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Congressman Hostettler to speak

by ethan badertscher
campus news editor

Indiana's United States Congressman, John Hostettler, will be speaking tonight at 7:00 p.m. on campus in Forum 1.

"This meeting will serve to kickoff the newly formed group, USI College Republicans, and will help inform the USI community of our existence," said Sean Selby, Executive Chairman of USI College Republicans. "We are bringing in our Congressman as the kickoff speaker because he is a great role-model and statesman," Selby said.

"He is an excellent speaker

and will be sharing about his experience on the day of September 11th, 2001, where he left the Pentagon just before it was hit," said Selby.

Selby said, "We believe in the Principals of the Republican Party, which include the right to life, right to bear arms, limited government, a free market economy, local-run education, and a strong national defense."

"Congressman Hostettler will also be talking about youth involvement in politics and why he believes USI could be a very important campus for local, state, and national politics for the next few years to come," Selby said.

Economics and Finance Club sponsor contest

by roberta fugate
staff writer

If you think it would be fun or just exciting to watch a USI instructor get a pie in the face, now may be your chance.

The Economics and Finance Club is sponsoring its annual Pie-in-the-Face Contest that will give some "lucky" instructor the chance to get smacked in the face with a pie.

Thirteen instructors have agreed to participate in this year's event. The instructor with the most money donated

in his or her name will be notified and a date will be set to receive the pie in the face.

A table of jars with each instructor's name on it is located on the second floor of the Orr Center through tomorrow at 3 p.m.

All money raised will be used to help finance field trips for the club to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and the Chicago Board of Trade this year.

The tentative date for the pie throwing event is Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Vice President Byrd off to UE

by travis neff
staff writer

One of the key people responsible for USI's continued growth, Vice President for Student Affairs John Byrd, will soon be leaving the university.

After a six-year engagement at USI, he will be filling the new position of Executive Vice President at the University of Evansville.

Vice President Byrd is credited with playing a large role in the continued development of USI.

He sees this as the fulfillment of just one of the goals he had when first coming to the university.

"Consistent growth in enrollment was a definite

goal," Byrd said, "But equally important was the growth in the quality of education here."

Besides helping USI expand academically, Byrd made great strides in promoting student affairs and residence life. During Byrd's tenure, the university either purchased or built 30 student residence buildings.

Vice President Byrd says that he has made a lot of friends during his time at USI, and that his decision to leave was a difficult one.

"It will be hard to leave the feeling of this place," he said, "where people work together with a great sense of teamwork, all moving in one direction."

Byrd's new role at UE will include a broad range of

administrative duties, including the oversight of strategic planning, student life and admissions.

"This was a professional opportunity for me," Byrd said, "to take on a wide range of responsibilities."

USI President Ray Hoops believes that Byrd will be missed on both personal and professional levels. "He is a high-impact player", President Hoops said, "and a great strength of the institution."

Hoops also knows that Byrd's legacy at USI will be a long lasting one.

"We now have a recruitment management system that is the envy of the entire country,"

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Sophomore economics major Adriane Kiszka collects money for the annual Economics and Finance Club Pie-in-the-Face Contest. (Photo by Roberta Fugate)

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Red cross encourages blood platelet donations

by roberta fugate
staff writer

To donate or not to donate. That was the question many people asked themselves when it came to blood donation before Sept. 11.

After that dreaded Tuesday, the question became where can I donate.

The question was answered recently on the USI campus when the Communication Arts Club, in conjunction with the Red Cross, sponsored a blood drive on campus.

According to Ken McWilliams, Apheresis Recruitment Representative for the local Red Cross, the Red Cross had hoped to get 105 units of blood donated.

The goal was surpassed when approximately 112 units were donated.

Some people were blood donors before, for others it was the first time.

Tiffany Duerson, a first time blood donor said she gave blood "because some people need it more than I do."

Randi Kerkes, also a first time blood donor, said a friend was going to donate

blood so "I came along and gave also."

McWilliams said that most of the blood collected in the tri-state remains in the tri-state. The Red Cross of Southwestern Indiana serves 19 hospitals in 21 counties.

According to McWilliams, a person must wait 56 days between donations of whole blood.

He added that the shelf life for whole blood is 42 days. Plasma can be frozen for later use for up to one year.

McWilliams said after the terrorist attacks Evansville had the largest turnout in the history of the Red Cross in Evansville for blood donations.

"People waited eight or nine hours to donate, it was phenomenal," McWilliams added.

When asked if there was ever so much blood donated that some had to be disposed of, McWilliams replied, "it rarely happens that blood is not used."

Although McWilliams encourages everyone to donate whole blood, his job is to try to get more people involved in donating platelets.

Platelets are used for patients with cancer and leukemia, as well as those who have had organ or bone marrow transplants.

When whole blood is donated, it is separated into red blood cells, plasma and platelets.

It takes six to eight units of whole blood to get the same amount of platelets from one apheresis donation.

An apheresis donation is similar to a whole blood donation but the platelets are removed from the blood with a cell-separator. The platelets are then stored and the rest of the blood is returned to the donor.

Since platelets must be used within five days, new donations are always needed. Donating platelets takes longer than donating whole blood (almost two hours compared to about 15 minutes for whole blood) and because the equipment used for platelet donation can't be moved, it is necessary to make an appointment for donation.

For further questions about blood donation, contact the River Valley Region Red Cross at 1-800-434-9470.

Byrd

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Hoops said. "He also helped transform the institution from being less of a commuter school, and more into a university with a strong campus life. John will definitely be missed."

Vice President Byrd will begin his new position at UE in early November. He says that it

will be hard to leave the exciting atmosphere of growth at USI. Upon reflecting about his time at the university, Byrd said. "For me, this has been the most personally and professionally rewarding position I have ever held in my entire life."

Professor Rhoden to give lecture

by travis neff
staff writer

For those who are interested in the more bizarre periods in American History, an upcoming lecture on the Salem witch trials may provide an evening of learning and entertainment.

Associate Professor Nancy Rhoden will be giving a presentation focusing on the trials at the Alexandria Public Library in Mt. Vernon. The lecture will be held on Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Rhoden is well cultivated in the episodes of early America. She received her Ph.D. in colonial history from Princeton University in 1994, and has gone on to publish works dealing with the religious culture and history of the American Revolutionary Period.

The Salem witch trials were the result of the fear and reli-

gious fervor of early Puritan Colonists, those who left Europe hoping to avoid religious persecution. But as Dr. Rhoden explained, "They believed in religious freedom for themselves, but they did not believe in religious tolerance."

The Salem witch trials have long been a topic of interest, not only because it shows the religious culture Puritanical society, but also how people in the past perceived gender roles.

According to Dr. Rhoden, one-third of all grandmothers in Sussex County were under suspicion. "They were looking for witches in likely spots," she said.

Dr. Rhoden encourages people to attend her lecture.

"This will be an entertaining presentation about how they saw their world," she said, "this is a fascinating episode."

Campus briefs

USI and the Tri-State World Trade Council are bringing Mr. Huang Zhen-Hua, Consul, Economic and Commercial, Office of the Chinese Consulate General in Chicago, to campus on Oct. 18 from 9:00 to 10:00 in UC 205. Mr. ZhenHua will also speak at a luncheon at 12:00 in Carter Hall Room B.

Students are welcome to attend his noon presentation at no cost (lunch for students who wish to eat with the members of the Tri-State World Trade Council is \$15. Lunch will start at 11:30). Students must call extension 1864 for reservations.

Mr. ZhenHua speak about economic and trade relations between China and the U.S., the World Trade Organization and China, foreign investment in and trade with China, and how to find

markets in China for export and imports. For more information call extension 1854.

On Oct. 25th in LA 0101, at 7:30 p.m., a panel discussion of the pros and cons of hate crimes laws will take place. The panelists include USI Professor Todd Schroer of Sociology and Wally Paynter of both Justice, Inc. (a gay-rights lobbying group) and the Tristate Alliance of Lesbians, on the Pro side; and ACLU Legislative Director Michael McKilip and USI student Brent Beaman, on the Con side. USI Professor Stephen J. Sullivan of Philosophy will moderate.

Dan Brumett, an alum of USI and now an employee of the CBS network in Los Angeles,

is coming to USI on Wednesday, Oct. 24 to present one of the Emmys he won working on *The Young and the Restless* to the university.

The presentation will take place at 1:00 in Kleymeyer Auditorium and will be followed by an open house tour of the new campus TV studio facilities.

Invitations are being sent out to TV stations, production companies, and various other individuals. The invitation is to the USI community as well.

Brumett initiated the presentation as an offer to donate one of his statues as an inspiration to students going through the program.

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Sophomore Gordon Hochstetler, a spanish major, entertained participants of the recent Hispanic Heritage celebration on campus. (Photo by Roberta Fugate)

SGA focusd on Collegiate Alcohol Awariness Week

by rebecca parker
staff writer

Thursday's Student Government Association meeting focused on the upcoming National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

The week's activities for all USI students kick off on Monday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. with Oksoberfest.

It will take place at the Eicher barn and will include a campfire, food and music from "Axis," a local band, until 10 p.m.

Sociology professor, Dr. Charles Petranek, will lead Tuesday's alcohol simulation at the UC Bridge at 2:30 p.m.

He will conduct a drinking game that deals with the consequences of being under the influence of alcohol.

At 7 p.m., the Activities Programming Board will host comedian Wendi Fox in Mitchell Auditorium.

Several organizations will participate in Wednesday's "happy hour" from 11 a.m.

until 2 p.m. under the UC Bridge.

This event will include booths from the various organizations serving "mock tails" including a root beer stew with root beer shots and root beer margaritas. There will be a contest to decide which group serves the best beverage.

Thursday night Luminary bags signed by students who committed throughout the week to be aware of the consequences of alcohol will light the path for the candle light walk.

The walk will start at 8 p.m. at McWest and will end around 8:30 by the flagpoles in front of the Health Professions Building.

There, student Kelli Craig will speak. ESPN is doing a special on her next month.

The week wraps up on Friday with free alcohol screenings from the counseling center located in the University Center rooms 203 and 204 from 9a.m. until noon.

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What are your thoughts on the parking situation? Send your comments to shield@usi.edu. Letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification.

Civil disobedience or lazy freshmen?

Editorial

The most vocal group complaining about the parking situation appears to be the largest group causing the problem, freshmen. Specifically the residents of O'Bannon, Governor's and Newman Halls.

While it is evident that there is a shortage of designated parking for those residents in the immediate area, there are more than enough spots to accommodate these residents with designated overflow area.

The problem is, there is an overwhelmingly high number of residents who refuse to cooperate with the system and use those spots, instead parking in prohibited areas and subtracting from already scarce commuter spots.

We are witnessing

either an orchestrated example of civil disobedience, or these students are just too lazy to walk the additional three minutes and let the system work.

Students from the Housing area have done their share in alleviating the parking situation by using the shuttle and walking to campus, however, one must wonder about those who refuse to play by the rules, especially when they live directly across the street from campus.

As the enforcement of parking rules have increased in response to the parking situation, so have the number of citations. When an unofficial estimate places 75% of the violations originating from red tag holders, it might indeed be said

that at least for most of those, it is a walking problem and not a parking problem.

This is a university community, and we must all do our parts to make the best of this situation. As this campus grows, there will be inconvenience, but in the end we all will benefit. Incoming students have been given a lot of responsibilities, and included in those is the responsibility to park where they are supposed to.

That being said, perhaps the best advice that can be given is one already being echoed by the rest of the community, "get off your lazy ass and walk."

The editorial reflects the view of *The Shield* editorial board.

Top 10 things I'd rather do

by jami maday
columnist

Once again, the Indianapolis Colts has shown its weak offense and absent-minded defense.

But, of course, what better place to present such embarrassment than in the RCA Dome (or its real name, the Hoosier Dome).

Mora has influenced my prediction of the Colts season as a waste of time, screaming and vomiting. I've decided that there are better things to do than watch another Manning and James puppet show.

I composed a cheap Letterman imitation of my

own Top Ten List.

Top Ten Things I Would Rather Do Than Watch Another Colts Game:

10. Write parking tickets for USI security.

9. Watch play-by-play action of Michael Jordan in every Wizards game (it would take a wizard for him to play four periods).

8. Watch one hour of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon instead of my record 15 minutes.

7. Be the person responsible for requesting those two fountains in the lake behind the Liberal Arts building.

6. Have George Tenet's

(director of central intelligence) job.

5. Have this job.
4. Read a biography on Osama bin Laden.

3. Trade in my Taurus for one of those USI golf carts (I have to admit, they do look like a lot of fun).

2. Watch Monday Night Football and not press the mute button every time Dennis Miller's voice is broadcasted.

1. Pay \$6 for a roll of Osama bin Laden toilet paper (you could fly to Afghanistan and wipe yourself with his beard for less money).

Letters to the Editor

Why is USI violating its own discrimination policy?

To the Editor,

USI currently has a ROTC program on campus.

Since December 1999, USI has had an official policy forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation "in all organizations, services and programs under the legal control of the Trustees."

However, ROTC has a policy on sexual orientation bluntly stating "don't ask don't tell" concerning gay and lesbian service members. They abide with the American military's policy and under this policy "service members may be discharged if they are found to have engaged in homosexual conduct" or even if they have stated anything that "demonstrates a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts."

This ROTC policy clearly violates the USI policy, but USI continues to support such an organization.

Why is the ROTC being allowed on campus? Why is USI violating its own policy? Everyone knows at the beginning of the current semester, USI was incredibly strict on

enforcing the parking policy. Anyone in violation was given a nice long strip of paper that was stuck underneath their windshield wipers telling them to pay a fine for violating their policy.

So, why is it USI is so strict on one policy and not so strict on another policy? Would it be okay for USI students to fine the university for violating the discrimination policy? This shows inconsistency in the policies which USI says we must abide by.

USI has done a tremendous job of keeping these two conflicting policies on the back burner. They have not correctly addressed the problem on campus.

Is USI just going to wait until the majority of students feel this is a problem until they do anything about it? Upon entrance to USI, each student indirectly accepts the rules written in the bulletin. Students are expected to abide by these policies and if not they may face punishment according to the procedures in the bulletin.

I challenge any USI faculty

or student to open the USI 2001-2003 bulletin to the first page. The second paragraph firmly states "It is the policy of the University of Southern Indiana to be in full compliance with all federal and state non-discrimination and equal protection laws, orders and regulations relating to race, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of Vietnam era."

USI may be abiding by the policy set forth by the government stating that ROTC is set under the policy of "don't tell don't ask."

However, why does USI have such a policy that can be directly violated by one organization because of the national organization says so.

Maybe this is a problem with ROTC and USI has no control because federal government laws (ROTC policies) supersedes those of USI.

However, USI is not helping the situation by avoiding the topic.

Kaycie Bayer
USI student

War not the answer

To the Editor,

The air strikes against Afghanistan have now entered their second week, and America is showing the rest of the world just what it means to be civilized and humanitarian.

Apparently, it means characterizing those who attack us as purely evil, in contrast to the purely good America.

It means calling Afghani citizens who are killed in our bombings "collateral damage".

It means dropping food - food that lands in mine fields, is against Islamic food codes, and is nowhere near the amount needed to the refugees who are starving because all aid workers had to leave as a result of our bombing.

The government tells us that we are ridding the world of pure evil, that the terrorists have no reasons for their attacks other than their pure hatred of American freedom, and that the only way to stop evil is through death.

We ignore the fact that America has killed over 1 million Iraqi children through sanctions, the fact that America supports Israeli terrorism against Palestine, and the fact that

America forces its will on the rest of the world. We ignore the reasons that an anti-America feeling flourishes in the Middle East, and simply hope that bombs will be enough.

We find it irrational that Allah would support people that kill innocents, but we believe that God supports America, a nation that has killed more innocents than bin Laden ever can. We ignore the teachings of men like Jesus, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi, all of whom lived by the principles of peace and love.

We disgrace their name through the belief that God supports our war on Afghanistan.

We believe that the way to peace is through war, but, if this is so, why has it not worked yet?

Why have we not yet been able to bomb the world into peace? I do not support bin Laden and his war, but I also do not support the USA and our war.

War, no matter where it comes from, is an evil that a civilized world should be able to live without.

Beau Winiger
USI Student

ROTC's presence contradicts with policy

To the Editor,

Right now, USI is allowing the ROTC a space on campus, and many would say that this is a very positive thing for our university.

I, in fact, was happy when I heard the news, thinking that it was another "step up" for the University of Southern Indiana as a growing college meeting more and more of the needs of a growing number of students.

But as I examine the issue more closely, I have to wonder if the inclusion of the ROTC, and its policies, is consistent with the policies of our university.

One of USI's policies states that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is forbidden "in all organizations, services and programs

under the legal control of the Trustees" of the university, which would include the ROTC courses the university currently offers.

Now, this in my opinion is a very noble policy, and one that encourages students of all backgrounds and persuasions to come together and learn here, safe from discrimination and protected by a doctrine of tolerance and acceptance. I would, in other words, rather not change or omit this policy.

The ROTC, (or Reserve Officers Training Corp) is affiliated with the military and as such follows the policies of the United States military. This includes, sadly, the practice that "service members may be discharged if they are found to have engaged in homosexual con-

duct" or if a service member "demonstrates a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts."

These policies clearly discriminate between service members on the basis of whether they are homosexual or heterosexual, which contradicts directly with our university's anti-discrimination policy.

As of late, due to the circumstances the United States finds itself in, Congress has temporarily suspended the military practice of dishonorably discharging servicemen for being homosexual.

This would seem to imply that our government feels that a "gay" serviceman is as capable of defending our country as a "straight" one.

There seems, consequently, to be no good reason for the

ROTC's policy.

Therefore, I propose that the Trustees of the University of Southern Indiana meet with those in charge of the ROTC program here, and draft a new policy that agrees with USI's policy of continuing nondiscrimination, not a temporary bandage on the problem.

I think it is in the university's best moral and legal interest to ask this of any program being held here, even the ROTC. To allow discrimination to take place in any program, when it goes directly against our college's policies, is purely and simply wrong.

Try as we might, we can't put a good face on it.

Heather Lynne Dodd
USI Student

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There is also the opportunity to create contacts with recruiters while at the Health Professions Career Expo. These recruiters are in the position to give recommendations on who should and shouldn't be hired. These contacts can be very beneficial people to know.

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Four musicians equal 5 apples

by jason isaacs
staff writer

The numbers do not match. There are four members of the band, yet they have the name of 5 apples.

Either these guys are not smart (which by the phone conversation I had, would be the obvious choice) or there has to be a good reason behind the name.

The band's name is 5 apples. The members consist of Dave Cravotta (lead guitar), Todd Ferris (bassist and vocals), Trey McGuinn (drummer and vocals) and Terry Wagner (rhythm guitar and vocals).

The name of the band actually derived when they had to come up with a name quickly before playing before their fraternity SAE of UE. They said that they would not be able to disclose how the name came about due to secrecy.

Every great band has their influential figures and this band is no different.

Wagner's figures include Hanson, all boy bands (except LFO), Bob Barker, Kevin Cosner and Stamp (A cheap knock off version of the group Stomp).

"The way Stamp would just bang anything on stage looked great to me," Wagner stated. "Also, did I mention that we are playing at Harpole's this Friday

night at 10:30 p.m."

This Friday the boys of 5 apples will be performing, like Wagner said, at Harpole's at 10:30 p.m.

Back to their inspirations. McGuinn said his has more variety than the rest of the members.

"The theme from Little House on the Prairie, the Powder Puff Rangers and the theme from Heathcliff."

After hearing of McGuinn's figures, Ferris chuckled and said his people.

"Sherry Lewis and Lamb chop were my first love and then it was on to the song styling of Bruce Willis. But when the 90's hit, it was all about Ace of Base. I definitely saw the sign during the song, *The Sign*."

Cravotta's figures included Barry Manilow, The Bay City Rollers and the Partridge Family.

"*Saturday Night* is my all-time favorite song," Cravotta said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

These four friends and band members live together on the eastside in a house nicknamed "The Apple Tree."

As I tried to move on in the interview Wagner shouted out "I hate Wedding invitations, they always give you 9 envelopes!"

"Also did I mention that the girls will be topless this Friday night at Harpole's at 10:30 p.m."

I then tried to move on again but the boys insisted on telling me their favorite words.

Wagner, "Fallopian," Ferris, "Quagmire," Cravotta, "Antidistestablishmentarianism," McGuinn, "Aroelas."

5 apples sing your usual college rock songs, but also include some of their own material. They do not have a CD out yet, but there are plans for production over Christmas sometime.

The apples are coming off a performance last Friday at The Duck Inn. The crowd doubled this time compared to their show in September.

They also do not take breaks during their show.

"There is a lot of positive energy when we play and we don't want to lose that," Wagner stated.

Speaking of past performance, they played in Indy a few weeks back and received a noise ordinance but still played.

"They can put a stop to our sound, but they can't break our spirits."

While performing in Indy they caught the eye of the guy who books for The Patio and The Vogue (Indy's hottest nightclub).

"We are not happy with our show unless one of us needs assistance getting off the stage," Ferris said.

Last week at The Duck, Cravotta got a hangnail and was carried off by the other members of the band.

"That is what I like about these guys," Cravotta said. "They will do anything for you."

When reached for comment about this situation McGuinn said, "Banging is good. There's nothing like banging more than one thing at a time."

Hopefully he was talking about the drum playing.

One highlight of their show is their infamous Rap Medley consisting of The Humpty Dance, Baby Got Back, 1,2,3,4, Can't touch this, Fresh Prince Theme song and the Macarena.

Near the end of the interview I felt like I was being rushed. I believed I heard Ferris in the background yelling, "We have an important game of washers to get to. Hurry up!"

I then asked if anyone had any last comments.

"(At a 5 apples show), You never know what you are going to get," Wagner said.

"Our number one goal is to entertain and to make sure every last person is having a good time," Cravotta stated.

"Come to our show this Friday, 10:30 p.m. at Harpole's, Wagner interjected.

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Pop music will never go away, like it or not

by brooklyn solis
staff writer

My father still brings up the argument we had by the kitchen sink.

There I stood, 6 years old, learning to wash the dishes, arguing that the New Kids on the Block were going to outlast the Beatles.

It was stupid, but I was convinced that they were Gods and Jordan Knight was going to be my future husband.

Fortunately, my Dad handled me with care, telling me that eventually I would realize how stupid I was.

Unfortunately this vicious cycle of Pop music has gotten worse. Even Bob Doles dog is in love with Brittany Spears.

We are constantly bombarded with beautiful half-naked teenagers with an army of dancers behind them endorsing a product or singing during half-time shows. The question lingers in my mind- when will everyone else realize how wrong they are?

Of course, it is not our fault- it is MTV's.

Everyday, thousands of teens across the U.S. tune into Carson Daly's show.

Their musical taste is molded by his play list. Basically, fourteen-year-old girls run Total Request Live. The ones with their rooms wallpapered with posters and CD covers.

I still have my New Kids on the Block sleeping bag. I will

admit that I know every word to N Syncs Pop, but I wouldn't know them if every time I turned on the television it wasn't oozing out of the speaker.

Even the award show was contaminated and dominated by pop music. I guess it always has been, but this year it was more noticeable.

The performance by Stained saved the show for me, but no one could stop those N Sync boys from racking up one undeserved award after another.

It would be different if these pop stars had some musical ability. They try to impress us by

singing harmonies and dancing like machines. But most of them do not write their own music or play their own instruments.

Where is our generations Bob Dylan? Don't tell me that our appetite for rock music died with Kurt Cobain.

We still have that much anger, and rage to rock out- we just do not have an icon for that, so we are bombarded by slick plastic boy bands and sexy pop princesses.

Although the music went away, the stars eventually do. They end up on VH1s Where Are They Now, crying about lost

money, or trying to make a comeback.

Was that not Jordan Knight with a single last year? Didn't Joey McIntyre finally stop randomly popping up on MTV? At least one of the Wahlbergs still has a career in show business.

My Dad doesn't ever have to say, I told you so. I realize now that Hanging Tough, could never compete with Come Together.

Pop music will never go away, and neither will the dirty dishes.



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Eagles eager for fresh start

Herdes starts new era of men's basketball

by luke wagner
sports editor

USI men's basketball is starting a new era of being one of the top teams in the GLVC and Division II.

Leading the charge for the Eagles is head coach Rick Herdes, who comes in as an old face wearing new shoes.

Herdes took over the head-coaching job of Bruce Pearl, who led USI to the biggest turnaround season in GLVC history in 1993. Pearl wasted no time building USI into a nationally recognized school by leading them to a national championship only two years into his nine year stint as head coach. Pearl is now head coach of University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee at the division one level.

Herdes, who was Pearl's top assistant for those nine years, has great respect for Pearl, but is anxious to start his own program.

"I wish him (Pearl) the best of luck in Wisconsin," Herdes said. "He'll move up quickly."

Although, USI sports a new ace at head coach, the fans can expect nothing short of the fast-pace, high-flying basketball style of the last nine years. Herdes said the style of play will be very much the same, with a few exceptions.

Conditioning is the biggest difference Wes Attebury, one of eight seniors on this year's roster, as experienced under Herdes.

"We're working hard so we can stop people," Attebury said. In the past we just outsourced

people."

Some other familiar faces join Attebury for the 2001-02 season by the names of senior Marlowe Currie, senior Shirica Shy, senior Matt Carter, junior Diondre Givens and sophomore Billy Harris.

Currie is looking ahead to another great season after leading the Eagles in points and rebounds per game at the forward position last year.

Shy, Givens, and Harris will be joining Currie as forwards. All three will be expected to play a large role for the eagles to be successful this season.

Carter, one of the most exciting three point shooters in the nation, led USI from behind the arc last year at 48.2 percent, including six for six performance from downtown against Missouri-St. Louis.

Many new faces get into the mix this year as well. Freshman Jake Howe and Cris Brunson represent the future of the Eagles. Howe, a forward from Harrison High School in Evansville averaged 11.8 points, 7 rebounds and 2.9 blocks per game for the Warriors his senior year. Brunson, graduate of Evansville Reitz High School will be at the guard position for USI. He averaged 25 points, 6 rebounds and 2.4 assists per contest his senior year.

The new transfers for the Eagles this year include senior forward Ronnie Griffin from the University of Oklahoma and junior guard LaMar Hillsman from John A. Logan.

Whether new or old, Herdes wants his players to support the

team's image. Herdes said he would focus on academics first and foremost.

"The word student comes first in student athlete."

As for basketball, Herdes has set short-term, as well as long-term goals for his program.

"Our short term goal is to improve day by day," Herdes said.

In the long term, Herdes wants to compete for championships, and the team won't have to wait long. USI will open up the regular season in Florida at the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic tournament Nov. 16-18.

Marc Hostetter and Stan Gouard will help guide USI to achieving these goals as Herdes' assistant coaches. Hostetter and Gouard were both outstanding players for USI in the 90s.

Hostetter led the Eagles to a 105-17 record and a national championship in his four years at the point guard position.

"Marc has the complete package, both as a person and a coach," Herdes said.

Gouard who was also a member of that 1995 national championship team, is ranked third all-time in scoring for the Eagles. That is amazing feat for someone who only spent three years at USI. Gouard also holds the records for steals in a game, season and career.

All the pieces seem to be falling into place for Herdes in his first year as head coach, but he is aware of the task ahead.

"It's been a great fall so far," Herdes said. "But it's not where you start, it's where you end."

Stein and Lady Eagles look to seniors for leadership

by luke wagner
sports editor

The USI women's basketball team doesn't want to let go of last year's outstanding season. But with the loss of four all-GLVC players from last year's roster, head coach Rick Stein is ready for the challenges of the new season.

"Every returning player is better," Stein said. "I don't think you can always say that."

Stein enters his 11th season as head or assistant coach at USI.

He spent eight seasons under former head coach Chancellor Dugan, before taking the helm as head coach in 1999. Stein wasted no time earning the GLVC coach of the year award last year. He led the Lady Eagles into the Division II Elite Eight tournaments with a 28-4 record (second best in USI history).

The Lady Eagles will fast break into one of the toughest conference schedules they have ever faced this year according to Stein.

"The schedule is the toughest we've ever had," Stein said. "The bottom half is growing." Tough schedule or not, returning senior Casey Hughes is confident in USI's ability to weather the storm.

"Our goals are set high," Hughes said. "We won't overlook anybody."

Hughes, expected to fill a leadership role this year, finished last season as a guard/forward ranked num-

ber 8 in scoring and number 15 in rebounding all time at USI.

Joining Hughes as returning Lady Eagles are senior Jasmine Moore, sophomore Jessica Stuckman, senior Michelle Irwin, senior Kimberly Witkowiak, junior Bethany Miller, sophomore Erin Wall, and senior Mevett Wooley.

The returning players will be the backbone of the team, which welcomes five newcomers. Transferring are juniors Sarah McIntosh, Stacy Karzin, and Africa Sherrod. McIntosh and Karzin both come from Illinois. Sherrod transferred from Florida where she averaged 7.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for TCC last year.

Also joining USI from the high school ranks are freshmen Amber Calhoun, and April Williams, who both led their Indiana high schools with great senior seasons last year.

Stein's biggest concern for the upcoming season is starting over.

Entering a year with changing roles and new challenges, Coach Stein expressed the need for the newcomers to expand their roles from previous experience to help USI. However, he places much responsibility on the seniors' shoulders.

"Expectations will be high," Stein said, "I think we will go as far as our seniors want us to go."

Butler skates past Ice Eagles in season opener

by jill fountain
staff writer

When The USI eagles stepped onto the ice for the debut game of their first season against the past national champions Butler Bulldogs, they didn't know what to expect.

None of the players had ever

competed on a college level before so being a little nervous was expected.

The buzzer sounded and the first period was underway. Butler scored within the first few minutes of the game, but that didn't shake the Eagles determination. They answered right back with a goal scored by Zac

Howard. The first was an action packed period with a bunch of checks, both illegal and legal, which got the crowd on their feet breaking out in a USI chant.

The remainder of the first half Butler remained in the lead with a score of 3-1.

By the end of the first period the shots on goal for the team

were Butler 11 and USI 9.

In the middle of the second period a fight broke out near the Butler goal and penalties were given to both sides. Butler scored twice more in that period to put them ahead by four.

In the third period Butler gained five more goals putting the game out of reach for the USI

Though the game was not a victory for the USI eagles, it was a show not to be missed. The team put on a great "on the edge of your seat" performance.

Their next game is on Saturday Oct. 20, against Southwestern Illinois at 10:45 p.m. at home. All USI home games will be played at Swonder Ice Rink.

Tennis team finishes 2nd

by Travis Neff
staff writer

The University of Southern Indiana women's tennis team lived up to all expectations over the past weekend, finishing second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. The two-day event was held in Indianapolis.

USI entered the GLVC as the number-two seed. In the first round, the Eagles dominated the University of Missouri-St. Louis. USI did not drop a single set in any match, singles or doubles.

In the second round the Eagles eliminated number three-seeded SIU-Edwardsville. "The win over SIUE was very good," Coach

Keely Porter said, "it was a real team effort." USI won two of their four singles matches.

Michelle Lenahan faced a tough opponent in SIUE's Amber Stanley, and lost 6-4, 6-1. USI's Gwen Gosman was also beaten 6-3, 6-2. Singles victors for USI in the second round were Emily Blinzinger and Kathleen Davis, who each won in straight sets.

The Eagles turned it on for their doubles matches, winning three of three. "I've been on the girls about doubles all season," Coach Porter said, "and I was pleasantly surprised that we won all three of the doubles against SIUE." The team of Blinzinger and Lenahan won in a very tight

match, 9-8 (5). The teams of Davis and Freyberger and Carrie and Gosman were also victorious.

Moving on to the championship match, the Eagles faced one of their most challenging adversaries, Northern Kentucky University. USI has lost four matches in GLVC play in the last two seasons, all of them coming at the hands of NKU.

The Eagles battled hard in the championship, but came up short, losing 5-1. "We were much more competitive against NKU than we were in the regular season," Coach Porter said, "but they just had too much talent for us to win."

USI was defeated in all of their singles matches.

Michelle Lenahan gave her opponent the toughest opposition in singles play, but lost 6-1, 7-5. Emily Blinzinger and Nichole Freyberger also came up short.

The Eagles made a stronger showing on the doubles side, winning one of the three matches. The team of sophomores Kathleen Davis and Nichole Freyberger won 8-6.

"Kat and Nichole definitely peaked at tournament time," Coach Porter commented, "They won all three of their matches over the weekend."

The Eagles finished the season with a record of 12-2.



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