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Master of Arts in Communication approved over Spring Break

By JUSTIN LAW
Online editor

While students were away on spring break, the state approved a program for the University of Southern Indiana that will allow students to pursue a master's degree in Communications.

According to Wes Durham, assistant professor of Communication Studies, a master's degree program was originally brought up via a needs assessment in 1991 and then a second one was conducted in 2005.

After receiving high ratings in the Presidential Report on Workforce and Economic

Development in 2007, it went on to the Academic Planning Council where it was finally approved in the spring of 2009.

Next it went on to the Board of Trustees and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) before it was later approved by the state.

"We, departmentally, got together to determine what classes we could offer, what the needs were of the people who were interested in our program and making sure that the master's program mirrored those needs," Durham stated.

The program, which will be implemented next fall, is a general Communications degree that

will offer courses in not only Communication Studies, but also Public Relations, Advertising, Radio Television and Journalism.

"I think it's a really neat thing, USI's obviously expanding... a really important edition to the curriculum at USI," senior Spanish major Caitlin Haskins said. Haskins is also interested in journalism.

It was designed to appeal to people who have spent some time in the workforce and wish to progress in their careers, as well as students who plan to move on to graduate school after receiving their undergraduate degree.

"About half the classes will be Communication Studies. About half the classes will be Mass Communications," Durham said.

Students interested in obtaining a master's degree in Communications can expect a 36 credit hour program, and 21 of those 36 credit hours are elective based.

"People should be able to tailor their course work and the curriculum to their own needs," Durham said.

As of now, no director for the program has been formally announced, however students interested in the program should contact Wes Durham.

Glassman runs for provost at MSU



David Glassman

By DANI PALMER
Editor in chief

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts David Glassman is one of three top finalists for the position of provost and vice president of academic affairs at Murray State University (MSU).

"(The provost) basically oversees the academic side of campus," Josh Jacobs, chief of staff at MSU, said.

According to a position profile made by MSU, "...the provost provides vision, leadership and oversight for all areas related to Academic Affairs..." and works with faculty, staff and students to produce academic growth and development.

"We want a leader for the academics," Jacobs said.

According to Jacobs, MSU is looking for someone with a good academic career and background, a leader who can manage faculty and budgets and is able to "step into a new role and hit the ground running."

The search committee, which is made up mostly of faculty, reviewed applications, made the first cut and met candidates in neutral locations.

Now the final three are visiting campus and speaking to the MSU community in open forums.

While the search committee is very involved, Jacobs said that University President Randy Dunn makes the final decision based on recommendations.

Applications for the position were due Feb. 8, and a decision is anticipated to be reached relatively soon, possibly in a week or so Jacobs said.

It's an important decision for MSU. "The provost needs to be able to basically run half the institution," Jacobs said.

The new provost will take over this summer, while current provost Gary Brockway will be returning to the College of Business in a part time role until retirement.

"He wanted to stay a bit longer to make the transition easier," Jacobs said. Glassman, who has served as USI's Dean of the College of Liberal Arts since 2004, is also a professor of anthropology.

His MSU visit was March 11 and 12. Glassman was unavailable for comment.

H. Lee Cooper award winner dances and raps for crowd



Photo by Kayla Ehrle

Biology professor Barbara Kalvelage shows off her homeostasis move during her presentation "Where you gonna live?" March 4. Kalvelage was the recipient of the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.

By KAYLA EHRLE
Staff writer

Barbara Kalvelage, a biology professor at USI and this year's H. Lee Cooper award winner, began her interest in biology when she was just a child.

"I loved biology when I was a little kid, I killed so many things," Kalvelage said.

She began her speech March 4 with such remarks that stirred the room in laughter and gave the audience a taste of her teaching style.

Her speech titled "Where you gonna live?" explained how Kalvelage was able to get an

education, overcome obstacles and get to where she is now.

One fact she noted in her speech was that she was not attractive as a child. She said if she had been attractive, she would have been married and uneducated.

"...But because I was so unattractive, my family let me finish high school," Kalvelage said.

The H. Lee Cooper Teaching award is given annually to one professor who shows inventiveness in advancing university core curriculum objectives.

Kalvelage said her teaching methods are "a bit unorthodox," but are effective.

On day one of her classes, she begins by getting her students involved by rapping about their class and biology.

The rap changes from class to class, but is upbeat, uses modern terms and is an entertaining way to remember facts about the course.

"I was horrible at Biology, but I got an A in her class," USI student Meaghan Griffin said.

Other than rapping to her students, Kalvelage has been known to use entertaining visual aids such as hoola hoops and golf balls to exhibit how atoms bond, as well as body motions that can characterize words like

homeostasis in a way that her students can remember.

Kalvelage challenges her students to rise above other classes with amusing rewards if they can beat her best class average.

In the past, she has gotten a part of her ear pierced, and in the future she claims she will get lipo.

Kalvelage rapped in her speech, and used the word "boogers."

"I would have said nasal incrustation, but my students understand booger," Kalvelage said.

New UC and Business Center move towards completion

By ZACH EVANS and
KATIE REINEKE
Shield staff

Gary Burgdorf, construction administrator for facilities operations and planning, looked on in admiration as he talked about the expansion of the University Center.

"It's been one big experiment after another," Burgdorf said, elaborating on how the architects involved in the UC expansion have chosen new and

edgy styles for many parts of the interior and exterior architecture.

Burgdorf is the head of construction for the UC expansion that started May of 2009. The expansion will add offices, meeting rooms and student lounge areas.

According to Burgdorf, almost all of the offices will be lined with decorative poplar wood, which is indigenous to this area.

Glass panel windows, which can be seen from

the outside have a "jewel box look" with different shades of blue, green and clear glass, Burgdorf said.

Creative light fixtures made of old chair legs from a Jasper furniture company will be accented with lime green paint.

"(The fixtures will) literally create a floral arrangement," Burgdorf said.

Clay tiling will cover the exposed columns inside the dining area in the center. Interesting

stone tiles cover a portion of the walls inside, each tile a different color and shape.

The UC will house new offices for *The Shield*, SGA, APB and other student organizations, along with many more meeting and conference rooms.

The main floor area that connects with the old UC will consist of the two new restaurants, Salsa Rico and Cyclone Salads and large dining and lounging areas where students can sit, eat



Photo by Zach Evans

Gary Burgdorf shows and explains the stone tiling that will decorate the interior walls in the new UC, which is aiming for a finish in late fall 2010.

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To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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- 12 Household appliance
- 13 Canada neighbor
- 14 Adam's grandson
- 16 Seaweed
- 17 Calcedony
- 18 Adjutant
- 19 Oklahoma athlete
- 21 Editor
- 23 Whirlpool
- 25 Malady
- 26 H. Rider Haggard novel
- 29 Couturier Christian
- 31 Pinch
- 32 Artery
- 34 Extra large
- 38 Box seat
- 39 Pride
- 40 Toll
- 42 Linguist
- 45 Edible fruit
- 46 Hearing organ
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- 10 Novelist Loos
- 11 Commotions
- 13 _____ Gras
- 15 Dried-up
- 20 Poi
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- 24 Hick
- 26 Paycheck (Abbr.)
- 27 Basketball aim
- 28 Therefore
- 30 Hardship
- 33 Cable
- 35 Esteemed
- 36 Zilch
- 37 Deserve
- 41 Caustic
- 43 New Englander
- 44 W.I. island
- 45 Tattle
- 48 Fragrance
- 50 Appends
- 51 Mortgages, for example
- 52 Ancient Greek
- 53 Heartache
- 55 Brewer's need
- 57 Desolate
- 59 Noel
- 60 God of love
- 61 Swabs
- 64 Brazilian port

Down

- 1 Prejudice
- 2 Folk singer Guthrie
- 3 Trademark
- 4 Fatuous
- 5 Droop
- 6 Prevaricator
- 7 Staked
- 8 Garden chore

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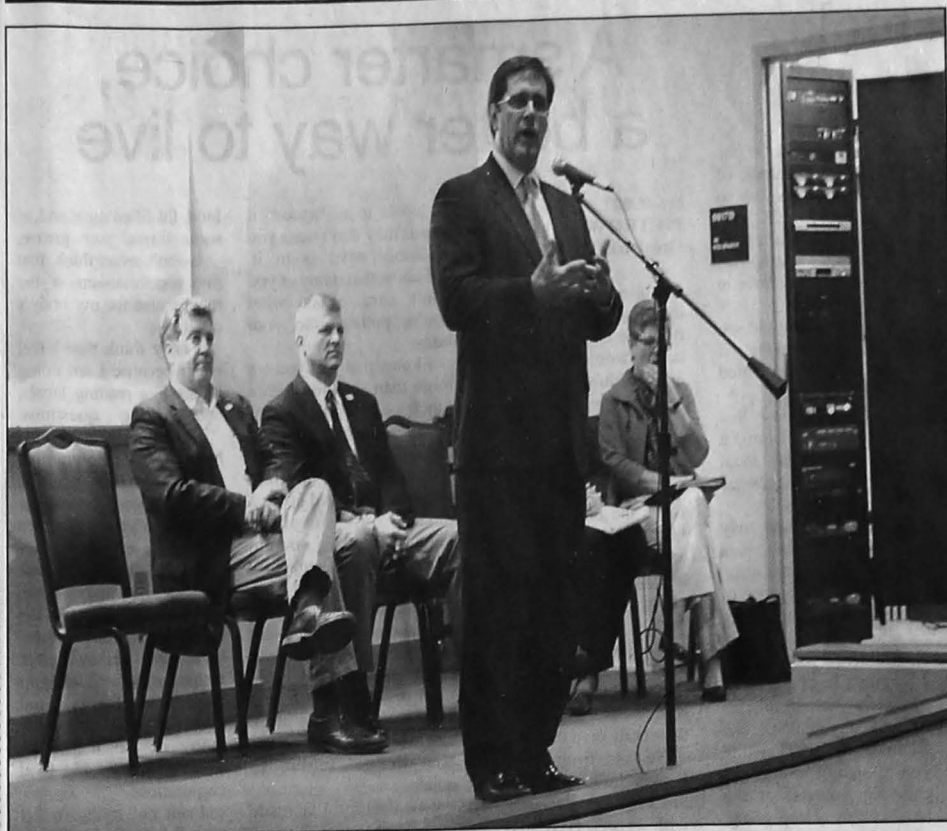


Photo by Jimmy Pyles

Indiana state Representative Trent Van Haften speaking before an interested crowd during a meet and greet hosted by the USI College Democrats. Local Democratic candidates were invited by the group to meet with constituents, answer questions and hear concerns.

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and hang out with friends. According to Burgdorf, another interesting incorporation to the building is small floor boxes where wiring can be conveniently strung through the ground instead of across the floor which will save space and prevent tripping hazard. The cost for the UC expansion is \$17.7 million. "We're going to open this building as quickly as we can," Burgdorf said in the Feb. 25 issue of *The Shield*. The architectural firm of Holzman Moss of New York City designed the new structure and the project engineers are Hafer Associates of Evansville.

The other main construction project taking place on campus, the new Business and Engineering Center, is also coming along nicely according to Burgdorf. When students walk into the main entrance of the Business and Engineering center facing Reflection Lake, they will be standing in the O'Daniel Atrium. Burgdorf said D. Patrick and Rosemary O'Daniel donated \$500,000 to the Campaign for the College of Business and General Classroom Building, a campaign to help fund the new building. From the atrium students can look up into the second, third and fourth

floors. All exterior rooms will get enough natural light so that very little false lighting will be needed during the day. Smaller rooms in the interior of the building also allow natural light in to efficiently keep the interior of the building well lit Burgdorf said. This \$29.9 million building will host numerous classrooms on the first and second floors, and the third and fourth will house offices for faculty and adjuncts. The new Business and Engineering Center will be ready for classes in the fall 2010 semester with the UC expansion expected to be finished this October

Faculty Senate discusses big issues

By ZACHE EVANS
News Editor

Before students enjoyed their time off with Spring Break, the USI Faculty Senate met to discuss various important topics regarding campus policy. Interim Provost Nadine Coudret began the meeting by updating the senate on the recent discussion of a fall break. "There is a clear consensus regarding fall break; first that there should be a fall break and second that it should not be added on to Thanksgiving break," Coudret said. The potential fall break has been proposed to be two days long and could potentially take place during October with having a Thursday and Friday off. It was also suggested that the days off be added onto the week of Thanksgiving giving students the entire week off instead of three days. The days that are taken away for break will likely be added to the beginning of the school year. Coudret also noted that some were

willing to give up Labor Day for a fall break. It was also a concern that the break not take place during the West Side Nut Club's Fall Festival which occurs during the first full week in October. The proposal will likely be passed onto the Calendar Committee to continue the discussion. Kent Scheller, vice chair of the Faculty Senate, also proposed that the Calendar Committee "amend the discrepancies in days between spring and fall semester." Currently, the fall semester has three fewer days than the spring semester. Always a pertinent subject on campus, parking was brought up in the Faculty Senate meeting as well. During the last Faculty Senate meeting it was proposed that the senate recommend moving the USI fleet vehicles currently occupying spots in the back end of parking lot G to another location, possibly the valley lots. It was noted that those who use those vehicles complained last time the cars were moved but Scheller

noted that there minimal users of those vehicles and that the spots those cars would leave open is greater. The senate then discussed that the USI Parking and Transportation Planning Committee has not met this year. The committee is chaired by Assistant Director of the Physical Plant Miles Mann with members such as SGA President Bob Wolfey, Vice President of Business Affairs Mark Rozewski and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts David Glassman. "There is a voice needed to get things done with parking on campus," Coudret said in reference to the committee. Senate Chair Lesa Cagle stated, "the parking committee needs to start meeting and soon." The senate passed a motion requesting the parking committee meet. The Faculty Senate will meet again Mar. 26 at 3 p.m. in room 2027 of the Health Professions Center. The public is invited to join.

USI Security Incident Log

Mar. 3

1:00 a.m. - 8044A O'Daniel Ln. - Ray Bldg Intimidation. Case was cleared.

4:45 p.m. - 8070A O'Daniel Ln. - Wallace Bldg Criminal Mischief. Case was suspended.

Mar. 4

10:53 a.m. - 926 Varsity Dr. - Hammond Bldg Hit and Run. Case was suspended.

12:06 p.m. - Rec and Fitness Center Theft. Case is pending.

1:38 p.m. - Health Professions Center Fire Alarm. False Alarm. Case was cleared.

8:32 a.m. - Forum Wing - Wright Illness Report. Case was cleared.

9:06 a.m. - USI Foundation Office Telephone Harrassment. Case is pending.

Mar. 5

10:08 a.m. - 8027A O'Daniel Ln. - Boon Bldg Theft. Case was suspended.

2:49 p.m. - Willard Bldg Illness Report. Case was cleared.

6:51 p.m. - 8039A O'Daniel Ln. - Hendricks Telephone Harrassment. Case is pending.

9:52 p.m. - Clarke Ln - McDonald Failure to Comply with a University Official. Case was cleared.

Mar. 7

10:10 a.m. - 802B McDonald Ln. False Reporting. Case was cleared.

Mar. 9

1:25 a.m. - Screaming Eagle Valley Property Damage. Case was cleared.

5:20 p.m. - 905A Eckels Ln. Theft. Case is pending.

Mar. 10

8:13 p.m. - Varsity Drive Criminal Mischief. Case was suspended.

8:13 p.m. - Varsity Drive Disruption. Case was suspended.

Mar. 13

12:09 p.m. - 1700 Rankin Ln. - Governor's Hall Fire Alarm. False Alarm. Case was cleared.

Mar. 15

4:46 p.m. - 8044B O'Daniel Ln. - Ray Bldg Theft from Vehicle. Case was suspended.

Mar. 16

1:37 a.m. - Clarke Ln. Disruption. Case is pending.

1:37 a.m. - Clarke Ln. Failure to Comply With a University Official. Case is pending.

1:37 a.m. - Clarke Ln. Intimidation. Case is pending.

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

Campus briefs

Last day to drop course without evaluation

The last day to drop or withdraw from a regular length spring course without evaluation is Friday, Mar. 19. Courses which meet less than the complete term of 16 weeks have different drop dates. Forms may be picked up at the Registrar's Office. For more information about dropping a class, contact the Registrar's Office at 812-464-1762 or by email at registrar@usi.edu

Rock out to flute and harp at speaker series

Flutist Kelly Sulick and harpist Megan Stout will be performing in Carter Hall in the UC Friday, Mar. 19 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. They will be performing the day before their "Beauty and Grandeur" concert on Saturday with the Evansville Philharmonic. Just as all UCC Speaker Series events, the performance is free and open to the public. For more information contact Mark Krahlhing at 812-464-1712 or by email at MKrahlhin@usi.edu

SpringFest tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for this year's SpringFest taking place Apr. 9 and 10. Tickets may be purchased individually for Luke Bryan at \$15 for students and \$20 for non-students and individually for Motion City Soundtrack at \$20 for students and \$25 for non-students. Combo packages are available at \$30 for students and \$40 for non-students. Tickets may be purchased in the USI Bookstore or online at www.usi.edu/book. Look for the scrolling link that reads "Buy Concert Tickets Here". There is a one-time convenience fee of \$5 for purchases made online. Tickets will be on sale until the day of the event. For more information about SpringFest visit the event's website at <http://www.usi.edu/springfest>.

RopeWalk Visiting Writers Reading Series: Eric Puchner

Eric Puchner will be reading his stories in Kleymeyer Hall of the Liberal Arts Center Thursday, Mar. 25 at 5:00 pm. According to his website, Puchner is the author of the story collection "Music through the Floor," a finalist for the New York Public Library Young Lions Fiction Award. His short stories have appeared in *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Sun*, *The Missouri Review* and *Best New American Voices*. He is the recipient of the Pushcart Prize and a National Endowment for the Arts grant, he is an assistant professor of literature at Claremont McKenna College. For more information contact Nicole Louise Reid at 812-464-1916 or by email at nreid@usi.edu.

Smoke, smoke, smoke that cigarette

By ZACH EVANS
News editor

Let me begin by stating what I believe to be the obvious: smoking is bad. It's an unhealthy, relentless addiction that is done by 24 percent of adults in Indiana. I am included in this statistic.

The national average for adult smokers is 18 percent.

Indiana is also one of 12 states that does not have a state wide ban on smoking, allowing localities and individual businesses to implement their own policies on the matter.

The city of Evansville implemented smoking regulations that began in 2007.

Under the current rules, smoking is banned in all enclosed workplaces with the exception of bars and restaurants.

Individuals may smoke in bars and taverns given that those under the age of 18 are not admitted and restaurant patrons are allowed to smoke but only within areas designated for smoking, again so long as other patrons and employees under 18 aren't allowed in these areas.

The Evansville City Council voted on a proposed amendment to the ban that would make smoking in bars and restaurants a violation of the code.

Bars and restaurants would have to group

smokers into outdoor areas specifically designated as a smoking area.

There are exemptions to the ban, however, including Evansville's favorite cash cow to milk, Casino Aztar and private clubs.

The City Council voted Monday night to decide the fate of the proposed amendment and, in a rather peculiar event, the council voted 4-4 creating a stalemate that is neither enough votes to pass or defeat the amendment.

Councilman Curt John, who would have tipped the scales to either side, was not present to vote.

Although I have acknowledged the dangers of smoking and the imminent dangers of second hand smoke that the National Cancer Institute outlines, I am glad this measure was not passed in its current form mainly because of my belief in the sovereignty of local businesses to make the decision themselves.

The amendment will likely be voted on again by City Council in the future without the exclusion of Casino Aztar that caused the measure to not pass Monday.

I hope the amendment fails again.

I assume the rationale behind the exclusion of Casino Aztar is the implicit revenue drop that may occur following a smoking ban.

According to the

Research Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Illinois casino revenue dropped 20 percent or \$400 million after the statewide smoking ban in our neighboring state in 2008 was signed.

Casino Aztar would see a likely drop of revenue if a ban was implemented that included them.

If the casinos lose that much money from a smoking ban, our local bars are sure to experience similar effects.

While restaurants may not suffer as much, bars would surely feel the sting. Mainly because none of Evansville's competing localities ban smoking in bars, allowing the smoking consumers business to be taken elsewhere locally.

I say if you don't like cigarette smoke while you're eating dinner or enjoying yourself at the local bar, then stop going. It's that easy.

Government need not interfere with a system that can check itself.

Business owners will see the decline in revenues from patrons fed up with smoke and will adjust accordingly.

In Indiana, 76 percent of adults don't smoke. That's a huge majority.

And if you want a ban then let your money talk because it speaks louder than anything said in a city council meeting.

A smarter choice, a better way to live

By JOSH PIETROWSKI
Opinion editor

College students these days are at a severe disadvantage when it comes to eating naturally, and healthily.

The health side of university related food service is not an issue that has eluded *The Shield*, its writers or its readers. My issue, the issue which I'd like to discuss in this article, is just how hard it is to know where what we're eating on campus comes from.

I am curious, honestly, as to how many chemicals and preservatives that USI students are inducing into their body on a daily basis.

Be it from Burger King's infamous "Triple Stack," a sandwich made with preserved beef patties that sometimes appear brown before even being cooked, processed cheese and a special stacker "sauce" or the pizza from Pete's.

Here's, news for you, when a food company calls something "special"

or labels it as "sauce" it means they don't want you to know what is in it.

I know that many of you don't care about what you're putting into your body.

I know many of you are more than satisfied with a lunch composed of chemically preserved beef and chicken, topped off by all kinds of different "sauces," followed up by a dinner involving manufactured sodium efforts and chemically salvaged "vegetables."

As college students, we continuously pile food into our bodies without ever considering where it is from or what is in it, and then we wonder why in the hell we feel so terrible, or how we get so fat, so quick.

One decision I've made in the last month is to go vegetarian.

Now I don't want to discuss the moral implications of eating meat or anything in that vein, but I do want to let you know just how much better my body feels after a solid amount of time off of fast

food, fat-filled meat and, at some times, pure grease.

I don't even think that my vegetarianism is the main cause for my body's relief.

I truly think that I feel better because I am doing things like reading labels, and asking questions.

For those of you who haven't put down this paper and started gnawing down on your meals, for those of you who are interested, eating smarter is by far one of the best choices I've ever made.

If you are interested, log onto takepart.com/foodinc, there are many great resources that will lead you to a healthier life style, and to the truths covered up by many of the marketing schemes ran by big food corporations.

I am not trying to tell you that eating meat is wrong.

But your body is trying to tell you that eating meat that is so full of chemicals that it can stay fresh up to four times longer than a hunk of red meat should, is.

Anonymous, cowardice

By JUSTIN LAW
Online editor

I call your attention, reader, to what is written underneath the title of this article.

In technical terms it is called a byline, but simply put it is my name.

I am about to give an opinion on something that irritates me, but you will not see me hiding behind the term 'anonymous' in order to feel comfortable about giving my opinion.

Instead I have put my name on here to show that I stand by what you are about to read.

In the past few weeks, *The Shield* has published some articles that have gained quite a bit of attention on *The Shield's* Web site.

I am glad to see that what *The Shield* has written has gotten people talking, but some of the comments that have been left on the Web site have been blunt and, at times, cruel.

I cannot change what people think about what we write.

My problem is when those people leave a comment and then don't bother to put their name with it.

Anonymous has its place, but giving an anonymous opinion is not that place.

If you are going to give an opinion - especially some of the ones that have been posted on the Web site of late - you put your name with it.

Posting as anonymous is cowardly, and if you

can't find the courage to put your name with what you have to say, then you shouldn't even be sharing your opinion in the first place.

Furthermore, attacking a person for what they think is wrong, and attacking the newspaper for doing its job is just as bad.

It is possible to get your point across without the ridiculous and petty insults that people so often decide to include.

Think about that before you choose to write your hateful comments as a n o n y m o u s .

As for me, my name is Justin Law and I stick by what I have written!

Do you think USI's food selection is healthy and natural enough?

- Yes
- No

Voice your opinion, vote now at www.usishield.com.

Ninety-six teams? Really?

By DAVID STRANGE
Student life editor

It is now March, and for many that means only one thing: March Madness.

For three weeks, college basketball holds our attention and doesn't let go. Number one seeds, historic upsets and school pride take over the country and 64 teams get their shot at glory.

To many college students, that magical number of 64 seems like it has always been there (and seeing how the NCAA arrived at 64 in the mid-30's before many students were born).

That number is in danger of becoming extinct as well, while the idea of expanding the field to 96 teams is becoming more popular.

Which is an absolutely horrible idea.

For starters the tournament will lose the hold it has over America.

Three weeks seems to be the perfect amount of time to keep fans, diehard, casual or otherwise, interested. By expanding

the field the NCAA will of course have to expand the length of the tournament which runs the risk of viewers only turning in to watch the finals or semi-finals, that is if many of them haven't forgotten about it by then anyway.

Another reason to put under the column is that the expansion will start to dilute the prestigious tournament.

For example, we have already watched last years champions North Carolina fall from grace this year with a 16-16 record, do we really need to watch them lose another game and hit rock bottom to admit that this isn't their year?

Sometimes the tourney seems to push the boundaries with 64 (65 if you count the play-in game) teams, adding another 32 teams will certainly push it over the edge into mediocrity.

I am going to dip into another sport for a bit to illustrate the final reason against expanding the field.

I enjoy watching hockey, more specifically

the Evansville Icemen.

However, ever since a few teams in their league folded and every team was promised a playoff spot my interest in the regular season waned.

There is a major chance this will happen with college basketball as well.

With many major conferences already sending half of it's members to the "big dance," expanding the field conferences will be sending at least 75 percent of their teams, leaving the regular season and conference tournaments irrelevant.

Yes, its true that there are still bragging rights at stake, but that won't matter as much when you know your team has a very good chance for revenge in March.

In the end the choice will come down to making more money. Sadly enough the NCAA, an organization that claims its main goal is to support the student-athlete, will head for the other side of the fence, where the grass happens to be greener and more profitable.

Parking: alternatives to complaining

By MAGEN NAIL
Staff writer

Everyday, everywhere on campus, there is at least one person nearby complaining about the parking.

The same complaints are echoed everywhere: "I always have to park in the back."

"There aren't enough parking spaces."

"Why don't they build a parking garage?"

I've heard these complaints so many times I think that my head might explode at the next whiney complaint.

A parking garage is too expensive and the problem isn't going to be miraculously solved anytime soon.

So, instead of complaining endlessly, implement these handy

tips that will make your parking experience easier.

Don't drive unless you have to: I understand driving to class if you have to be here super early or aren't leaving until really late. I also understand driving if you have to be somewhere right after class or you live a half hour away.

But if none of those apply, then don't drive.

Those that live on the west end can take that little bus that travels most of the west end and will conveniently drop you off on campus.

Those who live in Eagle Village can walk up Shutte Road and catch the campus shuttle bus.

This also has the added benefit of actually allowing you to get to class on time instead of missing the first 10 minutes

because you couldn't find a parking space.

Carpool: For those of you further away, find a group and travel together.

Not only does this free up parking spaces, but it saves you a lot of money that you usually spend filling up your gas tank every week.

The one problem with this is that no one has to arrive or leave at the same time. I suggest using the extra time to do some homework, socialize or use some of that money you saved to get something to eat.

If you still want to drive by yourself everyday, arrive early: Come to campus at 7:30 a.m. or 8 a.m. in the morning. There are a lot of parking spaces available then.

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Debate gives campus the issues on a local scale

By CHANSE FORD
Staff writer

Different views on foreign policy were bantered back and forth between representatives from the College Democrats and College Republicans Feb. 23 in Kleymeyer Hall.

The debate was put together and modified by the Political Science Society.

"I, along with the rest of the Political Science Society, was very pleased with the debate," Political Science Society President John Siepierski said.

The five College Democrats debated an array of topics with the lone College Republican, Executive Chair Matthew Otten.

Topics included the strategy of having a timetable for withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, gaining leverage over China on environmental issues and policy regarding Iran's nuclear program.

College Democrat Media Coordinator Richard Krocker said the debate went better than expected, but some of the Republican

responses were unexpected. "He was very isolationist, and that wasn't part of Republican ideology," Krocker said.

Otten said that although one or two of the other members would disagree with some of his views, the College Republicans are broad and maybe a bit scattered.

"Right now, the Republican party as a whole doesn't equal out to Republican ideas when they were originally created," Otten said.

Due to personal reasons, other representatives for the College Republicans had to cancel at the last minute, leaving Otten as the only one on that side of the debate.

"I felt like if I had another person or two, I probably would have handled it better, but I had spirit and energy behind me," Otten said. "Even as a lone person, I still have the strength of a group of five."

"I wish more College Republicans would have been able to show up, but I understand," Siepierski said. Siepierski said the

Political Science Society has been getting good feedback about the debate and that people he talked to really enjoyed it.

"I thought it went pretty well," Austin Harden, a freshman political science major said. "I felt like it got heated a little bit."

Siepierski said the Political Science Society is planning on having a domestic policy debate sometime in the future. He is hoping to have it later this semester, but said if that is not possible, it will take place early next fall.

The College Democrats and Republicans would have more say in the planning of the domestic policy debate, according to Siepierski. They would be able to work together to come up with the topics they would like to discuss.

"We're lucky enough to have one of the best organization advisors on campus with Dr. Armeanu," said Siepierski. "It would have been much more difficult to put this together without her."



Photo by Jimmy Pyles

Matt Otten, College Republican Executive Chair, argues a point at the debate held in Kleymeyer Hall.

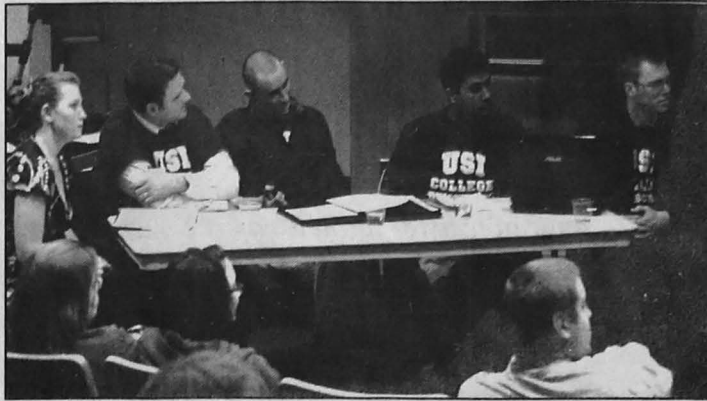


Photo by Jimmy Pyles

Members of the College Democrats listen to a response from their opponent during the debate held in Kleymeyer Hall on Feb. 23.

Charity event brings out fun and laughter

By CLARE PRATT
Staff writer

Let it never be said USI has no appreciation for music.

On Friday Feb. 26, in Mitchell auditorium, USI was officially overrun with music and cuteness.

Puppies and kittens were all over Mitchell auditorium, barking and meowing, and generally being adorable.

Who was responsible for this sudden attack of tunes and adorableness?

The Ladies of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and their annual Lip Synch contest benefitting P.A.A.W.S., which is a no-kill animal shelter where many of the animals came from.

The contest, which was held from 7 to 9 p.m., challenged students to show their stuff with singing, dancing and all around craziness. Or at least, looking convincing when they sing, as most students lip

sank along to all sorts of songs, from Miley Cyrus to Boyz 2 Men.

There were some brave students who sang by themselves, and apparently Disney was the real hit factory of the night, with vocals on "Colors of the Wind," from "Pocahontas," and "Part of your World," from "The Little Mermaid."

Both were sung by Fraternity members to a cheering crowd.

The songs included rap, alternative, R&B and rock, with no two acts alike.

However, first place went to several members of Alpha Sigma Alpha, who led a very energetic, choreographed version of Miley Cyrus' super hit "Party in the USA."

Also scoring prizes were Kappa Alpha Order for "Keeper of the Stars," Alpha Sigma Phi for fan favorite, and the first and second runners-up were Phi Delta Theta in second and Alpha Sigma Phi for third place.

Senior Gamma Phi Beta member Jackie Bundick said about the event, "It's an honor to be able to raise money and bring positive, silly entertainment to my friends, and to the USI community through lip synch."

All throughout the week, the Gamma Phi's collected donations from students and student organizations, as well as charging for admission and participation in the contest.

For all the silliness, laughter and fun of the evening, it was all for a very real cause, helping animals that can't help themselves.

All in all, the six groups participating raised around \$1,400 for P.A.A.W.S., which will help dozens of animals, like the ones who visited the auditorium.

The animals are definitely going to appreciate it, just like everyone appreciated that the performers who went up there and gave it their best. Or at least got their lips to match.



Photo by Jimmy Pyles

Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha perform their winning act at the Gamma Phi Beta charity event.



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Intentions to Break 'Perseverance'

By HEATH KLUEMPER
Staff writer

Intentions to Break 'Perseverance'

More or less considered locals, these young gentlemen and lady have been working hard at what they do for nearly half a decade. Starting out as a female-fronted acoustic outfit, they then moved on to be a full-fledged rock band.

ITB has developed their sound tremendously over the years, playing countless shows across the region and earning a very well-established fan base. Needless to say, this album has been very long-awaited.

Blending various styles of power-pop, indie and a shred of punk rock into their eclectic tunes, "Perseverance" is a mixture of well-thought out tunes by a group of young artists only destined to refine their already tremendous sound, and hopefully see some real success in the near future.

This album was recorded at Farm Fresh Studios in Bloomington, Ind. Bands such as Murder by Death, John Mellencamp and Sam Lowry have recorded here. The production value is above top notch, making the vocals of front woman Danni Mcpherron soar, and the guitars of Kevin Buffington crisp and biting. "St. Vitus' Dance" and "Jerkin' the Merkin," are standout rock 'n roll tracks, while tracks like "Slumber Party" showcase the band's ability to write acoustic tunes.

With shows all over southern Indiana coming up in the near future and a nationwide tour lined up for this summer in support of the album, Intentions to Break are ready to make their mark on music.

"Perseverance" is available Tuesday on iTunes and other select retailers on Higher Step Records.

Rating- 7/10

Invisible Children come to USI

By KAYLA EHRIE
Staff writer

Forum two filled with sniffles and tears on March 2, during the showing of "The Invisible Children: Rough Cut," a 2003 documentary about war in Africa and its negative effects on its child populace.

A child featured in the documentary, Akena Boniface, was present during the documentary to share some of his personal experiences and answer questions.

One story not in the documentary Boniface shared was about being abducted and spending two weeks in a bush.

"...My friends told me how to escape, but in the process, I got shot in my leg..." Boni said.

Only the privileged few Ugandan children get to attend school and receive an

education. Many of the children in Africa have lost parents or are just too poor to afford an education.

"My father, who was a government soldier, was killed on the battlefield and I lost him and had no one to pay for my school fees," Boniface said.

The film was made by three amateur filmmakers from Southern California that went to Africa to find a story.

At the time the "Rough Cut" was filmed, Northern Uganda was a very dangerous place and the war had been going on for 23 years. The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has been against the government of Uganda since the 1980's. Most of the LRA's troops were abducted children who were trained to be soldiers. Child soldiers and the night life of these Ugandan children are

ignored, hence the title of being invisible.

The film is now being used to raise money to support the invisible children. The money raised by the volunteers from the organization is used for school fees to give Uganda children opportunities for their future. The film, as well as other items, is for sale online.

The Invisible Children's trip to USI was part of its 10th tour and their goal is to bring to light the situation North Uganda, as well as in other parts of the continent. It is a unique tour because it is the first time that any of the children from the film came along.

Boniface concluded with his gratitude to the workers of the organization, "I never dreamed of being in another world, but now I am."

Where did USI students spend Spring Break?



At home in Hobart, Ind
-David Bednarowicz, Broadcasting



Cleveland
-Elise Wargel, Undecided



At home in Indianapolis
-Allen Robison, Undecided



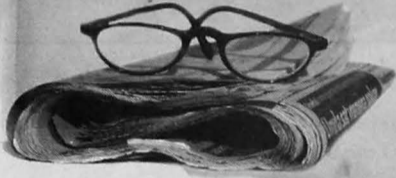
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Men's golf gains new coach



Photo by Kelly Monroe

Mark Grundman will serve as the men's golf coach beginning this spring. Grundman comes to the Screaming Eagles with PGA level experience

By **KELLY MONROE**
Sports editor

When a vacancy left the men's golf team without a coach, Director of Athletics Jon Mark Hall knew the right person for the job.

Mark Grundman, a Vincennes, Ind. native, is already settling into his new position as head men's golf coach beginning this spring. "I was leaving one of my jobs and got a phone call from Mr. Hall," Grundman said.

After sitting down for an interview, he was chosen for the position.

Grundman comes to the Screaming Eagles after a stint at Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Ind. where he served as an assistant golf professional from 2004 to 2005.

He then became first assistant golf professional at the club from 2005-08.

He is also an instructor at Golf Plus in Evansville, Ind. Grundman also has experience with the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA).

He became a member while attending Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. where he received a degree in Business and Marketing.

Following graduation, he gained additional PGA experience while working at Victoria National Golf Club.

"In 2007 I was introduced to the PGA tour golf academies," Grundman said.

The academy at the club is one of six programs in the United States.

Despite the small number of programs, the academies are the No. 1 program in the

country.

In addition to his coaching experience, Grundman was the No. 1 player at South Knox High School for four years.

He also played a few semesters in college.

Although he is beginning his first season with the Screaming Eagles, Grundman is setting his goals high.

"The number one goal is to win a conference championship this spring," he said.

He also plans to prepare the team to work with the incoming recruiting class to build a strong team.

"With their experience, they can take the younger guys under their wing," Grundman said in regards to the senior members of the team.

Women end season with loss

By **KELLY MONROE**
Sports editor

The women's basketball team's season ended Friday after losing its first game of the NCAA II Midwest Region.

The Screaming Eagles (22-9, 13-5 GLVC), who were seeded No. 6, were defeated by the No. 3 seeded Drury University Panthers (27-6, 12-6 GLVC) by a final score of 71-48.

A layup by Lauren

Meneghetti gave the Screaming Eagles the first two points of the game and an early lead.

The Screaming Eagles continued adding to its lead until a missed three pointer gave the Panthers the ball and a short lead.

The Screaming Eagles came back and tied the score at 11-11 after Stephanie McSparin hit a jumpshot.

Despite the early tie, the Panthers took the lead and ran with it, never allowing

the Screaming Eagles to tie the score.

Ellen Young was the only Screaming Eagle in double figures with 20 points.

Anaris Sickles added eight points in addition to several other players who contributed a few points.

This year's appearance marks the first time since 2004 and the eighth time the team has competed in the tournament.



Photo by Jimmy Pyles

Junior Lauren Meneghetti looks for an open teammate during the Lewis University game. The women finished the season with a record of 22-9, 13-5 GLVC.

UPCOMING GAMES

baseball

Fri, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 6 p.m.

Sat, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2 p.m.

Wed, Oakland City, 6 p.m.

men's tennis

Tues, Brescia, 3 p.m.

women's tennis

Sat, West Virginia Wesleyan, 3:30 p.m.

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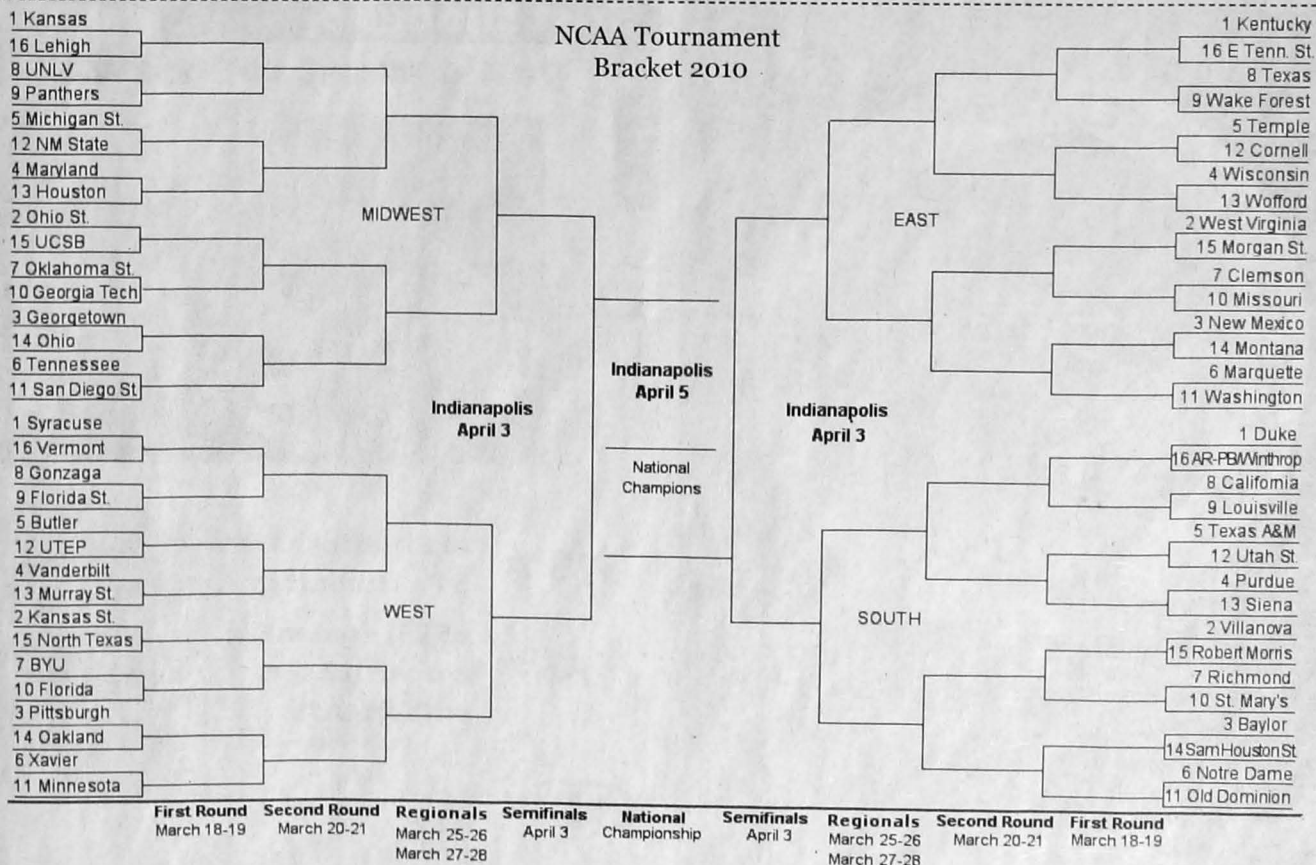
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