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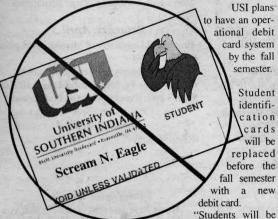
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Debit cards expected by fall of '99

by SCOTT K. TIEKEN

Shield correspondent



able to use the new debit cards in the fall for identification and to make purchases," Dr. John Byrd, vice president for Student Affairs, caid

Students can use the debit card for multiple services.

"Some services will begin in

the primary phase of the debit card system before fall and others will follow in the secondary phase," Steve Bridges, controller, said.

The official name for the card will be "The Eagle Access."

A debit card office will be located in the University Center. Money will be placed on the cards in two different ways. For vending machines there will be a bill changer that will take your money and place it on your card. For food service you will pay for a meal plan and it will be put on the card through the debit card office.

There are risks involved with placing money for vending machines on the card.

"Losing the card is like losing cash," Bridges said. Students are responsible for the card but some preventive measures will be in place. For example there will be a limit on the amount that can be put on a card at one time.

"Students should benefit from the various services the debit card system will provide," Dr. Byrd said.

Possible uses for cards

- * Meal plan
- * Long distance telephone services
- * Payment of student fees
- * Purchase of books and other products
- * Purchase of photocopies at copier * Purchase of vending at vending
- machines
 * Purchase of copies at microfilm
- reader in library
- * Building access in housing
- * University building access
- * Computer lab access
- * Purchase of washer/dryer service at unit
- * Use as general ID
- * Use to check out library books
- * Use to access exercise facilities
- * Use at university convenience store
- * Use at health center and for pharmacy purchases
- * Access to student and athletic events
- * Electronic issuance of financial aid

distributions

- * Payroll direct deposit
- * Access to student information
- * Ability to maintain medical record and immunization history
- * Banking interface
- * Bus reader capabilities
- * Purchase at retail locations
- * Access to parking facilities
- * Usability at off campus retailers
- * Ability to create card at USI rapidly and with relative ease
- * Ability to immediately deactivate-
- * Ability to use for Safe Ride pro-
- gram
 * Ability to use for voting mecha-
- * Ability to use as employment time
- * Statistical and management report-
- ing capabilities

 * Ability to move money from ATM
 to card
- * Ability to use as a vending card for library printers

Campaign for SGA offices underway

by JAMES BACK

March 25, 1999

Shield correspondent

Candidates for the 1999 Student Government Elections began campaigning for their new offices as voter turnout promises to be low.

Out of 11 offices to be filled, only the Attorney General and Member At-Large: Commuter Students are contested races. The official campaigning period began March 21 and will continue through March 31.

The polls open on Monday, March 29 at 9 a.m. in the Orr Center lobby, the Eagles Nest and Redwood Lounge

"Voter turnout on college campuses is usually around ten percent," Patrick West, SGA president, said. "I think USI's (turnout) is even lower." Anyone enrolled in classes at USI with a valid student I.D. can vote.

The candidates are as follows:

- *President- Brian Pauley
- *Executive Vice-President-Brandi Schwartz
- *Attorney General- David Haire and Troy Rhinefort
- *Administrative Vice President for Business and Finance-Gregory Banes
- *Administrative Vice President for Social and Cultural Issues-

Alysia Lamb

- *Administrative Vice President for External Relations- Laura Horn
- *Administrative Vice President for Research and Development- Chad Fetscher
- *Representative for the School of Nursing and Health Professions- Glenn David
- *Representative for the School of Business- (2 openings) Jill Bertke and Jamie Heeke
- *Member At-Large: Housing Students- Andrew Dick
- *Member At-Large: Commuter Students- (2 openings) Jill Cameron, Kimberly Davis or Brooke Rohner

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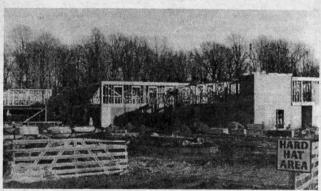


Photo by Ryan Kern

Freshmen entering USI in the fall can expect housing in the new dormitory buildings now under construction near the soccer fields.

Residents of these dorms will use the new meal plan offered by USI.

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Coming Attractions

Today, March 25

-Brown Bag Seminar, 12 p.m., UC 203
-APB Night Movie, Good Will Hunting, 9
p.m., Forum I.

-Honors Week, Bower-Suhrheinrich School of Education and Human Services, 1 p.m., MA

-Honors Week, School of Business, 4 p.m., MA

Friday, March 26

-Softball vs. Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 4 p.m.*

-Men's tennis at University of Indianapolis, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

-Southern Hospitality Day, 9 a.m., MA -Baseball vs. Bellarmine College (2), 12 p.m.

-Softball at Bellarmine College, 12 p.m.

-Men's tennis at IU/PU-Ft. Wayne, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 28

-Baseball vs. Bellarmine College, 12 p.m. -Softball at Kentucky Wesleyan College, 1 p.m.

-Men's golf, Butler Invitational

Monday, March 29

-Brown Bag Seminar, 12 p.m. UC 203 -Men's golf, Butler Invitational -Women's golf, Bellarmine Invitational

Tuesday, March 30

-Social Security Forum, 10:30 a.m., Carter Hall

-Staff Council, 10 a.m., UC 215 -Excel mentoring program, 1:30 p.m., MCC -Brown Bag Seminar 12 p.m., UC 203

Wednesday, March 31

-MBA Association meeting, 6 p.m.- 12 a.m., Carter Hall A

-Baseball at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (2), 1 p.m.

-Brown Bag Seminar, 12 p.m., UC 203

Thursday, April 1

-Brown Bag Seminar, 12 p.m., UC 203 -Softball at McKendree College, 3 p.m. -Men's tennis vs. Quincy University, 6:30 p.m.

-Student Affairs awards application deadline, 4:30 p.m., UC 015

Friday, April2

-Good Friday, USI closed

-Baseball at University of Missouri-St. Louis (2), 12 p.m.

-Softball at University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2 p.m.

-Men's tennis vs SIU-Edwardsville, 2:30 p.m. -Men's golf, Concord College Invitational

Saturday, April 3

-Baseball at University of Missouri-St. Louis, 12 p.m.

-Softball at Quincy University, 12 p.m. -Men's tennis vs. Missouri-St. Louis, 10 a.m.

-Men's golf, Concord College Invitational

Sunday, April 4

-Easter Sunday

Getting in the calendar

If you have an event or activity that you would like to have placed in the upcoming calendar, please submit the information via e-mail to: Shield.ucs@smtp.usi.edu or bring the information to our office in UC 003.



"Good Will Hunting"

Movie Tonight, Thursday March 25, 9pm, FA1

College Bowl

Continues Sunday March 28 at 4pm in Carter Hall Come and watch the heated competition

Join APB today!

Stop by the office and pick up an application.

Applications are due March 26th and elections will be held next week!

Campus

Academic Skills assisting specific needs

by ESTHER DUNLAP Shield campus editor

Studying in college is different from studying in high school. To help make the transition easier, USI offers Freshman Seminar classes and offers courses on such topics as "How to study in college."

However, if a student just needs help in one or two areas of study and doesn't feel the need to spend the time or money on taking these courses, an alternative has been offered by Academic Skills for the past ten years: The Brown Bag Seminars.

The point of the seminars is to help students with specific problems such as test anxiety and reading textbooks.

"Every semester, the English specialist in Academic Skills puts together a list of topics he or she would like to cover and then searches for faculty who are willing to lecture." Mrs. Sue Ellen Richardson, lecturer in Academic Skills, said.

The lectures began Monday and will continue through April 1 in UC203 at noon.

Upcoming lectures are "Reading" by Terri Godfrey, UD adviser; "Kiss the Test Anxiety Away" by Nancy Myers, a math specialist; "English Expectations" by Marty Smith, Jennifer Cunningham and Julia Galbus; and "Reading Math and Science Textbooks," by Graig McCarron, math instructor "The Brown Bag Seminars are held every semester usually after midterms," Richardson said. "The seminars are free and some instructors give extra credit to students who attend."

Last spring the seminars drew 268 students, an increase of more than 100 over the previous semester. UD expects to draw even more students this time and plans to continue the seminars as long as they are needed.

Fraternity auctioning its members

by JARRED S. ILLINGWORTH Shield correspondent

Spring cleaning may be just the reason you need to attend Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity's charity auction Sunday, March 28, in FA II from 2-6 p.m.

Members can be "purchased" to work for individuals or groups at USI in three-hour shifts to perform cleaning (house, apartment or car) and cooking duties for the highest bidder.

"Half of all proceeds and all the toys will be given to the children's ward at Deaconess Hospital,"

chapter President Craig Rodewald said. "The rest of the proceeds will help us with our formal.

"We hope that everyone who is interested will come and support us and in turn help out needy children," he said.

"I think that most people will find this fundraiser to be a fresh alternative to the norm," member Brad Tanksley said. "We are all excited about the opportunity to raise money for the hospital and for our activities."

Admission is \$2 or a child's toy, philanthropic chair Jason Pinkstaff said.

USI radio station offers something for everyone

by KERRI STRAEFFER
Shield correspondent

Listen up!

If you haven't listened to AM 820 or haven't tuned in for a while, you might just find what you're looking for. The USI radio station is not just modern rock any more.

If you're looking for modern rock news, listen at noon and 4 p.m. You can catch Stephanie Kohlhoff's two-minute newscast called the "Nooner."

Originally the program aired only at noon, but because of its popularity, it is now also played at 4 p.m. and called the "Afternooner."

The Shiznit plays all '80's music on Sundays. So if you like Michael Jackson, Tears for Fears, Prince and other 1980's greats, tune in from noon to 3 p.m.

For a chance to hear some great Hip Hop and R & B, listen for LaDonna Sutton's Show from 3 p.m. to sign-off on Sundays.

"It's Hip Hop, R&B, old school, new stuff and me thrown in between," Sutton said.

She can also be heard on Kiss 106.1, Club Kiss on Saturdays from 8 p.m.-midnight.

HHH (pronounced Triple H) is in charge of the War Zone. From 3 p.m. to signoff on Saturdays, HHH plays hard rock and heavy metal.

For the big band sound, listen to Joe Hulgus's Big Band Review on Sunday mornings.

Classical music, including musicals, can be found on Saturday morning in the Saturday Showcase with Brad Seymore.

AM820 continues to play modern rock, but listeners can find much more.

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Viewpoint

Going to New York? Just don't forget to...

by RYAN REYNOLDS Shield editor

Imagine leaving the warm, friendly confines of a place you've grown too familiar with for 21 years and landing smack dab in the middle of the exact oppo-

It happened to me last week.

Two of my colleagues and I left Evansville on Tuesday and flew to New York City for a college media convention. It started out nicely enough, the airport looked no bigger or smaller than Pittsburgh or Los Angeles. I can handle this, I thought to myself.

Was I ever wrong. At least for a little

The taxi we took from LaGuardia Airport to our hotel near Times Square was basically a Puerto Rican version of Dale Earnhardt. In the first 10 minutes of a 25minute drive, the cab never went under 60 miles per hour. I'm not exaggerating.

What made the trip so terrifying was that it was down streets and highways I wasn't familiar with. There weren't any houses or trees or open spaces. Just streets, more streets, apartment buildings and skyscraper after skyscraper.

After the second day pf the five-day excursion, I was beginning to adjust to the new environment. Basically, I had learned some rules about coping in New York City.

So to spare you, the reader, any such problems, I will share the "Rules of the Big Apple" (so to speak) in this handydandy clip-out form.

Cut it out and stuff it in your pocket. Who knows, it may save your life someday. Or just get you by in the city that never sleeps.

Handy tips for visiting New York City

A public service by The Shield

Do:

-Listen for horns when walking down the street. If you step into an intersection and hear two quick honks, get the hell out of the way. A taxi is about to plow through at 100 mph.

-Bring a coat and hat if you plan to visit the Statue of Liberty. The roughest part of the trip was standing on Liberty Island waiting for a ferry in the driving 40-mph wind. You will get windburn and frostbite at the same time. Not pleasant.

-Try the subway system. It is an educational experience in itself. Street musicians, bums and yuppies together.

Don't:

-Tell people you're from Indiana. The patterned response I received each time was: "Geez, Indiana, huh? Why can't Bobby Knight coach anymore?" It gets old. Fast.

-Get too adventurous too soon. Just because you've been there three days doesn't mean you are a master of the geography. On two occasions, I insisted on walking a different direction and nearly ended up in New Jersey.

-Forget to buy a fake Rolex in Chinatown. For legal purposes, I'm not going to say I bought one. But this ain't no fake Timex, I guarantee you that!

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Ask the USI Doctor

School health staff offers energy adivce

Dear Doctor:

Why do I get so tired after my morning classes? I always seem to fall asleep after lunch and have a hard time waking up for my afternoon classes.

We've all been there. The clock on the wall says that it's only 2 p.m., but you feel ready for bed. Your eyelids are heavy, and your school work is starting to swim in front of your eyes. You'd like nothing better than to take a nap. Welcome to the afternoon slump.

It can be discouraging to start each day ready to go, only to find your productivity slowing to a halt as the afternoon passes. Getting a good night's sleep is important for having enough energy the next day, and regular exercise helps to keep you working at full speed, but if you do both of these and still get tired, is there anything else you can do?

The answer is yes--check you diet. To function on an even keel throughout the day, try the following:

- Always eat breakfast. Don't just grab coffee or soda

and a doughnut on your way out. Instead, eat a light breakfast of carbohydrates and protein such as cereal and low-fat milk or yogurt.

Limit your coffee to two cups or have only one can of soda. Caffeine is a stimulant and small amounts can have a positive effect, but drinking more can lead to withdrawal symptoms such as headaches.

- Have a light, protein-rich lunch. Large meals slow you down and make you drowsy.

Choose healthful snacks such as fresh fruit or raw vegetables with low-fat dip. Avoid candy and sweets.

- Drink water. In addition to saving you all those empty soda calories, drinking water keeps youhydrated and dehydration makes you feel tired.

If you have any questions for the doctor, please send them to:

Ask the Doctor USI Student Health Center 4600 W. Lloyd Expressway 47712

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Diversions

'Carrie's' sequel keeps the destruction coming

by MARIANNE KOBAK Daily Stater (Kent State U.)

The movie opens with a woman painting the walls red and repeating over and over, "You can't have my daughter."

The little girl in the room tries to coax her schizophrenic mother to play with her.

Then police come and take the mother away.

When they try to take the girl, she runs from them and uses her telekinetic powers to shut the doors behind her.

"Carrie 2: The Rage" is the sequel to the classic 1970s horror film "Carrie."

Rachel, the new Carrie played by Emily Bergl, is an angry young girl in high school. She has been raised by foster parents, and her mother has been committed to an asylum.

Rachel is an outcast in



Film Review

The Rage: Carrie 2 Rated: R Opened: March 12

school, but unlike the first Carrie, she does have a couple of true friends and, eventually, a boyfriend.

Just as in the first movie. the most popular girls in school and some of the members of the football team do not like Rachel, and they are out to humiliate her in front of the whole school.

Unfortunately, the popular kids do not realize how dangerous it is to upset Rachel.

She uses her telekinetic power whenever she becomes enraged. Rachel is also more powerful than the original Carrie. She is able to focus her power, and she can move things even when she can't see

Snell is the same girl who sur- spoken.

vived at the end of the first movie. She discovers that Rachel has the same powers as the original Carrie and that the two girls are half-sisters. The counselor tells Rachel that her telekinesis comes from her father.

Rachel is a smart, angry Sue Snell, played by Amy girl and is much more likable Irving, is a guidance counselor than the original Carrie. She who wants to help Rachel. stands up for herself and is out-

Yet she is still as gullible as Carrie when one of the popular girls tries to befriend her.

She is lured to a party without the support of her boyfriend, and the popular kids begin to humiliate her. As in the original, Rachel becomes enraged and unleashes her powers upon the party.

Many of the deaths are very creative and appropriate. Yet, the entire end scene could have taken more time, and the special effects could have been better in some scenes.

"Carrie 2: The Rage" is a good horror film with some light humor, and some of the scenes need to be seen on the big screen.

Yet, if you don't catch this one in the theaters, it will be just as interesting to see on

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Dental hygiene enrollment increases by 100 percent

by JOY HOOK
Shield correspondent

The increase of Dental Hygiene students has created a need for more patients in the USI Dental Clinic.

For the 1998-99 school year, the Dental Hygiene Program increased enrollment by 100%. The program now accepts 24 students each year.

"We now have twice as many students, which means we have twice as many clinicals that need to be completed," Deborah Carl, assistant professor of dental hygiene, said.

By Indiana State Law, dental hygiene students must complete their clinicals while under supervision of administrators. Students cannot go off campus to finish all of their clinicals.

"Clinical hours average 8 hours per week," Carl said. "They have specific mandates to complete."

The Dental Hygiene pro-

gram works with social service agencies in Evansville to help provide dental care to those who normally couldn't afford it. The Dental Clinic provides sufficient and affordable oral care.

Carl stresses to her students preventative oral care. The students then can teach clients ways to prevent progression.

The USI Dental Hygiene program is the only one in Indiana that is not affiliated with Indiana University. However, IU did assist in the beginning of the dental hygiene program in 1971 when USI was ISUE. The USI Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

The clinic, located in the Health Professions building, is open to the public and students. You can call for an appointment at 464-1706. Fees for adults range from \$15-\$25, depending on the service.

Undergraduate pre-registration schedule

Continuing and readmission undergraduate students pre-register according to their number of earned hours at the time they pre-register; the earned hours total does not include hours in which the student is currently enrolled.

Day & Date .	Time	Classification of Students Eligible	Earned Hours	Last Name
Monday, April 5	9:00-3:00	Second and First Semester Seniors Special Graduates	94 or more	A-Z A-Z
Tuesday, April 6	9:00-3:00	Second Semester Juniors	79 or more	A-Z
Wednesday, April 7	9:00-3:00	First Semester Juniors	63 or more	A-Z
Thursday, April 8	9:00-3:00	Second Semester Sophomores Second and First Semester Sophomore Associate Students	48 or more	A-Z
			32 or more	A-Z
Friday, April 9	9:00-3:00	First Semester Sophomores Second and First Semester	32 or more	A-Z
		Freshmen Associate Students	31 or less	A-Z
Monday, April 12	8:00-4:00 4:30-6:00	Second Semester Freshmen Evening & Saturday Only Students	17 or more	A-Z A-Z
Tuesday, April 13	8:00-4:00	First Semester Freshmen	16 or less	R-Z
Wednesday, April 14	8:00-4:00	First Semester Freshmen	16 or less	A-F
Thursday, April 15	8:00-4:00	First Semester Freshmen	16 or less	G-Q
Friday, April 16	8:00-4:00	Open-Continuing, readmission, &	special students	A-Z

Graduate pre-registration schedule

New, continuing, and special or guest graduate students are scheduled for preregistration by their graduate program. If you have initiated application procedures for the 1999 fall semester, you may pre-register in the office of your graduate program as follows:

Continuing and readmission graduate students

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday, April 5

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday April 6 - Friday, April 9

Continuing, readmission, and new graduate students

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday, April 12

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 - Friday, April 16

If you have *not* initiated application procedures for the 1999 fall semester, you must first contact of the Office of Graduate Studies, Rm 104 of the Wright Administration Building, phone 812/465-7015. NOTE: the Office of Graduate Studies will be closed from noon to 1:30 during pre-registration.



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News

Nursing program seeks accreditation from CCNE

by SCOTT K. TIEKEN Shield correspondent

The nursing program at USI is in the process of accreditation to insure that the quality of education remains strong.

The Commission Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) reviewed USI's Nursing program and will present its findings to the accreditation council for approval. CCNE's team arrived Feb. 7. The four-person team consisted of two members from New

York, one from California and one from Wisconsin.

The team looks at the quality of institutional resources, educational programs and student outcomes in both bachelor and graduate programs.

"The team identifies strengths in the program, places to improve and looks at the benefits," Dr. Nadine Coudret, Dean Nursing and Health Professions, said.

Standards of program quality and effectiveness were based on mission and governance, institutional commitment and resources, curriculum and teaching, student performance and faculty accomplishments.

"We feel that we provide quality education," Dr. Coudret said.

The nursing program's administrators were required to write a self-study to review their program on their own.

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obtained input from students, faculty, staff and the public," Dr. Coudret said.

Before the accreditation team left Feb. 10, it addressed

the public with its findings.

"Overall, the feedback from the accreditation team was good," Dr. Coudret said.

The four-member team was

impressed with the program's partnership. research and student participation. team suggested that faculty members with doctorates added and to perform addi-

tional research.

"We feel that the

nursing program

provides quality

education."

Dr. Nadine Coudret

Dean of Nursing and

Health Professions

"We want teaching to be our emphasis instead of research and that is our difference compared to other universities," Dr. Coudret said.

Currently, health profession students are researching the high infant mortality and cancer rate in the community.

"We will take the recommendation and improve on working with the community," Dr. Coudret said.

The Indiana State Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing currently accredits USI's nursing program. If the nursing program is approved for the CCNE accreditation it will provide federal scholarships and support nursing student's admission into graduate schools around the country. The CCNE will announce its decision sometime September.

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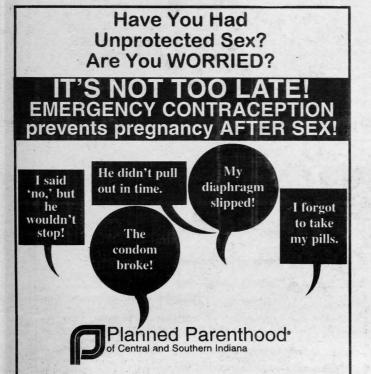
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Sports

Eagle Athlete

SPOTLIGHT

this week's Eagle Spotlight. Folz, a senior from Mount Vernon, Ind., is a preseason All-

American and is attempting to become the first Eagle to ever hit .400 or better for three consecutive seasons. He is currently hitting .325.

What your major and how do you plan use major?

"I'm a marketing

major, and I plan to get an internship this summer, but I'm not sure what career I'm going

Jason Folz

What's your favorite TV show?

"Well, I know they only show reruns now, but it's still Seinfeld. I watch it every day at

You're not the only one. Compiled by Nathan Fry

Jason Folz is the focus of How about your favorite class this semester?

> "Marketing 344...Dr. Saxby teaches it. I've learned a lot

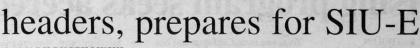
> > about marketing and a lot about careers to pursue after getting a degree."

> > Do you have any strange pregame rituals?

"I have two T-shirts that I wear underneath my uniform. I wear one shirt whenever I'm on a hitting streak, but if I have a bad game with that shirt on, I'll switch to the other one."

What's different about using a wooden bat from an aluminum bat?

'You have to concentrate more. With an aluminum bat, you can make a mistake and still get a base hit. With a wooden bat, you have to make good, solid contact to get a base hit."



Shield correspondent

The USI softball team has already started the season with a bang and now the wins are coming in bunches.

On Saturday the team began

Great Lakes Valley Conference play with a pair of wins over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

A complete-game shutout from senior Amy Stetler was the highlight of the 6-0 victory in the first game.

"As a senior, Amy must be a team leader and she is proving just that," said USI coach Beth Watson. "She is very intelligent out there."

In the second game sophomore Katie Roberts held Parkside to just four hits as USI took a 2-0 win to up its record to 12-3 overall and 2-0 in the GLVC.

On just one day's rest Stetler increased her streak to 29 consecutive scoreless innings as USI swept visiting Lewis University.

Stetler fired a two-hitter in the Eagles' 1-0 victory in game one, improving her record to 7-1. She was near perfect, striking out seven and walking none in throwing her fourth straight shutout.

"Anytime you hold a team score-

less at the college level is an accomplisment in its own," Watson added.

The Eagles, ranked 17th in the most recent Division II poll, snapped a tie by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth to secure a 5-2 win in the second game.

Roberts (7-2) allowed five hits and one earned run in gaining the win.

The Eagles improved to 14-3 and 4-0 in the GLVC. The conference foes continue Friday as the Eagles battle Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.



Team sweeps weekend double-

Eagles return to GLVC action with weekend games against Bellermine

Shield Staff Report

The Eagles will host Bellermine College this weekend as they resume Great Lakes Valley Conference action.

USI and Bellermine will play a double-header Saturday and a single game Sunday.

The squad was host to Oakland City University Wednesday and played McKendree College Tuesday in a double-header at the USI baseball field.

In last week's action, the Eagles won five of seven games to raise their record to 13-9 and a season high four games over

500. Both losses ended threegame winning streaks.

In the non-conference schedule, USI was 2-1, sweeping a double-header with Indiana University Southeast, 9-6 and 4-0, and losing a single game to Austin Peay State University, 14-8.

In the GLVC, USI opened the conference regular season by going 3-1. The Eagles swept Northern Kentucky University, 14-12 and 7-3, and split with the University of Indianapolis, winning 5-4 and losing 10-6.

The Eagles are off to their best start in the GLVC since 1996 with a 3-1 league mark. USI started off the first four conference games in 1997 and 1998, 0-4 and 1-3, respectively.

Junior first baseman/right-Mike Peerman Chandler has hit safely in 21 of the Eagles' first 23 games and is batting .412. He leads the Eagles in hits (35), RBI (33), doubles (9) and triples (2).

Peerman is on pace to drive in 79 runs this season, which would shatter the school record of 67 RBI in one season.

USI's top hurler is junior lefthander Brad Miller of New Haven, with a 2-0 record and a 2.61 ERA in 20.2 innings.



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