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\$39 million plan unveiled for next year's spending

by nate smith
staff writer

Interested students, faculty and staff came out last Thursday to listen to administration proposals on the university's budget for the next two years.

The administration's proposal for the university's fiscal year 2001 budget will include more than \$23 million to complete major building projects, including the construction of a new classroom building, fitness center and another residential dorm. Another \$16 million will go to increasing academic pro-

grams.

The presentation, held Oct. 26, came from Richard Schmidt, vice president of business affairs; Cindy Brinker, associate vice president; and Bob Ruble, associate vice president for fiscal and business affairs.

About 50 students, faculty and staff came out not only to hear what numbers the university will ask for, but they wanted to know what additions are included in the total \$39 million budget proposal.

"There are two main parts to this budget," Brinker said. "The buildings will be the

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Religious Week focuses on many different beliefs

by kevin gadsey
staff writer

Eastern religions and philosophies are being ignored at USI, said English Professor Keith Lloyd.

During Religious Awareness Week, Nov. 6-12, the formerly ignored Eastern teachings will be put in the spotlight.

R.A.W. will consist of four presentations specific to Eastern religions and four topic-based programs that involve multiple religions.

The week will culminate with a panel discussion led by USI students representing four religions and three versions of Christianity.

"We tried to expose the campus to maybe some not so widely known faith communities, and it is a beginning of

what I hope will grow to be a very informative and lively week of discussion and exchanging of ideas," said Chris Hoehn, director of religious life.

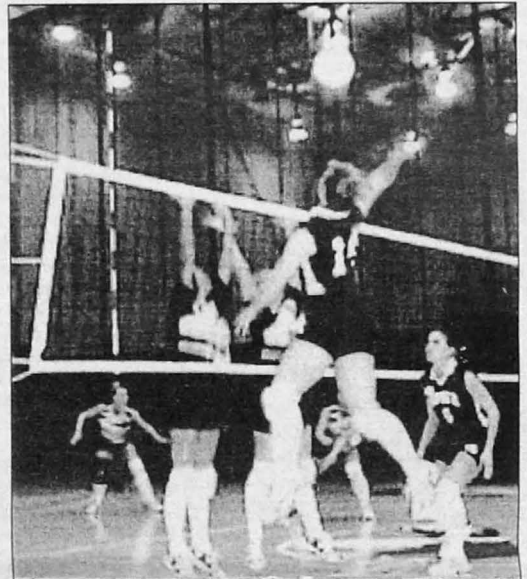
The idea of a week devoted to religious ideas was birthed from a symposium organized by philosophy professor Scott Sullivan.

A panel discussed "The Authority of Scripture," focusing primarily on Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

This drew a complaint from Lloyd, who said the panel should have also considered Eastern holy texts.

At the same time, Hoehn was researching the R.A.W. idea at other universities' websites. They decided to co-sponsor this week devoted to

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Kristi Kavanaugh displays what the USI volleyball team did all year by spiking her opponent. The team plays at Missouri-St. Louis this Friday. (Photo by Jen Wilmes)

Student arrested on drug charges

by jenn loesch
staff writer

An investigation by the Evansville Police Department's Narcotics Unit led them to 910B McDonald Lane on USI's campus.

USI student Matthew Michael Key, 19, was arrested Oct. 25 and charged with possession of Schedule I narcotics. Key is being charged with one count of possession of LSD and one count of possession of Ecstasy. He is also charged with maintaining a public nuisance, a place where people use illegal substances.

Key was released on \$500 bond.

Barry Hart, director of security, said Evansville Police asked campus securi-

ty for help searching Key's apartment. When police officers arrived at the door, they smelled marijuana being burned, according to a police affidavit.

Officers found marijuana stems, seeds and a partially smoked joint in plain view in the apartment. The officers asked Key if they could search the apartment, which he shares with David Dimmett. Key agreed.

Police searched the apartment and found drug paraphernalia and a plastic bag containing a piece of foil. Inside the foil were 41 small squares of LSD.

Another small plastic bag contained .8 grams of Ecstasy, according to a police affidavit.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 2

- SGA General Assembly Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- APB Screaming Eagle Thursdays, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. UC

Nov. 6

- Early Registration for Spring 2001
- Religious Awareness Week

Nov. 7

- SHA Meeting, 9:30 p.m., McWest
- Election Day
- Global Community Program, 7:30 p.m., Governor Hall Lounge

To place your clubs upcoming events, contact *The Shield* office at 465-1645 or via e-mail at shield@usi.edu

Budget

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most important."

Three new buildings are included in next year's proposal. The fitness center, already under construction, will receive the final funding for its opening this spring. Also being finished this year will be the third in a series of residential halls. This new hall, including a basement for additional space, will be ready for new students in the fall.

After these two building projects, construction will begin on the new science/education classroom building. The \$23 million building has a projected finish date of May 2003. The project is the No. 1 capital request of the budget proposal.

Also slated for funding is an expansion of the library. This multi-million dollar project will add 81,000 square feet to the existing library. In addition to new space for the library, classrooms will be added to the project. This renovation will be completed in 2004.

Other renovations that the administration will propose are an overhaul of computer

labs in the Orr Center, more features to the University Center and a study of University Boulevard, the main road into campus.

The \$4 million road project will start next year and be completed in 2003. Preliminary plans call for a two-lane, one-way road that will circle the entire campus to eliminate some safety concerns with the existing boulevard. Additional parking will also fall into this project.

Not only were building projects discussed in the budget presentation to the Student Government Association, academic projects were discussed as well.

In comparison with other four-year residential universities, USI has a deficit gap of about \$4,000 per student in state funding that limits funding for programs. The administration is trying to limit that gap.

"We did receive additional funds that help," Brinker said. "But this funding amounted to a \$35 raise per student."

The gap in funding

amounts to \$19 million. The new proposals would limit this deficit gap to about 75 percent of the state average.

From this increase, the university plans to add bachelor's degrees in computer science, special education and a new general studies degree. Three new master's degrees will be added in public administration, occupational therapy and health administration.

The engineering department was also a major issue. Although no additional degrees will be added, there will be an increase in resources. Full-time faculty members and instructional technologies, such as computers and electronics, will also be added.

Students asked a variety of questions after the initial presentation. The questions ranged from topics such as a police force for the university, to greek housing. There are no plans for a police force, and greek housing will be addressed in the budget in approximately five years.

Pumpkin Bust raises more than 5,000 items

by justine baxter
staff writer

The Men of Lambda Chi Alpha had an excellent turn out at their annual Pumpkin Bust aimed at collecting perishable food items for the Tri-State Food Bank. The event showed great participation by the students and other Greek organizations at USI.

The event raised more than 5,000 perishable food items. The winner of the 2000 Pumpkin Bust Queen was Patty Nelson of Delta Zeta, which raised more than 3,000 items.

The perishable food items that have been collected by the Pumpkin Bust participants will be turned in to the Tri-State Food Bank on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The members of Lambda Chi Alpha are pleased with the turn out of the event as well.



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religion and its effects on the world.

"Students need to make informed decisions about their own and other religions, and they need to think about social implications of their beliefs," said Lloyd, who calls this week a counterbalance to the symposium last year.

He also said he believes that Eastern religions are of value to Western students because many "new" theories of medicine, exercise and psychology are based in these traditions.

"One important goal here is not to pose one religion against another or even to cover all religions, but to offer students insights into mostly non-western traditions," said Lloyd.

Sullivan agrees. "My own feeling is that it is important for students to be aware of diversity in religion (in a world that is 2/3 non-

Christian); I doubt a rational approach to religion is possible without such an awareness."

Several upcoming sessions focus on the implications of faith in public life. Panels will discuss the separation of church and state as well as women's role in religion.

On Monday, Lloyd is leading the first session on the Bhagavad Gita, "The Song of the Blessed Lord," which is one of the more widely read Hindu books.

"My session, like many of the others, will not be so much 'teaching' the Gita as showing how we can best understand some ideas very foreign to western thinking," said Lloyd.

Some faith groups are feeling left out because their faith does not have a specific session discussing it.

"It is difficult to cover all denominations and faiths in one week, but I think we tried

to expose the campus to maybe some not so widely known faith communities," said Hoehn. "We are not trying to offend, just educate."

On Monday and Tuesday, 14 different faith groups will have booths set up underneath the UC bridge (rain site: second floor UC) offering information about their belief systems.

Hoehn, Lloyd and Sullivan said they hope that students and faculty will attend at least two sessions to learn about faith traditions and beliefs other than their own.

"This isn't about converting," said Lloyd. "We invited people who live and/or study deeply the tradition they represent. We asked all to simply share their own insights about their beliefs."

See next week's Shield for more information about the student-led panel on religion.

Religious Awareness Week Schedule of Events

All programs meet in Carter Hall.

Nov. 6-10			
Date	Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
Monday	12-1 p.m.	Bhagavad Gita	Keith Lloyd
Monday	7-9 p.m.	Church/state issues	Panel
Tuesday	12-1 p.m.	Women's roles in religion	Panel
Tuesday	7-9 p.m.	Taoism	Norman Beck
Wednesday	12-1 p.m.	Hindu philosophy	Krishnan Rarnaya
Wednesday	7-9 p.m.	AIDS and compassion	Cyndee Burton of Zion UCC
Thursday	12-1 p.m.	Crusade and coexistence	Isabel O'Connor
Thursday	7-9 p.m.	Buddhism	John Paulson
Friday	12-1 p.m.	Discussion	Students

Direct deposit sign-ups will be held on Nov. 10th from 8:15 - 11:00 a.m. and on Nov. 17th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Guided trip to Russia brings spring break opportunity

Dr. Yuri Reshanov, lecturer in art and music at USI and native of Russia, will lead an educational tour of Moscow and St. Petersburg from Saturday, Mar. 3, to Sunday, Mar. 11, 2001.

The cost is \$1,400 for students; \$1,500 for non-students.

A discount rate of up to \$400 will be applied depending on the number of persons registered.

The fee includes airline flights, 3-star hotel accommodations, and most meals. Private rooms are available for an additional \$169.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for USI students

and others to visit the two most significant cities in Russia, and at such a low cost," Dr. Reshanov said.

The eight-day trip begins in Moscow with tours of the Kremlin, St. Basil Cathedral, and Tretyakov Gallery.

The group will travel by train to St. Petersburg, making stops at the Hermitage, the Russian Museum, and one of the Czar's summer residences in either Pushkin or Peterhoff.

For those interested in a fun, educational getaway for spring break, reservations or more information, contact Dr. Reshanov at 812/422-3256, or e-mail reshanov1@aol.com.

SAFE Ride helps students History department faces changes

by teri beckman
staff writer

SAFE Ride, a program developed for USI students, is an alternative transportation for students who need help getting to safe location.

The Student Government Association developed the program to help students who need a safe alternative to driving under the influence of alcohol, dating or domestic violence situations, car breakdowns or getting to a medical facility or social service agency.

SGA has been sponsoring this program for over six years. This summer the group joined forces with the dean of students' office, the Counseling Center and Evansville's River City Yellow Cab Co. to fine-tune the program.

Dean of Students Barry Schonberger said, "We needed to put into place modifications because, even though a number of students have used

it (the SAFE Ride program), there was a small majority of those who abused it."

SAFE Ride is not just for people who have drank too much. And it is not intended to be a long-term solution for those without transportation.

Schonberger said, "Students do find themselves in other situations where a program like this can benefit them."

That is where the Counseling Center comes in. Sometimes the situations that precede a call to SAFE Ride can be very troubling and have lasting implications.

For this reason, any student using the program will receive a letter from the USI Counseling Center inviting them to call or stop by to discuss any problems they may be having.

Because all of the money that all the organizations receive from sponsors goes toward promotion of the program, SAFE Ride is not free. The university simply fronts

students the money to get home safely. A \$20 limit per ride - with a \$50 credit limit - has been established.

There is no charge at the time the ride is taken, but students are expected to pay their bills at the cashier's office within 10 days of the service.

"I've never heard from students that they simply cannot afford it," said Schonberger.

As long as the fees are paid each month, the program can continue to be used.

For more information about SAFE Ride, check out the dean of students web site at www.usi.edu; click on Administration/Student Affairs/Dean of Students/SAFE Ride.

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SAFE Ride,
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by emily hicklin
shield correspondent

The USI history department faces curriculum changes because of new licensing standards for students enrolled in the secondary history education program.

The licensing changes, set by the Indiana Professional Standards Board, will take effect at USI Fall 2001. Casey Harison, acting chair of the history department, foresees "an allowance (being) made for students in the old program."

Licensing changes might alter the types of classes that students will be required to take for graduation. The board places an emphasis on civic ideals and practices. The problem is determining what classes fall under this category.

Class changes may not change the way students are

taught. Harison said he "want(s) to make sure (students) have a good command of the facts."

The board also wants to measure teaching abilities through student portfolios. Those in the history department are unsure what would be included in a portfolio. Before, grades were reviewed to determine a student's abilities as a teacher.

Both Ball State and Indiana State have begun restructuring their programs to meet these new standards. Although new programs have not been implemented at these schools, they may be used as models to help clear up confusion, said Harison.


By Spring 2001, the history faculty hopes to have the new program organized and will begin involving students.

"We don't want them to be confused," Harison said.

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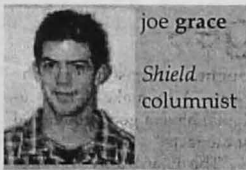


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'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' a tad neurotic



joe grace
Shield
columnist

dog neutered. There is something inherently wrong about a college student going around with his thumb in his mouth and a blanket on his shoulder.

I don't care if he is just acting. That behavior is only acceptable while drunk.

Which is solely my opinion and does not reflect the opinions of the Shield staff members, though I'm sure if I asked they'd agree with me.

During the play, Lucy was referred to as being crabby quite often.

I have another word for it. It rhymes with witchy. Yes,

that's right...itchy. Lucy was extremely itchy.

Charlie Brown is one of the coolest people on earth.

Though, dude, forget the little red-haired girl and go after Peppermint Patty. It's obvious she sweats you, Chuck.

Peppermint Patty was not really Peppermint Patty in this play.

She was more of a mix between Patty, Sally and Frieda. The little kids in the front row pointed this out to me numerous times during the play.

"Patty not supposed to say that, that Sally line."

"Frieda was one who had Snoopy chase rabbits, not Patty."

Those kids caught every single meaningless error in the entire play.

They were worse than the media was.

Wait a second, I'm part of the media.

Schroeder is one of my favorite characters.

I don't see how he puts up with Lucy, though. Just once during the play, I wanted to hear him say to Lucy, "No, ho!"

I would have died laughing right there.

I have one word for

Snoopy. Ritalin.

I also have one word for Charlie Brown. Prozac.

How on earth does a baseball team compete with only six players, one of them being a dog.

No wonder they lose. Linus scares me.

No little kid should be that smart.

Add an obsession with a fuzzy blue blanket and you have an extremely dangerous combination.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved for bringing my favorite comic strip to life and congratulate them on a fine job.

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Cast your vote for the devil

by Kevin Gadsey
staff writer

I've been asked to write a short column. Do you know what I'm going to write about?

In the immortal words of the church lady, "Could it beeeeeee...the devil?"

Yes, that's right, I'm writing about George Bush. It is now proven with three out of four polls that Dubya is the devil.

Wait, I'm sorry. The polls have changed. Albert Gore is now the devil.

Holy cow! The polls have changed again - 90 out of 100 voters agree that Pat Buchanan is the devil.

You see, the polls change all the time. The only poll that counts is the final one on Nov. 7.

The polls are showing a very close race though. This could be your one shot at making a difference in America.

Make the most of the opportunity our brave soldiers died to give you. Go vote on Nov. 7.

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"Working as a photojournalist for a large newspaper."

Where do you see yourself in five years?

"Still a sophomore."

"Green beans."

What is your favorite vegetable?

"Green beans."

"Each moment is a stroke in the painting of your life."

What is your favorite quote?

"He not busy being born is busy dying."

— Author unknown

— Bob Dylan

Eminem criticized by NOW and GLADD



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Eminem has been the target of criticism from both the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), along with many other organizations and individuals.

The complexity of the arguments both for and against Eminem rests on the principle of free speech and the desirability of its limitation.

Those who represent the NOW, GLAAD, and other groups may find Slim Shady's

lyrics offensive. However it is by no means appropriate to call for censorship of the rapper's work.

Criteria used in judging any form of art are its ability to engender reaction, to force analytical thought, and to cause emotional response.

Like it or not, Eminem's album accomplishes all three on levels rarely achieved. The debate is an interesting one because it calls into question the values that underpin our society.

We don't want to encourage violence or hate, but we don't want to encourage censorship either. What I mean is, and it is a stretch to say it we need Eminem because we desperately need to examine our values and beliefs in this era of media bombardment.

It is true that many of

Eminem's lyrics can be offensive. There are unmistakable misogynistic and homophobic tones to the album as a whole.

Such aside comments do little to counter the powerful images associated with lines like, "Slut, don't think I won't choke no whore / 'til her vocal chords don't work in her throat no more."

It is undoubtedly damaging that children and young teens are exposed to such lyrics, and if I weren't so opposed to age-based restrictions, I'd suggest using a ratings system to determine which albums kids could or could not buy.

There are, however, many people I know who are over 18 who lack the maturity to think critically about Eminem's lyrics and not just take as literal his criminal bab-

bling, so such restrictions seem random and unfair.

Primarily, the question, "Where were the parents at?" resonates powerfully.

Parents hold the tremendous responsibility of guiding their children's choices, helping them to discern the differences between what the rapper says (or what the movie depicts, to broaden the example) and reality, and making sure they instill values in their children that condemn violence.

In the worst case scenario, parents can be held accountable for the actions of their underage children, so it is in the parents' best interest to take these responsibilities seriously.

As a rule, Eminem's target audience is middle-American high school kids who, in gen-

eral, are part of some sort of family life.

Perhaps I'm an optimist, but one of the effects of his album might be that kids will start to think about these issues.

While I would usually say it is rare for any teenager to analyze and think critically about a rap album and its message, Eminem is so emphatic in getting that message across that much of the album comes across as an anthem against censorship and unfair media portrayals.

Eminem is undoubtedly "violently warped and vulgar," as his Website attests, but he is also an incredibly talented and brilliant lyricist.

His messages might offend some, but he is an integral part of an ongoing debate.

Long journey towards inclusion

by kevin gadsey
staff writer

You cannot go a day without hearing someone criticize contemporary American culture, whether in the newspaper, on television or at the local bar.

It seems everyone has an opinion on what is wrong with America, sometimes personal and sometimes global.

And it is usually negative. So negative that we often forget to look at the positive aspects of our diverse society.

One group of Americans that should be grateful for contemporary culture is our disabled population.

Just 30 years ago, before the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, they were relegated to the back corner of society, as much by the architectural barriers as by the attitudes and fears of the American public.

Because the laws were passed, they came out of the corner and we started learning how to accept them as equals.

Without the disability laws, a blind woman's seeing-eye dog would not be allowed in a restaurant.

Wheelchair-users could not access the classrooms at some American colleges.

And closed-captioning for the deaf would be missing from television sets.

World-renowned genius Stephen Hawking would be institutionalized.

"Superman" Christopher Reeve would have been pitied and then forgotten. Instead, he is a true superhero and inspiration to the world.

The disabled and non-disabled populations both have long journeys before a truly inclusive America is achieved.

We must look to the beauty inside rather than outside

and teach our children to do the same.

We should strive to stop making sins of omission, such as building a church that is not completely accessible.

Disabled persons will have to learn to trust individuals and a society that may have forgotten them in the past.

Accepting love and friendship from people who don't understand the disabled life will be another struggle for those with physical challenges.

But we have come a long way in the past 30 years. We cannot afford to rest on our laurels. We must press on to an inclusive future, on the inside and the outside.

By focusing on the positive aspects of our culture, rather than negative, we will accomplish this goal. For ourselves, for the disabled and for the generations to come.

Campus security is lacking

by patrick mabarak
guest columnist

The University of Southern Indiana is a home to roughly 2500 live-on students.

The majority of them also own a motor vehicle. Thus, anyone who fits this category could be a victim to the rash of burglaries that are spreading around this campus like wild flowers.

One's comfort and security of property has become a growing concern night after night. The campus of the University of Southern Indiana has become a haven for car audio and bicycle thieves.

The USI security on campus is an overall insult to our student security rights. We have a lack of security officers working the third shift.

From a quick impersonal interview with the opera-

tor at the security office, I was informed that we have more security officers on the day than the night shift.

I have absolutely no idea why we would hire more officers during the day hours. Statistically, it is the night hours that hold the majority of break-ins.

Most students are convinced that university security is more concerned with citing parking violations than the protection of student property.

I have only one proposition to offer. I feel the installation of closed-circuit cameras in every major parking lot would be an asset to our security system at USI.

I think most students realize that our security officers can't be in more than one place at a time.

The installation of closed-circuit cameras would aid in the deterrence of criminals in the absence of our security officers.

Health & Fitness

Nov. 2, 2000

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Exercise Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:15-1:00 PM		Spinning		Spinning	
4:30-4:45 PM	Six Pack	Six Pack	Six Pack	Six Pack	Six Pack
5:00-6:00 PM	Double Trouble	Cardio Kickboxing	Cardio Kickboxing	Cardio Kickboxing	Step
6:05-6:20 PM	Six Pack	Six Pack	Kick-n-Cardio	Six Pack	Six Pack
6:30-7:30 PM	Step-n-Cardio Awesome Abs	Cardio Kickboxing	Kick-n-Cardio	Double Trouble	
7:45-8:00 PM	Six Pack	Six Pack	Six Pack	Six Pack	
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There are a few steps once it has been cleared by your doctor: stretching, strengthening and prevention.

It is estimated that 8 of 10 americans will suffer from some type of acute back pain.

Stretching would include single knee to chest, double knee to chest, bent knee roll, side bends and hamstring stretches.

It could be due to congenital problems, a mechanical defect or traumatic force.

Finally, prevention would include maintaining and increasing trunk flexibility and strength of abs/back, weight loss (if needed), correction of postural problems, bending at the knees and not the waist holding heavy objects at the waist close to the body, sleeping on the side with a pillow between your legs.

A congenital problem could be some structural defect of a vertebra that would make you prone to injury.

A mechanical defect is a structural change in the alignment of the vertebrae such as faulty posture, being extremely overweight or obese.

A traumatic force could cause a sprain or strain to the ligaments that connects various parts of the lumbar

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Jumping rope burns calories

by cori girten
health and fitness editor

done on the balls of the feet. Also, the body should be in an upright position with the knees slightly bent. It is not necessary to jump high when jumping rope.

Did you know that jumping rope has the potential to burn 10 calories per minute when done properly?

Once the basic jump becomes comfortable, begin trying different jump variations.

In addition to burning calories, rope jumping will also firm the legs, butt, back and arms.

Varying the jump will help to work different muscles, prevent injuries and keep the routine exciting.

Before hopping to it, however, the rope's length should be checked.

Some variations to try are alternating jogging and jumping, twirling the rope around twice in one jump, twisting from side to side and traveling while jumping.

Stepping on the center of the rope and pulling the handles up toward the armpits can determine proper rope length.

When the slack in the rope has been taken up, the handles should rest a couple of inches from the armpits.

In addition to the fitness benefits of rope jumping, footwork speed, agility and rhythm can also be increased.

Rope jumping should be

Group points out homosexuality stereotypes

by jenn loesch
staff writer

Ellen DeGeneres. Matthew Shepherd. Brandon Teena. Sin. AIDS. Dr. Laura. Jerry Fallwell. The religious right.

What do you think of when you hear the word gay?

Homosexuality is certainly a provocative issue in American society but does it matter in Evansville? Four USI students seem to believe it does.

It hasn't worked before but Jessica, Danielle, Kim and Kristen hope things will be different this time around.

The Spectrum group is a newly formed campus organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and other students interested in issues concerning the gay community.

Anyone wanting more information should e-mail the group at Spectrum_USI@hotmail.com.

"I would hope that Spectrum could add a campus source of support and education, in addition to the offerings of community organizations.

There has been and will

continue to be a need for a campus based peer organization," said Barry Schonberger, dean of students.

The group's goal is to provide a comfortable and confidential place for USI students to discuss social and political issues that affect the gay community on all levels.

Spectrum's current members want to create more than a social meeting ground.

"College is the time for discovering. It's important to have a place for issues to be discussed," said Kirsten, 18. Co-founder Danielle, 20, commented on the number of opposing forces which creates the need for a safe zone.

"We want everyone to have a say," said Jessica, 18. One of the group's goals is equality among its members.

There will be an executive board for paper purposes but all members' votes will be equal.

Plans for Spectrum include possibly organizing events such as Take Back the Night which deals with hate crimes as well as rape. Spectrum would also like to find ways to help fight stereotypes that many people who are uneducated about gays

and lesbians may have.

"Stereotypes are there because they fit," Danielle said. However, she said stereotypes are taken too far.

The group listed the following as stereotypes they believe that many people have of homosexuals: men with lips, men that gesture a lot, women with short hair, women who may wear men's clothing and reversed gender roles also known as butch/femme roles.

Jessica explained that she feels society needs to realize that there are many gays and lesbians who don't fit the stereotypes.

Kim said people like Dr. Laura Schelsinger make the fight against stereotypes difficult. She said people like that evoke a follow the leader type atmosphere.

"Lesbianism is more accepted," said Jessica. She said she believes that sexual love between two women is seen as more natural than sexual love between two men.

Kim agreed by saying that society sees lesbianism as "almost natural."

Kim and Jessica agreed that being a lesbian is easier than being a gay man.

However, all the women admitted to being victims of gay bashing.

Jessica and Danielle attended the same high school and both played basketball.

When it was revealed that the two were lesbian they were benched. Jessica said her truck, which displays gay pride stickers has been vandalized since she has been a student at USI.

"It doesn't knock at my self-esteem," said Jessica about gay bashing.

"Sometimes you say stuff (back) sometimes you don't. You have to chalk it up to ignorance," said Kim.

Kim and Kristen have experienced bashing since the beginning of the semester when they moved to campus housing.

Both said that since their status as not only lesbians but as a couple has been revealed that they been victimized by their neighbors. Recently, their cars, which were parked in front of their apartment, were rocked.

The cars were rocked into a head on position so it appeared that the two were colliding.

The two filed a report

with USI security but a follow up investigation wasn't conducted according to security director, Barry Hart.

"We have to prioritize our cases," said Hart. Hart said that until he was contacted by *The Shield*, he was unaware that the incident may have been a hate-crime. He said had he known that the possibility existed security would've pursued the matter.

The rejection that the four have experienced is not limited.

Kim said it's hard to find a church that's accepting of homosexuality. She said that while she used to attend church regularly she has never felt accepted by the religious community.

She felt her status as a lesbian made her a constant target for redemption by church members.

"I just don't really know where I stand," Kim said about whether not she would attend a church even if it were accepting of homosexuality.

Jessica said she feels many people use the Bible as evidence that homosexuality is wrong. "It gives them answers without thinking about it," she said.

Food drive set for Nov. 4

by justine baxter
staff writer

The North American Food Drive, an annual non-perishable food drive that promises to be the largest one-day fraternity philanthropy, will take place on Nov. 4, 2000.

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternities across the United States and Canada will be participating in the event, and our local chapter: Phi-Xi Zeta here at USI will be sponsoring the event.

The purpose of the NAFD is to collect food for needy families in the Tri-State area and across the country.

The Phi-Xi Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha has set a personal goal of 4,000-5,000 pounds of food.

Lambda Chi chapters nationwide are aiming at two million pounds of canned goods.

Donation bags will be dropped off on Oct. 28 and will be placed at various locations across campus.

The items will be picked up on Nov. 4 by 3 p.m. The food will then taken to the Tri-State Food Bank at 801 E. Michigan Ave.

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Chem students plan Lock-In

elizabeth l. savage
shield correspondent

Girl Scouts and USI chemistry students and faculty will be locked into the laboratories overnight to celebrate the American Chemistry Society's National Chemistry Week.

At a brainstorming session for activities for National Chemistry Week, an idea was proposed to invite area Girl Scouts to campus to earn chemistry-related badges. This idea evolved into The Chemistry Connection Lock-In at USI, set for Nov. 10.

The USI chemistry faculty, together with students in the campus affiliate chapter of the chemistry society, plan to spend the night in the chemistry laboratories with up to 60 local Girl Scouts in grades four through six.

"We hope this lock-in will foster excitement about not only chemistry, but the sciences in general," said Shelly Blunt, assistant professor of

chemistry and one of the faculty members who worked with the Raintree Girl Scout Council to plan the lock-in.

"With many of the outreach programs sponsored by the chemistry department, this is the first that is specifically designed for the Girl Scouts. We anticipate this will become an annual National Chemistry Week event."

Founded in 1876 and chartered by Congress in 1938, the American Chemical Society promotes a greater understanding of chemistry, the chemical sciences and recognition of the contributions of chemistry in our everyday lives.

Traditionally, National Chemistry Week means students and faculty provide chemistry demonstrations and hands-on experiments in area grade schools and high schools.

For the Chemistry Connection Lock-in, experiments have been selected to fulfill many of the require-

ments for three badges- Exploring Healthy Eating, Dabbler and Science Sleuth.

Other activities scheduled for the evening include performing experiments coinciding with the National Chemistry Week theme of Get Cooking with Chemistry!, watching movies with chemistry themes, like Disney's Flubber, and demonstrations by the faculty and students.

Other activities are open to the public, including demonstrations at the Evansville Science and Art Museum on Nov. 5, Food Chemistry Pizza Day on Nov. 7, and demonstrations at Washington Square Mall on Nov. 11.

Girl Scouts or leaders who want more information about the Chemistry Connection Lock-In at USI may contact Blunt at 465-1267.

For information about other activities planned for National Chemistry Week, call the chemistry department at 464-1701.

Professors honored for teaching excellence

Two USI professors, Eric vonFuhrmann, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Paul Frazer, assistant professor of social work, have been honored for their teaching skills and student dedication.



vonFuhrmann

The Who's Who Among America's Teachers organization, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, was created in an effort to pay tribute to high school teachers and college professors that have exceptionally influenced students in an unforgettable way.

A book of these recognized teachers is published each year containing biographical sketches that serve as a valuable resource for new and aspiring teachers who

wish to seek mentors for guidance and future ideas.

The process in which the teacher selections are made is one that involves students, rather than a panel of hierarchical judges from a remote viewpoint. Former students, who themselves have been distinguished in Who's Who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List, are the only form of nominations received for this award.



Frazer

This rule is enforced so that the teachers are chosen based on the affects of their teaching, rather than their knowledge and degrees alone.

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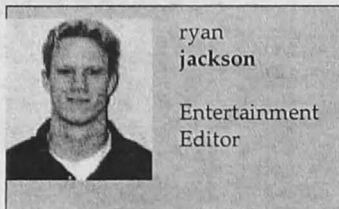
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Big Toe Jim

'Blair Witch' sequel fails to cast spell



ryan jackson
Entertainment Editor

Despite popular belief, sequels can be good. Take for instance *Predator 2*, the highly stylized sequel to the 1986 box-office Schwarzenegger smash. In *Predator 2* (Danny Glover, Bill Paxton, Gary Busey) the acting was better, the concept of the *Predator* as an actual character and not just a force was established and the effects were grander. Or how about *The Empire Strikes Back*? It is a sequel to one of the greatest sci-fi epics of all time that and in almost every way matches up to the energy and mythology of the original (*Star Wars*). In this amazingly dark sequel the plot is tremendously broadened, (in this case literally over several galaxies) and we're introduced to new, insightful characters, i.e. Lando Calrissian.

But for every sequel worth bragging about, there are three more that just can't

cut the tape. The list is long and unbearable, especially if you sat through any of them. Movies such as *Halloween II*, *Return to Salem's Lot*, *Universal Soldier 2-4*, *Jaws 2-4*, *Conan the Destroyer*, 90 percent of the *Bond* films, *Back to the Future 3* and the list goes on and on.

The idea though, is to change the misconception that all sequels are bad. Remember, sequels shouldn't be confused with remakes, in which most cases all remakes are bad (*The Getaway*, *Get Carter*, *Point of No Return*, *Gone in Sixty Seconds*).

So, the question now is where does the highly anticipated *Book of Shadows* or the more recognizable *Blair Witch 2* fit in? Well, let's take a trip back for a moment. In July 1999 the original *Blair Witch* project grossed 141 million domestically and 109 million overseas—a franchise was born. Immediately after the success of the original *Blair Witch*, executives at Artisan entertainment (the distributor of *Blair Witch 1 and 2*) began contemplating the idea of a sequel. The distribution company immediately hired director Joe Berlinger, whose best known



Top: Jeff Donovan heads the Blair Witch Hunt tour. Bottom: Kim Director and Erica Leerhens reveal their markings from the previous night out in the woods. *Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadows* opened up in a disappointing second place while *Meet the Parents* held on to the first place position for the fourth week in a row. (Photos provided)

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Outkast delivers Stankonia

Outkast's newly released album has its highs and lows.

by Eric Leucking
staff writer

Over the years, Outkast has always been able to bring something different to music fans' ears.

Dre and Big Boi have been trendsetters, not followers.

Many have looked to them as the hip hop's Parliament, the funky '70s group that George Clinton assembled that spawned hits such as Tear the Roof Off, Flashlight, and Bop Gun.

Stankonia is the group's follow-up to 1998's critically

acclaimed Aquemini album, which boasted hits such as Rosa Parks and The Art of Storytelling.

The album begins with an intro welcoming the listener to Stankonia, a funky place in the center of the earth, seven light years below sea level.

The first track that got me going was So Fresh, So Clean.

It's quite a funky concoction that Earthtone III brewed up.

Following So Fresh, So Clean is Ms. Jackson, which strangely samples the traditional song you hear at weddings, The Wedding Processional.

Other standout tracks include the frenzied B.O.B., with its near techno feel to it; Humble Mumble, featuring Erykah Badu, Red Velvet and Spaghetti Junction.

For most of the album, when it's good, it's really

good; but when it's bad, it falls flat on its face.

There were tracks that I just couldn't quite get into such as Snappin Trappin and Slum Beautiful, but for the most part, it was due to the guests on those songs.

Though Organized Noize is usually in the driver's seat with Outkast's (and most of the Dungeon Family for that matter), they step back and just oversee the production while letting Earthtone III provide the music for Stankonia.

Hardcore Outkast fans should be pleased with this release.

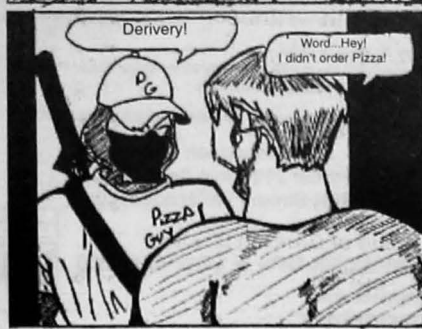
Most of the album is really good though, as it takes you through a journey of something different.

And that's something that rap music really needs now.



Bagger Vance (Will Smith, left) and Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon) take heart as Junuh's game steadily improves in Robert Redford's *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, which hits Evansville theaters this Friday. (Photo provided)

Crunch Calhoun in "Demoad" by Bryan "The Leather Thief" Gutz



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for his documentaries: Brothers Keeper and the MTV owned *Paradise Lost: the Murders at Robin Hood Hills*. Along with Berlinger, Artisan hired writer Dick Beebe (*House on Haunted Hill*) to complete the new script.

After 20 drafts, *Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2* was green lighted and the company began immediate production, shooting for a Halloween 2000 opening which they ended up getting.

Why the hurry?

Well, Americans are known for their short attention spans and the people at Artisan wanted to make sure they capitalized on what became known as the "Blair Witch phenomenon."

Did they? Only time will tell, but after seeing *Book of Shadows* this past weekend, time may be running out.

Although there has been a negative buzz surrounding the *Book of*

Shadows: Blair Witch 2 concept, the odds seem to be stacked in the filmmaker's favor. First off, the original *Blair Witch* wasn't that great to begin with; it was mostly a lot of jerky camera movement and spontaneous dialogue.

Credit its success to good marketing.

At least with *Book of Shadows* Artisan was dealing with a director who was fine tuning his directing skills after three haunting documentaries and dealing with an established writer. With a 15 million-dollar budget and a young breakout cast ready to boot, the *Blair Witch* sequel had a lot of promise.

Promise turned to pity after sitting through the first half and realizing that I hadn't been remotely scared yet. I kept waiting for the scares to come rolling, they just never came.

In fact, it's safe to say there wasn't one scary moment in the entire movie.

The movie is based on fictionalized events that took place after the release of the original *Blair Witch*.

Four thrill seekers sign on for a tour, appropriately titled the Blair Witch Hunt, and set out for Burkittsville, MD.

The tour group, led by Jeff Donovan, camps out at the sight where the original tapes were supposedly found. During one wild night of drinking, drugs and fireside chants, something evil and mysterious takes place.

Another tour group winds up brutally murdered, gutted to be exact, and the Blair Witch Hunt members have absolutely no recollection of what happened during the five hours they were asleep.

So, in sets the paranoia, suspicion

and confusion.

The result is trying to piece together the night via videotapes and slow-motion playback.

Although all the actors gave good performances, their characters were unbelievable and uninteresting.

The plot was confusing and tangled, consisting of Wiccan traditions and ambiguous super-natural performances.

Maybe all the hurrying to complete this 'most anticipated sequel' made for poor content consisting of bad dialogue, bizarre plot lines and hurried direction.

Unfortunately, this marks Joe Berlinger's break into Hollywood cinema. Although *Blair Witch* may be considered justification, the latest tale of curses and witchcraft may leave a different kind of spell...on Berlinger's career!

Correction

In a review of five-tartheory's album, "your life is passing by", which was published in the Oct. 26 edition of *The Shield*, the key-

boardist was incorrectly identified. Carson Catlin played keyboard on the album. Ryan Douglass now plays keyboard for the group.

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Eagle basketball

Fans get 2 games for the price of 1

The USI men's basketball team has scheduled two exhibition games for the price of one to tip-off the 2000-01 season.

The first glimpse of USI basketball this year will be free to the public when the men's basketball team plays the Tornatta Stars on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 3:15 p.m. at the Physical Activities Center.

Tornatta Stars feature a number of players with local connections.

Former USI standout Stan Gouard leads the list of names playing for the Stars this season.

Gouard was a two-time national player of the year (95, 96) for the Eagles and helped

lead them to a national championship in 1995.

Joining Gouard are former USI players Brian Huebner, Brad Chapman and Mike Feller. Huebner was an NCAA Elite Eight All-Tournament performer during the Eagles title run in 1995.

Representing the University of Evansville are Chris Hollander, Matt Vidoni, Mark Jewell and Scott Sparks. Hollander was a second-team All-Missouri Valley Conference performer in the 1997-98 season and finished his career with 1,026 points.

Coaching the Stars will be another USI alum, Troy Tornatta. Tornatta was a member of the 1992-93 Eagle squad that hosted its first NCAA II

GLVC Tournament.

The second exhibition game is part of the USI season ticket package or fans can purchase tickets at the door. Chairback seats are \$8 while bench seats are \$7.

The Eagles will play their final exhibition game on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. against Pella Windows Basketball, a USA/ABA exhibition team.

In its eighth season, Pella Windows is made up of former Division I and II players from Iowa and the surrounding states and won the 1995 and 1998 Men's National AAU Basketball Championships.

The team is coached and managed by Michael Born, a

former Iowa State University basketball player who graduated in 1989. The tentative roster for Pella Windows includes former USI player and All-GLVC performer Leighton Nash.

The Eagles are looking to get off to a fast start in 2000-01, hosting nine of their first 11 opponents at the PAC. Included in those nine home contests are pre-season number one Missouri Southern State College, Nov. 25 and pre-season top 10 Northern Kentucky University on Jan. 6.

USI, who is led by Street & Smith pre-season All-American Derrick Lyons, will tip-off the regular season against Huntington College on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m.

Pearl looks for student support to increase

luke wagner
shield correspondent

Bruce Pearl is always looking to the future and the basketball seasons to come at University of Southern Indiana.

Pearl said, "What would please me the most for this season, even more than winning a national championship...is if student support could continue to increase...and for them (students) to participate in games with their enthusiasm, spirit, hands, voices and dress. To be able to see their smiling faces on the way in and on the way out...that would please me more than anything else."

In his eight years as coach of USI, Pearl has recorded great success.

Among the highlights are two trips to the Division 2 national championship game

president of his senior class while lettering in football, basketball and baseball.

"What would please me the most for this season, even more than winning a national championship...is if student support could continue to increase.

Bruce Pearl — men's basketball coach

in '94 and '95, winning in '95.

Pearl has been involved in sports and coaching most of his life. Born near Boston, Pearl gives most of the credit for his success to being surrounded by great coaching influences.

Pearl grew up in Sharon, Mass. where he attended Sharon High School. During high school Pearl was the

"My hobbies were girls and trying to make people laugh," Pearl said.

Then Pearl went on to attend Boston College, where he walked on to the basketball team and practiced for about a year. When he stopped playing after his freshman year, Pearl became director of student basketball promotions as a sophomore at Boston

College, then worked his way up to student assistant coach.

Pearl majored in marketing and economics, and graduated from the school of management, cum laude.

After college, Pearl went on to coach basketball at Stanford University under men's head coach Tom Davis as a part-time assistant.

"Tom was a great teacher, a great mentor...probably what I liked most was how positive he was," Pearl said.

In his second year at Stanford, age 23, Pearl was promoted to associate head coach. In his second year as associate head coach, Stanford recorded its first non-losing season in 20 years.

"That laid the ground work for what Mike Montgomery has come in and

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Women's basketball to host Cincinnati Stars

The USI women's basketball team will host the Cincinnati Stars in an exhibition game Sunday, Nov. 5 at the PAC. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Cincinnati Stars, who are under the direction of Carol Miller, feature former Division I players from Xavier University, Western Michigan University, Purdue University,

Rice University, and the University of Cincinnati.

The feature player is former Xavier standout Nikki Kremer.

Kremer is the all-time leader in assists at Xavier and nearly helped lead the Musketeers to an upset win over University of Connecticut in last spring's NCAA Tournament.

USI is the only Division II team on the Cincinnati Stars' schedule. The Stars will play the University of Evansville, Miami University, Xavier University and Wright State University.

The game is part of the USI season ticket package or fans can purchase tickets at the door.

Chairback seats are

\$8, while bench seats are \$7.

Season tickets will be on sale at the game or can be purchased by telephone at 812/465-7165.

The Eagles follow the exhibition game with eight of their first 11 contests at the PAC, including the NCAA Division II National Champion Northern Kentucky University on

January 6. USI will tip-off the regular season on Saturday, Nov. 18 when it hosts the Indiana Institute of Technology in a 5:15 contest.

USI returns All-GLVC performer and 1999-2000 leading scorer Casey Hughes a junior forward/guard who averaged 13.4 ppg, and Natalie Glaser, a senior guard who averaged 12.2 ppg.

Minor takes down Rangers, scores twice in 3-1 victory

USI senior forward Stephanie Minor scored two goals and had a hand in on the third as the Eagles defeated the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 3-1, in a make-up match at Saint Joseph's College on Sunday.

The victory raises USI's record to 13-4-1 overall, 8-2-1 GLVC, while UWP falls to 10-5-2 overall, 5-5-1 GLVC.

The Screaming Eagles flew out to an early lead on Minor's sixth goal of the season at 4:28.

Minor scored off an assist from freshman forward Aisha Earle-Smith.

The score remained 1-0 until the Rangers tied the match in the second half 1-1 on a goal by the GLVC's scoring leader Lorrie Jones, a forward, at 54:47.

The Eagles bounced back with the game winner five minutes later at 59:49 to make the score 2-1.

Minor picked up her seventh goal of the season, this time unassisted.

USI sealed the 3-1 victory

on the third goal of the season by junior midfielder Kayla Scheller off assists from Minor and senior midfielder Amy Henkhaus.

With the completion of the match, the GLVC regular season came to a conclusion.

This sets the stage for the league's post-season tournament with the top seven teams competing.

The GLVC finals will be at number one seed Northern Kentucky University on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-5.

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done at Stanford University."

Pearl then went on to Iowa University from '86-'92, where he was the assistant coach also under Tom Davis.

At Iowa he made the NCAA tournament five out of six years.

In 1987, the team played in a game that could have sent them to the Final Four.

But they lost to University of Nevada Las Vegas.

"About when I turned 30, it was time to see if I could coach. I knew I did not want to be a life-long assistant... I wanted my own program... I wanted to go somewhere

where basketball was important, so I came to Indiana," Pearl said.

Pearl also said that the sense of community and pace of everyday life were other factors that brought him to the University of Southern Indiana as head basketball coach.

Pearl gives credit for all of his success to the coaches who surrounded him throughout his life.

"I could tell you every coach that ever coached me... from the time I started playing when I was 5 years old... They taught me how to do it right,"

Pearl said.

Pearl said his greatest accomplishment off the court is, "no question," his family life.

"As far as on the court, knowing that you can't always change the spots on every leopard...we have gotten our players to come close to their abilities on and off the court...we have had some very positive results."

"We have put out some very successful student athletes. I think that's the thing I am most proud of," Pearl said.



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Tennis players earn All-Conference honors

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Two USI women's tennis players were named All-GLVC conference.

The players, junior Michelle Lenahan and sophomore Emily Blinzinger, led the team to the best record USI has had in the 10-year rein of head coach Keely Porter.

The Screaming Eagles finished second in the conference with an 8-1 GLVC mark. They were 15-2 overall.

USI also set team records

with both five consecutive home and GLVC wins.

Lenahan and Blinzinger each had record breaking seasons in singles for USI. Lenahan finished 16-4 overall and 7-2 in the GLVC conference, while Blinzinger finished 16-3 overall with a perfect 9-0 GLVC record. The 16 wins apiece are new USI single season records.



Blinzinger

The previous mark was 13 set by both Debbie Floyd and Lisa Titzer in 1981.

Lenahan and Blinzinger also combined to compete as USI's number one doubles team. They finished the season 11-4 overall, 7-1 in GLVC.

The mark was especially sweet for Blinzinger who believes doubles is the most difficult aspect of tennis for her.

"Before college, I had never played doubles before," Blinzinger says.

"It was a major adjustment for me because I had

never had to play strictly up at the net, which a player has to do in doubles."



Lenahan

Freshmen of the Year.

Blinzinger believes that excellent team chemistry was a big reason she was so suc-

cessful. "What made the year so great was the team had so much fun together," she says. "That's important because we're on the road together on the weekends. We had fun hanging out and going to restaurants."

Blinzinger hopes that the team chemistry will carry over into next season as USI returns a solid team.

"There's no doubt we had a great season," says Blinzinger.

"We still want to improve, we're hungry for a conference championship."

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