

Trustees focus on new construction and programs

By TROY RHINEFORT
correspondent

The USI Board of Trustees met in January at the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce in Indianapolis to discuss such matters as new degree programs, distance education programs and new building proposals.

The board approved several new degree programs for the fall. One of these programs includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in exercise science. This program will provide an opportunity for students to major in the field of exercise science, in order to respond to the growing need for entry level, certified personnel in that field. This new program will prepare students for such programs as health/fitness instructors in private fitness facilities, and local health care centers.

The board also approved two classes which will be taught via telecommunications, meaning students could take the courses by using the Internet, videotapes, and other computer-mediated instruction. These distance education courses include a Bachelor of Science in Health Services, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

"With so many people employed in health occupations, and many not having baccalaureate degrees, these distance education programs will give an opportunity for advancement to these people statewide," Brian Pauley, student trustee, said.

Other matters that were covered included construction of new housing facilities, the status on the new Liberal Arts Center, and reports on the Art Studio project.

"Our focus is to continue to offer quality education for the lowest price of any four year institution in the state of Indiana," Pauley said.

Homecoming Week ends with a bang

By SUSAN MARROW
staff reporter

The carnival atmosphere of Mardi Gras dominated PAC arena Saturday when Christopher Hodgins and Norma Lawrence stood at center court to receive the crowns of Homecoming King and Queen.

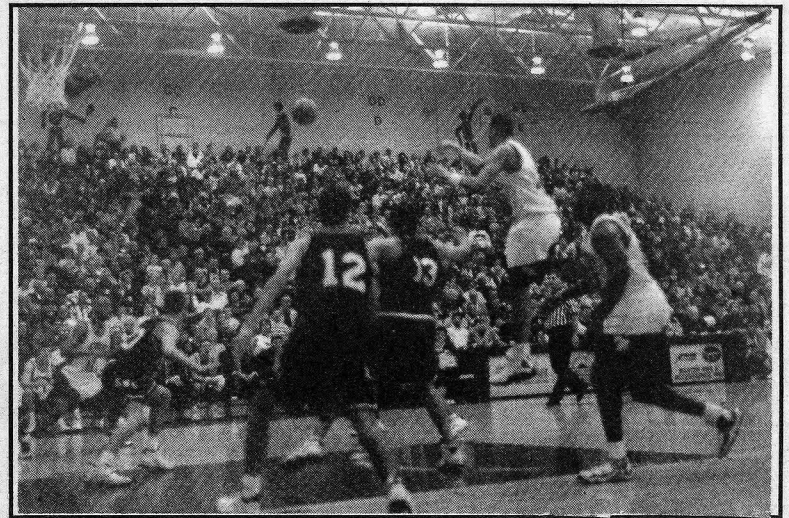
In addition, the Feather Shakers, USI's dance team, took home the trophy for spirit. The coronation culminated the week long Homecoming events which included a fire-eater, magicians, a cajun feast and a jazz band.

"Saturday night was so special for me because I have grown up with USI and I have witnessed the past 15 queens get crowned, and I was happy to carry on the Delta Zeta tradition," Lawrence said. "I had so much fun all week participating in all the events. I enjoyed seeing all the students come out and participate."

Prior to Saturday night's game against Wesleyan live Jazz music was performed by the band Blues 4 U Friday night in Carter Hall. "Despite the weather we had a nice turn out," Jaime Bretz, Director of Special Events for APB, said.

The mini float competition was held at half-time on Thursday night's game against Bellermine.

Delta Zeta took home first place, and Phi Delta Theta received runner up. "This was the first year for the float competition, and I think it went over



The Eagles ended Kentucky Wesleyan's perfect record in the Homecoming game Saturday.

photo by Betsy Williamson

well, because students had the option to vote on the candidates and the floats," Mandy Cates, director of Homecoming for APB, said.

New Orleans style food was served at the Cajun Feast in the UC dining room on Wednesday. Caricaturist and magicians were on hand to entertain the 257 students, faculty and staff who participated.

"I received the most compliments on the Cajun Feast," said Cates.

Monday afternoon students who dined in the Eagles Nest got a chance to eat fire with professional fire eater, Liz Carter. Magician, Tom Deluca entertained a number of students Monday evening in Carter Hall.

"The Hypnotist was one of the most popular events of the week for students," said Cates.

Homecoming 98 started out with a bang with the Eagle Pride Rally on Sunday afternoon at PAC arena.

"The pep rally was a way for students to meet the homecoming candidates and players from the men's and women's basketball teams," Cates said. "Everyone got involved, including students, faculty and staff. We tried to plan small day events so everyone could participate. It was nice to see all the different organizations excited about the whole week."

"Advertising was at an all time high, and we hope it continues. Altogether Homecoming was a success. We tried to stick with the Mardi Gras theme while planning all the activities and I think we accomplished that goal," said Bretz.

(Chrissy Taylor contributed to the story.)

USI play shows childrens' pricelessness

By GINGER RYDZINSKI
correspondent

The Baby Dance is the first production for the USI theatre this spring. It opens this Thursday and runs through Saturday and then again on February 19-22.

The play, written by Jane Anderson, is about two couples brought together to have a family. Rachel, played by Gillie Daugherty, is the wife who cannot have a child. After putting an ad in the newspapers asking to adopt a child, a Louisiana couple contacts them.

Wanda, played by Jennifer Ankenbrand, is the one who is going to carry the baby. Through-

out the pregnancy she has some difficulties and the doctors tell her the baby may be born with brain damage. When the couple tell Rachel about the problems, she makes the decision that she does not want the baby anymore.

"This show reminds us that as much as we want children, we cannot 'shop' for them," said Elliot Wasserman, director and assistant professor of theatre at USI. "Children cannot be considered a commodity, one must be prepared to love them unquestioningly."

Senior Dan Tracy is the set designer who designed an award-winning set for *Blue Windows*. Sophomore Bradley C. Berridge is

the sound designer.

The costumes were designed by Shan Jensen, assistant professor of theatre. The only costume that needed to be fitted was the pregnancy pad. With all of the productions USI's been involved in, the costume crew has an abundance of costumes. They are kept in the costume shop across from the theatre.

The students have been preparing for *Baby Dance* since December.

Auditions were held before the Christmas break so the students could begin memorizing their lines, giving the actors only six weeks to prepare for the show.

Library showcase filled with area African-American history items

By KIMBERLY TURNER
correspondent

Among the glass cases of books and documents within the Special Collections and University Archives Department of the David L. Rice Library is a collection devoted specifically to Black History in the Evansville area.

"This collection consists of photographs, books and oral interviews that detail Black History in Evansville," Gina Walker, the Special Collections and University Archives Library Assistant, said. From student and faculty photographs taken from Lincoln School

(a former Evansville all-Black school), to Black-owned businesses, housing and churches; this collection captures a history of local change.

"The importance (the collection) is to see the stereotypes," Walker said.

These stereotypes are presented in oral interviews and by local authors discussing such topics as community relations, segregation in Indiana schools, the KKK, NAACP and civil rights.

This collection is composed of individual donations and is permanently located in the Special Collections Department of the Library.

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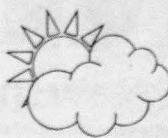
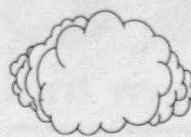
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enue, call 465-1668 for reservations

Friday, Feb. 13

Black History event- CH, 3-10 p.m.
Auditions- Lincoln Amphitheatre and the New Harmony
Theatre, time and place TBA, call 465-1668
International Students Club- meeting UC, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Dance- Delta Zeta King of Hearts Dance, 9 p.m. to
midnight, McDonald West Rec Room
Men's and Women's basketball- vs. IUPUI, Fort
Wayne, 11 a.m. / 1 p.m.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance- USI accounting
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Sunday, Feb. 15

Softball Clinic- hitting, PAC, Session 4: 9 a.m./12 p.m.,
Session 5: 1-4 p.m., \$35 per session

Monday, Feb. 16

Open Workshop- *Celebrating Diversity*, CH A,B,C,
5-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Last day to certify Practical Training for fall gradu-
ates, MCC
APB meeting- UC, 8 a.m.
IFC meeting, UC 214, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

BSU meeting- UC 214, 3 p.m.
National Condom Week- McDonald West Rec
Room, sponsored by SWO and SHA
Panhellenic meeting- UC 214, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Men's and Women's basketball- vs. University
of Missouri-St. Louis, PAC, 5:30/7:30 p.m.
SGA General Assembly meeting- HP 1008, 4-6
p.m.
Million Women's March- panel discussion, EN,
12 noon

Friday, Feb. 20

Phi Beta Sigma Step Show
SGA applications due- 4:30 p.m., student dean's
office, UC 113
AMIGO applications due- 4:30 p.m., Student
Development Programs office, UC 015

Saturday, Feb. 21

Southern Hospitality Day- CH, 8 a.m./5 p.m.
Phi Beta Sigma- informational meeting
Men's and Women's basketball- at Quincy Uni-
versity, 5:00.7:30 p.m.
Baseball- vs. Ashland, 11 a.m.
Baseball- vs. Rockhurst, 3 p.m.

Letters to the editor

Student involvement appreciated

On behalf of my players and coaches I'd like to thank all of you for helping us play with passion and pride. Your enthusiastic support was the difference.

It started at 2 p.m. when some members of the Lambda Chi fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority showed up at practice, five and a half hours before tip-off, just to make sure they got front and center.

The Homecoming committee did a super job. The spirit displayed by all of the students especially the Greeks, Phi Delta Theta's and Delta Zeta's to name a few, was awesome.

There was not a better verve for college basketball anywhere

in the country than at the PAC Arena on Saturday night.

The entire family of student athletes men and women were there in force. I had to laugh when I saw the men's soccer team raising and lowering bodies in the bleachers to distract the free throw shooters.

You all have no idea how much fun that was for us to play and coach basketball in an environment like that.

We appreciate your participation and we encourage you to continue to support all the teams with good sportsmanship and class. Go Eagles!!

Coach Bruce Pearl

Uniforms violate respect and freedom

Should students wear uniforms in our public schools here in the state of Indiana?

The answer is a simple "no."

For the record, I am a veteran of the United States Army. I happen to know something about uniforms after living in Uncle Sam's army for two years.

First, we must understand that uniforms are a style of clothing that identifies persons as members of a group.

For example, we learn in early life to recognize policemen, firemen, postmen and nurses by the clothes they wear. The most renowned uniforms are the military uniforms.

There is no proven data

which states that uniforms will produce better students in our public schools.

However, there is research which says if you have the right attitude with a strong soul and mind with the desire to learn in the classroom, your hopes and dreams are within arms reach.

Those individuals who are pro uniforms, please allow respect for our parents and allow them to make the choice for our children's clothing.

After all, this is America, the land of the free and the right to choose what is reasonable to wear in our public schools.

Ron Lyles

Guest column

Black contributions to American History no longer clouded over

By DARIUS HUGHBANKS
President, Black Student Union

Since we first arrived here on this continent, ripped of our dignity and separated from our families, we have been belittled to everything from a monkey to a coon.

We have had our jewels and crowns taken and replaced with chains and shackles. Branded as "niggers" and passed off as slaves, we have been made to feel we were worthless, stupid and second class to the white man. We were not allowed to have a voice or a vote.

Since then black people everywhere have fought incessantly just to be recognized as equals. We have struggled socially, intellectually and ethically to place ourselves back on top of the hills where we once ruled as kings and queens; back up on the pyramids that we built, back on top of the diamond and gold mines we once possessed.

We have marched on Washington and banded together for civil rights. We constantly struggle to prove ourselves to a system that cannot understand us and refuses to believe that Black History is a significant part of American History.

We all have at one time set in a classroom to hear of the great accomplishments

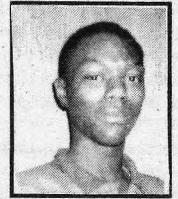
European History has contributed to this country.

We have all heard of the expeditions of Magellan and Columbus and how our forefathers brought forth a great nation but were left to wonder what our ancestors from Africa brought forth.

As students we were overwhelmed with the achievements of our white forefathers, such as Ben Franklin's discovery of electricity or Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone.

Mysteriously, in the midst of American History, parts of Black History were strategically missing from the record books. Most people fail to realize we have accomplished more than creating the latest rap song or dance but have contributed everything from the drum to the traffic light, to the discovery of the peanut.

Our history tells us we are no longer the negroes we were once labeled, but were heroes. Black History is more than just slavery or Martin Luther King, it is a culture that is so rich in diversity that it would take a lifetime to tell of all that black people have accomplished.



(Editor's note: With February observances for Black History month, students of African American descent have been asked to share their thoughts and interpretations of what Black History month means and how they as individuals are affected by the observances. This is the first column submitted.)

SIDEWALK SURVEY

This Friday is the 13th.

What do you do to show your superstitious nature?



"I pick up pennies that are heads-up for good luck."

Traci Brown
freshman



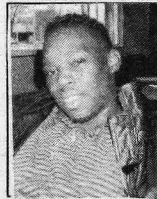
"I try not to step on cracks."

Mandy Anderson
freshman



"I always carry good luck coins in my left pocket."

Mark Franklin
freshman



"I always keep a crucifix in my car. It prevents accidents."

Laron Middleton
junior

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Lilly donation aides Rope Walk

staff report

Matthew R. Graham, associate professor of English/creative writing, and Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus, associate dean of the school of Liberal Arts, have received a \$15,000 gift from Ruth Lilly of Indianapolis for their RopeWalk Writers Retreat at New Harmony.

The retreat will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the June 6-13 meeting and the gift will be used for operating costs of the anniversary program.

Lilly assisted RopeWalk five years ago with a \$50,000 gift that helped expand the conference and provide scholarships.

The retreat for aspiring and established writers will have an expanded format to celebrate the anniversary. It will open a day early with a Saturday program and picnic.

Another special event will be a Tuesday presentation by Graham and David Broza, Israeli singer/songwriter now living in New Jersey.

Candidates needed

Deadline for SGA applications Feb. 20

By **CHRISSE VANMETER**
special to The Shield

The applications for the 1998-99 Student Government Association are due no later than Friday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Dean of Student's office (UC 113).

If you have not received an application, you can pick one up at the Orr Center front desk, the UC front desk,

the Health Professions lounge, the Dean of Student's office or the Student Government office.

If you would like more information or would like to see what the Student Government Association is all about, the Student Government meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Health Professions Building (Room 1008).

These meetings are open to everyone.

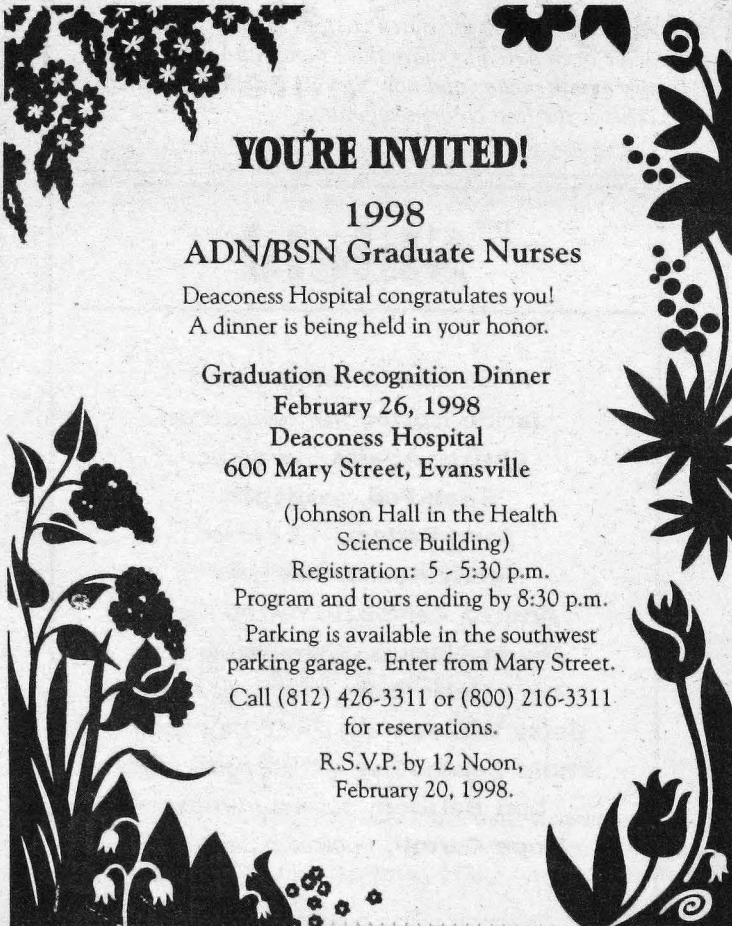
Broza sets contemporary American poetry to music, including Graham's, and the two will demonstrate how the poet and musician work together to develop a song from a poem.

Special guests who will read from their works during the expanded weekend program will be Barry Hannah, writer-in residence at the University of Mississippi; Andrew Hudgins, professor of English at the University of Cincinnati and the author of four books of poems.

Other guests include Heather McHugh, core faculty member of the M.F.A. program for writers at Warren Wilson College, North Carolina; Richard Powers, Swanlund Professor of English at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and the author of two collections of short stories, a novel and a non-fiction book.

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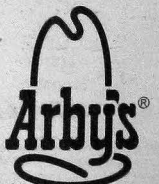
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Nursing Department strict on admission

By MICHELLE BRAY
correspondent

Nursing is a very rewarding and challenging career. It takes hard work and very good grades to make it. At the University of Southern Indiana's Nursing Department it is no different. Students are given a very stringent course load.

A nursing student must fill out an application, have a 3.0 gpa, and a 1000 or better on their SAT scores.

"The curriculum is hard and packed together," says one nursing student. "I was very nervous about waiting to see if I was accepted, but it was worth it."

The Health Professions building was completed in 1994 and, it houses the Nursing, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Health Services, Occupational Therapy, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Therapy programs as well as the Indiana University Medical School Evansville Center.

Before the present Health Professions building was constructed, the medical related courses were housed on the Deaconess Hospital Campus.

The personnel felt secluded from the university. It was very difficult during registration.

If a student had a hold on their account they could not register and would have to go to the university and take care of the problem then come back to Deaconess.

Students now enrolled in these programs avoid the hassles of before.

For more information on the USI Nursing Program contact the Nursing and Health Professions Office.

Survey involves classroom, housing, organizations

By MELODY PULLER
correspondent

The University of Southern Indiana's Office of Institutional Research is engaged in a year-long study of the freshman year experience.

Dr. Charles F. Harrington, who views himself as a "student advocate" is the Director of Institutional Research and Assistant Professor of Management.

Nationally close to half of all incoming freshmen fail to return to college the following fall, Harrington said, and the Office of Institutional Research is very interested in understanding exactly what happens to freshmen during this first year.

A random sample of 750 entering freshmen were surveyed when they came to USI

for summer orientation. They were asked to reveal their expectations of what their USI experience would be.

This spring, after spring break, the same group of students will reflect on their expectations to their actual experiences here at USI.

Harrington also added that the office of Institutional Research is taking an additional "revolutionary" approach to the first freshman year.

"We will be perhaps the only institution in the United States to use a technique called reflexive photography to identify and examine student experiences," said Harrington.

Ten freshmen have been invited to use disposable cameras and take photographs of what they feel best represents their USI

experience.

In addition to the cameras these students have also been given reporters notebooks to which they will record the time, day, general theme of the photo and why the photo is reflective of their University experience.

"The retention and timely graduation of students is very much a concern for us," said Harrington.

The Office of Institutional research is interested in finding out more about the degree to which USI is able to identify and meet freshmen students expectations.

Expectations should include what USI should be like and their experiences within the classroom, housing, student organizations and with the University staff outside of the classroom.

Campus bookstore offers several unexpected services, items

By AMANDA DAVIDSON
correspondent

Some people feel that the bookstore is ripping students off, and is only trying to make a profit. The bookstore is owned by the university, and is therefore for the students.

"We are not out to rob the students, everything that I do for the store is for the students." Mike Goelzhauser, manager of the bookstore, said.

Buying your books right before classes start can be a hassle once you stand in line, waiting until its your turn to even enter the store.

Students are given the opportunity to order their books by phone. The USI

bookstore offers this especially for the students who commute. Simply call the store and tell them which classes you have, where you want the books shipped to and your credit card number.

If you don't want to pay by credit card you can send a check, and when it arrives your books will be sent.

The student only pays for the price of the book, plus shipping. There are no extra fees added.

An order can also be called in so it can be picked up at the bookstore at a later time.

"Come visit your USI bookstore." Goelzhauser said, "We say this because this store is the students store, it is for their use, and their convenience."

The textbooks are not mass produced so the prices can not be cut any lower. USI does provide some used books.

They also have competitive prices with local stores with items like supplies. "If we cannot compete with a local store on a price, we simply don't sell the product."

The bookstore also allows the students to sell back their books.

The clothes in the store are ordered by the manager, and he decides on what he thinks the students want.

Goelzhauser asks students for any suggestions on the bookstore. He likes to hear what the students have to say, and what they would like to see in the store.

GAME PARTY

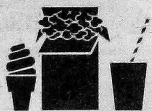
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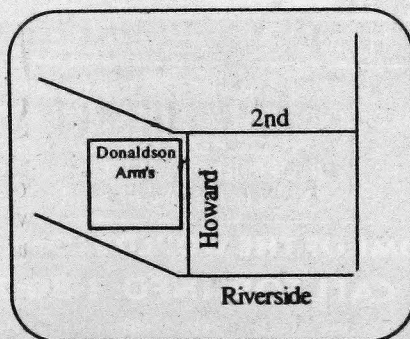
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Around the World

Additional troops requested

The United States' leaders are struggling with the decision to send additional troops to the Persian Gulf.

A request by regional commanders was issued for 2,500 to 3,000 additional troops to be sent to Kuwait.

The soldiers were requested by Marine Corps General, Anthony Zinni. Zinni is the commander of US forces in the Middle East.

Zinni has requested the troops mainly as a precaution.

From the Mediterranean, 2,200 Marines are also journeying to the Gulf.

Titanic takes 14 nominations

The recent hit, "Titanic" pulled away with 14 Oscar nominations at this year's Academy Awards. The 1950 classic, "All About Eve," tied this record in the 50's.

Leonardo DiCaprio was the only performer involved in the motion picture that was not nominated.

Nominations for Best Motion Picture included; Good Will Hunting, L.A. Confidential, As Good as It Gets, The Full Monty and Titanic.

A surprise arose when "Amistad" directed by Steven Spielberg, was not included in the Best Picture ballad. Steven Spielberg was not nominated for Best Director either.

ISTEP results announced

Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced the results of the Fall ISTEP examinations.

Of the high school sophomores tested last September, 70 percent showed skill of ninth grade level in English/language arts, and 58 percent showed skill of ninth grade level in mathematics. Over one-half, 54 percent met the standards set for both portions.

Who's Who recognizes USI student leaders

staff report

USI has had 31 students selected as national outstanding leaders who will be listed in the 1997 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The students' selection is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Several are Presidential Scholars, students who graduated from high school as valedictorians or salutatorians, and are attending USI under full scholarship.

The Who's Who listing will include:

- Lisa A. Amiano, Presidential Scholar and Dean's List elementary education major
- Alicia Armes, Presidential Scholar and Dean's List biology senior
- Lori S. Balsdon, Presidential scholar and Dean's list accounting senior
- Tina M. Berg, Dean's List Junior accounting major

- Christina R. Berry, Dean's List elementary education senior
- Brandi Jean Broster, junior business administration and marketing major.
- Mary Beth Cable, Dean's List communications/Spanish junior;
- Nathan M. Cecil, Dean's List accounting senior
- Nancy C. Dauby, junior elementary education major.
- Kristine L. Dawson, Dean's List occupational therapy senior
- Andrea "Annie" Duros, junior elementary education major
- Krista K. Elpers, Presidential Scholar and Dean's List biology senior.
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Teams take to the road for GLVC games this week

The Lady Eagles hope to extend their winning streak to 11 games as they head north, stopping at St. Joseph's and then Ft. Wayne to take on Indiana University-Purdue University—Ft. Wayne in GLVC action.

Coming off conference wins against Bellarmine and Kentucky Wesleyan, the Lady Eagles have shredded opponent's defense by an average of 25 points in the last two games.

The women's team beat St. Joe's last time they met 92-80 at PAC arena. "Last time we played St. Joe's it was pretty close, so we're looking for a good game," junior guard Adrienne Seitz said.

Eileen Weber will be the floor leader once again for the number 4 ranked Lady Eagles.

Saturday, the Lady hoopers are set to take on IPFW whom they punished by 20 points early in the season.

The Eagles are taking to the road in this weekend's games with the first stop at St. Joseph's College.

The first match-up between St. Joe's and USI was a close game, with USI winning by six points Dec. 6.

The Eagles will have to worry about Tyrone Parks, who leads St. Joe's with a 16 point average. The Eagles will also have to deal with Andrew Moore, who has returned from a broken leg.

The men hope to have the same production they had against KWC. Five USI players scored in the double digits.

IPFW has only eight players on its bench because of injuries. The Mastodons are hitting an average of eight 3-pointers per game, second in the GLVC.

In Homecoming victory

Eagles end streak for KWC Panthers

By BRIAN FEIL
sports editor

The streak is over. USI's men's basketball team lost at PAC arena for the first time in two years to Bellarmine Thursday. Fortunately, they started a new streak with Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Eagles hoped to kick off the Homecoming weekend with their 20th victory of the season against Bellarmine College. Bellarmine, however, took USI's hopes and buried them in the 6-inches of snow that canceled the day's classes.

The snow wasn't the only thing that was cold. The Eagles shot 40 percent in the first half, scoring just 23 points.

The second half didn't bring too much pleasure either. GLVC 3-point percentage leader Matt Gladieux came out, shot and nailed a 3-pointer for the first points that extended the lead to 22.

The lead was extended again to its largest margin of 29 when Gladieux hit another 3-point basket.

The Eagles fought hard, cutting the lead as narrowly as 13, but time ran out on them as they suffered their fourth loss in the conference and on the season.

Jeremy Pearson was in foul trouble all game long but managed to score 19 points. Ryan Owens had eight points and six assists in the 93-85 loss at the PAC.

Undefeated number 4 ranked Kentucky Wesleyan rolled into town Saturday to try and keep its clean record.

Different than the Bellarmine game, the Eagles came out on fire, hitting 60 percent of their field goals in the first half.

Pearson opened up the Eagles lead to

five when he buried a deep 3-point shot. The next time down the court, Rod Gatson electrified the crowd with an alley-oop dunk that set the tone for the rest of the first half.

The Eagles went into the locker room at the half with a nine-point lead.

The second half seemed to be more of the same. Wayne Houston hit consecutive shots to extend the Eagles lead to 13 points. But from there the Eagles hit a brick wall.

Wesleyan started a come-back 11-0 run that would put them down by only two points. The lead then dwindled to a single point. Antonio Garcia laid the ball in, and Wesleyan was on top for the first time in the game.

KWC stayed on top, building an eight-

point lead before USI started a come-back of their own, not by shooting 3-pointers but by hitting free-throws.

USI narrowed the lead to 81-82, then took the lead momentarily. The game was tied, and then Wesleyan was up by a point. USI regained control of the lead and never looked back.

Five players scored in double-digits, including Houston, who was sick all week. Houston was perfect from the line in a 24-point effort. Leighton Nash and Pearson both scored 13, while Gatson had 14 and Kevin Herdes chipped in 11.

The win against KWC was win number 20 for the Eagles, who have won at least that many for the last six seasons.

Lady Eagles up record to 20 wins this season with last week's games

Intensity was the name of the game when Bellarmine and Kentucky Wesleyan visited the PAC last week to take on the number 4 ranked Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles squared off with Bellarmine Thursday in a prelude to the Kentucky Wesleyan game on Saturday.

In the first half of the Bellarmine-USI game, the Knights played the Lady Eagles closely. The women's team was only allowed a six-point lead at the half.

In the second half all that changed. "We really didn't play too much defense in the first half, and we let them hang around, but we really picked up the defense in the second half," junior guard Adrienne Seitz said.

In the second half, the defense was not the only thing that picked up. Darci Redenbaugh jump-started a run that wouldn't end until the last buzzer, nailing a 3-point bucket 20-seconds into the half. Thirty seconds later Angie Cacello tossed in another trey and the rout was on.

At one point early in the second-half, the Lady Eagles were on a 23-6 tear.

As usual, Eileen Weber led the way for the women's team tallying 18 points. Weber was 8 of 12 from the field, 2 of 2 from beyond the arc. Seitz dished out 12 assists and put up 11 points for the game. Cathy Tepool re-

turned to the starting line-up, tossing in 10 points, as the Lady Eagles annihilated the Knights, 90-55.

The Lady Eagles seemed to pick up where they left off against Bellarmine with Kentucky Wesleyan, jumping out to a 23-point first half lead, similar to the 25-point lead they had at Owensboro when USI and KWC met the first time.

In the second half it was almost like deja vu for the Lady Eagles when the Panthers came for a GLVC rematch.

Similar results in the first half led to similar results in the second half.

KWC came from 23 points down to cut the lead to single digits before USI took a defensive stand.

The Panthers might have had a chance if they had been able to stop Weber—but they didn't. She recorded a near-perfect night, hitting on 14 of 15 from the field including 3 of 3 from downtown. Weber also snagged 10 boards. Ericka Nance came off the bench to pass out 11 assists, while Tepool dumped in 6 of her 8 shots for 12 points.

The 97-80 victory over the Panthers was win number 20. The Lady Eagles have won 20 games for the fourth consecutive season.

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Plans underway for first annual 'Spring Fling'

By **ANDREA CAMPBELL**
campus editor

The Activities Programming Board is searching for students to help make the first annual Spring Fling a reality.

A committee meeting, open to all students, will be held at 9 p.m., Feb. 18 in UC 214. All interested individuals should attend to find out what they can do to promote the activity.

Slated for April 18, Spring Fling will offer a carnival-like atmosphere, complete with musical entertainment, a petting zoo and other attractions for children and adults alike.

"Our goal is to have something for all ages," Jamie Bretz, APB director of special events, said.

Spring Fling is being billed as a replacement to Eagle Grand Prix, the bike race and day of events held up until last year.

"It (Grand Prix) cost too much for the amount of people who came out," Bretz said. "We provided basically everything, and it ended up costing a couple of thousand dollars. There was also a lack of interest and very few spectators attended."

Although replacing a 25-year-old institution at USI sounds like a difficult task, Spring Fling promises to offer entertainment for the whole family.

"We want it to be like a miniature Fall Festival," Bretz said.

Several attractions have already been scheduled for the event.

Heiken Puppets will present "Twister

Tales" at 11 a.m., a puppet show about storm chasers. The puppeteers will follow their program with about an hour's worth of activities geared toward children, such as crafts and games.

At noon, a petting zoo comprised of birds, reptiles and other animals will be provided by Mesker Zoo.

Magician John Baggett will give a performance at 1:30 p.m., while some musical groups will be playing at different times during Spring Fling.

For adults, APB plans on hosting several activities, including a radar speed pitch booth, Laser Tag, jousting and the Bungee Run.

"Students in the Bungee Run are tied to bungee cord, and the object is to see who can run the farthest before being pulled back," Bretz said.

Other attractions might include contests, raffles, craft and food booths, a silent auction and various vendors from the Evansville area.

APB hopes other student organizations will become involved with the project and set up booths on campus, Melissa Beard, APB member, said.

"It will be good publicity for the groups, in addition to offering excellent fundraising opportunities," she said.

"Spring Fling will be on the same day as one of the Southern Hospitality Days, as well as during a 'No Suitcase' weekend for student housing," Bretz said, "so there should be a lot of people on campus."

Many tasks still need to be completed before plans for Spring Fling can be finalized.

"Right now, I need people to follow-up on phone calls, to help handle advertising, and to write letters to different businesses asking for donations," Bretz said. "We will

also send letters to faculty members, their families and area schools inviting them to the event."

"We want to make this a two-part day," Bretz said. "I'd like to see one area for children, and one area for USI students and other adults."

Several enrolled in Blazing Trails

By **SHARLA FLACK**
clubs reporter

Thirteen students are finding the answers to the riddles of leadership and unraveling the mysteries of clear communication in Blazing Trails, one of the classes offered by the O'Daniel Leadership Academy.

Lisa McGuire, Program Advisor of Student Development, has been the advisor of Blazing Trails since September, 1997.

Since its creation, 25 USI students have graduated from the program.

Graduates from Blazing Trails leave the program with improved communication skills and a new sense of what leadership means. Students also receive a certificate of recognition to acknowledge their completion of the program.

"It helped me with working with groups, and just talking to people," said freshman Katrina Gramelspacher, who took the class in the Fall, 1997 semester. "It helped me realize that I can work in groups, not just sit back and let others do the work."

Those who are now participating in Blazing Trails are hoping to accomplish their group and personal goals for this semester.

Rabia Habib has already determined what she'll gain from the program.

"I'll become a better leader, and I'll be more organized," said the freshman.

At present, 13 students are working to complete a major project that will benefit the USI community. Each class chooses its own project among its members, and members work together to come up with feasible solutions.

Freshman Chrissy Taylor is looking forward to seeing her group's results.

"People see the kiosk (in front of the Orr Center) that another class thought up every day. I hope that our result will be just as visible."

Though the projects do not need to be completed by May, Blazing Trails students are already hard at work, aiming for their goals, working toward solutions, answering questions, and working on proposals that will be presented at the end of the semester.

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