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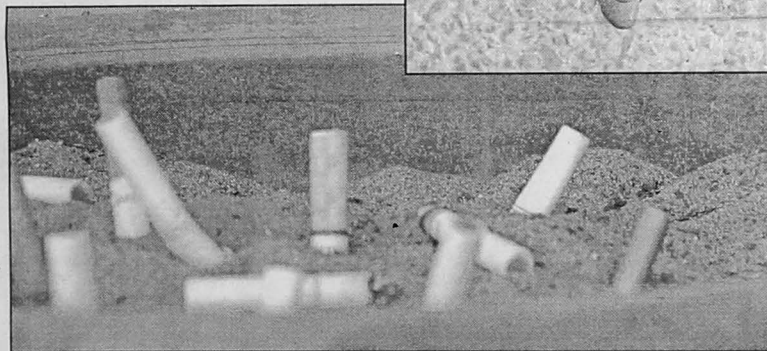
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Smokers and their remnants are found all over campus. The annual smokeout day will encourage students not to light up (photos by Jeff Walker).



## Campus groups support national smokeout event

By Anna Becher  
Special to The Shield

USI will participate in the Great American Smokeout Nov. 18.

The American Cancer Society sponsors the annual event to encourage people across the nation to quit smoking.

This year is the second year that USI's Colleges Against Cancer will participate in this event.

According to "Cancer Facts & Figures 2004," an estimated 160,440 deaths attributed to lung cancer will occur in the United States this year.

Lung cancer accounts for nearly 30% of all cancer related deaths.

Colleges Against Cancer is a nationwide organization formed by students, staff, and faculty who want to help with the fight against cancer and form a support group for those battling the disease.

Approximately 50 colleges and universities participate in this organization.

"We're excited to see it in our own community," said Polly Bigham, community development director for the American Cancer Society.

"What we tell people is that if you can quit smoking for 24 hours, you can quit for good."

"People don't think that they have the power to quit smoking, but they do," said Tori Morgan, president of USI's Colleges Against Cancer.

Morgan is passionate about the fight against cancer because she is a cancer survivor.

In October 2002 she detected swelling around her right eye. After months of hospital visits and eye surgeries, Morgan was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in April 2003.

When she was diagnosed she knew little about the different types of cancer.

"When I had cancer I had to educate myself. People in college need to know this information," said Morgan.

The best way to become educated is to get involved, she said.

On Nov. 18 CAC will hand out 50 kits to people who are serious about quitting smoking, said Morgan.

These "quit kits" include information about healthy living along with a pack of chewing gum to encourage people to quit smoking.

The group will also distribute letters to send to Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, petitioning that Evansville become smoke-free.

According to Stephanie Walden, assistant director of recreation, fitness, and wellness at USI, Nix the Fix will also participate in the Great American Smokeout.

Nix the Fix is an organization of students and faculty whose goal is to make USI a completely smoke-free campus.

A pamphlet distributed by the ACS claims that "each year about 3,000 non-smoking adults die of lung cancer as a result of breathing secondhand smoke."

Some restaurants will voluntarily be smoke-free on Nov. 18, such as the west side Denny's location, said Morgan.

"For many years, we worked with restaurants to go smoke-free for the day or become permanently smoke-free," said Polly Bigham in an e-mail. "Now about half of all area restaurants are voluntarily and permanently smoke-free."

In addition to the Great American Smokeout, CAC also participates in Relay for Life in the spring.

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## Accessibility needs work

By Kelly Schmidt  
Special to The Shield

A number of disabled students attend USI, but few believe the university is adequately equipped to accommodate them.

Gary May, a professor of social work and a disabled member of the community, said USI is lacking in several areas.

Many of the buildings on campus are designed and built to be aesthetically pleasing, which is not always the best design for a disabled student.

In both Mitchell Auditorium and Kleymeyer Hall, accessibility

to the front of the room is difficult for someone in a wheelchair.

To gain access to the front of Mitchell, a person in a wheelchair must go outside, down to the lower level, and enter through an exterior door.

Disabled students sometimes choose to sit in the back of a room, even though there are no surfaces for the students to write on.

"Most of the theater style classrooms have special desks for students in wheelchairs, but those desks are instead used for storing computer equipment."

"In Mitchell, there aren't even any desks," May said.

"The location of handicapped entrances implies that there is something dark and secret about people with handicaps, and there is no enforcement or inspection to make sure buildings are up to par," May said.

Despite some of the problems, conditions are improving.

Disabled students and faculty were consulted during the planning for the new Rice Library.

Slope seating has been adopted to make some of the classrooms more accessible.

Automatic door openers,

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which were installed several years ago, are another improvement May is happy about.

May suggests students who feel he or she is not receiving adequate accommodations, "start at the local level, then only if needs are not met, go outside of the university to get help."

He has found that most faculty are willing to work with stu-

dents and help them adjust to classroom settings.

Students can contact the Great Lakes ADA and Accessible Center, which provides ways for students to get help without taking legal action.

The organization may be contacted at (800) 949-4232 or on the Web at [www.adagreatlakes.org](http://www.adagreatlakes.org).

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"We need people to join. Everyone that is a part of USI needs to come to the programs, whether they're students, athletic teams or members of faculty," said Morgan.

"It's amazing what students can do when they take on these events and make them their own," said Bigham.

"Some people say that cancer

won't affect them, or that they don't know anyone who has had cancer," she said.

"But I say, 'Well, now you do, because you've just met me.'"

Morgan said that membership is low because students think that it takes a lot of time to be a member.

"It only takes as much time as you want to put into it.

"So come and tell your story, because everyone has a story," Morgan said.

**CAMPUS CALENDAR**

Friday, Nov. 12

Friday Night in the Forum – featuring Annie Hall. 7:30 p.m., Forum 1. Free to the public. Information: 464-1863.

Monday, Nov. 15

Accounting Circle High School Day "Fun beyond the numbers" – 9 a.m., University Center, Carter Hall. There will be discussion, games, and activities promoting the accounting profession. Information: 465-1801.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

World of Islam Lunch and Learn – 12-1 p.m., UC, Carter Hall. Dr. Mohammed Hussein, a local doctor of Pakistani descent and Islamic faith, will be the featured speaker. Foods associated with the celebration of Ramadan available to sample. Sponsored by International Programs and Services, and the Office of Religious Life. Bring lunch. Information: 465-1248.

Study Abroad Information Session – 3:30 p.m., UC, Carter Hall. Come learn about the realm of overseas opportunities available to USI students. From faculty-led programs during spring break to full-year study abroad options. Sponsored by International Programs and Services. Information: 465-1248.

Kung Fu Night – 7 p.m., Recreation and Fitness Center. Learn to do Kung Fu. Sponsored by International Programs and Services and Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness. Information: 465-5268.

Friday Night in the Forum – featuring Annie Hall, 6 p.m., Forum 1. Information: 812/464-1740.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Find Your Way Through Your GPA 3:00-3:30 pm in ED 1102. 464-1743

Jabali Afrika Performance – 7 p.m., UC, Carter Hall. Information: 465-1248.

The USI Bookstore book signing/reception for a current USI faculty author. 11:00-1:00 p.m. USI Bookstore. Julie Floyd (writing as J.A. Mills) featuring her new book, "Boundaries" - \$19.95

USI Theatre presents Playboy of the Western World for area schools – 10 a.m., USI Theatre. Event fee is \$5 per student. Information: 812/422-3970.



## Celebrate International Education Week

### November 15-19, 2004

**Tuesday**  
11/16

**World of Islam Lunch & Learn**  
12 p.m. Carter D

-Learn about Islam & enjoy foods from Ramadan

**Study Abroad Information Session**  
3:30 p.m. UC206

**Kung Fu Night**  
7 p.m. RFC

-Learn to do Kung Fu!

**Wednesday**  
11/17

**Jabali Afrika**  
7 p.m. Carter Hall

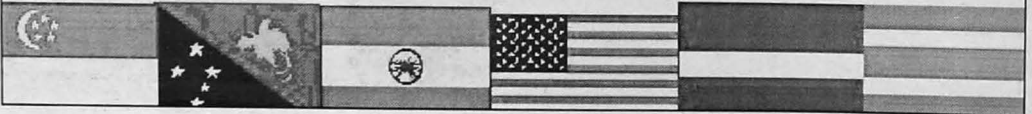
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## New Pixar flick simply 'Incredible'



By Shane Todd  
Shield Staff

In the world of Pixar, it seems no matter what this company gets its hands on, or keyboards and mouses, as it were, is pure gold.

"The Incredibles" is a classic superhero story with a slight twist. We begin in an era when superheroes were praised for their courage and bravery.

Then, the downside. Lawsuits. Bad publicity.

Just like that, superheroes were ousted. Fast forward to the present, where superheroes are forced to live unassuming lives as natural, uninvolved citizens. How very boring.

The focus of this story is on Bob Parr, or as he was known back in the day, Mr. Incredible.

Bob is having a bit of trouble adjusting to the civilian life, and even more trouble adjusting to his job at an insurance company. He's happily married to Helen, formerly known as Elastigirl, and the pair have three children each with super powers of their own.

Bob can't quite focus on the family. Occasionally, he and his buddy Lucius, formerly Frozone, sneak out to reminisce on the glory days and snag a listen to the police scanner.

Luckily for Bob, and viewers, something comes along. A mysterious message from an even more mysterious blond invites Bob to work at a secret island, doing secret things.

Bob is more than happy to accept, and thus, Mr. Incredible is re-born. Though he hides that fact from everyone, including his family.

Turns out this island getaway is really a nefarious setup by Mr. Incredible's newest nemesis, Syndrome. Syndrome's evil plot is unleashed upon the world, and Mr. Incredible, with some help from the family, must escape the island and get back to the city before it's destroyed.

In typical Disney fashion, the entire family is going to learn some valuable lessons about themselves, each other, and the world they live in.

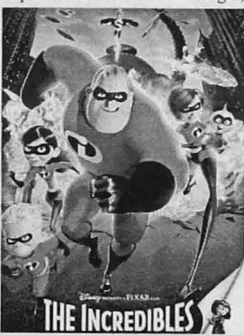
Obviously, this is computer-generated animation. It's very high quality work, but nothing you can't find nowadays on a good Gamecube or Xbox game. The environments, however, look strikingly real sometimes, particularly in the island scenes. And as it is a superhero movie, there's all kinds

of bright colors, flashy suits, and big explosions.

The voice acting, as expected, is as stellar as the animation itself. Craig T. Nelson assumes the role of Bob Parr. His wife, Helen, is voiced by Holly Hunter while Jason Lee seems to have fun as the voice of Syndrome. And as ironic as it sounds, Samuel L. Jackson takes on the voice of Lucius.

Most of the rest of the talent is relatively unknown, but stands on par with the more noteworthy names in the cast. It's all well done and believable, nothing too over the top, which is a relief considering the superhero theme. And hey, it's kind of amusing to listen to Jackson in a PG movie.

While it isn't going to carry in the same kind of fandom that "Spider-Man" or "X-Men" might,



"The Incredibles" carries many of the same aspects that those bigger franchises do.

The successful superhero movies have proven to be more about the men behind the mask than the powers under the suit, and that's exactly what "The Incredibles" does, too.

Granted, there are some really cool action scenes here, but the focus of the story really is on a family dealing with themselves and a world that doesn't want to

accept them.

Pixar, once again, has managed to produce a top notch film with "The Incredibles." It's a fun, entertaining twist on the usual superhero schtick, but like any family film, it's got that nice, warm center.

For anyone who likes the superhero genre, this should be a two hours well spent.

Really, "The Incredibles" is just...incredible. Hey, c'mon, you knew I was gonna say it.

## Kamikaze breathes life into old songs

By Jason Goodwin  
Shield Staff

a Ludacris album, instead of Twista.

Despite being what some would call a cheap re-release, Twista's Kamikaze is indeed a great record.

Twista, one of the fastest rappers, releases a great album from beginning to end. This album is great for being background music to just about anything.

"Overnight Celebrity" is head and shoulders above all of the other songs on the CD. "Like A 24" is yet another song to add to music's obsession with the booty, with the hook of "make that ass roll like a 24."

Some critics may feel that Twista sold out because of all of the mainstream artists that appear on the album.

Multiple artists including Too Short, Jazze Pha, R. Kelly, Ludacris, Kanye West, Jamie Foxx, Memphis Bleek, and Freeway all appear.

The difference is that many of these artists actually are a distraction. "Higher" featuring Ludacris is one of the most out of place songs on the album. It fits more on

Twista even has songs that appear on other albums on this one.

If you happen to hear "Slow Jamz" and wonder why it sounds so familiar, it is because it appears on Kanye West's College Dropout album.

Plus, one of the new songs on the album is a remix of "Freek-a-leek" by Petey Pablo.

R. Kelly again makes his appearance felt on a rapper's album and with similar results. "So Sexy" sounds like every other song R. Kelly gets involved in.

As if once was not enough, "So Sexy Chapter II" is a new song. It is the remix of the original. If you did not know it already, R. Kelly reminds you that it is a remix every time you get to the chorus.

Nothing is really special about the new songs, but if you have not picked up Kamikaze already, it's a better excuse now; more bang for your buck.

Basically, if you want a fast rapper with great treble and booming bass, go out and buy this album.

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# Voting irregularities baffling



By Jeff Walker  
Opinion Editor

I'm a sore loser.

There you have it. I do the name calling so you don't have to.

Having done so, here's part one of what I'll call: "Daddy, why is your hat made of foil?" or "Is your potato completely baked?"

First, I'll start with a bit of breaking news. CNN is no longer a reputable news source.

According to several kind souls who faithfully check my facts each week, I shouldn't count on CNN for my news.

Fair enough, because I have heard CNN called the "Clinton News Network" in the past, so I'll pass on using CNN this week.

How about MSNBC? I'm sure I'll get an overwhelming and similarly disjointed argument about using MSNBC, but I do have an interesting bit of information that I think I'd like to comment on.

In the days of the political machines in Chicago, there was a joke made about "voting early" and "voting often." If you've read Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*, you know about the voter registration efforts that he describes that meat-packers were targeted for.

However, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, according to MSNBC's

Countdown, and host Keith Olbermann's blog, there was an amazing example of democracy.

There were more votes than voters.

In fact, there were 93,000 more votes than voters.

Talk about a boon for Ohio's economy. It's a real tourist trap!

This is remarkable: Voting machines that vote for you, whether you're there or not! This could be a new turn in voting.

**"There were more votes than voters. In fact, there were 93,000 more votes than voters. Talk about a boon for Ohio's economy."**

Why do we bother? I mean, if a voting machine can vote for me, or it can vote after I've voted, why should I take time out of my day to vote at all?

Of course, I'm a sore loser, so why would any charges about voter fraud that I assert make a difference in your life.

What about all those late-night court decisions where Republicans went to court in an effort to be able to intimidate, err, challenge voters in Ohio.

Surely that was enough to discourage any sort of "unseemly ac-

tivity" at the polls.

In Florida, some counties went so overwhelmingly in Bush's category that some charges have been made that Bush's votes were multiplied by four in some machines.

The voting irregularities in Ohio and Florida are frightening and disconcerting.

We live in a time where very few diseases of our grandparents' generation are a threat to us. The

flu doesn't kill many Americans. Polio is gone.

Yet, for some reason, we can't figure out how to make

voting easy.

Voting. How hard can it be? It's absurd. It's bizarre. It's the new America.

The cherry on top of the voting conspiracies comes out of a town not four hours away from our own little hamlet.

In Cincinnati, according to the Cincinnati Inquirer, the county clerk would not allow the media to watch the vote counting process.

The clerk explained it by saying that the Department of Homeland Security had sent them terrorist warnings in the weeks leading

up to the election.

Never mind that no other county in Ohio counted their ballots secretly.

That's not my point. My point is that people were concerned for a terrorist attack in freaking Cincinnati. Come on, now.

The only thing that could have possibly hindered the vote counting is if one of their sports teams had been around to implode under pressure.

Fortunately, neither the Bengals nor the Reds were playing on November 2, so that's not an issue.

Ultimately, this is a simple, simple matter. We must change the way that votes are cast and are counted in this country.

No matter how we do it, the time for reform has come. The absurdity of this situation is overwhelming.

We are the most powerful country on the planet, and we can't figure out how to cast and count votes.

So, to the intrepid and entrepreneurial who want to make money, I challenge you.

If you come up with a voting system that's inexpensive, easy to use, and effective, you'll make millions.

While you're at it, you'll help out the country a whole lot. Notings more American that profiting off the system, right?

# More perspectives needed in cable television news



By Randy Hawkins  
Editor-In-Chief

The terms fair and balanced are being tossed around as the news channels' catchphrase of the moment.

The truth is, no matter which channel Americans watch for their news, we don't get fair and balanced news for the simple reason that it all comes from American news agencies.

Cable companies would do us all a great service in offering other foreign-based news channels such as the British Broadcasting Corporation or even Al-Jazeera.

Since the world is becoming that other catchphrase, a global community, we need to start acting like it.

National Public Radio does a great job of reporting news from all over, but most

Americans find themselves glued to the 'tube' than to their radio.

American news channels focus on pressing issues as they deem relevant to their audiences.

And that's when they're showing news at all.

Many of the cable channels which include CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News like to show fabulous debate shows where two "experts" argue with each other or guests on their shows.

Comedy Central's Jon Stewart recently addressed CNN's Crossfire directly about this.

If you missed it, here's the link: <http://www.ifilm.com/filmdetail?ifilmid=2652831&htv=12>

It is worth the time and energy.

C-SPAN tries adding a world perspective by showing the British Parliament at

some odd hour of the night, but I can't even make heads or tails when they show American Congress.

Equally as useless are the network nightly news shows as they only have 30 minutes (including commercials) to tell everyone what's going on in the world.

Therefore, it would be great to see Americans push for a truer representation of the news in the world.

Granted, these news companies are based in other countries, but the stories they cover can affect America.

One news company cannot be expected to cover every news story, just as one country's news companies cannot be expected to cover all aspects of the news.

If for no other reason, those and foreign companies like them offer a unique perspective on how other countries view us, and that can be as valuable as the stories themselves.

# Voting a hard-fought victory, but worth fight



By Ashlee McCann  
Et Cetera Editor

As a first-time voter in this year's presidential election, I was excited about my vote counting.

I was ready to show that I could make a difference, even though I was in Republican dominated state.

As the days progressed, I got even more hyped about how I was playing a role in this huge election.

On Election Day two lovely friends and myself went to our precinct to have our opinions counted.

As we drove, I knew I had to fill out a provisional ballot because the system had basically already screwed me over.

Weeks before the election, I was informed I was NOT registered in my hometown of Indianapolis or here in Evansville. I

was miffed because I had previously registered in Evansville so I could vote in this important election.

After many phones calls to different counties, they finally told me it would all work out, and that I could vote provisionally.

Once inside our precinct, we got to the end of a long line of patiently-waiting voters.

I knew there would be a line and that's great because the more people that vote the better.

A precinct worker came up to my friends and I to check our names on his list. I tried to explain my situation to him, yet he denied me of my right to a provisional ballot.

As I pleaded with him and dropped as many names as possible, he continued to shut me down. All he would say to me was "no."

This of course got me fired up.

As the next two hours pro-

gressed I made several phone calls in hopes of getting this man to listen to me, but to no avail.

Finally, the line moved and we were positioned next to a poster discussing the many ways to vote, one of course being provisionally.

There were several cases in which a person could vote provisionally. Not surprisingly, my situation was the very first example!

I called the man over and said, "Look, have you read this poster? This is my circumstance right here, so give me my provisional ballot."

This only upset the man because he was being called out by a twenty-year-old in front of hundreds of "adults."

At the bottom of the poster, it gave a number to call if you thought your rights had been violated. That sounded about right to me. I called the Secretary of State office and talked to a lovely lady

who thought this guy was full of, well, she didn't have nice things to say about him. Let's just leave it at that.

She told me to DEMAND my provisional ballot. She told me that had to give me one.

Having this newfound "power," got me even more up in arms about my rights. So, I marched right over to that militant worker and demanded my ballot.

He rolled his eyes and showed me into an office were I could talk privately with someone else. This someone else, an older (and much nicer) lady, got me on the phone with officials in Evansville and they finally OK'd my precinct to give me my damn ballot.

After three hours of struggling to get my voice heard, I did just that. I completed my ballot and turned it in with a huge smile on my face.

Since I voted provisionally, I

doubt my vote was even counted, but that's not the point at all.

I stood up for my rights and myself as an American.

The precinct workers should have opened their arms to me as a young voter who actually cares, but no, they had to be arrogant.

I learned a lot on Election Day. I learned politics are dirty fun and that I will be more than ready for the next election with my absentee ballot in hand.

I now understand why grown adults get so out of hand and fired up about politics.

Politics are like a drug, the energy of the fight fuels you. Thus, I now know why some people were so upset with the outcome of this presidential election that they went out and stole multiple Bush yard signs from unsuspecting Republicans.

Not to say that I did that, because that would be wrong, wouldn't it?

## Election results could mean free pass for some "right" programs

By Matthew B. Funkhouser  
Special to The Shield

The votes have been counted, and the results are in.

America has spoken, and we have a new Republican order.

Election Day saw record turnout, and ended the most expensive campaign season in history.

The Republican Party, with 55 Senate seats and 231 House seats, has been given a mandate by the American People.

Voters saw a clear distinction between the Democrats and Republicans this year, and their choice couldn't have been clearer.

Now that the Republicans have even more control, many are wondering what their agenda will be.

One phrase that has been uttered a lot lately is "reaching out." Many Republicans have even suggested that the party needs to move more to the center to consolidate their power.

I think that this is a terrible idea. As a Republican, I think that we need to do the opposite.

True conservative principles won overwhelmingly in this election, and if anything the Republicans need to move to the right.

We should start with the Social Security system and work towards a solution that will result in its elimination.

It is unfortunate that we cannot just scrap the program immediately, along with all other socialist systems in our government, like Medicare and Medicaid for example.

We could make some major cuts in the amount of taxes people pay, especially the upper class.

Let's just make more cuts in government programs than liberals could shake a stick at.

ANWR, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, could be turned into the Texaco's World Headquarters.

They could even build a pipeline from ANWR. We could run it straight through Yellowstone National Park and into the heart of Texas.

That might be enough to get under the liberals' skin. Afterwards, we could tell the rest of the world to take the Kyoto Treaty, send it to Paris, and have our friends in France file it right next to their treaty with Saddam. Maybe the UN would help them.

It would be a good idea, in my estimation, to do away with many of the regulations on firearms and their importation.

Maybe we could even pass another constitutional amendment protecting firearms ownership, since it seems that the one we already have is too hard for people on the left to understand.

I don't think that it will be

necessary to pass a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, considering that 11 states passed their own amendments on Election Day.

It looks like the radical action of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome may have just been the biggest mistake that same-sex marriage supporters could have made. We should all be sending him "Thank You" cards.

If we can just get enough Supreme Court justices to throw in the towel, and then replace them with a more conservative lineup, then our country would be back on track.

Maybe they would even overturn Roe v. Wade. After we clear that hurdle, we could institute real justice, ban abortion and mandate the death penalty for all abortionists.

Then, after all of this is accomplished, we could finally begin to reach out to the left. We could reach out to all of the liberals in this country, and hand them a one way plane ticket to France.

Maybe we could even pay for the tickets by getting rid of welfare.

I see a great day for America just around the corner. Let's just not forget to send those "Thank You" cards.

Matthew Funkhouser is a Sophomore Business major.

## Letter to the Editor

### Men's Basketball team shows a lot of promise, despite setback

To the editor:

Despite Saturday's men's basketball team loss to UE, there were a few bright points.

Reque Newsome came back from last year's ankle injury, the Eagles greatly improved their free throw shooting, David Bryant had 14 points and 5 assists, and of course Cris Brunson and Geoff Van Winkle got their points in.

After all of this, one thing stood out: the play of transfer Chris Thompson.

Thompson, recorded the seasons first double-double, a feat that only occurred a handful of times last season, and showed energy throughout the whole game.

Thompson finished the game with 14 points and 11 rebounds, an emphatic block in the first half (which was of course called goaltending). While on the floor, Thompson reminded me of one of the best USI players in the history of the school, "Superman" Stan Gourd.

Gourd, a career 18 point, 8 rebound player, is at the top of the record books and led the Eagles to two straight national championship games (1993-1994, 1994-1995), one of which the Eagles won. He also wore #25, the same as Thompson is sporting for the Eagles this season.

The Eagles, the nations #1 preseason ranked team, are picked to win the GLVC easily with Kentucky Wesleyan a close second. The 1994 team was also the preseason favorite. Wesleyan, now that they're being forced to run a clean program, will not be a factor this year.

The Eagles have the talent, the coaching, and the desire to make it. Look for the Eagles on CBS in the early spring, winning another championship to bring home to Evansville.

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# Volleyball wins GLVC regular season title

By **Tony Black**  
Sports editor

It is now official the Great Lakes Valley Conference has a new champion in volleyball, and the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles holds the crown for the first time since 2000.

All the Eagles had to do was win either against the University of Missouri-St. Louis or Quincy University over the weekend.

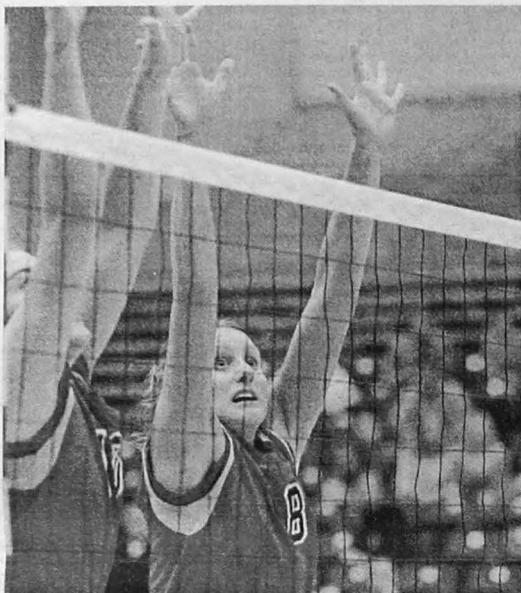
For good measure the Eagles took care of both teams in four games and a sweep.

On Friday, USI played the Riverwomen and took care of them in dominant fashion winning the first and second games 30-19 and 30-28.

However UMSL would not home just after three games, as they won 27-30, then the Eagles took control in the fourth and final game 30-20.

GLVC Freshman of the Year candidate Stephanie Wilson broke the freshman assist record at USI with her match high 57 assists.

Other Eagles stars were sophomore Chelse Doubler recording a game high 24 kills along with junior Laura Ellerbusch's 16 and sophomore Emily Ryan's 15.



Leanne Gross and freshman Stephanie Wilson go up for the block in one of the last games this season. The volleyball team will be in action on Friday night in the second round of the GLVC Tournament (photo by Greg Nixon).

Now that the volleyball team won the regular season GLVC crown they still had to play one more game.

On Saturday the Hawks of Quincy University welcomed the Eagles to the Pepsi Arena for a matinee.

The Hawks did not even put up a fight against USI, as the Eagles barely had to break a sweat winning the match 30-28, 30-23, and 30-20.

"I was happy with the way we played," USI head coach Molly Alvey said. "I thought we played well. We can always make more improvements."

Wilson once again proved to be the leading candidate for freshman of the year as racked up more assists than Quincy did as a team, 38 and 37 respectively. As a team the Eagles had 49 assists.

Wilson on the season had nearly 1300 assists; she averaged almost 13 a game.

Now the Eagles will have to get ready to play in the GLVC tournament hosted by USI.

The Eagles will have a first round bye, and will play the winner of the University of Indianapolis or Lewis University.

"I'm ready to play them (Lewis) again. Anybody you play

in the tournament will play differently, everybody comes out to win" Alvey said.

USI is 2-1 this season against the two schools, the Eagles went four at home against Lewis and was beaten in four by the Flyers in Chicago.

Against Indy, the Eagles swept the Greyhounds the only time they played late in the season.

Now for USI they have to win two more games to get the automatic bid into the NCAA D-II tournament.

Last week in the regional rankings the Eagles were ranked a disappointing eighth.

USI has not played well against the teams that are ahead of them in the regional poll.

"We are right where we are supposed to be," Alvey said. "We should be beating the teams that we shouldn't be beating."

Grand Valley State, which is ranked first, beat the Eagles in a sweep, and Hillsdale College beat USI in five, and Northwood in four. USI has beaten everybody behind them in the regional poll.

The Eagles could be the only GLVC school to make the regional next week. It will be hosted by the top seed in the region.

## Women start season on road in Alabama

By **Katie Busching**  
Sports writer

The University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles went to the PAC Friday night with every intention of giving the St. Louis Gold Stars a run for their money.

The Eagles and Goldstars played a nailbiter all the way until the bitter end. However St. Louis had other intentions beat USI 67-58. Eagles will start their season on Nov. 15 down at Alabama-Huntsville.

"Obviously we didn't play on a Gold Stars level," said USI head coach Rick Stein after the loss.

The lead was never secure in the game against the Goldstars as it changed hand a total of nine times, and the score was tied seven other times.

In the second half, the Eagles and the Goldstars each scored 14 points in the paint.

On the upside, the Eagles forced 21 turnovers while making

11 steals and blocking 4 shots. Eleven rebounds came from Senior Andrea Engleking.

Senior Megan Nelson and freshman Nicole McDonald grabbed seven rebounds each.

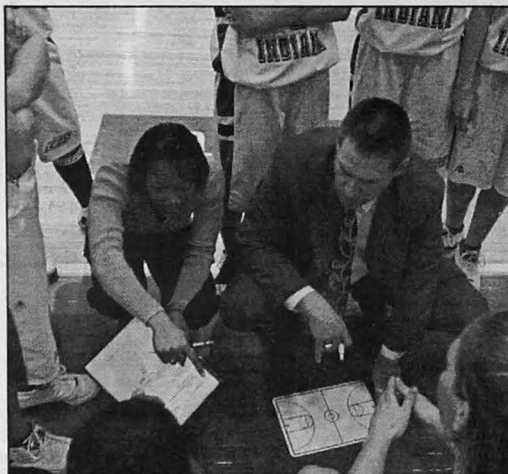
The Eagles turned 13 steals into 15 points. They also scored 25 points off their bench, compared with the Goldstars eight points off the bench.

With fresh faces on the team, this was the first time many of the girls had played together. In many ways, the exhibition game was good practice for the road.

Playing in the first half, the Eagles put on the pressure. They put up 30 points, and held their opponents to 29.

Now the Eagles will begin their regular season on the road Monday, at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. The Chargers are coming off three preseason games against D-I foes.

"They are coming off a good year, about .500. Which was a



Head coach Rick Stein and assistant coach Randa Gatling talk to the team in a time out. Stein and Gatling have been coaching together for six seasons (photo by Elizabeth Randolph).

good season for them. They are also returning quite a few players" Stein said.

On Monday Alabama-Huntsville played Alabama A&M, and lost 43-38, and dropped a game Lipscomb 60-53 last Saturday.

Alabama-Huntsville was forced into 32 turnovers and shot almost 38 percent from the field. The defense for the Chargers made A&M shoot 25 percent from the field and 22 turnovers.

"They want to control the tempo," Stein said. "They want to slow it down. They scored in the high 50's low 60's last year. We want to play a faster pace game. We want to get more shots on goal."

Huntsville could not make a bucket in the final four and half minutes in the game against A&M. They were however able to keep the score tied eight times, and hold the lead a few other times as well.

# Sophomore Chelse Doubler talks off the court

You might know her as number five on the volleyball team. Now here is your chance to meet Chelse off the court. Doubler is in her second year at USI after coming over from Winthrop University to play closer to home.

BirthDay: Feb. 23, 1984

Hometown: Griffin, Ind.

Major: Exercise Science

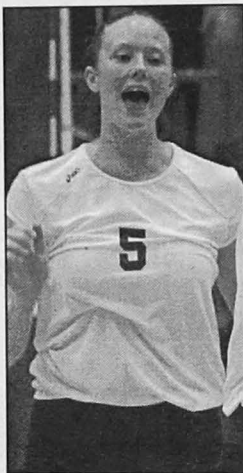
High School: North Posey

What was it like to sit out and redshirt your freshman year, and watch from the bench?

My freshman year it was frustrating, I wanted to be out on the court and I couldn't. Now that I can I'm taking full advantage of it.

What has it been like to play for two different coaches here at USI?

I learned a lot from both coaches, and I try to apply what I have learned my first year here with Bere, and what coach Alvey has given to us here. I take it with me and see what I can do with it.



You guys won the conference this year in your second year what has that been like for you? That is just showing just how our program is showing progress. We are going to keep repeating it, and hopefully we'll get the job done this week, and win.

What is one of your ideal vacation places?

Aruba, or sometime of island with white beaches, I want to go because it seems pretty in the brochures.

What kind of car do you want to drive after you graduate, and make the big bucks?

I like my little Grand Am. I really want to drive some type of SUV, or something big, because I need to fit in it.

You seem to like the big vacations and the big cars?

It's because I'm a big girl at 6'2". I need a lot of room and a lot of space.

What is one of your favorite things to do away from the court?

I like movies, miniature golf and bowling. I don't know how to bowl so I have to bowl backwards, but I'm good at it. I don't need bumpers but I can't bowl straight when I facing the pins.

What is one of the most romantic thing a guys has done for you?

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# Junior, Bryant off to fast start for USI

By Aaron Grider  
Sports writer

When junior David Bryant took the floor Saturday night for the first time in a University of Southern Indiana jersey, he didn't understand what was about to transpire before him.

This was Bryant's first game as an Eagle after transferring from Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri.

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Last season Bryant averaged almost 13 points per game and five assist as a sophomore.

USI head basketball coach Rick Herdes said, "David is a great player and has done an excellent job of leading this team early in the season."

Bryant is replacing three standout point guards. Avery Queen, Mike Arnold from last season and David Ragland from the season before that.

Herdes said, "David has to be able to run the floor and take care of the basketball and distrib-

ute the ball to the people who need it."

In his first game as an Eagle Bryant scored 14 points and dished out five assists.

In the 88-75 loss to the Aces he was the tied for second on the team behind senior Cris Brunson's 15.

In Bryant's first game with a new team and playing in front of a sold out Roberts Stadium, could have intimidated him.

"I approached the game like any other game that I have ever played in," Bryant said, "I feel like

if you approach it in any other way then you are setting yourself up to lose to a weaker opponent."

Although Bryant did have 14 points and his five assists he also turned the ball over five times.

The Eagles as a team were not careful either with the ball, as they amassed 21 turnovers, but 14 coming in the first half.

"I try to do what I can to help my team, but my five turnovers really hurt us. That could have been five more shots and may have helped turn the game around" Bryant said.

Bryant and his team will have one more tune-up before they start the real season on Nov. 15.

The Eagles will play the University of Cincinnati, before playing NAIA Olivet Nazarene for USI's home opener.

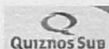
"I just think we all need a little time to prepare and get used to each other and see what we can do. Every day is just another test for us to see what we can do" Bryant said.

The team will be back action after Thanksgiving against Indianapolis and St. Joseph's College.

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