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Mentor program kicks off new year

USI students accompany children for College Mentors for Kids

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Special to the Shield

USI's chapter of the College Mentors for Kids program kicked off this year's program Oct. 9 at John M. Culver Elementary School in Evansville, according to Herman Thomas Jr., USI program advisor. Thomas said that it is not as intimidating for the children to meet their mentors for the first time somewhere where the children are comfortable.

USI mentor Amanda Konrad said the mentors performed skits for the kids to help the kids become more comfortable with them. She also said the kids were scared at first, but the skits were interactive and by the end the kids were all getting involved.

College Mentors for Kids, Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Indianapolis. The program builds one-on-one relationships between elementary students and college mentors.

The children meet with their mentors every Tuesday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Carter Hall to participate in an activity that relates to one of three topics—culture and diversity, higher education and community service.

"Different cultures, like people, African American, and Asian," said second grade student Ja'Leig Saab about diversity. Saab said culture was family. According to USI's Web site, the children can see a different view of the world and their place in it, and they can find new opportunities for themselves.

For a community service activity last year the children, with the help of their mentors, made Christmas cards for soldiers. The cards were given to the National Guard, which used them as place cards for its Christmas party, Thomas said. The mentors explained who the cards were for and why it was important to make them, Thomas said.

Each college student is paired with an elementary student to create a "buddy pair." The buddies meet weekly for an activity on campus.

"It gives the kids a flavor of what college life is like," Thomas said. A typical day for the mentors and children includes coming in,



Amanda Konrad and Ariyonna Johnsons spend time making a craft during a weekly meeting of the College Mentors for Kids program. USI's College Mentors for Kids chapter started this year's program Oct. 9 at John M. Culver Elementary School in Evansville.

Photo courtesy of Amanda Parkhill

having a snack, answering the college question of the week, reading a book of the week, an activity from the topic of the week, reviewing the college question of the week, writing in a journal, cleaning up and going back to the busses, Thomas said. The program is 80 percent educational and 20 percent recreational. The college question of the week gives the child a chance to learn about college, according to USI's college mentors Web site. The program exposes the children to higher education, arts, different cultures and community service.

The kids were met by their mentors October 16th at the bus stop on campus. After greeting each other, they walked to Carter Hall. While the kids were having

a snack they talked with their mentors. The group was separated by class for the book of the week. After a mentor read a book to the classes it was time for the activity. Each class group went to different buildings on campus to learn about the buildings and what goes on there. The kids were asked a question at each building and were given a bead. They made necklaces or bracelets with the beads when they met back at Carter Hall.

"It's not just fun based it's also educational," Konrad said. She said it is fun to see how much the kids learn and enjoy themselves. "The USI students and staff do an excellent job of really mentoring the children," said Aaron Huff, after school program administrator at Culver Element-

ary School. Huff said he has seen improvements in the students that participate in after school programs. He said this program reaches beyond academics, and impacts the child as a whole. Huff said he and the teachers at the school pick the students that they think would be a great fit for the program. Huff said they pick students that are well behaved, well mannered, with good attendance and who show the need for a mentor. He then recommends the program to the parents of those students.

"Generally, parents are thrilled that their child has been selected to be a part of this program," Huff said. He said in the five years experience he has had with the program he has yet to have a parent tell him they were dissatisfied with it. Huff said it is difficult to get the students and parents committed to different things, but this program "breaks the mold."

He said he has many families that are so committed that he has sent many brothers and sisters through the program. "That right there speaks volumes on how parents feel about the program," Huff said.

"The kids really love the program, especially after being in it for one year. They can't wait until it starts back up the next year," Huff said. New students are sometimes anxious about starting the program, while other students are very excited starting the program.

Second grade student Elijah Hardin said he enjoys the program. This is Hardin's second year as a little buddy. He said it has helped him become less shy. Hardin said he can draw and likes art but wants to be a doctor when he grows up. He said he wants to go to USI for Pre-Med.

"I want to be a lifeguard, cause I like to swim," said first grade student Travis Lowe. Most of the other first grade students said they want to be teachers.

The children being mentored are not the only ones affected by the program. The mentors are affected as well. Thomas said a survey is given to the mentors at the end of each year. Thomas said the survey indicates the mentors feel like they are part of a home, gain a sense of purpose and learn about diversity.

"How they help kids want to come to college," said USI elementary education student Ashley Melton. She heard about the program through her friend's roommate. She wanted to be involved in the program to gain experience with kids. This is Melton's second year in the program. She said she saw a positive change in her little buddy last year. She said he only wanted to be a football player at the beginning of the program last year, but by the end of the year he wanted to go to college.

Thomas said they try to match first graders with college freshman so they will have the same mentor for four years until they graduate from the program in the fourth grade. After the child graduates from the program, the child and the mentor have the option of continuing contact through Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Thomas said.

Thomas said parents do not get involved with the program until the end of the year. They are given a survey about how the program has helped their child, Thomas said. He said there is a banquet every April where the entire family of the child attends.

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Water main break hits campus, USI students left without water

By TIFFANY LAMPERT
The Shield staff

A water main break occurred on Upper Mount Vernon Rd, causing the entire west side of Evansville to be without water, on Wednesday evening, October 17.

It was owned by the local water utility, not the university, according to Mark Rozewski, vice president of business affairs, so the university had no control over the situation.

"We have no idea (why it broke), and we didn't fix it because USI doesn't own it," Rozewski said.

USI had to accommodate the situation by opening doors for air circulation, closing restrooms on certain floors and transporting water to university buildings.

"We arranged for the Physical Plant staff to bring water into the buildings so toilets wouldn't back up," said Rozewski. "We had to wait for the water pressure to return to some level before we could turn the water back on."

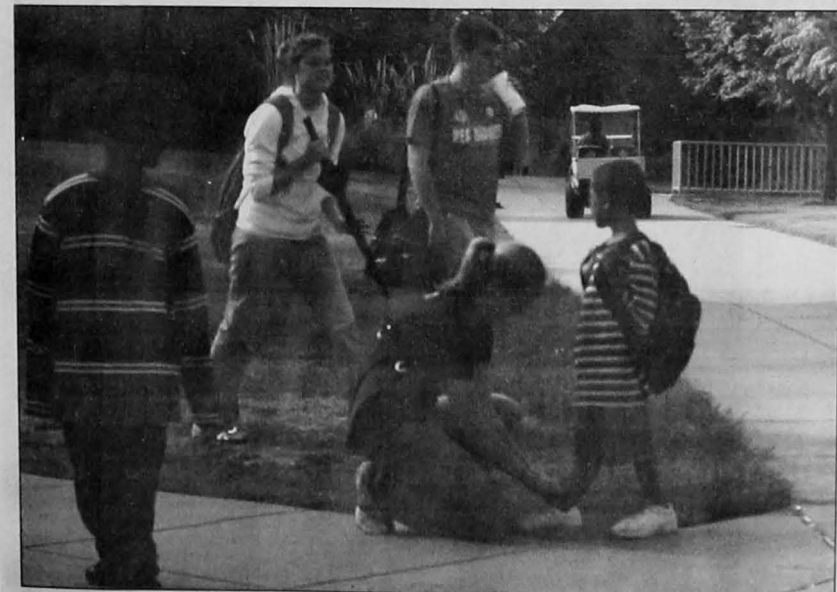
The custodian and grounds crew worked to keep the restrooms as acceptable as possible by supplying each building with several workers, said Darryl Sandage, second shift lead custodian.

"We went down to the main tank, filled 50 gallon drums and carried them on golf carts. We put the water in brutes (portable trash receptacles) and wheeled them around to the restrooms," Sandage said. "That was the only way we could do it, and whether there were students here or not, the support staff would have still worked."

Sandage said USI even brought in a contractor to flush toilets. The custodians, grounds crew and maintenance workers contributed to make the conditions tolerable.

"I had several students say, 'you guys are doing a great job,'

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One college mentor helps her buddy tie his shoe during a regular weekly meeting. The mentors first met their kids Oct. 16 at the bus stop bordering the Orr Center. From there, they walked to Carter Hall and began to interact with each other

Photo courtesy of Amanda Parkhill

USI student earns Athena Award

By KYLE KNIGHT
The Shield staff

Last Thursday Julie Mehringer received the Athena Scholarship presented yearly by the Athena Awards Committee. The recipient of the scholarship must display "excellence, creativity and initiative in both academics and while fulfilling responsibilities in student associations," and provide "valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in her school and community." Mehringer double majors in Marketing and Advertising, and serves as President for the USI chapter of Habit for Humanity. "Julie's passion for organizations such as Habit for Humanity exhibits her

desire to make the world a better place," said Nancy Bizel, Coordinator of External Relations and Instructor at the College of Business.

Bizel never had Mehringer as a student, but she came to Bizel's attention after a colleague recommended her because of her reliability and organizational skills. When Mehringer started working as Bizel's assistant during her sophomore year, Bizel felt Mehringer possessed uncertainty. Bizel recommended Mehringer attend a breakfast with 20 other students and a corporate CEO. Once Mehringer returned, Bizel asked her if she entered a conversation with anyone and Mehringer had not. Bizel reminded Mehringer that she had an audi-

ence with a CEO and did not interact. From then on, Bizel noticed a change in Mehringer and watched her ambition bloom.

"I owe Bizel a lot," said Mehringer. "Over two and a half years she has helped me branch out."

This motivation also spread to other students that look up to Mehringer. "Her unwavering dedication to bettering herself to become a contributing member to society... also set an example for others to follow," said Bizel. Mehringer also belongs to the campus organization, toastmasters, where an older nontraditional student asked her to act as a mentor. The woman asked Mehringer not through a campus program, but because of the characteristics

she exemplified. "She chose Julie because Julie represents what she wants to become," said Bizel.

Mehringer efforts in the community began back home working at the food bank in Jasper. When she arrived her first year, she wanted to continue her efforts in helping the community. "During welcome week I went to a meeting for Habit for Humanity which was a motivating factor," said Mehringer. Currently she works as Habit's president whose goals consist of gaining a \$10,000 grant from State Farm. "At the moment we are working on a national grant which will allow us to build a house in the community with USI's name," said Mehringer.

Not only does Mehringer serve as Habit's president, but her

involvement extends to vice president of marketing club last year and Toastmasters for over three years.

All the characteristics embodied by Mehringer serve as the reason the committee selected her for the scholarship. This year marks the first time all three local university's received a scholarship. In the past, the committee could only award one scholarship a year. Each year, the committee selected a school alphabetically, Ivy Tech went first, followed by USI.

"We want the university to select outstanding women who help other female students," said Jan Davies, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Raintree Council and long-term member of the Athena

Committee. Each college at USI selects a representative which results in the university selecting one student to receive the scholarship.

Mehringer first found out about the award from a fellow nominee who told her congratulations. "It couldn't believe it, I had to call to make sure it was true," said Mehringer.

Mehringer plans include earning the \$10,000 grant from State Farm and to continue working for the Evansville community, involvement with a nonprofit organization. Meanwhile, Mehringer the thrill of receiving the Athena award bestows feelings of elation for Mehringer. "This has made me feel proud and I am honored to receive this award."

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The mentor sits with the family of the child they mentored throughout the year, and the fourth graders graduating from the program wear a cap and gown, Thomas said.

College Mentors for Kids was founded by Indiana University undergraduate students Heidi Schmidt and Kristin Huang in 1995, after they found a gap in services available to elementary students. They developed a program aimed at first- through fourth-grade at-risk children. The USI chapter was founded in 2000. "Children involved in college mentors gain an improved sense of self-worth, a vision for their future that includes higher education and an increased interest and commitment to education," said Laura Feldman, associate development director for the program headquarters in Indianapolis. She said the children being mentored build close and special relationships to their mentors.

Feldman joined college mentors as an AmeriCorps VISTA, a

program that offers full-time support to non-profit, faith based and other community organization. Feldman said she thought the program was unique and moved to Indiana as a volunteer to serve a one-year term. Feldman stayed at college mentors after her one-year term ended as an associate program director. Feldman said she has been able to work closely with the chapters and learn about the program's operations first-hand.

Nineteen colleges in Indiana and one in Illinois participate in the program. There are 700 children and 27 elementary schools participating in the program. The Illinois chapter was started after a Purdue University student transferred to Illinois State University in 2004. Feldman said the program's board of directors approved the out-of-state expansion. Feldman said the board has since approved further expansion outside of Indiana. Chapters will be starting in bordering cities and states within the next two years.

"We need an interested stu-

dent to take the lead in bringing it to their campus and generating a core group of student leaders," Feldman said. A university is a good candidate for a chapter if it has a culture oriented toward community service, the ability to have student organizations, supportive university administrators, a community that has the need for the mentor program and the desire to bring it to the community.

"The greatest lesson I learned from my little buddy was patience and persistence," said Emily Reid, associate program director for the program headquarters. Reid said the child she was mentoring did not understand the importance of education when she first joined college mentors. She enjoyed the program but would comment that school was stupid. "I always shared with her why I was going to IU and what I wanted to do when I graduated," Reid said. As time passed she saw the child she was mentoring begin to change. The child became more involved with the activities and began to show more interest in the topics being taught. "By the end of the

year, my little buddy was telling me that she was going to go to IU so that she could be a teacher when she grew up," Reid said.

Reid was a mentor of a little girl for two years and a member of the chapter staff for one year while she was a student at Indiana University. Reid said it was because of her experience as a staff member during her senior year that she realized she was interested in pursuing a career in the non-profit sector. Reid said she saw the direct impact on not only the children but the college students themselves.

The program welcomes USI students of all cultures, races and backgrounds as mentors. Thomas said he looks for students that have a genuine interest in children, are willing to learn from the children and are committed to the program. Mentors must be available every Tuesday and commit to the program for one year.

For more information about becoming a mentor visit the USI Web Site at <www.usi.edu/mcc/mentors.asp> or contact Herman Thomas Jr. at 812-465-7188.

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and we really appreciate it," We did what we had to do," Sandage said. "We were just lucky it wasn't cold and rainy."

The support staff continued to transport water and flush toilets throughout the day, but whether or not the university should have been closed or not, questions developed due to sanitation problems.

"A lot of our equipment uses water, and we couldn't make or rinse anything. Sodexo was able to supply hot meals, safely, but unfortunately Starbucks was closed," said Paul Keller, night

supervisor at the university's Starbucks.

One custodian suggested that the university could have provided bottles of hand sanitizer for each restroom.

The president of the university determines whether or not to close the university.

"It was certainly discussed, but we thought it was important to continue with our instructional mission," Rozewski said.

The repair was completed by mid-afternoon Thursday; however Evansville areas were still under a boil advisory until the weekend.

New obesity ads are too soft on fat

ATLANTA (AP) — Drunks swimming in gin, smokers in body bags and dopers living with their parents deep into adulthood. Those are among the public service ads shown in the past.

But the government's new batch of obesity spots declines even to show a fat person, let alone wag a finger for gluttony or sloth. No one is advocating public service announcements that ridicule fat people.

"It's so namby-pamby I think people will shrug it off," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based advocacy organization.

The three new spots are the latest in a series created by the Ad Council and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which try to tackle the nation's obesity problem with ads that encourage healthy snacking and taking the stairs.

Creators of the "Small Steps" campaign, funded by the government at more than \$1.5 million a year, cite survey data for 467 adults which showed those who saw the ads did more walking and adopted some other healthy habits than those who didn't see the ads.

But critics say such a survey is hardly proof of success, and the

nation's fat problem is clearly getting worse — more than one in three U.S. children are overweight or obese, and two in three adults are.

"I think 'Small Steps' is a euphemism for small vision," said Kelly Brownell, director of Yale University's Center for Eating and Weight Disorders.

The "Small Steps" campaign began in 2004. It was created for free by McCann Erickson New York, the ad agency that created the MasterCard "Priceless" campaign. Six TV spots have aired so far, all professionally produced and humorous, highlighting tips to healthier living.

This month, three more spots joined the rotation, along with a multimedia campaign focusing on exercise. The new anti-obesity TV spots show trim or slightly pudgy people noticing blobs of fat on a hotel room floor or in a theater. They comment that someone must have lost it by eating healthy snacks.

The spots' creators say they learned in focus groups that many people are intimidated — hopeless, even — about the sustained changes needed to slim down.

"So many people, when they think about losing weight, see it as a Sisyphean task — 'I have to lose

weight but I can't fit it into my busy schedule,'" said Peggy Conlon, president of the Ad Council.

The ads offer easily achievable tips that empower people to make positive changes, she added.

The ads targeting smoking aren't as tame. A recent one by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shows smokers' decayed and tumored bodies.

Young viewers pay more attention to ads that evoke feelings of personal loss, sadness, anger, disgust or fear, according to an analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Kids also tend to remember such ads longer.

That drama is lacking in the obesity spots — for example, none have offered a surgeon's view of fat, or dramatized a death from Type 2 diabetes, or shown a person complaining about how a fat neighbor's medical bills are costing taxpayers.

In the past, the vegan advocacy group, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, has taken a somewhat confrontational approach.

In 2005, the group put out a spot in which doctors yank a pizza and jumbo-sized soda away from an intently eating fat boy and toss

him an apple. They put out another in which the same doctors haul away fatty foods from a restaurant called Chubby's.

The group has no data on whether the ads are working, but the government ads "don't address the obesity problem in a vivid enough way to get people's attention," said Patrick Sullivan, the group's communications director.

That raises a second complaint with the government's campaign: It sidesteps what some feel are the real causes of the obesity epidemic, the abundance of cheap and large portions of sugary and high-calorie foods.

Tied in with the "Small Steps" campaign, the Ad Council and federal health department are part of the "Coalition for Healthy Children," whose members include Coca Cola, PepsiCo, the Hershey Co. and the National Confectioners Association. Critics say the partnership suggests a conflict of interest that might dissuade efforts to discourage soft drinks or candy bars.

Food and soda companies did not alter what was said in spots, said Ellyn Fisher, an Ad Council spokeswoman. The content was shaped by advertising research, concluding spots that were humorous and motivating, she said.

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Friday, October 26, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY
University Center (Room 015)
Last day to drop or withdraw without evaluation
8:00 AM- 4:30 PM
Office of the Registrar
Liberal Arts Colloquium: Dr. David Jones
3:30 PM
Kleymeyer Hall
She Stoops to Conquer
7:30 PM

Mallette Studio Theatre
Freaky Friday in the University Center
8:00-11:00 PM
University Center (Carter Hall)
Moving From Reactive to Proactive Maintenance
8:30-4:30 PM

University Conference Center (Room 201)

Saturday, October 27, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY
University Center (Room 015)
Ten Most Endangered Sites Tour
8:00-11:00 AM
Solarbron Pointe, 1501 McDowell Road
Southern Hospitality Day
8:30 AM- 2:00 PM
Carter Hall

A Walk into the Past
10:00 AM- 6:00 PM
Historic Sites throughout New Harmony
The Truth about Self-Publication
1:00-4:00 PM

University Center (Room 206)

Screenwriting for the Movies
6:00-9:00 PM

University Center (Room 206)

The Crucible
7:30 PM

Mallette Studio Theatre

Sunday, October 28, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY

University Center (Room 015)

Creating Your Novel
9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

University Center (Room 206)

The Crucible
7:30 PM

Mallette Studio Theatre

Monday, October 29, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY

University Center (Room 015)

ABF Freight System, Inc. Recruiting Day
9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Room 074)

Managing People: A How-To Approach For Increasing Loyalty,
Retention and Productivity in your Workforce
6:00- 9:00 PM

University Conference Center (Room 201)

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY

University Center (Room 015)

OSHA Standards for General Industry
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

University Conference Center (Room 201)

What is your Test Taking IQ?
4:00-4:45 PM

Education Center (Room ED 1102)

Toastmasters Meeting
4:30-5:30 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Room 2011)

USI Volleyball hosts Oakland City University
7:00 PM

Physical Activities Center

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY

University Center (Room 015)

Activities Programming Board Meeting
4:30- 5:15 PM

University Center (Room 203-204)

SPECTRUM Meeting
9:00-10:00 PM

David L. Rice Library (Room 0012)

Thursday, November 1, 2007

AMIGO Applications Available
ALL DAY

University Center (Room 015)

Andiamo Al'Italia
6:30- 8:30 PM

Rice Library (Room 0034)

Comedian: Juston McKinney
7:00 PM

Mitchell Auditorium

The Crucible
7:30 PM

Mallette Studio Theatre

College tuition on the rise

(AP)—The price of college again rose faster than the inflation rate this year, climbing 6.6 percent at four-year public schools and outstripping increases in the financial aid that lowers what most students actually pay.

The latest increases, reported Monday by the College Board, bring the average list price of four-year public universities to \$6,185 this year, up \$381 from 2006-2007. At four-year private colleges, tuition and fees rose 6.3 percent to \$23,712.

Public two-year colleges — which educate about half of American college students — again got the best marks for keeping a lid on price increases. Their average price rose 4.2 percent to \$2,361. Accounting for aid, their average net cost is only \$320 per year.

"For too long, parents have grimaced and borne the high price of college because they presumed that a higher education is key to their child's success in today's economy," said James Boyle, president of the group College Parents of America, in a statement on the report. "Surely, the day will come — soon — when parents say enough is enough."

The published price is not the real price for many students,

thanks to financial aid, but the net price is rising too. On average, accounting for grants and tax breaks, the net price for full-time students at four-year public universities this year is \$2,580. That's about \$160 more than last year.

At private colleges, net cost this year averages \$14,400 — up \$638 from a year ago.

To make up the difference, students typically borrow as much as allowed from the federal government, but then turn to private student loans. A decade ago, non-federal loans accounted for about 6 percent of student aid, but last year they were 24 percent.

The rate of growth in private borrowing slowed last year. But that was at least partly because of new rules allowing graduates students to take out PLUS loans from the federal government, reducing their need for private loans. For undergraduates, private borrowing still rose 12 percent to \$14.5 billion.

Including room and board for students living on campus, charges for public four-year colleges were \$13,589, or 5.9 percent higher than last year. At private four-year schools, average total charges come to \$32,307.

George Washington Univer-

sity in Washington, D.C. recently attracted attention for becoming the first major university with a published price, including room and board, of more than \$50,000.

However, the percentage of college-goers who pay such large sums is fairly small. Fewer than 10 percent of students even attend colleges with tuition and fees higher than \$30,000, according to the College Board, and many of those students receive financial aid. About 56 percent of students at four-year colleges attend schools listing a price under \$10,000, and about one-third attend schools charging under \$6,000.

The College Board's report does not try to explain why prices keep going up, though Sandy Baum, an economist with the group and at Skidmore College, points out that because of rising demand for higher education, more state appropriations have not translated into more money spent on each student.

The report comes as Congress is in the early stages of considering a proposal that could require some colleges with large endowments to spend more of their savings to keep tuition down. Colleges call the idea misguided

and say it wouldn't solve the underlying economic issues explaining the price increases.

For the first time, the College Board report includes the rapidly growing sector of for-profit education, which now caters to about 8 percent of students. Their average prices are also rising rapidly — to \$12,089, up 6.2 percent from last year.

Peter McPherson, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, issued a statement saying that "leaders of America's public research universities continue to be concerned about the impact that the cost of attending colleges has on students and their families." But, he said, the average net price of \$2,600 at four-year schools remains "excellent value."

That contention is supported in a recent paper by Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the financial aid Web site finaid.org. He tried to estimate how much a four-year college degree would have to cost before it would no longer be a good investment, given the \$1.2 million increase in expected lifetime earnings that comes with a bachelor's degree. His answer: about \$520,000 — or \$130,000 a year.

Turkish military charges Iraqi border

SIRNAK, Turkey (AP) - Dozens of Turkish military vehicles streamed toward the Iraqi border with heavy artillery and ammunition Monday after Kurdish guerrillas killed a dozen soldiers and claimed to have captured eight in an intensifying crisis threatening to spill into Iraq.

Arab nations joined the U.S. and Europe in urging Turkey's government not to attack suspected guerrilla bases in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, while Turkish citizens rallied across the country demanding action against the rebels.

Iraq's president claimed the guerrillas would announce a cease-fire. But the rebels denied that, saying a cease-fire they declared in June was still in place.

With tensions worsening, the Turkish foreign minister said his government was pursuing a diplomatic solution to halt rebel operations out of havens in Iraq, but warned that it wanted to see results soon if an escalation in military action was to be avoided.

An AP Television News cameraman saw a convoy of 50 Turkish army vehicles, loaded with soldiers and weapons, including 155-mm howitzers, heading from the southeastern town of Sirnak toward Uludere, closer to the border.

Trucks towing artillery pieces covered with camouflage tarps were trailed by khaki-colored trucks that appeared to be loaded with ammunition. Armored personnel carriers with helmeted Turkish soldiers manning heavy machine guns escorted the trucks.

It was unclear if the vehicles were joining troops fighting with rebels on Turkish soil or were preparing for a possible cross-border offensive, which was authorized by Turkey's parliament last week.

At least five U.S.-made transport helicopters ferrying soldiers and Cobra helicopter gunships also were seen flying toward the frontier.

The Pentagon has said 60,000 Turkish soldiers have deployed along the border. The north is one of the few relatively calm Iraqi regions, and the U.S. fears an incursion by its ally Turkey could

worsen the Iraq war.

After weeks of stepped-up clashes between Turkish troops and rebels, tensions ratcheted even higher after a guerrilla ambush Sunday killed 12 soldiers and left eight missing. The army said 34 rebels died in a counterattack.

The rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party said its fighters captured the missing soldiers — a claim that would make it the largest seizure since 1995, when guerrillas grabbed eight soldiers, took them to northern Iraq and held them for two years before letting them go.

"Right now, these soldiers are hostages in the hands of our forces," a senior PKK commander, Bahoz Erdal, was quoted as telling the pro-Kurdish Firat News Agency in Belgium. "Their health condition is good. One of them was slightly injured, but was being taken care of by our medics."

The claim was sure to intensify the army's search for the soldiers.

Protesters waving the red and white Turkish flag demonstrated in cities nationwide to demand a tough response to the weekend ambush.

"Martyrs never die! The nation will never be divided!" demonstrators shouted in Ankara, the capital. "Martyr" is a term used by Turks for soldiers killed in combat.

Others chanted "Down with the PKK and USA!" Many Turks are angry at Washington over what they consider the failure of U.S. and Iraqi forces to honor pledges to crack down on the group, which is listed by the U.S. as a terrorist movement.

Iraqi Kurds allied with Turkish forces in the 1990s to fight the PKK, a rival in their northern enclave at a time when Saddam Hussein ruled the rest of Iraq. But Iraqi Kurds are now reluctant to attack their ethnic brethren from Turkey, fearing the Turks want to curb Kurdish aspirations for self-rule.

President Bush talked separately with both Turkish President Abdullah Gul and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Monday to express his "deep concern" about attacks on Turkish soldiers, said Gordon Johndroe, spokesman

for the White House National Security Council.

In his call to Gul, Bush reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to helping combat PKK guerrillas operating out of northern Iraq, while Bush and al-Maliki agreed that "Turkey should have no doubt about our mutual commitment to end all terrorist activity from Iraqi soil," Johndroe said.

Earlier, Turkey's foreign minister said the government would pursue diplomacy before it sends troops across the rugged frontier.

"Our preference is diplomacy, but the military option is no doubt a method in the struggle against terrorism," Foreign Minister Ali Babacan said after touring the Middle East to explain Turkey's position.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, said the PKK would make a cease-fire announcement Monday, but rebels later said they already had announced a unilateral cease-fire in June.

"We're stating clearly that if the Turkish state stops its attacks, then increased tensions will be replaced with a combat-free environment," a rebel statement said.

Turkey has rejected truces declared by the PKK, demanding that the rebels surrender or be killed. The rebels have pressed ahead with attacks on the grounds they are defending themselves against the army.

In Washington, the State Department said the United States had opened a diplomatic campaign to persuade Turkey not to invade northern Iraq.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice by telephone Sunday night that Turkey expected "speedy steps from the U.S." in quelling the PKK. He said Rice asked "for a few days."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack did not dispute the account of the conversation but declined to comment on what Rice meant by asking for "a few days."

Erdogan did not specify what he meant by "speedy steps," but he has often urged the United States and Iraq to crack down on the PKK. Turkish leaders say it is the responsibility of those countries to

do whatever is necessary to destroy guerrilla bases in northern Iraq.

McCormack said Rice pressed Erdogan for restraint and also spoke to the leader of Iraq's Kurdish region, Massoud Barzani, to ask for action from Iraq against the Kurdish militants.

Rice told Erdogan "we do not believe unilateral cross-border operations are the best way to address this issue," McCormack said.

She told Barzani that Iraq authorities needed to take action against the PKK either on their own or with the Turks, McCormack said, a sentiment echoed Monday in a joint statement issued by Rice and British Foreign Secretary David Miliband, who was in Washington.

"We continue to believe that cooperation and coordination between Turkey and Iraq is the most effective means to eliminate the PKK threat," Rice and Miliband said, adding that they had proposed a three-way meeting among the United States, Iraq and Turkey at a Nov. 2-3 meeting in Istanbul of officials from Iraq's neighboring countries.

Steven Cook, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, noted previous Turkish incursions into northern Iraq had not destroyed the PKK, which has waged an insurgency in Kurdish-dominated southeastern Turkey that has killed some 30,000 people since 1984.

"The PKK is trying to draw the Turks into Iraq to keep them bogged down there," Cook said, saying the rebels hoped prolonged military action in Iraq would destabilize Turkey.

Egypt and Jordan cautioned Turkey on Monday against launching an offensive into Iraq, a reflection of Arab countries' fears of widening the Iraq conflict.

Arab nations traditionally oppose any foreign incursion into a fellow Arab state, and they fear a Turkish attack could fuel separatist sentiment among Iraqi Kurds and increase the danger of Iraq's breakup. But they also have ties with predominantly Muslim Turkey and oppose Kurdish separatist movements.

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Hypothetical Question of the Week

How much McDonald's does one have to eat in order to have a chance of winning the Monopoly game?

Clinton: fickle and flip flopping

By KYLE KNIGHT
The Shield staff

Next year's presidential election presents the greatest challenges facing the United States since the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt. With approval ratings of Congress in the teens and Bush in the lower 20's, America wants a change in policy and a leader to lead the way.

The current Reuters/Zogby index poll places Clinton at 46 percent and pulling further away from John Edwards and Barack Obama. However, Clinton's latest actions do not present a significant change in America's foreign policy.

In the current issue of, "Foreign Affairs," Clinton details her foreign policy that states the next president will "inherit two wars," one of the wars concerns Iran. The implications of her bellicose rhetoric underline a confrontational policy and conflicts with a later criticism in her policy. Clinton states, "The Bush administration has belatedly begun to engage Iran and

Syria in talks about the future of Iraq. This is a step in the right direction, but much more must be done."

Although she says wants to use diplomacy, Clinton already labels the Iran conflict as a "war," and not a diplomatic mission. Also one of her first actions against Iran involved labeling the Iran Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization.

In the October 14 edition of the "New York Times," Karim Sad-japour, an Iran expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said "what Sen. Clinton and the other legislatures...don't seem to realize is that Revolutionary Guard are not Al Qaeda." Remember one reason for waging war against Iraq concerned the countries false ties to Al Qaeda. Now, Congress believes that Iran's army qualifies as a terrorist organization on the same level as Al Qaeda.

Much of this information remains based on the weapons pre-

sented by military officials who stress the Iranian government's role in their transport into Iraq. In the "New York Times" on February 11, the military officials failed to provide direct evidence connecting Tehran to the weapons.

The officials added that they based their information on "intelligence assessments." In the past, the reasons for invading Iraq included intelligence assessments identifying Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. However, like most of the reasons for invading Iraq, this claim proved false.

After Iraq, Clinton stated that if she knew the truth behind the cited information, she "wouldn't have voted that way." Currently she seems intent on repeating the same mistakes. Her aggressive policies present a platform inching closer to war based on no direct evidence of the Iranian government's role in Iraq.

In July, Clinton stated she would only meet conditionally with Iran's president. Then on October

13, she contradicted herself by stating she would negotiate with Iran without conditions.

Clinton's lack of certainty over diplomacy presents a fickle and uncertain candidate. Her saber-rattling rhetoric consists of an outlook not that different from the one who supported the invasion of Iraq.

Clinton's carefully chosen words of, "if Iran does not comply with its own commitments and the will of the international community, all options must remain on the table," shows just how far she will go.

It is Iran's international right to enrich uranium and waging war with yet another nation on nebulous evidence will only continue down the reckless path built by Bush.

If Americans want change, particularly Democrats, then supporting someone pounding the war drum won't create any change in the Middle East.

Giuliani must be dreaming

By J.I. LUTZ
The Shield staff

Rudy Giuliani has a dream. It's not much like Martin Luther King's dream. In Martin Luther King's dream, all people live together in peace and brotherhood, regardless of their race, creed, color or nationality. King dreamed of membership in a community of man, but Giuliani apparently dreams of membership in a much more exclusive club.

Giuliani gave his version of the "I have a Dream" speech to the Americans for Prosperity last week. In his speech, he said he had a dream about a plane coming to America with French President Nicolas Sarkozy passing another plane, which was headed for France with Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards aboard.

He presumably likes Sarkozy because he got tough with Iran and he wants to cut taxes. These are positions that resonate with the people Giuliani is currently trying to schmooze, the conservative right wing that controls Republican Party politics and he probably didn't lose any of their votes by suggesting the Democratic Candidates for President should just leave the country.

After he told his audience about his dream, Giuliani went on to ridicule Barack Obama for saying he would actually sit down and talk to the leaders of countries who have fundamental disagreements with the United States.

I can see his point. Imagine actually trying to peacefully resolve differences in an atmosphere of mutual respect. A thing like that could get out of hand and the next thing you know you might have something ugly, like peace, breaking out all over the world. Giuliani apparently wouldn't dream of doing such a thing. Why talk when you can bomb? Giuliani has been a staunch supporter of the war in Iraq. He apparently thinks it makes sense to attack Iraq in order to retaliate for a terrorist attack carried out by a group of Saudis. The Saudis, meanwhile, remain our friends, despite the fact that intelligence estimates say that private Saudi citizens, not Iranians, are virtually funding the Sunni insurgency.

The Bush administration seems to be trying hard to make a case for war against Iran based on sketchy information about them aiding the insurgents in Iraq and Giuliani has said that, as president, he would send a clear message to the Iranians that they would not be allowed to become a nuclear power.

The Saudis, meanwhile, get to buy General Electric plastics. I know I'm not the only one that thinks these policies make no sense and we're not all leaving for France anytime soon, Mr. Giuliani. Martin Luther King dreamed of a world where war was not considered a reasonable diplomatic option. He dreamed of a world of peace and brotherhood and he chose to spend his life trying to help create that kind of world. Giuliani apparently dreams of a world of more and bigger bombs dropped by the rich and powerful onto the poor and weak. Giuliani's dream sounds like a nightmare.



Will Mukasey sink or swim?

By J.I. LUTZ
The Shield staff

Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey, while testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that he didn't know whether or not the process of waterboarding constituted torture because he didn't know how it was done. I suggest that he could clear the matter up in no time by immediately undergoing the process himself. There is no substitute for first hand experience. In fact, if he underwent the process on the floor of the Senate

it might help clear the issue up for the entire country. I sense that there is some confusion among our people about this process and the sight of Judge Mukasey being waterboarded on national TV might help make up a lot of minds about the issue. It would be a grand gesture on his part toward national unity.

The issue of how much we are allowed to torture is a big issue. It requires careful consideration because what goes around comes around. In deciding to redefine torture so they can call these practices legal, while con-

tinuing to claim that they don't actually engage in torture, the Bush Administration is inviting use of these techniques against our own soldiers in the future. Mukasey's decision on whether or not these techniques constitute unacceptable torture has huge ramifications for, not only those we detain, but everyone who ever again fights in a US uniform. He should want to find out everything he can about the process.

The only Presidential Candidate to have personally experienced the horrors of being a prisoner of war is John McCain and

he consistently opposes the use of torture. He said that the information derived from torture is not credible because people will say anything to stop the pain. He said whatever information might be gained from the use of torture is never worth the price we pay as a nation for having engaged in such heinous practices. The Bush Administration, on the other hand, claims these practices have stopped more than two hundred terror attacks worldwide. They continue to claim that forced nudity, mock executions, and simulated drowning, now known

as waterboarding, are not torture. There would be nothing like a good waterboarding on the floor of the Senate to get to the heart of the matter. I think most Americans would tune in. We could have popcorn and nachos and watch it on our TVs. After Mukasey has been waterboarded for a couple of hours, someone can stick a microphone in his face and ask him whether or not it felt like torture. By then, he should know for sure.

Letters to the Editor

CONCERNING THE OFFICER MCDONALD ARTICLE IN OUR OPINION COLUMN

To the Editor:

My name is Adrian M. Stoica, former *Shield* writer, editor and recent graduate. Appalled, angered and infuriated are just some of the adjectives that have just come to mind after reading this week's issue, particularly one article. I couldn't believe my eyes when I read about the different methods of how Officer McDonald "boasts his ego." Being a journalist, I stand for forums of free speech and the first Amendment; however, this was way over the line for me and I'm sure there are others who will agree. This article, in a nutshell, is complete trash and yellow journalism, as it only serves to be sensational with no basis or

fulfillment, other than to insult one man for doing his job. Grow up and grow some balls. Journalism is all about representing both sides of the story, even with an op-ed piece, which was not the case here.

To the editor that permitted such an article on your pages, I can say I'm disappointed. Never in my duration of being an employee would anything like that make its way onto the pages. While I sound like an angry parent, it's because I associate my name with that publication, am proud of the things and the hard work I did and remember good times being a writer there with the other staff members. Sure, there were disagreements with all sorts people for all sorts of reasons, but I can say that never once did we sink to the level that was presented in that article. We maintained our own integrity and journalistic integrity, even when there was a nude photograph published. While many

people may not think so or agree, *The Shield* is a publication and no less professional than any other publication out there; among college publications, you are among the elite, as President Hoops has given you supreme reign over the content and what is said, which can't be said for many other publications of that level. Don't embarrass the university for reasons as insignificant as this one or because of the disliking of one man for doing his job. If you don't like what he does or how he does it, why continue the cycle? Remember, he is a public figure and the school is publicly funded. Allowing foolish things like this can have more consequences than you can imagine, for more people that you can imagine and will cost more than you could ever hope to repay. Don't blow it for future writers, editors, photographers, or anyone else who may wish to be involved in the future; the university has been very kind to

all of us, undergrad and alumni, by providing us an opportunity that many of our peers don't have and may never have. So grow up. Have some respect. When the paper comes out, be proud of it and make President Hoops proud; don't let things like this ruin it for both you and me. You have been given an extraordinary gift. Please don't throw it away for something that in a few years will be nothing but a bad memory.

Adrian M. Stoica

To the Editor:

I was grossly offended at the editorial staff's decision to publish the recent article "McDonald doesn't stop the party," which was nothing more than an ad homonym attack on an officer who is doing his job. The first sentence, which suggests it is "common" for the underage to consume adult beverages, is ill founded. The majority of those underage do not consume alcohol, at least according to statistics widely available during this, Alcohol Awareness Week. Speaking of, the fact that this was published during this Alcohol Awareness Week makes it all the more inappropriate and unacceptable. It is nice to see The Shield supporting student organization's efforts to promote legal and safe alcohol consumption, given the Student Government Association's (as well as other organization's) history of supporting The Shield. I am not opposed to controversial editorials, that is, in fact, the kind of discussion the page should feature. But this article exhibits a tasteless spouting of "opinion" that would be more appropriate in the halls of a Jr. High School than the editorial page of an adult newspaper.

Sam Bowles
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Accessing USI: behind the scenes of student TV news

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

On October 18, Austin Inge, Jenny Hunt and Jeremy Luman — anchors of USI's student television-news broadcast Access USI — sit behind the news desk after a run-through of the night's broadcast. All three dress formally from the waist up. Both Inge and Luman wear desk-hidden shorts and sandals, while Hunt sports jeans and a casual shirt.

Kevin Flint, Access USI's floor director, barks into a headset to the editing and graphics crews hiding in control rooms adjacent to the main studio in the Scripps Howard Video Production Complex.

He watches the clock inch closer to nine o'clock, when the show will broadcast live on Channel 12 to every television on campus. Live from the Liberal Arts Center basement.

At 8:59, Flint begins the countdown.

Five, four, three...
He stops suddenly.

"What?" he says into his headphones.

Daniel Roach, the show's director, yells from the control room.

"What's wrong?" Hunt asks Flint.

"Daniel says we can't go live."

Roach opens the wooden door of the studio and shrugs with humored annoyance.

"Residence Life is showing a movie," he says.

Access USI apparently has a deal with the technicians in charge of the Residence Life channel: leave the nine o'clock time slot open every Thursday night and the newscast will premiere on time. It will never interfere with standard programming and never — never — interrupt the revolving schedule of nearly-new films.

The source of the unexpected turmoil ("This never happens,"

Hunt says, "It's happened maybe two times in three years.") is the horror film *Bug*.

Its graininess and attention-to-detail approach to a woman's nipple reminds some staff members of soft-core pornography.

'We've really had killer shows this semester.'

- Jenny Hunt
Access USI's news director

Hunt watches the movie on a control-room television and shakes her head in disgust.

"Ridiculous," she says.

Within seconds, she's on the phone with faculty advisor Dave Black.

Not long after the call, Hunt announces the show will ignore the Residence-Life deal and barge through the signal.

Access USI will go live.

Cast and crew

Hunt is Access USI's news director, making final decisions about the show's content.

"We try to aim all our stories toward our main audience: campus," Hunt says. "We've really had killer shows this semester."

According to Roach, the staff hardly sees interact until 6:00 on Thursday nights.

"We'll grab a camera during the week and film a story," he says. "We just do whatever is needed."

Both Hunt and Roach work at News 25, Evansville's ABC affiliate.

According to Flint, Roach and Hunt are just the latest in a long-line of Access USI staffers to grab jobs at local Evansville stations.

Former team members Jan Comer and Ryan Nash moved on to News 25, while Jill Middleton landed at News 14.

"There are many others,"

Flint says, walking through the Access studio thirty minutes before showtime.

Flint is responsible for all behind-the-scenes work taking place on set.

He oversees camera work,

signals for transitions out of taped reporter stories and keeps a precise watch on timing.

During commercial breaks, he informs the anchors to the exact second how much time they have before the camera broadcasts their face again.

He also stars in his own sports segment: a NASCAR update entitled "Down in the Pit."

"Dr. Black tells me I'm a credible source," he says.

Flint isn't the only crew member helps on-screen and off.

Sports-anchor Luman does a mic-check, while Hunt types and copy-edits stories.

In the lobby of the complex, serenity settles over most of the staff.

Hardly anyone shows signs of stressing over the imminent live-television broadcast.

Roach flips through Flint's CD collection and laughs.

"Will Smith?" he says to Flint, chuckling.

"Hey!" Flint says, laughing too. "I like what I like."

"Don't get me wrong," Roach says. "I love *Big Willie Style*."

Inge sets behind a computer and shows a growing crowd, a music video starring himself.

An R&B video, it showcases a musical, funny side of the professional television-anchor that doesn't come across on the news.

When Hunt walks into the lobby, she familiarly hums Inge's

song.

"Are you almost ready?" Roach asks.

"Yeah," Hunt says. "I just wish I could brush my teeth."

The staff begins to file into the main studio and assume their positions. Inge, Hunt and Luman sit at the desk in front of four walls and a green backdrop; the Access USI logo lit up directly above their heads.

Three cameras point at them.

The broadcast

Hunt opens the October 18 show with the top story: Evansville's boil-water ordinance and the lack of toilets, sinks and smart fountains at USI.

From there, Inge reports on USI's College Mentor program.

The two hand off stories seamlessly and cover everything from poisonous lipstick ("Good news is that most women don't eat their lipstick, so the poison probably won't be ingested," Hunt says with a smile) and Hardee's new worse-than-poison Country Breakfast Burrito.

"The burrito contains two egg omelets, bacon, sausage, ham, hash browns and sausage gravy," Inge says. "And 60 grams of fat."

The show closes with Luman's sports report. In a taped story, Luman covers USI's popular flag football league.

In the stock footage, Inge can be seen chest-bumping a teammate.

At the end of the show, the anchors talk about Hunt's trip to a Kanye West concert.

"It was a good show," Hunt says.

Hunt, Inge and Luman sign off for the week and bid USI goodbye until next Thursday.

The studio lights darken slowly until all three are blurred silhouettes hidden by black. Long seconds of silence pass. Finally, Hunt looks up and toward Flint.

"Are we clear?"



Evansville's supposedly-haunted Willard Library.

Photo by Jessica Shofstall

Hunting down the haunted

Finding home-grown haunted spots in and around Evansville

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

about the identity of this famous ghost.

According to the Willard library website, the most popular assumption identifies Louise Carpenter, the daughter of Willard Library's founding father, supposedly haunts the library out of anger.

Early in the building's existence, she sued Willard library, claiming her father was "of unsound mind" when donated money for the library's creation.

Though the lady usually appears only at night — making her accessible only to library employees — other haunted sights remain open to the public.

In Jasper, haunted railroad tracks lie on a dark street known as Devil's Road.

The tracks were the sight of a fatal school bus crash several years ago that killed every child aboard.

"Ghost hunters" (people who, like myself, seek-out these ridiculous attractions) park on the tracks and drop their car into neutral.

Then, a barking dog should be heard in the distance, prompting the ghostly, invisible hands of the children to push the car off the track and out of harm's way.

"Orbs" — mysterious, colored dots — often appear in pictures taken in places like Devil's Road and Shiloh Cemetery.

These "orbs" supposedly represent the floating spirits of the undead, and sometimes resemble faces.

Looking at pictures taken at Shiloh, I cannot see a face.

But, with the kind of chill that actually makes Halloween exciting, I can almost feel the touch of a tiny hand.

Restless souls at Shiloh



Tombstones in Shiloh Cemetery. The cemetery is located in Rockport, Indiana and is reputedly haunted. Shiloh is one of many spots in the Evansville area frequented by Halloween "ghost hunters."

Photos courtesy of Sarah Keith



Contemplations about

Thursday, October 25, 2007

USI soccer teams victorious on Senior Day

Eagles men's soccer team shut out Miners to win match 1-0

By RYAN DELANEY
Sports editor

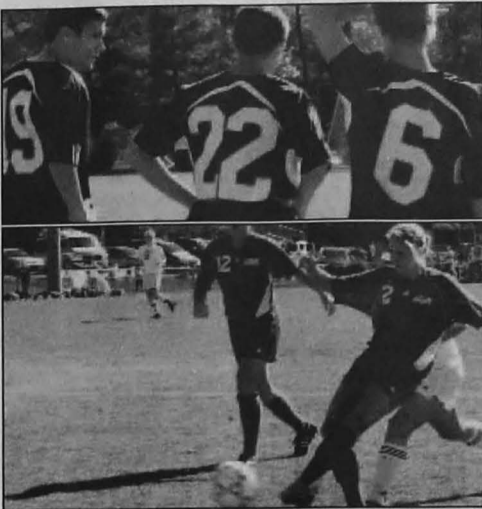
Winless for the past 10 games, the University of Southern Indiana men's soccer team pulled out a victory late in the season. Senior Day proved to exhibit what the Screaming Eagles needed to seal a 1-0 victory over the University of Missouri-Rolla in Sunday afternoon's home-turf match. This win raised the team's overall record to 5-12-1 and 3-10-0 in the GLVC.

A first half goal from the Screaming Eagles provided the team with everything they needed to shut out the Miners. Freshman forward Dan Dormeier's third goal of the year emerged off of the rebound of a shot taken by senior midfielder Carl Carr. Carr picked up his third assist of the year from the point.

The Screaming Eagles defense perhaps held the key to their victory over UMR. In his first start of the season, sophomore goalkeeper Brad Cadden held the Miners to zero points in the match. Cadden faced quite a bit of pressure throughout the match as he met 12 shots from the Miners and locked down three saves.

Before the beginning of the match, the USI men's soccer team honored the effort put forth by the team's seniors. Senior Day praised the dedication of goalkeeper Andrew Hulst, midfielders Evan Stoll, Quintin Myers and Carl Carr, and defenders Jason Blose, Corey Hendon, and Matt Vossmer.

The Screaming Eagles finalize their 2007 season on Wednesday as they will host Harris-Stowe State University at home. The match begins at 3 p.m.



Above: Mike Bendzen, Dan Grunewald and Justin Fox assess the situation. Below: Julie Collins shakes defender in win against UMR.

Photos courtesy of News and Information

Women's soccer finish season with win over UMR

Senior Day provided a victory for the University of Southern Indiana women's soccer team as they secured a 3-1 triumph over the University of Missouri-Rolla in USI's final game of the 2007 season. The win raised the team's overall record to 7-10-1 and 5-7-1 in the GLVC.

Senior players scored all three Screaming Eagles goals and also brought in one assist.

The first goal, scored in the eighth minute of the match, came from senior Mallory Minor. Minor scored the goal off of a rebound from her first shot, which was assisted by a strong pass from senior forward Jessica Stawick.

Later in the first half, USI gained a 2-0 lead over the Miners as senior forward Julie Collins scored off of a cross pass from sophomore midfielder Shauni Boudia. UMR scored early in the second half tallying a score of 2-1. However, senior forward Katie

Grossman struck back to seal the victory for the Eagles as she scored an unassisted goal late in the second half, marking her fifth goal of the season.

USI senior goalkeeper Meagan Homolla locked down the defensive side of USI's final match of the season. Homolla picked up four saves to finish strong in her final moments as a Screaming Eagle.

The Eagles also greatly overpowered the Miners in their offensive game. USI registered a 21-10 shot advantage while maintaining an 11-5 lead in shots on goal.



USI cross country teams bring silver and gold home from the GLVC Championships

By COLLEEN BINKLEY
Shield staff

University of Southern Indiana's men and women cross country team competed in the GLVC Championships in Indianapolis, IN on Saturday.

The no. 19 ranked women's team placed second and the no. 7 ranked men's team placed first for a league-record of fifteen times.

The USI women's team scored 75 points, only 29 points behind University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Sophomore, Mary Ballinger led USI with a fourth-place finish completing the 6k in 22 minutes, 1.44 seconds. Ballinger earned All-GLVC honors with her performance.

The women's team had four runners in the top 20, placing them in second place overall for the fourth year in a row. The women hit the road again in two weeks for the NCAA II Great Lakes Region Championships in Edwardsville, Illinois.

The USI men's team captured the Championship for the fifteenth time Saturday morning. USI had three of the top seven finishers as they finished with 41 points.

Senior, Paul Jellema earned the GLVC Runner of the Year honors award after winning the individual title in the 8k with a time of 24 minutes, 48.90 seconds. USI Head Coach, Mike Hillyard was named GLVC coach of the year after capturing the Championship for the third year in a row.

USI volleyball season nears end

By RYAN DELANEY
Sports editor

The University of Southern Indiana volleyball team faced a couple of defeats over the weekend. The two losses drop the Eagles' overall record to 12-11 and 7-8 in the GLVC.

Rockhurst University (17-9, 9-5 GLVC) ended a three-game winning streak set by USI as the Hawks defeated the Eagles 30-16, 30-20, 30-22. The Screaming Eagles fell short offensively as they shot a weak .068 attacking percentage and tallied 26 attacking errors.

USI's sophomore outside hitter Courtney Bealor led the Eagles match against the Hawks as she totaled 10 kills and six blocks.

The Eagles found their second loss of the weekend in Springfield, Mo., where they battled fellow GLVC contender Drury University (13-10, 7-7 GLVC). The Panthers swept the Eagles on Saturday afternoon in three games, losing 30-25, 30-13, 30-19. In their second game of the weekend USI continued their offensive drought, hitting a meager 37 kills and locking down an overall attacking percentage of .071.

Bealor as well as freshman outside hitter Brittney Oliver led the Eagles in kills with nine each.

USI travels to play Quincy University on Friday, 7 p.m.

Colts dominate Jaguars 29-7, take commanding lead in AFC South

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Indianapolis and Jacksonville are in all-too-familiar positions.

The Colts are unbeaten after six games for the third consecutive year and alone atop the AFC South. The Jaguars, meanwhile, are once again chasing the defending Super Bowl champs.

And the gap may be wider than ever.

Yep, all that talk about Indianapolis being better this season just might be true.

The Colts dominated every aspect of their showdown against Jacksonville on Monday night, easily winning 29-7 and once again taking charge in a division they've controlled the last four years.

"This was a pivotal game for us," quarterback Peyton Manning said. "We put a lot of emphasis on this game."

It showed, too. Joseph Addai and Kenton Keith combined for 141 yards rushing, Manning and Reggie Wayne picked apart Jacksonville's secondary, and the Colts (6-0) avenged their most embarrassing loss of last season.

Indianapolis also improved to 3-0 in the division and left Jacksonville (4-2), Tennessee and Houston trying to make up ground again.

"We're in the front seat, we're driving and everybody has to play catch-up to us," defensive end Ed Johnson said.

The Colts joined Green Bay (1929-31) and St. Louis (1999-

2001) as the only teams to start 6-0 for three straight years. They made this one look easy, backing up assertions by Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy and Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio that the Colts are simply better than they were last year.

But not all the Jaguars were ready to give Indy that much credit.

"They executed the best and made the least amount of mistakes, but I don't think they're better than they were last year," running back Fred Taylor said. "We kind of stubbed our own toe a little bit."

The Colts knocked quarterback David Garrard out of the game — and out of the lineup for at least a couple of weeks — bottled up Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew and extended their winning streak to 11 games.

Taylor and Jones-Drew spearheaded last year's 44-17 rout in Jacksonville. The Jaguars ran for a franchise-record 375 yards — a defensive meltdown that proved to be a turning point for Indy. The team fixed its run defense down the stretch en route to winning the Super Bowl.

Jacksonville tried to catch the Colts off guard from the start Monday night, calling on Garrard to throw on eight of the first 11 plays. It backfired. Jacksonville's lackluster receivers dropped several balls, and then Garrard left the game because of a badly sprained left ankle.

Meanwhile, Manning was

Manning.

He had plenty of time to throw and, with Marvin Harrison still nursing a sore knee, hooked up with Wayne all over the field. Manning finished 23-of-37 for 259 yards, with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran for a score. Wayne caught nine passes for 131 yards.

"They don't really give up too many big plays," Manning said. "They do try and make you go the long route, and we did that. It was nice to finish some of those drives with touchdowns."

Indianapolis built a 17-0 halftime lead with three long drives. Manning exposed Jacksonville's secondary, and Addai and Keith picked up crucial yards between the tackles.

Jacksonville's lone touchdown, a 1-yard run by Jones-Drew, followed his 65-yard kick-off return to start the second half.

Little else went right for the Jaguars, who failed to convert two fourth-down plays in the first half, gave up three sacks and finished with three turnovers.

Garrard was 8-of-12 for 72 yards. Gray was 9-of-24 for 56 yards with two interceptions and a fumble. Now, he moves into a starting role while Garrard recovers and the Jaguars chase Indy — again.

"It's definitely a setback," Jags receiver Ernest Wilford said. "But we've got a good football nucleus here."

Red Sox relax before facing Rockies in World Series on Wednesday

BOSTON (AP) - Fenway Park was quiet, the Red Sox clubhouse was dry and Jonathan Papelbon was done with his Irish step dance.

The jubilation of Boston's pennant-clinching comeback was over. There was still one more opponent to face, one that fashioned an incredible streak to reach the World Series for the first time.

Monday's stillness was the calm before the swarm. The Colorado Rockies are coming to town, taking a 21-1 surge into Game 1 Wednesday night.

They certainly should be fresh — perhaps too fresh.

After sweeping the Arizona Diamondbacks to win their first NL pennant, the Rockies will play their first game in nine days. The Red Sox spent most of the time on the field, rallying from a 3-1 AL championship series deficit and outscoring the Cleveland Indians 30-5 in the last three games.

"We've played a lot of intense games but we'd rather go in seeing live pitches in a couple of days than nine days off," said Dustin Pedroia, who drove in five runs in Sunday night's 11-2 clincher.

"They'll be ready. They've waited their whole lives to be in this situation so I don't think nine days of rest is going to affect their play at all," he said.

Rockies manager Clint Hur-

dle said it was worth the eight-day layoff just to see the city galvanized by the Rockies' first World Series appearance.

"I've enjoyed watching the city embrace it," Hurdle said. "I've been able to go to some places where we're able to be in the background and just watch the buzz from other people. We've gone to places where we've been overly embraced, too."

"All the stories about the down time were appropriate. What will it do to the Rockies? I understand that. But to watch the city — not to have us run right into the World Series — has been really cool."

The weather is Boston for the first two games is supposed to be mild, with mostly clear skies and temperatures in the 50s.

There's no snow in the forecast for the weekend games in Denver. Meteorologist Robert Glancy of the National Weather Service said Monday that Games 3 and 4 should be played in around 45-degree weather.

"We won't have to mess with rain or snow," Glancy said. "We're between storms. It won't be bitterly cold. But stay tuned. Forecasts do change."

ALCS MVP Josh Beckett will pitch the opener against Jeff Francis, who is 2-0 with a 2.13 ERA in his first postseason. Beck-

ett is 3-0 with a 1.17 ERA in this year's playoffs and was the World Series MVP in 2003.

If Beckett is just as sharp Wednesday, Papelbon — a much better closer than dancer — could finish up.

Papelbon put the wackiest touches on Boston's celebration when it clinched the AL East. Standing near the mound in a shirt and shorts, he performed a wild dance while spraying champagne in all directions.

His repeat performance Sunday was more subdued.

"Papelbon put some clothes on this time," J.D. Drew said.

Just imagine his encore if the Red Sox win the World Series for the second time in four years.

"I don't know," Drew said. "He looked like he worked on his dance a little bit between the last time and last night. So we'll see. Maybe he's getting some lessons."

On Monday, there were stacks of bottled water on the clubhouse carpet instead of the ice-filled champagne bins that were quickly emptied less than 12 hours earlier. The plastic sheeting that protected the lockers was gone.

All seemed normal again as about half the team showed up for an optional workout.

That's the way of the Red Sox, a group that tries not to change its approach no matter

how extraordinary the situation.

"The mentality is always the same, every day. You play nine innings or whatever it takes," manager Terry Francona said. "I don't think we try to complicate things. That wouldn't be very intelligent. Sometimes this game is really difficult to play. Sometimes you need to simplify it."

There is one difference Francona would love to see: a better performance than the Red Sox had when they lost two of three games to Colorado at Fenway in June. The Rockies won the rubber game behind Francis 7-1, and handed Beckett his first loss of the season after nine wins.

Overall, the Rockies outscored Boston 20-5 in the series.

"They took it to us pretty good," Pedroia said. "So we're going to have to make some adjustments, but I think we're two totally different teams since then."

The Red Sox stayed in first place the rest of the way. The Rockies' big streak forced a one-game tiebreaker with San Diego, which they won in 13 innings.

"They had an incredible run to this point," said Curt Schilling, Boston's probable Game 2 starter. "They're going to play us tough."

They will if their pitchers can tame the Red Sox hitters.

Boston hit .381 (40-for-105)

Campus sporting events

#7 Men's Basketball (0-0, 0-0 GLVC)
Sat., Nov. 10: Exhibition to be announced, 7:30 p.m.*
Sat., Nov. 17: Harris-Stowe State, 7:30 p.m.*

Women's Basketball (0-0, 0-0 GLVC)
Thu., Nov. 1: at Notre Dame, 6 p.m. (Exhibition)
Sat., Nov. 17: Illinois-Springfield, 5:15 p.m.*

#7 Men's & #19 Women's Cross Country
Sat., Nov. 3: NCAA II Great Lakes Region Championships (Edwardsville, IL)

Volleyball (12-11, 7-8 GLVC)
Fri., Oct. 26: at Quincy, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27: at #17 SIU Edwardsville, 3 p.m.

Tue., Oct. 30: Oakland City, 7 p.m.*
Fri., Nov. 2: Missouri-Rolla, 7 p.m.*
Sat., Nov. 3: Missouri-St. Louis, 3 p.m.**

*Denotes home game
#Denotes Senior Day

Campus scoreboard

Men's Soccer (5-12-1, 3-10-0 GLVC)

Oct. 19: Missouri-St. Louis 3, @USI 2 (ot)

Oct. 21: @USI 1, Missouri-Rolla 0

Women's Soccer (7-10-1, 5-7-1 GLVC)

Oct. 19: Missouri-St. Louis 2, @USI 0

Oct. 21: @USI 3, Missouri-Rolla 1

Volleyball (12-11, 7-8 GLVC)

Oct. 19: Rockhurst 3, @USI 0

Oct. 20: @Drury 3, USI 0

in the last three games of the ALCS. No longer are David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez and Mike Lowell the only threats.

The Red Sox have an edge in experience. They're also resilient. Seven players who were on the ALCS team that rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat the New York Yankees in the 2004 ALCS were on the team that came back from a 3-1 hole against Cleveland.

What's the secret?

"You just try to relax and do what you did all year," Drew said. "I knew I didn't want to walk off that field an LCS loser. I'd been in that place twice before so it was nice to go home a winner and realize you've still got some more baseball to play."

On that same field, the ALCS logo behind home plate had been replaced Monday by a World Series emblem.

The Red Sox players were relaxed before their final push toward a title. Drew said he would "go lay down and take a nap."

First, he took batting practice to prepare for the Rockies on Wednesday night when the old ballpark will be rocking.

"They've played great," Drew said. "We've got our work cut out for us."

More women removing both breasts

WASHINGTON (AP) - More women who have cancer in only one breast are getting both breasts removed, says research that found the trend more than doubled in just six years.

It's still a rare option: Most breast cancer in this country is treated by lumpectomy, removing just the tumor while saving the breast.

But the new study suggests 4.5 percent of breast cancer surgery in 2003 involved women getting cancerous and healthy breasts simultaneously removed, a 150 percent increase from 1998 — with no sign that the trend was slowing.

Young women are most likely to choose the aggressive operation, researchers report Monday in the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

The concern is whether they're choosing in the heat of the moment — breast cancer surgery often is within two weeks of diagnosis — or with good understand-

ing of its pros and cons. "Are these realistic decisions or not?" asks Dr. Todd Tuttle, cancer surgery chief at the University of Minnesota, who led the study after more women sought the option in his own hospital.

"I'm afraid that women believe having their opposite breast removed is somehow going to improve their breast cancer survival. In fact, it probably will not affect their survival," he said.

The initial tumor already may have sent out seeds of spread to key organs, Tuttle explained.

But removing the remaining healthy breast does greatly lower, although not eliminate, chances of a new cancer developing on the opposite side.

Don't underestimate the peace of mind that brings, said Trisha Stotler Meyer of Vienna, Va., who had her breasts removed three weeks ago.

"Doctors are not up at night crying" in fear of their next mam-

mogram, said Meyer, 37, who went back for a double mastectomy after her initial cancer surgery. "I don't want to have to deal with the stress."

Meyer is far from alone. In a single day last week, Dr. Shawna Willey of Georgetown University's Lombardi Cancer Center had two patients seek the operation.

One needed her entire cancerous breast removed, and immediately asked to have the healthy one removed, too. Another woman had recently undergone a lumpectomy and was sick from chemotherapy — and returned to ask that both breasts be fully removed.

"Her perception is, 'If I have my breasts taken off, I never have to do this again,'" said Willey, who asked the woman to see a counselor and finish chemo before deciding.

"I can understand that point of view," she added. "But I always

tell them, it's not a guarantee."

The American Cancer Society estimates 178,480 U.S. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. About 40,460 will die of it.

Some women at high risk, because of notorious breast cancer genes or family history, choose preventive mastectomies before cancer ever strikes.

Tuttle's study is the first national look at how many women choose to remove both a diseased and healthy breast together.

He used a government cancer registry that covers 16 regions, a representative sample of the U.S. population, to track more than 150,000 breast cancer surgeries between 1998 and 2003.

Tuttle calculated that lumpectomies accounted for almost 60 percent of those surgeries in 2003. Lumpectomies have gradually increased since they were proven just as effective as breast removal for early cancer in 1991.

The surprise: Single mastectomies remain the No. 2 option but are dropping — while double mastectomies, although uncommon, were on the rise for every stage of cancer. Even women who qualify for anti-hormone drugs that greatly protect the remaining breast were as likely to choose removal as women with harder-to-treat tumors.

Why? Tuttle is planning a new study to tell, and to see if candidates are warned about such risks as infection that increase with the bigger surgery.

Meyer, the Virginia woman, had time to fully consider the option. She was diagnosed with cancer in January 2005, shortly after her son's birth. At first, she was content with a lumpectomy, followed by chemotherapy and radiation. But she didn't qualify for protective anti-hormone drugs. And then in March, Meyer found a lump in her healthy breast. It wasn't cancer but a cyst that would

wax and wane, making for tense checkups.

"It really freaked me out," Meyer said. "It was at that moment that my breasts became like tonsils. I don't need them anymore. They're gone."

Georgetown's Willey says better reconstructive surgery is partly spurring the trend. Still, she often encourages women to wait to remove the second breast, as lining up reconstruction sometimes dangerously delays treating the cancer.

"When I was younger ... really tried to argue with patients and talk them out of it," Willey said. Now, if they've weighed the options, she doesn't.

"I can't recall a single patient who tells me they regret that decision."

Montgomery kills expecting mother, cuts out baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - A woman whose attorneys had argued that she was delusional when she killed an expectant mother, cut the baby from her womb and took the infant home was found guilty Monday.

Jurors convicted Lisa Montgomery, 39, of kidnapping resulting in death in the 2004 attack on 23-year-old Bobbie Jo Stinnett in the northwest Missouri town of Skidmore.

The jury deliberated for about four hours before rejecting Montgomery's insanity defense. Jurors could have acquitted her outright or found her not guilty by reason of insanity. Prosecutors said they plan to seek the death penalty.

After the verdict was read,

Montgomery dried her eyes and one of her attorneys patted her back. Her husband, Kevin, and Stinnett's husband, Zeb, showed no emotion.

Defense attorneys claimed Montgomery was suffering from pseudocyesis, which causes a woman to falsely believe she is pregnant and exhibit outward signs of pregnancy. They portrayed her as a victim of severe mental illness whose delusion of being pregnant was being threatened, causing her to enter a dream-like state when the killing took place.

They also argued that she had post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by mental, physical and sexual abuse in her childhood.

Federal prosecutor Roseann Ketchmark called the pseudocyesis claim "voodoo science" during closing arguments.

"It's not pseudocyesis or post-traumatic stress disorder," Ketchmark said. "And even if you wrap them up and put delusions around them, it's not insanity."

Ketchmark said Montgomery plotted the slaying and abduction and took pains to cover up that planning after she was caught.

"She knows she's not pregnant," the prosecutor said. "It's no delusion. It's deceit and manipulation."

Montgomery had undergone a tubal ligation in 1990 after the birth of her fourth child. But soon after, she began falsely reporting a

series of pregnancies. In 2004, she claimed to be due in mid-December.

Ketchmark said Montgomery believed her ex-husband, Carl Boman, would expose that she was lying about being pregnant and use it against her as he sought custody of two of the couple's four children. A custody hearing had been set for January 2005.

Montgomery's mother and sister also had been telling Montgomery's husband and his parents that it was impossible for her to carry a child.

As Montgomery's purported Dec. 13, 2004, due date approached, she began conducting Internet searches on Stinnett and researching different aspects of

childbirth. The defense portrayed those efforts as evidence that she believed she was pregnant; the prosecution called them proof of premeditation.

Prosecutors said Montgomery used a rope to choke Stinnett, who was eight months pregnant. But Stinnett was conscious and trying to defend herself as Montgomery used a kitchen knife to cut the baby girl from the womb, prosecutors said.

Montgomery was arrested the day after the killing after spending the morning showing off the infant as her own in her hometown of Melvern, Kan.

Montgomery's attorneys and a spokesman for Stinnett's family declined to comment. Stinnett's

baby is living with her family.

"The only good thing that comes from this tragedy is that little Victoria is a healthy baby and is reunited with her family," U.S. Attorney John F. Wood said.

After initially denying the crime, Montgomery told investigators she had taken a knife, rope and umbilical cord clamp with her to Stinnett's home. Montgomery said she had thought she was leaving the home when "something out of character" happened and "then this took place."

Attorneys are to start arguing Wednesday whether Montgomery deserves the death penalty.

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