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## President Rice to announce retirement

by Jeff Anderson  
Staff Writer

In June, USI will undergo a change unlike any it has ever experienced.

In the 28-year history of the university, many things have grown and changed to accommodate an ever growing student population and a higher degree of education.

From the opening of the first building in 1969 to the ground-breaking of the new \$15 million Health Professions Building currently under construction, one man has spearheaded the evolution of what is now one of the fastest growing universities in the state.

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, Dr. David L. Rice will announce that he plans to step down as USI president next year.

"We want to announce it early enough that the different constituents on campus that need to get involved can," Rice said.

Rice said the decision to retire is based on a personal principle that administrative people should "step out" at 65.

"I feel I should put that

principle into practice," Rice said.

As the first administrative head of the university, Rice has paced the growth of this institution from the time when it offered only limited courses to its current associate, baccalaureate and master's level degree programs.

"A strong beachhead has been established, and we (USI) have grown significantly in many respects," Rice said. "It's taken a long time to grow and gain the support and respect for the university, but that time is here."

Rice said there are two key factors behind the steady growth USI has seen over the past several years.

"One reason is the quality of instruction from our faculty," Rice said. "Secondly is the performance of our alumni in the marketplace. We always get positive feedback from supporters about those two things, and I think that will continue."

Byron Wright, senior vice president for business affairs, said that even though Rice will be stepping down as president, he will still be involved with the university.

"All good things must end,"

Wright said. "He will be leaving as president, but he won't be leaving the community or his interest in USI."

"I'll be stepping out of the chair on June 30, 1994. I will then have a year of transition to clear the decks and move to New Harmony. I plan to continue my involvement with the university and the community," Rice said.

The main benchmark during his tenure was gaining in-



Dr. David L. Rice

dependence for the university.

"When we gained independence, everything snowballed," Rice said. "The institution started growing and gaining more respect, and that has continued to today."

Rolland Eckels, a longtime member of Southern Indiana Higher Education Inc. which is the group that purchased the land for the USI campus, said that Rice has done an outstanding job running the university.

"David Rice is a classic example of the right person in the right place at the right time," Eckels said. "He came in 1967 and very effectively acted as a shepherd to the embryonic campus. He has quietly and effectively done a superb job of familiarizing the legislature with the importance of USI to the educational development of Southern Indiana."

Rice said the job has had its challenges, but the seat has been a very exciting one to sit in. He said he wishes that everyone could experience it once in their life.

"I've been in exciting positions all my life," Rice said. "I view myself as one of a number of players that saw a need

for a public institution of higher education and got to help with the nurturing and development of it.

"I think the real satisfaction comes from seeing the contributions our alumni make in the community, state and nation," Rice said.

Rice said he is not sure how he wants to be remembered or how much things will change for him once he leaves.

"Someone said 'there are people who make history and people who write it,'" Rice said. "I've been too busy making history to write it. There has always been more to do than what actually gets done, so I don't think I'll run out of things to do. Maybe I won't be as cantankerous as I have been in the past."

Rice said when he steps down, he wants to remember what ex-Mayor Frank McDonald Sr. said when he stepped down and Russell Lloyd took over.

"He said 'you gotta remember when you're in, you're in, and when you're out, you're out.' I want to do that."

On June 30, 1994, a new president will lead USI, but Rice's impact will be well remembered.

### PUMPING UP FOR SPRING BREAK ....

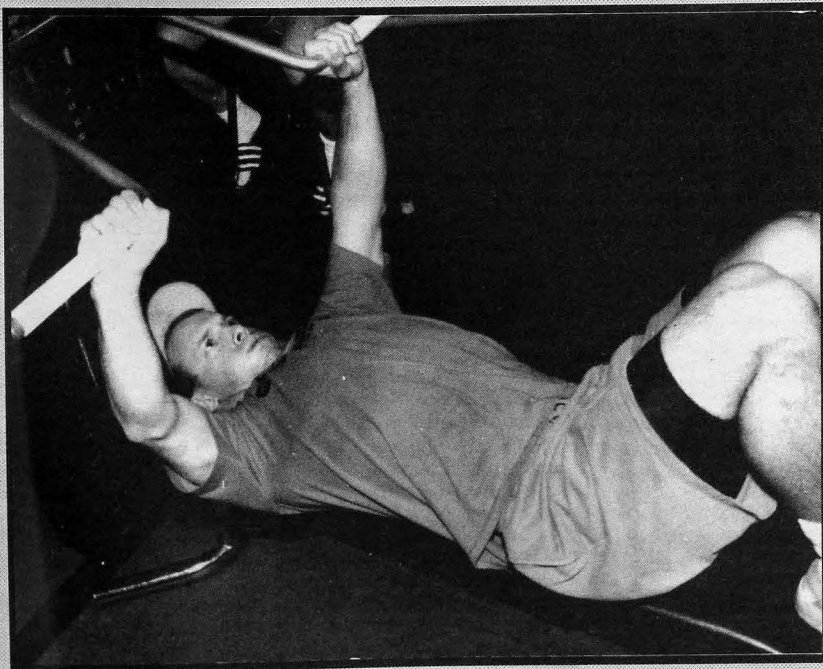


photo by Jason Clark

Matt Vince, 21, a Business Administration major, works out in the PAC's weight room Monday in preparation for Spring Break. Vince, a member of the USI Baseball Team, will spend his days off traveling with the team to South Carolina and Georgia

## Convenience store opening in MASH

by Jude Wolf  
Staff Writer

The grand opening of the USI convenience store will be March 15, according to Director of ServiceMaster Bill Runzo.

A contest to name the store will be part of a week long promotion following the grand opening. Give-aways and other contests are planned to give the opening of the store a real boost, said Runzo.

The store will be centrally located within student housing in the rear section of the MASH Office building. The facility will consist of two sections.

The theme of the store is based on the TV series MASH. Runzo said the dining area will be decorated as the inside of a 1950 Korean vintage tent. The food preparation area will be designed to look like a hospital surgery room with scrubs be-

ing worn by food service employees.

A survey throughout housing prompted ServiceMaster to stock the store with both generic and brand name merchandise. The kitchen and store area will offer a variety of food and groceries as well as supplies such as typing paper and pencils. Items, varying from sacks of flour to carryout pizza, will be priced competitively with both Schnucks and Dominos, said Runzo. Deli meats, sandwiches, fountain and canned drinks will also be available. However, he said it would be impossible for a single store to compete with large discount chains such as Walmart.

The dining area, with a capacity to hold 45 people, will be equipped with a television set. Runzo said the university hopes it will be a center for student activity and a place

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Campus & Community

# Bulletin Board

To have your campus or community event published by *The Shield*, send a description of the event including the date, time, place and contact person to the Bulletin Board, C/O *The Shield*, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, Ind. 47712 or drop it off at *The Shield* office located in UC 115 by the Thursday before publication.

## Today

There will be a **recruiter** on campus today from Radio Shack.

**The 1993 Health Fair** will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**The College Democrats** will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in OC 2005.

**The Women's Softball Team** will play Kentucky Wesleyan at 3 p.m. at the USI Softball Field.

**A Student Housing Resident Assistants dinner** will be held at 4 p.m. at the Grimes Haus.

**The College Republicans** will meet from 4:30 to 5 p.m. in the Eagle's Nest.

**The Accounting Club** will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

in L 100.

## Thursday

There will be a **recruiter** on campus today from the Evansville Insurance Group.

**The USI Board of Trustees** will meet at 8 a.m. in UC 353.

**A Presidential Scholar luncheon** will be held at 11:45 a.m. in UC 350.

**The Student Christian Fellowship** will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in OC 2003.

*The Shield* staff will meet at 4 p.m. in UC 115. *The Shield* office. Anyone interested in working at the campus newspaper may attend.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** will hold a closed meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in UC 113.

**The Student Government**

**Association** will meet in UC 118 from 5 to 6 p.m.

**The Medieval Society** will meet from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in UC 118.

## Friday

**The USI Libertarians and Friends** first meeting to elect officers will be held at noon in UC 118. Contact Dan Steward at 424-4517 for more information.

**The American Chemical Society** will meet from 2 to 5 p.m. in SC 296.

## Saturday

**Historic New Harmony** will sponsor an annual exhibit of Shaker craft demonstrations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various historic sites in the community.

**The Rugby Team** will play Louisville at 1 p.m. on the David L. Rice Library lawn.

**The Women's Basketball Team** will play at Kentucky Wesleyan at 5:15 p.m.

**The Men's Basketball Team** will play at Kentucky Wesleyan at 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday

**Mass** will be held at noon in L 100, in the lower portion of the David L. Rice Library.

**Historic New Harmony** will sponsor "ArtSmart: New Vistas," an exhibit of historic paintings, prints, drawings and ceramics, in the Scholle House. The exhibit will extend through June 6.

## Monday

**Spring Recess Begins.**

**The Education Series** for the USI Foundation, Alumni Council, SIHE, Inc., and board members will be held at 5:30 p.m. in UC 350.

*Spring Break*  
March 8-13

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SPRING BREAK PAC AND POOL HOURS		
	PAC	POOL
MARCH 8	7 A.M.-9 P.M.	7-9 A.M. NOON-1:30 P.M.
MARCH 9	7 A.M.-9 P.M.	7-9 A.M. NOON-1:30 P.M.
MARCH 10	7 A.M.-9 P.M.	7-9 A.M. NOON-1:30 P.M.
MARCH 11	7 A.M.-9 P.M.	7-9 A.M. NOON-1:30 P.M.
MARCH 12	7 A.M.-9 P.M.	7-9 A.M. NOON-1:30 P.M.
MARCH 13	8 A.M.-4 P.M.	11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
MARCH 14	NOON-9 P.M.	1-3 P.M.

# Physical Plant to undergo \$1.5 million expansion

by Paul Minnis  
Staff Writer

USI will see yet another expansion on campus this year with the \$1.5 million renovation of the Physical Plant.

In response to skyrocketing enrollment at USI, the Physical Plant will soon have an extra 3,000 square feet built onto the southeast side, according to Stephen Helfrich, director of the Physical Plant.

He said the extra room will accommodate a new boiler, which heats water sent to uni-

versity buildings via pipelines, and a chiller, responsible for cold water on campus.

"We'll begin work in the spring or summer," Helfrich said.

Included in the cost are the boiler, chiller, pumps, piping and the construction costs.

Miles Mann, assistant director of Physical Plant, said the price is very reasonable. He said the boiler and chiller, estimated at \$250,000 and \$500,000 respectively, will make up roughly half the total figure.

The building now has two

boilers and two chillers. The new equipment will help provide hot and cold water to the future Health Professions Building.

The Physical Plant, Mann said, has done the design work for the additional construction.

"Almost all design work on campus is done by us," he said. "We do 15 to 20 projects every year."

Mann said that after designs are completed, they are checked to see if the blueprints suit their needs. If they do not, they are revised. Once the designs are finalized, bids

for contractors are taken.

"All while construction takes place," Mann said, "we do routine project inspections, just to see if everything is running according to plan."

In addition to overseeing the expansion of the Physical Plant, workers will also supervise the construction of the new Health Professions Building.

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for students to "just hang out." He said the location, next to the laundry room, makes it a convenient place to meet with friends.

"We are catering to a town of 1,200," Runzo said, indicating the student housing population. "Dominoes wouldn't even open in a town that small."

Although store hours have not been decided, Runzo said it will be open primarily in the evenings with plans to adapt to the students' needs. Demand will be a primary determinant in how the store

functions and what types of products it carries.

Limited parking in the housing area shouldn't be a problem, Runzo said. The visitor parking lot on Clarke Lane should allow plenty of parking, as well as a proposed 30 minute parking area next to the store.

If successful, the store will eventually expand, adding a grill and possibly an open deck. Because of university policy, alcoholic beverages and tobacco products will not be available for purchase.

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## Students, parents need earlier notice

by Jude Wolf  
Opinion Editor

Three times this winter, USI schedules were cancelled or delayed due to snow. All three times spurred panic in the minds of a certain group of students--parents.

USI has a large number of students, traditional and non-traditional, who have children. In such cases, a likely snow day means more than pretty scenery and slick roads. It means that many parents have to desperately seek baby-sit-

Because Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation is much more likely than USI to cancel classes, grade school children are given snow days off when USI students are not. Parents either have to find a baby-sitter quickly, or take the day off anyway.

If classes are to be cancelled, the final decision and announcements are routinely not made by 5 am the day school will be cancelled. This inconsideration leaves parents unsure until the last minute

whether or not they even have to find a sitter, much less give them any time to find one.

Students should be informed of cancellations at an earlier time than 5 a.m. Even with a delay, preparations such as digging out the car, going to the library before class or typing a paper in the computer lab as planned become nearly insurmountable problems.

The solution is this: the decision should be made the night before. At worst, it would only result in a lost day.

Regardless of cancellations, many students decide the night before if they plan to attend classes. And even with a delay, commuter students may have long distances to travel on rather slick streets.

USI students are adults and are responsible for arriving at class on time, regardless of the weather. Some students drive half an hour only to have their class let out early due to lack of attendance.

If the university decided just a little earlier in the morning, the difference would be immeasurable.

## Military is small part of equality for homosexuals

by Jude Wolf  
Opinion Editor

When Clinton stepped into office, he brought with him a storm of controversy. His view of gay rights and homosexuals in the military has since been the topic of newspapers, talk shows and discussion in everyday people's lives.

First of all, many people feel that a homosexual's pursuit of gay rights is an invasion of their own. After all, homosexuals in the military would mean that heterosexuals would have to come into everyday contact with them.

Apparently these people feel threatened by this generally passive sect of society.

The truth is the subject of gay rights isn't a new one. It is covered in part of our Constitution. The very essence of the Bill of Rights states that all men and women are created equal, and should be treated equally.

These amendments establish the rights of all citizens of the United States, and is generally considered a

model of human rights for the world. Despite what many think, gay rights aren't something that a select group of people are trying to create for themselves; they are simply the expansion of the natural rights of every citizen. Homosexuals have been denied those rights.

The very idea of keeping homosexuals out of the military is absurd. Any homosexual who wants to join can. It is simply a matter of lying about ones sexual preference when asked.

Anyone who feels that a homosexual cannot perform the tasks required in military service can be readily disproved by cases of those who have been distinguished for their service in the past.

Some parts of the military have long been accepted as disproportionately homosexual; in the WWII era, naval submarine crews were well known to be havens for homosexuals. They remained very effective fighting units.

It is not a matter of whether or not gays should be allowed into the military; it is a matter of whether or not those already there are to be discriminated against further, or allowed to

remain commissioned if discovered.

Armies of other nations have long accepted homosexuals with little discrimination. Upon enlistment, recruits aren't even questioned about their sexual polarity.

One could hardly call the military forces of the combined Germany feeble. At one time, the Israeli army was considered the strongest land force in the world.

Another misconception is that if the services are opened to gays and lesbians a great rush of homosexuals will enlist. Those who would chose to enlist already have.

The acceptance of homosexual men and women is simply a sign that their discrimination is lessening.

That is the goal of the gay rights movement. To be accepted—regardless of sexual polarity—into society, not just into the military.

Gays and lesbians are simply trying to claim the same rights that every other citizen takes for granted. A civilized society preserves the rights of all, not simply those of the majority. Clinton, lead us to civilization.

## Being grown-up not much fun

by Ryan Kopp  
Staff Writer

Every little kid in the state got out of school for the snow, but not me.

All the good stuff about being a kid is gone; think about it.

They have stopped cleaning windshields and checking oil at the gas station.

My grocer no longer accepts personal checks unless I have a check cashing card that looks teasingly like

a credit card.

At the doctor's office, just because I shave, the nurses won't give me suckers anymore.

I can't get in the movies for \$2.50, and the scenes that were once yucky are now the only part of a movie that interest me.

McDonalds' Happy Meals don't make me happy anymore and greasy fries don't taste better than Mom's chicken casserole.

The PTA at my old grade school voted to allow shorts and tank tops.

Phone solicitors call me trying to sell vinyl siding.

All I ever knew in kindergarten I have forgotten by now. Subsequently, I don't hold hands while crossing the street and sometimes forget to say thanks.

Digital watches are not cool and all the parachute pants I own aren't even silk.

My pet rock died along with the angel fish I fed to my piranha when I was too lazy to go to the pet store and buy goldfish.

What's my point? You'd think they would let us out of school if they let out everyone else, wouldn't you?

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**Bark like a dog**  
Hop like a frog  
Stay at the old Rooming House  
And sleep like a log

**Howl at the moon**  
Eat ice cream with a spoon  
Stay at the old Rooming House  
and get in tune

**Red** - Anytime! Mom

## PERSONALS

**Fire** - My hose can handle anything you want to dish out. Besides, I kind of like doing girls!! Taxi Driver

**Rodent** - I think it's time to call the Orkin Man, Big Brother plays by the rules, can you say the same? Supes. P.S. "One base down...?" Rumors in the wind say you're a strikeout.

**Keeper** - Listening to you for while makes me want to seek more intelligent company with Rodent. That is desperate! Supes. P.S. You must still live at home to be that desperate.

**Keeper** - You've just waged war. Want details, because your sex life sucks? I'm riding Taxi Driver not Easy Eliot! Fire

**Wanted** - a young lustful woman who is looking for a fairly good-looking man if interested please respond. Smurf P.S. Name has nothing to do with size

**Supes** - Welcome back. The game has been joined. Salem

**Adonis** - Let's play doctor and patient. Medicine Woman

**The Gossip Crew** - When was the last time you had an AID's test. You can get it that way, too. Sidney

**Keeper** - I wouldn't exactly call him a boyfriend, but let's just say there's someone very protective watching over me right now... Sorry!

**Terry** - Become a pimp!

**Single Italian female** seeks compassionate, Brooklyn born, hit man who is financially stable. Must have extensive gun collection. Mafia Princess

**Gossip Crew** - I don't think you know who you're messing with. Watch your back...and keep spreading it around. Forever yours, The Mafia Princess

**The time** is now, rise up and get some...!!! Sidney

**B.S.** - I like your amps. Does it give you more power? B.W.

**Keeper** - You are a poor example of the male species. Ladies, most men are not that desperate, thank God! Taker

**My African Prince** - Come share my throne with me. To thee I want to share my love. Lady S.

**Eric** - How's that hair, any longer? Come over tonight, I'll give you a message. P.J.

**Fire** - What's up with Eliot? Was he good in bed? Oh, do tell! Keeper

**Slave Girl** - Meet me at Orr Center elevator, March 21, Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

**Torrence and Mike** - Grow up get a life! Don't worry I don't deal with immature men! You are a waste of my time. Besides both of you are too small! Lady in Red

**Sheila** - Thanks for being a friend in need! But an enemy in disguise! The Taker

## PERSONALS

**Phantom Lambda** - Q: What is big, fat, ugly, and goes Baaaaa?  
A: Your date last weekend. Rov Dog

**Have you ever** thought about being an RA? Well, now's your chance. The Residence Life Office is now accepting applications. Stop by and pick an application up or call ext. 2000 for more details.

**Maurice** - Stop trying to be the Mack Daddy because your game has played out! Besides, the sex is not that good! Playboy. Gold Tooth

**Zenitro** - If our friendship was worth any money, it would be worth 2 cents. The Taker

**Z-non** - I'm still waiting for money!!! Porno Critic

**Fire** - Yes, I'm desperate! Any ideas? Your typewriter is on the way! What do you mean "try again?" Keeper

**All Sociopathic Females** - I'm serious about Goethe, Steppenwolf and skin on skin drug sex. Mephisto

**Keeper** - If you ever did get a date-would your mom be there to help you cross the street? How!

**Slave Girl and Techno** - Time to back off. Watch it. Mom

**6-0** - Don't be sorry, I'm not. Looking forward to doing it again! 65-42

**Billy** - When I asked you where you stood on all the issues-you said "against, against, against." is that also where you stand on the issue of premarital sex? The Liberal

**To the Women of ΔZ** - Thanks for the great mixer. The men of AKA

**USI Males** - We are auctioning off our blonde-haired, blue-eyed roommate to the highest bidder. She is desperate for spring break money. All those interested in a bite of the morsel, get your bid in now!

**Taxi Driver #49** - Bring me a higher love, You ain't seen nothing yet. Don't leave me this way. Frustrated. Fire

**Beaner** - I thought I studied about you last week. Wasn't it during the time of Alexander? Salem

**Anus Breath** - Get a life, Mike C. I don't know you all either. Bite a big one! Duh. Big Ears and that's about it!

**Supes** - Thanks for what you said. You're definitely right, I'm desperate! Keeper

**Pat - Christina**. She must be heaven. Because there's no other reason for this 24-7. Your yellow-undies admirers

**Mom** - False teeth a plus? Where's your liquor store? Keeper

**Keeper** - Good luck with Amber. Any answers from your ad yet? Salem

**Fire** - How did you know I was desperate? What happened between you and Eliot? Did he douse your flames?? Keeper

## PERSONALS

**SIF seeks SIM** to spend St. Valentine's Massacre with. Likes guns, but one big one will suffice.

**Taxi Driver #2** - Think your hose can handle it? I don't do girls, ok? Clue one. Fire

**Gossip crew** - Your fat, idle, sucking tongues are wagging in disgust. Stop Now, before it is too late. MP

**You think the Mafia's dead...**  
Wait till the fat lady screams...

**Little Neighbor** - Sprout an organ first! Big Red P.S. Congrats! You now have Clap!

**K.G.** - Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. They'll probably throw away the key, too.

**Rodent** - Keeper, couldn't keep her (Beaner) he lost the like his banana. His name ought to be Lonesome Loser. Fire

**To my fellow women of U.S.I.** - There are a lot of lonely guys out there and I have their names, numbers and all their bad habits. Sidney

**To a man about business** - You drive me wild by the flock of the night. I love our Scandlist Affair. Lady S.

**Cassandra** - Why start a problem, when you not mature enough to solve it, like a woman! Stop the mad mess. The Taker

**Rodent** - Meet me at Orr Center elevator, Thursday March 14, 12:00 p.m. High noon approaching. I'm carrying a blue bag, wearing a navy blue coat. Keeper

**Social Sidewinder** - It's a date, you're buying. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Mom

**Hankins** - What happened to all those Thursday night parties? Just Plain Gored

**Beaner** - Heard you dropped all of your classes! Good for you!! Now, live with your stupidity. Your throwing it all away!! Keeper

**Salem** - Wouldn't you like to know. Lady Gwenivere says hi. Phoenix

**007** - The paper is cool, so read it sometime. I want to hear from you soon. I'm requesting your appearance. Keeper

Is this all the personals? Geez! Ed.

## PERSONALS

**Lady Gwenivere** - Name the time and the place. Write me in the personals. Salem

**007** - Cheak Adonis out with your stethoscope. Medicine Woman

**Supes** - So glad to see your brilliance back. I love games. Mom

**M.P.** - I think we need to teach a few people a lesson. Sidney

**Sidney** - Are we having fun yet? M.P.

**Supes** - Want to have a Battle of Wits? With an armed person (words). Keeper has to be potty trained first! Fire

**Red Head** - Scott's not worth it! You are too good for his game! Know how to play your cards! He's got a girlfriend! Lady in Red

**Rita** - Extra! Extra! Read all about it! If your mouth was a gossip column you could tell all the facts. But first get the truth before you lie! The Taker

**Techno** - I think you sound cute. I've got to meet you. Should you decide where and when or should I decide? Keeper

**Z-non** - Big Money! Big Money! No Wammies! No Wammies! Stop!!! Porno Critic

**Todd** - Who's next? Cindy Crawford? Marci and Julie

**Neil** - You've been so moody lately. Call me, I care.

**007** - Stay out of my lunch. Sex Quencher

**Salem** - I'll join the game. Medicine Woman

**Lady Gwenivere** - The knight hides in common clothing. Medicine Woman

**007** - You are beautiful. Salem

**N.A.B.** - How could you know me at six years old? I don't think I'm the same person you're thinking of. Sorry. Please try again! Keeper

**Amber** - Can't wait to hear from you! Tell me, are you "available"? Keeper

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**Angie, Angie** - Have fun on Spring Break! Tammy

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# 'Falling Down' falls short of being worth seeing

by Joshua Housley  
Entertainment Editor

The only reason I can think of for going to see Michael Douglas' latest movie, "Falling Down," is if you enjoy sporadic and uninteresting dialogue, the type of action you could experience watching someone at a shooting range, and characters who you wish would all die for no other reason than to just end the movie.

"Falling Down," a lame attempt at exploring the frustration that comes with living in a world of victims, would be better suited as a study on sleeping habits.

In other words, don't see

this movie if you're not willing to take on the responsibility of keeping the people sitting next to you awake, that is if you can manage to stay awake yourself.

The beginning of "Falling Down" is very deceptive, it makes you think that it's going to be interesting. The mounting tension that will eventually overpower William Foster, played by Michael Douglas, is communicated effectively. But, unfortunately, the movie does not end there.

Foster is caught in a traffic jam in the scorching heat of a Los Angeles summer, his air conditioning is broke, his windows won't roll down, horns are honking unceasingly, chil-

dren are screaming. All of which prompts Foster to leave his car in the middle of the street and head for home.

But it's not just the traffic that frustrates him. In addition to this inconvenience, Foster has recently divorced his wife, played by Barbara Hershey, who has put out a restraining order on him that keeps him away from his ex-wife and daughter.

The reason for the restraint being his nasty temper upon which the plot of the movie unsuccessfully rests. Foster also has no job. Trained to design missiles, Foster's talents have become obsolete with the end of the Cold War.

These are all perfect rea-

sons for going through Los Angeles clubbing and shooting people who get on his nerves, right? Foster thinks so, and there you have "Falling Down."

From the unnerving traffic jam scene, we follow Foster on his journey home, where he is not only not wanted but is restricted from by law. So why should we be interested if he gets there? I have no idea.

Along the way Foster meets with various forms of victimization that we all have, more or less, learned to live with; but remember, Foster's on the edge. He sees himself as having been the victim for so long that he feels justified in victimizing all those people who

have been the cause of other people's problems.

Did I forget the parallel plot about the detective whose wife is forcing him to retire, his plight to prove to himself that he does not have to be afraid of living just because his wife is, and his personal turmoil over the death of his two-year-old daughter?

Robert Duvall plays Detective Pendergrass in this movie within a movie. It's as though the makers of "Falling Down" thought they could make a good movie by combining two very bad ones.

All you need to know is that the good guys win, the bad guys loose and everything else is a waste of time.

# Local alternative band shows potential

by Dean Cox  
Staff Writer

Mamma Zot is one of the many local bands that have tapes out that you can pick up around town to help support Evansville's band scene.

The name of this tape is "The Zot Album" and it does a good job of showing the band's talents.

Side one of the tape opens with "Island of Reil" which has

an enjoyable funk sound. The real catchy chorus makes sing along easy and fun. From there you go to "Ego Trip" which is a good song for those slow times in the mosh pit.

The pace steps up a little for the next song "Tax Free" which is well written with a grunge sound to it. The fourth song showed me that this band has been influenced by the grunge sound. I found "Oh My God" to be one of the better

songs on this tape. The music and lyrics worked in harmony.

Side two opens like side one does in that both have guitars using distortion and rough voice to create the feel.

I have seen this band live a few times and found very little of that live energy on this tape. At the end of "Cerebella Breakdown" the music goes soft and you get a taste of how good the singer's voice. However, you don't get much of a

taste because "Neptune's Child" steps in and you don't have time to stop or even slow down. The tape ends with a song called "It."

I enjoyed the tape and will listen to it often. I found the best part of this tape to be the instrumental part at the end of the song "It."

I do recommend that you go and see the band perform before you buy the tape since it would take a practiced ear to

appreciate these tunes. The outing would be a good time or after school project. I look forward to hearing the band's next tape.

If you are in a local band and have a tape, please drop off a copy at **The Shield** or Transitions office, located in the basement of the UC marked in care of Dean Cox. I will see about getting a review printed on it.

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# USI survives two scares to keep GLVC lead

by Greg Davis  
Sports Editor

The USI men's basketball team continue to lead the GLVC after two heart-stopping victories this past weekend. The 14th ranked Eagles beat Indianapolis 95-83 in overtime on Thursday, and then withstood a last second shot by Northern Kentucky to win 60-59 on Saturday. The two victories improved USI's record to 20-5 overall and 14-3 in the conference. USI also kept their perfect home record intact at 14-0. The wins assure the Eagles of at least a second place finish in the conference thanks to Indianapolis' upset of Kentucky Wesleyan on Saturday.

On Thursday, the Eagles came out flat and found themselves in a deep hole early to the Greyhounds, trailing by as many as 15 points in the first half. Indianapolis kept Chris Bowles in check early with constant double and triple teaming. Bowles did not have a field goal in the first half. But Duron Hebron kept up his outstanding play and kept the Eagles in it with 14 in the first half. The Eagles trailed 45-33 at the break.

In the second half USI opened up with a 9-0 run with two three pointers by Tyrone Tate and another by Craig Martin to cut the Greyhound lead to three. From there it was back and forth the rest of the way. Tate put the Eagles in the lead with a three point play with 14 seconds left 76-73. But Indy's Doug Stahly hit a three pointer with two seconds left to send the game into overtime. In the extra session, the Eagles took control early and outscored the Greyhounds 19-7 to pull out the victory. The

loss dropped Indianapolis to 12-12 overall and 7-8 in the GLVC. USI was led by Hebron's 20 points. Tate added 18 while Bowles finished with 16 and 13 rebounds. Indianapolis was led by Stahly's 19 points.

On Saturday the Norsemen of Northern Kentucky visited the PAC. In their first meeting with the Eagles, NKU tried to run with USI and was drilled 107-79. This time, however, they slowed the tempo down and almost pulled off the upset.

USI led 25-17 with a minute to go in the first half, but NKU's Ryan Schrand hit a three pointer and two free throws to close the gap to 25-22 at the half. In the second half the game remained close. NKU went on a 9-1 run midway through the second half to take a 43-37 lead with ten minutes remaining in the game. The Eagles trailed by seven with under three minutes remaining until Todd Jones buried a three pointer from the left baseline to cut the Norseman lead to 55-51. Jeff Doyle gave the Eagles the lead with a three pointer from the right wing with thirty seconds left. Antoine Smith hit two free throws to give the lead back to NKU with 22 seconds left. That set it up for USI's Tate. Tate drove to the left side of the lane and drew a blocking foul from NKU's Craig Wilhoit with five seconds remaining in the game.

After a time-out, Tate hit both free throws to give the Eagles a 60-59 lead, but the game was far from over. Schrand took the inbounds pass and drove past the half court line and let fly of a shot. The ball rattled back and forth in the rim but did not fall giving USI the victory. NKU dropped to 11-14 overall and

4-12 in the conference.

"Their guy was moving when I went to the left side and it was a block," Tate said of the last foul. "I just tried to block the pressure out of my mind and make the free throws."

Doyle may have had the biggest bucket of the game with his late three pointer.

"I had been struggling the whole game," he said. "But Tyrone kept getting me the ball and that showed me he had confidence in me to hit it."

NKU played their deliberate style of basketball almost to perfection. It was a definite improvement off their last meeting with the Eagles.

"We were kind of frustrated because we thought they were going to run with us," Tate said. "Coach (Bruce Pearl) told us to be patient and we would win."

"They played the same kind of style against Wesleyan on Thursday because they had three starters out," Pearl said. "I did not anticipate that they would hold the ball against us. But as I have said before, that is the ultimate compliment to a basketball team when they do that."

Bowles was limited to ten points on four of nine shooting.

"Bowles is an All-American but he won't carry us every game," Pearl said.

"We could have panicked but we didn't," Pearl said. "That is a credit to our players for staying calm. Tyrone Tate is our floor general and he made some big passes, a big drive, some big threes, and big free throws."

Tate led USI with 16 points and six assists. Bowles added 15 rebounds to his ten points. NKU was led by Smith's 18 points.

The Eagles will finish out

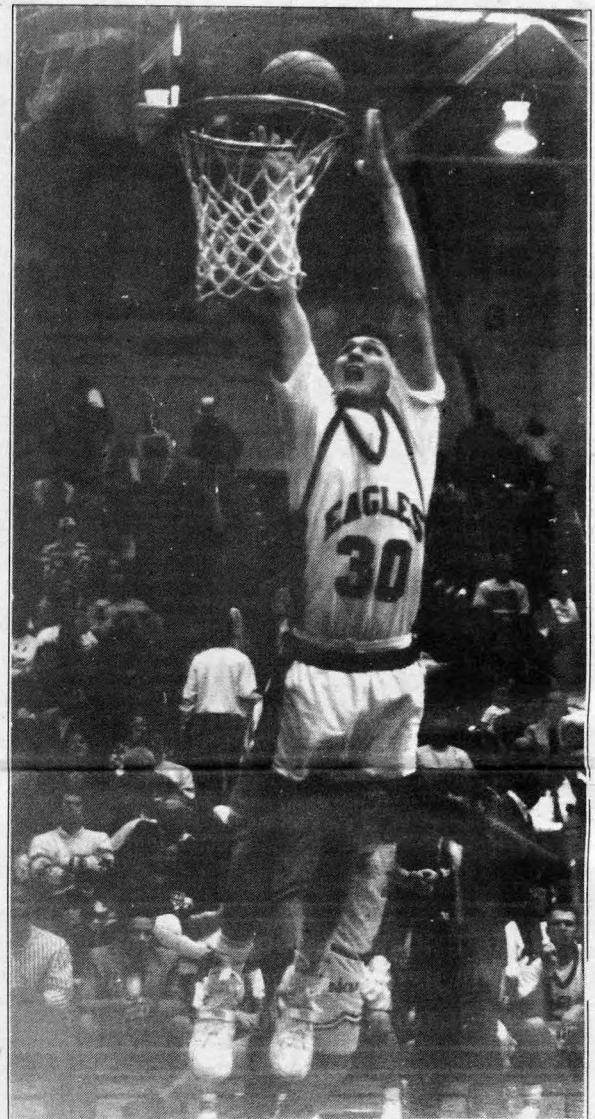


photo by Jason Clark

Chris Bowles goes up for two points against Northern Kentucky.

the regular season on Saturday at Kentucky Wesleyan. A win would give USI at least a

tie for the conference championship. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Sportscenter.

## Sports Briefs

### Baseball

The game between USI and IU Southeast scheduled for today has been postponed until May 9 because of the weather. The 15th ranked Eagles will open up their season this weekend. USI will face Mount Olive on Saturday, a doubleheader at Paine on Sunday, a doubleheader at South Carolina-Aiken on Monday, single games against Augusta on Tuesday and Wednesday, at West Georgia on Thursday, and finally a doubleheader with Erskine on Saturday. The Eagles first home game will

be Saturday March 20 against St. Joseph's at noon.

### Softball

The Lady Eagle softball team will begin their first home game of the year Today at 3:00 p.m. as they will face Kentucky Wesleyan. They will then travel to Orlando, Florida over Spring Break to play games Sunday through Friday against Florida Southern, Northeast Missouri State, Lock Haven, California (Pa.), Bloomsburg State, Central Missouri State, Shippensburg State and Southwest Missouri State. They will then return for a home game against Lake

Superior State on Monday at 1:30 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

The USI men's tennis team begins their spring season by traveling to Hilton Head, South Carolina for Spring Break. The Eagles will face Edinboro on Sunday, Lake Superior on Monday, Charlestown, West Virginia on Wednesday, and Philadelphia-Textile on Friday. They will return home for their first home match against Lewis and Kentucky State on Saturday March 20 at 8 a.m.

It will be the first of only four home matches the tennis team will have this year.

### Men's Golf

The USI men's golf team will begin play on March 29 at the Bellarmine Invitational in Louisville Kentucky. Their first home match will be April 2-3 in the Oak Meadow Intercollegiate at Oak Meadows Golf Club.

### Eagle Gran Prix

This year their will be a new addition to the Eagle Gran Prix. Instead of a fitness race for alumni their will be a co-ed race for USI students. The teams must consist of two male and two female USI students. The course will be the same

but the race will consist of only 30 laps. Each person must ride a minimum of five laps. The entry fee will remain to be \$25 per team. Pick up your 1993 Eagle Gran Prix packets at the Student Life office for the rules and regulations for the Co-ed race along with the All Men and All Women's race. If you have any questions please contact the Student Life office. Or you can call Jay McCoy at 464-1862 or Amy Lantaff at 867-5318.

Their will be a mandatory captains meeting at 9 p.m. on Wednesday March 24, which is also the registration deadline.

# Lady Eagles lose at home, look for strong finish

by Greg Davis  
Sports Editor

The USI women's team lost two home games this weekend and will need to beat Kentucky Wesleyan to set the school record of total wins with 16 and conference wins with ten. The Lady Eagles were beat by Northern Kentucky on Saturday 91-79 and then by GLVC leader Indianapolis on Sunday 97-82. The losses dropped USI to 15-12 overall and 9-7 in the conference.

NKU opened up an early lead on Saturday and led 41-38 at the break. The game, however, was settled in the second half. NKU shot a blistering 65 percent in the second half while holding USI to only 37 percent. The Lady Eagles forced NKU into 29 turnovers but it was not enough to overcome their hot shooting. The victory improved NKU's record to 17-8 overall and 10-6 in the GLVC. USI was led by Missy Hart's 15 points. Kathy Lauck added 14 and seven rebounds. NKU was led by Lori McClellan's 22 points and ten rebounds.

On Sunday, the Lady Eagles jumped out to 20-15 lead on a basket by Michelle Scott. But Indianapolis held USI scoreless for the next four and a half minutes and went

on a 15-0 run to take a 30-20 lead. From there they cruised to a 48-39 halftime lead. In the second half the Lady Eagles made a couple of runs to creep back into the game only to have the door shut by Indianapolis. Jeanette Elkin hit two free throws with 7:45 left to cut the Lady Greyhound lead under double digits to 73-64. But Courtney Sands countered with a three point play and USI could get no closer the rest of the way. Indianapolis hit 26 of 37 free throws compared to only 13 of 21 for USI. The Lady Greyhounds improved to 21-3 overall and 14-2 in the conference.

There was some good news in the game. Lauck showed signs of her old dominating self as she scored a game high 30 points and pulled down a game high 14 rebounds. Lisa Wells added 14 points for USI while Sheri Kaiser contributed 10. Indianapolis was led by Sands' 27 points while the versatile Lori Morgan added 23.

"Morgan is the best forward in the conference," Dugan said.

Dugan was pleased with the performance by Lauck.

"Kathy took a mini vacation and we're glad to have her back to the way she is capable of playing," she said.

Dugan believes the Lady Eagles need to continue to try



photo by Jason Clark

Junior Kathy Lauck battles for a rebound during Saturday's game against Northern Kentucky.

to finish out the season strong.

"We have a chance to set the school record for wins and conference wins," she said. "We are playing for pride now since we can't finish in the top four in the conference."

"We've played hard this year and it's to that point in

the season where the team goals have passed by and we need to refocus," Dugan said. "We need to finish on a positive note."

Overall Dugan is pleased with how the season has turned out.

"I think we've had a great

year. I think the team has surprised themselves," she said. "They are happy with what they've done but on the other hand they are disappointed with what they could have done."

USI will play at Kentucky Wesleyan on Saturday at 5:15.

# No matter what happens at Wesleyan, USI is in

by Greg Davis  
Sports Editor

Are you ready for this USI? Your Eagles are going to the Division II NCAA Tournament. There is no doubt in my mind.

First of all, the Eagles are guaranteed of finishing no worse than second in the conference. But they are not looking at it that way. They will try and go down and win at Kentucky Wesleyan for an outright conference win.

If the Eagles do win at Wesleyan, they will win the conference title because IUPUI-Fort Wayne, who is tied with USI, travels to Indianapolis and Northern Kentucky this weekend. The Mastadons will lose one of those games.

"After losing to Oakland City on Monday night, Wesleyan is in a world of hurt. This may be one of the few years they do not make the tournament. The only way they could make is if they beat USI

by, let's say 25 points. That would stick in the committee's mind. But you know what, that won't happen. Won't it be funny with USI in the tournament and the mighty Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan left out in the cold?"

"The tournament sight is still to be determined for the Great Lakes region. USI has put in a bid but so has Fort Wayne. Fort Wayne would be the logical choice to host the tournament because it is centrally located for all the teams that would be in the tournament. But if you want to get right down to it, Fort Wayne does not draw a big crowd for their games. Why would they draw well for the tournament, when they couldn't draw well during the regular season. On the other hand, USI has drawn well all year, and this part of the state would support the tournament and pack the PAC both nights. If the NCAA wants attendance to be their main priority, they should give it to

USI.

"What has happened to my Final Four pick Kansas. They were so good earlier in the year now they basically stink. They are getting no production out of their big people at all. They are still ranked in the Top 10 even though they beat a horrendous Colorado team by only four points in Lawrence. Hopefully they will catch fire in the Big Eight tournament and ignite for the tournament.

"Even though the women's team has faltered of late, they are still having a great season. There is only one senior on the team, that being Charlene Tinner. They will miss her leadership and poise, but look out GLVC next year. This team will be one of the favorites to win the conference. They will be a year wiser and now that they have been under Chancellor Dugan's system for two years, they will have it down to almost perfection next year.

"Make sure you get out and see the baseball team this

year. This could be the best team they ever had here at USI, and they could challenge for the National Championship.

"Also the softball team will be good. They have many returning players and they will challenge for the conference title.

"Well Calbert Cheaney should break the IU scoring record against Northwestern. He has had an outstanding career and would like to go out in style with a National Championship ring. But the only way that could happen is if Alan Henderson returns healthy. They are in no shape to contend for it if Henderson is out the rest of the season. They have no size underneath except for Matt Nover, and he isn't what you would call a monster on the boards. If Henderson doesn't come back at full strength, they might be out of the tournament before they reach the sweet sixteen.

"For all you Kentucky fans

what has happened to your beloved Wildcats? They are not playing well right now and they should have been defeated by Auburn the other night. If they don't win their conference tournament they might not get a number one seed in the tournament. Vanderbilt might sneak up there and get it.

"Who are these Commodores anyway? Can anybody name me another player on the team besides Chris Lawson, Bill McCaffrey, and Lee Elder? They have quietly snuck into the top seven in the country and nobody really talks about them.

"Utah is another team that has started to make some noise out West. They are ranked ninth in the country and are 22-3. Josh Grant is having another great season and they are getting outstanding front court play. If this team gets to stay out West for the tournament, they could be a dark horse to make it to the Final Four.