

Survey: Paying off student loans will take twice as long as education

By KYLE KNIGHT
Special to The Shield

On March 16, CollegeGrad.com revealed that 51 percent of students who took a survey reported they would spend 10 or more years paying off student loans.

This statistic indicates a five percent increase from two years ago.

"Student loans began growing about 20 years ago when the Middle Income Student Assistance Act was passed," said Jim Patton,

"Basically, students are borrowing the maximum and relying entirely on aid"

- Jim Patton
director of Student Financial Assistance

director of Student Financial Assistance at USI.

In 1978, Congress passed the act to include students from families with middle and lower level incomes in federal student assistance programs.

"Basically, students are borrowing the maximum and relying entirely on aid," Patton said.

With the increasing cost of tuition, students are experiencing greater difficulty in financing their education.

As a result, students proceed to take out loans from several financial institutions, resulting in multiple repayments.

Congress sets the interest rates for Stafford Loans, which are the same for all universities.

However, students have the option of borrowing from private lenders, who provide competitive rates and services.

Patton encourages students to research all borrowing options before signing.

"Students often do not shop around and instead go with the

familiar name," Patton said. "Also, students are not often aware of the different repayment options."

Upon graduation or exit from the university, a student receives a six-month grace period for direct loans.

Once the grace period ends, the direct loans can be repaid through four options. The first two are the standard and the extended repayment plans.

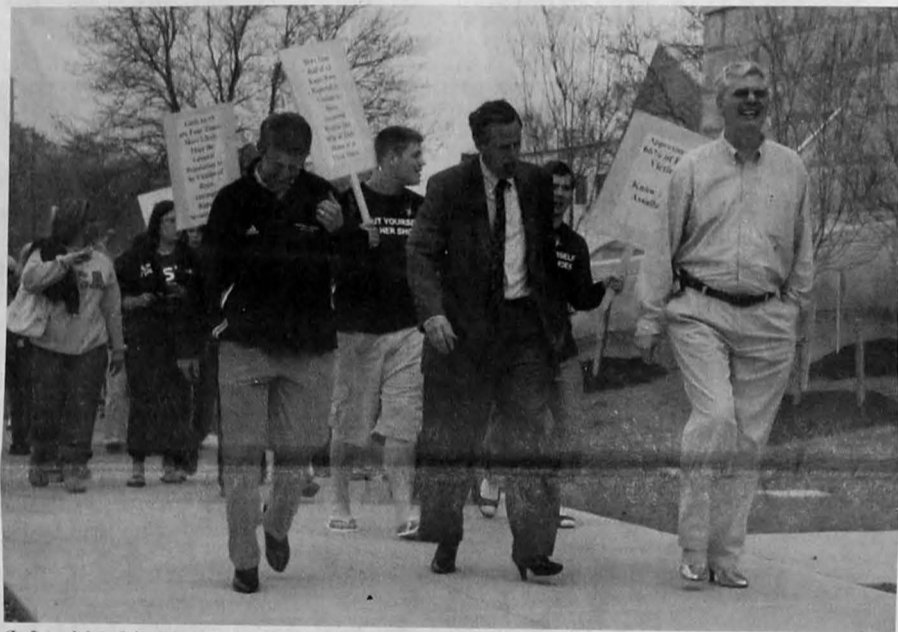
The third, the graduated repayment plan, begins with small increments that increase over

time. CollegeGrad.com reports it will take 12 to 30 years to repay such a loan.

The fourth plan, the income contingent repayment plan, is based on the reported adjusted gross income that the student reports in his yearly income tax return. Payments for the year are then based on what is reported to the IRS.

Still, when it comes to repaying loans, students sometimes are unable to make payments.

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(Left to right): John Mark Hall, athletic director, Stan Levco, Vanderburgh County prosecutor, and Barry Schonberger, dean of students, walk in high heels during "Walk a Mile in Her shoes: The Men's March to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence" on Tuesday, March 20.



Students stand outside Rice Library with signs protesting gender violence.



photos by Jared Kinkade and Adrian Stoica

Students to rate teachers online

By JULIA HUNTER
Editor-in-Chief

A new way to rate your professors is faster, more economical, more efficient and perhaps less likely to get students to participate.

Beginning in April, faculty will be able to choose between paper and online course evaluations.

If a professor chooses the paper options, the evaluations will still be distributed during class. If a professor opts for the online evaluation, students will receive e-mails on April 16. Students will have until 4 a.m. on April 30 to complete the evaluations.

Course evaluations give students the opportunity to rate course and professor effectiveness.

"One of the reasons [the evaluations were put online] is because the system we're using now has that option," said Michelle White, research assistant at the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Putting the evaluations online cuts down on printing and processing costs, as gives students more anonymity, because their handwriting will not be on the forms.

The new process will also be much faster.

Only deans, chairs and instructors are allowed to see the evaluations.

"The instructors don't get the reports until after grades are posted," White said.

If professors use paper evaluations, they do not get the evaluations until four weeks after grades are posted.

The online option allows the professors to receive the evaluations one day after grades are posted.

Both online and paper evaluations will have 14 questions and a section for comments. Questions will be the same on both evaluations.

However, with evaluations not being distributed in the classroom, there is a possibility response turnout will decrease.

"There has been some concern about [response turnout]," White said. "But, students will receive course evaluation invitations through an e-mail from the system."

Professors are split on the decision whether to opt for paper or online evaluations.

"About half are leaning toward the paper evaluations," said White.

Political science conference to be held at USI

By ROSS SCHMITT
The Shield staff

The Indiana Political Science Association will hold its annual conference Friday, March 30 in Carter Hall, and will be composed of a series of nine discussion panels and a keynote speech.

"This is the first time that USI has gotten to host the event," said Dr. Mary Hallock-Morris, president of IPSA and USI assistant professor of political science. "While this year's conference format will remain pretty similar to previous ones, we have done one thing differently, and that is to open the event to the student body."

The conference includes professors and students representing many regional universities including Ball State, IUPUI, and Louisville and USI.

The first six panels will be held in Carter Hall rooms A-C from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., covering topics ranging from international relations to community planning.

The conference will then break for lunch to be followed by USI political science professor Dr. Stephen Bennett's presentation, "Time to Look Again at Young People and Politics." The address will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Carter Hall D.

Bennett's speech will focus on the necessity for political scientists to have an understanding of how the youth perceive politics and will explore the disconnect between young people and the political structure.

"The profession took the issue of young people and politics seriously during the 1960's and early 1970's, but then lost interest," Bennett said. "We know that the young today are very different from those of forty years or so ago."

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Walking a mile

USI community stands up for women

By ADRIAN STOICA
The Shield staff

Men did more than just make a new fashion statement Tuesday, March 20 for the first "Walk a Mile in Her shoes: The Men's March to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence," in Indiana. They were also able to see things from a different perspective.

"It's an eye-opener, there's no question about that," said Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Stan Levco, who described the walk as "painful" after he removed his bright red heels. "There are a number of things I can learn yet. It's time for men to step up."

Vanderburgh County Sheriff Eric Williams also stressed the importance of men stepping up in opposition to violence against women to prevent further occurrences of gender violence and rape.

"We need to make a point now so we don't make future perpetrators and victims," Williams

said. "It gives us an opportunity to make a statement."

Men learned more than how to walk in high heels and what it feels like. After the march, author and filmmaker Jackson Katz, well known for his gender violence and rape activism, gave a speech on how men could get involved.

He made it clear how men could step up to do more.

"The more we get up speaking about these issues, the more normal it will seem," Katz said. "We are in a special place - we can challenge men. We do have a special role to play because of our sex."

Sponsored by the Albion-Fellows Bacon Center and the USI Foundation, the speech highlighted the causes for the march.

"There is a growing movement of men going into parts of male culture and making men

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- Jackson Katz

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday 3/29

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Conflict Management
ED 1103

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Study Abroad Information Session
UC 214

7 p.m.
Lions Club Meeting
UC 214

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Juror Lecture: "Digital Boundaries"
Kleymeyer Hall

9 p.m.
APB Movie: Dreamgirls
Forum 1

Friday 3/30

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Annual Meeting of the Indiana Political Science Association
Carter Hall A, B, C, D

3:30 p.m.
Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquium
Kleymeyer Hall

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
International Club Meeting
Ruston Hall Lounge

Saturday 3/31

No events scheduled

Sunday 4/1

12 p.m.
Baseball hosts Quincy
Baseball Field

Monday 4/2

3 p.m.
Exploring Careers
ED 1103

Tuesday 4/3

1 p.m.
Baseball hosts Missouri-Rolla
Baseball field

Wednesday 4/4

5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity meeting
UC 206

7:30 p.m.
Global Community - Easter Egg Decorating
Ruston Hall Lounge

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Contacting the lender to create a more flexible plan or forbearance is still an option, said Patton. With forbearance the student can make a lower payment or only pay the interest. However, the loan will still accumulate interest during this time.

One way to avoid forbearance is through consolidation with the lender who has granted the largest loan amount.

With the increase in student loans, the economy could be stifled.

"Students will probably defer large purchases, like purchasing a home, and instead concentrate their incomes on loans," Patton said.

Still, some hope exists, according to Patton. "If Congress has its way, interest rates will go down," Patton said.

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aware," Katz said. "More men are standing up to say 'it's time to take a stand on these issues.'"

One reason, Katz said, that this is something men must do is due to the reaction women get when they confront men about it. "Women have experienced so much backlash," Katz said. "A lot have retreated, not been direct, not challenged men."

He also said one reason women can't challenge men more is due to the culture, where men dominate.

An example he used was how we shape our bodies.

He described it as, "symbolic space," where men's bodies get bigger - women's bodies get smaller.

"Our bodies literally embody

larger systems of power," Katz said. "[It's] not just individual persons, [but] institutions of men in society. We need to raise the bar of being 'a good guy' in the U.S."

Katz first began to think about how different circumstances were for men and women back in college when he would walk home from parties with his friends at 2 a.m. and "not think anything of it." He realized women on his campus couldn't do the same without the risk of sexual assault or something equally bad.

Another instance of re-affirmation came to him at a high school re-union recently, said Katz. A man had come up to him and told him about how his wife was raped and to that day, she still had nightmares about it.

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Scholars from other disciplines, such as sociology and psychology, frequently conduct research on the young - but political scientists don't, and that is a serious mistake."

However, Bennett does not lay sole responsibility at the feet of his peers.

"Popular government requires an active and knowledgeable public, and there is a good deal of evidence that the young are neither, nor are they likely to become so as they progress through life," Bennett said.

"We now have a vicious cycle.

Because young people are disconnected from politics, the political structure pays little attention to them, and because politicians don't focus on issues that are important to the young, the young remain disconnected."

After the address, the final three panels will be held from 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The conference is open to student body. The cost to attend the conference panels is \$5 and the speech is a no-cost event.

According to Katz, one in seven women who reach the age of 18 is a sexual assault survivor.

"Ultimately the goal of this is to redefine what's a man," Katz said. "It's not about the girl or woman - it's the guy."

In order to combat this problem, there needs to be more men who will break the silence, especially those of status, such as executives or men who are involved with pro athletics, according to Katz.

Katz also blames status from keeping more influential men from doing anything about gender violence.

"You don't want to get into anything controversial," Katz said. "You don't say anything about another man's manhood."

According to Katz, a lot of times agents tell players not to get involved, because it will hinder their career or draw negative attention to them.

"The concept here is if you don't challenge silence, that's like saying 'its ok,'" Katz said. "In situations of oppression, those who remain neutral are with the oppressor."

Katz has degrees from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Harvard University. He is currently working on his doctorate at the University of California Los Angeles in cultural studies. He is also the co-founder of the Mentors in Violence Prevention program at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

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Laws are intrusive

By NICHOLAS THOMAS
The Shield staff

I always assumed that when we grow up to be big boys and girls that our family members would know that it's time for us to move out and prove ourselves worthy of being able to support ourselves.

Obviously, the U.S. Government does not see the taxpayers of this country as big boys and girls.

Our government has started to impose bans such as the ban on trans fatty acids passed in New York City, the hand-held-while-driving ban in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Washington D.C., or New York's call to its citizens to stop using the n-word and its ban on metal bats in high school baseball games.

Don't get me wrong, I think there are a lot of people in this world that should be required to wear helmets and protective gear at all times.

I would be one of the first to admit that there are those that need protection from themselves and their own intelligence.

But do we need this as a country?

What's next? I propose a law that says we cannot walk down any dark alleys or sidewalks at night just in case we trip and hit a hidden rusty ladder and get tetanus.

For those of you that have read George Orwell's "1984," wasn't Big Brother's governmental purposes to promote the "health" and "well-being" of the state? Or at least the government's idea of "health" and "well-being", right? Is their idea your idea?

Your rights are currently being scanned and salivated over by the legislature.

Change is coming for us all.



Editorial

USI limits public access

It's almost time to fill out those wonderful professor evaluation forms. Finally, after an entire semester of listening and following orders, we students get the ability to voice an original opinion and "grade" the professor.

At last, someone will hear about the horrible professor that graded too hard and perpetually lectured past the time allotment. The professor that taught the class you can't imagine having graduated without will be highly praised and awarded accordingly. The student body finally has a voice. Right?

Not exactly. The university does not give merit raises based

on student evaluations. All raises are given across the board and are unaffected by professor evaluations. So, why waste the effort?

Many universities archive the professor evaluations for potential students to view online. Such access allows students to avoid the notorious professors and offers a reason for existing professors to continually improve.

Students at USI are not given online access to professor evaluations.

We must, instead, refer to less-accurate sources such as roommates and websites like RateMyProfessor.com.

It's simple. Choose which country and state you want and an alphabetical list of all the colleges in Indiana appears. The website lists over 6,000 colleges in five countries and displays over 6,750,000 ratings for over 1,000,000 professors.

Although the Website is helpful, only students that strongly like or dislike a particular professor are going to take the time to go online, create an account and post a rating.

The results will not be well balanced.

If an Internet site can accomplish such a task, surely USI can tally and post comments for slightly over 10,000 students.

Shield Online Poll:
When registering for classes, do you check RateMyProfessor.com?

Yes

75%

No

25%

Visit us at <usishield.com> to participate in weekly polls.



Don't limit history to February and March

By SARAH MATLOCK
The Shield staff

I feel bad for the white men in this country. Black History Month celebrates and commemorates the struggle for Civil Rights in America and recognizes those individuals who made it possible. March is Women's History Month, when we remember all the braless wonders of the past that stood akimbo and demanded equality and the right to choose.

Guys, sorry. You've got Father's Day to look forward to someday. If you're lucky, Grandparents Day.

The celebration of women's history began as a week-long event in California. Those west coasters are always in the forefront when it comes to controversial things like that. By 1981, the whole country marked their calendars for the week of March 8 to set aside as "Women's History Week." A mere six years later, the whole month of March was dedicated to the study and appreciation of women's history.

Does it seem a coincidence that the climax of the



college basketball season takes place during this very same time period? Does "March Madness" ring a bell?

By the 1930s in Illinois, the annual high school boys' basketball tournament was statewide and over 900 teams were competing. The basketball fever that swept the state every year since 1908 was first deemed "March Madness" in 1939. It has been going strong ever since.

It is important to study the history of the people of the world.

The customs, sports, foods, religions, wars and controversies are also necessary to create a whole picture of the past. I don't think it is right to allow certain groups specific privileges based on characteristics of which they have no control.

I did not choose to be a female. It just happened that way.

Do not get me wrong. We need to study the history of women in our country and other cultures as well. That is vital information.

I just believe that there are more causes that deserve our attention now. Things that will impact my future and yours, such as war, poverty and world peace.

Parents should monitor Internet

By LAURA BUCHANAN
The Shield staff

Who would have thought technology could take us back to basics?

On Thursday, a judge struck down a 1998 law that made it a crime for a Web site operator to allow minors to access material that is deemed "harmful" by "contemporary community standards."

In other words, porn.

The Child Online Protection Act expected Web operators to require proof of age before allowing access to the site or else face a \$50,000 fine or up to six months in prison.

The law was noble in cause and theory, but it also threw the baby out with the bath water. Web sites that are not sexually explicit as a

whole, but include graphic content could have been prosecuted.

Celebrity blogs that feature uncensored crotch shots of Britney Spears and jest sites such as UrbanDictionary.com, which includes frank definitions for slang terms and phrases, would technically face penalty under COPA.

Senior U.S. District Judge Lowell Reed Jr., who presided over the case, said parents should shoulder the responsibility of protecting their children by installing filtering software on their home computers.

The idea is not overrated. Since the invention of the photograph, parents have been shielding their children from pornography — it has just always been their own stash.

You see, virtually every parent has "the sock drawer."

Inside this recess of suburban nuclear family sterility lies a cornucopia of filth that only the most resourceful of children can uncover before the age of 15.

Before that age, the child finds such images disgusting and, laughably, vows to never take part in such revolting behavior themselves.

Beyond puberty, presumably the parent has already had The Talk with their child and the young one can handle what they've seen — and suffer the consequences when Mom and Dad are forced to have The Talk: Part II — Leave Our Stuff Alone.

This is the way it has always been with children and pornography. The existence of the Web has not changed the situation. The Internet is just a gigantic sock drawer.

Whether or not the drawer is big or small, 9 times out of 10 a minor is going to find, and even seek out, the offensive material. No proof of age requirement or legal action is going to change that.

As parents have been putting locks on their sock drawers for nearly 200 years, the same expectation remains that they do the same on their computers.

Advertising deceives society

By KELLY SCHMIDT
The Shield staff

People lie every day. Often, the best liar can unabashedly look you in the eye and you'll never suspect you are being deceived.

Lying becomes an art form. It takes creativity to craft a good lie and a sharp memory to keep all

the lies from intertwining.

The most convincing liars can even fool themselves.

It's no surprise that deceit runs rampant. Politicians repeatedly lie to voters about important issues. Yet many are reelected year after year. If the people we elect to represent us can't even maintain integrity, why should we set high standards for every one else?

Glamorous Hollywood lifestyles misguide star-struck American youth. Our future generations strive to be just like their pop culture icons.

Out there, hard work and education won't get you a hot girlfriend or a mansion on a hill.

There is no doubt deceit sells. Advertisers are out to make a profit and they'll tell people anything to make a quick buck. The fashion industry thrives on deceit.

Advertisers tell us to buy this and wear that. It looks great on you! Hideous trends like Ugg boots, leggings and gauchito pants sell like mad.

Delusional men frequent Victoria's Secret, clutching unrealistic dreams that their significant other

will look just like the airbrushed models.

We've been had and most of us know it. We keep falling into the same deceptive trap.

How did we get to this point? When did telling the truth become an anomaly? Deception grew and the definition of truth became skewed.

Truth is relative. What may be true for me might not be true for you.

We've built a world of lies and now the only thing we can define is our own deceit.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

What happened to the U.S. and World News section? This used to be about the only reason I would get The Shield, yet lately the section seems to be a little skimpy. It started out with a good mix of world news. The "World" part of the section started disappearing, focusing instead on U.S. news until last week when the entire section was devoted to news of the Iraq War.

This same week most of pages two and seven are advertisements and half of the back page is devoted to a liquor store advertisement. I can understand needing people to pay for the production of the newspaper, but at the same time I have to ask "What happened to the news?" The only good thing I can say about the paper is that at least they finally removed the ridiculous fashion section. Please people, give us some news again.

Rachel Miller
USI Student

To the Editor:

I never see students walking down the roads of campus expecting the buses and cars to move out of their way. However, all the time I see trucks and golf carts on the walkways where there is plenty of foot traffic.

The side walk is for walkers, and if anyone wants to use it, they should walk. However, if the university wants to give everyone a golf cart, I'd be down to take one off-roading. USI just doesn't think very well. In the prime hours of the day a minivan was slowly backing into one of the walkways next to the Orr Center last week. Can't someone not park like a normal person in a parking lot and carry items into a building?

The C-store parking lot is terrible enough already, but when its time to restock the store, I hope no one is having a baby and needs to drive their car out of that parking lot. The semi-truck takes up the whole parking lot. Maybe it's just me, but being a little considerate of young minds could go a long way for this university.

Joseph Wimmer
USI Student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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World Briefs

New Palestinian government already faces security threats

Fighting continues despite new unity government

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The appointment of a divisive Gaza strongman to a top security post is threatening the new Palestinian unity government just days after its inauguration.

Mohammed Dahlan, a prominent member of the moderate Fatah Party, is despised by the rival Hamas group for leading a brutal crackdown on it in the 1990s. He also was one of the leading critics of Hamas during recent months of tensions and infighting between the two movements.

Now Dahlan is in charge of bringing order to the chaotic security services, including Hamas' own militia. Analysts say the issue is so sensitive that it could break up the new government and return Gaza to civil strife.

Dahlan, now a Fatah legislator, was appointed this week as security adviser to President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah and to head up the National Security Council. The powerful body is to decide security policy and reform, making Dahlan more powerful than the interior minister, who only will have executive powers in security matters.

The security council was formed as a part of a carefully cobbled agreement between political rivals Hamas and Fatah after months of tense negotiations to create a coalition government.

Those talks often deteriorated into deadly street battles between the group's militias and different government security apparatuses. The fighting killed more than 140 Palestinians from last May until a cease-fire was called in early February.

On Wednesday, a 24-year-old man was killed and two were seriously wounded when an armed clash erupted in northern Gaza, security and hospital officials said.



Palestinian mourners carry the body of two year-old Hassan Abu Al-Nada, during his funeral in the town Beit Lahya, in the northern Gaza Strip, Friday, March 23, 2007. Al-Nada was killed during clashes between Fatah and Hamas militants in Beit Lahya on Thursday. The infighting between the two factions was supposed to end with the formation of a national unity government last week.

AP Photo

A local Fatah commander blamed Hamas forces for opening fire.

Later, an Islamic university professor affiliated with the militant Hamas movement was kidnapped by gunmen as he was leaving a mosque south of Gaza City, Hamas officials said. They blamed Fatah for the incident.

Fatah spokesman Abdel Hakim Awad said both factions met after the incidents to try to ease tensions. He said an agreement was reached to withdraw gunmen from the scene of the shooting and to release the university professor, who was apparently kidnapped by Fatah sympathizers in response to the shooting.

Experts said if the security forces aren't transformed into a disciplined national body, they'll

quickly return to battling each other, as the coalition government runs into tension, which many fear is inevitable.

"If there's no reform of the security apparatus, it will be a threat to government's stability," said Hamdi Shakkour, of the Palestinian Center for Human Rights in Gaza, which documents abuses by security officials.

Nimr Hamad, a top aide to Abbas, defended Dahlan's appointment. "Everyone knows that Dahlan is an expert. It was a good choice," he said.

Still, many Hamas members accuse Dahlan of inciting and funding Fatah loyalists to battle Hamas during bouts of internal fighting. Hamas also claimed Dahlan tried to overthrow the pre-

vious Hamas-led government. Thousands of gunmen in Gaza are loyal to Dahlan.

In a sign of cracks in the new government, Hamas already has condemned Dahlan's appointment.

Powerful Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar suggested the appointment was illegal, because Dahlan was a parliamentarian and could not take on executive roles.

The two rivals disagree on what reform will mean. Hamas has called for unifying security apparatuses under the Interior Ministry. Fatah wants to dismantle the Executive Force. At a news conference this week, Dahlan played down the Hamas rivalry, saying the Executive Force "is not the biggest problem we face."

Military investigation finds critical errors in Tillman's death

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-ranking Army officers made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL star by fellow soldiers, the military concluded Monday.

Army and Defense Department investigators said that officers looking into the incident passed along misleading and inaccurate information and delayed reporting their belief that Tillman was killed by fellow Rangers. The investigators recommended the Army take action against the officers.

The investigation also recommended that the Army review its award of the Silver Star to Tillman, but the acting secretary of the Army said the award would stand. Defense Department Acting Inspector General Thomas F. Gimble said some information provided to justify the citation was inaccurate.

Medical study finds drugs are as effective as most angioplasties

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — More than half a million people a year with chest pain are getting an unnecessary or premature procedure to unclog their arteries because drugs are just as effective, suggests a landmark study that challenges one of the most common practices in heart care.

The stunning results found that angioplasty did not save lives or prevent heart attacks in non-emergency heart patients.

An even bigger surprise: Angioplasty gave only slight and temporary relief from chest pain, the main reason it is done.

"By five years, there was really no significant difference" in symptoms, said Dr. William Boden of Buffalo General Hospital in New York. "Few would have expected such results."

He led the study and gave results Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology. They also were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in the April 12 issue.

Attorney general's credibility is questioned in firing prosecutors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Questions about the honesty of Alberto Gonzales are growing more pointed as political support for the embattled attorney general erodes on Capitol Hill.

Three key Republican senators sharply questioned his truthfulness over the firings last fall of eight federal prosecutors. Two more Democrats on Sunday joined the list of lawmakers calling for Gonzales' ouster.

Several Republicans also urged President Bush to allow sworn testimony from his top aides about their role in dismissing the U.S. attorneys — a standoff threatening to result in Capitol Hill subpoenas of White House officials.

Gonzales faces the toughest test of his two-year tenure at the Justice Department with the release of documents suggesting he was more involved with the firings than he indicated earlier.

Democrats have accused the Justice Department and the White House of purging the prosecutors for political reasons. The Bush administration maintains the firings were not improper because U.S. attorneys are political appointees.

Extensive child care can lead to problem behavior in children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children who got quality child care before entering kindergarten had better vocabulary scores in the fifth grade than did youngsters who received lower quality care.

Also, the more time that children spent in child care, the more likely their sixth grade teachers were to report problem behavior.

The findings come from the largest study of child care and development conducted in the United States. The 1,364 children in the analysis had been tracked since birth as part of a study by the National Institutes of Health.

In the study's latest installment, being released Monday, researchers evaluated whether characteristics observed between kindergarten and third grade were still present in fifth grade or sixth grade. The researchers found that the vocabulary and behavior patterns did continue, though many other characteristics did dissipate.

Iran partially suspends cooperation after U.N. tightens sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran announced Sunday that it was partially suspending cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog while hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the latest U.N. sanctions would not halt the country's uranium enrichment "even for a second."

Iranian state television quoted Ahmadinejad as saying the additional Security Council sanctions imposed on Saturday "stem from the hostility by some powers against Iran."

"It is not a new issue for the Iranian nation. Enemies of the Iranian nation have made a mistake this time too," Ahmadinejad said, adding the new sanctions "will not halt Iran's peaceful nuclear program even for a second."

Meanwhile, government spokesman Gholam Hossein Elham said the Cabinet on Sunday decided to suspend "code 1-3 of minor arrangements of the safeguards" with the Vienna-based U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Iran seizes 15 British soldiers for questioning

U.K.-Iran standoff

The British sailors and marines who were seized by Iran on Friday were taken in the Shatt al-Arab waterway that marks the border between Iran and Iraq and flows into the Gulf.



SOURCES: British Defense Ministry; ESRI

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said Monday it was questioning 15 British sailors and marines to determine if their alleged entry into Iranian waters was "intentional or unintentional" before deciding what to do with them — the first sign it could be seeking a way out of the standoff.

The two countries continued to disagree about where the military personnel were seized Friday, with Britain insisting they were in Iraqi waters after searching a civilian cargo vessel and the Tehran regime saying it had proof they were in Iranian territory.

Britain's Defense Ministry said they were seized in the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway flowing into the Persian Gulf that marks the border between Iran and Iraq. But the dividing line in the waterway, known in Iran as the Arvand river, has long been disputed.

The Iranian emphasis Monday on the detainees' intent was a noticeable pullback from the certainty expressed Saturday by Iran's military chief, Gen. Ali Reza Afshar. Afshar said then that the 15 confessed to "aggression into

the Islamic Republic of Iran's waters."

Other Iranian officials suggested afterward that the Britons might be charged with a crime — presumably espionage or trespassing — for knowingly entering Iran's territorial waters.

Deputy Foreign Minister Mehzi Mostafavi took a softer line Monday while saying that the 14 men and one woman were still being interrogated.

"It should become clear whether their entry was intentional or unintentional. After that is clarified, the necessary decision will be made," Mostafavi said. Iran has refused to say where the captured Britons were being held or to allow British officials to speak with them, but assured the British ambassador to Tehran, Geoffrey Adams, that they were in good health.

During an official visit to Turkey on Monday, British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett called for Iran to allow access to the captives. "We will continue to press the Iranian authorities until the incident has been resolved with the safe return of our personnel and their equipment," she said.

In London, Iranian Ambassador Rasoul Movahedian was summoned to the British Foreign Office for the third time since the standoff began. Lord Triesman, Foreign Office undersecretary, again demanded the safe return of the detained personnel, the Foreign Office said.

In particular, there were worries Iran might seek to use the prisoners as leverage in trying to get the U.S. to free at least five Iranians detained in Iraq for allegedly being part of a Revolutionary Guard force that provides funds, weapons and training to Iraqi Shiite militias.

Mostafavi denied Iran was seeking a trade, but there were calls from elsewhere within Iran's

leadership for the government to hold out for a swap.

Some members of the Iranian public also called for the British sailors and marines to be held and tried. Hundreds of Iranian students demonstrated near the coast to urge a tough stand in the confrontation with the West.

British leaders sought to play down fears the situation could escalate or become entangled with the other disputes.

Iran's ambassador to Iraq, Hassan Kazemi Qomi, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Baghdad that there was no connection between the capture of the British sailors and marines and other disputes between the West and Iran.

"They entered Iranian territorial waters and were arrested," Qomi said. "It has nothing to do with other issues."

A 1975 treaty between Iran and Iraq set their border as running down the center of the Shatt al-Arab, but Saddam Hussein canceled the treaty before invading Iran in 1980 and setting of a devastating war. Iran claims the border runs along the deepest parts of the river.

Calls for the release of the Britons also came from the European Union, Iraq and the United States, under whose command the military search team was serving, when it was captured.

On Monday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari told Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki that the personnel were seized in Iraqi waters and said they should be released.

Meanwhile, Iranian state TV said Iran was open to negotiations over its nuclear program despite its decision to partially cut cooperation with the U.N. atomic watchdog agency in response to the U.N. Security Council's vote Saturday to approve additional sanctions on Tehran.

Senators propose gambling regulation

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Some Senate Republicans said Monday they want to crack down on illegal video gambling machines statewide.

Sen. James Merritt, R-Indianapolis, and Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said they wanted to amend a bill to include provisions to step up enforcement and increase penalties for the machines, sometimes called "Cherry Masters."

Their proposal would hire 25 more excise enforcement officers to investigate illegal gambling. It would also increase penalties to include the possible revocation of licenses for selling tobacco and alcohol.

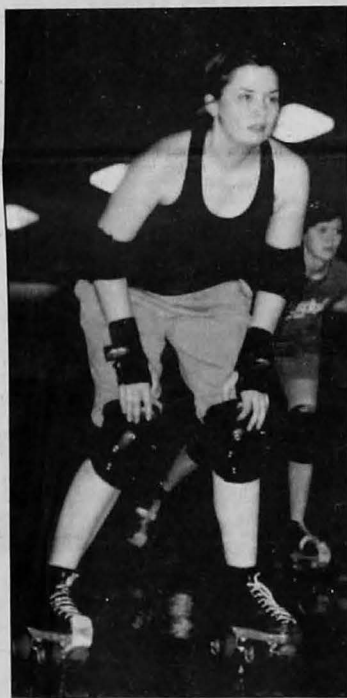
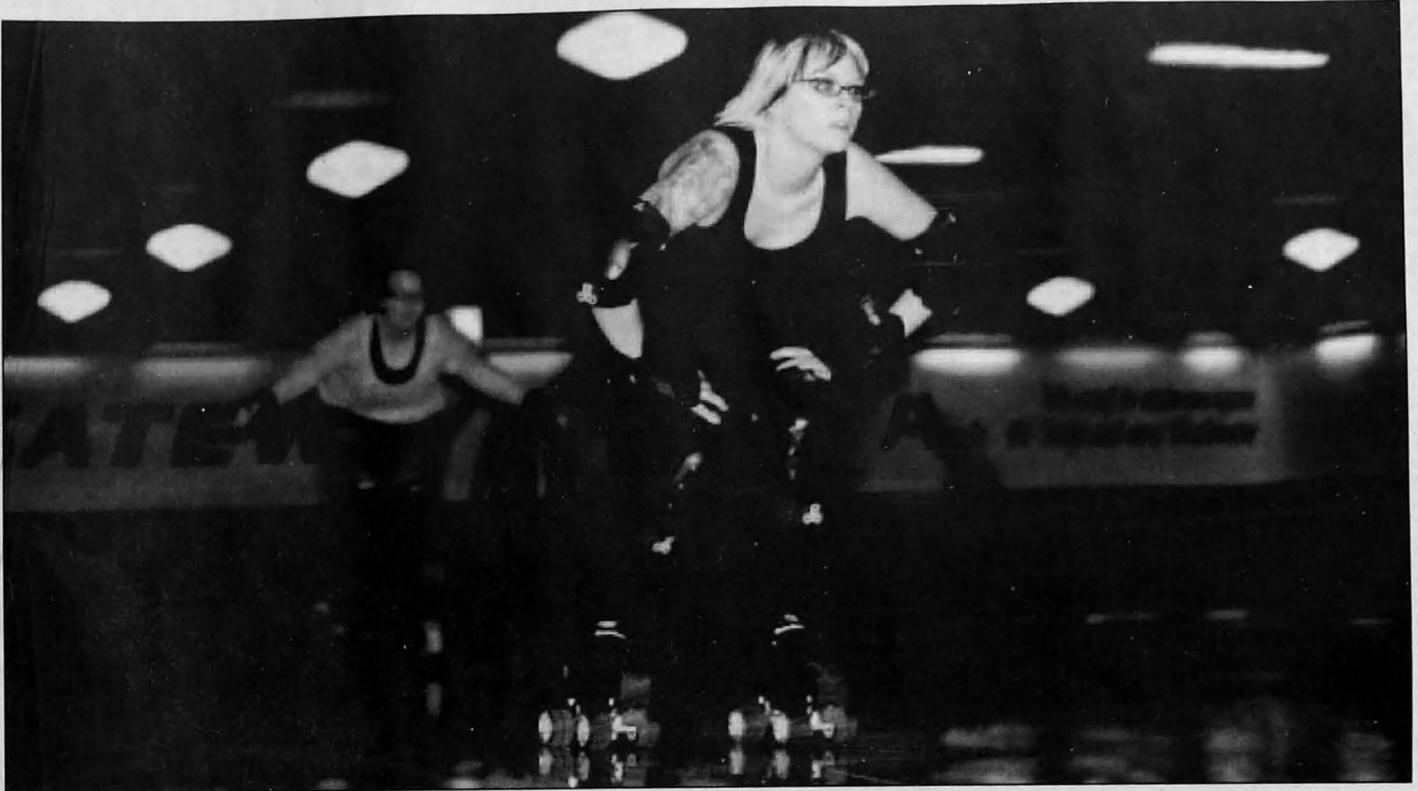
The Indiana Gaming Commission has estimated that up to 30,000 gambling machines are located throughout Indiana.

Several bar owners and the Indiana Licensed Beverage Association support legalizing electronic gaming machines at bars and taverns, and some lawmakers support efforts to regulate and tax the machines.

Meanwhile, the Senate on Monday approved several amendments to a bill that would allow slot machines at Indiana's two horse racing tracks. That bill would allow each track to pay a \$400 million licensing fee to install up to 1,500 slot machines.

The \$800 million raised by the fees would have been put into various funds, including an Indiana Life Sciences Fund to promote university research. But one of the changes the Senate approved Monday would instead funnel the money to the state's general fund, where lawmakers would allocate the money through the typical budgeting process.

Fierce fun on wheels



Rough-rolling league brings derby tradition to Evansville

By ROGER GUDE
The Shield staff

It hurts to play rough. But, for an interesting group of Evansville women, this is something to live for. The ability to slap on a pair of skates and blast around a skate rink is just one of the many perks of participating in the Tri-state's first roller derby league.

Roughly three months ago, veteran derby skater Molly Hartshorn decided to bring Roller Derby to the Tri-state area, after falling in love with the sport while attending college in Massachusetts.

Along with co-founder Josh Pugh, she founded the Demolition City Roller Derby League, the first ever amateur, flat-track, roller derby league to invade the tri-state.

"To our knowledge, there's never been a roller derby league in this area," Pugh said.

This competitive sport has been growing since the 1930s. With the start of the Demolition City league, Evansville has joined in on the biggest roller derby revival since the 1970's, with over 170 amateur leagues in the United States.

In a nutshell, this is a full contact, high adrenaline, all female, roller-romp around a skating rink. Gone are the ideas of old, where giddy children would spend hours at a skate rink dancing with each other. These women don't play nice.

"The game is played with three 20-minute periods," Pugh said.

As two teams of five skaters take the floor, the stage is set for battle. Rotating around a

skate rink in hopes of scoring points, three of the skaters per team are known as blockers. They try to block jammers, often roughly, in hopes of allowing their own jammers to score points.

"The jammers lead the pack," Pugh said.

"When a round starts, the blockers form a pack behind a 'pivot,' who sets the pace of the game."

This pack is a force to be reckoned with. Once all the skaters get in formation, with the jammers roughly twenty feet behind the blockers, the round starts.

Things start to heat up when the referee blows his whistle to start a jam. Once a jam is started, the jammers have two minutes to try and score points.

"The only person who can score points is a jammer. They skate around the track as fast as they can, as many times as they can without getting knocked on their tails," Pugh said.

"The lead jammer can, at any time, put her hands on her hips to call off the jam, if for example this jammer's team is way ahead."

Among nine USI students on the team, fellow students Ashlee McCann and Jennifer Goff joined sides with this new-to-the-area activity in hopes of busting a few moves in the rink.

"I have met so many awesome women over the Midwest. We may be harsh on the rink, but we can all party together after a bout," says McCann.

It's not all about knocking people down on roller-skates however. This growing community of skaters is looking to make friends, and

grow to be a respected sporting group in the area.

What sets the girls of the Demolition City Roller Derby League apart from the rest?

"Rough and tumble appeals to me. It's symbolic of life. You take your knocks and you get back up because if you sit there, chances are you'll get run over," says USI senior Jennifer Goff.

"Although it can be rough, they wear full pads and guards and are trained to be able to handle the hits," Pugh said.

Both Goff and McCann are very enthusiastic about participating on the team. After all, if you're not in it for the love of the game, then you just like getting beat up.

With the league in its infancy, the women are actively looking for new members. Men and women over the age of 18 are welcome to try-out. Men can try out to be referees, while women can try out to be team members. Currently, the league has about 20 team members and four referees.

To try out, newbies are welcome to attend either their Wednesday practices at Skateworld on Fairfield Drive, from 6:30-8:30 during open skate, which are open to the general public, or Sundays between 12-2pm to catch the private practice.

"You don't have to have any experience to do this. In fact, probably 80 percent of our league could not skate when they started and now they're out there tearing it up," Pugh said.

"Wednesday practice is an open skate and you get people watching you. We are, after all, an anomaly. The only ones out there in knee pads and doing formations," said Goff.

For more information, visit www.myspace.com/demolitioncity or E-mail demolitioncity@gmail.com.

League member Kristen Wood, top photo, leans into a turn during a practice at Skateworld. Ellen Smith, bottom photo, participates in group exercise during practice. Photos by Jeff Travis

Miller's '300' is a success of epic proportions

By ZACH WILLIAMS
Special to The Shield



Combining the cash crop of other directors' Greek epics like 2004's "Troy" with his own epic style, as displayed in 2005's "Sin City," Frank Miller has succeeded once again in sweeping up hungry fans with "300."

The film adaptation of Miller's graphic novel about the Battle of Thermopylae breathes new life into the old Greek literature and history books. Although "300" is loosely based on actual historical records, some inaccuracies create a no less intricate tale of 300 Spartans against King Xerxes and

the Persian army.

Miller wrote the graphic novel after watching the movie, "300 Spartans," which altered his perception of what composes a hero.

So far, "300" is the biggest box office smash of 2007, and with good reason. The movie begins with Leonidas, king of the Spartan city-state, as a boy and continues to his reign, showing the brutal nature of Spartan life.

Director Zack Snyder's narration throughout the movie adds to the feel of listening to a stunning Greek poet recite an epic poem.

The movie features some of the most stunning visuals, using the best of post-production technology. It took over a year to wrap this up. The producers and artists took their time to create a thrilling, adrenaline-fueled event. The colors are breathtaking,

muted in some areas and striking in others. At the very least, viewers will fall in love with the color scheme.

"300" offers a lot of things that many don't look for in their adventure movies, including a strong female character in



Leonidas gives a stylized Spartan beatdown in "300."

Leonidas' wife, Gorgo, who wages a battle of her own with Sparta's corrupt political leaders.

Though the fighting does get intense at times, nothing is too gruesome. You won't find a hyper-violent film here.

It's still an R-rated film, though, so I don't recommend taking a 7-year-old to see it. Unless you want your child to encounter some graphic violence and nudity.

The film also offers an interesting look at the miracles of texture coloring and post-production manipulation.

There does exist a problem with this movie. They made it way too darn good! I wish that all comic book movies were treated with as much grace and respect as "300" and "Sin City" were given; who knows what kind of cinematic experiences we would

have been left with for the ages to enjoy?

Want the truth? I can't convince you to go and see this movie, but I recommend that you do. "300" is rare. Rare in the sense that it was made to be widely available to the masses and history buffs alike.

Having seen the film twice over, I found it quite interesting that a group of older moviegoers stood outside the theater's doors talking at length about not just the cinematic aspects but the actual history that it holds within. "300" is worth the ticket. And then you'll want the poster, an action figure, and then your own Spartan crimson.

Well, maybe not that far, but the movie really is worth the ticket.

Rating: 10/10

Program coordinator leaves USI

By SHEIPHALI GANDHI
Special to The Shield

This month USI will be saying good-bye to Kristine Murray, the Program Coordinator of International Programs and Services.

In that position she was responsible for international programming including Global Community programs, International weeks, new international student orientation, and study abroad, alongside Program Director Heidi Gregori-Gahan.

"Joining the international club, studying abroad in England and majoring in anthropology opened my eyes to other cultures, religions and ways of thinking in the world," Murray said.

"I knew I wanted to know more."

During her time at USI, Murray became involved in all aspects of international programs.

"The office here is a full-service operation taking care of study abroad, international student services, and community outreach," Murray said. "It has given me a very well-rounded view of international education."

Not only has Murray been involved behind a USI desk, but she has also integrated herself in the lives of USI students far beyond the obligations of her position.

She has frequently traveled with USI students on International Club excursions and has often spent time with students during her free time.

'I will miss her smile the most.'

-Yun Hong Lim, South Korean student

"I will miss her smile the most," said Yun-Hong Lim of South Korea. "When we play something with lots of international friends, she always played with us. I will miss that."

Murray's greatest gift is her enthusiasm for learning about students' cultures and countries.

"She has tried really hard to learn words from other students' languages which they find very special and endearing," Gregori-Gahan said.

Additionally, Murray has brought much to the international program at USI.

"You can't help but feel excited when you're working with her on a project," Gregori-Gahan said.

"She had wonderful ideas and a fresh perspective. She really has a passion for international education which is absolutely essential for success in this job."

Murray will be leaving to join her husband Andrew Murray in England, whom she met



Kristine Murray tends to business in the International Programs and Services office.

Photo by Jared Kinkade

while studying abroad.

She plans to work at a university there, advising students of their study abroad opportunities.

"Bigger than that," Murray said, "I hope to establish a connection with USI to send English students here to show them what a great place the United States is."

She will be greatly missed

by the people's lives she has touched here at USI, and well-wishers hope for her success overseas.

Murray has also been moved by her experience: "USI, its students, and the International Office will always have a special place in my heart and life."

A reception will be held in the International Office this Friday, Murray's last workday.

New or old, games' value lies in more than graphics

By GREG ASHER
The Shield
staff

Our technology buffs have become obsessed with graphics.

Where the size of a man's TV screen used to clearly tell you how much he was compensating, now you have to know the resolution too.

Just ask him—he knows what he paid for. DVD's, having replaced VHS tapes. Now consumers must race to replace antiquated discs with HD-DVD's or the even more expensive Blu-ray (the next Beta tapes). Theaters need to install new digital projectors to better display movies in their intended quality.

Never mind that the vast majority of movies are still recorded on film that only later becomes digital.

Gamers too have been feeling the pressure. The big three video game companies are now reaping the profits from their latest line of high graphic systems. Playstation 3's devotion to graphics included a built in Blu-ray player and a

price tag of almost \$600.

Their main competition, Nintendo, long criticized for cartoonish graphics and low resolution, didn't bend to the latest technology and produced a unit that costs \$250. It is flying off the shelves. It has innovative motion sensitive controls and fun graphically poor games that can be enjoyed by large groups of people for hours.

One of the main selling points is that you can download old games. Old games! Games that don't have cinematic productions and plots, and don't have a surprise spoiled by every additional time you play. Games from as far back as the original Nintendo. And they're still fun!

To be fair, I went to a friend's house and tried his new PS3. I must admit I fell in love with the game "Okami."

You play as a traditional Japanese god in the form of a dog trying to bring color back to the world. The game-play combines classic sword-slashes and explosions with a giant paintbrush controller and the ability to create trees and flowers. But the graphics were horrible.

It was cell-shaded, but beautifully and lovingly drawn. The more I played the game, the more

I loved it. The low graphics fit with the theme of restoring color to the world, while wavy dream-like graphics enhanced the ancient romantic feel to the game.

Could it be that the only fun game for Playstation 3 ignored all the pricey selling points? Looking at the box we discovered "Okami" was actually created for the Playstation 2. The other newer, supposedly better and definitely more expensive games weren't as fun. We were defeated and depressed. We played "Mario Kart" on an old Nintendo 64 to cheer ourselves up. It always works. Hence, this week's classic game review of "Mario Kart 64."

Unfortunately, it cannot be found cheaply in second hand stores as people rarely trade it in, but it is a standard for the Nintendo lover.

Graphics 5: Let's face it, the graphics were sloppy even back in their day, but in a racing game the point is that the scenery becomes a blur.

Characters 8: I know I'm being harsh, and I would never dare give Mario or his pals anything less than a ten, but the game

included Wario, Bowser and Donkey Kong as racers, some of the most obnoxious opponents ever to grace a racetrack.

Locations 10: Where would you like to race? A pretty beach, dirt bike trails, a jungle where invisible monkeys through spiked coconuts at your car? The game also included the seizure inducing legendary Rainbow Road, usually the first level fans think of and want to play when the nostalgia sets in. It's where I always go first.

Dialogue 6: Ah, Luigi Number One! The dialogue only gets a low score because the racers didn't have enough.

Music 10: A group of fans have done their very own a cappella medley of the sound track. Search for "Mario Kartopia" if you're curious. Hearing the theme from Rainbow Road does still make my eyes tear up.

Nostalgia 9: This game is heavy on the nostalgia. Starting a new game of "Mario Kart" among friends always leads to reminiscence of all the great time we've wasted playing this game.

Lifestyle Briefs

Coke, Pepsi to unveil healthier sodas

GAINESVILLE, Fla.(U-WIRE) - Coca-Cola and PepsiCo are joining the health craze by introducing alternatives to their products.

In April, Coca-Cola will release Diet Coke Plus, and in the fall, PepsiCo will launch a drink called Tava. Both carbonated drinks will have added vitamins and minerals.

The new products are not being promoted as sodas but as sparkling beverages.

"The consumer is the one in charge, and it's up to the beverage companies, like ours, to develop the products they want," wrote PepsiCo spokeswoman Michelle Naughton in an e-mail. She said Tava will contain no calories or caffeine but will be artificially sweetened.

Susan McDermott, a spokeswoman for Coca-Cola, said Diet Coke Plus will taste similar to Diet Coke. Unlike Tava, the drink will include caffeine.

Gary Libretti, a personal trainer at the University of Florida Department of Recreational Sports and a UF junior majoring in food science and human nutrition, said he doubts the healthfulness of the new drinks.

"For me, it's still soda," Libretti said. "As long as it's carbonated water and artificial sweeteners, it's soda."

Big Brother/Big Sister recruits at USI

Big Brothers/Big Sisters representatives will be recruiting volunteers Wednesday, April 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. under the UC bridge. Students and faculty are welcome to volunteer as mentors for area children. The organization offers flexible hours.

"A little time makes a big impact," said USI student Brandie Nguyen. For more information, contact Nguyen at 812-305-2370, or Bill Groves at 812-499-3255.

USIdol registration deadline near

By Cassandra Dodd-Deshler
Special to The Shield

Springfest is back and so is USIdol, USI's version of the Fox hit American Idol starts this week. Sign ups are in the Career Counseling Center, located in the Orr Center basement. Deadline for registration is March 30.

Auditions will be held Tuesday April 3, 4:30-7 p.m. in Carter Hall. Pam Doerter of Career Service said that past turnout has been from 30-50 people trying out. From there it is narrowed down to 12 contestants to go to the semi-finals.

Last year's first place winner Katie Beste's said, "My advice for the contestants this year is sing what you like and have fun."

After winning the competition Beste was invited to sing at several home games of the Evansville Otters. First prizewinner will win \$500 cash, second place \$300, and third \$200. The finals will be judged by local celebrity television and radio personalities.

"I think the best part would be feeling that rush when you are performing. I would rather sing my greatest and be given third place, than to not sing as well, and be awarded first," said Michele Sepulveda, last year's contestant who placed third.

Career services are looking forward to a big turnout this year, and hopes that the students bring their talents to USIdol. For more information, visit the Career Counseling Center or call 464-1865.

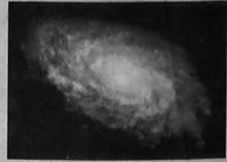
Get Off Campus!

Your guide to entertainment in and around Evansville...

Point of no return

Koch Planetarium's spring show, "Point of No Return, explores the strange science of black holes, which compose the centers of galaxies including the Milky Way.

The show runs Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. through May 20. \$3 adult admission, \$2 children.



A typical spiral galaxy. NASA photo

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1123 First Avenue will feature 4-Seamer, As Forever Fades. This Is Critical and Spooks, Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday night is the 103 GBF House Party with 12 Summers Old, 4-Seamer and Zero to None. Shows start at 7 p.m. \$5 admission.

Wired Coffeehouse

Friday at Wired will feature Sacred Sorrow, Peace of Augsburg, Annalynn, Fighting Through and Shattered Rose. Saturday bands are Airplane, The Comfies, World in White, This is Critical and In The Attic. Shows start at 7 p.m. \$5 admission.

Road Trip: St. Louis

Blues band Watermelon Slim and the Workers will play at BB's Jazz, Blues and Soups, starting at 10 p.m. following Leroy Peteron's 7 p.m. show. \$5 cover, 21+. BB's is located at 700 S Broadway. For more information visit bbsjazzbluessoups.com

Do you know of an entertaining event that's going to take place off-campus? E-mail your event to usishield@gmail.com, and see it published in a future Shield issue!

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Stack one for the team...



Tau Kappa Epsilon members Spencer Castile, Nick Obermeyer, Alex Naminsky and Trent Hetsler work to build a tower of cans for "Can Castle," one of Greek Week's main events. Delta Zeta and Kappa Alpha's can towers won the competition. After the annual event, the cans are donated to the Tri-State Food Bank. USI's Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council will continue Greek Week recruitment activities throughout this week.

Photo by Adrian Stoica

Big purses are a pain

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE) - Carrying a big bag is a pain in the neck. Literally.

Chiropractors and other health professionals are finding an increasing number of women have back and neck problems because they carry huge and often heavy bags.

But it could go beyond minor pains and headaches.

Dr. Karin Drummond of Drummond Chiropractic in Bloomington, Ind., warns students about functional scoliosis, which develops when the spine is twisted because the shoulder muscle on one side is stronger than the other.

She's seeing more IU students come to her with functional scoliosis.

"Problems are age-dependent," Drummond said. "The younger you are, the more prone you are to develop functional scoliosis. ...Lately there has been an increase in students. Many are required to carry bags between classes because they can't keep things in lockers."

Adjusting how you carry your bag -- such as on the arm or off one shoulder -- can be a better solution than purchasing a new one, Drummond said. She suggests wearing hip straps or fanny packs if possible, because "hips are designed to carry more weight than shoulders."

Of course, many bags do not come with hip straps. Another suggestion is to move the bag from shoulder to shoulder to provide better weight distribution. If pain is already present, there are ways to help, Drummond said.

"Chiropractic (care) is great for that realignment," she said.

Above all else, Drummond stressed the importance of exercise, such as yoga.

"Sitting at a computer all day is horrible for your spine," she said. "You need to move to be healthy."

Some Indiana University students are aware of the risk, but they say big bags are necessary -- not just for fashion but for practical purposes.

"You don't have to make a bunch of trips to your apartment or wherever you live," sophomore Katie Kelley said about her MXX bag. "I just use it solely for carrying capacity."

Sophomore Jessica Brown uses her Victoria's Secret bag in the same way.

"I'm able to fit everything I need for class in it," she said.

Despite the usefulness and the aesthetics of big bags, all three women agreed they would stop using their big bags if a doctor advised them against it.

"I want good health," Kelley said, "and a doctor is a good person to trust."

USI salutes phenomenal women

The Sixth Annual Phenomenal Women of USI and the Community program held at USI on March 15 recognized women who honor and advance diversity at the University and in the community.

The Phenomenal Women of 2007 are:

Phenomenal Woman Undergraduate Student Shalonda Newcomb

Phenomenal Woman Graduate Student Catherine "Katy" Simutis

Phenomenal Woman Faculty Member Dr. Betty Hart

Phenomenal Woman Support Staff Member Sandy Hatfield

Phenomenal Woman Administrative Staff Member Ruth Waller

Phenomenal Women of the Community Patty Avery
Mattie Miller
Gina Moore

(Details provided by USI News & Information)

Ninja wins at YouTube Awards

NEW YORK (AP) - YouTube highlighted its starmaking ability Monday by unveiling its first batch of YouTube Video Award winners, several of which have become virtual household names over the past year.

Power pop band OK Go and the video series "Ask a Ninja" were among the seven winners in the video-sharing site's inaugural awards.

YouTube last week selected 10 nominees in seven categories, the winners of which were decided by user votes.

It was a quick, hasty process begun and concluded in just a week - a far cry from the many months of Oscar campaigning.

OK Go, perhaps the most professional of the mostly amateur nominees, won most creative video for its "Here It Goes Again" music video. "Ask a Ninja," the comedy created by Kent Nichols and Douglas Sarine, won for best series.

"Ask a Ninja" triumphed over what may be YouTube's biggest celebrity, Lonelygirl15. That bedroom production finished fourth, behind "Ask A., Gay Man" and "Chad Vader."

Terra Naomi won for best music video for her song "Say It's Possible," a one-shot clip of her playing acoustic guitar and singing. Naomi has parlayed her online success into a record deal

with Island Records and will release her debut album this summer.

Similar to how an actor might thank the Academy for an Oscar, Naomi paid her respects to the YouTube community.

"The YouTube community has really embraced me; it means a lot to me," Naomi told The Associated Press on Monday. "That's what ended up drawing the attention of a whole bunch of major labels."

Best commentary was one of the most hotly contested categories, as it pitted several of YouTube's most high-profile personalities against one another.

A "vlogger" (video blogger) known as "The Wine Kone" won over Peter Oakley ("Geriatric1927") and Paul Robinett ("Renetto").

A video calling for a "Free Hugs Campaign" won for most inspirational video. Australian Juan Mann's video set off an online wildfire of similar "Free Hugs" campaigns.

Anthony Padilla and Ian Hecox, also known as Smosh, won for best comedy video. Dony Permedi's animated video "Kiwil" - which began as a master's thesis on animation - won for most adorable video.

The winners and nominees are compiled in a gallery online.

YouTube says it will later unveil what a YouTube Video Award will look like.

YouTube product manager Michael Powers told the AP that a trophy will be announced in about six weeks, which he hopes will be followed by videotaped acceptance speeches from the winners.

"It's always interesting for us to make something in 'the real world' - something like a trophy that would be like the Emmys or the Oscars," Powers said.

According to comScore Media Metrix, YouTube attracted 133.5 million visitors worldwide in January.

Local global warming talk gets heated

By S. CHAD SHOULDERS
The Shield staff

A global warming slide show presented by USI communications instructor John Blair raised some controversy last Thursday. A portion of the presentation was dedicated to restating claims made in former vice president Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

The film was shown at USI on March 15. Jeff Seyler, acting chairman of the chemistry department, had asked Blair if he would attend a Q and A session after the film. Blair had agreed but did not show.

USI assistant professor of engineering Glen J. Kissel was present at the film and wanted to know why Blair wasn't there to answer

his dissenting questions.

Blair was one of 1,000 people chosen for an extensive training program, led by Gore and a team of scientists and environmental educators.

Since their aim was to promote awareness of global warming, with material relevant to the film, Kissel held that Blair should have been there to defend it.

After Blair's presentation, Kissel asked why he was not at the film.

Blair said he missed the film because he was watching an Indiana University basketball game, and he had alerted Seyler ahead of time that he would not attend the film.

"I called and explained I was not going to be there. I was asked by Jeff Seyler and he didn't seem

too distraught about it. I didn't feel particularly obligated," Blair said.

Kissel contradicts many points of the film.

He cited the Internal Journal of Climatology, the Journal of Geophysical Research and the Geophysical Research Letters to dispute Gore's claims about the Kilimanjaro glaciers.

"The Kilimanjaro glaciers have been receding since the 1880s because of a drier climate and not because of any warming event," said Kissel.

Kissel makes several other claims about the film.

He claims that Gore was wrong about global warming bringing malaria to Nairobi, Kenya, pointing to outbreaks in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's, and that the Arctic was as warm in the 1930s

as it was at the end of the 20 Century.

"Gore's film is filled with falsehoods, distortions and misrepresentations in order to engender a state of fear in people about global warming," Kissel said.

Kissel's biggest concern is that the global warming issue is provoking hysteria and that scare tactics are being used to push a flawed public policy.

"The environmental movement is blocking progress and development in places like Africa," Kissel said.

Blair said he stands firmly behind the official statement of the Academies of Science of 11 industrialized nations including China, Canada and the United States. The statement concluded that climate change can be likely attributed

directly or indirectly to human activities.

"All the peer reviews that I'm aware of have drawn on the same conclusion, that global warming is a real problem. If we follow the paths that I'm suggesting, the worst that could happen is that we save energy," Blair said.

Blair said the best way to solve the energy problem in third world countries like Africa is to develop renewable resources of energy.

He also commented on the specifics of the issue as related to Indiana, and on the nature of the political divide.

"Indiana is the largest coal burning state in the country. I would imagine it would be the most politically divided [on this issue]," he said.

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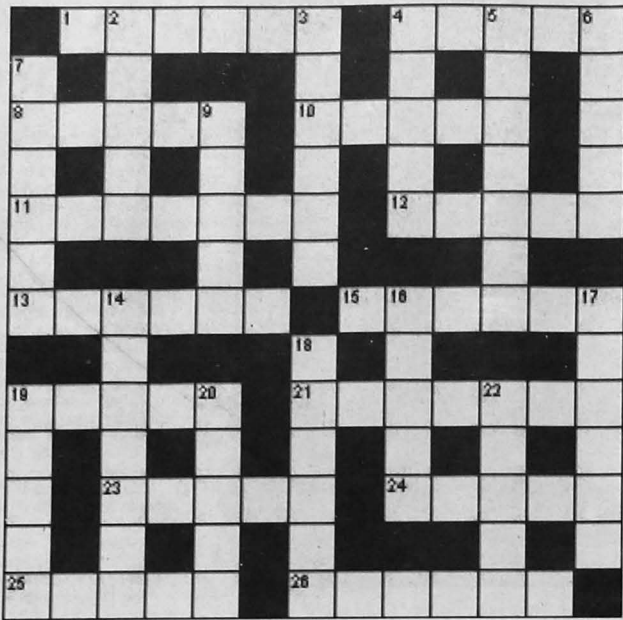
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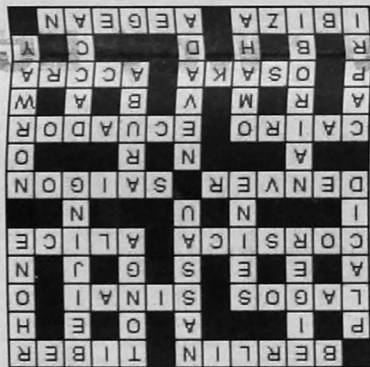


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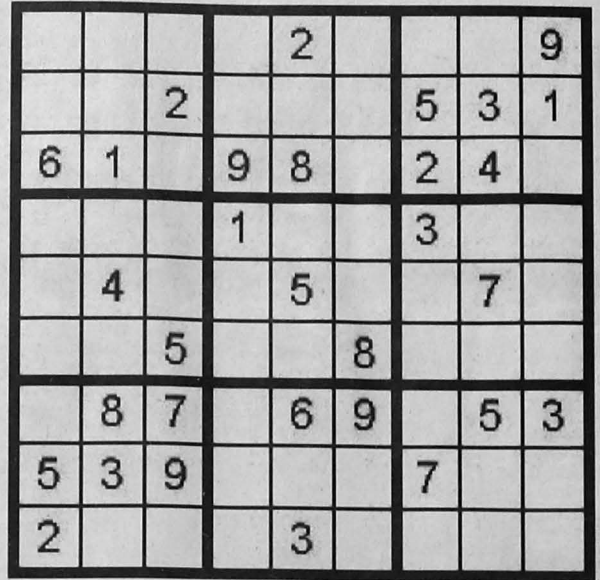
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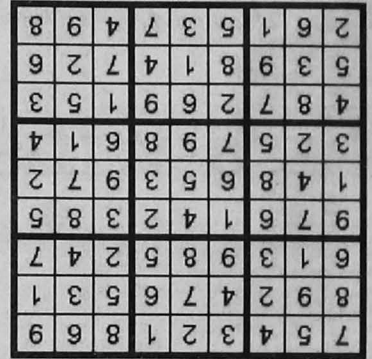
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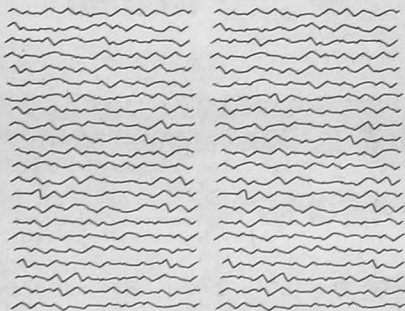
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Softball breaks even in the GLVC

By LINDSEY ZILIAK
The Shield staff

Gray clouds temporarily hung over the heads of the USI softball team as rain postponed their GLVC opener, and they fell to Quincy the next day.

However, the team bounced back with a win against the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Monday.

The Screaming Eagles were scheduled to start their conference season on Saturday, but rain washed out the game against Missouri-St. Louis.

The game was rescheduled for Monday.

The Eagles opened their conference season, instead, on Sunday against Quincy.

The Eagles lost both games 3-2 and 4-0 respectively.

USI was down three runs in game one until a pair of runs in the fourth inning brought them within one.

They were never able to pull any closer, though.

They had a chance to tie it in the bottom of the seventh when bases were loaded with one out, but could not come through with the run.

After giving up three runs off five hits in seven innings, junior pitcher Amy Harrison picked up the loss.

Junior Kristin Eickholt took the loss in the second game when the Eagles fell to Quincy 4-0.

Game two remained scoreless for the first five innings, but the Hawks picked up three runs in the top of the sixth and another one in the seventh to seal the victory.

USI bounced back from two losses with two wins on Monday when they faced Missouri St. Louis at home.

The Screaming Eagles won the first game 4-2.

They were led offensively by sophomore shortstop Ally McKinley who went 4-for-6 from the plate with three doubles and four RBI's.

McKinley's double in the first inning gave USI a 3-0 lead.

Lacey Ligmanowski drove in the Eagle's final run of the game, and Eickholt picked up the win to improve to 3-2 on the season.

Game two started out slow with both teams being held scoreless for the first four innings.

USI broke the tie when McKinley hit a double that drove in senior second baseman Audra Lindenschmidt.

Freshman outfielder Lindsey Raikes doubled in the same inning to drive in run numbers two and three. USI won the game 3-0.

The Screaming Eagles face the 23rd-ranked Lewis Flyers on Saturday in Romeoville, Illinois.

They will then travel to Wisconsin to face the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Sunday.

The Lady Eagles and the Lady Rangers, along with Northern Kentucky and Quincy, are currently in a four-way tie for sixth place in the GLVC standings.

USI host Northern Kentucky after their road trip to Wisconsin-Parkside.

The doubleheader is scheduled for April 6 at noon.



Junior Amy Harrison follows through on a pitch. Harrison allowed five hits and three runs (one earned) in seven innings on the mound. She was charged with the loss, and her record drops to 7-4 on the season.

Photo by Tyler Moore



Sophomore shortstop Ally McKinley waits on a throw from right field. McKinley drove in a run on her only hit against Quincy.

Photo by Tyler Moore

Series loss puts Eagles in four-way tie

By ERIC BREWER
The Shield staff

Due to northern rain conditions, the USI baseball team played their three-game series with St. Joseph's at home.

The overall effect of the home field advantage did not give them the edge, and left the Eagles with two additional losses in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

USI won the first game of the double header against St. Joe's on

Sunday 9-5.

Senior pitcher Adam Vetter recorded his fourth win improving his overall record to 4-0.

Aaron Clark picked up the save through three innings of work to limit the opposition to a walk and one hit.

Offensive output has been coming for the Eagles in the form of Darin Mastroianni, Hunter Slade, Matt Pleiss, and Michael Beaven.

Mastroianni continued his

10-game hitting streak over the weekend.

Slade leads the team with 22 RBI's, and Pleiss and Beaven share similar batting averages at .339 each.

Along with Slade, third baseman Alex Thieroff also collected two RBI's in Saturday's 6-5 loss to the Puma's.

"It was tough dropping two of three, but we're looking forward to bouncing back. We are still in good position in the confer-

ence," said Vetter.

"Our pitching is getting stronger by the day. Cory [Julian] had a great game, but needed run support in the end."

Junior lefty Cory Julian pitched eight innings of the second game in Sunday's doubleheader.

He struck out seven allowing only one run through the eight innings. The Eagles lost the game 1-0.

"I was happy with the overall performance. I pitched well and

just need continue focusing on throwing my pitches and getting strikes," Julian said. "We are coming along, we just need to eliminate walks and keep doing what we have been."

USI is now holding a 14-7 record while the GLVC standings are still tangled up in the early half of the season.

USI is currently tied for 7th place in the GLVC with four other conference teams. Upcoming games this week feature confer-

ence rivals Missouri-Rolla and Quincy.

Game times this weekend are Saturday and Sunday at noon as the baseball Eagles will host Quincy.

Next Tuesday at 1 p.m. the men will take on Missouri-Rolla at home.

On Wednesday the team will travel to the University of Evansville for a 6:30 p.m. exhibition.

Men's golf swinging for super regional Lady Eagles continue spring success

By KASSIE HOSTETLER
Managing editor

The Screaming Eagles' men's golf team finished eighth in their final tournament before NCAA II Great Lakes Regional #2, and the team's individual players continue to stand out.

The team played in the Parkside Invitational, their third tournament of the spring season, host-

ed by the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at Otter Creek Golf Course in Columbus, Ind.

They competed for two days against 12 other teams at the par-72 course where junior Nick Frazer was the frontrunner for USI.

Frazer tied for 11th after shooting a two day total of 147. Frazer shot a 69 on the first day of the tournament to continue USI's third straight round with a player

scoring under 70.

Senior Matt Fonner followed Blake Horner's example by standing out as an individual competitor at the tournament when he tied for 16th place with a two-day score of 148, just one stroke back from Frazer.

Senior Caleb Hughes contributed next to the team score with a 150, and was closely followed by Drew Dunkerly with a 152 and Levi Cox with a 154 who both competed as individuals.

Blake Hilliard tied Cox, Keaton Bradshaw finished two strokes off with a 156 and Ted O'Brien just one stroke more with a 157.

Hilliard, Bradshaw and O'Brien all contributed to the team total of 604. Blake Horner finished with a two-day total of 159.

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside won the tournament shooting a combined 604.

The teams' next tournament will be the second of the three part NCAA II Great Lakes Regional in Perry Park, Ky.

Their ultimate goal is to make USI's first appearance in the NCAA II tournament since 2000.

The three regional tournaments are all factors in determining which teams will make it to the NCAA II Super Regional.

By JAMARR HENDERSON
The Shield staff

The USI women's golf team finished Tuesday's final round of the Bellarmine Invitational in third place.

The Eagles combined for a two-day score 676, which was 39 strokes behind first place California-Pennsylvania.

Freshman Jessica Dooley finished 10th overall. Sophomores Kayla Roark and Kimberly Gottwald finished in a four-way tie for 11th place.

The Lady Eagles continued the success from their previous two events.

The team finished in eighth place, out of 21 teams, in the Northern Kentucky University Invitational last weekend.

The Eagles opened the two-day tournament by shooting a 313 on Saturday, concluding Sunday with a 323 for the eighth place finish.

Roark led the Eagles by finishing the tournament 12-over-par and tied for 13th place.

Roark shot a 76 on Saturday just before closing the tournament out on Sunday with a 78.

The Eagles prepared for their spring schedule over the break in Florida.

"Being able to travel down to the Royal St. Cloud Golf Course for the Grand Valley State Invitational gave my talented group of young ladies a early chance to

escape the cold weather; getting us in gear for this season," coach Don Bisesi said.

There the Eagles finished in fourth place with the help of Dooley and Wiley.

Dooley finished 11th overall, and Wiley recorded USI's low round earning her 13th place overall.

The Eagles are proving their ability to compete on the course

despite a youthful team consisting of five freshmen and three sophomores.

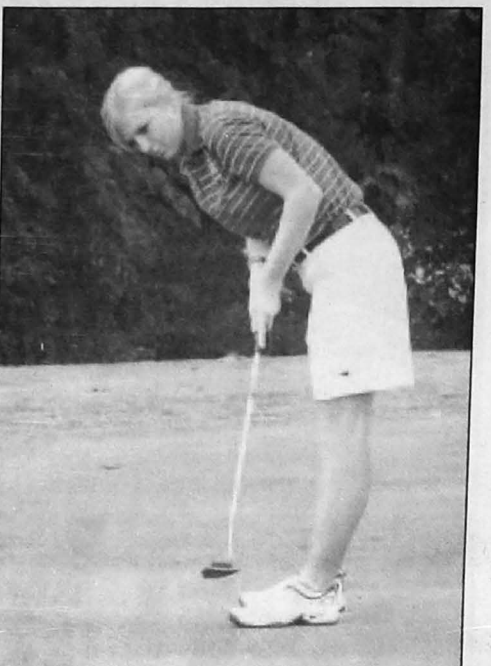
Throughout the season so far, the Eagles have placed in the top half of each competition.

April 9 marks the beginning of the GLVC Championships, which will be taking place in Edinburg, Indiana at the Timbergate Golf Course.



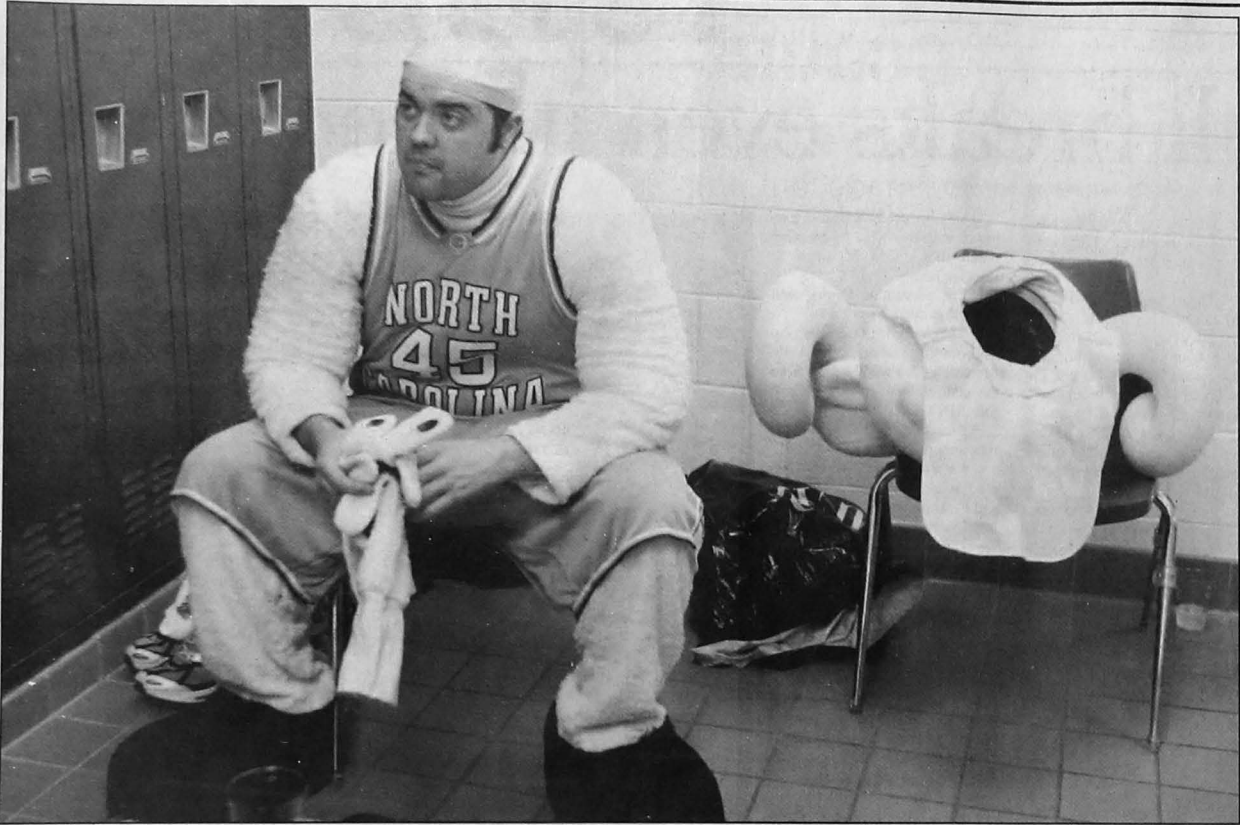
Junior Nick Frazer shot a team-best 69 in the first round of the Parkside Invitational. Frazer led the eagles with an 11th place finish.

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Sophomore Kayla Roark finished in the top-15 in her last two events.

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North Carolina student Jason Ray died from injuries he suffered after being hit by a car last Friday. Ray, 21, performed as Rameses for the Tar Heels' basketball teams. He was in east Rutherford, N.J. with the men's team for the NCAA Tournament.

D-II Final: Best game of the year?

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Anthony Atkinson scored 10 points in the final 39 seconds, including a layup at the buzzer, to give Barton College its first NCAA Division II title with a 77-75 victory over previously unbeaten and defending champion Winona State.

Barton ended Winona's two-year, 57-game winning streak and survived a review of the final play by the officials.

"I was just thinking about the next play," Atkinson said. "I got a bucket, then another and the next thing you know, the game's over."

Winona appeared poised to repeat as champion when Zach Malvik made two free throws to put the Minnesota school ahead 74-67 with 45 seconds left.

Three straight baskets by Atkinson made it 74-73, then Jonte Flowers hit one of two foul shots to put Winona in front 75-73 with 19 seconds remaining.

Atkinson made a layup to tie it with 11 seconds to go.

Bobby Buffaloe then made a steal, tipping the ball away from Malvik right to Atkinson, who raced down court and scored the winning basket just before time expired.

The play was reviewed by the officials, but it stood and for the second time during the tournament, an unbeaten team fell.

"Our team played tremendously," Barton coach Ron Lievens said.

"We had all three games in the tournament go down to the wire. This team has faced so much adversity, but we never stopped believing."

Atkinson scored 29 points for Barton (31-5). Malvik scored 26 for Winona (35-1), which had defeated previously unbeaten Bentley in the quarterfinals.

"You can't find a better ending," Lievens said. "All I said to Anthony at the end was that it was time for him to take over."

Barton's fans held "We Believe" signs in the stands.

The school, which played and won nine overtime games this season, trailed by seven points with less than a minute remaining.

"This is so tough to swallow," Winona forward Quincy Henderson said. "And I'm still trying to figure out what happened."

AP Photo

Tar Heels lose more than regional final

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The North Carolina student who performed as a mascot for the school's basketball team died three days after being struck by a car before an NCAA tournament game.

Jason Ray died Monday morning, said Steve Kirschner, the university's associate athletic director for communications. He was 21.

Ray had been in critical condition at Hackensack University

'He leaves behind a legacy of friendship, laughter, excitement for life and a genuine love for all the people he touched during his all-too-short life.'

— Allen Ray
Jason Ray's brother

Medical Center since the accident Friday afternoon.

He was hit from behind while walking on a highway

shoulder near his Fort Lee hotel after going to a nearby convenience store.

Ray performed as UNC's ram mascot, Rameses, for the past three seasons.

He was scheduled to graduate in May with a major in business administration and a minor in religion.

He was in New Jersey for the men's game between North Carolina and Southern California.

"Jason was a wonderful son, brother and friend," Ray's brother, Allen, said in a statement released by the university.

"He leaves behind a legacy of friendship, laughter, excitement for life and a genuine love for all the people he touched during his all-too-short life."

No charges have been filed against the driver of the sport utility vehicle. Police said the driver stopped immediately to try to help Ray and called 911.

Police also said the driver had a valid driver's license and

did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

On Sunday, more than two dozen family members and friends held a bedside vigil for Ray.

About 40 people attended a prayer session for him on the UNC campus Sunday afternoon, said Laura Ely, a UNC senior who met Ray early in their freshman year.

Ely recalled in an e-mail how Ray auditioned for the mascot role.

"I remember vividly Jason telling me about trying out for a position as UNC mascot," she wrote.

"He was instructed to dress up in costume and walk around the pit (a common area on campus) and interact with students as if he were at a game interacting with fans. He obviously made a good impression because he was soon accepted and began dressing for games right away."

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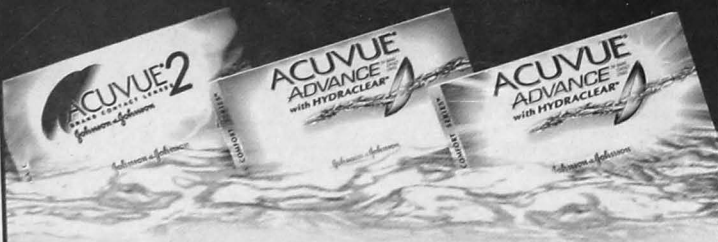
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BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — A rookie fresh from the minors is about to change the face of baseball: A female umpire is set to work a major league exhibition game for the first time in almost 20 years.

Ria Cortesio, ready to start the season in Double-A, will be on the bases Thursday for a game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Chicago Cubs in Mesa, Ariz. No female umpire has ever worked in the majors during the regular season.

Pam Postema was the last woman ump to call big league exhibitions, back in 1989 — she was in spring training for two years before getting released.

Cortesio is the only female umpire in professional baseball. At 30, she is starting her ninth year overall and fifth in Double-A.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — If Kevin Durant and Greg Oden play only one season of college basketball, it will have been as All-Americans. The freshmen were voted to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday, the first members of their class so honored since 1989.

The 6-foot-9 Durant, who led Texas to the Big 12 title game, was the only unanimous choice of the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25.

Oden, the 7-footer who helped Ohio State to its first No. 1 ranking in 45 years, was joined on the team by seniors Alando Tucker of Wisconsin and Acie Law IV of Texas A&M; M and junior Arron Afflalo of UCLA. The voting was conducted before the NCAA tournament.

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Stan Heath was fired after five seasons at Arkansas after losing in the first round of the NCAA tournament for the second straight year. The Razorbacks made the NCAA tournament thanks to a late-season run, but that was not enough to save Heath's job. Arkansas (21-14) lost 77-60 to Southern California in the first round.

FOOTBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — The NFL set a paid attendance record for the fifth straight season, surpassing 22 million for the first time.

Total attendance was 22,199,712, up more than 400,000 fans from the 2005 season. That includes playoff games; the regular-season numbers for 2006 were 17,340,879, another record.

The 12 postseason games produced sales of 775,551, including 74,512 for the Super Bowl in Miami won by the Indianapolis Colts. For the seventh consecutive season, the Redskins had the top attendance.

Of course, FedEx Field seats 91,704, by far the biggest stadium in the NFL. Washington drew 708,952, followed by the New York Giants (628,925), Kansas City (624,171) and the New York Jets (618,563).

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player, the military concluded.

In releasing a pair of reports on the 2004 killing, however, defense officials did not rule out that criminal violations may have been committed by officers who provided misleading information as the military investigated the killing. While saying they believed there was no orchestrated cover-up, they left the decision on whether crimes occurred to the Army.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The New Orleans Saints will stay in Louisiana through the 2010 season, reaching an agreement with state officials.

Both sides agreed to toss out contract clauses that would have allowed the NFL team to leave the state within the next four years. They also said they will keep negotiating on a deal that could keep the Saints in New Orleans beyond the current contract.

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Joe Theismann will no longer be part of the network's "Monday Night Football" broadcast and will be replaced as an analyst by Ron Jaworski, the former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback, the network announced.

Jaworski will join play-by-play announcer Mike Tirico and analyst Tony Kornheiser in the booth. Suzy Kolber and Michele Tafoya will handle sideline reporting.

PHOENIX (AP) — Marshall Faulk's decision was easy after spending last year working for the NFL Network: At 34, his body is more suited for a television studio than for the rigors of playing running back.

After sitting out last season because of a knee injury, Faulk officially announced his retirement. He's ninth on the NFL's career rushing list, 33 yards behind Jim Brown, who at one time was the standard for the position.

Faulk, the 2000 NFL MVP, is fourth in combined yards from scrimmage with 19,154 yards and his 6,875 yards receiving are the most ever among running backs.

GOLF

MIAMI (AP) — Tiger Woods is ready for the Masters, stating so with an emphatic win at the CA Championship on Sunday, when he shot a 1-over 73 and finished two strokes ahead of Wetterich for his 56th career victory, one that earned him \$1.35 million and pushed his career winnings over \$68 million.

Woods won this event for the sixth time, more than any other tournament.

Woods started the day with a four-shot lead and stretched it with a birdie on the par-4 first hole — where he was 5 under for the week and has posted 16 consecutive scores under par. He three-putted the eighth for bogey, before making back-to-back birdies on the next two holes, and his control was never truly in doubt.

SWIMMING

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Cullen Jones became the rare black swimmer to claim a world championship, joining Michael Phelps, Neil Walker and Jason Lezak on a U.S. team that just missed setting another world record while winning the 400-meter freestyle relay Sunday night at the World Championships.

Phelps is hoping for an Olympic redux. He plans to take part in the same eight events that he swam at the 2004 Athens Games, where he won six golds and two bronze medals. If his body holds up, he'll make another attempt at Beijing to take down Mark Spitz's hallowed mark of seven gold medals.

PRO BASKETBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle SuperSonics' All-Star guard Ray Allen will miss the rest of the regular season after deciding to undergo surgery for bone spurs in his left ankle.

Allen, who is averaging a career-high 26.4 points and made his seventh All-Star appearance last month, has been bothered by inflammation in his ankle from bone spurs.

Accountable, but not guilty

Military concludes mistakes were made, but no criminal wrongdoing in Tillman death

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player, the military concluded Monday.

Defense officials and a pair of reports released Monday on the 2004 incident, however, did not rule out criminal action by those who provided misleading information as the military was investigating the killing.

They said, however, that they believed there was no orchestrated cover-up.

Army and Defense Department investigators said officers looking into Tillman's death passed along misleading and inaccurate information and delayed reporting their belief that Tillman was killed by fellow Rangers.

The investigators recommended the Army take action against the officers, but suggested no specific punishments and left that decision to the Army.

Possible steps could include demotions, dishonorable discharges, jail or letters of reprimand.

Acting Army Secretary Peter Geren has asked Gen. William Wallace, who oversees training for the Army, to review the actions of the officers and to provide a

progress report in 30 days.

The Army will take corrective action and hold people accountable, said Geren, who also issued an apology.

"We as an Army failed in our duty to the Tillman family, the duty we owe to all the families of our fallen soldiers: Give them the truth, the best we know it, as fast as we can," Geren told reporters at the Pentagon.

"Our failure in fulfilling this duty brought discredit to the Army and compounded the grief suffered by the Tillman family. For that, on behalf of the Army, I apologize to the Tillman family."

Investigators said there was no broad effort to conceal information.

Though dozens of soldiers knew quickly that Tillman had been killed by his fellow troops, the Army said initially that he was killed by enemy gunfire when he led his team to help another group of ambushed soldiers.

It was five weeks before his family was told the truth, a delay the Army has blamed on procedural mistakes.

"We thought there was never an attempt to cover up that we saw," Defense Department Acting Inspector General Thomas F. Gimble said during a Pentagon briefing as the military released two reports, one by the Army Criminal Investigation Command and the other by the inspector general.

Tillman's death received worldwide attention because he had walked away from a huge contract with the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the Army after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The highest current ranking officer blamed in the incident is Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of the Joint Special Operations Command.

Investigators said he was "accountable for the inaccurate and misleading assertions" contained in the papers recommending that Tillman get the Silver Star award.

Also criticized in the investigation were Lt. Gen. Philip Kensinger, the now-retired three-star general who was in charge of Army special operations, as well as Tillman's regimental commander, now-Brig.

Gen. James C. Nixon, who was a colonel at the time, Nixon is now director of operations at the Center for Special Operations at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

Using photographs, charts and a video reenactment of the day's events, investigators walked reporters through a minute-by-minute accounting of Tillman's death in the rocky Afghanistan hills on April 22, 2004.

The inspector general investigation also recommended that the Army review

its award of the Silver Star to Tillman, but Geren said the award would stand.

Gimble said some information provided to justify the citation was inaccurate.

Republican presidential hopeful John McCain, campaigning in Texas on Monday, called it a "travesty" that the events surrounding Tillman's death were "covered up, if not distorted."

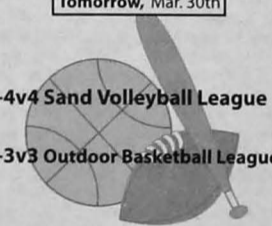
McCain emphasized that he hadn't actually seen the report but said he was familiar with it.

"An excusable cover-up took place regarding the circumstances of Pat Tillman's death," said McCain, R-Ariz.

President Bush has been keeping apprised of developments in the Tillman case and "wants to learn more," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

She said the president, like Defense Secretary Robert Gates, has "very serious concerns" about the events surrounding Tillman's death, his family's notification and the performance of military personnel.

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UFC submitting the competition

NEW YORK (AP) — The majority owners of Ultimate Fighting Championship have agreed to buy their biggest mixed martial arts rival, Pride Fighting Championships, in a deal that will establish megafights among the outfits' titleholders and possibly attract huge pay-per-view audiences.

Company executives declined to comment on the sales price, but a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that brothers Lorenzo and Frank Fertitta will purchase the Japan-based Pride for less than \$70 million.

The person was not authorized to speak to reporters and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The deal was completed Tuesday and was announced during a news conference in Tokyo, where Lorenzo Fertitta has been negotiating with Nobuyuki Sakakibara, the majority owner and chief executive of Dream Stage Entertainment Inc., Pride's owner.

"We have been talking to Pride for probably about 11 months," Lorenzo Fertitta said. "It's been a long, drawn out process but we finally we were able to put the two brands together."

To buy the company, the brothers created a new entity called Pride FC Worldwide Holdings LLC.

The newly formed company will take over Pride assets, including its trademarks, video library and valuable roster of fighters, from Dream Stage.

The Fertitta brothers, who own Las Vegas-based Zuffa LLC, the parent company of UFC, intend to keep the well-known Pride name and promote fights under that brand.

The acquisition marks a new phase in the brothers' quest to dominate the burgeoning world of mixed martial arts since they bought the struggling UFC in 2001.

"This is really going to change the face of MMA," Lorenzo Fertitta said.

"Literally creating a sport that could be as big around the world as soccer. I liken it somewhat to when the NFC and AFC came together to create the NFL."

The deal allows the Fertitta brothers to broker the biggest MMA fights possible in the near future, increasing their influence in this sports entertainment business.

"We will be able to literally

put on the fights that everyone wants to see," Lorenzo Fertitta said. "It will allow us to put on some of the biggest fights ever."

With Pride in their pocket, the Fertitta brothers intend to ensure that never happens again.

The sale gives Pride more financial backing to expand the business internationally after suffering a recent financial blow.

Major sponsor Fuji Television Network Inc. dropped Pride in June after a tabloid linked Pride to the Japanese mob — something Sakakibara has denied vigorously.

To help bolster Pride, the company staged two PPV fights in Las Vegas. Neither was a financial success.

The fights gained exposure for Pride but lost money, making the sale of Pride more likely.

"I think it certainly weakened their position," Lorenzo Fertitta said. "One of our goals is to get back on a major platform back here in Japan."

Lorenzo Fertitta said he'll be looking to expand Pride internationally.

Buying Pride is the latest in a series of acquisitions that the brothers have made in the last six months.

Zuffa snapped up World Extreme Cagefighting and World Fighting Alliance last year.

Similar to Pride, buying WFA gave UFC the rights to a popular fighter named Quinton "Rampage" Jackson. Jackson will face UFC's most popular fighter, Chuck Liddell, the current light heavyweight champ in Las Vegas, on May 26 on PPV.

In the combat world, the Pride deal leaves a fragmented group of upstarts and K-1, another Japanese company that promotes fighters skilled in various forms of kick boxing.

Thanks to a surge in popularity, the brothers' investment in UFC and MMA in general has begun to pay off.

Last year, UFC cracked \$200 million in PPV revenue, putting it on par with World Wrestling Entertainment Inc.

UFC stages fights in arenas across the country and airs a clutch of successful television shows on Spike TV.

It has also opened an office in London, looking toward establishing itself internationally.

The brothers also run Station Casinos Inc. in Las Vegas.

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Anderson businessman named Ivy Tech president

Indianapolis (AP) — Ivy Tech Community College trustees decided in a split vote Thursday to hire Anderson executive Thomas Snyder as the 23-campus school's new president.

The board voted 10-3 without discussion during a brief public meeting to hire Snyder after several hours of private interviews with the two finalists and closed-door talks among the trustees.

Snyder, the chairman of Flagship Energy Systems Center, will replace Gerald Lamkin, who announced last year that he would retire June 30 after nearly 25 years as Ivy Tech's president.

The decision followed complaints from some trustees about the qualifications of the two finalists picked by a search committee and how the search was handled.

Snyder joined Flagship Energy Systems in 2006 after 12 years as president of Anderson-based Remy International and more than two decades with General Motors

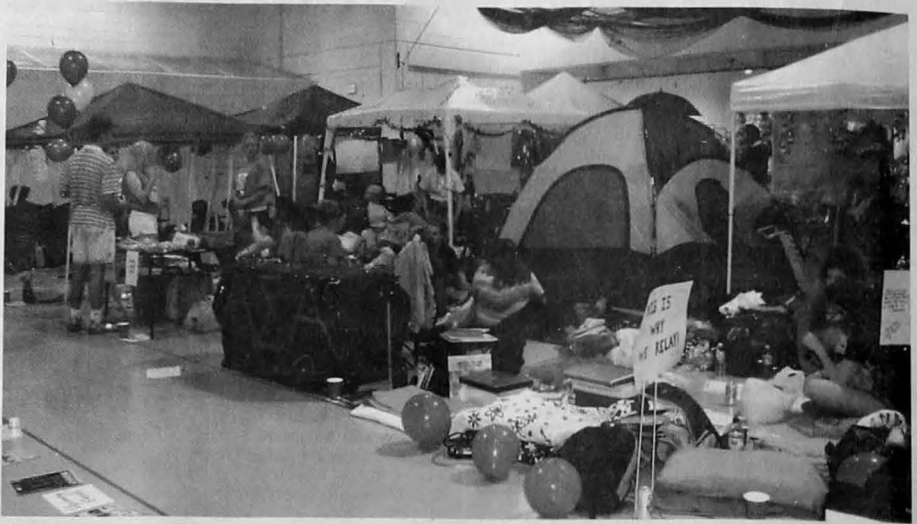
Corp. in Anderson. The other finalist was Air Force Col. Thomas D. Klincar, who is commandant of the Community College of the Air Force.

That short list did not include Carol D'Amico, the school's executive vice president who previously was a senior official in the U.S. Education Department under President Bush. She has been the school's No. 2 administrator since 2005 and was considered a possible successor to Lamkin, who plans to step down June 30.

Ivy Tech has more than 100,000 students at its campuses across the state and a \$267 million budget.

Lamkin became president in 1983 and helped transform Ivy Tech from a vocational school to the state's community college. The school offers associate degree and certificate programs aimed at students ranging from those intending to seek bachelor degrees at four-year colleges to those who want training for new jobs.

Camp for a cure



Participants representing USI and UE camp at the Physical Activities Center during the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Saturday, March 25.

Photo courtesy of April Koontz

Crowd packs Statehouse for conservative group's rally

Indianapolis (AP) — More than 1,000 people packed the Statehouse Tuesday to support a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

The conservative group Advance America organized the rally, which drew a crowd so large that many watched speeches from the upper levels of the Statehouse. Advance America founder Eric Miller urged lawmakers to repeal property taxes and support a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

"It's not a Republican or Democrat issue," he said. "It's right ver-

sus wrong."

Amending Indiana's constitution requires a resolution to pass consecutive, separately elected General Assemblies and then be approved in a statewide vote. The Legislature passed the proposal in 2005, so if it is approved this year or in 2008, it could appear on the November 2008 ballot.

Republican Rep. Jackie Walorski urged House Speaker Patrick Bauer, D-South Bend, to allow a vote on the resolution so that the decision will be left up to voters.

Mr. Speaker, we want to vote on this issue," the Lakeville law-

maker told the crowd.

The House Rules Committee has heard from both supporters and opponents about the proposed resolution but has not taken a vote. Committee Chairman Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, said Tuesday that he has not scheduled a meeting to vote on the matter.

Among the committee's options are voting on the amendment without changes, or voting first to remove a provision that critics say could have unintended consequences. Proponents have said that if any of the language is changed, it would restart the

lengthy amendment process. Pelath has said it may be possible to remove a part of the proposed amendment and still have another part continue on course, but said the question needed more analysis.

The proposed amendment has two sections. The first states that marriage in Indiana is the union of one man and one woman. The second provision includes a phrase that says state law "may not be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

Some opponents say the second provision is vague and could be used to nullify domestic violence laws that apply to married and unmarried couples. They also fear it could eliminate domestic partner benefits offered by some companies, universities and other employers.

"The architects of the Marriage Discrimination Amendment have no choice but to address the challenges posed by the amendment's vague language, particularly the troublesome second line," said Jon Keep, president of Indiana Equality.

Supporters of the amendment say the second provision simply means courts cannot force the government to provide same-sex benefits. They say it does not prohibit the government, public employers or anyone else from voluntarily offering such benefits.

Resolution sponsor Sen. Brand Hershman, R-Monticello, told those at the rally that opponents have tried to muddy the waters by saying the second part of the amendment is vague or hard to understand.

"They're wrong," Hershman said.

Daniels drops I-69 plan

By LUCAS NIEKAMP
The Shield staff

Governor Mitch Daniels, over strong opposition from critics, dropped his proposal for the construction of the Indiana Commerce Connector Saturday, March 24.

In a letter to Democratic Rep. Terri Austin of Anderson, chairwoman of the House Roads and Transportation Committee and Republican Sen. Thomas Wyss of Fort Wayne, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security, Transportation and Veteran Affairs Committee, Daniels said that a lack of consensus was a driving force behind his decision to abandon the proposal.

"Accordingly, I withdraw the suggestion that any action be taken on an Indiana Commerce Connector, or an Illiana Expressway east of I-65," Daniels wrote in the letter.

"Either of these ideas might benefit from further research, and I would welcome some form of that if your committees are so inclined. But the people of the affected areas have spoken clearly enough to persuade me that these ideas are, at best, premature."

While Daniels conceded further consideration of the Commerce Connector, he hoped lawmakers would support a scaled back version of a 10-mile section of the Illiana Expressway between I-65 and the Illinois state line in Northwestern Indiana.

Originally, Daniels proposed that the Illiana would stretch 50

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- Governor Mitch Daniels

miles but it too generated criticism.

Daniels referred to field hearings conducted in the affected suburban Indianapolis communities by the House Roads and Transportation Committee where thousands of residents showed up to voice their opposition.

Austin could not be reached for comment, but John Schorg, media relations director for House Democrats said the governor's decision was the proper response needed as indicated by the views of the people who lived in the counties.

"Based on the vast majority of the people who were opposed to the project and those who were concerned they didn't have enough information on it, they registered their dissatisfaction on it and I think the governor took their dissatisfaction to heart," Schorg said.

Both the Commerce Connector and the Illiana Expressway were

proposed by Daniels last November as toll roads to generate revenue to complete Interstate 69 between Evansville and Indianapolis.

So far, funding for construction of I-69 between Evansville and Crane Naval Base is in place and construction is set to begin on this segment sometime next year.

Rep. Suzanne Crouch, R-Evansville, said there is ample time yet to for the governor to come forward with another proposal.

"Obviously I'm disappointed but not overly surprised with the House being divided and the fact that Democrats did not support the initial funding for Major Moves and I-69," Crouch said.

"I would suspect that the governor, if he does not move forward with the Commerce Connector in the future, they would have to look at tolling," Crouch said. "And there may be some other possibilities that emerge as time goes on."

"I wasn't really surprised just because there wasn't support for it," said Rep. Dennis Avery, D-Evansville.

"I think it's just another example of the governor coming up with an idea before he proposes it, especially to members of his own party."

Avery went on to say that enough money exists to begin construction of I-69 and that any other proposal for funding should not hold anything up because the governor's proposals were years away from becoming a reality.

When asked if Avery would support tolls on I-69, he said they would have to apply to the entire route without an exemption on the Indianapolis end.

Crouch said that she is committed to completing I-69 and, if that was the only way, she would be open to the idea.

"I'm confident we're not building a road just to Crane Naval Center," Crouch said.

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