what classes you need to take to obtain that degree and will provide an instructor who can properly teach the content.

Your relationship is with the university, not with the professor.

You are paying to learn material and it's the university's job to provide a qualified person to teach that content.

If a person disqualifies themselves from that position then it's the university's job to replace the person so you can learn the content.

I could see situations where students would want to know because they feel their instructor taught the material better than others and essentially gave students more bang for their buck.

But that doesn't change the fact that USI sets codes of conduct for instructors and is the arbiter of whether that code was broken.

We can protest or take our money elsewhere if we feel that code isn't allowing us to receive the best education, but it's really up to the university and the courts to know and decide if that contract was broken.

So as long as we're get-

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ting what we paid for, which is knowledge of that course material, than we have no inherent reason to know what happened to the professor.

And even if we did have a compelling reason to know why a professor is no longer teaching, the implications for describing a personnel matter are too great.

Although I don't understand the legal issues at hand (and at times it seems like USI doesn't either when I've asked for explanation), there are significant consequences for discussing personnel matters with the public.

Besides that, the dangerous precedent has been set that if any employee offers an opinion or any subjective information about an incident, there will be disciplinary actions involved.

An instructor that tells a class that their former instructor won't be teaching has a lot to lose by letting some opinion of the matter slip.

So as much as we would like to know and as bewildering it is to have an instructor change, we really don't have any direct or legitimate reason to know why our professor has left.

We didn't hire him and we never set the terms of his contract, so we have no say in determining whether that contract was fulfilled or broken.

Money buys parking spaces

By LANA KUNZ Opinion editor

Apparently money can buy you almost anything. Turns out it can even buy you a USI parking space. For President Linda Bennett's inauguration, 375 parking spaces in front of the Physical Activities Center will be set-aside for special guests.

In a few words, the kind of guests that donate that lovely green paper into the university's back pocket.

Basically that means if you are at USI on an almost daily frequency, you will not be parking in those spots on the day of her inauguration.

Granted the university thought just enough ahead to realize additional parking will be needed to soften the blow, but it is a small gesture.

The old Wal-Mart parking lot across from McDonald's on the West Side is open to USI employees from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. Two shuttles will arrive at the parking lot at 15-minute intervals to trans-

port employees to campus, and those lucky early birds are lulled into diabetic bliss by coffee and donuts.

Since faculty does not have parking spaces that are explicitly assigned to them, whom does this shindig's theft of spaces affect?

That's right, Jill and Joeblow student.

So even though students pay to go here and in some cases serve as a shining example of what USI can produce, we are not special enough to have parking spaces designated for our visits to campus.

Apparently the green they receive from the student body isn't the correct shade to get some special treatment.

Instead they choose to take away a significant block of one of the most frequently filled parking lots to give donors and other educational bigwigs an idyllic experience at USI, completely devoid of the most common complaint on campus

Let them spend roughly an hour trying to find a parking space, maybe one of them is logical enough to donate some funds for a parking garage.

parking garage.

A parking issue wouldn't even exist for the inauguration ceremony if some simple consideration for the student body was applied to the

planning.

When is the parking lot nearly empty? On the week-

When do most career-oriented individuals have time off? The weekend.

Ding, ding, ding... we have a winner.

By simply planning this event on the weekend, be it Friday, Saturday or Sunday, no additional parking would be needed for the inauguration.

Unless perhaps the planners know something we don't. Perhaps their cars will be loaded down with gold bullion to shower Bennett with at the end of the ceremony.

In that case, I'll volunteer to help clean up after the ceremony.

Protect the First Amendment from Wall Street

By CHANSE FORD Staff writer

In the October 8 edition of *The Shield*, there was an opinion column titled "First Amendment Under Attack."

This article stated that the regulation of donations to political campaigns is a threat to the First Amendment.

Disregarding the idea that books regarding politics should be regulated (which I wholeheartedly agree is absurd), the regulation of campaign contributions is necessary to protect this very freedom.

This guarantees a measure of fairness in the campaign process. How many individuals can compete in terms of quantity donated with large corporations?

Why should those select few that can compete on an individual basis have more voice than the majority of Americans with limited incomes?

The idea that giving large

donate ungodly sums of money so the candidate that leans favorably towards selected issues has a better chance at winning is ridicu-

Shouldn't the interests of the common citizen take higher priority over the interests of a committee of board members at Eli Lilly?

Democracy and the citizen's voice will be completely negated when companies are allowed to outspend everyone out there. It will no longer be a fair representation of public will when the corporate resolve can spend its way to dominance.

Besides, corporations do not deserve the same rights that citizens of the United States have. They will not try to better

the country or help its people.

They are more interested

in filling their pockets.

Even some of the founding fathers saw this greed. Thomas Jefferson said, "Merchants have no country. The mere spot they stand on does not constitute so strong an attachment as that from which they draw their gains."

there is no one that gets more infuriated when First Amendment rights are trampled upon than I do. I whole-heartedly support

Don't get me wrong;

a person's right to voice their opinion and support the candidate of their choice. However, I feel absolutely no obligation to extend

ly no obligation to extend this right to major corporations.

The First Amendment is intended for the people, not greed, to have their voice.

Instead of trying to use

the First Amendment as an excuse for the money swindlers to force their agendas down the country's throat, how about trying to protect the First Amendment from Wall Street.

Obama's Nobel speaks well for America

By ZACH EVANS Staff writer

Last week President Obama was awarded with a Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts at bonding world ties and his message of true diplomacy.

As a citizen of this country, I am honored that our President was given this award.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee said they honored Obama because of his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

President Obama views the award as more a "call to action" rather than a recognition of his own accomplishments.

This award is a symbol of our new country and the direction it is headed in. No longer is our country viewed as it has been for the past decade by the international community.

Many believe that Obama didn't deserve this and that it is too premature in his presidency to say he has achieved anything worthy of such award.

The fact of the matter is they don't just hand out Nobel prizes to anybody nominated; there is a process involved in which every candidate, 205 this year, must be evaluated by the committee until a short list is achieved then a vote is made with the committee shooting for an unanimous decision.

So our President wasn't just given this award.

One could argue against the reasoning of the Nobel committee but I stand to argue that they acted soundly in their judgment.

President Obama is the leader of the free world, the United States of America, a country that is arguably one of the most powerful coun-



tries in the world.

Now consider that our last president's foreign policy consisted of old war hawks sitting in a room trying to figure out what country needs to be invaded next.

Also consider that our previous administration held the stance that climate change isn't occurring, against the general consensus among European countries.

Consider that the world despised Guantanamo Bay, Bush's proposed missile defense strategies in Europe, and the lack of time spent at the negotiating table.

Hugo Chavez even called the man a white devil. His last visit in Iraq ended with shoes being thrown at him.

The American image was tarnished by the Bush doctrine.

Now look at the current administration.

Before Obama was even elected to office, he was already being viewed as a diplomatic figure who would reason and rational-

ize in the global economy. After inaugurated, Obama quickly began to reverse most of the Bush doctrine; he swiftly began closing Guantanamo Bay, he has sat face to face with most world leaders and discussed policy like civil human beings, he has spoken to the international community not from a pedestal looking down upon them but as equals reaffirming that not all hope is lost in this world.

Essentially what this President is doing is rebuilding the burnt bridges

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destroyed and this Peace Prize is the world saying thank you.

President Obama has completely altered the political perception and appearance America has had this past decade.

That is why President

Obama deserves this award; for realizing that more can be gained for this country by improving the level of respect between the United States and other countries and by simply listening to what other world leaders have to say.

I'm glad President Obama is humbled by the award and is not blinded by hubris and I hope he utilizes this momentum and continues to improve the American image.

This award is a token from the world that they believe not only in Barack Obama but also in us, the American people.

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USI students showcase talents in Live at the Apollo

By CLARE PRATT

The lights went down in Carter Hall. The nany students and parents hurried to their leats, or down the aisles. There was much oushing to get through, or to find a good spot as the doors shut and the audience began to quiet. The music that had been playing steadily slowly fades away. Then, Live at the Apollo, one of USIs most notable traditions, started with a bang.

Live at the Apollo, which is held every year in Carter Hall on the Saturday of parents weekend, is a time honored tradition where students get to show their stuff, performing dances, songs, speeches, and everything in between. The performers are judged in categories depending on what their talent is, making sure a dance team doesn't end up competing against a flute player. The audience is made up of parents and students alike, many of whom come dressed to kill in dresses, heels, and tuxes. Others just come in whatever they had on the rest of the day. Also stopping by are alumni, faculty, and even some non-USI affiliates who just want to watch a good show. And you can always count on Live at the Apollo to put on a good show. Even with a few kinks to work out, its one of the highlights of the school year. How did this year measure up? Well, let's do a

The event started with our hosts/MCs, host of the USI talk show "Nothing but the Truth" "Big Baby" Coles, and local DJ "Nikky B" trying to get the crowd pumped up and ready for the show. They spent the night keeping the show moving, and trying to keep the crowd interested. I have nothing but respect for anyone trying to keep the attention of a crowd, especially when the crowd tended to sporadically die and then come back with a vengeance. No one could deny they had plenty of charisma and worked well together. After the opener, they announced the first contestant, Shawn Shoptaugh, a talented guitarist. This all went off without a hitch. He was followed (after some more MC banter) by Ariana Beedie, who gave an impassioned reading of a poem called "Still I Rise," to much crowd ing him to improvise. Sound problems continued to plague the event for the rest of the night. In fact, it became almost as amusing as the event its self. "Will the microphone work? Will the music turn on? Tune in and find out folks." It made things even harder



Contestants from Live at the Apollo congratulate one another after the winners were

approval. This pattern continued, with energetic dancers Claudia and Teresa, followed by Angelique Franklin, who gave a fantastic rendition of "Hero", and then comedian Gaven Eddings, a crowd favorite who has done a number of performances on campus. That's when the problems started. All night long, the microphones had been going on and off at seemingly random times making things hard for both the MCs and the performers. Near the end of Eddings comedy routine, the microphones just went off, caus-

for the MCs, who started having trouble connecting with the crowd simply due to the fact that you could hardly hear. And then it got worse. After Fetish(a two girl dance group who gave one hell of a MC Hammer impression) finished(and yet more MC bantering) Zach Watson came on stage, and did a "Devil Sticks" performance, which was basically a really cool performance art/baton twirl/dance all set to music. Unfortunately, the music went off after the two minute mark of his four minute act. Watson was

(understandably) not at all happy about his time getting cut off, and stayed on stage, yelling that he didn't get his time. No one was really sure what was going on or if it was scripted or what, Watson finally closed off his act, and the show went on. Despite these technical difficulties, the show continued. Watson was followed by impassioned country singer Christina Taylor, and charismatic rapper B-REMZ.

After intermission, we had Magic Man Matt Grisham, who made his girlfriend Ashley Burke disappear(don't worry, she came back), flashy rapper T.Val, a speech by Chris McGee, singers Chekinah and Elizabeth, crowd favorite poet Donald Thomas, dancer The Vessel, rap duo Unkle Sam and Andrew Carter, singer/guitarist Theo, and finally dance group X Clusive, who caused the whole audience to literally mob the stage.

Finally, the winners were announced. However, there were problems here too. As soon as X Clusive finished, people started streaming out the doors, including the contestants. Half the winners didn't even go to the stage when they won! It was more than a little confusing trying to figure out who won, what category they were in, and what who was winning what. Even the MCs and contestants looked confused. Worse, Nikki B didn't even know how to pronounce some of the contestant's names.

Well, even though the night didn't go on without a hitch, it was defiantly entertaining. The main problems can be traced back to the music and microphones making things difficult, some rather tiresome banter between acts, and some of the crowd getting a bit too excited(its parents weekend people, let's keep it clean) and at time, a bit rude. However, this did not distract from the incredible amount of talent, entertainment, and class shown by the performers at Live at the Apollo.

A trip of a lifetime: Spending spring break on the Nile

Student Life editor

quick recap, shall we?

Ask any student where they are going for spring break and you will get the usual answers. Some will be heading to Florida, maybe some to Texas or Tennessee and some students will just take the week off to go back home. If those destinations don't excite you, or perhaps you are just looking for something a little more exotic than Panama City Beach then you're in luck. Margaret Skoglund, associate professor of

art, has been putting together trips to different locations for students, faculty and community members for years. Past trips have included locations to Morocco and many different locations in Europe, while this past summer Skoglund and a group went to Greece. This year's trip isn't heading to Europe, however. This year it is heading to the African continent and the country of Egypt. "I like taking students to places they might not go," Skoglund said, "I hope that when the students go on these trips they become global citizens and get to see

ancient art and architecture." A global citizen, according to Skoglund, is someone that gets to see the world and have rich experiences in the process. The trip isn't just for USI art majors however, "The trip is open to everyone from students to faculty, even family members and members of the community are encouraged to come along." Skoglund said, "Of course we get preference to stu-dents at USI, but after that it is open to any-one wanting to come." Those that take the trip will get to visit cities like Cairo and Luxor while seeing sights such as an Islamic

Art Museum, The Valley of the Queens and the Giza Pyramids and Sphinx. The trip, which needs a \$500 deposit by Nov. 20 and to be paid in full by the middle of January, starts on March 5 and ends nine days later on the 14th. If more people sign up to go then the trip will be less expensive for the entire group. If you are interested in signing up for the trip, or just wanting to know more about it, contact Professor Skoglund at skoglund@usi.edu.

Medieval Studies Forum gives students and faculty a window to the past

By KIM STURGILL

The Medieval Studies Forum launched its first presentation of the year on Sept. 30 in the choir room located in the basement of the Liberal Arts Center. "The USI Medieval

Studies Forum is a monthly meeting where faculty, staff and students can gather in a friendly and informal environment to share their interests in medieval topics ... and generally learn more about, the medieval world," according to a distributed

The Forum was first created in fall 2006 by Elizabeth Passmore, assistant professor of English, hoped to inspire more interest in the world's past.

There are usually seven events a year, one or two of which are presented by USI dents and then other presentations from outside sources as well.

Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music, gave a presentation (with the help of some students from choir) about sacred and profane medieval music, specifically the Gregorian Chant and a few other selections.

He demonstrated bits of this chant and other forms of music with the help of students and various instruments. This was the first presentation Craig was asked to give, and he was delighted to describe to the audience what he referred to as "a sophisticated show and tell."

The next presentation will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 28.

Dan Scavone, of the USI history department, will discuss "Emeritus:

Location to be decided. For more information, contact Passmore at epassmore@usi.edu or check out the Forum's new Facebook site, Medieval Studies Forum.

Also, for those students interested in learning even more about the Middle Ages, now's your chance to join the new student medieval organization, "Medieval Geeks" (also on Facebook). To get in touch with club members, contact Passmore or the club president Bonnie Hobgood (Bonnie Jean Bonnie Facebook). is a sophomore, English major, and welcomes any and all students who wish to participate in the club. The dates and location of club meetings have yet to be decided.

Austrian Death Machine and Paramore albums catchy and worth a listen

By HEATH KLUEMPER Staff writer

> **Austrian Death Machine** "Double Brutal"

This second album that is made entirely by As I Lay Dying frontman Tim Lambesis is just as good as the debut, "Total Brutal," satirizing a certain Predator-killer turned Governator to the max, only this time, it's double the discs, double the metal, and dou-Ahhhnuld. the

The first disc contains original material, all putting some of the best lines that the Running Man has ever spoken into lyrics that exude awesomeness. Tracks like "I Need Your Clothes, Your Boots, and Your Motorcycle, and "Conan, What is Best in Life?" are about the most testosterone driven, representations of what you'd expect from the Eraser if he made metal music.

The second disc is full of covers, "brutalizing" the likes of Agnostic Front, The Misfits, Motorhead and many more. The true highlight, however, is the 40-second cover of the T2 theme song.

Talk about a man's delight. You might just need to lift some weights, punch an someone in the face, or blow something up before,

during and after listening to this album.

Rating-8/10

Paramore "Brand New Eyes"

I'll be honest. I'm a little embarrassed that I'm writing this. I'm a 21 year old man who is about to expose a very guilty plea ure of mine-yes, I actually enjoyed the newest album from Paramore.

Maybe it's because I had to give respect to them for covering a snippet of Refused on the closing track of their last album, maybe it's because Hayley Williams has got one sexy hardcore voice on the new Set Your Goals Album, or maybe it's because the aforementioned scene-queen is dating the guitarist of my favorite band (that'd be a nice name-drop for you, New Found Glory), but the truth is I'm not sure why I even decided to give this album a listen.

I am, however, shockingly glad that I did.
The musicianship is quite solid, the vocals are very well controlled, and, damnit, the songs are just so damn catchy.

Rating-7/10

Jane Brody:

"I've been a crusader for

years, four decades to be

good health for many, many

Jane Brody

By: MAX ROLL Staff writer

At barely 5 feet tall, Jane Brody appears to be a sweet, unassuming little lady, but her words reverberate with powerful connotations of important social issues.

The New York Times health columnist recently spoke at USI on what she referred to as a "practical primer" for end of life

Even before her speech, she was orchestrating the audience to sit closer so they could see the illustrations on the Power Point, showing her true caring nature.

The majority of the speech focused on sensitive subjects such as hospice and palliative care. Brody believes it is her duty to help Americans prepare for these situations she feels some people have a hard time talk-

ing about.
"I feel I have an important message I have to get out to Americans," she said. "We have to come to terms with the fact that life does not go on forever, and how to deal properly with the end of life in a way that is reasonably comfortable with everybody with the family, the patients and the physicians."

Brody feels she has a mission to help others with living and sustaining healthy lifestyles and preparing for the difficult issues surrounding end-of-life care. "I've been a

crusader for good health for many, many years, four decades to be exact," she said. Brody said ter-

often patients receive health care that is too aggressive order to prolong life and the quali-

ty of life is over-looked. She also places emphasis on a physician's ability to provide spiritual sup-port to the patient even after treatment has

"Hospice's assure patients they won't be abandoned by their health care provider," Brody said. "When patients feel abandoned,

exact."

death seems more harsh and creates fear for them.'

The average stay under hospice care is 18 days, and people often wait too long before checking terminally ill loved ones into hoscare, she

said

Brody's speech was humorous with satirical cartoons depicting post-mortem situations such as how to create a will and preparing for a funeral. Brody insists on creating wills ahead of time and making

sure your family knows how you want to be

handled after you die. The speech was all part of a collaboration between the USI Health Services, Vista Care Hospice, and the Evansville Public Library. This is the third year an end-of-life speaker has visited the community.

"End-of-life issues affect everyone per-sonally at some point in their life," said Kevin Valadares, director of health services as USI. "The speeches are designed to keep people informed and help them prepare for the inevitable.

Valadares stumbled upon one of Brody's weekly health columns in The New York Times and was captivated by what he read. Valadares chose Brody to come speak at USI because "end-of-life issues

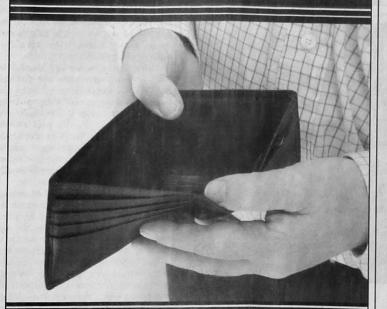
been discussed in the health care debates."

The funds used to hire speakers like Brody come from Evelyn and Leonard Lottes, who were patients of Vista Care hos-pice. They donated the money to help spread the word of hospice care to the nation.

Executive Director of Vista Care Hospice Laura Beck said she understands the importance of spreading the message

"I think it's more important than most people think," Beck said. "A lot of people refuse to prepare or even talk about end-oflife issues before it's too late, it's our goal to educate people how to handle these mat-

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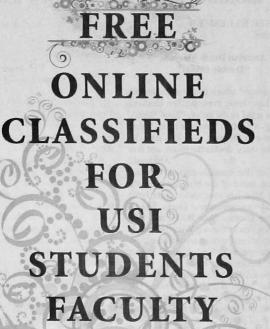


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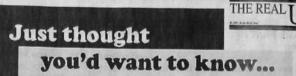
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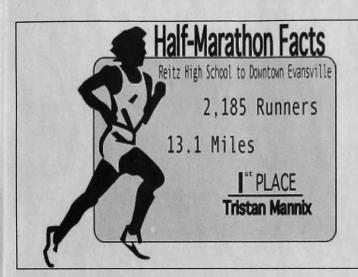
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The half marathon diary



Photo by Brittany Goshert

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.



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

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 sta-tus, "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

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 halfmarathon. 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, done!" "You're almost

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 min-

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

By KELLY MONROE Sports editor

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

Junior Joseph Boesing 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 clenched the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional title.

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

Brothers Joe and Jarrod Epkey won the first title in

"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 USI Information.

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

They moved on to compete in the regional tournament, which was held Sept. 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.

Monday's Following practice, "just win it" was both players' goal for nation-

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 tourna-

ment will be held Thursday through Sunday in Mobile,

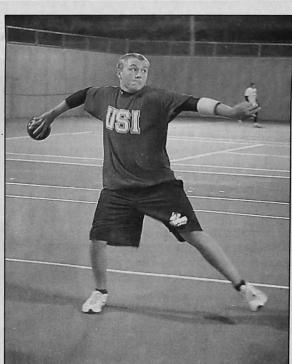


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Joe Ward prepares to launch a ball during the Greek dodgeball game Monday.

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. 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.

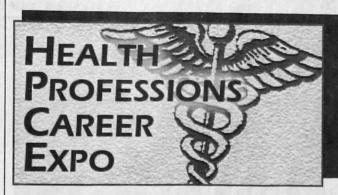
I have nothing against people who choose to participate in the yearly event. just think their time could be better spent on something that actually serves a real purpose in life. If nothing else, turn off the computer and go explore the world, or at the very least the expanded Recreation and Fitness

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

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

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 opin-



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