

Voodoo hexes, memorial altars and devil masks



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Colloquium celebrates international holiday that embraces death

By JULIA HUNTER and ANDREW STANLEY The Shield staff

By MARIA BRIGHT Special to The Shield

There were skeletons everywhere you glanced. The dimly lit room, aglow by candlelight burning on altars, a crowded room full of people there to honor not the living but the dead on "All Hallows Eve," what we call Oct. 31, or Halloween.

This wasn't a scene in a church, home or cemetery. It was Carter Hall on the second floor of the University Center.

From 9 a.m. Tuesday until well after 3 p.m., university students, faculty and friends participated in the Day of the Dead Colloquium. The all-day event featured speakers touching upon cultural influences on the traditional festival.

Day of the Dead is a holiday that is celebrated worldwide, but especially colorful celebrations are a part of life in Mexico.

Unlike American mourning, the Mexican culture celebrates death with three days: All Saint's Day, All Soul's Day and All Hallows Eve.

In Mexico, death is just the next phase of life.

"They sleep with [death]...and play with it like their favorite toy," said Dr. Teresa Huerta, associate professor of Spanish.

"Death is one phase of an infinite cycle. Life, death and resurrection are a cosmic cycle that is continuously repeated."

To celebrate the Day of the Dead, families begin with preparing a three-layer altar. It is covered with a white tablecloth, and four candles are placed to represent the four cardinal directions.

A candle is lit for each family member who has passed, along with an extra one in case someone has been forgotten.

The candles represent light so that the souls will not encounter darkness. They are kept lit all through the night. Garlands of flowers adorn the altar, and incense is lit to ward off evil.

The Day of the Dead is an opportunity for families to remember joyfully their family member. They hope the altar, covered with fruit and bread, photographs, things the deceased found dear, offerings of food and drink and a basin filled with water in case the soul needs to cleanse, is comforting.

"In Mexico, souls migrate from the underworld to come back home on All Hallows Eve," said Michael Aakhus, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Families take food to the cemetery on the last day and have a feast."

This day is not for fear; it is for challenging death and for honoring those who have died.

In America, skeletons - calaveras in Spanish - are seen as morbid, representing death or what is left of the deceased.

In the celebration of the Day of the Dead, skeletons dance in the street and adorn altars.

Some are painted with smiley faces, and children dressed as calaveras dance in the streets honoring those that have passed. And finally three skeletons are placed on the second row of the altar representing the trinity.

Judy King, in an article titled "Los Dias de los Muertos," wrote, "The Mexican flatters and woos death, he sings to her, dances with her, lifts his glass to her, he laughs at her.

"Finally, he challenges her, and in the challenging, death loses her power to intimidate him.

"Once he knows death intimately, death is no longer wrapped in a cloak of mystery or causes him to fear the darkness.

"Once the fear of death has been defeated, the clutch she has on the hearts and minds of the living is lessened once and for all," King wrote. "Death's morbid side is buried under music and remembrances, while skeletons laugh and dance and sing as Mexico celebrates life in its embrace of death."

In top photo, Hannah Broshears, sophomore international studies major, studies an altar full of mementos honoring deceased loved ones of the USI community. The photo above shows some of the items people left on the altar. The display included a can of salmon, a pack of cigarettes, family photos, a six-pack of Coca-Cola and other treasured objects. In cultures that celebrate Day of the Dead items people leave items that the deceased especially loved, according to Michael Aakhus, associate dean of College of Liberal Arts. The food and drink are left for souls to nourish themselves after returning from the underworld. Right, Courtney Kellar, freshman, attends the Day of the Dead Colloquium dressed as a French maid.

'You can be scared to death,' professor tells crowd at Day of the Dead celebration

By KATIE LARSON Special to The Shield

Is it possible to kill someone with a voodoo hex? In his presentation "Terrified: The Neuroscience of Voodoo Death," Professor Christopher Bloom discussed the possibility of being literally scared to death.

The audience at Tuesday's "The Day of the Dead Colloquium," full of professors, typical stu-

dents and even a French maid, intently listened to the controversial research surrounding bodily and psychological effects of being "hexed."

Although no research validates the claim that voodoo actually works, the psychological effects can be life threatening. According to Bloom, "Fear can result in physical death."

Society denotes voodoo as pertaining to underdeveloped regions, but Bloom described an incident in Nashville in the 1970s. According to

Bloom, a young man was hospitalized after being hexed and doctors found no medical explanation. The doctor deceived the man by claiming to remove a frog from his throat and the young man recovered.

"All things psychological are also biological," Bloom said. Hexes affect the body only if the "hexed" person believes in voodoo.

When in a state of terror, a person's immune system can become weakened. According to Bloom,

the pupils dilate, the heart accelerates, digestion shuts down, adrenaline is released and the bladder relaxes.

If this state continues, adrenaline constricts the arteries, so, according to Bloom, too little oxygen and blood are released, causing a gradual decrease in blood pressure.

The decrease in blood pressure will eventually cause organ failure, so, yes; it is possible to become scared to death.

U.S. military deaths in Iraq at 2,816 Tuesday

(AP)—As of Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at least 2,816 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,258 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is two more than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Tuesday at 10 a.m. EST. The British military has reported 120 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, six; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.

The American death toll for October climbed past 100, a grim milestone as a White House envoy turned up unexpectedly in Baghdad on Monday following a rough patch in U.S.-Iraqi ties.

At least 81 people were killed across Iraq, including 33 in a bombing targeting workers.

GOP outreach to blacks seems likely to fail

(AP)—Black voters are far less likely to approve of the way President Bush is doing his job than voters generally and they are more likely to feel that the country is on the wrong track, disheartening news for a Republican Party that has been trying to curry favor with minority voters in recent years.

In what could be a particularly bad sign for Republicans in next week's midterm elections, black voters also are more likely to say that the Iraq war was a mistake and that recent disclosures of scandal and corruption in Congress will be very important to their vote, according to an Associated Press-AOL Black Voices poll conducted Oct. 23 through Monday.

Black voters have historically voted Democratic, and their votes are critical to Democratic hopes to win tight Senate contests in Tennessee, Missouri and Virginia.

Unhappiness among black voters is reflected by L.C. Washington, a 41-year-old Democratic graduate student from Montgomery, Ala., who says Bush is "the worst president in history," not to mention "the dumbest president I've ever seen — he's the devil." Washington lays blame for a laundry list of

ills at the Republican Party's doorstep.

"Republicans are trying to win over black voters," says Washington, but "not doing a good job. Doing a poor job — the war, gas prices, job losses and the layoffs."

Even among black Republicans, there clearly still is work for the GOP to do.

"I don't think Republicans are doing any kind of reaching out to African-Americans," said 71-year-old L.D. Harper of Springfield Gardens, N.Y., who's been a Republican since he was 18.

While black voters say Republicans have done a poor job of representing their interests, they also have misgivings about the Democratic Party. Almost half of black voters said the Democratic Party takes their vote for granted; about a third said the party has done a poor job of representing their interests.

About a fourth of blacks said they weren't

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Discontent among black voters

Most black voters disapprove of the way President Bush is handling his job and feel the country is heading in the wrong direction.

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Bush is handling his job? 10% Approve, 89% Disapprove

Do you think your individual vote makes a difference, or not? 86% Yes, 13% No

How confident are you that the votes in your state will be counted accurately? 35% Very confident, 46% Somewhat confident, 12% Not at all confident

Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? 17% Right direction, 80% Wrong track

NOTE: Poll of 900 blacks including 361 likely black voters taken Oct. 23-30, 2006; margin of error ± 5 percentage points; "refused" and "not sure" were omitted.

SOURCES: AOL, The Associated Press AP

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday 11/2

9 p.m.
APB Movie: Superman Returns
Forum 1

Friday 11/3

7 p.m.
Women's Basketball hosts St. Louis Goldstars
PAC

7 p.m.
APB Friday Night Live: Gabriel Mann
Carter Hall

7:30 p.m.
Friday Night in the Forum Nashville
Forum 1

Saturday 11/4

5 p.m.
USI Tailgate Party
Roberts Stadium Parking Lot

7:05 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Evansville
Roberts Stadium

Sunday 11/5

8:30 p.m.
Catholic Mass
Kleymeyer Hall
LA0101

Monday 11/6

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Berger Lecture Series: "Academic Freedom and Civil Rights from Medieval Paris to the Patriot Act"
RL0017

Tuesday 11/7

ALL DAY
Introduction to Film Manhattan
Forum 1

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Lions Club USI Chapter Donut and Cocoa Sale
UC Bridge

4:30 p.m.
Toasts Meeting
OC2011

Wednesday 11/8

3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Find Your Way Through Your GPA
ED1102

4:30 p.m.
APB General Meeting
UC214

5 p.m.-6 p.m.
USI Spectrum Meeting
RL0012

7 p.m.
APB Comedian: Lee Camp
Carter Hall

7 p.m.
USI Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
USI Theatre

7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Global Community- Afghanistan Night
Ruston Hall Lounge

10:30 p.m.
Lions Club USI Chapter Donut and Cocoa Sale
UC Bridge

AM 820 celebrates 25 years

By ANTHONY PATE
Special Projects Editor

AM 820 celebrates their 25 anniversary Friday, with a movement from turntables and vinyl to computer based digital technology.

South Central Communications, who owns WIKY, donated the radio station to USI two years before it aired November 3, 1981.

According to John Morris, the current general manager of AM 820, South Central kept the call letters of WIKY and the station first became known as WSWI.

At the time the Federal Communications Commission only allowed an owner one FM and AM station in the same market,



according to Morris. South Central wanted to buy a more powerful station to reach a bigger audience and in order to do so they gave USI the station.

Morris said the station is 250 watts, which reaches an area in a 60 miles in diameter.

Wayne Rinks, chair of the communications department, was the faculty advisor for the radio sta-

tion when they used turntables and vinyl records. Then, they used the building ROTC now uses.

"It was kind of like a little farm house," Rinks said. "They called it the kinder house. My office was in the attic where I shared space with two or three mice."

It is great to see what the radio station has done over the past 25 years how technology and format has changed, Morris said.

"Before, especially playing records, a disc jockey back then was much busier," Morris said.

He said at the beginning they played classical and jazz music as well as a little bit of big band. Now they play alternative rock.

"In the old form, you would physically be doing something every three minutes."

With the advances of computer technology the computer does everything with the exception of taking a break for the DJ, said Morris.

Ryan Nash, web designer for AM 820, said the radio station is a training ground for professionals.

"This is really about going out and making a program director a program director for the real world and we are proud of that," Nash said.

Making a radio station work is an intricate cooperation between everyone including the DJ, program director, music director, traffic director and production director, according to Nash.

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confident their votes would be counted accurately. On the issues, black voters were most likely to rate the economy and health care as extremely or very important to them personally.

The AP-AOL Black Voices telephone poll of 900 black adults, 361 of whom are likely voters, was conducted by Ipsos.

The margin of error for the full sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, 5 percentage points for the black likely voters. The overall likely voter results are from an AP-AOL poll released last week.

About nine of 10 black voters have gone for the Democrats in recent elections.

Republicans, particularly party chairman Ken Mehlman, have tried to reach out to minority voters in recent years.

Bush's draw on the black vote inched up to a still-anemic 11 percent in 2004. But since then the party has taken a hit because of widespread dissatisfaction with how the Bush administration responded to Hurricane Katrina last year.

Only 38 percent of blacks are confident the federal government would help them in a major disaster, according to the AP-AOL poll.

And while the Republican Party has strongly pushed the candidacies of black Republicans in the coming elections, the survey offers little hope that black GOP candidates hold special appeal for minority voters.

More than eight in 10 black likely voters say the race of the candidate makes no difference to them.

"It just depends on their platform," said Cassandra Williamson-Moore, a black Democrat from Indianapolis. "You can't just vote strictly by race."

Prominent black candidates this year include Republican gubernatorial hopefuls Kenneth Blackwell in Ohio and Lynn Swann in Pennsylvania, GOP Senate candidate Michael Steele in Maryland, and Democratic Senate candidate Harold Ford Jr., in Tennessee. Republicans Steele, Blackwell and Swann are behind in the polls; Democrat Ford is running about even with his opponent.

Blacks are disproportionately unhappy with Bush, 89 percent of likely voters disapprove, compared with 61 percent of all likely voters.

But blacks' approval ratings for Congress—disapproval ratings, actually—are roughly similar to those for all likely voters.

Some 83 percent of likely black voters disapprove of the way Congress is doing its job, compared with 75 percent of all likely voters.

David Bositis, of the Washington-based Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, said there's little variation in congressional approval numbers by race because Congress is so widely viewed as being "in the trash."

Overall, Bositis said, the Republican courtship of black voters sometimes looks like a case of "one step forward, two steps back."

"They're never going to succeed in attracting more African-American support until the party has some level of catastrophic failure and then decides to go back to the drawing board," he said.

Curtis Gans, director of American University's Center for the Study of the American Electorate, said voter turnout among blacks tends to be lower than among adults in general, but in 2004 they, like Americans overall, turned out in higher numbers.

He said voter discontent could boost turnout similarly this time, adding that "The group that is the most uniformly anti-Republican at this time is African-Americans."

Two-thirds of black registered voters say they are following news about the campaign, compared with 71 percent of all registered voters doing likewise.

Former Pittsburgh Steeler great Franco Harris, once a teammate of Swann's, underscored the challenge for Republicans in reaching out to African-Americans.

"Lynn is a great person. He was a great football player," Harris said at a recent Democratic congressional fundraiser.

"He's running in the wrong direction."

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New library floods twice, no serious damage done

By JAIME HESS
The Shield staff

Three months after the opening of the 27.5 million dollar David L. Rice Library, a pipe leak caused a classroom to be relocated for a day to repair damages.

"A pipe fitting in the ceiling of the basement leaked water out on to the floor and cause damage to some ceiling tiles," said Stephen Helfrich, director of Facility Operations and Planning.

The leak happened on October 15.

"Contractors came in and refitted the pipe and replace the ceiling tiles. The custodians worked on cleaning and shampooing the carpets," said Helfrich.

The library is still under warranty, which covered most of the damage.

Last week the libraries windows leaked because of heavy rainfall and hard winds that happened over a short period of time. No substantial damage occurred and all classes went on as planned.

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Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006

Editorial

USI should push more internships

Internships are a vital part of any college education, but USI does not emphasize that fact enough. Many students aren't aware of available internship opportunities. In the health services program, clinicals are required for some, but none of the colleges (i.e. the College of Business or Engineering) require internships or co-ops as a part of a degree. At USI, students can only receive credit for them.

We do have the Career Services and Placement office offering assistance to students interested in internships, but only three people in that office are expected to assist over 10,000 students with internships and co-ops. These dedicated employees hold intern-

ship fairs and assist students inquiring about internships, but what about the students who don't realize the importance of internships until it's too late?

No one needs to hold every student's hand until graduation, but perhaps it should be mandatory for academic advisors to alert advisees on the importance of doing at least one internship while in college.

Students at USI receive a good education, but the administration should stress the importance of a complete education—which includes internships and co-ops that provide valuable work experience in a student's chosen field of study. Plus, they're a great window to the real world.

Building fences between borders won't solve illegal immigration problem

By LIAM POLITZ
The Shield staff



Exactly when did immigration become a bad thing in this country? This is, after all, the supposed land of freedom, opportunity and equality. Without immigration, this country would not have grown into a leading world power. It is completely un-American to deny any human the opportunity to attain a better life by means of emigration to America.

Open opportunity—through immigration—was at one point a valued cog in the machine that is the United States of America. Immigration to this country is often the first step for many living the American dream.

None of our family trees—with the exception of Native Americans—have roots firmly planted in American soil. As a peo-

ple, we are a fine blend of ancestors from many different countries, yet many Americans want to deny hopeful United States citizens—many of which are emigrating from Central America—the same opportunities afforded to their own ancestors in the past. Any person wishing to become an American citizen through the provided legal avenues should have the opportunity to do so.

Many of today's immigrants are leaving their native countries in search of the same things former immigrants came to this country for. Between 1892 and 1954, over 12 million immigrants entered the United States through Ellis Island in search of economic opportunity and political and religious freedom. Current immigrants are leaving impoverished countries in hopes of living the American dream and experiencing its financial benefits.

While immigration should not be stopped in this country, it should be reformed. Undocumented and illegal immigration must be stopped.

Every immigrant that comes to this country should become an American citizen in a legal manner. Immigrants should pay taxes, learn basic English and attain an understanding of the American legal system and the laws which it upholds. With these skills, it will be much easier for an immigrant to become a contributing member of society.

Securing the border between the United States and Mexico now seems to be a priority of our government. The government now plans to build a \$6 billion barrier between the two countries to stop illegal immigration. While this is a positive step toward controlling illegal immigration, the government needs to open up more ways for immigrants to successfully become American citizens.

The ability to live in a free country with economic opportunities is not only a privilege; it is a basic human right. No American should ever wish to keep another person—regardless of nationality—from coming to this country of opportunity.

Editorial Editions

By: NICK FOLZ



Letter to the Editor

IN RESPONSE TO THE WRESTLING PHOTOS IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:

To the Editor:

I picked up a copy of the Oct. 26 Shield and found myself appalled! There, on Page 9, under the headline "...grappling for greatness," were photographs of two, near naked men, groping one another in what appeared to be indecate ways. What am I to think of your decision to publish such an image?

Can you justify spending hard earned student fees on images of implied violence and debauchery? What about the parents of future students whom are considering USI? I know, you'll say it was just sports, but do students really need to see these images?

Some might say it's the editor's First

Amendment right to make decisions about what to publish. However, don't you think, in this day and age, it is imperative that the Editorial staff forgo that right for the sake of the "children" that might see such an image? What is next? Photographs of near naked women tossing a ball around a court?

Or, maybe an article dealing with the definitions of the words pornography, sensuality, eroticism and sexuality, for it is readily apparent, from reading a number of the articles and letters to the editor, that there are members of the university family that have no idea of the differences.

Keep up the dialog and remember: "Obscenity is not a quality inherent in a book or picture, but is solely and exclusively a contribution of the reading mind, and hence cannot be defined in terms of the qualities of a book or picture."—Theodore Schroeder

Lenny Dowhie
USI Professor of Art

Ink on the job isn't as taboo today as it once was

By AMANDA STANIFER
Special to The Shield



In the past, tattoos have been considered taboo. They were something your parents forbade you to have and something that could damage your chance of landing a "professional job" in

the future. Now, however, nearly half of people in their 20s already have at least one tattoo or some kind of piercing—not including the usual earrings. However, there are plenty more stepping in that same line to get some kind of new body alteration done.

Since the population of the body-modified crowd seems to be growing and getting older, shouldn't it mean that workplace rules become more updated too? Just because an individual has numerous tattoos

sprawled out across his or her body doesn't mean that person is less qualified for the job. That's discrimination.

This is just the case. Employers are finding it beneficial to loosen up their dress codes to be able hire the new talent that they need. This is a huge step forward for individuals who have been looking for a job and have been turned away because of their appearance.

Now, not all companies will be as lenient on their rules as to what is suitable for their

employees. For example, there is a difference between working professionally for a Web site compared to working as a dentist. Being a dentist requires a one-on-one, more intimate contact that could hurt business if people aren't able to identify with body modifications.

Conversely, after recently talking with a tattoo artist on the issue, I was informed that stores around the area, such as The Gap, have already started to encourage a more diverse workforce. They feel that hav-

ing workers who are inked and pierced, offers a more laid back environment and could draw from a previously untapped market.

For quite sometime, some establishments have already had a more open policy regarding the look of their employees. With the help of television shows like, "Inked", mainstream America is receiving an education about the community of people who engage in this type of lifestyle.

Tattoos aren't just for bik-

ers and inmates anymore. They're becoming an accepted part of society. As people of our generation, who are more tattooed and pierced, grow older and move into positions of authority, body modifications will become less of a stigma and will eventually no longer be considered taboo. Hopefully, this will happen in the near future so more and more people who have chosen to express themselves through body modification(s) will no longer be discriminated against.

Point/Counterpoint

Hostettler v. Ellsworth: The 8th District race for a seat in the House of Representatives

By LUKE NIEKAMP
Special to The Shield

Current issues facing the American people of immigration reform, our country's direction in Iraq, the fight against terror, educational funding and standards of minimum wage will be determined by one question. Is the United States heading in the right direction? With the election next Tuesday, the need for change could not be more understood by Americans, especially students.

Voters who feel the country is not moving in the right direction will have the opportunity to change leadership in Congress on Nov. 7. Sheriff Brad Ellsworth is seeking to represent the people of Indiana's 8th Congressional District in Washington, D.C.

Ellsworth graduated from our school with a degree in sociology, and later went on to Indiana State University, earning his master's in criminology. Graduating from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. Ellsworth has served for 24 years to ensure fairness and justice as a law enforcement officer. One of the best measures of Ellsworth is his principle of helping everyday people, an attribute hard to find among our elected leaders today.

Ellsworth pledges to work to secure American borders and to crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. Recognizing that staying the course is no longer a plausible idea, he supports a change in direction to complete our mission in Iraq. Understanding the fight against terror, he supports

the enactment of the remaining 9/11 Commission recommendations before Congress. As someone who paid his way through school by working at Sears, he supports low-interest loans along with Pell grants to help with the rising cost of higher education. And working to help ensure fairness for everyday people, Ellsworth supports an increase in the minimum wage and will work to expand the area's job base.

Finally, after years of neglect from an unresponsive congressman, the 8th District deserves a voice representative of Hoosier values in Washington. Get out and vote Indiana—Ellsworth is your voice.

Luke Niekamp is the president of the USI College Democrats.

By AARON RIDLEN
Special to the Shield

Much like your core curriculum Economics course, this year's 8th Congressional District race has a lot to do with incentives. With the exception of raising the minimum wage, which economists have long warned has the potential to spark unemployment, Mr. Ellsworth's agreement on nearly every pivotal issue seems to make him a more suitable candidate for the Republican primary than a serious Democratic opponent. Because of agreement on most issues, official stances are not likely to be a deciding factor in this election, and because sheriffs don't vote on federal legislation, comparison of voting records would be impossible. The only thing left

to do is clear the air of a malodorous election-season rumor and determine who has incentives to look out for the 8th District.

Informed voters know that Congressman Hostettler has never voted to raise his own pay. These 30-second snipes, courtesy of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, are factually inaccurate. The yearly congressional cost-of-living adjustment comes as result of a bill passed in 1989—five years prior to Congressman Hostettler's election.

Congressman Hostettler's stellar record of producing independent wisdom in the face of harsh criticism ought to be a source of pride for the 8th District. He voted against going to Iraq, against misguided and excessive spending in the wake

of hurricane Katrina, and has taken solid stances on traditional marriage, the second amendment, and pro-life issues which resonate with so many Hoosiers. Congressman Hostettler has demonstrated not only the ability to derive wisdom, but also the courage to carry out his convictions.

What does all of this have to do with incentives? Congressman Hostettler maintains the freedom to vote the principles of his conscience precisely because he is not bound to political action committees. As for Mr. Ellsworth, professing Hoosier values while accepting San Francisco treats could lead to considerable heartburn.

Aaron Ridlen is the executive chair of the USI College Republicans.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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USI Theatre weaves a November 'Dream'

By TIFFANY LAMPERT
The Shield staff

One of Shakespeare's most famous plays, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," will open at USI Theatre on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Elliot Wasserman, Associate Professor of Theatre, is the director of this play and has been here at USI for 16 years.

Four plays are performed in a season.

"This play was chosen back in March or April," said Wasserman.

The theatre faculty decides which plays to perform and try to pick plays that are interesting and

appropriate for a college audience, according to Wasserman.

"We choose the plays together so that we have a good mix of plays and on the basis of the challenge that the plays present."

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has two plots.

The first involves two men, Demetrius and Lysander who are in love with the same woman, Hermia, but she's not in love with the one that her father wants her to marry.

Another woman, Helena, is in love with the other man that Hermia does not love. Mix-ups occur causing both men to fall in love

with Helena.

The second plot, which is the comic relief in the play, involves a group of dimwitted craftsmen per-

problem is solved, said Wasserman.

Rehearsal takes place five days a week and started the last week of

'Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, and therefore is wing'd Cupid painted blind.'

- Helena, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

forming a play at the wedding of Hippolyta and Theseus, the Duke of Athens.

It's a play that has a lot of confusion and comedy before the

September, said Wasserman.

"I'm very excited for the show, and I hope that people get excited that we're doing Shakespeare," said Lauren Tait, who plays Hip-

polyta in the USI Theatre production.

"Hippolyta as a character is a very strong woman, and it's a fun role to play," she said.

Brandon Eck, a freshman at USI, is playing Lysander. It's his first Shakespeare show.

Eck said that Lysander puts love above everything else, and this is how he relates to his character.

"A good time will be had by all," said Wasserman, who directed his first play 30 years ago. "It's very funny."

Show dates are November 8-11 and November 14-19, at the USI

theatre, 3001 Iglehart Avenue.

Performance times are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Ticket for the show will be \$4 for USI students, \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and non-USI students.

To purchase tickets, call the USI Theatre box office at 812-422-3970 or visit www.usi.edu/libarts/arts/theatre/USITheatre.

Tickets will also be available at the door, one hour before each performance.

'MXC' promises even more insanity in its fifth season

By ROGER GUDE
The Shield staff



Reality game shows are hit or miss. The genre usually offers only two extremes: a hilarious fad, or a big flop.

With the fifth season of Spike TV's "Most Extreme Elimination Challenge," or MXC, premiering Friday, November 10th, one can see which category this show consistently falls under. It's a hit.

If you don't know what MXC is, then you better brush up your pop culture knowledge before you end up looking like a fool.

MXC is, in the words of Spike TV representatives, "a combination of 'Fear Factor,' 'Jackass' and 'Iron Chef,' with a touch of 'Mystery Science Theater 3000.'"

MXC takes actual footage from the popular 1980's prime time Japanese reality TV show, "Takeshi's Castle," adds comical voice overs from Vic Romano (Victor Wilson) and Kenny Blankenship (Christopher Darga), and mashes it all together to give viewers quite a laugh. Nothing is too sacred or too sensitive for these guys to turn into a joke.

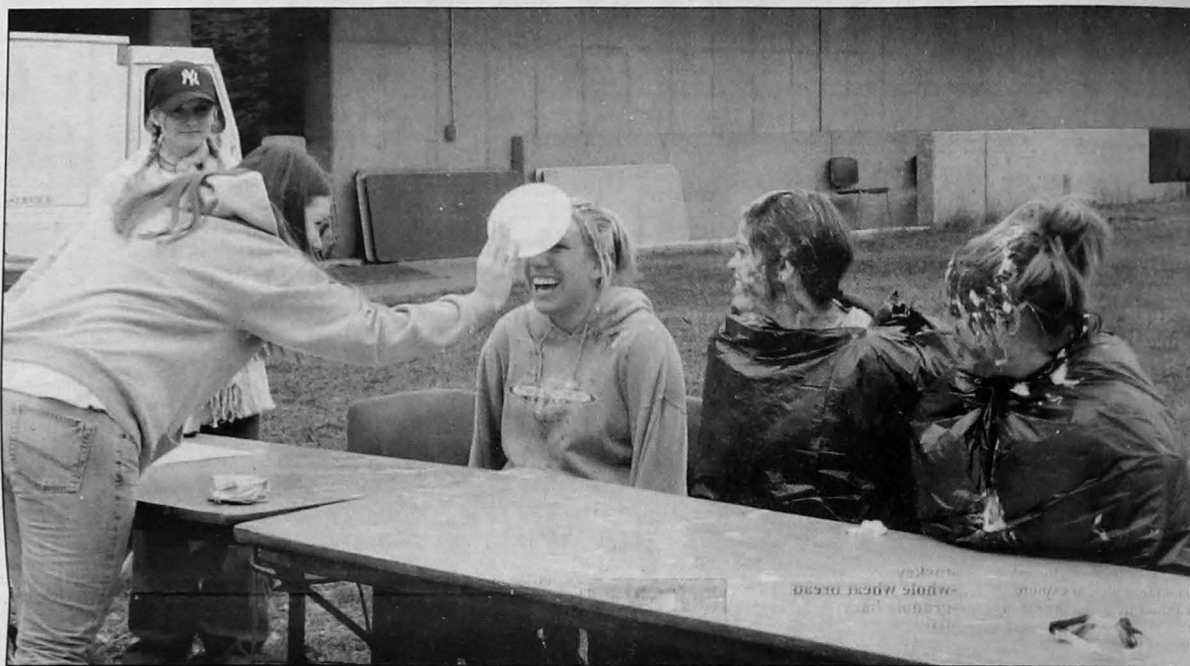
Not a big fan of this show? Spike TV promises that the new season involves more jaw dropping challenges, absurd matchups, and even more crazy dialogue from the previous seasons.

Interested in seeing the "Famous Stoners vs. Health Nuts," duke it out on the "Rotating Surfboard of Death?" As ludicrous as it sounds, and as unbelievable as it seems, this show actually airs on TV.

The new season kicks off on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, getting politically irreverent and in-your-face immediately by pitting "Gay Rights" vs. "The Religious Right."

Don't miss out on the new season, or else I will feel sorry for you.

Take that!



Sophomore Cara Mathis takes a pie to the face from sophomore Chelsea Klein Friday, Oct. 24. Mathis and her Gamma Phi Beta sisters, including sophomores Myra Wheatley and Lindsay Pope, volunteered for the "Pie a Gamma Phi" fundraiser to benefit Campfire USA. Services provided by the non-profit group include youth camping trips, environmental education and child care.

Photo by Jared Kinkade

Lost Plath sonnet will be published online

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) -

An unpublished sonnet that Sylvia Plath wrote in college while pondering themes in F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel "The Great Gatsby" will appear Wednesday in a Virginia online literary journal.

Plath, who committed suicide in 1963 at the age of 30, wrote "Ennui" in 1955 in her senior year at Smith College, said Anna Journey, a graduate student in creative writing at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Journey discovered the sonnet's status while researching Plath archives at Indiana University.

The poem will be featured in Blackbird, published online by VCU's English department and New Virginia Review.

In her personal copy of Fitzgerald's book, Journey said, Plath wrote the phrase "Ie ennui" — boredom — next to a passage in which Jay Gatsby's love interest, Daisy Buchanan, complains, "I've been everywhere and seen everything and

done everything."

"She was observing; her notes were creative, metaphorical reactions," Journey said of Plath. "She was riffing off of Fitzgerald's passages."

The 14-line sonnet opens:

"Tea leaves thwart those who court catastrophe, designing futures where nothing will occur."

The ironic poem pokes fun at people who consult tea leaves or psychics, hoping they'll foretell impending disasters, but says that real life is seldom as dramatic or romantic as a fairy tale, said Gregory Donovan, a VCU English professor and Blackbird co-editor.

It was notable that a woman who suffered dramatic depression and marital difficulties had examined the concept of boredom as a college student, Donovan said.

But what is more illuminating is that the poem is another example of how hard Plath worked at her craft at a young age.

"That's what made it possible

to write such amazing poems later in life," he said. "Poets don't just come out of an overwhelming emotional experience. They come out of study and hard work."

Linda Wagner-Martin, author of "Sylvia Plath: A Literary Life," thinks there still might be more early, unpublished works by the prolific writer.

When Plath's husband, the late British poet Ted Hughes, put together a collection of Plath's poetry in 1981, "he didn't pay much attention to her earlier poems," said Wagner-Martin, professor of English and comparative literature at the University of North Carolina.

"He had the audacity to say, 'Plath's career started when she met me.'"

But what makes the discovery of any unpublished Plath poem noteworthy, Wagner-Martin said, is the groundbreaking expression of humor and anger by a female writer, and her works' lasting impact.

"These were not voices you would hear in the '60s in women writers," she said. Plath's "The

Bell Jar," which is considered by many as the first American feminist novel, was published in 1963 and was a precursor to decades of feminist writing.

But Wagner-Martin said Plath never saw women adopt contemporary attitudes — she killed

herself two weeks after the book was published.

"The waitress in the diner, the clerk in the store," Wagner-Martin said. "Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath. They all want to talk about her."



Plath, a prolific writer and artist until her death in 1963, drew this self portrait in 1951.

Picture from Wikipedia

Get off campus!

Your guide to weekend entertainment in and around Evansville ...

'Dia De Los Muertos' at Hacienda

Celebrate the Day of the Dead tonight at 9 p.m. at Hacienda Mexican restaurant's West side location. The party features performer Scott Winzinger.

If you can't make it to the Friday party, festivities continue Saturday night at 9 p.m. with performer Jimmy Powers.

The West side Hacienda is located at 5440 Pearl Drive.

Viva Variety

For a little something different, visit alternative-lifestyle bar Someplace Else on 930 Main Street. Tonight, the club features its Comedy & Variety Show with hostess Donetta Dick. The show starts at 10:45 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

Variety shows will also take place Friday night at 11:30 and Saturday night at 11.

For more information, visit www.someplaceelsebar.com.

1123 Club

The smoky room at 1123 First Avenue features one all-ages show this weekend.

Playing at 7 p.m. Friday are As the Light Dims, Shatter the Odds, Martha Divine, Fervent Heat and Endless Battle.

Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, visit www.1123club.com.

Wired Coffeehouse

Wired Coffeehouse at 221 Main Street features two shows this weekend, open to all ages.

Playing at 8 p.m. Friday are World In White, The Becoming, This is Critical and TinSkin.

Playing at 8 p.m. Saturday are Into The Vessel, Escaping Memory, A Taste Of Apathy and A Promise Worth Dying For.

Admission is \$5 at the door.

Tailgate at Hartke

The scene is set for another hotly contested basketball game between the USI Screaming Eagles and the UE Aces.

Bring your own chair to a cookout and tailgate party 5 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Hartke Pool parking lot. Parking will be at the Roberts Stadium lot.

Giveaways, prizes, inflatable games and music from AM820 will be featured.

Road trip: Smooth tunes, cool spirits flow at BB's

By LEAH BARR
Et Cetera
editor



A delightfully low-key blues bar just a block south of Busch Stadium showed me a great time last week. On Oct. 26 around 1 a.m., BB's Jazz, Blues and Soups at 700 South Broadway in St. Louis was the perfect end to a night of partying hard with other Cardinals fans after Game 4 of the World Series.

Here, as in every other location I entered that night, the red shirt I

was wearing meant I was automatically family. The BB's crowd loves a good night of baseball, so spirits were especially high.

I proceeded into smoky one-room venue, spare of decor save some framed memorabilia on the bare brick walls. A \$5 cover felt like a steal, given the quality of experience that I discovered once I found a seat inside.

Bill Homan, a.k.a. Watermelon Slim, and his band, the Workers, were well into a set that somehow managed to crackle with energy but remain laid-back. A decade-sized crowd, mostly consisting of blues fans twice my age, nodded in time with Slim's every word.

His weathered face and gravel-

ly voice belied decades laced with hard times and hard living, both requirements for any good, seasoned blues music star. And with a 2005 W.C. Handy Award nomination under their belts, Watermelon Slim and the Workers are certainly star quality.

The venue itself packs a surprising amount of satisfaction

into its small, smoky corner of downtown St. Louis. Nightly, its walls are rocked by wailing strains of jazz and blues with lyrics far more stirring and relatable than any of the dance mixes or oi-punk you'll find at Oxygen Nightclub or 1123 First Ave. here in Evansville.

While the music warms your

soul, a rich and hot bowl of BB's Louisiana gumbo or one of their three other signature soups soothes the body.

BB's offers the perfect place to wind down after a long night of drinking and dancing to the heavy-handed rap offered by the nightclubs at nearby Laclede's Landing.

Check it out if you're a diehard blues fan depressed by the thought of waiting months for the next Barbecue and Blues Festival in Henderson.

Or, if you're a curious student like me, try it out for a new thrill next time you find yourself in the shadow of that famous Gateway Arch.

Busy lifestyle? Grab a healthy, quick meal even on the go

By JAMIE SMITH
The Shield staff



College students know what it is like to have a busy schedule. Many attend class during the day and work an evening job.

Here is the common scenario: At the end of the day you are ready to head to the nearest drive thru. It is late; you are hungry and tired.

Nothing sounds better than a cheeseburger and french fries. You are wanting something that is fast and inexpensive. Good nutrition is the last thing on your mind, unless it is your major.

There is not anything wrong with eating fast-food. However, it is a good idea to explore the healthier items on the menu. If you do choose to go to fast-food restaurants, make a healthy compromise. These days, fast-food restaurants have a wide variety of low-fat options.

For example, if you order a salad, ask for light dressing or avoid pouring the dressing throughout the salad. Instead, use your fork to sprinkle it onto the salad. Most people do not realize that dressing can be as fattening as a cheeseburger.

Grilled or fried chicken? Definitely go with grilled. If you are wanting a sandwich, then make a healthy choice and request a grilled chicken sandwich on a whole-wheat bun. Include on your sandwich lettuce and tomato but do not

include mayo.

Even though French fries might satisfy your hunger, so can a baked potato which is not only healthier for you but more filling as well.

Healthy food at fast-food restaurants may not seem all that appetizing, so maybe you should start thinking about stocking up on foods that are quick and easy for you to make for yourself.

Even though the residence halls at USI do not have a stove, you are provided a refrigerator, and if you have a microwave, then that is even better.

For those of you who live in the residence halls, below is a list of quick and easy foods that you can make or grab when you are on the go or just do not feel like making the trip to a drive thru.

- turkey
- whole wheat bread
- granola bars
- fruit
- peanut butter
- animal crackers
- cereal
- soup
- pudding
- tuna fish
- oatmeal
- nuts
- yogurt
- vegetables
- string cheese

For those of you who live in the apartments, take advantage of your stove and freezer if you are not already.

On your next trip to the grocery, pick up a healthy meal that is already made for you. That way, you can relax while it is in the oven.



Compare fit and price to find your best style basics

By BETSY GENTRY
The Shield fashionista



Basic tees, polos, and sweaters are the core of a fall wardrobe; the basics allow for flashy accessories, jackets, and handbags that pull an outfit together.

Therefore, if the basics are worn for layering or underneath an outfit, how much does one really need to spend on them? Does a \$30 polo have the same effect as an \$85?

Of course, it all depends on brand preference, but if one is on a budget the less expensive apparel may be

the best option. This week, Lacoste is compared to American Eagle. The Lacoste clothing featured is found at Saks Fifth Avenue.

Match polos with khakis, a trench coat, and a large tote for a complete look.

The heathered cotton polo from Lacoste has long sleeves, a ribbed collar, is machine wash, and comes in three colors, and costs \$85.

If you're looking for a bargain, choose AE's polo for

\$29.50 and save \$55.50.

The AE polo is long sleeved, has a ribbed collar and cuffs, is machine washable and is

available in six colors.

Sweaters look classy this season paired with skinny jeans and flats.

The Lacoste wide striped sweater comes down past the hips, has a ribbed V-neckline, is made from cotton, and comes in a navy blue and cream color.

In comparison, the AE striped sweater is slightly shorter than the Lacoste, has a ribbed V-neckline, is a cotton, rayon, and wool blend, and

comes in a navy blue and heather grey color.

The Lacoste sweater is \$165 and the AE sweater is \$44.50 which is a \$120.50 difference. If you have along torso, I recommend spending a little extra on the

length of the Lacoste, but if you are average size save your money.

Basic long sleeve tees can be worn with anything from loungewear to slacks. It's a part of the wardrobe one cannot have too many of in her closet.

Lacoste's ribbed V-neck tee shirt is 100% cotton, long sleeved, has logo at chest, is machine wash, and comes in four colors. Lacoste's tee is priced at \$68 and AE's tee is \$19.50.

The big difference in these two tees besides the price is AE's tee is scoop neck as opposed to Lacoste's V-neck. However, AE's is 100% cotton and comes in four colors as well.

Once again, saving money is usually a big part in the decision of how to purchase a wardrobe, but don't be afraid to spend a little extra if one brand fits your body better.

Scent of the week: Salvatore Ferragamo's F by Ferragamo. This floral bouquet includes notes of jasmine, rose, spices, and orange flower. www.sephora.com.

Fashionista suggests: Chanel's limited edition lip gloss in Wonderland. The subtle shade of pink and sparkles goes well over any lipstick or can be worn alone. It's the perfect finishing touch to your makeup. www.chanel.com.

Top: Lacoste polo, \$85
Bottom: AE polo, \$29.50

Top: Lacoste sweater, \$165
Bottom: AE sweater, \$44.50

Top: Lacoste tee, \$68
Bottom: AE tee, \$19.50

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Sudoku

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Fill the empty cells with numbers between 1 and 9. A number should appear only once in each row, column and region.

(Turn paper upside-down for solution.)

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Cardinals atop championship perch



ST. LOUIS (AP) - Instead of a Fall Classic, this World Series will be remembered for bumbles and stumbles, smudged hands and wet balls, rainy days and cold nights.

Flatter than the Midwestern heartland and a flop in the TV ratings, it was a yawner to most, except the St. Louis Cardinals.

They beat the Detroit Tigers 4-2 in Game 5 on Friday night behind castoffs Jeff Weaver and David Eckstein and sore-shouldered Scott Rolen to wrap up their first Series title in nearly a quarter-century and 10th overall.

"I think we shocked the world," Cardinals center fielder Jim Edmonds said.

At least those who were still paying attention.

Instead of highs, this Series will be remembered for lows: St. Louis (83-78) had the worst regular-season record of any Series champion in a non-shortened season.

Detroit pitchers set a Series record with five errors, two more than the previous high.

The Tigers became the first team since the 1956 New York Yankees to allow as many as eight unearned runs.

Detroit hit .199, the worst in a five-game Series since the 1983 Philadelphia Phillies.

"If you don't make the plays, you're going to lose; whether you're playing the Yankees or the junior varsity," Detroit closer Todd Jones said.

After smoking the Yankees in the first round and sweeping Oakland in the second, the Tigers looked like the JV, on a bad day.

St. Louis, which entered with one day off after beating the New York Mets, won its first title since 1982.

"No one believed in us, but we believed in ourselves," said Eckstein, the 5-foot-7 shortstop who was selected Series MVP after batting .364.

After closer Adam Wainwright struck out Brandon Inge for the final out, the ballpark erupted.

Wainwright raised his arms in triumph, catcher Yadier Molina ran to the mound and the pair bounced off toward second base, where they were joined by teammates running from the dugout and the bullpen.

Minutes later, fireworks filled the sky above the ballpark.

Minnesota, in 1987, had set the previous low for wins by a Series winner in a nonstrike year, going 85-77.

"The team that wins a world championship is the team that played the best," La Russa said.

The Tigers made two more errors, raising their Series total to eight; three by Inge, the third baseman, the rest by pitchers who will no doubt be practicing their infield tosses from the moment they report to spring training.

"We didn't play well enough," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "There's no excuse here. I don't really know what the reasons were."

"We just never got the bats going," Rodriguez said.

It was the National League's first title since the 2003 Florida Marlins.

While the Tigers had fielding problems, the Cardinals were mostly crisp, with the notable exception of right fielder Chris Duncan, who dropped a fly ball just before Sean Casey's two-run homer in the fourth put Detroit ahead 2-1.

St. Louis had gone ahead on Eckstein's infield single in the

second, with Inge making a diving stop over the bag but throwing the ball low and wide to first.

"It's the atmosphere that can get you a little tight," Inge said. "It's the biggest stage in the world for baseball. It can make some nerves, get people a little jittery."

Casey, who batted a Series-high .529, homered for the second straight night, but St. Louis came right back to take a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the fourth as pitcher Justin Verlander threw away a ball for the second time in two starts.

"I had the wrong mind-set," Verlander said. "I picked it up and said to myself, 'Don't throw it away,' instead of just picking it up and throwing it. I got tentative."

Scott Rolen, who led Cardinals' batters at .421, added a big run with a two-out RBI single in the seventh off reliever Fernando Rodney, extending his post-season hitting streak to 10 games.

It marked the first time since the 1912 Red Sox at Boston's Fenway Park that a team won the Series at home in a first-year ballpark.

Weaver, cast off by the Yankees three years ago after a World Series flop and dealt to the Cardinals by the Angels in July, allowed four hits in eight innings.

He matched his season high with nine strikeouts and walked one before Wainwright finished for the save.

"It's all the belief in yourself, knowing that you're going to work through it," Weaver said.

"Just never say die. Just keep working."

(Above) Players celebrate while fans look on from the stands.

(Left) Cardinals fans celebrate and hold up newspapers with the headline 'Champs!'

(Right, Top) Jasper, Ind. native and Cardinals third baseman, Scott Rolen, celebrates with fans after coming back out of the Cardinals' locker room. Rolen led the Cardinals with .421 batting average during the World Series. Rolen also had a key R.B.I. in the Game Five victory.

Photos by Jennifer Murphy

(Right, Bottom) A young boy celebrates with his mother on the back of their vehicle. Fans of all ages celebrated in the streets of St. Louis after the Cardinals 4-2 victory.

Photo by Julia Hunter

Baseball's biggest little man receives award of a lifetime

ST. LOUIS (AP) - To Tigers manager Jim Leyland, the 5-foot-7 shortstop looks like a "cute, little kid."

Make that a World Series MVP, too.

Call Eckstein lucky or charmed or whatever, the St. Louis Cardinals were glad that baseball's biggest little man was on their side.

"It was unreal out there," he told the roaring crowd Friday night.

"We got ourselves a championship."

Eckstein struggled to an 0-for-11 start in the Series. But showing the true spirit of St. Louis, the blond wonder boy came on strong.

He hit three doubles and a single to win Game 4, then singled twice and drove in two runs in Game 5 as St. Louis beat Detroit 4-2 to clinch the title.

Eckstein finished 8-for-22, driving in four runs and scoring three.

When it was over, he hugged every player in the middle of the diamond, and got hoisted off the ground.

Then it was his turn to lift the MVP trophy and get the prize that comes with it: keys to a spanking new, bright yellow Corvette.

When the car was wheeled onto the field, it came to a stop right near the spot where Eckstein plays.

"This is my first car I can call my own from the beginning," he told the fans.

A fairy tale, maybe, and fitting. He married actress Ashley Drane, she's been on "That '70s Show" and "That's So Raven," last November and their wedding reception featured an Alice in Wonderland theme.

A real-life whirlybird, Eckstein is a perpetual motion machine when comes to the plate.

Waving the bat over his head and around his back, he never stops in the on-deck circle.

In the field, he's always moving around, too. And it seems to take every ounce of his energy to make the throw from deep in the hole.

His size, and 5-7 is being generous, and enthusiasm can also mask his skills.

A two-time All-Star who was waived by Boston in 2000, he's now a two-time Series champion.

"I can remember talking to Don Zimmer a couple of years ago about him," Leyland said earlier Friday.

"He said, 'You look at him, you can't figure it out.' And then

during the course of the game he's in the middle of every single thing," he said.

Hobbled for much of this season, the 31-year-old Eckstein was slowed by injuries to his shoulder, hamstring and side.

He also had a concussion, and was so worn down that he skipped the Cardinals' off-day workout Monday.

Other teams noticed, too, that he was banged up.

Opposing outfielders started moving in against him, cheating a few feet and later taking several steps closer, aware that Eckstein couldn't drive the ball.

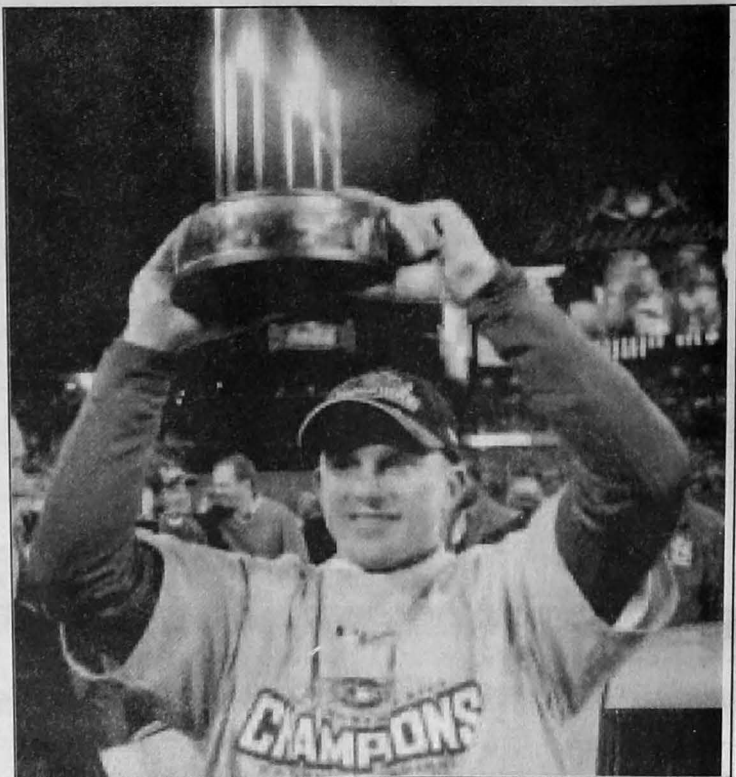
A couple of extra inches were all Eckstein needed in Game 4.

With the score tied in the eighth inning, he hit a two-out drive that ticked off left fielder Craig Monroe's outstretched glove for a go-ahead double.

"I think they were definitely playing percentages, and that's where I probably would have been playing myself," he said.

The odds had been against Eckstein since he was in youth ball, when coaches began telling him he was too small to play.

"He's the toughest guy I've ever seen in a uniform," La Russa said.



World Series MVP David Eckstein holds his MVP trophy and the keys to his brand-new Corvette. AP Photo

Expectations high for men's basketball

By STEPHEN SMITH
The Shield staff

The USI men's basketball team has enjoyed great success over the past few seasons. The program has 14 consecutive 20-win seasons, while enjoying four straight of 25 or more.

After last season's 27-7 campaign and appearance in the Great Lakes Region final, this year's team is poised for more success.

This year's squad is already receiving national honors. USI is ranked 9th by Street & Smith and 10th in the Division II Bulletin.

The squad was also picked to win the Western Division of the GLVC by the coaches.

Leading the Eagles this season will be senior guard Melvin Hall.

Hall was named Honorable Mention All-American by both Street & Smith and the Division II Bulletin. Hall averaged 13.2 points a game last season on the strength of 82 three-pointers made.

Joining Hall on the perimeter will be senior forward Geoff Van Winkle.

Van Winkle averaged 8.8 points a game, and hit 68 threes last season. He is 22 three point-

ers away from becoming USI's all-time leader in career three-point field goals made.

Another key contributor for USI will be center Keith Christmas. Christmas averaged seven points and 5.6 rebounds a game last season.

In addition to Christmas, fellow seniors Nick Brooks and Marty Wise will be key contributors.

USI has a lot of good incoming talent to help fill out the roster.

Two Division I transfers in Kenny Love from Oregon and Rashard Sullivan from Arkansas will compete for playing time as well.

Kenny Page, an honorable mention All-National junior college player will get time at the point as well.

The Eagles have a very difficult schedule. USI opens their season in Orlando where they look to defend their Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic title.

Three games in three days await USI against some of the best teams in Division II.

Factor in a very difficult 19 game league schedule and USI will have their work cut out for them.

The USI men open their season on Saturday, Nov. 4 with an exhibition against Division I Evansville at Roberts Stadium in the Vectren Community Classic.

Melvin Hall, senior guard, is a preseason honorable mention All-American.

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Women's team set to surprise

By STEPHEN SMITH
The Shield staff

The USI women's basketball team is looking to rebound from back to back .500 seasons. This year's squad, led by Head Coach Rick Stein, was picked fifth in the Western Division of the GLVC by the coaches.

USI will be led by junior forward Jasmine Baines. Baines was named honorable mention All-GLVC last season after

averaging 14.0 points and 5.1 rebounds per contest.

Senior guard Katie Thiesenhusen also will look to be a major player for the Lady Eagles. Thiesenhusen averaged 11.6 points, 4.0 rebounds, and 2.7 assists per game last season.

USI will also look to senior forward Sabrina Brandon to play a key role this season.

Brandon was redshirted last season because of a shoulder injury.

Now healthy, Brandon looks to play a major role as she did during the 2004-05 season where she averaged 12.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest.

USI has added some key newcomers who have a wealth of experience.

Junior guard Missy Glaser returns home to Evansville after spending two seasons at Division I Florida Atlantic.

Glaser averaged 10.6 points a game last season for FAU, helping them to the NCAA Tournament.

Along with Glaser, junior Akiya Alexander, a transfer from Wisconsin, looks to figure into the Lady Eagles plans in the backcourt.

The USI women have a difficult schedule ahead of them.

The GLVC is consistently one of the toughest Division II conferences in the country.

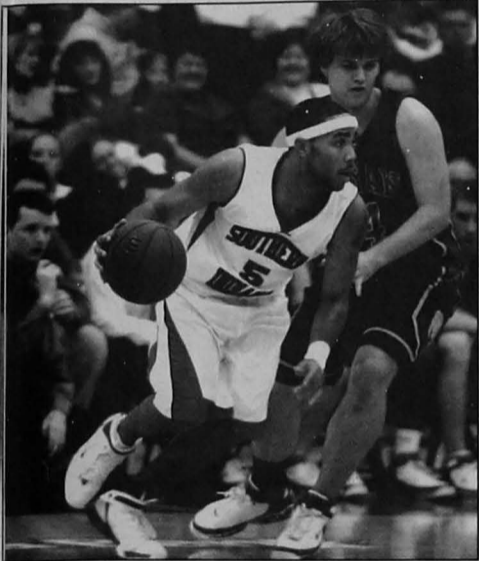
If the Lady Eagles can blend the experience coming back with the newcomers, they could surprise some GLVC opponents and make a run at the NCAA Tournament, a place they haven't been since 2004.

The Lady Eagles open their regular season on the road at

Central Missouri State on Wednesday Nov. 15.

Your first chance to experience USI basketball at home will be Friday Nov. 3 as they host the St. Louis Goldstars in an exhibition at the newly renovated PAC.

USI basketball fans can watch the exhibition between USI and the St. Louis Goldstars for free. Seating will be general admission.



Sabrina Brandon



Jasmine Baines

Ice Eagles show hockey can help

By DAVID BAKER
The Shield staff

The Ice Eagle's Friday night loss to the St. Louis Blues Alumni was one that will go down in the record books.

It was the first time an NHL team traveled to Evansville to take on the Ice Eagles, but the score isn't what will go down in the books.

The game was a display of the team's commitment to the community, and the community's support of the team. It was an opportunity that the Ice Eagles worked hard to get.

Local radio personality Brad Booker of Hot 96 commanded the mic during the

charity event.

The night started off at center ice with a ceremonial puck drop by News 25's meteorologist Wayne Hart in front of a full house at Sponder.

Ice Eagles general manager Brian Vaal was pleased with the Blue's trip to Evansville and their participation with the team's charity efforts.

"These guys were great. Bernie Ferderko and Kelly Chase [were] class acts," said Vaal.

Ferderko took pictures with fans before the game, and helped make the show on the ice.

The team also brought Blues calendars for fans as well as autographed memora-

bilia to auction off to benefit Operation Home Again.

The game against the Alumni of the St. Louis Blues also brought back Ice Eagles Alumni Matt Hoon and Chris Davis. They were the referees for the game.

They were easier on the whistles than most officials.

The only penalty called was when a Blues player threw his stick at sophomore Aaron Garner as he broke away towards the goal, which would have been Garner's second score of the night.

Garner's penalty shot was foiled when the entire Blues bench threw their sticks out onto the ice ahead of Garner.

The charity game gave the Ice Eagles the chance to score on an NHL goalie.

Garner scored twice, and Isaac Coy, Bryson Harley and Luke Lannan each scored once.

A guest skater scored the last USI goal to tally six for the Ice Eagles.

By the end of the game, the Blues had fashionably put ten goals on the scoreboard.

Their professional tactics included some help from the bench as one player reached over to the ice with his stick to stop the puck and make a

pass from behind the wall.

The Blues also showed some restraint when they faked USI goaltender Tolly Tsiamas to the ice, but aborted the shot at the open goal.

The Ice Eagle's next home game is against Middle Tennessee State University on Friday, Nov. 3 at 9:30 p.m.

The promotion for the MTSU game is noisemaker night.

The Nov. 10 and 11 games against Muskegon were can-

celled, as Muskegon's team...no longer exists.

A pair of home games against the University of Cincinnati on Nov. 17 and 18 will wrap up the team's home schedule before Thanksgiving break.

Freshman forward Adam Finn takes on St. Louis Blues great Bob Plager.

Photo by Jay Hile



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Indiana's public colleges courting out-of-state students over residents

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Students who might easily have made it into Indiana's public a few years ago are receiving rejection letters due to changing admissions standards.

Some students and high school advisers are questioning whether the bar is being selectively raised to attract out-of-state students at the expense of Indiana students whom the colleges were intended to serve.

One-third of this year's 60,548 undergraduate students at Indiana University in Bloomington and Purdue University in West Lafayette are from outside the state. Ball State University also plans on increasing its out-of-state recruiting efforts this year.

Recruiting out-of-state students is one way to increase the number of talented students on campus, which can lead to high

academic rankings, research money and an enhanced reputation. Out-of-state students also pay more tuition than in-state students.

And they receive more financial aid. The Indianapolis Star reported Monday. Seventy percent of the \$35 million in university grant aid IU-Bloomington gave out in 2005 went to out-of-state students.

Higher standards will lead

parents and high schools to increase their own expectations, said Thomas Reilly Jr., a member of IU's Board of Trustees.

"In the short term, it might have the impact that we're going out of state. But in the long term, it will have the opposite effect," Reilly said.

But some critics, as civil rights attorney and visiting IU professor Alvin Chambliss did earlier this year, say higher

admission standards would prevent poor and minority students from enrolling.

Indiana has one of the fastest-growing populations of poor children. The state went from 43rd in its share of children approved for free or discounted school lunches in 1993 to 23rd last year, according to federal figures.

"You have this growing population in your state. Why

do you keep turning away from them?" said Tom Mortenson, who heads Postsecondary Education Opportunity, a public policy research newsletter based in Iowa. "If we don't hold universities to a public service mission, they're going to get away with that."

And in-state students who can't get into Indiana colleges sometimes turn elsewhere.

US and World Briefs

Bush cautious at North Korea's surprise decision to resume nuclear talks

WASHINGTON (AP) In a surprise turnabout, North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to six-nation disarmament talks just three weeks after rattling the world by conducting an atomic bomb test. The breakthrough came after pressure from China and a U.S. offer to discuss financial penalties already in place.

President Bush cautiously welcomed the deal and thanked the Chinese for brokering it. But he said the agreement wouldn't sidetrack U.S. efforts to enforce sanctions adopted by

the U.N. Security Council to punish Pyongyang for its Oct. 9 nuclear test.

He said there was still "a lot of work to do" and the U.S. would send teams to the region "to make sure that the current United Nations Security Council resolution is enforced."

The ultimate goal is "a North Korea that abandons her nuclear weapons programs and her nuclear weapons in a verifiable fashion in return for a better way forward for her people," the president said.

The unexpected agreement to restart the talks, before year's end, U.S. officials said, was announced after envoys from North Korea, the United States and China met in Beijing, at China's invitation.

White House, Kerry exchange accusations over Iraq and U.S. troops

WASHINGTON (AP) The White House and Sen. John Kerry traded their harshest accusations since the 2004 presidential race on Tuesday, with President Bush accusing the Democrat of troop-bashing and Kerry calling the president's men hacks who are "willing to lie." The war of words, tough even for this hard-fought campaign season, came after Kerry told a group of California students on Monday that those unable to navigate the country's education system "get stuck in Iraq."

U.S.-Iraqi checkpoints closed around Shiite militant stronghold

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Exploiting GOP vulnerability in the Nov. 7 elections, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki flexed his political muscle Tuesday and won U.S. agreement to lift military blockades on Sadr City and another Shiite enclave where an American soldier was abducted. U.S. forces, who had set up the checkpoints in Baghdad last week as part of an unsuccessful search for the soldier, drove away in Humvees and armored personnel carriers at the 5 p.m. deadline set by al-Maliki. Iraqi troops, who had manned the checkpoints with the Americans,

loaded coils of razor wire and red traffic cones onto pickup trucks.

Rumsfeld approves increase in Iraqi forces

WASHINGTON (AP) Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Tuesday endorsed a proposal to spend at least \$1 billion to expand the size and accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi security forces. While the plan still must get final approval from the White House and the money would have to be approved by Congress, Rumsfeld's support underscores the Bush administration's effort to shift more of the burden of Iraq's security to that country's forces.

Appeals court blocks ruling against tobacco companies on addictiveness, 'light' cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal appeals court blocked a landmark judgment against the tobacco industry Tuesday, clearing the way for the companies to continue selling "light" and "low tar" cigarettes until their appeals can be reviewed.

The decision by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit also allows the companies to continue for now the advertising campaigns that a federal judge in August ruled were mis-

leading.

Without comment, the appeals court granted the tobacco companies' request to put Judge Gladys Kessler's order on hold.

The companies have argued that her far-reaching ruling could cost them millions of dollars and lead to a loss of customers.

In mid-August, Kessler ruled that the companies had violated racketeering laws and conspired for decades to mis-

lead the public about the health hazards of smoking.

The judge ordered the companies to publish in newspapers and on their Web sites "corrective statements" on the adverse health effects and addictiveness of smoking and nicotine.

She also ordered tobacco companies to stop labeling cigarettes as "low tar," "light," "ultra light" or "mild," since such cigarettes have been found to be no safer than others because of how people smoke them.

William V. Corr, executive director of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said the appeals court stay was not surprising.

"Judge Kessler's finding was that these companies have lied to the American people for 50 years," Corr said.

"We're confident that, if it means going all the way to the Supreme Court, the government's case will be vindicated and the industry will be held accountable."

Focus on the future

NASA will launch a final manned space shuttle mission, likely in May 2008, to replace aging batteries, guidance sensors and gyroscopes on the 16-year-old Hubble Space Telescope.



- 1977 Congress approves funding
- 1981 Operations begin in Baltimore
- April 24, 1990 - Launch of shuttle Discovery
- April 25 - Hubble Space Telescope deployed into orbit
- December 1993 - Hubble Servicing Mission 1 is launched to conduct maintenance, install new instruments and correct the optics in the primary mirror
- Feb. 11, 1997 - The second servicing mission to install new instruments and replace spacecraft components
- Dec. 19, 1999 - The first part of third servicing mission is launched
- March 11-12, 2002 - Second part of the third servicing mission is completed
- May 2008 - Possible servicing mission to take place. Mission would add two new camera instruments, upgrade aging batteries and stabilizing equipment, add new sensors and repair a light-separating spectrograph.

SOURCE: NASA

AP

NASA OKs Hubble telescope repairs, reversing decision

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA will send a space shuttle to repair the 16-year-old Hubble Space Telescope, agency Administrator Michael Griffin announced Tuesday, reversing his predecessor's decision to nix the mission.

Griffin's announcement at NASA operations in Greenbelt, Md., was greeted eagerly by astronomers who feared Hubble would deteriorate before the end of the decade without new sensors and other upgrades.

The 11-day rehab mission, likely launching in May 2008 using space shuttle Discovery, would keep Hubble working until about 2013. Its estimated cost is \$900 million.

The Hubble telescope has captured some of the most spectacular images of the universe, popularizing astronomy while at the same time advancing our understanding of space.

It has enabled direct observation of the universe as it was 12 billion years ago, discovered black holes at the center of galaxies, provided measurements that helped establish the size and age of the universe and offered evidence that the expansion of the universe is accelerating.

"The Hubble telescope has been the greatest telescope since Galileo invented the first one," said U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., a fierce champion of Hubble, which is managed out of Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt. "It has gone to look at places in the universe that we didn't know existed before." The repair mission crew will include three veterans of the last Hubble mission, in 2002, and four astronauts on their first space trip, Griffin said.

Former NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe canceled a

Hubble repair mission after the Columbia shuttle disaster that killed seven astronauts in 2003. O'Keefe believed the risks were too great and the remaining shuttle missions should focus on completing construction of the international space station.

Griffin, however, said Tuesday that he was convinced the repair mission could be done after the last three shuttle flights demonstrated astronauts' ability to inspect the spacecraft in-flight and make difficult repairs.

"The safety of our crew conducting this mission will be as much as we can possibly do," Griffin said. "We're not going to risk a crew in order to do a Hubble mission."

NASA would have another shuttle on the launch pad, ready to make an emergency rescue trip in case of trouble, but astronauts wouldn't have the option of taking haven in the international space station.

The Hubble mission would add two new camera instruments to the telescope, upgrade aging batteries and stabilizing equipment, add new guidance sensors and repair a light-separating spectrograph. The repair crew includes veterans Scott Altman, John Grunsfeld and Michael Massimino, and rookies Greg Johnson, Andrew Feustel, Mike Good and Megan McArthur.

Hubble was launched in 1990 with a faulty primary mirror that prevented it from focusing, and it quickly became the butt of jokes. Three years later, astronauts repaired the telescope's blurred vision in the first of four trips.

"The Hubble has been a roller coaster," said NASA Goddard Space Flight Center director Ed Weiler, Hubble's chief scientist from 1979 to 1998. "It really has."

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