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Sigma Tau Gamma appeals fine

by April Mitchell
Campus editor

Members of Sigma Tau Gamma (STG) fraternity have appealed to the USI Supreme Court to remove a \$150 fine levied against them by the Intrafraternity Council (IFC) for having liquor at a house party during Rush Week, when alcohol is prohibited.

"We don't feel like we were wrong," said Scott Emery, executive vice president of STG. "This wasn't a

scheduled Rush event. If we'd had a scheduled event there would be no drinking."

Rick Allen, president of the IFC, says it doesn't matter if the event was scheduled or not.

"The IFC Constitution says dry Rush will be in effect for a period of time designated as a prime Rush period," Allen said. "Prime Rush period will begin the first Monday prior to the beginning of classes and ends on the third Sunday after it begins."

IFC learned of the party when Mike

Cook, a Sigma Tau Gamma member, announced at an orientation dance that everyone was invited back to the house for a party.

"Everyone was having a good time at the dance," Emery said. "There wasn't any reason for us to break an infraction. We were just trying to keep the party going."

Allen, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity, says STG had every right to have a party, but not with alcohol and prospective members.

He adds that if STG would have tried to keep the alcohol off the premises, the IFC might have lessened the fine. He said, however, that no attempt was made.

Emery says STG agrees with a dry rush policy but says they have a problem with the interpretation of the constitution.

"STG is looking at an IFC constitution that differs from other fraternities," Emery said. "We feel it's a matter of interpretation."

Allen, however, disputes Emery's claim and says STG received a copy of the same constitution in the summer.

"I had given Bob Alvey (STG president) an old constitution because it was the only one I had, but I told him it was not up to date," Allen said. "And then their Rush chairman asked for and received an updated version of the constitution this summer."

The IFC approved the dry Rush policy in April of 1986 at the suggestion of the university. At the time, USI was one of two state universities who still allowed alcohol during Rush. Dr. Donald Bennett, vice president of student affairs, says having a dry Rush is a policy that is highly encouraged by national fraternities.

"We strongly encourage the fraternities to have dry Rush," Bennett said. "This is in line with the recommendations from the national offices of all fraternities. We feel it is appropriate and encourage it."

The IFC passed a guilty verdict against STG on Sept. 13. Representatives from each of the five fraternities voted on the case and then voted on a fine. Allen says the IFC is made up of mainly TKE members in the officers positions, but that it was the IFC representatives or fraternity system as a whole who decided the issue.

Emery says another problem STG has with the fine is that members of other fraternities were also attending the party in question.

"They were there and yet they weren't fined," Emery said. "We could say that they were in Rush violation also."

Allen, however, cites a past IFC case in which a past diocese president said that the fraternity hosting a function makes them responsible for their grounds and anyone on their grounds.

"They (STG) have to take responsibility for their members," Allen said. "They ought to know that."

The Supreme Court, of which three of the five members are STG's, has not scheduled a date for the hearing.

WEEK IN REVIEW

by April Mitchell
Campus editor

An Owensboro man has been charged with **threatening** the life of Republican presidential nominee George Bush. Authorities say David Allen Russell admitted to writing a letter stating, "Either Bush drops out of the presidential race or I will kill him." The letter included photographs taken during Bush's visit to Owensboro in September to emphasize how **easily** the person could have assassinated Bush. Russell's cancer-stricken mom claims her son is a Bush fan and doesn't even own a gun.

Indiana Reformatory officials were slightly **suspicious** of inmates' intentions when they found two ropes, a grappling hook and three homemade knives hidden in cells. The contraband even included garlic powder, which the inmates believed would throw prison guard dogs off the trail. The prison superintendent said the inmates would have tried to escape earlier, but were waiting for a wire cutting tool.

Watch out for white vans.

An Evansville man told police he was standing on a street corner when a Hispanic man driving a white van with "I love Jesus" painted on the side **shot him** for no apparent reason. Police say emergency room doctors have doubts that the puncture wound was caused by a bullet. Authorities say the incident is being investigated as an attempted murder...but that Guthrie's story is **questionable**.

Efforts to save whales trapped by ice reached **international** proportions as the Soviets volunteered to send equipment to help save the mammals. The price tag continues to climb for the rescue attempt and crews are now considering airlifting the whales to open water.

Don't expect to hear the "**C**" word in the federal government's new campaign in the battle against AIDS. Health officials said many TV stations wouldn't air a spot with the word "condom" so they left it out. Instead, one of the ads features a young man talking to the camera as he puts on a sock. Get it?

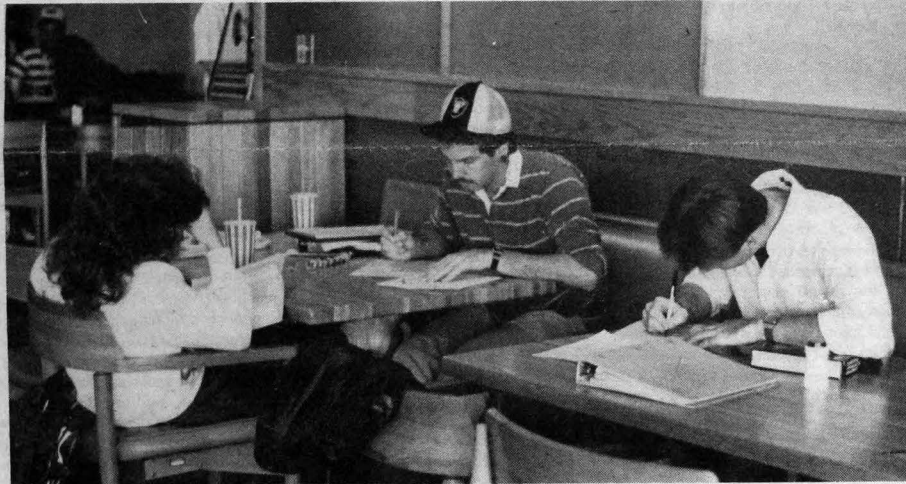


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GEARS IN MOTION--Cathy Dukes, a senior CIS major from Evansville, Pat Russell, a senior management major from Evansville, and Greg Black, a senior business administration major from Evansville's West Side, study for midterms in the Eagles Nest.

Faculty members displeased with university's handling of rape

by Mark Neighbors
Staff writer

Dr. Walter Hopkins, professor of sociology, feels the university did the

wrong thing by not releasing any information to the student body about the recent rape on campus.

"I felt concerned, simply dumbfounded when it (the rape) appeared in the paper," Hopkins said. "The Indiana State Police (ISP) didn't put a 'gag order' on the university. They simply asked USI officials not to say anything because they (ISP) felt it might interfere with their investigation."

"University officials' first priority should have been to inform students and not to be obedient to police by concealing the data."

Chuck Warner, coordinator of veterans affairs at USI, echoed Hopkins' feelings.

"The delay from the time the rape happened and was reported to the time it was told at USI was too much of a time gap for students to protect themselves," Warner said. "People were going to classes out here at night without any concern for safety."

"USI officials had no concern for the public. The ISP wanted to conduct an investigation with no background noise."

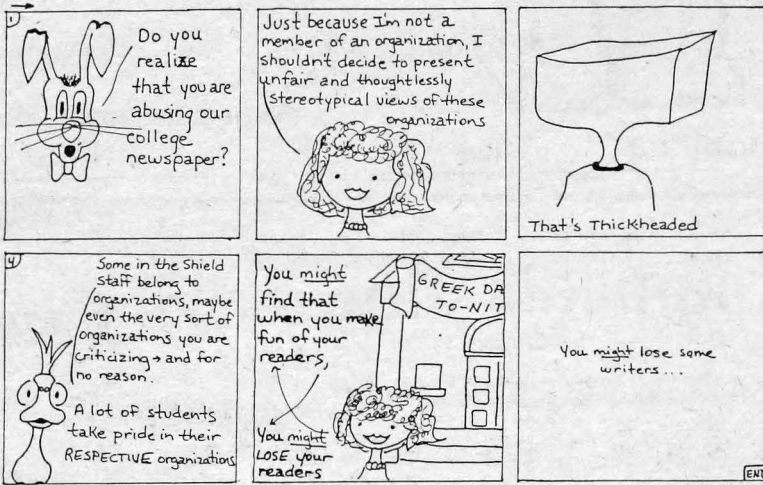
Ken Vance, assistant professor of communications, credited the university with holding the rape seminar. But he was not pleased that

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Preregistration pushed back

For those of you planning on preregistering next week, forget it. The dates have been pushed back a week, so preregistration will actually begin Nov. 7.

To the editor:



Jon Himsel
Former *Shield* writer

Virus or GOP destroy letter

To the editor:

Ouch!
I was very happy when you called to tell me you were going to publish my letter to the editor in the October 19 edition of *The Shield*. I understand and accepted that my letter would have to be cut down because of space limitations. (Yes, folks, my original letter was even longer than what got printed!)

However, any reader diligent enough to keep aware would notice that the cuts made in my letter were not too kind. I can see two possible explanations for the resulting garbled copy of my letter: one, my letter fell victim to a vicious computer "virus" affecting *The Shield's* word processing system; or two, some ultra-conservative, right-wing, Reagan

worshipper on *The Shield* staff deliberately chopped up my letter to discredit it.

Of these two possible explanations, the latter seems the most likely. It is highly improbable that a "virus" could manage to change, at random, what I feel to be the primary criticisms of both Bush and Quayle. What was printed, "...considering that Bush is supposed to be the head of a 'weekend warrior' who votes to deny benefits..." includes words that belong in two separate sentences.

I felt compelled to write this letter to set the record straight, and to warn other card-carrying liberals to beware of the forces at work against us, either in the form of viruses or Republicans.

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Letters

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Campaign '88: Wimp or worm?

To the editor:

I am a "non-traditional" student who came of age during the late 60s and early 70s. The lessons of those times have taught me to regard most politicians with both suspicion and doubt. The candidates in the current campaign have done nothing to ease my feeling that our political process is both a shame and a disaster. When we are left with choosing between a Bush and a Dukakis, it is time to re-evaluate our method of political selection.

It seems to me that the current generation of traditional college-age students has been unduly influenced by the "illusion of prosperity" generated during the Reagan era. Unfortunately, this has led a majority of the student body here at USI into naively thinking

that George Bush will be a good choice for president. All that Bush can do is to continue the policies of Reagan, who has encouraged deficit spending on a scale that will put this country into an economic twilight zone.

On the other hand, Dukakis, who is more of a traditional Democrat, is doing his best to convince the country that he is as cold as a dead fish on the beach.

This country needs tough, hands-on leadership from a dedicated individual who can put us back on the right track. The 1988 election will not provide us with such a person, but will leave us to choose between a wimp and a worm.

Jon McKinney
USI student

USI drivers--be more careful

To the editor:

USI drivers--let's be more courteous and safe drivers.

Last week, while driving out to USI for my daily classes, I nearly had a wreck. A USI student (unknown) was driving in my blind spot, in the left-hand lane, at approximately 57 mph. When a truck pulled into my lane (the right-hand lane) I signalled with my blinker for about 30 seconds and switched into the left lane. Because the driver in the car in the same left lane was in my blind spot and drinking at about the same speed that I was driving, I nearly had a bad accident.

Every year, I drive thousands of miles. I go from Henderson to Chicago, and to other metropolitan areas in the Midwest. I try to practice some safety rules which I feel have helped me avoid accidents. I want to share these with my fellow students.

1. Do not tailgate. Allow one car length for every 10 mph. Never be closer than 10-20 feet at high speeds.

2. Stay in the right-hand lane except to pass. Get into the left-hand lane only when you are within 100 yards of your left-hand turn. Do not drive in the left-hand lane all the way out Indiana 62, like so many do. Do not ever change lanes without signalling.

3. Don't go over the 55 mph speed limit. There are too many of us, none of us want to die.

4. Allow extra time before classes to arrive, get parked, etc.

5. Not every person can operate an automobile. If you are a person who has constantly been in wrecks since receiving your license, don't drive. Carpool with a friend or ride the bus.

When I was 21 I received 12 hours of flight instruction. At the end of that time, my instructor told me that my next flight would be a solo flight in the airplane. I did not go back because I did not feel comfortable handling an aircraft. There are people who should not be operating an automobile. If you are a person who is not comfortable with the responsibility of driving a car, recognize this. Not everyone is capable of operating machinery.

For those of us who must drive through heavy traffic every day, let's slow down and exercise greater consideration and greater caution. I hope that this year we can complete the USI semester without a student or faculty member being killed in an automobile accident.

Barbara Raber Reich
USI student



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The cards can be used for goods such as food, flowers, jewelry, tires and other auto parts or repairs. Other service options will include banking, tanning and hair styling.

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the university delayed telling faculty, students and staff.

"There are four people out there who are a threat to women's and other people's safety. I'll fault them (university officials) on that."

Sherianne Standley, vice president for university relations, said she "repected a request by (ISP) to keep the rape quiet. We did what we were asked to do. We were concerned.

Alcohol stats for USI 'not surprising'

by Sarah Lipking
Staff writer

The results of a drug and alcohol survey conducted by Student Government Association taken from 350 USI students are revealed in the following story. (This story is purely fictional.)

It's Friday night and Tom is getting

ready to go to a really terrific party. He needs alcohol. He can't go to a party dry--it just isn't cool. But he is only 19 years old. He's tried getting alcohol the lawful way, but he can't get served. He has to have his party friend. He takes a six-pack from his parents supply. They'll never know.

Seventy-four USI students surveyed said their parents do not know they drink.

Tom is doing great now. He has alcohol and is ready to go to the party.

Tom arrives at the party, but not only are the people drinking, they are doing drugs also. Oh well, it couldn't hurt, so Tom tries it also. After all, he doesn't want to be labeled "UNCOOL."

Thirty-three USI students surveyed have used drugs of an unknown composition.

Tom is feeling pretty good. He is doing great. He has only had five beers, and he feels fine.

Nineteen USI students surveyed admitted to bragging about how much they drink.

A lot of people are leaving the

party. Tom has only had a few drinks. It's not as if he is intoxicated.

Forty-nine USI students surveyed have lied about what or how much they use.

He can handle driving home. After all, it's only a three-mile drive. No problem.

He gets in his car, he feels sleepy. He has to get home before his parents return.

Seventy-three USI students surveyed avoid family or close friends while drinking.

He has it made. Five more minutes and he'll be home.

But wait. What is that car doing in Tom's lane? Why doesn't Tom see it? Why won't he wake up?

Forty USI students surveyed admitted to injuring someone while intoxicated.

"Son, you have the right to remain silent."

Only eight USI students admitted to having a drug problem.

Dr. Joseph P. Palladino, professor of psychology at USI, doesn't believe the statistics are out of line.

"The drunk driving statistics don't surprise me," said Palladino. "Of course, you have to take into consideration the type of survey taken. But no, the numbers don't surprise me."

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 c. about 1 in 3
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 c. about 1 in 3
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 a. 15,000 b. 260,000
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Another day, another shutout

By Darrin Smith
Staff writer

Add one more win to the streak and another chapter of the USI Soccer Eagles.

Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22, USI's "fall" guys improved their record to 11-5, in a shutout win over Northern Kentucky by a score of 3-0.

Freshman Eric Shoenstein picked up his eighth goal of the season from 4 yards out, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead at the half.

The wind and intensity picked up in the second half, as Andy McCulloch added his eleventh goal of the season. Paul Kumar later added an insurance goal in the closing minutes.

Matt Blauvelt went the distance in the goal for the Eagles, notching his second complete game shutout in a row, while keeping a perfect 0.00 goals against average.

"Matt's shown us a lot of things in the past few weeks," said an enlightened coach Tony Colavecchia at the game's conclusion. "We've lost that losing feeling," he sings with the team on the bus trip homeward.

USI may have a lot to sing about in the coming weeks. Today, they're in Greencastle, Ind., (a game to be broadcasted live on AM 820 WSWI) for a date with Depauw. The game will close out the regular season, heading into the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament next week at home next Tuesday, Nov. 1.

USI is still seeking national recognition in the NCAA division II poll.

Next week: "Colavecchia: the first year"

Sports quote of the week:

Tony Colavecchia, when telling his soccer team to be in by 11:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, for a game the next day in Cincinnati, said, "You have an hour to enjoy Cincinnati. If you get killed, well... you don't play tomorrow."

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Extra innings

To the sports editor:

I want to let all the other loyal fans of the USI Lady Eagles basketball team know what has just transpired. Amy McCord, the walk-on player who earned a starting position on last year's team and was second-leading scorer and leading rebounder, has just been cut from the team.

The reason, presumably, was that she was unable to perform all the conditioning in the weight room that was required and was unable to run two miles in the prescribed time. Amy several years ago strained the ligaments in her sternum from excessive weight lifting. She was unable to do bench presses and military presses because she was afraid she might injure herself permanently.

Coach (Felicia) Cavallini apparently didn't believe Amy and became angered with Amy for her failure to do these exercises. Amy was unable to run two miles in the prescribed time due to a strained left knee for which she has been under a doctor's care. According to Dr. Edward Brundick, Amy should be able to play in five to 21 days.

Treva Collignon and Amy were essentially the team's whole inside game last year. Julie Slemmer was played sparingly early in the year due to tentative play and a propensity to foul. She did show excellent improvement through the course of the season. Treva is no longer at the university and Amy was the strongest inside player still on the team. The new coach is not in a position where she should cut anyone from the team.

Even with Amy on the team, the Lady Eagles would have had difficulty with their inside game because of the size and quality of their opponents. Why give your opponents an even greater advantage than they already have? It seems to me it would be much wiser to keep Amy on the team until such time that she becomes totally well again or until a crisis situation occurs where she must play. Why limit your options so early in the season?

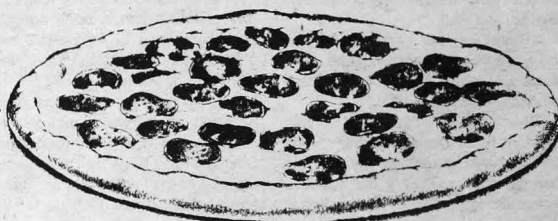
Also, is this policy of cutting a player who is not physically able to condition early in the season going to be a permanent policy or just an exception in Amy's case? I also believe notifying an athlete 15 minutes before the team photo that she has been cut and having someone else do it shows a lack of class.

Roger Jines
USI student

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