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Boulevard traffic may worsen Road closing set for mid-October

By Jennifer Clowers Special to The Shield

USI will potentially have a new traffic problem to deal with in one month when McDowell Road, which connects the backside of USI to Highway 62, will be permanently closed to all traffic.

Around the backside of USI, behind the Liberal Arts building, Bent Twig Lane comes to a T with University Boulevard and Mc-Dowell Road. McDowell then runs past Solarbron Pointe, a retirement community, and comes out on Highway 62. Solarbron, which privately owns McDowell Road, will be closing it mid-October

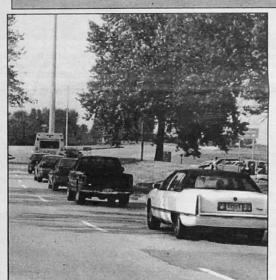
Solarbron Pointe is a retirement campus that houses approximately 160 senior citizens. It was opened in 1985 and won 'Best Assisted Living' in Evansville this

year. In recent years, Solarbron has seen a higher frequency of cars, many speeding, from USI. The speed limit on McDowell Road is 15 mph but many drivers have failed to obey the posted sign. Barry Hart, director of safety and security, said he doesn't think the road closing will be a problem.

"To my knowledge the road is closing, not because of the amount of cars that are using the road, but because of the speeding that occurs." Hart said. "We will be sensitive to the closing, but we don't think it will have a large impact for traffic along University Boulevard."

According to Terry Miller, executive director of Solarbron, the amount of traffic using Mc-Dowell Road is a problem.

"Back six or seven years ago, we may have seen four or five cars See Traffic on Page 3



Boulevard back-up

Traffic backs up along University Boulevard as people leave campus at the end of class Tuesday. McDowell Road, which some people use as an alternate route to the Lloyd Expressway, is being closed in mid-October. The private road is owned by Solarbron Retirement Community. (Photos by Jessica Singleton.)

Voting advocates want 500 more

Voter sign-up planned for Sept. 21, 22, 23 on campus

By Shyloh Karshner Campus news editor

The goal of "Get your vote on USI 2004" is to register 500 voters for the upcoming election in November

A group of students, faculty, staff and administrators, republican and democrat, have come together to provide a non-partisan registration program.

The voter registration blitz will take place Sept. 21, 22 and 23 under the UC bridge, in the lobby of the LA and HP link 10 a.m.-1p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

The goal is to register 500



voters because "500 would be a really good number," Cynthia Brinker, vice president for governmental relations, said.

Almost 200 voters have already registered through different programs, such as the Student Involvement Fair and move-in day.

Residence Life is participating in the effort. Residents who are interested in registering can contact their resident assistants for help.

"It is very important to vote because it is an opportunity to make known our feelings about the people leading our country and

state," Brinker said. "People may not be voting because they don't feel connected to how it affects them or they think their vote doesn't count. Well, that's not true," Brinker said.

"It is important to make the effort, make the connection between yourself and your vote.'

The USI community can find more information about registering during the voter registration blitz or by emailing questions to usilgovrel@usi.edu.

HP café offers new lunch option

Link 'quicker than UC'

By Jennifer Clowers Special to The Shield

USI has opened a new food concept in the link between the Science Center and the Health Professions building.

Café á la Carte has replaced what was once only a small vending area.

The Café has a wide variety from quick snacks to small meals.

Café á la Carte has lots to choose from, and we really have a nice variety," Brodie Neal said, one of the Cafe's workers.

Neal also said that he has seen a pretty big turnout since the store opened during the first week of school

Bagels, cookies, chips, fresh fruit, chicken caesar salads and a full range of drink choices from soda to milk are just a few of the items featured at the store. The Café also sells Starbuck's coffee.

Andrew Baker, a 1st-year English major, has been to the Café several times already since school has started.

"I really like the area because it is much quieter and quicker than the UC, so I can grab something quick and still have a little time to study," said Baker.

Neal mentioned that the only problem that the store has encountered since they have been open is controlling the shift change at noon

"Another worker and myself trade shifts around noon, which just happens to be our busiest time.

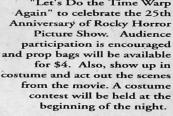
"The line of customers gets pretty backed up, but we are working on an alternative and the problem should be fixed very soon," said Neal.

Café á la Carte is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Stephen Veit grabs a cup of coffe from the Café á la Carte. The new café opened at the beginning of this semester in the link between the Health Professions building and the Science Center. (Photo by Jessica Singleton.)









Diversity celebration events set By Corinne Crockett

Special to The Shield

THREADS will present Diversity Celebration Month in September, including the International Day of Peace on Sept. 21.

Activities include a moment of silence at noon, a mural unveiling on the Global Community floor and a peace candlelight vigil and service.

American Voice, a one-person show, will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in Carter Hall. International Studies will sponsor the Parthenon Project from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. Sept. 24 in Carter Hall.

The exhibition will include presentations in history, science, literature, art and psychology, along with art exhibits on the Parthenon; baklava and spanakopita. October will be American Heritage Month.

THREADS stands for Teaching Human Respect and Encouraging Action Diversity Series. .THREADS was designed to deliver diversity programming to the campus community by using a coordinated diversity calendar.

For more information, log on to the MY USI website and click on Campus Life.

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Getting Involved

Students gather at the Student Development sponsored Involvement Fair on Sept. 8. There were dozens of clubs and organizations present for interested students. (photo by Randy Hawkins).

Traffic

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throughout the day, but now, especially around noon, its not uncommon to see 30 to 40 cars driving by," Miller said. "It is unsafe for our residents who are trying to pull out of their driveways and we have several residents that like to walk or ride bikes along the road."

Miller also stated that the large number of cars on McDowell Road has kept emergency vehicles from traveling quickly to or from Solarbron Pointe.

Sherrianne Standley, vice president for advancement, said traffic will likely become backed up along University Boulevard as a result of closing the road.

"Sometimes we see 50 or so cars using McDowell Road as an exit off campus. After the closing there will be no other way for the cars to go, so of course we're going to experience more traffic along the boulevard," Standley said.

As with any school, when there is growth, there is a need for reconstruction. There are future plans to actually close the boulevard altogether, open to pedestrian traffic only, and build a road that would go along the perimeter of campus.

"We just need the money to do it," Standley said. "We know, that traffic is a problem on campus, but right now we are lacking the funds to do a major project."

"We have applied for federal funding, but until the economy and revenue improve, we can't do anything," Standley said.

Miller also explained that the closing is not only because there is so much traffic along McDowell, but having only one entrance into the retirement community provides more safety to its residents.

"One reason that our residents enjoy living at Solarbron is because we provide security services. Closing part of the road so that we only have one entrance is a heightened security measure, not only for us, but for USI as well," Miller said.

Solarbron residents have access to all USI services, and many choose to use them. Miller stated that the residents from Solarbron Pointe will have to come to USI, just like everyone else, by using the Eickhoff exit.

"We realize that this is an inconvenience to a lot of people, including our own residents, but we have to issue safety and security first," Miller said.

Standley advised students and faculty to be patient and take their time while on University Boulevard during rush hours.



'Book for every GI' raises soldiers' spirits in Iraq

By Jennifer Clowers Special to The Shield

The temperature outside is 125 degrees Fahrenheit. There is no airconditioning available. In fact, all you have for shelter from the sweltering heat is a tent. There is the threat of constant danger all around you, and many of your friends may have already perished. On top of all that, you have nothing to occupy your time as you are reminded of the chaos that surrounds you.

Sounds like the next horror flick, but it's actually a description of a typical day in the life of a soldier serving, right now, in Iraq. That is why Eric von Furhmann, Professor of Humanities and English, and his colleague Mike Whicker, an author and English teacher at Reitz High School, decided to start an organization called 'A Book for Every GL'

The nonprofit organization actually became an idea after Whicker's daughter, who is currently stationed in Baghdad, phoned home and mentioned that there was nothing for the soldiers to do during downtime.

Whicker sent some books over for her, and it became a hit with other soldiers as well, so he continued to send more.*

In fact, since the organiza-

tion started, a mere six weeks ago, they have sent over \$12,000 dollars worth and are optimistic about continuing the program.

"It's a really great program, for several reasons. It promotes literacy, is very educational, and provides recreation for the soldiers. The books will also, after they have been cycled through the troops, become part of the Iraqi library system," von Furhmann said.

The troops have been able to communicate through e-mails and many enjoy reading the different books available.

"We have been sent several e-mails from soldiers thanking us for sending the books," von Furhmann said. "They are truly grateful to have something to take their mind of the war."

Von Furhmann, who is a veteran himself, also explained that the soldiers are requesting several types of books, including educational reads, action and fiction; with Tom Clancy being the most requested author.

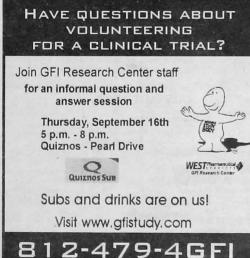
Von Furhmann explained that not only do they need book donations, but they have a need for cash donations as well.

"It costs us \$25 to send a 70 pound box of books to Virginia, and then of course, they pay shipping to Iraq," he said.

Von Furhmann also mentioned that after they send enough books for the troops in Iraq, they are going to start sending books to Afghanistan.

If you are interested in helping "A Book for Every G.I. you can send cash or book donations to von Furhmann's office, LA 3031.





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Safety more than a loaded gun By Jeff Walker

editorials, columns, insight

pinion



Opinion Editor On Monday,

September 13, a 10year old ban on assault weapons was allowed to expire. In

simple terms, this means that I can now legally buy a TEC-9, AK-47, or most any other assault weapon I'd like

Look out innocent animals of wood and plain...here I come.

According to the AP, President Clinton signed the bill into law in 1994, preventing the sale of 19 types of assault weapons. The same article said there is conflicting evidence as to whether or not the ban actually helped to reduce crime

As many people will admit, assault weapons are not for hunting. Most small game would be rendered unrecognizable by a single shot from most of these weapons. As for large game like deer, are these weapons really necessary for the killing of an unarmed animal?

Obviously, the answer is no. Why then, did President Bush choose not to reactivate the bill. which was allowed to expire earlier this week? For all intents and purposes, all he had to do was sign on the dotted line, so to speak, and the ban on assault weapons would have continued.

I believe, to answer that question successfully, all you have to do is look at the gun lobby. The lobby, like most others, is a multimillion dollar endeavor.

Essentially, gun companies pay money to prevent laws like this from being enacted, or in this case, from being re-enacted.

Let me say that I wholly support the right to keep and bear arms. It's right there in the Second Amendment, However, this is definitely NOT a Second Amendment issue

Handguns, rifles, and shotguns are all acceptable to me. While handguns aren't necessarily used to hunt, those people who feel the need to protect themselves should find a small handgun acceptable. However, I don't feel that the framers ever considered assault weapons when they were writing that particular phrase, or they may well have worded it differently.

You may remember reading or at least hearing about Congressman John Hostettler's arrest recently for carrying a gun in an airport. That's idiotic. There's not

much to debate there. However, you can tell that Hostettler, by being a gun fanatic, is not going to be much help. Hostettler did not lobby for our safety and the extension of this bill. Why not?

I don't know. I'd like to answer that question, but I can't.

The truth is, Hostettler's office refused comment on the issue when contacted

It could mean that Hostettler is also in favor of repealing the federal ban on automatic weapons.

Maybe he was too busy at the shooting range to return my call. You'd have to ask him, though, He won't talk to me.

Moving forward, let's assume that crime is not reduced by the ban of these weapons. However, by outlawing them, we at least give potential criminals less tools. If we want to fight "The War on Terror," shouldn't it start at home?

As for the defense argument (home, property, self, etc ...), I don't think anyone legitimately feels safer with an assault weapon propped up against the bedside table. I certainly don't.

Ultimately, if Congress and the President didn't want to extend the ban on the weapons, they could and should have at least extended the restrictions on the sizes of magazines on weapons. The bill that was allowed to expire restricted the magazine on a firearm to hold no more than 10. That, however, is no longer in effect.

Good. I was worried that I'd have to reload on my next killing spree out in the woods.

Now, there's going to be much less hassle. Watch out, Bambi. I'm armed, and I'm coming for you.

Assault weapons ban served no one, 10-year old bill better off as history

By Matthew B. Funkhouser Special to The Shield

Well the liberals were up in arms this weekend (or should I say up in "disarms")

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as the 1994 assault weapons ban slowly faded into the afterlife of bad liberal ideas.

John Kerry used the sunset of the ban to attack President Bush over his refusal to push congress to renew it. Kerry encouraged

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voters to believe that he was a pro-gun, pro-Second Amendment candidate

He even went on to say that he would never go hunting with an assault weapon.

I was quite taken aback by this comment. Kerry is pro-Second Amendment?

It means nothing to be pro-Second Amendment if you don't understand it.

I know that Kerry is a reasonably intelligent, and well-educated man, and surely he read what the founding fathers said about the second amendment.

James Madison said, "Americans need never fear their government because of the advantage of being armed."

The words "well regulated" in the Second Amendment have nothing to do with gun control. It's meaning in the time it was written is more along the lines of "well prepared, trained and armed."

I believe that Kerry knows why we have the second amendment, but disagrees with and intentionally misinterprets it.

The second amendment was written to protect exactly the type of firearms that the Assault Weapons Ban restricted.

The Second Amendment was written to ensure that the people of America have a last line of defense against tyranny in government. It did not mean defense against deer in the forest.

John Kerry also went on to say that any American who has a desire to shoot assault weapons should join the U.S. military.

That may sound like a good idea to some people.

I can think of at least one person who shared this sentiment.

'Germans who wish to use firearms should join the SS or the SA - ordinary citizens don't need guns, as their having guns doesn't serve the state." Heinrich Himmler once said

Now don't go and accuse me of calling John Kerry a Nazi. He is not a Nazi.

Let me just say, though, that if we are going to have a worthwhile discourse on gun control, it is only fair to put the issue in its full historical context.

I will tell you, friends, it is hard to scare tyranny with a single-shot shotgun and a head full of misinformation.

It is fortunate for the students of USI that I am here.

It's also unfortunate for Kerry & Co. that I am well informed, and extremely "well regulated."

Democrats, leave Nader alone



'hip'' liberal college student, but I must strongly disagree

Editor-In-Chief

I'm as "Demo-

crat" as the next

with the party's tactics against one Ralph Nader.

Most recently, the Democrats have sought and succeeded in keeping Nader off of the Florida Presidential ballots. The Boston Globe reports that currently Ralph Nader is not on any state's ballots. However, in Florida, 27 candidates are already on the ballot.

Technically, the Democrats say Nader has not officially quali-

By Randy Hawkins fied to be placed on the ballots. Technically, that's true.

Anyone with a brain that can read beyond "official statements" can assume that Democrats fear Nader.

At the same time, Republicans have stated they are aiding Nader in the interest of democra-

The same brain mentioned above can assume the Republicans have an agenda of their own.

The reason that Democrats are working against Nader and Republicans are trying to help him is simple. People might vote for Nader.

The word "might" is enough to cause this little ruckus. Democrats are still blaming Nader for Gore's loss in 2000 and Republicans are hoping for the same magic in November.

Granted, Nader's presence on the presidential ballot may have siphoned votes away from Gore and may yet siphon votes away from Kerry

That, however, is the voter's individual choice to vote however he or she wishes (assuming of course that anyone is going to vote at all).

While I am highly cynical that Republicans are truly helping Nader in the interest of democracy, I will agree with their official, press release answer in this one instance.

Choice is the essence of an election. One man's presence on the ballot doesn't make things completely fair and there are bigger changes that are still to be made in our process, but it's a start.

Next would be making it easier for him to get his message out and allowing him to participate in presidential debates, but those are other matters for other times.

Actively seeking to keep a candidate off of a ballot for fear of "stealing" votes is quite simply, wrong. Voters are the ones to choose, ballots should not be rigged so the choice is restricted for voters

I happen to agree with a lot of Nader's politics. I've hopelessly

signed petitions to have him put on Indiana's ballot. However, hypothetically, if he actually managed to get onto the ballot, I would still vote for Kerry.

I believe the hype when "they" say this is a critical election in American history. For that reason my vote is too important to be used to try to change a system and build up a third candidate.

A vote for Nader may be a way to show your disapproval of the two-party system. At the same time, a vote for Nader may very well be a vote for Bush.

If pressed to choose, I like the first idea a lot better than the second. However, I feel that decision should be left up to the voter.

Kerry and Bush avoid real issues

By Cliff Ainsworth Special to The Shield

Thus far in the Presidential campaign, the rhetoric and wrangling have been over issues that are decidedly irrelevant in determining whether the candidates are capable and deserving of being President.

John Kerry has based his campaign message around his Vietnam service, but this tactic has proved ineffective, as the Swift Boat Vets for Truth occupied the month-and-a-half following the Democratic convention assailing Kerry's claims of heroism.

Regardless of the validity of either the Swift Vet's or Kerry's assertions about his tour, why does it matter?

It is interesting that honorable wartime service has now become a necessary trait to serve as President, when the Democrats couldn't have cared less that Bill Clinton dodged the draft.

But now, because the U.S. is at war, Kerry regards his service as his most sellable asset.

Honestly though, whether in the case of Clinton, Bush, or Kerry, why is fighting in a war seen as an a essential credential for the White House?

Military service is certainly honorable and can produce leadership skills, but it shouldn't be the primary factor in deciding a candidate's qualifications.

Although avoiding the call to duty could definitely be interpreted as cow-ardice, it is doubtful Clinton would have been any better of a President had he gone to Vietnam, and George W. Bush is no less of a leader because he didn't go.

Nonetheless, the Democrats have seen fit to attack his National Guard duty, which is another relatively unimportant issue.

While the two sides fight over the minutia of military records that has little bearing over whether or not these men are fit to lead, the electorate should ignore the bickering and examine the candidates' more relevant records.

John Kerry's Senate experience is the most important determinant of his ability to be President, not his war service.

Likewise, George Bush's last four years are more important in evaluating his credentials to lead than his stint in the National Guard.

While both candidates' military service is not totally irrelevant, the current sniping is only distracting from more important topics such as homeland security and a host of domestic issues

Because of this, the public is being served a shallow campaign, but it has become accustomed to and even supportive of such campaigns.

Hopefully there will be debates that will serve to get some real issues on the table.

Anyone who votes for John Kerry primarily because of what he says he did in Vietnam is casting their vote on a non-issue, and anyone who votes for George Bush solely for his National Guard service is doing the same nie in vision



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entertainment and student life

'Rock Against Bush' politics for punks

Et Cetera

CD appeals to potential voters with rock n' roll



Ashlee McCann Et Cetera Editor

Once again the punks at Fat Wreck Chords have given the country something to listen to and learn from.

Of course, this only applies if you are a liberal left-winger who loves to go against everything Bush stands for.

If this is the case this CD is for you, and all the punks out there interested in politics.

Starting the music off with legendary rockers Green Day that draw in the mainstream kids and then leads into some Bad Religion, Operation Ivy and other classics. This collection of music is not all punk. Some hardcore from the Sick of It All guys is thrown in as well as some pop punk from No Doubt. This mixes the classics and the new school mainstream artist.

Obviously, Fat Wreck Chords is trying to reach a few different crowds with punk.

Of course the main theme of this compilation is being die hard against the Bush administration. On the first three pages of this compilation Justin Sane, of Anti-Flag, discusses

administration are known for. In his editorial he mentions

the Clear Skies Initiative, which is really a nice name for an act that gives corporations the go to pollute even more. Also, Sane discusses the invasion of Iraq, or whatever Bush wants to call that act. Sane basically says that Bush brainwashed many Americans into thinking Saddam Hussein was behind 9/11 and was going to kill us all.

Americans started fretting

a b o u t every little thing and jumped on the "lets kill them all" bandwagon. In all reality Sane gives good details and statistics about how

Americans are against many of the Bush administrations acts.

"We've got a population that, by almost two-thirds majority or more, disagrees with the policies of the current administration," Sane said. Anyone that is against the Bush administration should simply pick up this CD because it is informational. After reading the three pages editorial by Sane one can turn to the list of 20 more reasons to hate Bush Jr.

There are mainly useful facts in this list including, "Bush Jr. authorized the use of cluster bombs in populated areas of Iraq. These contributed to the deaths of over 10,000 innocent civilians, more than three times the number of casualties suffered in the tragic 9-11 attacks. Note: NO Iraqis were involved in the 9-11 attacks."

Along with gruesome facts about Bush people can learn more and more by going to the many websites suggestions to get involved.

Among these sites is the biggest and more informational site, punkvoter.com.

Punkvoter.com is a grassroots coalition of punk bands, labels, and fans that that form a united from in opposition to Bush Jr. Punkvoter.com plans to inform, enrage, and help turn millions of punk fans into knowledgeable people when it comes to politics.

Check out punkvoter.com to get informed, express your opinion or just read up on what's going on.

After listening to this compilation one can pop in the DVD that comes with it.

On the DVD there are political shorts and commentaries dealing with Bush. There are also music videos from several bands on the compilation and a few comedy routines from Will Ferrell and others

As a second time around, Rock Against Bush Vol. 2 has done it again.

Great information is given for more punks to hate Bush. Taking music and politics together is actually working for this compilation and will continue to work if the people at Fat Wreck Chords and punkvoter.com have anything to do with it.

'Resident Evil 2' more mindless violence for gaming community



Let's start with a little honesty this week, shall we? With the exception of

maybe Angelina Jolie and the "Tomb Raider" series, video game movies have never really fared so well at the box office. And for good reason, too.

Most video game movies tend to produce about the same results fat Jarod would have in a long jump competition.

But one passable exception to this usual rule was the original "Resident Evil," though some argued it didn't quite hold up enough to the source material. As if much of anything ever does. Anyway, its moderate success seems to have warranted an inevitable sequel, the aptly titled "Resident Evil: Apocalypse."

Now this is usually the part where I attempt to give a brief synopsis of the movie's plot. Fortu-

nately, "RE: Apocalypse" doesn't have much of a plot, and thus saves me a bit of trouble.

Basically, anyone who's ever seen any zombie movie ever filmed knows the plot to this one.

Raccoon City is overrun with zombies. The few people who have survived must band together and find their way out of the city. It just so happens that in Raccoon City, most of these people are members of one special forces team or another.

The plot takes a very small turn when the survivors are asked to track down a scientist's missing daughter. This scientist fortunately enough works for the Umbrella Corporation, the company responsible for turning everyone into zombies, and the only hope for the survivors' escape.

Along their way, the survivors are tracked by an uber-zombie, the Nemesis, who wields such appropriate zombie weaponry as a heavy machine gun and a rocket launcher. For those who complained about the lack of game inspired moments in the original "Resident Evil," "Apocalypse" should fill that void to the fullest.

There are moments in the movie, and more than just a few, thai are ripped directly from one of the various RE titles. A few of the characters are as well, including the Nemesis and Jill Valentine. Though, in both cases, the movie representations aren't much more than visually identical to their polygonal counterparts. Jill's a lot harder, and the Nemesis much

softer, than either appear to be w h e n playing the game. I re-

alize I've yet to act u a I I y mention any of the actors from the film, but there's a good reason for that as well. Excepting our two leading ladies, Milla Jovovich returning as Alice and Sierra Guillory filling the role of Jill Valentine, most everyone is a two-dimensional character that serves as little more than zombie fodder.

The dialogue here is kept to a minimum, and what is there isn't exactly great. Not that it's bad, either, but it's just not that good. Milla and Sierra, especially Milla, do an excellent job of kicking ass, which is pretty much their main function throughout the movie.

Oded Fehr steps in as Carlos Olivera, an Umbrella operative left behind, and Mike Epps shows up for no other purpose than as a bit of comic relief. He's there to ensure the minorities are all represented and nothing more.

I know that sounds harsh, but honestly, there really is no other explanation for his character.

All that said, however, this still isn't a horrible movie. In fact,



it's fairly entertaining. It just happens to be far from cerebral.

Beginning to end, "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" offers non-stop, zombie kicking action from hot chicks in short skirts and tight tops. Despite the pretense, it isn't a zombie movie, though. It's really just an action movie that happens to have zombies in it. The movie's enjoyable for exactly what it is, just like many of the video games it's based on or references: unadulterated and unforgiving violence.

People who find that type of thing entertaining will certainly enjoy themselves. People looking for anything more, will be sorely disappointed.





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Saturday, Sept. 18

Women's golf at Butler Invitational - Sept. 18-21; Indianapolis. Info: 465-1622.

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The Communication Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 3:30 p.m in the Burleigh Resource Room, Room 0117 of the LA building. The club is open to all majors who are interested in social activities, professional workshops and training and information about communication careers. Dues are \$5 for the academic year. Info, contact Wes Durham at wdurham@usi.edu

Wednesday, September 22 American Voices - 7 p.m., UC, Carter Hall. One-person show that stretches the issue of diversity to examine socioeconomics, eating disorders, religion, and sexual orientation. A part of THREADS Diversity Celebration Month. Info: 465-7183 or 465-7095.

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By Adam Calloway Shield Reporter

During the summer of 2002 USI student Billy Perkins decided that he wanted to get into a group and start playing shows.

With no practice space to accommodate a drummer, a traditional band was out of the picture.

Perkins envisioned a more simplistic group with just acoustic guitars. With this setup he felt the group could focus more on the songwriting aspect of music.

This is where Bruce Nguyen enters the scene. Bruce, a native of Newburgh, was a fellow guitarist, singer and classmate of Perkins. The two met and Moonlight Heist was born.

"Underdog pop, I think, is the best way to describe our music.' said Perkins, "our songs are about loss of innocence and growing up.

Moonlight Heist provides what is not typically expected from an acoustic show

According to Perkins, "most acoustic is fairly slow, we're not."

Their music can also be described in terms of their influences. For Nguyen it is Billy Corgan, former lead singer of the Smashing Pumpkins. "Elvis Costello and U2 are my two biggest influences," says Perkins.

The duo performs all original music and has played various venues in Evansville, including: Penny Lane, the Funny Bone, the

Rev, and 1123, among others. Moonlight Heist will be performing at USI on October 15th as part of the new Friday Night Live series sponsored by APB.

The group's debut album is currently in the works. Nearly all the material for the upcoming record has been written, Perkins and Nguyen are now just waiting. to get into the studio. This album is sure to be eagerly awaited by fans of the Evansville music scene

Moonlight Heist is an awesome example of what the Evansville scene has to offer outside of the punk and hardcore genres.

If the opportunity comes up to see a Moonlight Heist show, take it.

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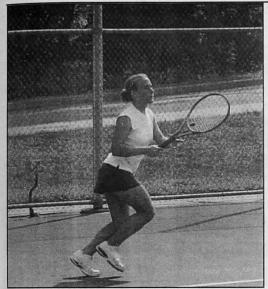


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Sports

Thursday, September 16, 2004



Sophomore Audra Bartelt looks get to the ball back on a return Saturday afternoon against Bellarmine. Bartelt blanked her foe from Bellarmine 6-0, 6-0 (photo by Sally Hughes).

Game, set, match

By Katie Busching Sports reporter

As Northern Kentucky University's reign as conference champs may be coming to a close, a new challenger rises to the occasion.

The University of Southern Indiana women's tennis team defated the Norse 5-4 on Saturday morning. The Eagles move their record to 4-1 against conference rivals this season.

Giving the Eagles an upper hand in the hunt for the conference bragging rights.ne team Northern Kentucky.

Being a fairly young team, the Eagles are careful not to cross the line between having confidence in their game and arrogance against their opponents.

USI head coach Keely Porter said, "My first goal for the team is to continue to improve all month long, until the conference tournament. I believe we can win the GLVC (Great Lakes Valley Conference) Tournament."

The second match of the day against Bellermine University was another big confidence booster for the Eagles.

Winning 8-1, Audra Bartelt shut down her opponent 6-0, 6-0 at number 4 singles and Maggie Coffman won her second straight singles match.

"She was undefeated at number two singles two years ago, and very competitive at number one last year," said Porter.

"With Sara Wilhoite playing number one singles this year, it has allowed everyone to move down a spot. It will be a solid team effort that will win the close matches though."

This weekend the Eagles will take part in the ITA Regional tomorrow in Midland, Michigan. Along with USI other GLVC schools will take part in the competition, Bellarmine, Lewis, Indianapolis, and SIU-Edwardsville.

The Eagles have already seen two of the schools so far this season, Bellarmine and Lewis.

USI lost to the Flyers the first match of the season 5-4. The Eagles had no problems with the Knights 8-1.

USI will also have the opportunity to get a look at the other conference schools they have not played yet.

Indianapolis will be the first school the Eagles will play when they get back into conference play. USI will play Edwardsville on the road in October.

The Eagles next conference match this season is against the University of Indianapolis Lady Greyhounds, is Sept. 29.

USI is currently undefeated at home this season.

Women's soccer returns home Friday

By Tony Black Sports editor

One-goal losses are the most heartbreaking ways to drop a game.

The University of Southern Indiana women's soccer team made the trek over to Illinois and Missouri last weekend.

After playing their last two games in overtime this would not be the story of last weekend.

The Eagles dropped Friday's contest to the McKendree College 2-1.

USI junior Brookly Gant scored the goal on a pass from sophomore Kim Husky at the 67minute mark.

Just over a minute later the Bearcats scored the game winner. The loss for USI marked their third straight one goal defeat.

Sophomore Kara Marcum received a two yellow cards in the game, which meant she had to sit out against Missouri Baptist on Saturday.

On Saturday the Eagles took the short trip on I-64 from Lebinon to St. Louis to play Missouri Baptist.

This time the Eagles had the lead to open the game when

Husky put the ball in the net. The goal was her first ever in an Eagle uniform.

Gant was back at it for USI when she scored her second goal of the season. Freshman Kari Land fed Gant the ball for her first career assist.

Gant now has a tie for the lead on the team with two goals. The two goals tied her with fellow classmate Alisann Shetler.

"They are two of my captains so I knew sooner or later they would start scoring. It's good to see before the start of conference play. Now we just have to do a better job of concentrating for 90minutes and not giving the other teams easy goals" Head coach Crissy Meek said.

The Eagles will now get ready for the start of conference play, tomorrow night at home.

The first team USI will play this GLVC season is Quincy University. The Hawks are coming off a conference tournament berth.

"Both these teams gave us great games, those were probably two of best games last year." Meek said, "So I know our team is ready to go back at them and win one this time."

Quincy finished sixth last sea-



Sophomore Meghan O'Rourke gets ready to match up on defense. O'Rourke is one of many young players on the roster this season (photo by Sally Hughes).

son 4-4-2 and in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They lost to Indianapolis in a high scoring affair 5-3. This season however the Hawks are struggling a bit 0-1-2.

On Sunday the Eagles will play host against SIU-Edwardsville.

Like Quincy the Cougars are down a bit only winning one game and dropping two.

One of those two losses was in double overtime against Mercyhurst.

This homestand is the longest of the season for the Eagles. They will play two more at the friendly confines of Strassweg Field.

Next Friday they will host Kentucky Wesleyan and Sunday Great Lakes Regional foe Findlay University.

"I just think that, this is the start of our season and forget about the rest. Hopefully we'll have good practices this week and carry it on to Friday" sophomore Meghan O'Rourke said.

To try to get the team going this week Meek had her team practice at 7 AM Sunday morning.

Meek and her the team got back from the trip at one Sunday morning.

CONTRACTOR STATISTICS

Senior Greg Dingrando talks off the field

You might know him as number 15 on the soccer team. Now here is your chance to meet 'Dingo' off the field. 'Dingo' is in his third year at USI. Last season was an injury plagued year for Greg.

Birthday: August 3, 1981

Hometown:Marion,Illinios

Major: Radio and TV

High School: Marion

You have been here for three years You redshirted last season how are things going now? I'm healthy as can beand I'm able

to play. It was really hard to sit out after my knee injury. So it's good that I can contribute this year.

You and Josh Hill are the old guys on the team. You guys are 23 or older. Does your team joke about that?

The jokes are definatly flying on the team. I'm 23 which is old compared to most of our guys. We have 11 new guys on our team and they are 18 or 19.

You hosted Access USI is there anything embrassing about that? In this business you can't be shy.

We messed up several times. It's



one of those things that's part of the practice.

How much ribbing did you take from the team for being the host?

I got the team to watch as much as possible. Every once and a while they would see something and give me a hard time.

What do you want to do after you get done here?

I would like to get into TV news reporting. I had a really great internship over the summer in Lexington. I'll be done in December so hopefully after 1 get done I'll start sending my resume tapes in and find a job.

How did you get the name of 'Dingo'?

It started back in sixth grade my track coach called me 'Dingo'. After that it kind of stuck a little bit. In junior college there were two Greg's on the team so it was easier to call me 'Dingo'. When I came here there were three Greg's on the team. Now I introduce myself as 'Dingo'.





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Volleyball back home after long weekend

By Tony Black Sports editor

The University of Southern Indiana volleyball team took another long bus trip last weekend to Wheeling, West Virginia, for the Great Lakes Regional Crossover Tournament.

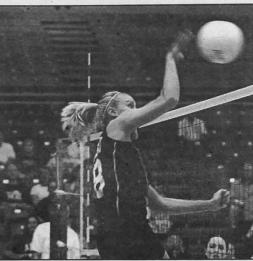
This time however things did not look so good for the Eagles as they took the lead in two games but failed win any of the three games.

Last Friday USI opened up with a 2 games to none lead. In the third match the Eagles led 24-18. Hillsdale took charge and rallied to win 31-29.

In game four the Chargers whooped up on the Eagles 30-21, but USI had game five to rebound and salvage the win.

Hillsdale once again had other ideas was able to scrape out the victory 15-12.

In that game freshman setter Stephanie Wilson broke a USI record for assist in a game with 76. The record has been held since



Senior Leeanne Gross goes up for the kill last season at home. Gross is just one of three seniors on the team this year (photo by Elizabeth Randolph).

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Wilson also came up with 20 digs as well, leading the way in Kills was senior Natalie Atzinger with 20.

"It's a pretty big thing and I didn't even know it happened until I talked to my parents today (Saturday). It was definitely unexpected and it's pretty cool." Wilson said

Saturday was a new day, but however it was the same story for the Eagles as they once again blew a lead.

USI won the first game 30-25, but they went on to lose the next three 24-30, 25-30, 28-30 against Northwood. In the final match of the Great Lakes Regional Crossover the Eagles played Grand Valley State.

They lost in straight matches 30-24, 30-18, 30-26 the upside to the loss Atzinger had12 kills, and Eva Kiefer 18 digs.

"I think at times we competed very well against very tough teams we learned how to compete and we need learned how to win against tough teams" Head coach Molly Alvey

Up next for USI is home sweet home, and the Great Lakes Valley Conference opener. The first game will be against Lewis University, a team the Eagles fell to last season 3-1.

Then on Saturday USI will play host to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The Eagles were able to get past the Rangers'3-2.

Wisconsin-Parkside is the struggling team this year 4-7. In seven of those four losses the Rangers have been blanked.

They did go the distance in their last game against Northern Michigan. Friday's night's game for UWP against SIU-Edwardsville will be the start of six game roadie.

The road trip will end on Oct. 1 against Northern Kentucky. Parkside is coming off a GLVC tournament berth, but they were beaten by Indianapolis 3-0.

"I think our buggest thing right now is learn from the mistakes we made" Alvey said.



Cross Country to try for Little State crown

By Aaron Grider Sports reporter

The University of Southern Indiana cross country teams are off to a solid start coming off of first place finish at the University of Evansville's Early Bird Invitational.

The Eagles were led by senior Doug Schwartz and junior Heather Cooksey.

Schwartz and Cooksey finished second and fourth respectively.

Both runners are helping their nationally ranked teams; the men are ranked 18 and the women 13 in the country.

Head coach Mike Hillyard said "It's nice for both of the programs to be respected enough to be listed in the polls."

Since the teams are now being recognized nationally there are many high expectations that could come from this distinction.

The highest expectations are probably from the teams and coach themselves.

"We talked about team goals at the start of the season with our first goal being win the meet at UE." Hillyard said "We also want to defend are Indiana Intercollegiate Little State titles."

The teams will have a chance to achieve that goal on Friday at Purdue.

USI will have an opportunity to compete against teams from all over the state such as Indiana, Purdue, and Indiana State.

The Indiana Intercollegiate titles are not the only titles that the USI teams will be looking to defend in the upcoming season.

The Eagles will look to defend the Border Wars title at SIUE along with their conference titles.

"On the womens side Wisconsin Parkside is much better than a year ago and the Lewis mens team is also much better" Hillyard said.

The teams are also expected to do well in regional competition with both the mens and womens team being ranked third in the region.

If regionals would start today both teams would make the race. The top three from the mens side and the top four from the womens side go to regionals.

Hillyard said "We definitely think that finishing third on both sides is realistic and that we may be able to finish a little bit higher than that."

Championship quality teams have a leader that can step forward and take charge of their teams to victory. On the men's side the leader is fifth year senior Schwartz.

"Doug has been around the program for a long time. He ran number one for us on several occasions last year. He is a vocal leader and he leads by example." Hillyard said

Even though both teams have very good athletes there is always room to improve. In the case of the USI cross country teams they need to pay attention to details according to Hillyard.

"We need to be attentive to details. Long distance running and training for it is more complicated than most people think." Hillyard said

"The difference between good teams and great teams is attention to the little things like staying hydrated and not doing little stupid things to shoot yourself in the foot."

The Eagles will be homefor StegemollerClassic on Sept. 25. The only home meet of the year.

USI men's soccer back home for **GLVC opener against Quincy, SIUE**

By Tony Black Sports editor

Things are not going to plan right now for the University of team as they continue to slide.

The Eagles have lost two straight dropping a game Friday to Ashland University 2-1 and Sunday to Gannon University 3-0.

USI has not won a game since Aug. 27 when they opened the season against Harris Stowe.

On Friday the Eagles score their lone goal by freshman Michael Dugger on a penalty kick.

Freshman forward Andrew Bass was taken down in the box leading to the penalty shot. Dugger's goal was his team leading third of the season.

The Eagles were nailed with two yellow cards in the game as well; both in the second half of the game.

Bass received one of them along with goalie Kyle Penick, which was his second of the year.

On Sunday it was not much for USI as Gannon scored all three goals in the first half.

Gannon scored their first goal of the game with just minutes gone by, and then they found the net again just eighteen minutes later.

With just 11 minutes gone past again, Gannon was able to put the ball away again.

"We were able to video both games and when you are on the



Sophomore Tyler Dallas dribbles the ball through the defense of Columbia College during the Eagles first home stand. Teammate Greg Dingrando looks on at Dallas. The Eagles return home tomorrow for the start of their longest homestand of the season (photo by Greg Nixon).

bus for hours on end you get to watch them immediately after the game. I think even though we gave up five goals defensively we are starting to find ourselves" Head coach Dan Hogan said.

more yellow cards came out of the referee's pocket, Charles Damiete was called for his second of the year. With all these yellow cards the Eagles have gotten they will need to watch themselves because With the frustration of losing if any get five during the season they will have to sit out the next game

"We haven't seen the best of referring or the best of officiating and some of those yellow cards are deserved some of them aren't." Hogan said "The boys have been talking back to the referee, and those are the yellow cards that we need to correct."

USI will try to get back to their winning ways on Friday night against Quincy University.

The game against the Hawks is the start of conference play. The Eagles are 15-5 in the GLVC the past two years.

USI and Quincy do have some history, in the 2002 season the Eagles defeated the Hawks 3-2 in double overtime in first round of the conference tournament.

Last season USI was defeated by in Quincy in Illinois 3-1. The Eagles goal of that game was an own goal

On Sunday the Eagles will play rival SIU-Edwardsville. The Cougars and USI have had just as much history if not more than USI and Quincy.

In 2002 the Eagles and Cougars met in the conference championship with USI falling 1-

Last season the Eagles fell 2-1 over in Edwardsville. The two teams did not meet in the conference tournament.

USI fell in the semi-finals to Lewis and Edwardsville blanked Quincy and later lost in the conference finals to Lewis

"Every game with those two school has been overtime or a one goal game. I think the boys are going to be able to focus on the conference." Hogan said

"I don't think the region made a lot of sense to the new players. Every kid understands conference, and I'm glad we are starting off at home'

USI will play two more home games before they hit the road for two conference against Northern Kentucky and Bellarmine.

However next week they will play school rival Kentucky Wesleyan and Findlay University for another Great Lakes region game.

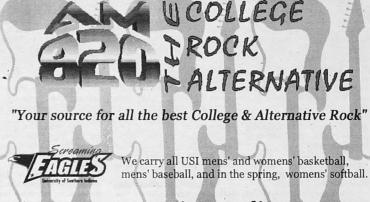
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