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## Injured teacher speaks of shooting

(AP) - A gunman who opened fire at his high school, injuring four people and killing himself, was holding two revolvers and wearing an angry look when he burst into class, a wounded teacher said.

"Now what have you got to say to me?" Asa Coon said after entering Michael Grassie's class.

Then, the teenager waived off a student and shot Grassie, the teacher recalled Monday.

"I remember the expression on Asa's face," Grassie said. "Anger, total anger. Real hatred. It's something I haven't seen on a 14-year-old's face before."

SuccessTech Academy in Cleveland, Ohio, closed since Wednesday's shootings, was to reopen Tuesday amid heightened security. There will be metal detectors and at least one more armed security guard at the alternative high school, which stresses technology and entrepreneurship for high-achieving students, The Plain Dealer reported.

Grassie, 42, sat in a wheelchair at a hospital before being discharged and recounted the rampage. He was shot in the abdomen

by Coon, who also wounded another teacher and two students.

Grassie said Coon was doing poorly in his world history class and risked failing. "I know that made him really mad," he said.

He said he had called Coon's home because Coon was talking in class, but the teacher was unable to reach the boy's mother. The father lives out-of-state, police said.

The teacher said Coon had tried to pick a fight with him a week before the shooting. "He tried to goad me," said Grassie, who had no explanation for why Coon might try to pick a fight.

When Coon entered his classroom, Grassie was working with another student on homework and other assignments. Coon looked at the other student and said, "You, you're cool, man," as if to assure him he wasn't at risk.

Grassie said Coon's behavior problems, which he said had led to plans by the school administration to transfer Coon to another school, should have been a sign of possible trouble.

"All the warning signs were there," he said. "Nobody picked up on them."

Grassie criticized the lack of security at the school — a lone guard and an occasional metal detector — and said a permanent metal detector would have identified anyone entering school with a weapon. He said teachers had pressed for years to get a guard assigned to patrol the upper floors of the converted office building that houses the school's classrooms.

School officials have repeatedly said they were trying to determine how Coon entered the building and said tapes from 26 cameras were checked to determine what happened.

A message seeking comment was left at school offices Monday.

School officials said last week the 50,000-student district, with 110 buildings, would install metal detectors in each school and make sure a guard is on duty in every building.

The other wounded teacher and wounded students were released from hospitals last week. A third student injured her knee in a fall while fleeing the rampage.



Stephen Coon, the brother of school shooter, Asa Coon, is taken into custody at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007. Stephen Coon's brother Asa, a student at SuccessTech Academy, shot four people Wednesday before turning the gun on himself. A woman inside the home Stephen Coon was being taken into custody for a parole violation.

-AP Photo

## NACADA recognizes three USI advisors in Baltimore

By ANNA FLAKE  
Special to the Shield

Three USI academic advisors will be recognized and one will give a presentation at this year's National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Annual Awards Program. The conference is being held in Baltimore, Md., from October 18 to October 21. Universities across the country nominated advisors and competed for the NACADA awards in twelve categories.

According to NACADA's Web site, "These awards are designed to honor individuals and institutions making significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising."

Renee Rowland, lead advisor in the university division, will receive one of eight Certificates of Merit for Outstanding Advising in a primary role. Stephanie Hamington, former director of the university division, nominated Rowland for the award. A total of 29 advisors will be awarded in this category as primary, administrator or faculty subcategories.

Brian Hinterscher, academic advisor in the university division, is one of four primary role recipients of the Outstanding New Advisor Award. Rowland nominated Hinterscher for the award. As a

recipient, Hinterscher has proven exceptional counseling skills while being an advisor for less than three years. Outstanding New Advisor Awards will be given to 11 total advisors in primary and faculty subcategories.

Amber Hughes, academic advisor and ACHIEVE Coordinator in the University Division, is one of five recipients of a Summer Institute Scholarship. Rowland and Hamington both nominated Hughes for the scholarship. The scholarship will pay for Hughes to participate in one of two Summer Institute sessions, where advisors come up with action plans to put into place when they return from the institute.

"It's pretty intense. We learn a lot about advising," Hughes said.

NACADA Awards committee members decided on award recipients after reviewing nomination packets. Each nomination packet included a nomination form, a resume or vita, summary of qualifications, a personal statement on advising or advising administration by the nominee and items that support the summary, such as representative materials the nominee has developed.

Award recipients must meet several criteria. Included are strong interpersonal skills, availability to students, faculty and

staff, frequency of contact with advisees, meeting advisees in informal settings and participation in and support of advisor development programs.

Mark Razor, advisor in the university division, will give a presentation titled "An Intervention Program for In-Between Students Left 'Out to Sea.'" In his presentation Razor will discuss how advisors can set up intervention programs like USI's that focuses on students that aren't academically struggling but aren't honors students. These students, he claims, don't receive much, if any, advisor time.

According to the program on the NACADA Web site, Hamington was supposed to serve on a panel at this year's conference. Rowland stated that she moved to Denver in August. Michael "Brody" Broshers will begin as the new University Division director in November.

In 2001 Julie Floyd received the NACADA 2001 Certificate of Merit for Academic Advising in the primary role. Floyd is no longer at USI.

Two advisors from Indiana State, seven from Indiana University, seven from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and 14 advisors from Purdue University will also be recognized.

## SUV Turnover on Campus



Emergency workers clean up the debris from a wreck on Thursday, Oct. 11, on campus. Three USI students were involved. No one was seriously injured.

Photo by Jared Kinkade

## Commuter campus leads to parking problems

By DANI PALMER  
The Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana is largely a commuter campus. Because of this, parking is always an issue. Many may wonder if parking will ever be expanded due to the large number of students that attend the university.

Ideas for parking expansion come in different forms. Some students have said that a parking garage will be built.

Barry Hart, director of security and transportation, said, "It has been discussed several times in the past five or six years. It will probably be continued to be discussed, but to my knowledge, there are no plans in the short term, which would be the next year, for the parking garage."

Even Miles Mann, assistant director of physical plant, spoke of the parking garage. He also said that there are no immediate plans for one, but it is a future possibility.

"Plans for additional parking

are always being reviewed," Hart said.

Right now, plans are in the early stages for campus' next big project, the estimated \$30 million Business and Engineering Center that will be accompanied by a new access road.

The effect on parking for this project should be very limited.

**"When the need gets here we'll take it off the back burner and put it on the front,"**

**-Miles Mann**

**Assistant Director of Physical Plant**

However, the back east side of parking lot A may have a row removed for the access road.

When the business building is built, the parking lot nearest to it may be expanded, making up for the loss of parking spots in Lot A.

What about the rest of the campus parking? "When the need gets here we'll take it off the back burner and put it on the front," Mann said.

Parking doesn't seem to be an immediate problem. During the busiest days on campus, it is esti-

mated that a few hundred spots are left empty. It just requires some walking to make it to class.

Will University Boulevard be extended all the way around campus? Hart confirms this as fact. It will be extended going behind the current parking lots, but it will still be a two-way. Work on the new entrance will begin next summer at latest, and there will be a new access road to the Orr Center.

Steve Bridges who works in the cashier's office of the Orr Center said that some of the money from parking ticket fines will support the parking lots.

Some of the money from transportation fees that all students pay have also been going into a reserve to save for future parking lots.

Why do all students pay a transportation fee? It's because the university provides some form of transportation to everyone. It may be the sidewalks students walk or ride their bike on, the shuttle bus they ride, or the parking spots they park in, but all have access to some form of transportation.

## SGA provides E-Chug test

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER  
The Shield staff

Monday marked the beginning of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, or NCAAW. Throughout the five-day period, the Student Government Association will sponsor activities, give-aways and good-sober fun for USI students.

"As college students, it's all about being aware of the effects of alcohol," SGA president Kristina Pelly said.

Students are encouraged by the SGA to take E-Chug, a computer survey that analyzes a student's weekly drinking habits, correlates those habits with each student's extracurricular activities and ranks each student in a percentile on a national level, as well as campus level.

The E-Chug survey is avail-

able online or outside of the University Center throughout the week.

"The screening will bluntly tell you if you have a problem," Pelly said. It includes blood alcohol levels, the amount of time it takes to sober-up and even discloses alternative things to spend money on.

The survey also presents calories from alcohol consumption in terms that every college student can understand, cheeseburgers. It provides students with the amount of cheeseburgers they drank in the past year, and tells them how long they would have to exercise to work-off those calories. After the survey, students receive free pizza, courtesy of the SGA.

"It doesn't really make me want to change my drinking habits," University of Southern

Indiana student Aaron Carnal said, who drinks moderately two nights a week and ranked higher than seventy percent of nation's college students, which puts him at a high risk for future alcohol addiction.

According to Carnal, the survey, especially the incorporation of cheeseburgers, puts everything into perspective, but in the end, things get blown out of proportion.

According to Pelly, the most important part of NCAAW is to create alternative methods of fun that do not require tipping the bottle.

However, in relation to campus drinking, USI's students rank in the lower half of the nation when it comes to alcohol abuse.

Hoping to improve that statistic even more, the SGA is offering

See SGA on page 3



# Financial Aid calculator available from FAFSA

By **MATT WOLBER**  
The Shield staff

The Department of Education designed several new programs for financial assistance.

One of the main forms of student aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly known as FAFSA. James Patton, USI director of student financial

assistance, said USI urges all students to fill out a FAFSA every year, regardless of financial aid eligibility, but FAFSA's new website, [fafsa4caster.com](http://fafsa4caster.com), gives students an idea of how much aid they may receive.

The FAFSA4caster is easy to use. The student enters their information in the spaces provided in the same way as the FAFSA form.

This process takes approximately 20 minutes. The site asks the student if he or she wants to go to a two- or four-year college and if he or she prefers a private or public school.

The site calculates on-campus living as well. It provides in-state and out-of-state estimates. For example, a fifth-year undergraduate whose parents earn \$40,000 per

year may receive up to \$16,000 for an out-of-state college. The site gives the student an option to transfer all information to an actual FAFSA form.

There are two new programs for Pell Grant recipients. Patton says that out of 13,000 students in a year, about 2,000 students are eligible for Pell Grants.

The first Pell program is for

incoming freshmen: the Academic Competitiveness Grant, or the ACG. The ACG goes to Pell Grant recipients who have "completed a rigorous secondary program of study." Indiana students must complete Core-40 or Academic Honors programs.

A similar program for third- and fourth-year students is the National Science and Mathematics

Access to Retain Talent Grant, or the National SMART Grant. The National SMART Grant is available to Pell Grant recipients who are studying mathematics or science.

Qualifying students receive up to \$4,000 per year for the third and fourth years of their program. A list of eligible majors is available in the Financial Aid office.

## CORRECTION

**The Shield never knowingly publishes inaccuracies. If a substantial error is found, The Shield will publish a timely correction in the print edition and in the online edition. We regret any errors that are published in both our news outlets.**

In the Oct. 11 issue, the headline 'Freshmen enrollment up, two-thirds likely to not return' should of ran 'Freshmen enrollment up, two-thirds likely to return.'

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- USI Assessment Day Results Fall 2006

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FRI-SUN EARLY MATINEES IN [BRACKETS]

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG)  
[11:55am] 1:30 3:40 6:20 9:10  
[10:00am] 1:00 4:00 6:50 9:40  
8 DAYS OF NIGHT (R)  
[10:50am] 1:40 4:40 7:20 10:10  
THE COMEBACKS (PG-13)  
[11:00am] 1:50 4:50 7:30 10:15  
SOME BABY GONE (R) [10:40am] 1:20 4:10 7:10 9:50  
SARAH LANDON & THE PARANORMAL HOUR (PG)  
[11:15am] 1:30 3:40 6:20 9:10  
RENDITION (R) [11:10am] 2:00 4:45 7:35 10:20  
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (PG)  
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WE OWN THE NIGHT (R)  
[10:20am] 1:15 4:15 7:00 9:45  
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R)  
[11:40am] 2:40 5:10 7:40 10:05  
THE GAME PLAN (PG)  
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THE KINGDOM (R) [11:30am] 2:30 5:05 7:50 10:25  
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R)  
[11:45am] 2:15 5:15 8:00 10:35



Thursday, October 18, 2007

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## Friday, October 19, 2007

Time  
Event  
ALL DAY  
National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week  
5:00 PM  
Men's / Women's Soccer hosts Missouri-St. Louis  
7:00 PM  
Friday Night Live Movie: Transformers

## Saturday, October 20, 2007

Time  
Event  
9:00 AM  
Math Skills For The SAT  
9:15 AM  
Early Childhood Education Conference Keynote address

## Sunday, October 21, 2007

Time  
Event  
12:00 PM  
Men's / Women's Soccer hosts Missouri-Rolla  
8:30 PM  
Catholic Mass

## Monday, October 22, 2007

Time  
Event  
ALL DAY  
Deadline for Faculty Summer Stipends for Research  
ALL DAY  
AMIGO Applications Available  
8:00 AM  
Basic Orientation Plus- Refresher  
11:00 AM  
Health Professions Career Expo  
4:00 PM  
Improving Reading Speed  
6:00 PM  
Wedding Floral Design--Vase and Table Arrangements  
6:00 PM  
Using Access

## Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Time  
Event  
ALL DAY  
AMIGO Applications Available  
8:00 AM  
Basic Orientation Plus  
4:30 PM  
Toastmasters Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Black Greek Forum  
6:00 PM  
Getting Started with Windows  
6:00 PM  
Getting Started with Word 2003  
6:00 PM  
Introduction to Rock Climbing

## Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Time  
Event  
ALL DAY  
AMIGO Applications Available  
3:00 PM  
Men's Soccer hosts Harris-Stowe State College  
4:00 PM  
Flavor of Time Management  
5:00 PM  
Habitat for Humanity Meeting  
9:00 PM  
SPECTRUM meeting

## Thursday, October 25, 2007

Time  
Event  
ALL DAY  
AMIGO Applications Available  
9:00 AM  
Employee & Student Wellness Fair  
2:30 PM  
Windows: The Basics  
3:00 PM  
Basic Orientation Plus - Refresher  
4:00 PM  
Study Abroad Information Session  
4:00 PM  
Relax.....It's Just Math  
7:00 PM  
Berger Lecture: "The Fetus and Fundamental Rights"  
7:30 PM  
She Stoops to Conquer

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a cookout on Wednesday with mocktails, which are virgin cocktails, sponsored by Greek Life. The Counseling Center will also be open today for students to

take an alcohol screening survey, as well as consult with a faculty member from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Today and Friday the movie *Transformers* will play in Forum

1. Non-Alcoholic refreshments and the E-Chug will be offered during the movie.

Throughout the week prices such as Wal-Mart gift cards and

free food will be given out by the SGA.

All USI students are encouraged to participate in the week's activities.

# Virginia Tech receives over 90,000 gifts six months after massacre

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - After the April 16 shooting, Virginia Tech received more than 90,000 gifts of consolation from around the world.

The archives are currently being held in the prevail archive room, located in the Corporate Research Center, but the university is trying to determine what should be done with all of the gifts received.

The prevail archive room has its own staff working to organize and photograph all of the items. All of the archives must be moved out of the room by November; however, as of right now, they have nowhere to go.

"When each item comes in, it is tagged, photographed and put into a database, but we are running out of space and time," said Steven Estrada, administrative assistant of University Unions & Student Activities, who is in charge of the prevail archives. "We have to be out of here by November and we're by no means finished with the photography."

Tech has received items from across the country and around the world, including letters from Argentina and the ambassador of

Jamaica, a U.S. Coast Guard buoy with signatures of Tech graduates from Puerto Rico and a jacket with signatures of University of British Columbia engineers from Canada.

"Many people seem to think we received a few banners from other colleges. What they don't know is that we received banners from practically every single college and university in every single state and U.S. territory," Estrada said. "This is one of the greatest displays on this campus."

Estrada said that they have received T-shirts from almost everywhere, all decorated with their own statements about the shootings.

"We have every category. You name the category and we have it," said Estrada. "Just for T-shirts alone we could have a museum."

Statues, plaques, quilts, stuffed animals, dolls, hats, wreaths and sporting goods are just a few of the categories of gifts received. Flags were a particularly large category, along with cards and candles.

"We have a flag from the Talladega speedway, one from Afghanistan, one from both the

Statue of Liberty and the capitol building, and also the flag that was flying on the White House on April 16," said Estrada. "We have thousands of cards and we have a vast number of candles."

All of the candles from the candlelight vigil can be found in the prevail archive room as well. Estrada said that the Yankee Candle Company also sent boxes and boxes of candles.

Seth Powers, the prevail archives team leader and a 2007 Tech graduate, has been working with the archives since July 2.

"You see the same objects over and over every day and your mind just kind of wanders, but then you'll see something that kind of stands out and it hits you and you realize what they are here for," Powers said.

Powers said that they received letters from an alternative high school in Flint, Mich. that described the students' own experiences with loss and tragedy.

"It brought a tear to my eye thinking about all the support they showed us when they deal with tragedy every day," Powers said.

Many items from those affected by the Columbine shoot-

ing arrived, as well as items from those affected by Sept. 11.

"It's more interesting to a degree how much this tragedy touched other people," said Eric Norris, a junior apparel, housing, and resource management major who works with the archives. "Living in the area and talking to people here, I've gotten their reactions over time. But how it touched people from all over the world, and how they relate to it is really amazing to see through these gifts."

Though there have been many proposals for what to do with the -- including a possible museum to house the collection -- no decision has been made.

"I hope we will have an opportunity next year to let this community see what the world sent us and that our items will be recognized not as condolences but as great tributes, art, artifacts and great symbols of peace, as peace has been the one lesson we are always trying to understand," Estrada said. "It is not just the tragedy we are trying to remember, it is what the world did for us during that time that is just as, if not more, important."

# Adams convicted for 1985 murder

(UWIRE) YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - When Lucian and Avalon Tenney spoke to their daughter, Gina, at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1985, they never imagined that it would be the last time they would ever hear her voice.

The Youngstown State University student told her parents she was on her way to meet a girlfriend that evening. She was never seen alive again.

On the morning of Dec. 30, 1985, a trapper checking his traps saw a body floating in the Mahoning River near the West Avenue Bridge. Later, that morning, the Tenneys received a fateful call.

The Youngstown Police requested that the Tenneys make a positive identification of a young woman found murdered. It was their 19-year-old daughter, Gina

Tenney.

A little over one week ago, the 22-year-old cold case resurfaced.

At 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 4, as Bennie Lee Adams was on his way home from work, he was arrested and charged with the murder, rape, kidnapping and burglary in the 1985 Tenney case. He was arraigned in Youngstown Municipal Court, and bond was set at \$1.75 million. Adams' preliminary hearing is set for Oct. 23 in the Mahoning County Municipal Court.

Five days before Gina's body was found, she reported a burglary at her apartment, suspecting that a 28-year-old male staying with her first floor neighbor was responsible. Jay Macejko, Youngstown city prosecutor, was reported to

have said Gina "was leery" of the man.

The same man she suspected was indeed Adams -- and was later charged with possession of stolen property because he had Gina's ATM card in his possession. The case was never prosecuted.

In 1986, Adams was convicted for the kidnapping, rape and robbery of a Boardman woman. He was released from prison in 2004, after serving an 18-year sentence. He is a registered sex offender.

Two decades have passed, but the Tenneys' memories of that horrific day in December 1985 and of their daughter are still fresh in their minds.

"I'm glad they finally caught him. He doesn't deserve to be on the streets," said soft-spoken Aval-

on. "I've forgotten a lot of things, but I'll never forget my Gina. She was a beautiful, pleasant joy to us."

Avalon said her family, of Ashtabula, holds no grudge against Youngstown or YSU.

"We haven't been back since her death because we had no reason to visit," the victim's mother said, however adding, "We will be at his hearing."

The parents of another daughter who lives in Brunswick continued to reflect on Gina.

"We miss her and remember the good things about her. Our lives have to go on without her; we take it day-to-day," Avalon said.

# Public urination creates controversy at Princeton

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. - You may be walking down the street late one night near Princeton University, looking to relieve yourself. Hoagie Haven is open, but it doesn't have a bathroom. All the clubs have closed, and your dorm is too far away. So you walk down an alley and unzip your pants...

Suddenly, Patrol Officer James Martinez appears and writes you a court summons for public urination. Records in Borough Hall will forever attest to your transgression.

A sample of summonses provided to The Daily Princetonian shows that Martinez has caught at least two University students with their pants down this past September in the manner described above.

Public urination citations have increased continually over the past four years, according to Borough Police records. There have been 103 summonses written so far this year, compared with only 62 for the entire year in 2006, 61 in 2005 and 49 in 2004. Public urination in the Borough can carry a fine of up to \$270.

Figures provided to the Borough Council by Lt. Sharon Papp at the town council meeting last Tuesday night put the figure for 2007 even higher. According to those records, police have found 140 people who couldn't find a restroom in time.

"There has been a steadily rising trend" of public urination cita-

tions, Lt. David Dudeck said. "If the citizens of the town are complaining that people are going to the bathroom in public, we are going to make sure that stops happening," he said.

Dudeck said that the rising number of urination citations is not due to a spike in the number of urinator but rather an effort by Borough Police to monitor problem areas more carefully.

Catching a urinator is not as straightforward as it might seem, Dudeck added. "We'll put guys on foot patrol and bicycle patrol. The officers will hide in surreptitious locations ... From his hidden location, an officer may see someone urinating. At that point, he will present himself and write a ticket."

High-urination zones include Prospect Avenue near the eating clubs and Nassau Street near the Ivy Inn.

"We were getting complaints from these areas, and what ended up happening is that our sergeant put people out on the streets, and we started finding a lot more of these," Dudeck said.

"When we get complaints from certain areas, our guys will follow those up," he explained. "We will go back to those areas more and more until we make those violators go away."

One University student, who was granted anonymity because he didn't want his name associated with the charges in print, said, "I turned around when I was done,

and the policeman was there watching me. I have no idea if he was there the whole time ... it was like a sting operation."

Tower Club president Jon Fernandez '08 said that he did not think that heightened urination enforcement on the Street would have much of an effect on club life.

"People who are so drunk they're already publicly urinating do not gain admission to the Tower Club," Fernandez said.

Dudeck was careful in his characterization of the police's increased urination awareness.

"I wouldn't say this is a crackdown," Dudeck said, adding, "There wasn't a time when we all sat down in a room and said, 'Let's get those public urinator!'"

The sample of 19 urination summonses provided to the 'Prince' all occurred after 10 p.m., with 11 written between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Eighteen of the 19 violators were males under 30 years of age, but a 60-year-old man from Trenton urinated outside the Ivy Inn at 11:07 p.m. on Aug. 17.

Of the four people in the sample who publicly urinated after orientation week, two were University students. Dudeck did not say what percentage of the offenders were affiliated with the University.

Based on the sample, Det. Christopher Tash, Martinez and Patrol Officer Sean Cahill appear to be the most frequent urinator nabbers.

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## If there were a draft...

By KYLE KNIGHT  
Shield staff

With Amendment 3017 created by the senate stating the support of "military instruments" against Iran, a sense of foreboding hovers around the United States. Despite no one stating approval for a draft, soldiers on their second and third terms suggest a stretched military.

If Congress and the President approve a draft, a lottery begins according to the selective service system. In the lottery, the selective service presents two drums, one drum contains birthdays, and the other contains the numbers one through 365. According to the SSS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology developed a computer to randomly select birthdays placing them in the capsules for the first drum. This also occurs for the second drum containing the sequence numbers.

After repeating the process twice, official observers certify the actions taken comply with standards and the drums remain placed in a "secure storage." After inspecting the drums, the observers select one of the two sets. For the lottery portion, an official selects a birthday followed by a sequence number. First the official selects the capsule with the birthday (i.e. February 22nd), then the official

selects another capsule containing the sequence number. For example, if the official selects the sequence number 27 then they will induct the February 27 birthday 27. This continues until all birthdays have a sequence number the 365. First, all 20 year-olds must report to their local draft board then 21, 22, and so on. Other aspects of the draft also differ from Vietnam. The S.S.S. states that no one can cite school as a possible deferment. At most, the student could postpone until the end of the semester and not until they finish their degree. Also, the S.S.S. no longer men to carry the draft card with them.

The Vietnam War marked the last introduction of a draft. Some, including, instructor of Rhetoric and Composition, Kenneth Johnson, who teaches "Impact of the 60's" at USI, believes parallels between Vietnam and today exist.

"During the time of the Vietnam War, we saw powerful, corporate, conservative groups and people overtake the political agendas both by claiming the moral high ground and seeking to stifle conversation. We see those same tactics employed today." Although eligible himself, Johnson did not have to fight in Vietnam. Often to avoid the draft, men chose to cite conscientious objector, which the S.S.S. constitutes anyone that

expresses beliefs that conflict with war.

The S.S.S. states "beliefs which qualify a registrant for C.O. status may be religious in nature, but don't have to be. Beliefs may be moral or ethical; however, a man's reasons for not wanting to participate in a war must not be based on politics, expediency, or self-interest."

To claim conscientious objector you must appear before your local draft board and present a written statement on the influence of your beliefs on your life and how you arrived at them. You can even include someone to speak on your behalf, then the Selective Service Appeal Board will either reject or accept your claim. If accepted you must engage in one of two alternative service choices. You might receive a job with a local employer judged "to make a meaningful contribution to the maintenance of the national health, safety and interest." If your beliefs allow you to serve in the military, then the military will place you in an area of the Armed Forces without weapons.

During Vietnam, Johnson said, "many who opposed the war believed the government's decision to press the war breached the laws of the United States, and they believed that claim deserved a public hearing." Johnson said others simply viewed the war as immoral and

defining immoral lies in the realm of rhetoric-deciding what we will call immoral." In the book, "The 60's Experience," Edward P. Morgan states that over 172,000 men were conscientious objectors.

Others objectors simply chose not to file conscientious objector and instead fled to other countries, some of the most frequent included Canada and Sweden. Morgan states that over 60,000 fled to other countries. Often when entering other countries many claimed refugee status.

According to Citizen and Immigration Canada, you can file when you cross the border or at one of their offices. The "Safe Third Country Agreement" affects the eligibility of Americans claiming refugee status. The agreement states "refugee claimants must seek asylum (protection) in the first safe country where they arrive."

This means you must seek asylum in the United States, unless you have family in Canada. Canada and United States signed the agreement on December 5, 2002, and placed the agreement into effect on December 29, 2004.

Several soldiers chose to flee the War in Iraq, some have tried to claim refugee status. One of the most publicized cases involves Jeremy Hinzman, who filed for refugee status in January

of 2004. On March 25, 2005, the New York Times reported the Immigration and Refugee board rejected Hinzman's claim. According to the article, he claimed he would "face persecution or cruel and unusual punishment if returned to the United States." Amnesty International stated they would consider Hinzman a prisoner of conscience if imprisoned. Currently, the Federal Court of Canada rejected Hinzman's appeal. An article in the Times of London in August of 2006 said the Pentagon claims that over 40,000 troops have deserted their posts.

One program in Canada called the War Resisters Support Campaign, works to meet the needs of those who choose to flee to the country. The group simultaneously campaigns to persuade the Canadian government to offer a place of refuge for the soldiers and provide material needs for the soldiers.

Still hesitation exists in today's political climate in beginning a draft. Part of that comes from the fear of a public outcry similar to the protests over Vietnam.

"The powerful fear little more than societal unrest. Such unrest disrupts the economy, and a disrupted economy brings pain to the powerful," Johnson said.

## Ode to the power ballad

By BRANDI WEYER  
Editor-in-Chief

I hold a love for the power ballad. I do not understand it nor do I want to. But for those unfamiliar with the term, the power ballad started in the 1970s.

According to the most reliable source of information besides ex Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, Wikipedia, it defined the power ballad as "a song style frequently included on arena rock, hard rock and heavy metal albums in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s."

This style of music peaked in the 1980s with bands that contained more beautiful hair and wore more make-up than most women. These bands, such as Whitesnake, Bon Jovi, Poison and Damn Yankees, gave a new meaning to the love song.

And the wind changed, while the power ballad slowly died and the grunge scene slowly emerged, one of its last hopes for it to stay alive happened in the early 1990s with the Scorpions hit "Wind of Change," which hit number four on the U.S. charts.

The song starts with whistling, the closest sound to wind changing a human can make with their mouth I suppose. The electric guitar starts. Klaus Meine, lead singer for the Scorpions, begins to sing. These four and a half minutes of pure bliss, allows myself to slip into a world of euphoria.

And the wind changed again, the power ballad died and the grunge scene emerged, music took a turn from carefree to suicidal in a matter of a two-year period.

But I will say this, the power ballad died, but if you listen closely while driving along the Lloyd Expressway and approach a 1999 White Oldsmobile, you will hear the sound of my voice singing loudly in praise of an era that perished over 10 years ago. Long live the power ballad...

## McDonald doesn't stop the party

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER  
The Shield staff

After a stressful week of classes, it's a common trend for 18, 19 and almost 21 year-old college students to unwind with the relaxation of an adult beverage. Unfortunately, the powers that be get a sudden wave of spidey sense when an underage student's lips touch a drop of alcohol.

If you drink it he will come. It's true. It happened to me once, but I ran and got away, so it's cool now.

Ronald McDonald (Not the

McDonald's clown that everyone hates, the cop that everyone hates.

This clown wears a gun, a badge and an unearned since of accomplishment instead of make-up), Indiana Excise Officer and college party vigilantly, takes it upon himself to stop these harsh crimes against the community by visiting the popular hangouts around town. College housing on and off campus are typically the most likely venues for Ronald and his clan of WWBFD (What Would Barney Fife Do?) bracelet wearing buzz killing cops to raid.

They are part of the campaign

Intense College Enforcement (ICE), which allows them to patrol college campuses and weed out minor consumption around the community.

Forearmed with the knowledge of Ronald's hotspots, students still continue to flock.

Eagle Village, Golden Towers and any campus housing are terrible places to party, and yet, students get drunk and help Ronald boast his ego by writing citations and escorting people to jail.

Out of 50 students polled at the University of Southern Indi-

ana, some which have seen Ronald's wrath first hand, only six said that a minor would stop them from drinking in the future. Getting drunk and having fun with friends prevails.

Either way, cheers to doing the job right and making a difference. Ronald.

As a result, it's safe to say that many students are aware of the inherent risks that come with drinking in these tainted places, but simply choose to ignore them. In the end, they are setting ducks for Ronald and his clan of rent-a-cops to ticket, fine and even jail.

## Christmas overpowers the season

By JOSH LICHTENFELD  
The Shield staff

Although Christmas is on the horizon with its sights and sounds already making appearances, let us not forget the eight crazy nights of Hanukkah.

While shopping at the local Wal-Mart or going into various shopping outlets the presence of Christmas is already prevalent. Everyone knows that after the hurdle of Thanksgiving, Christmas lays in the horizon. Excited people around the world (based on their religions) rejoice in the presence of good ole' Saint Nick and the festivities that are offered on December 25th.

Everyone rejoices Santa's presence, except for a seemingly minor group of people that the stores do not fully recognize. These poor and unfortunate beings are left to celebrate their holiday without the proper décor. These people are of the Jewish faith.

Within the last decade political correctness has restricted the holiday season. Christmas break became "holiday" break, the high school Christmas plays

became "holiday" plays, and in public things are not right for everyone unless you wish them happy holidays. Oh, how nice this truly is for everyone! Because, we've changed the way we present the holidays, other things are merely forgotten or overlooked.

A Jewish person for instance is wished a happy holiday, maybe goes to holiday plays, and even goes on their holiday break (depending on what their life allots them). They get a warm and let me assure you fuzzy feeling that devours their whole presence. This euphoric and often mesmerizing feeling comes to a screeching halt around the time they go to plan for their holiday.

While walking around the store, political correct holiday banners are sold, and of course, even Christmas items are there in abundance. However, for the Judaic crowd it is tumultuous to find a few items for décor. They offer up the same cliché everything, with no selections. Amongst the illustrious items are: One brand of food products, a couple of holiday cards and no Menorah.

I could not at all see the problem of no Menorah to display

for the celebration of Hanukkah. The eight days, why should they be signified in the same manner over and over? This thing called tradition is way over-rated.

To simply change the way you present the holidays, but not offer the same opportunities for everyone to celebrate is wrong. I understand that Christianity is a major religion worldwide. Matter-of-fact, I even respect the significance of Christmas and the sentiments offered. Why is the feasibility for a Jewish person to have the same amount of selection so limited?

For the gathering of simple things like a Menorah or a Yarmulke, (the cool little cap that Jews wear) often times special ordering takes place. Thank goodness that the World Wide Web is the world at your fingertips, because online ordering is pertinent if you plan on getting the type of items you truly want. All I am saying is that if we are going to wish everyone a happy holiday, we should extend this greeting through the non-verbal presentation of equal opportunity.

## Quad Construction Update: Fountain is officially fun

By JON WEBB  
Et Cetera editor

It's all been worth it: months of breathing dust from a dug up campus, watching the once beautiful - well, not beautiful but certainly not vomit-inducing - USI terrain turn into a scene from *An Inconvenient Truth*. Next to our new, multi-million dollar patch of grass we now have:

A fountain. And not just a regular fountain, but a *smart fountain*. A fountain that recognizes wind speed, contorts itself into hundreds of different patterns and appreciates the subtlety and dry wit of British humor.

Look at this stupid thing.

What a waste of money. It gurgles like a glorified hot tub. I can already see thousands of cigarette butts and wadded up Burger King bags...

Yay!  
Did you see that? That water shot, like, 14 feet in the air! I take back everything I said. Sure, USI doesn't have ample parking, decent food selection or any kind of legitimate student health care plan, but this smart fountain is awesome.

I just want to dance in it, exactly like they do in *Friends*. I could be Chandler, and that tall brunette in the tank top outside the library could be Monica.

Just imagine: my tax dollars helped pay for this.

Amazing. The fountain adds so much to life on campus. Students can bring picnic lunches and spend all day marveling at the majestic patterns shot toward the heavens.

How did it know to limit its spray height? students will say. *This fountain is a genius.*

When prospective students visit campus and lay their eyes on this, attendance will sky rocket.

And then what will we do about lack of parking?

Oh wait, here it comes again... Yay!

I know one thing: I'm skipping class today. I can't bear the thought of missing a single spray.

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## Ghouls, ghosts and Honest Abe

### Suggestions for students who seek a fun, hip Halloween

By **BLAKE BENHAM**  
Shield Staff

October: A month of changing leaves, playoff baseball and tainted candy.

A month many hold dear to their hearts for the tricks and the high calorie, occasionally deep-fried treats (see: Fall Festival).

In case this delightful time of year snuck up on you like a ghostly ghoul in the night (which is possible considering global warming has extended summer by a few months) you're running out of time to pick out a suitable Halloween costume for parties and trick-or-treating.

I have been digging deep, day and night, to find out what America's A-list stars, athletes and average joes are masquerading as this October 31.

These are guaranteed to be the most fashionable get-up's out there.

**Abraham Lincoln**- The obvious selection by history buffs and tall people alike.

An interesting variation in the Deep South might be the "ghost" of Abraham Lincoln.

All you need is a top hat and beard and people won't ask questions.

Who wouldn't want to be the man who freed the slaves, honestly?

*People dressing up as "Honest Abe": Stephen Colbert, Bill O'Reilly*

**Michael Vick**- A particularly easy celebrity to mimic, especially for the heartless.

Vick jerseys are sold nationwide in Foot Lockers and Finish Lines.

While most people might feel unnecessary and mildly comical to splatter the jersey with the blood of a basset hound, I suggest taking the high road: carrying one of those cute little Cabbage Patch puppies in one hand.

People can change, you know.

*People dressing up as Michael Vick: Terrell Owens, Martha Stewart*

**Elvis Presley**- The King himself.

Obviously, this costume might take a lot of time and effort, but it may be a good way to disguise your lack of singing talent.

A curled upper lip and greased back hair can go a long way in making people forget about your shortcomings.

Sequins are optional, but encouraged.

*People dressing up as Elvis: Ashlee Simpson, Chad Kroeger of Nickelback*

**Chuck Norris**- The perfect costume idea if you're still living in 2005 and want to hear fresh, original Chuck Norris facts from frat guys on Halloween night.

There's possibly no better man to mimic if you're trying to create a tough guy image of your own.

Brillo pads make the best beards.

*People dressing up as Chuck Norris: Linkin Park, Kevin Federline*

**Courtney Love**- A perfect last minute idea if can't find your hair brush, are accidentally wearing bright red lipstick, and/or have a nasty hangover from last night's party.

It's also a good option if you happen to be losing your sanity.

A night of consequence-free partying and constant shouting surely appeals to the masses.

Feel free to add Cobain if you're trick-or-treating as a couple.

*People dressing up as Courtney Love: Briney Spears, Drew Barrymore, Tara Reid, Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, Nicole Ritchie, that girl from High School Musical, Christina Aguilera, Nancy Pelosi, Tyra Banks, Rachel McAdams, etc.*

**Wilford Brimley**- You're sure to be the life of the party if you come as the ol' walrus.

You can use pillows to simu-

late his girth or you can do it the old-fashioned way: smothering your deep-fried Twinkie in butter and washing it down with some gravy.

Don't forget your Liberty Mutual testing supplies. Pronouncing the word "diabetes" as anything other than "diabeetis" makes you lose all credibility.

*People dressing up as Wilford Brimley: Jared Fogle, Kirstie Alley*

**Harry Caray**- The legendary Chicago Cubs broadcaster is a sure-fire way to get some laughs.

Caray was an example to sportscasters everywhere on how the game should be called: with a slight speech impediment, irrelevant comments and a tall, cool Budweiser (or seven).

Even if people don't recognize you, they'll still laugh at your crazy hair and your big, thick glasses. Cubs win! Cubs win!

*People dressing up as Harry Caray: Ted Kennedy, Dennis Miller*

**Madonna**- A Kaballah bracelet and a mild front tooth gap is all that is required.

You can dress a bit naughty on Halloween without having to lower yourself to the unoriginal Playboy bunny. Sounds like a good deal to me.

*People dressing up as Madonna- Condoleeza Rice, Hillary Clinton*

**"Jason"**- Let's face it, if you're going as "Jason", you've run out of good ideas or you just want to wear a mask to hide your face from society.

Not surprisingly, millions resort to this costume idea year after year, just looking for a way to escape the pain.

*People dressing up as "Jason": George W. Bush, Senator Larry Craig*

Hopefully these suggestions have gotten the ball rolling for your Halloween plans.

Just remember to be creative and, if possible, stay in character for maximum fun.

Be safe out there, especially if you're adopting the Courtney Love persona.

## At the 'Apollo'



Students perform at USI's annual 'Live at the Apollo.' Acts ranged from dancers and rappers to jugglers and magicians. The talent competition took place October 13 in Carter Hall and was sponsored by the Black Student Union.

Photos courtesy of News and Information Services



## Attack on Mr. America: challenging Colbert

By **JON WEBB**  
Et Cetera editor

Stephen Colbert - America's favorite "conservative" political pundit - released his first book *I Am America (And So Can You)* on October 9. The book follows Colbert's life in the same manner Jon Stewart's *America: The Book* covered the United States: with biting, surreal and hilarious satire.

The character Colbert presents on his show is, simply, an egomaniac. He challenges those with opposing viewpoints to appear on his show and, often, "nails them" after an intense battle of wits.

Knowing Colbert's love for argument - and his desire to protect his sacrosanct reputation - I have choice but to assassinate his character.

Stephen Colbert, you're no patriot. In fact, you're barely an American. You grew up in South Carolina: the first state to secede from the Union. The Union Lincoln fought to preserve.

Why don't you just re-assas-

sinate him, Mr. Colbert? Maybe you can roll your joint with a manuscript copy of the Gettysburg Address.

Speaking of joint, I read on Wikipedia (my most-trusted source of reference) you were formerly an actor.

You willingly participated in a profession dominated by drug addicts, communists and homosexuals. It may have worked for Ronald Reagan, but Ronald Reagan you are not, sir.

Do you discuss global warming with George Clooney at Hollywood gay weddings? You want to kiss Al Gore right on his shaly jowls, don't you?

You also tremor with fear at the sight of bears. My father, a real American, used to hunt bear for a living.

He filled my family's (nine brothers, six sisters) plates with delicious bear meat for 15 years before my oldest brother (Nicholas) made it big as a shoe salesman.

Did my father pull himself up by his bootstraps? No, because he never owned boots. He wrapped his bloody feet in grizzly pelts and

spent 16 hour days prowling the forests for a fresh kill armed only with a musket.

That is, until my brother moved up in the world.

I digress.

If you truly love America pick up a gun and head to Iraq. When President Bush orders an invasion on Iran, I'll be first in line - after being drafted - to kill the enemy.

I'll fire bullets straight into the enemy's face instead of toss insults from afar. Like my father before me, I'll kill in order to survive.

Of course, my father fed on his prey. I don't plan on eating Iranians.

Admit it: you giggle at Christians. A smirk and a pantsuit-shake from Hillary Clinton fire your engine. Sean Penn text messages you on a daily basis.

Do you sob at night? Nervously rip out the black roots of your John Edwards haircut?

Showcase some of your famous "balls" and come clean.

If you are America, sir, I weep for my nation.

## Restaurant Review: CiCi's Pizza

By **JON WEBB**  
Et Cetera editor

With a large number of USI students arriving from small towns, the University and its surrounding city (Evansville, pronounced Eeh-vahns-ville) can cast a towering figure.

The sheer number of restaurants alone can incite pseudo-erotic wrestling matches between hungry roommates trying to decide on what to eat.

To quell these wrestling matches, I have taken the liberty of sorting through some of these eateries to inform the student body of the best places to grab a bite.

Located just off the Lloyd Expressway on Pearl Drive, CiCi's Pizza offers an eclectic array of pizza, salad and pasta in a soothing atmosphere.

When customers enter the restaurant, employees greet them by jovially screaming "Welcome to CiCi's!" The ear-piercing volume of this scream can send a timid patron into the fetal position, wriggling and bawling on the spotless, diamond-like floors.

But you shouldn't weep in error for long, because a long buffet awaits.

First up: the salad bar! Leafy, never-wilted-brown lettuce can be topped with an array of fresh vegetables and hearty dressings. For the more health-conscious consumer, CiCi's offers a delicious, translucent Italian dressing that contains no fat.

A customer may think: "Hey, this dressing looks like something that seeps from my body when I have a cold." Worry not, because mucus never tasted this scrumptious!

The salad bar, of course, only precedes the main attraction: CiCi's pizza. A wide variety of toppings are cooked to order and

quickly placed under fluorescent lights for hours at a time.

Deep dish sausage and pepperoni simmers next to barbecue chicken pizza, ham and pineapple pizza and thin-crust sausage and pepperoni.

One tasty combination oozes with something vaguely resembling Caesar dressing and (always) fully-cooked chicken. Even if the identity of the pizza

But ignore the foreboding loominess of the waiting staff, because your meal is far from over!

Hot desert pizza, brownies and cinnamon rolls set at the end of the buffet.

I recommend the cinnamon rolls, because nothing compliments thin slices of pizza better than a greasy bun smothered in icing and sugar.

**'Welcome to CiCi's!'**

**-CiCi's employees**

escapes you, go ahead and wolf it down anyway.

Gorge yourself mercilessly, because CiCi's buffet is all-you-can-eat. A five-dollar charge at the door (discounted slightly for USI students) drops the smorgasbord velvet rope, allowing for an afternoon of caloric fun.

Guessing "Where Did the Stomach Cramps Come From?" provides you and your family with hours of post-dinner entertainment.

Don't worry about eating CiCi's out of house and home, because thanks to the thriftiness of their operation, it is almost impossible for something besides a puma or sumo wrestler to eat enough for the restaurant to lose money.

So rip into that deep dish, all-meat pizza and know the staff is cheering you on!

As your appetite disappears, the alert CiCi's staff is always available to take away those dirty plates, even when you aren't finished yet!

They stand next to the tables like helpful vultures salivating at the thought of carrying away useless dishware.

According to CiCi's motto, "everyone goes home happy!"

When the bell above the door chirps warmly upon your exit, you'll long to return and hear the patented (terrifying) CiCi's welcome!

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On October 5, Oprah Winfrey chose Gabriel Garcia Marquez's 1985 novel *Love in the Time of Cholera* as the next selection in her Oprah Book Club series. According to the Associated Press, Oprah gushed to her studio audience: "If you love love, this is the best love story ever." She did not provide an alternative "best love story" for those who hate love. A movie version of the novel will be released in November.



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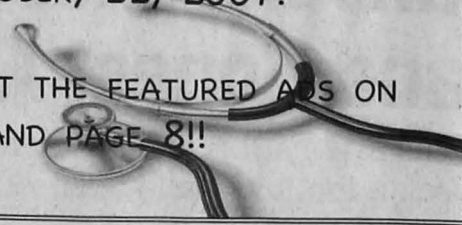
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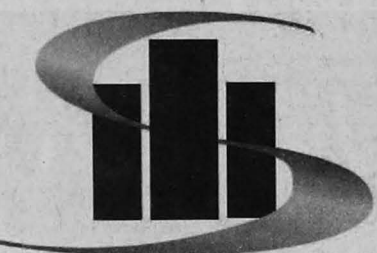
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## USI senior Zac Willett pushes it to the limit

By BROOKLYN SOLIS  
Opinion editor

Fifteen broken bones. One collapsed lung—the other punctured. Only four concussions he can remember. Zac Willett still loves the thrill of pushing a machine and himself to the limit.

Since he was five years old, Willett rode the trails in his hometown of Henderson. At age twelve, he started competing in local ATV races around the tri-state area with the support of his family.

"Nobody ever raced in my family, but they encouraged me to stay with it. My Dad travels with me and helps me with the equipment. My mom attends the events when she is able to. She probably wishes I was playing tennis," he said.

At 13, he was racing in the National Circuit, and since he has made a name for himself. He has had several wins, and appeared in major publications associated with motocross.

"My most satisfying moment thus far in my career was in 2002, winning the Class A championship. It is the highest-ranking class for an amateur racer, and since moving to the pro-circuit, it means the most to me. I have won bigger titles and events, but this made me feel accomplished as a racer," Willett said.

Currently, Willett is ranked nationally as 9th overall in the pro-class.

"This is as fast as it gets. I



Zac Willett kicks up dust as he shreds through the dirt section of a Nasmoto Supermoto track. Willett currently fills the number nine national spot in the series.

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have had some bad luck this season. I was hoping to be in the top five," he said.

While some athletes believe in superstitions, Willett has no particular superstitions or rituals before a race, but he does believe that staying focused is a key ele-

ment for his success.

"I just try to get my mind right, and free from distractions. 20 percent of riding is mental. You need to have confidence when you are on the track," he said.

As far as getting pumped up and prepared for a race, he does

train with music.

"When I practice or I am training, I usually carry my music with me in a shuffle. I listen to a lot of punk rock, some old school country, and progressive hip hop. I don't carry it with me when I am racing. I have to stay focused. I have tried to ride with it, but it becomes extra static in my head," Willett said.

Currently, Willett is participating in the SuperMoto series, which is 70 percent asphalt and 30 percent dirt, in an urban setting with steel jumps. This is something that is completely new and innovative to ATV racing motocross.

"I was lucky to grow up in the circuit and make some good friends. These guys from across the country and I really did some unbelievably crazy things. If someone fell off of their bike, it wasn't uncommon to run them over. They would have done the same to me," Willett said. These stunts and antics changed what was expected of other racers.

"By pushing the envelope, we really raised the bar as far as what is expected on the course from the newer riders today. We set a lot of standards. Each year, the bar is raised of course, but we definitely changed the standards," Willett said.

When it comes to racing his friends, Willett said it can be difficult, but not at the level he is currently competing in.

"Occasionally it is difficult to race against my friends, but the

level I am at now, they are just other competitors. I am really fortunate to be racing with guys that I looked up to as I was starting out," Willett said.

ATV racing is an expensive sport to compete in. Willett's machines can cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$30,000. His RV and



Zac Willett smirks as he poses for a profile shot.

Photo by "Big" Dave Willett

trailer was a cool \$250,000. He carries four bikes to each event, and enough parts to last him for a month. Currently, Duro Tire out of Atlanta is his biggest sponsor, and he has 22 other associate sponsors to support his expenses.

"Racing is a full-time job, from marketing myself to racing. A typical week for me can be hectic. Monday, I will repair and clean up the equipment, and by Wednes-

day I am contacting my sponsors and other potential sponsors with emails and phone calls. Thursday I am loading all of equipment back up, and leaving again," he said.

Willett is also a Senior Graphic Design Major, with a full-time class load.

"The racing schedule fluctuates every year, but I could be riding from the late part of March to early October. If I really wanted I could ride the full calendar year, but I am currently focused on graduating as well as racing," he said.

Willett's upcoming races are in Galveston Texas in early November and the Las Vegas Invitational after Thanksgiving. He admits that traveling is one of the perks with racing.

"The traveling is great, but I also love the idea of being able to push myself to the limit on a machine. Of course, I also enjoy meeting new people," he said.

While many graduating seniors wonder what is next after graduation, Willett has some plans for continuing his racing career.

"I hope to get another good five years in. I say that every year, but I try to be realistic about it," he said.

Looking at Willett, one would not be able to see the injuries, or even be able to assume that he is involved in ATV racing.

"I see a lot of people supporting the sport and promoting themselves. I try to keep it low key, under wraps. Racing is not who I am, it is what I do."

## USI volleyball team overcomes two-set deficit to defeat Bellarmine

By JOSH LICHTENFELD  
The Shield Staff

Even after a pair of one game losses the lady Eagles rebound to defeat Bellarmine University (27-30, 30-27, 20-30, 30-21, 15-8) on Saturday.

After a victorious Friday against Kentucky Wesleyan (3-0), the Screaming Eagles (12-9, 7-6 GLVC) saw more staunch competition on Saturday at the PAC. The Eagles were trailing 16-10 after an initial pair of one game losses to Bellarmine. To jump back and take control of the rest of the afternoon, the ladies rolled off nine straight points in a 12-1 run. The spur in action gave the squad a 22-17 advantage and the victory in game two. "We were down two games to one going into the fourth game, and won the next two games to get the win," said Volleyball Coach Leah Mercer.

The eagles saw a strong performance in the offense category from a standout underclassman. Sophomore Julia Ridley finished with 11 digs and two service aces. During the nine point run of the day, Ridley served up eight of the points in a row.

Like the offense, the defense also showed great prowess. The Eagles recorded 10 team blocks in the last two games. This was a significant comeback from the five blocks presented in the first three sets. Bellarmine's offense gave negative scoring percentage in the last two frames, due to their com-

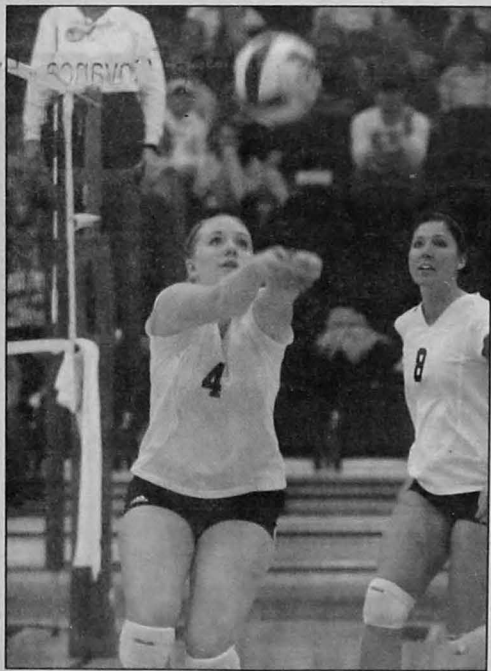
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The Lady eagles saw stand-out performances in various parts of the defensive category. Sophomores Ashley Henricks and Melanie Pund and Junior Amber Gogel lead the defense for the Eagles. Henricks finished with nine blocks, Pund and Gogel finished with 22 and 20 digs.

There were four players who gave 11 or more kills in the effort. Underclassmen Freshman Brittani Oliver and sophomore Courtney Bealor led the Eagles with 15 and 14 kills. Upperclassmen junior Meg Buschman and senior Molly Rahman added 13 and 11 kills to the effort. As an added measure Rahman and Oliver also had four blocks a piece.

Senior Stephanie Wilson and Bealor also came through in the digs portion of play. Wilson scored 11 digs while Bealor gave 13 digs. Wilson also finished with 48 assists in action.

After strong performances last week, the Eagles will return to action. Friday the ladies travel to Kansas City, Mo to take on Rockhurst University at 7 p.m. The ladies will be on the road for the next four matches. "Our main focus now is to make it into the conference tournament," said Mercer.



Sophomore setter Kathi Hindman sets up junior blocker Meg Buschman during the Eagles victory against Bellarmine.

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## Basketball team loses senior Kenny Love to Midnight Madness mishap

By RYAN DELANEY  
Sports editor

The University of Southern Indiana's yearly basketball preview, Midnight Madness, claimed yet another men's player on Sunday night as senior guard Kenny Love fell victim to the event's seemingly developing curse. Love must sit the entire 2007-08 season out due to the patella tendon that he tore while participating in a lay-up drill in the Physical Activities Center. After operating on his left knee Monday morning, doctors told Love he may need six months to recover from the surgery.

Love slid across the floor of the PAC after attempting a routine lay-up. When a teammate tried to help him to his feet, Love refused the offer and moved himself against the gym wall.

Members of the USI men's basketball team staff then assessed the situation and determined Love required immediate medical attention.

Love is not the only USI player that has been injured in the annual Midnight Madness event. In fact, the last three rallies severed a player from the men's basketball lineup. The Screaming Eagles lost both Geoff Van Winkle and Brandon Hopf in the previous two seasons. Van Winkle and Hopf both broke their feet during previous season opening celebrations.

Love played 35 games from the bench last season and averaged 7.8 points, 2.9 rebounds, and 2.2 assists per game. Before the injury, Love was a potential candidate for one of the two starting guard positions.



Demolition City Roller girls practice for upcoming bouts at Skate World off Vogel Road. From left to right: Jessi Wilkins (Gorie DeTails), Katie Huffman (Swollen Sue Ellen), Kristen Wood (Tyraani), Amy Hodder (Fifi LaPayne), Jennifer Goff (Virgin Cherry)

Photo by Liz Fields

## Skate with hate: local roller derby team trains for upcoming season

By LANA KUNZ  
Special to The Shield

When Molly Hartshorn transferred to USI, she realized there was one thing that Evansville was lacking. Hartshorn and her fiancé, Josh Pugh, founded Demolition City Roller Derby so she could continue her passion for the sport. She became interested in roller derby when she saw "Rollergirls", a reality show documenting a women's Texas league, on the A&E network. She joined a league near her previous college and missed it enough when she transferred to start one here.

While roller derby may bring flashes of sixties culture to mind, it has a new tougher persona. Players have stage names such as Clara Plegic, Excruci Annie, and Mually Oly Oxenfree and are not afraid to get hurt. Even if you can't skate, although Pugh the head coach is willing to teach anyone, they could use your help in another

area. Demolition City is in need of female skaters and referees over the age of 18, volunteers, Emergency Medical Technicians, and sponsors. This opportunity is not limited to women, men can help referee and help support the players.

Skaters use old fashioned quad, 4-wheel, skates on a flat track along with guards that cover everything from knees to elbows. The bouts consist of two 20 minute sessions that have jam formations that lets the pack set a pace by lapping the track once and then two minute jam sessions when points are scored. Each team has five players in the rink at a time, one jammer that scores for the team, three blockers which are the first line of defense, and one pivot who is the remaining defense. Players have different helmets to tell who is in what position. The blockers and pivots line up in a pack and start to skate counter clock wise once the refer-

ee signals for the jam formation. Once the jam begins, jammers, that have stayed behind the pack until now, begin to work their way through the blockers and pivots. After initially passing them, a jammer scores a point every time they pass the pack. Any blockers or pivots that become separated from the group are out of play until they catch up. Players are allowed to block with body parts that are above the hips, excluding hands, heads and elbows.

Demolition City's first scheduled bout is March 15th in Covington, Kentucky against the Black-n-Bluegrass Rollergirls. The team's home rink is at Skateworld off of Vogel Road.

If interested in joining or volunteering contact them through <http://www.myspace.com/demolitioncity> or [demolitioncity@gmail.com](mailto:demolitioncity@gmail.com)



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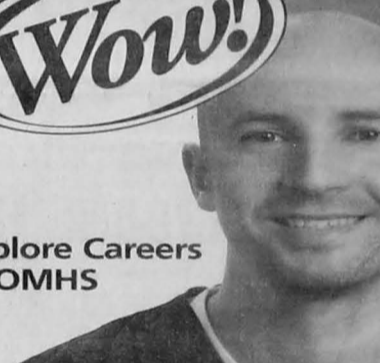
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