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## State may make textbooks tax-free

### Budget could also cap tuition, fund College of Business

By LUCAS NIEKAMP  
Special to The Shield

The state budget process kicked into high gear this week as Democrats formally introduced their plan to fund the state over the next two years.

The House Ways and Means Committee adopted the Democrat's plan, House Bill 1001, Monday, Feb. 19 on a vote of 15-8.

The spending plan totals roughly \$26

billion, with money to fund the state from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.

The bill includes money for a 4 percent increase in funding each of the next two years for K-12 schools, \$160 million to begin a phase-in of full-day kindergarten across the state, and \$325 million in property tax relief for residents.

"There are really good things in the bill," said Rep. Dennis Avery, D-Evansville. "But this is a marathon, not a hundred-yard dash."

Republican legislators, however, have voiced opposition to the bill, citing the plan's lack of an increase in Medicaid spending.

Governor Mitch Daniels praised the increased funding for education and money for the implementation of full-day kindergarten but said the budget is not truly balanced because of the lack of increase for Medicaid.

Democrats contend that the legislation would provide needed tax relief while also increasing higher education spending 7.5 percent the first year and 9.7 percent the second year.

Avery said the budget proposal includes \$29 million in bonding authority

for the proposed construction of a new College of Business building for USI.

"Our College of Business is a growing department and there is increased demand and need for the college," Avery said. "I think it will do wonderful things for the university in providing additional classroom space."

The plan also places a cap on college tuition increases by limiting any future increases to the average growth in family income over the last five years. For next year, that would be about 2.6 percent.

The bill also removes the sales tax on college textbooks.

Rep. Suzanne Crouch, R-Evansville, cited two major flaws in the Democrat

proposal. Crouch said the flat lining of Medicaid and the money for full-day kindergarten were both insufficient. Crouch said an additional \$200 million would be needed to completely implement the full-day kindergarten program. Crouch also made note of the absence of funding for two other large projects.

"The biggest problem in the budget, particularly for Southwestern Indiana, is that it does not appropriate any money for Major Moves and construction of I-69 from Evansville to Indianapolis," Crouch said.

The Democrat budget proposal now moves to the entire House for consideration.

### Black History Month brings 'Raisin'



Nicole Whitney, left, Lindsey Baxter, center, and Sybil Robinson, right, perform during the dress rehearsal of 'A Raisin in the Sun.' USI's 'Raisin' will be performed at the USI Theatre at 3001 Igleheart Avenue Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

Photo courtesy of News and Information

## New requirements affect air travel

By ROSS SCHMITT  
The Shield staff

and JULIA HUNTER  
Editor-in-Chief

For students planning to travel abroad during the upcoming spring break, there is a new requirement they need to be aware of.

As of Jan. 23 2007, all persons trying to enter the United States — including U.S. citizens — through air transportation are required to have a passport to gain entry.

All people traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda will be required to show a valid passport, even though a passport was not previously required for these countries.

In accordance with the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, the passport requirement is a part of the Homeland Security's Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

"The ability to misuse travel documents to enter this country opens the door for a terrorist to carry out an attack," said Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff in an earlier press release. "We can not continue to allow loopholes that could facilitate access to the United States through false claims of citizenship or fake identities. This initiative strengthens our border security by designating verifiable secure documents that may be used at our air ports of entry."

According to the U.S. Department of State, the passport requirement does not apply to U.S. citizens traveling or returning directly from a U.S. territory: Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Other acceptable documents include the Air NEXUS card, U.S. Coast Card Merchant Mariner Document and an Alien Registration Card, Form I-551.

The process of obtaining a passport can often be cumbersome and take several weeks to finalize. Due to this reality, any student preparing a trip abroad would be well advised to start the application process immediately. To get more information on acquiring a passport, go to the Department of State's website at <http://travel.state.gov>.

"Right now I think it takes about four to six weeks," said Kristine Murray, program director of International Programs and Services. "Anyone can get their passports here in Evansville at the downtown post office."

Another issue of traveling outside the country is safety.

There are many cultures in the world, and with variety come different customs and laws than those of the United States. Students traveling to other countries should be aware of these differences.

The State Department cites that 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad every year with half of those arrests related to narcotics. The State Department also warns that alcohol use can land students jail-time that may be more severe than what they would receive at home.

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## Employers increase hiring nationally

By ADRIAN STOICA  
The Shield staff

The national job market has good news for the class of 2007.

Employers are increasing hiring nationally by 17 percent, according to NACE, the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The most heavily recruited or most targeted majors are business, accounting, computer science and information systems and engineering (mechanical, electrical, chemical and civil).

For the Mid-West, accounting, marketing, computer science and mechanical and electric engineering were among the top.

Nationally, trends are coming up for employment in couriers," said Philip Parker, director of Career Services and Placement.

Another fast-growing industry is the service industry, specifically

management training, in companies such as Enterprise Rent-a-car, Walgreens and Sherwin-Williams.

Locally, however, the market is different. For example, demand for health care, nursing and occupational therapy employees is growing, while education is not, based on recruiting for this year.

Concerning education, "They have specific hiring needs [locally]," Parker said. "Education majors do better if they expand their geographic job scope."

Accounting majors will have more luck locally, not only because of demand, but because of the changing aspects within the profession.

"In the last few years, [the market has] held steady," Parker said, talking about the different branches in the accounting profession, such as consulting.

Parker also stressed the importance of internships.

"Internships are such a valuable tool when you get ready to gradu-

ate," he said. "Internships are used by many employers as an early recruitment tool. It has exposed you to professional work."

Another benefit of internships is networking—exposing interns to people in their field. USI has several co-op and internship and courier fairs coming up in March, with representatives from government jobs, non-profit organizations and other employers.

According to NACE, one of the top methods of recruitment for employers for jobs and internships is on-campus recruiting. Parker says many employers return to these fairs.

If you can't make it to the fairs, the Career Services website is also a good place to start looking opportunities.

"We have an updated listing of internships daily," Parker said.

USI Career Services and Placement can also help with resumes and help answer any questions students might have about their

job search.

"Students either don't know about us or aren't sure if they need our services," Parker said. "We're not exactly on the beaten path. We certainly want students to make us a destination."

They also have their own section on resume-posting website MonsterTrak.com, which according to Parker, is geared towards college students. At USI's MonsterTrak.com account, students can gain access to useful features, such as posting resumes for employer and Career Services review.

"Getting registered is vital," Parker said. "That's how we can have ready access to your resume, if you'd like us to do so. We'll review resumes and make sure you're really marketing yourself to the fullest."

According to Parker, employers on occasion also ask Career Services to refer graduates directly to them. There are also job listings

from employers who contact Career Services directly. According to Parker, around 600 jobs come each year from Tri-State employers seeking graduates in a variety of fields from different majors.

The Career Services and Placement office will be moving down-

stairs in the Orr Center after Spring break. Their new office will be on the parking lot side of the building with rust-red colored carpet to indicate their office area. For more information, go to the Career Services website, [www.usi.edu/careersv](http://www.usi.edu/careersv).

### JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIRS

CareerLink - Career and Grad School Fair  
Wednesday, February 28th  
Carter Hall -- 11:00 A.M.

15th Annual Internship / Co-op Fair  
Wednesday, March 28th  
University Center -- 11:00 A.M.

Regional Teacher Recruitment Fair  
Tuesday, April 17th  
University -- TBA

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## Thursday 2/22

7 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of Raisin in the Sun  
USI Theatre

7 p.m.  
Ropewalk Reading Series: Liam Rector  
Kleymeyer Hall

8 p.m.  
Black Student Week - Poetry Café  
University Center  
Eagles Nest

## Friday 2/23

8 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of Raisin in the Sun  
USI Theatre

## Saturday 2/24

6 p.m.  
Men's Tennis hosts Tennessee-Martin  
Advantage Court & Fitness

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Black Alumni Society Jazz Night  
Pub Banquet Hall, 1348 Division Street, Evansville

8 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of Raisin in the Sun  
USI Theatre

## Sunday 2/25

2 p.m.  
USI Theatre production of Raisin in the Sun  
USI Theatre

6 p.m.  
Women's Tennis hosts Kentucky Wesleyan  
Advantage Court & Fitness

## Monday 2/26

Noon  
Spirit Soothers and Mind Enhancers  
ED 1103

## Tuesday 2/27

Noon  
Spirit Soothers and Mind Enhancers  
ED 1103

4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Getting More Out of College "Homework"  
ED 1103

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Toastmasters International Meeting  
OC 2011

6 p.m.  
Introduction to Film Screening  
"The Maltese Falcon"  
Forum 1

## Wednesday 2/28

11 a.m.  
CareerLINK - Career and Graduate School Fair  
Carter Hall

11 a.m.  
Safe Spring Break Fair  
UC 201-202

Noon  
Spirit Soothers and Mind Enhancers  
ED 1103

1 p.m.  
Baseball hosts Oakland City University  
Baseball Field

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Marketing Club Meeting  
UC 205

And the winner is...



Sophomore Michael Patzer's photo "Along the Tranz Alpine" won Grand Prize - and \$100 - in the Around the World International Photo Contest sponsored by International Program and Services. The picture was taken from inside a train along the Tranz Alpine Railway on the South Island of New Zealand. International Services received 94 photo entries. See more winners on Page 3.

Photo by Michael Patzer

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## DVD Review: "THE PRESTIGE"

Director Christopher Nolan's magic filled thriller "The Prestige" hits DVD this week. Does the film dazzle with its cinematic sleight of hand or leave viewers disillusioned? Cole Perkins uncovers the secrets in his full review of the DVD.

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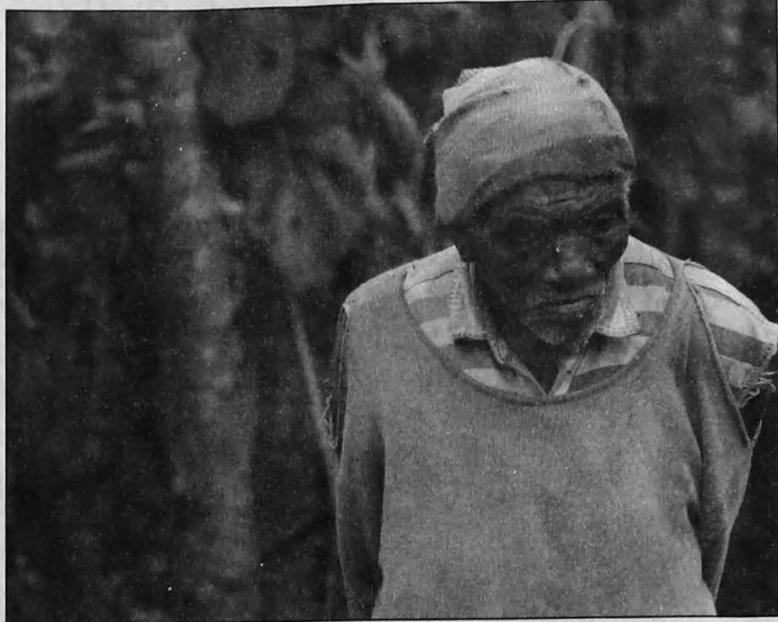
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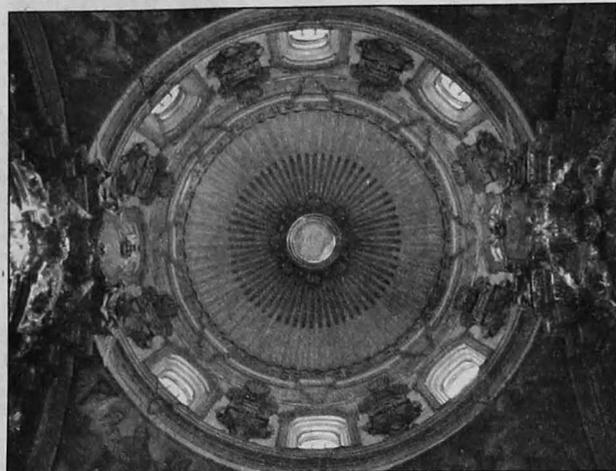
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# Photos from around the world



"Babu," left, taken in Tanzania by Samuel Bowles won first prize for the People of the World category in the Around the World Photo Contest sponsored by International Programs and Services. "Xhosa Child with Face Paint," bottom right, taken in South Africa by Erin Monahan won second place in the same category. "Sunset Over the Twelve Apostles," below, taken in Australia by Sabrina Roark won first prize for the Global Landscapes category. "Church of Santa Rosa," bottom left, taken in Queretaro, Mexico by Amy Moore won first prize for the Architecture category. First prize winners received \$50 and all other contestants who placed received a ticket into the International Food Expo.



# Citizenship test receives makeover

by JAIME HESS  
The Shield staff

Most American students know the flags hanging in the University Center honor the international population at USI, but no one could name more than two or three countries represented.

People who want to become naturalized U.S. citizens have to be able to identify not only the flag, but also know the basics of American government, history and culture. That includes being aware of the purpose of the Constitution, the number of senators in the U.S. Senate, how old a president must be and in what month residential elections are held.

When asked if she felt students were informed much about the different nationalities at USI, Heidi Gregori-Gahan, director of International Services said, "Probably not as much as we like them to be. We have recently installed a map of the world on the second floor of the UC, with the intention of showing people."

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is revising the naturalization test to create a test that is fair for those who want to become citizens.

As part of the test redesign, the USCIS will conduct a pilot test this month of 142 questions in ten cities including: Albany, N.Y., Boston, Mass., Charleston, S.C.,

Denver, Colo., El Paso, Texas, Kansas City, Mo., Miami, Fla., San Antonio, Texas, Tucson, Ariz. and Yakima, Wash. This will allow the USCIS to work out any problems before the test comes out in the spring of 2008.

In the last 10 years the naturalization tests have been under careful examination.

Studies have shown that participants thought the test lack fairness.

Some questions on the old test were: "What states were in the Union," "How many representatives are in Congress," "Who helped the pilgrims in America" and "What is the purpose of the United Nations?"

'USI has students from over 35 countries, and several faculty and staff from various countries.'

**- Heidi Gregori-Gahan  
director of International Service**

Another complaint is that there are multiple tests, which doesn't guarantee each test meets the same degree of difficulty.

Instead of having multiple tests, the USCIS will only offer one test. A survey that was conducted on campus showed that most students

knew the new Pilot Naturalization Test questions.

Some of the questions asked on the test include: "What does the Constitution do," "How many senators are there," "How old must a president be" and "In what month are general presidential

elections held in the U.S.?"

In order to pass, applicants will have to correctly answer six of the 10 selected questions.

"USI has students from over 35 countries, and several faculty and staff are from various countries," Gregori-Gahan said.

According to the U.S. Census conducted in 2000, Evansville has 1,930 foreign born residents; 794 are citizens, and 1,136 are non-citizens.

If you would like to know more about the naturalization test, go to [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

For more information on International Services, visit their website at <http://www.usi.edu/ips>.

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# What to know before flying with Fido

(AP) - SuNae Martz is a 10-year-old jetsetter who's crisscrossed the globe more than once. The catch: SuNae is a dog -- a fluffy white coton de tulear, to be exact.

Her owner, Gayle Martz, takes her everywhere she flies, from Paris to New York to Los Angeles. But SuNae doesn't fly in the belly of the plane like common cargo. She's first class, in the cabin under Martz's seat.

"I don't check my jewelry, and SuNae is my most precious jewel," said Martz, a former flight attendant-turned entrepreneur who created and sells a soft-sided pet carrier, the Sherpa Bag.

SuNae is one of a half-million pets that fly each year, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Transportation. But not all airlines permit pets to fly in the cabin, and other policies vary too.

Some airlines restrict the travel of short-nosed animals, like Persian cats and pugs, which have shorter nasal passages that make breathing difficult at higher altitudes. Most also don't allow pets to travel as cargo in temperatures below 20 degrees and above 85 degrees.

Most mishaps, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, stem not from mishandling or a panicked animal getting injured

or lost but from sedation. The AVMA advises against giving tranquilizers to pets during air travel because the results are often unpredictable, even fatal.

"An animal's natural ability to balance and maintain equilibrium is altered under sedation," said Dr. Patricia Olson, former director of veterinary affairs and studies for the American Humane Association. "When the kennel is moved, a sedated animal may not be able to brace and prevent injury."

Continental now requires passengers to sign a waiver saying their animal has not been sedated, but most airlines don't have that rule.

All these different policies can be confusing. "It seems like it all depends on the mood of the person you're dealing with at the airport that day," said Eric Buss, a magician from Los Angeles who has traveled by plane with the doves and rabbits he uses in his act.

But there are some rules that you and the airlines must follow. Here's what you need to know about flying with your pet:

-Federal officials began making the pet-related travel statistics public last year for the first time as part of regulations imposed by the Safe Air Travel for Animals Act, which was passed by Congress in 2000 under pressure from animal rights

activists. Most air trips with pets are without incident. There were 14 reported pet deaths, four injuries and six lost animals between May and September 2006.

-Most airlines require pets to be considered healthy, under 100 pounds and at least 8 weeks old.

-Pets are never allowed out of their containers, and, of course, the airline assumes no responsibility for their health and well being. (Many even state on their web sites that crew members cannot perform life-saving measures on ailing pets.)

-Less traditional pets aren't allowed at all, like potbellied pigs, primates and certain venomous reptiles. And that usually means no "snakes on a plane."

-The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates pet air-travel, requires a health certificate from a vet 10 days before traveling for animals flying as cargo, but not when flying as checked baggage or carry-on.

-Many airlines, like Continental, United and American, suggest and apply the certification even for pets transported in the cabin because some states require it. Health certification is also required on most international flights.

-Fees vary. JetBlue and Delta charge \$50 for a pet to fly in the cabin; Continental, \$95, American,

USAirways and Northwest, \$80.

-American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue and many other airlines allow pets in the cabin. Frontier only allows them as cargo. Southwest won't let pets fly at all (except for service animals).

-Some airlines only allow one animal in the cabin per flight. American allows up to seven per flight (not per person). Sometimes certified service dogs count as a pet; sometimes they don't.

-American Airlines requires paperwork certifying that pets were fed and watered within four hours before delivery. Most don't.

-Alert the airline of a pet when booking your flight to make sure there's room in the cabin.

Of course, even when you take every precaution and follow all the rules, flying with pets can be challenging. Jen Fromm, an attorney from Los Angeles who recently flew her cats from Boston, still has scars from where her cat clawed her in a panicked escape attempt while going through a security checkpoint. The cat didn't get away, but he cried during the entire five-hour flight.

She'll never do it again. "I would rather drive with my cat for five days than go through five more hours of that."

## Editorial

# Know your audience

Although the First Amendment grants journalists freedom of press, this freedom should not be abused.

John Petroski, from Central Connecticut University, now knows that although journalists have freedom of press, citizens also have the freedom to disagree and protest.

His editorial "Rape only hurts if you fight it" was supposedly a political satire about sensationalism; using startling articles in order to get the reader's attention.

Petroski's editorial stating that rape is a "magical experience" was not only ignorant, but also caused emotional distress to raped women and damaged the integrity of his campus newspa-

per.

Journalists have the responsibility to understand their audience. Campus newspapers are generally less conservative about content than others, but rape is never a topic to be taken lightly.

Any article that displays the photo of the author is based solely on the opinion of that one author. All unsigned editorials state the group consensus of the editorial staff.

Regardless of whether an article is written by an individual or by the editors, the content of all articles should be appropriate for the intended audience.

The editor-in-chief should have never ran the rape editorial. By doing so, he damaged not

only his reputation, but also the reputation of each staff member.

Some editorials in The Shield discuss important issues, while some offer a laugh or are simply intended to make the audience think.

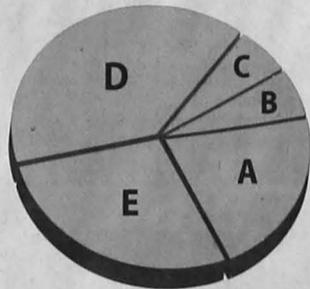
No matter what subject matter is chosen, not everyone will agree. That is to be expected. Although The Shield has undergone scrutiny for previous coverage of events such as the nude photo controversy, we have never and will never make light of an issue as serious and damaging as rape.

Newspapers must use humor wisely and appropriately while portraying intelligence, maturity and respect.

### Shield Online Poll:

Which headline grabs your attention?

A - Bat-child escapes from laboratory!	22%
B - Schoolbus abducted by aliens!	6%
C - Eight-foot infant shatters records and crib!	6%
D - 900-pound woman walks again!	39%
E - Homecoming 2007 a split decision.	28%



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## Talking urinals too weird

By NICHOLAS THOMAS  
The Shield staff



Have you ever been standing at a urinal and heard it talking to you?

Men in New Mexico have. And yes, they are often drunk when they hear the urinal speak.

Recently, the state transportation department of New Mexico ordered some 500 urinal deodorizers that also talk to the bathroom patrons of the local bars. These deodorizers speak to them in a female voice, suggesting (among other things) to call a cab home if they are too drunk.

In most cases, I think if one were addressed by a speaking human waste receptacle, it might be a good time to seek some help—and not the kind found in a taxicab.

I do not think that it will be very successful for the following reasons: the voice will surely sound garbled due to the purpose of a urinal serves; most drunk people will probably forget hearing it some time between the first and second drinks of their next beer; it's a little creepy.

The men's room is the "no women" zone. I would be terrified by a woman trying to advise me while I was relieving myself.

Said deodorizers cost \$21 and supposedly last three months. As often as drunks need to relieve themselves, I am going to give it about half that time.

And as men's bathrooms are usually soaked with mysterious liquid, I would predict that the woman's voice would short out in about 3 hours. So if you do the math, then your average bar might get one good Friday night out of these things.

My solution: require patrons to use breathalyzers in order to gain access to the toilets. If people have to be sober to relieve themselves, they will be much more tentative about drinking too much.

# Babies not required for happy marriages

By LAURA BUCHANAN  
The Shield staff

If the Washington Defense of Marriage Alliance has its way, married couples who choose not to have children within three years will have their marriages immediately annulled.

If Washington voters pass Initiative 957, procreation will become a requirement for legal marriage, the act of having a child out of wedlock will equal a legal marriage and divorce will be prohibited in cases where couples have children.

After all, isn't procreation the sole purpose of marriage?

If this sounds too good—or bad—to be true, it is.

In reality, the Washington Defense of Marriage Alliance is an advocate group for same-sex marriage.

In July, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled in *Anderson v. King County* that there was a "legitimate state interest" in defining a marriage as

a union between two heterosexual individuals for the purpose of procreation.

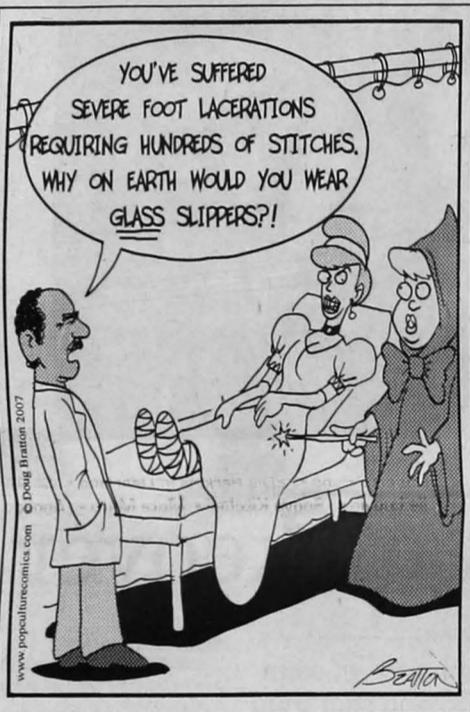
Following the same logic, the court declared that the same interest forbade homosexual couples from marriage because they cannot have children.

The alliance hopes that if I-957 is passed, the state Supreme Court will strike it down as unconstitutional, thus reversing the original *Anderson* ruling.

Gregory Gadow, sponsor of I-957, said in a statement on the alliance's website, "If same-sex couples should be barred from marriage because they can not have children together, it follows that all couples who cannot or will not have children together should equally be barred from marriage."

At least Gadow is more consistent than the ruling he opposes. Marriage is much more than a green light to have children. It is complete devotion between two people who wish to spend the rest of their lives together.

A spouse is a constant companion and a permanent fixture in the family. A life-mate is not simply a reproductive donor. Those who think the only purpose of marriage is child production have a lot to learn about what a deep connection marriage really is—and not just between girls and boys.



# Heavy isn't ugly

By LAKISHA BUTLER  
Special to The Shield

Prejudices against overweight people stem from the same roots as racism. Lack of knowledge and stereotypes are its origins. I am writing this article to educate, encourage and plant a seed of confidence into the hearts of the people that don't look "beautiful" in society's eye.

There was a time when having a little extra weight was looked upon happily, signifying wealth and good fortune. Society has changed faces and being overweight is frowned upon.

What makes us all unique is that we are all different. We come in all colors, shapes and sizes, and I can see beauty in them all. Society constantly tells us that beauty is not in double digits, when the average American fits that profile.

I am blessed to have come from a family that has always told me that I am beautiful, so I have lived a lifetime loving myself. I just want to pass it on to others. I want to promote being healthy, not losing weight to please the eye of society.

Just like racism has improved, so have the prejudices against the overweight. There are more stores that sell plus size clothing that look more stylish and trendy. They have more shows starring plus size people. But just like racism, it still includes its prejudice undertones.

Most often, the people starring in these movies or shows are shown overeating, having food stashes and never working out, when in reality that is not true.

The original Lifetime Movie "Fat Like Me" tried to empathize with overweight people, but still did

not remedy the situation because it included the same stereotypes.

Studies have shown that many overweight people are actually mal nourished. Of course, there are people who are overweight that have bad eating habits and engage in low levels of physical activity.

Some thin people have these same habits. People often associate thin with healthy and overweight with unhealthy, when healthiness knows no size.

I know people who are thin that have high blood pressure, but if we were put in a room together, and people had to guess, I would most likely be the person they would choose.

No one takes a second look at a thin person at a buffet, but an overweight person is looked upon as if they have no right to be there.

I have been in stores that have plus sizes along with smaller sizes, but on the side of the plus sizes it has signs telling us to have confidence, automatically assuming that we do not. If you walk over to the smaller sizes, you will not find that sign.

It is time to stop promoting thin, and time to start promoting good health. Currently, about five million people suffer from eating disorders.

When studies are done about eating at fast-food restaurants, they are not just studying overweight people; they are talking about everyone.

I can see some of the prejudices that I have inadvertently adopted, calling larger sizes plus sizes. By dividing those sizes you set a precedent of negativity toward that group of individuals.

As Americans we say as a nation we stand and divided we fall, and we need to adopt this doctrine across all areas of our lives.

# Regulate the Internet

By SARAH MATLOCK  
The Shield staff

Imagine you are in seventh grade. You walk into first period and discover that you have a substitute teacher.

"Alright! We're gonna watch a movie and do nothing cause the teacher's not here! Yeah!"

What you are not expecting is pornography.

In October 2004, a Connecticut substitute found herself in a whole heap of trouble when it was discovered that seventh graders saw pornographic images while under her supervision.

While Julie Amero maintains that she had no part in displaying the images, that they were pop ups she couldn't close and she was told not to turn off the computer for any reason, many consider the pornography a just cause to pull the plug on the PC.



Despite her claims, the jury couldn't bring themselves to let her off with out some sort of punishment and her sentence will be revealed on March 2.

Expert witnesses explained that the images would not have popped up unless pornographic material had been previously viewed on the computer, which seems to indicate that Ms. Amero had been deliberately searching out the images.

Some reports state that the graphic depictions remained in the view of students for hours, while others claim that as soon as Amero noticed what was happening, she did everything in her power to take control of the situation.

Whatever happened that day, I don't think that Julie Amero, seventh grade substitute teacher, is entirely to blame.

Perhaps she was surfing the Internet for pornography and forgot to close the window.

Maybe they were simply pop ups on the screen.

Morally, this is an issue, but not in regards to the law.

The legal ramifications should involve the school's Internet policies, the regulation of mature

websites and other instances of access.

No public school computer should be on the receiving end of inappropriate content.

Just as television, radio and other types of media are regulated by policies of rating and maturity level, so should the Internet be formulated.

While there are several programs designed to block certain information from reaching the wrong audiences, websites are so numerous and diverse that it is impossible to regulate them under the current format.

In *State v. Amero*, we find an example of a case that is so much bigger than one teacher in one school.

School policy, media ratings, mature websites, substitute teaching requirements all come into question and should be handled now, so as not to repeat this issue in the future.

As author Phyllis Schlafly said, "Do you ever wonder why the Internet is so polluted with pornography? The Supreme Court just reminded us why: it blocks every attempt by Congress to regulate the pornographers."

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# On the road to Bonnaroo



## Lineup announced as tickets go on sale

## Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival - 2007

By **ROGER GUE**  
 The Shield staff

With the rising popularity of music festivals like Bonnaroo, Coachella, and Lollapalooza, fans can save their money up for one big ticket.

Taking place yearly, these festivals offer the best of the best in music.

No more skipping class, no more begging for food and no more running out of gas just to see one band.

The Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival is a yearly event that has been taking place every June for the past five years.

This year's event takes place June 14-17 in Manchester, Tenn. Tickets go on sale February 23. The festival offers a wide variety of bands, mind-blowing art, and comedians—attendees are sure to have a blast.

This year's lineup has jam-band and indie-rock fanatics salivating.

With enough bands to fill my musical dinner plate, I couldn't resist talking about the main

course.

The newly reunited Police are headlining Bonnaroo this year. After taking 23 years off, they've come to their senses and plan to cater to the hopes and dreams of their fans.

Front man Sting, who's been pursuing a pretty successful solo career, and his band mates are touring throughout the entire year. If you are interested in attending something historical, this is for you.

The White Stripes have reunited this year as well. After lead singer/guitarist Jack White took a break from the band to pursue a side project (The Raconteurs), no one knew what would happen to the Stripes.

Thankfully, they've reunited and plan on showing fans something new this year. They are reportedly recording a new album. Don't be surprised if fellow Raconteur Brendan Bensen shows up to perform with these rock legends.

Wilco, known for alternative country tunes, is also hitting the stage this year. Since forming in 1995, its reputation as a notable rock band is warranted.

However, the 2004 release, "A Ghost is Born," is a clear indication that this band is changing. Sky Blue Sky, their

next album, is due out on May 15 of this year.

Wayne Coyne, the charismatic front man to the indie-rock band The Flaming Lips will, without a doubt, put on a show for us this year. Memorable live shows including Coyne in a giant plastic bubble walking atop the heads of jubilant members of the crowd are reason enough to believe that the audience will get its money's worth.

It never fails. No matter what the Decemberists do, indie-rock aficionados (myself included) will clamor to get their eyes, ears, or hands on the outcome.

The Crane Wife, their fourth full-length album that dropped last year, didn't disappoint. The critically acclaimed album received Album of the Year from numerous magazines, motivating front man Colin Meloy to think carefully about their live show.

So far, he's successfully brought the energy and artistic charm from the album to their shows.

So much is already known about many of these bands. But for some, this festival is their chance to make leeway in the music circuit.

Bands like the Cold War Kids have been growing in

popularity after fans of the band proclaimed their adoration for their energetic live shows.

Regina Spektor, the singer/songwriter, recently released an acclaimed album that will surely put her at the top of a "must see" list for many attendees.

Hot Chip is a UK electro-pop band that managed to score the number 1 single of 2006 from British music magazine NME. Hopefully they live up to the hype.

Finally, Wolfmother. Anyone who's watched a television commercial in the past six months has heard their song, "Woman."

This Australian rock n' roll band continues to pay homage to their classic rock brethren. Drawing connections between Van Halen, Aerosmith, and Black Sabbath, to name a few, whilst bringing us something that sounds new can, and will, continue to pit Wolfmother as "Rock."

No matter what your musical flavor of choice, this year's Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival offers a satisfying variety.

Ticket prices start at \$184.50 each. Bands are added throughout the year on the Bonnaroo website, [www.bonnaroo.com](http://www.bonnaroo.com).

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## Relient K tour hits Indiana

By **JAIME HESS**  
 The Shield staff

Relient K, the popular Christian band out of Canton, Ohio, is releasing their new album, *Five Score and Seven Years Ago* on March 6.

"We are really excited to put this album out. We worked really hard and it is probably our best album," said lead singer, Matt Thiessen.

"My favorite song would be a song called 'Deathbed.' I am really proud of this song."

Relient K, named after the Plymouth Reliant, was formed in 1998 by Thiessen and friend Matt Hoopes, who plays guitar in the band. Other members are Dave Douglas, drums; John Werne, bass; and John Schneck, guitar.

While people think that the band's music sound is punk/pop, Thiessen said that they are really more rock and roll.

"We are rock and roll with piano mixed with punk. The new album's sound is a little in left field, but it still has our signature sound and lyrics. Nobody is going to be shocked."

The title of the new album, *Five Score and Seven Years Ago*, comes from it being the fifth album for the band and it has been seven years since the



The members of Relient K lounge in a recent publicity shoot.

Photo courtesy of Relient K

first album, self-titled, Relient K, which came out in 2000. The first single, "Must Have Done Something Right" is already being played on popular mainstream radio.

"I draw concepts from personal experiences. Usually what I am going through at the moment and what is in my heart," said Thiessen.

"I am a normal, down-to-earth dude writing about normal down-to-earth experiences that people can relate to."

The tour starts March 9, at

the Nokia Theatre in New York, with a stop in Indianapolis on March 18 at the Murat Theatre.

"The tour is going to be really simple," said Thiessen. "We are going to have a great line up with Mac and Sherwood. We are friends and click together. We have different sounds so it won't be like your hearing the same thing through the whole concert."

Thiessen believes that having a good relationship with the people you are touring with benefits the show. It makes the environment more enjoyable. One of the best things however is impacting the fans.

"Our producer said that touring can be fun, but you will have the shows where you think that it didn't go well. However there will be one person that walked away impacted and that is a more valuable

thing than being on MTV," said Thiessen.

Thiessen brings concepts from his personal faith and what he is going through spiritually to his music. Certain bible verses just speak to him depending on what stresses he is experiencing.

The verse that was speaking to him at the time was Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

"It is a good record, hopefully our fans will like it," Thiessen said.

"I just encourage people to go out and buy it because we really worked hard on it. It really is our proudest album."

For more information on Relient K, go to their site at [relientk.com](http://relientk.com). For ticket information, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

## Sleep a need too crucial to neglect

By **JAMIE SMITH**  
 The Shield staff



When you have a lot on your mind, it can be difficult to sleep at night.

It becomes frustrating, staring in the dark night after night and watching the numbers on your alarm clock glare back at you. Next thing you know, it is 3 a.m., and you have to be up in a few hours to get ready for work or class.

As you lie in bed, contemplating why you are having trouble sleeping, think about this: What you do during the day may be disturbing you from getting your rest.

As college students, it can be challenging to get the necessary amount of sleep needed to survive busy schedules.

However, sleep is one of the most important needs in life. Therefore you should try to fit in those recommended 7-8 hours of sleep. It may not be easy, but you can do it.

If you often having trouble sleeping and can't figure out why, take a look at the helpful sleeping tips that are listed below:

**-Cut the caffeine.** Caffeine has been known to keep you awake. If you can't call off caffeine completely, then keep it away at night. In the morning, a few cups of coffee should not affect your nightly Z's. If you wait to drink your caffeine until the evening, forget about sleeping.

**-Exercise.** Exercising on a regular basis can help you get a good night's sleep. The intensi-

ty of a good workout seems to have effects on sleep. However, if you are the type of person who becomes energized after exercise, it may be best for you to exercise during the day, at least a few hours before bedtime.

**-Avoid naps.** Napping can interfere with falling asleep at night. A 15-20 minute power nap should be fine. If you are a long nap-taker, however, plan on staring at the clock the rest of the night.

**-Eat right.** Try not to go to bed hungry. Chances are, being hungry will be the only thing you will be focused on while trying to sleep. On the other hand, if you go to bed on a full stomach, you will be miserable. So eat right and sleep tight.

**-No nicotine.** Although it may feel relaxing, the stimulant that nicotine puts into your bloodstream can keep you up and awaken you throughout the night.

**-Relax.** Do your best to relax before bedtime. Take a bath or read a book. Aromatherapy is also recommended.

From now on, do not allow those numbers on your alarm clock to discourage you from sleeping. Take time out of each day and prioritize.

Plan on getting your homework and meetings out of the way during the day, so you can relax in the evening and get a good night's sleep.

### Web resource:

For more information visit the National Sleep Foundation's Web site at [www.sleepfoundation.org](http://www.sleepfoundation.org).

### If you go...

Relient K in Indianapolis  
 7 p.m. (Eastern time) March 18  
 Murat Theatre Egyptian Room  
 Tickets \$17

# 'Insecure' a welcome challenge

By JASON BARR  
The Shield staff

She also sojourns to post-Katrina New Orleans.

Through it all, as she immersed herself in the lives of all these women who have experienced so much pain and horror, striving to tell their stories so that violence can be unmasked for the horror it truly is, Ensler found herself dealing with the pain of her own past in a new way.

Instead of seeing herself as aloof, as a problem-solver, removed from the existential reality of the situations by her art, she began to identify with these women in solidarity, and in doing so, found freedom from her past.

In the end, says Ensler, the rabid quest for security can only lead to fundamental insecurity—for within the quest for security lie the seeds of its own destruction. Security leads us to "bomb rather than build, annihilate rather than feed."

We focus our attention on "imagined enemies who must be controlled or destroyed" and in the process make them our real enemies. Terror and numbness are mistaken for security, and "addictive consumption and mindless entertainment" become a substitute for

active participation in society.

Ensler says that instead of security, people should strive for freedom, which is not only toleration of mystery, complexity and ambiguity, but the hunger for them—only trusting situations in which they are present, in which there are no neat solutions. Freedom, in the end, is "not owned, not occupied, not bought." It doesn't fit in a box, and it liberates instead of constricting.

"Insecure at Last" is not only a thought-provoking personal journey, but also a well-crafted work of rhetorical art. The reader doesn't just absorb facts and figures and disembodied statistics about violence and hatred; rather, he is immersed in a moving story, in a world that sees starkly the results of American policies and natural disasters at the ground level. Ensler takes us deeply into the lives of the women she meets, as well as her own.

The reader may not agree with all her conclusions, but certainly Ensler must be taken seriously as this book challenges our ideas of security, freedom, identity and the American dream.

Rating: 10/10

# Cliché-ridden 'Because' rentworthy at best

By JERAMY LAY  
Special to The Shield

daughter to grow on her own.

Things are supposed to get interesting when Daphne decides to use a dating service to find a man for Milly, and the mother actually snags the man who she sees as the perfect man for Milly. Jason (Tom Everett Scott) impresses on the date with the hopeful mother, and is soon involved in a scheme with Daphne to capture the heart of Milly.

Then, a mysterious and confident musician comes over to Daphne, curious about all the men she's been talking to. As with most mothers, a smooth-talking, tattooed musician is the last person Daphne wants for her baby girl.

Predictably, the movie dives deep into Milly's cliché choice between the two men: the uptight, but overly successful architect, and the easygoing musician who also happens to be an incredible single parent.

If these shallow characters don't scream aloud the predictable ending, nothing will.

"Because I Said So" comes off as more of a fluffy, afternoon rental than a

deep, satisfying film. Think popcorn when you are hoping for dinner.

Of course, it has a few comic moments, but most can be seen from a mile away—such as the rambunctious child running circles around a disoriented Keaton, who just happens to have her hands full with a freshly made cake.

To her credit, Moore gives a solid performance. At times, it's her quirky personality and acting with Keaton that saves "Because I Said So" from being a complete "chick flick" cliché.

These films all seem to be about a family of neurotic, wealthy people and their relationship issues, set to a back-drop whiny soft rock.

If this were mathematics, "Because I Said So" would get an A because it successfully followed all the formulas that came before it.

Craving a movie in this genre next week? Just save the seven bucks and find a movie exactly like it in any local video store.

Rating: 6/10

As a typical boyfriend, I thought "Because I Said So" would actually be well tailored as a date movie—and if anything, I would be taking one for the team.

The movie itself is centered on Daphne (Diane Keaton), an eccentric mother who attempts to control the lives of her three daughters.

The oldest sister of the three, Maggie (Lauren Graham of "Gilmore Girls") already has her life figured out with a steady relationship and a comfy job as a psychologist. Mae (Piper Perabo of "Coyote Ugly") is the over-sexed free-spirit of the group, whose only on-screen moments are used for simple sexual jokes or to be a stark contrast for the youngest sister, Milly (Mandy Moore). Milly happens to be the last of Daphne's three daughters to branch out.

Most of the movie hinges on the relationship between an overbearing mother and her inability to allow her youngest

## Sudoku

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(Turn paper upside-down for solution.)

## Guest column deadline extended

The Shield's Black History Month guest column contest has been extended for an additional week.

Guest columns from USI students and faculty on the topic of Black History Month will be printed in the March 1 issue of the Shield. Send submissions, 400 words or less, to usishield@gmail.com or shield@usi.edu.

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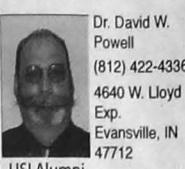
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# Black history relevant beyond February

By JAIME HESS  
The Shield staff

Carter G. Woodson was a child of former slaves who had little money to raise a family. Woodson worked in dusty coal mines in Kentucky until he could enroll in high school at age 20.

His life began much the same as many other black men at this time, although it didn't continue that way.

After graduating from college and earning a master's at the University of Chicago, Woodson received a doctorate in history from Harvard, where he noticed that African-American accomplishments were absent from his textbooks.

Determined to correct the omission of blacks from

school curriculum, Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 and began his life-long dedication to honoring the successes of African Americans.

In 1926, Woodson established Negro History Week, scheduling it for the second week of February because the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) fall during this week.

"Black History Month is a time to aside for everybody to remember the African Americans in history. If we don't people probably won't remember," said Herman Thomas, Program Director of Multicultural Center.

Negro History Week became widely celebrated,

even after Woodson's death in 1950.

Following the rise of the Black Power Movement in the 1960's, the week-long event turned into a monthlong celebration in 1976.

The Multicultural Center sponsored a program called "Help Me Help You Help Us Together," with Thomas speaking about growing up in Evansville. Rhyme Rock also performed.

"The program went really well. We were very pleased with the turnout," said Thomas.

There was also a showcase made up by the Black Student Union. A Poetry Café, where students can openly recite favorite poetry and original compositions, will take place tonight at 8 p.m. in the Eagle's

Nest. "Hopefully next year we can get more of the academic side involved too, to help coordinate with us," said Herman.

Saturday night, the Black Alumni of USI will host An Evening of Jazz at The Pub, 348 Division St., from 8-11 p.m. Jazz artist Rob White will perform.

Admission is \$15. Proceeds benefit the USI Black Alumni Society scholarship fund. To purchase tickets in advance, call the alumni office at 464-1924.

Today, February is considered a month of recognition for influential blacks in American history, such as Woodson, who believed that eventually the week would be eradicated and considered unneces-

sary with increased integration.

The Evansville Museum of Art, History and Science will continue its exhibit, "Color: Ten African-American Artists," until April 15.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library's exhibition of "Freedom's Struggle: The Underground Railroad," a photography series by Willie Johnson, will continue until Wednesday, Feb. 28. The series is on exhibit at Central Library, located at 200 South-east Martin Luther King Blvd. The USI community's events join cities nationwide in honoring black women and men who have made a difference.

(U-Wire contributed to this story.)

## Origins of Black History Month

Black History Month's theme this year is "From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Africans in the Americas."

### Key events in the evolution of Black History Month:

- 1920: February 1926: Historian Carter G. Woodson starts Negro History Week
- 1930: 1933: Woodson's "The Miseducation of the Negro" published; it becomes a classic text urging Americans to learn black history
- 1950: 1950: Woodson dies, but his group carries on the annual observance by naming a black history theme each year
- 1970: 1976: Black History Month is established as part of the nation's bicentennial
- 2000: 2006: Woodson's Washington, D.C., home is designated as a National Historic Site

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## Vegetarian dining options less than numerous

By GREG ASHER  
The Shield staff



Complaints about the quality and price of food appear with fair regularity around campus, and would seem to be second only to parking as a source of editorials.

There can be no doubt that there is something to them with this frequency. Another complaint is the lack of options for vegetarians on campus.

College is traditionally a place for liberal ideas, as well as insanely hungry students. Why few restaurants are cashing in on this captive audience, especially a high percentage vegetarian one is a relative mystery.

USI has had plans for some time to place new restaurants among other things in the old library, but numerous construction delays have put a hold on that, so for the time being our options are limited.

Having tried and failed numerous times to be a vegetarian, I was struck by the lack of acceptable food items on campus.

A little research revealed more options than I expected. Since there is no real guide for people attempting vegetarianism on limited options, I present my own suggestions.

For lunch at the Loft, there is always the classic cheap option of pasta with two free breadsticks, as well as two soups. They also offer a vegetable wrap for the same price as wraps with meat, which

makes it about twice the price of the vegetable wrap downstairs at Sub Connection.

I would have tested the Loft's dinner menu as well, but didn't quite have enough money to do so this week.

Taking the bullet for the team was fourth year Spanish major Kristi Worley.

"The salad bar and fruit's always a good option, but they really need to have tofu there or with the wraps," she said.

Burger King offers a Morningstar Farms vegetable burger. I'm told by vegetarians that it's the best, but I was expecting something that tasted or felt a little more like a burger.

Pete's Arena is my haven though, and possibly the only restaurant on campus to respond to the demands of the people.

Their offering of cheese pizza has now been supplemented with a mushroom variety in addition to cheese calzones, breadsticks, cinnamon sticks, and a selection of yogurts, juices, and salads behind the counter.

Cafe A La Carte in the Liberal Arts and Science buildings offer large cups of cheese, vegetables and fruit. If all three were combined instead of being separately priced, it would be a very nice meal.

Also, while not necessarily vegetarian, there are a large number of often overlooked vending machines in the basement of the Orr Center that offer a nice variety of snacks to supplement your diet.

I recommend those to anyone who is waiting for the new restaurants to come in, or plans on graduating beforehand. Hopefully, in the future, vegetarian options will increase.

## Not afraid to say the 'V-word'



Performing a piece from Eve Ensler's play, "The Vagina Monologues," are, left to right, Brittney Scott, Andy Arthur, Mary Hallock Morris and Misty Gillespie. An audience of 130 packed room 0017 of Rice Library on Feb. 14, raising \$230 for Albion Fellows Bacon Center, which provides shelter and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and their children. The event, sponsored by the USI Philosophy Club and Spectrum, was the first time the controversial play has been performed on USI campus. Almost 3,000 performances took place worldwide in support of V-Day, Ensler's annual campaign to create discussion and awareness and to end violence against women and girls.

Photo by Jared Kinkade

## Alpha Sigma Alpha seeks Mr. Southern Indiana

By LEAH BARR  
Et Cetera Editor

Boys will be girls tonight at Alpha Sigma Alpha's Mr Southern Indiana pageant. The sorority will present its unusual take on the traditional beauty pageant at 9:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

Admission is \$3 at the door. Ten male USI students, mostly fraternity members, will cross dress for the event.

"It's a lot of fun to see these guys who are generally tough guys dressed like girls," said USI sophomore Suzanne Webster, fundraising chair of ASA. Contestants will compete in categories identical to women's pageants including evening wear, swimwear and casual wear competitions.

Each contestant will also answer a question during the evening wear portion.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the swimsuit part," Webster said.

USI senior and Sigma Pi member Timothy Diekmann, Mr. Southern Indiana 2006, will crown this year's winner.

"I chose to be in the contest to help out the girls in Alpha Sigma Alpha," Diekmann said. "They have been a lot of help to Sigma Pi in our beginning

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**Tim Diekmann**  
Mr. Southern Indiana 2006

stages, so I figured it was the least that I could do."

In years past, the sorority hosted its Mr. Southern Indiana pageant as an annual event, but the women had switched to different avenues of fundraising such as their Fall Festival sales booth. Last year, the pageant was resurrected.

The Mr. Southern Indiana 2007 contestants are freshman Casey Miller-Bock representing USI Wrestling and Alpha Sigma Phi, sophomore Jordan Fultz representing Lambda Chi Alpha, freshman Jeremy Schnepfer representing Phi Delta Theta, sophomore Andrew Heil representing Phi Delta Theta, freshman Brendon McAvoy representing Alpha Sigma Phi, freshman Nathan Simon, freshman Ryan Noel representing Alpha Sigma Phi, freshman Miles Quiroz, sophomore Brandon Harshman repre-

sending Phi Delta Theta and freshman Zach Eisele representing Lambda Chi Alpha.

Diekmann has little advice for those hoping to become his successor.

"There's really no way to prepare for this. It's just a matter of acting like a girl. This is not serious, just be cool and have fun," he said.

"I guess in a way it's our version of the drag show," Webster said.

"It's not our intention to make fun of the drag show, in fact we've had drag participants help with our own show. We just think it's fun."

About 250 people attended last year's pageant, raising about \$600 for ASA. Webster said she expects a similar level of attendance for this year's pageant.

The Mr. Southern Indiana pageant is ASA's main general

fundraiser. Webster said the sorority uses funds raised in the pageant are used to build its budget for the philanthropic events the women put on throughout the year.

"If we don't have the money, we can't do our philanthropy, which is what we're really about."

ASA's philanthropic events benefit groups including Riley Hospital, the Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center, which provides resources for children with developmental disabilities and their families in homes, schools, and communities.

Besides fundraising for these groups, the hostesses and participants of the Mr. Southern Indiana pageant are motivated by fun.

"My favorite part has to be hanging out with the guys from the other fraternities. It's really a lot of fun to hang out and act stupid for the night," Diekmann said.

Webster said the pageant promises to be fun, and next year could see an increase in competition categories.

"I think next year I'm going to suggest a talent portion for the guys," she said.

For more information, contact Suzanne Webster at sewebster@usieagles.org.

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# The best in the west!

Men's Basketball # By the Numbers #	
1	USI's seed in the GLVC Tournament.
2	Great Lakes Region Poll ranking.
5	Rank in the NABC / Division 2 Coaches Poll.
7	Dunks by Senior Rashard Sullivan against Quincy.
15	Wins at home this year. The Eagles went undefeated in the PAC.
18	Senior Geoff Van Winkle became the 18th Eagle to score over 1,000 points.
25	USI's current win total. The Eagles reached the 25-win mark for the fifth consecutive season.
91	Three-point field goals by senior Melvin Hall. Hall owns the USI single-season record.



The men's basketball team and staff gather at mid-court for photos following an 87-65 victory over Quincy. The win gave the Eagles the outright GLVC West title, and the players sport their championship t-shirts. It was the final home game for the seniors.

Photo by Tyler Moore

## The Eagles claim the GLVC West title, finish undefeated at home and send the seniors out in style

By GUY SCOTT  
Special to the Shield

The USI Men's basketball team finished its regular season home schedule this week with a 2-0 record.

With the two victories, the Eagles claimed the outright GLVC West crown.

On Thursday, they beat rival Great Lakes Region Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Senior forward Geoff Van Winkle had a stellar final home game, scoring 18 points on 6-7 from the three-point line.

Junior guard Kenny Page also reached double-figures with 15 points.

Senior Rashard Sullivan recorded his sixth double-double of the year, scoring 10 points and pulling down a season-high 13 rebounds.

Saturday, senior day at the

PAC, the Eagles got their revenge for a 76-74 overtime loss in January.

They beat 25th-ranked Quincy University 87-65. USI had four players finish in double-figures—three of which were seniors.

This was a special day for the men's basketball program because it was their final home game at the PAC.

The win gave the Eagles a perfect 15-0 record at home this season.

Also, it was their 25th win of the year. USI has reached the 25-win mark for five consecutive seasons.

Thanks to their performance on Saturday, and the entire season, the Eagles locked up the top position in the GLVC Tournament.

"My career at USI has been good because of the games I've

won and the people I've met," said senior Nick Brooks. "The victory was great but weird because it was my last home game that I'll play in my life."

Van Winkle didn't let the last home game stop him from getting buckets.

He reached double figures once again. Van Winkle ended the game with 16 points, shooting 5-9 from the field and 4-7 from the three-point line.

Page had some extra motivation on Saturday.

Besides playing for the seniors and the GLVC West title, he wanted to put on a good show for his high school coach who was in the crowd.

USI closes out the regular season this week with two road games at Rockhurst and Drury University.

From there, the Eagles will head to Roberts Stadium for the GLVC Tournament, beginning Thursday, March 1.

persistent defense.

Sullivan had 21 points, six rebounds, and three huge blocks. Sullivan threw down seven dunks, and ignited the crowd each time.

Two of his dunks were alley-oops. One came on a three-on-one fast break led by Sullivan.

He passed off to sophomore Mike Kalicak, who threw up a perfect lob that Sullivan slammed home.

"We had a strong first half and got good production from Sullivan, Van Winkle and Melvin Hall," said Page.

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Senior Rashard Sullivan (right) throws down one of his seven dunks against Quincy. He led the Eagles with 21 points, six rebounds and three blocks. Sullivan ignited the crowd on numerous occasions with his standout effort.

Photo by Tyler Moore

## One-on-One Rick Herdes on...

### -Team Goals...

"We had goals at the beginning of the year. First, was to go down and win the Disney Classic, and we did that. The next one was to go undefeated at home, and this team accomplished that. Third was to win the west and that's been accomplished. Now, it's to win the conference tournament."

### -Being the #1 seed...

"You have to be in the conference tournament to win it. It's always better to play a lower seeded opponent early, but anybody can win it. Believe me, this leagues is balanced better than I've ever seen."

# The Lady Eagles need to win to get in

## The Lady Eagles must win two on the road to guarantee their spot in the GLVC Tournament

By ERIC BREWER  
The Shield staff

The USI women's team is playing its best basketball in the last weeks of regular season play.

Two of the top teams with GLVC Tournament aspirations visited the PAC last weekend.

The Lady Eagles took the number-one ranked team in the conference, SIUE, into double-overtime on Thursday night.

SIUE won the contest 81-75 in the final minutes of the double-overtime game.

Quincy University was the other half of the home stand and senior night for the women's team.

Seniors honored before the game for USI were: Leah Stormont, Michelle King, Sabrina Brandon, Katie Thiesenhusen and Sarah Buldman.

Coming into the game, Quincy and USI were tied for third place in the GLVC West.

With the help from Thiesenhusen, Brandon, Akiya Alexander and Jasmine Baines, who all put up great numbers in Saturday's contest, the Lady Eagles took a step ahead their conference rival.

USI defeated the Quincy Hawks 75-68 without any overtime play.

"It was really a heartbreaking loss to SIUE. We won a good game against Quincy, but were so upset about SIUE," said junior Missy Glaser.

"We should have won that game. Now we have to beat Rockhurst and Drury on the road. Drury will be tough to beat at their place."

The USI victory leaves Quincy tied for fourth with Missouri-



Senior Sarah Buldman heads to the bench after fouling out in the closing minutes of her final home game.

Photo by Tyler Moore

Rolla, while USI is still trying to advance to the conference tournament in their current position of third in the GLVC West.

The upcoming road trip will close out the regular season for women's hoops.

"The top three teams from each division advance to the tournament along with two wild card teams based on the best records.

We have the advantage now, because things are in our control," said USI women's head coach Rick Stein. "We don't have to wait for other teams to win or lose; it's up to us to win this week."

The last two games of the regular season feature Rockhurst and Drury, two match-ups the Eagles won in early January.

Rockhurst is currently sixth

in the GLVC West, while Drury and SIUE share the number one spot, automatically clinching entrance into the conference tournament.

The GLVC tournament will be held at Roberts Stadium in the first week of March.

"We have worked on three things this season...effort, intensity, and teamwork," said Stein.

"All three of those came together for us this past weekend. We're playing our best basketball and just have to go at it this week."

### 11 Teams --- 8 spots

#### GLVC West Women's Standings

1 - Lewis	(15-2), (22-3)
2 - Northern Kentucky	(13-4), (22-3)
3 - SIU Edwardsville	(12-5), (19-6)
Drury	(12-5), (18-7)
5 - Bellarmine	(10-7), (17-8)
Kentucky Wesleyan	(10-7), (17-8)
7 - USI	(9-8), (15-10)
8 - Missouri-Rolla	(8-9), (15-10)
UW-Parkside	(8-9), (15-10)
Quincy	(8-9), (15-10)
Indianapolis	(8-9), (15-10)



# Men's golf ready for round two

By KASSIE HOSTETLER  
Managing editor

upbeat about making it to the NCAA tournament, and winning the conference," said Scheessele.

Last year, the team traveled to Alabama to play in the North Alabama Spring Classic.

Instead of going on the road during spring break this year, the team will stay in town to prepare for the regional and conference tournaments.

In the past, the team has only been able to practice at Helfrich Golf Course, but this season they are also practicing at the Players Club of Henderson and Cambridge Golf Club.

Scheessele said these courses are more similar to the type of courses they compete on in order to be better prepared going into the spring season.

"We have ourselves in the position where if we play well and at the level we are capable of playing we will make our first NCAA appearance since 2000," said Scheessele.

The team began practicing approximately five days a week for the spring season in January, and continue practicing as much as possible through the winter weather.

"We have a pretty balanced mixture this year with two sophomores, three juniors, three seniors and one freshman, but I am looking to bring in a lot more players next year," Scheessele said.

Not only will there will be three returning seniors this season, but the 2006 All-Conference standout Blake Hilliard will also be returning.

Hilliard is only a junior, so USI can look forward to another year with last season's top golfer.

Scheessele stresses discipline on and off the golf course. Academics are also a significant aspect of his golf team.

He had three player with 4.0 GPA's last semester and seven players with GPA's above 3.0.



Photo courtesy of News and Information

The USI men's golf team expects to start their spring schedule off strong at the Birmingham Southern Spring Invitational on Feb. 26 in Alabama.

"Fall wasn't quite up to how I expected, but as to making it to post season, we are in better shape this year than in the past three," coach Matt Scheessele said.

"We didn't play up to the expectations we set in place, but it was not a disappointment."

The team finished in third, fifth and fourth places, respectively, in the Great Lakes Valley Conference the past three years.

Scheessele looks to improve on those positions in the upcoming season, and has made adjustments to their usual preparations in order to do so.

"We have changed some of our philosophies about our spring season so we are very positive and

## Final Standings

The position and winnings of your favorite NASCAR drivers

1. (34) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 202 laps, \$1,510,469.
2. (26) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 202, \$1,102,258.
3. (7) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 202, \$819,216.
4. (22) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 202, \$615,658.
5. (35) David Ragan, Ford, 202, \$529,350.
6. (30) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 202, \$407,153.
7. (28) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 202, \$386,074.
8. (1) David Gilliland, Ford, 202, \$374,764.
9. (18) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 202, \$302,008.
10. (42) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 202, \$371,679.
11. (6) David Stremme, Dodge, 202, \$294,758.
12. (12) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 202, \$308,541.
13. (33) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 202, \$280,657.
14. (23) Boris Said, Ford, 202, \$265,375.
15. (39) Robby Gordon, Ford, 202, \$268,475.
16. (41) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 202, \$262,675.
17. (38) Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 202, \$266,483.
18. (11) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 202, \$275,500.
19. (36) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dodge, 202, \$299,483.
20. (17) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 202, \$275,225.
21. (27) Bobby Labonte, Dodge, 202, \$300,436.
22. (43) Dale Jarrett, Toyota, 202, \$259,575.
23. (14) Carl Edwards, Ford, 202, \$273,383.
24. (8) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 202, \$276,858.
25. (25) Greg Biffle, Ford, 202, \$276,075.
26. (2) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 202, \$293,091.
27. (10) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 202, \$309,099.
28. (9) Denny Hamlin, Chevrolet, 201, \$279,175.
29. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 201, \$290,820.
30. (15) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 200, \$258,050.
31. (24) Jamie McMurray, Ford, accident, \$265,058.
32. (5) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, accident, \$315,733.
33. (20) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 195, \$262,583.
34. (37) Dave Blaney, Toyota, parked, \$259,900.
35. (19) Kenny Schrader, Ford, accident, \$271,189.
36. (31) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, accident, \$259,025.
37. (32) Scott Riggs, Dodge, 179, \$259,158.
38. (16) Ryan Newman, Dodge, accident, \$283,233.
39. (21) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, accident, \$298,886.
40. (40) David Reutimann, Toyota, accident, \$249,583.
41. (4) Kurt Busch, Dodge, accident, \$300,816.
42. (29) Kyle Petty, Dodge, accident, \$248,050.
43. (3) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, accident, \$334,931.

Information courtesy of The Associated Press

## Daytona ends in fiery fashion

DAYTONA, FL (AP)—The first 150 laps of the Daytona 500 was like watching drivers circle the lot at the grocery store politely waiting for parking spots to open up.

Then the sun went down, a full moon popped up and everybody started behaving like the Wolfman—suddenly in a hurry and only too eager to mix it up.

The last 50 laps featured five wrecks, all involving multiple cars, and small wonder. There was no room. With six laps to go, the field was as tightly packed as it was at the start.

At the finish, as car parts, smoke and sparks flew through the air behind them like the climactic chase scene from "The Road Warrior," Kevin Harvick and Mark Martin were racing side by side at around 200 mph separated by the length of a car hood.

Seconds later, providing a perfect exclamation point, Clint Bowyer skidded across the line with his car upside down—and on fire.

"This finish," Darrell Waltrip said, recalling last year's NASCAR-inspired hit comedy, "It's 'Ricky Bobby.' It couldn't have been any better."

Think back to the events of last week, when NASCAR czar Brian France gave his upbeat state-of-the-sport address. He boasted about new TV partners, new sponsors, a new carmaker coming on-board to challenge America's Big Three, and the additional responsibilities all that money rolling in would place on the people who make the sport go.

Then an hour or so later, his handlers announced four teams caught cheating would lose their crew chiefs for Sunday's race.

A fifth team, headed by owner-driver Michael Waltrip, was busted the following day.



Kevin Harvick (29) edges out Mark Martin (01) by 0.02 seconds to win the Daytona 500. For the 23rd time in his career, Martin failed to win "The Great American Race."

That may have been the most embarrassing development of all, since he was fronting for new series-entrant Toyota, a manufacturer that knew little about NASCAR's notorious past and liked seeing its reputation smudged with oil even less.

The funny thing is that hijinks have been on the way out the last half-dozen or so years, as NASCAR embarked on an NFL-style expansion plan, growing more homogeneous than home-spun, more choreographed than chaotic in the bargain.

But this race was a throwback in the best sense of the word, at least once the sun went down and the cars found their grip on the ancient concrete oval.

Drivers banged into the walls, off each other and the crazier it got, the more chances they took.

"Wildest thing I've been part," Harvick said after officials posted his margin of victory at .020 seconds, "in a long time."

Martin, the sentimental

favorite, was trying to win his first Daytona title in 23 tries.

"We were inches or feet or whatever. We were short. It was so close," he said finally, "but it was second."

It's small consolation, but it was as good and honorable a second-place finish as there's been in NASCAR. Even so, Martin could have whined about the lack of a caution flag seconds from the end.

As he battled Harvick to the line, the final, seven-car crash was exploding just a few hundred yards behind them.

Had the yellow flag been dropped, the field would have been frozen and Martin would have won. Instead, the green flag flew.

"I was ahead of it all," Martin conceded. "It was pretty decent where I was sitting."

And because Martin was a standup guy, France, Harvick and all the rest of the employees in his traveling circus are sitting pretty.

Since the Daytona 500 is NASCAR's biggest event, the season effectively starts with its Super Bowl and builds momentum from there.

Now there's a great race, a little controversy and enough highlights to fill up a week's worth of the nightly programs that ESPN has trotted out to promote the sport it just bought back into.

A few years back, France was asked whether all the changes he embarked on, from increased corporate involvement to a crack-down on the drivers' conduct, language and under-the-hood shenanigans wasn't driving his core audience away.

He replied that coming up with magical moments wouldn't be tough so long as men and machines remained a volatile mix.

"Racing has always had them. The trick now," he said, "is to keep them coming on a bigger stage." So far, so good.

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# Small towns suffer Iraq's emotional scars

McKEESPORT, Pa. (AP) — Edward "Willie" Carman wanted a ticket out of town, and the Army provided it.

Raised in the projects by a single mother in this blighted, old industrial steel town outside Pittsburgh, the 18-year-old saw the U.S. military as an opportunity.

"I'm not doing it to you, I'm doing it for me," he told his mother, Joanna Hawthorne, after coming home from high school one day and surprising her with the news.

When Carman died in Iraq three years ago at age 27, he had money saved for college, a fiancée and two kids — including a baby son he'd never met. Neighbors in Hawthorne's mobile home park collected \$400 and left it in an envelope in her door.

Across the nation, small towns are quietly bearing the war's burden. Nearly half of the more than 3,100 U.S. military fatalities in Iraq have come from towns like McKeesport, where fewer than 25,000 people live, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. One in five hailed from hometowns of less than 5,000.

The Census Bureau said 56 percent of the population in 2005 lived in towns under 25,000 and in unincorporated areas, but it could not provide the number of people in living only in communities of less than 25,000. The 2000 census showed 16 percent of the population lived in unincorporated rural areas.

Many of the hometowns of the war dead aren't just small, they're poor. The AP analysis found that nearly three quarters of those killed in Iraq came from towns where the per capita income was below the national average. More than half came from towns where the percentage of people living in poverty topped the

national average.

On a per capita basis, states with mostly rural populations have suffered the highest casualties in Iraq.

There's a "basic unfairness" about the number of troops dying in Iraq who are from rural areas, said William O'Hare, senior visiting fellow at the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute, which examines rural issues.

Diminished opportunities are one factor in higher military enlistment rates in rural areas. From 1997 to 2003, 1.5 million rural workers lost their jobs due to changes in industries like manufacturing that have traditionally employed rural workers, according to the Carsey Institute.

Rural communities are "being asked to pay a bigger price for this military adventure, if I can use that word, than their urban counterparts," O'Hare said.

"In a small community, even if you don't know somebody's name you at least know their face, you've seen them before, talked to them maybe," said Chuck Bevington, whose 22-year-old brother Allan, from Beaver Falls, Pa., died in Iraq, after volunteering for a second tour. "A small community feels it a lot tighter because they've had more contact with each other."

Military tradition and patriotism run deep in rural America, and for some the drive to serve goes well beyond economics. Sometimes, the call is something even their parents don't completely understand.

When a Marine recruiter came to Ryan Kovacic's two-story house outside Washington, Pa., off a mountain road surrounded by cattle pastures, his father, a Marine veteran of Vietnam, turned to his college student son and said, "You don't really understand what you're

getting into."

"Yes, I do," he stubbornly told his father before signing the papers.

The day of Kovacic's funeral, people lined Route 19, holding signs with his name. Little kids waved flags and men held their hands over their hearts to pay respect to the procession of more than 300 cars. His parents say they've been overwhelmed by the support of the community with tributes and phone calls from his friends and fellow Marines.

His mother, Judi, said she didn't watch President Bush's recent address on the war because they try to stay out of the politics of Iraq.

"If God was going to take him at 22, if he didn't take him like he did, how was he going to do it? I feel a lot better losing him this way because there was a lot of meaning behind what he did," his father said.

Death isn't the only burden the war has visited on the nation's small towns.

Entrepreneurs in many small communities have lost their businesses after deploying in the Guard and Reserves, said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont. More federal dollars also are needed to ensure that returning troops have easy access to veterans health centers, he said.

Another fairness issue, raised by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., is the Pentagon's practice of transporting the remains of military personnel killed in Iraq only to the nearest major airport. Stupak said it "imposes a burden on the family and friends when they should instead receive our support." He has introduced legislation to require the DOD to deliver the remains to the military or civilian airport chosen by the family.

While support for the war in rural areas

## Rural America bears burden of the war in Iraq

Nearly half of those killed in Iraq came from towns with a population less than 25,000. Most hometowns of U.S. military casualties are below the national average in income and educational attainment but above the poverty level.

Total deaths per town, as of Feb. 3, 2007

■ Places with less than 25,000 persons ■ Places with more than 25,000 persons



Percentage of hometowns of U.S. casualties worse than the national average

Per capita income: 72.6 Poverty rate: 55.2 High school graduation rate: 73.1

NOTE: Hometown and state information compiled from initial DoD press releases. Data represents identified deaths only and includes seven military civilians. Data for charts reported as of Feb. 3, 2007, of 3,041 casualties in U.S. states and DC. Charts based on 2,848 hometowns or 94 percent of all towns. Puerto Rico is not shown with a total of 19 deaths.

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initially was high, there has been a sharp decline in the past three years. AP-Ipsos polls show that those in rural areas who said it was the right decision to go to war dropped from 73 percent in April 2004 to 39 percent now. In urban areas, support declined from 43 percent in 2004 to 30 percent now.

Marty Newell, chief operating officer of the Whitesburg, Ky.-based Center for Rural Strategies, said rural areas supported the war early on because so many of their young men and women were fighting it.

Hawthorne isn't waiting on history's verdict. She's bitter about a military she

said enticed her son with promises of money, then sent him to a war based on a lie.

Instead, he died in Iraq in 2004 when his tank overturned.

Hawthorne said the military gave her \$4,000 for his funeral, but it wasn't enough to cover the \$14,000 expense. The funeral home forgave the rest, and neighbors collected \$400 to help her get by.

"You don't see anyone who has money putting their children into the military," she said. "I'm all for our soldiers. Without them our country wouldn't be where we are today, but this war just doesn't seem right. Like the Vietnam one. It's not right."

# XM and Sirius merge, regulatory hurdles loom

## One satellite radio

The only two companies in the subscription-only radio market, XM and Sirius, are merging but face challenges from the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Justice.

■ XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. (XMSR)  
■ Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. (SIRI)



SOURCE: Hoover's

EW YORK (AP) — Federal regulators warn that combining Sirius Satellite and XM Satellite radio will be a tough process, since there's already a provision barring both satellite radio licenses from being owned by the same company.

Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. announced an agreement to combine on Monday in a move aimed at reducing costs.

Shares of both companies rose sharply in early trading on Tuesday.

The Federal Communications Commission will evaluate any proposed transaction to see if it's in the public interest, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said following the

announcement, adding that: "The hurdle here, however, would be high as the commission originally prohibited one company from holding the only two satellite radio licenses."

The FCC already has a provision in place specifically barring both satellite radio licenses from being owned by the same company.

XM and Sirius have racked up significant financial losses to subsidize new subscribers even as they escalated an arms race to lock in long-term programming deals.

Sirius signed a five-year, \$500 million deal in 2004 with the shock jock Howard Stern, while XM paid \$650 million for an 11-year deal with Major League Baseball. XM signed a three-year, \$55 million deal with Oprah Winfrey.

Mel Karmazin, the CEO of Sirius who will become CEO of the new company, declined to comment in an interview about how much the companies hoped to save by the merger.

He said he was optimistic about achieving regulatory approval, but acknowledged: "We understand that there's a lot of work to be done."

XM radio receivers can't receive signals from Sirius, and vice versa.

But Karmazin and Parsons said in an interview that the companies are working on developing a receiver that could receive both signals.

In the meantime, they said, assuming the deal goes through, the companies would make other

arrangements to bring programming that's currently exclusive to one provider to listeners of the other, such as getting Major League Baseball games — currently only available on XM — to Sirius listeners.

The companies billed the deal as a merger of equals, with shareholders of both companies owning approximately 50 percent of the combined company.

However, Karmazin will run the combined company and XM's CEO Hugh Panero will stay on only until the deal is closed. XM Chairman Gary Parsons will remain in that role.

XM shareholders will receive 4.6 shares of Sirius stock for every share they own, valuing the company at \$4.57 billion or \$17.02 per share based on Friday's closing price for Sirius shares.

That gives XM shareholders a premium of 22 percent to the \$13.98 closing value of their stock on Friday.

XM's shares jumped \$1.52 or 11 percent to \$15.50 in early trading Tuesday on the Nasdaq stock market, while Sirius rose 23 cents or 6 percent to \$3.93, also on the Nasdaq.

A combination would also have to meet antitrust approval from the Department of Justice.

The companies are expected to argue that they compete not only with each other but also with traditional radio and a growing base of digital audio sources such as iPods, mobile phones and non-satellite digital radio.

It's too early to say what the deal might mean for subscription prices.

The merger could bring down the cost of providing service, but at the same time give the company more pricing power as the only U.S. satellite radio provider.

Neither XM nor Sirius have reported a profit yet. Both stocks declined more than 40 percent last year on concerns about their continued growth in subscribers, but investors have held out hope of a merger.

The combined company would have had about \$1.5 billion in revenues in 2006 and about 14 million subscribers, they said.

The companies said they would work together to decide on a new name and also to determine where it would be based. XM is based in Washington, while Sirius is based in New York.

The new company's board will have 12 members, including Parsons, Karmazin, four independent directors named by each company, and one representative each from General Motors Corp. and Honda Motor Co.

Sanford C. Bernstein analyst Craig Moffett said he gives the deal a "50-50" chance of passing regulatory muster.

Moffett said the deal could have a particularly tough time getting through the FCC, and said it was "anyone's guess" as to whether the FCC would change its rule barring a consolidation of the two satellite radio companies.

A group representing radio companies, the National Association of Broadcasters, put out a statement Monday urging federal regulators to block the satellite radio deal.

# US & World Briefs

## Detainees cannot challenge cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a victory for President Bush, a divided federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Guantanamo Bay detainees cannot use the U.S. court system to challenge their indefinite imprisonment. A Supreme Court appeal was promised. The 2-1 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit dismisses hundreds of cases filed by foreign-born detainees in federal court and also threatens to strip away court access to millions of lawful permanent residents currently in the United States.

## Anglican church demands U.S. to ban gay bishops and prayers for gay couples

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — Anglican leaders demanded Monday that the U.S. Episcopal Church unequivocally bar official prayers for gay couples and the consecration of more gay bishops to undo the damage that North Americans have caused the Anglican family.

In a statement ending a tense six-day meeting, the leaders said that past pledges by Episcopalians for a moratorium on gay unions and consecrations have been so ambiguous that they have failed to fully mend "broken relationships" in the 77 million-member Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal Church, the U.S. wing of world Anglicanism, must clarify its position by Sept. 30 or its relations with other Anglicans will remain "damaged at best."

## Audit: flawed data in anti-terror cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors counted immigration violations, marriage fraud and drug trafficking among anti-terror cases in the four years after 9/11 even though no evidence linked them to terror activity, a Justice Department audit said Tuesday. Overall, nearly all of the terrorism-related statistics on investigations, referrals and cases examined by department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine were either diminished or inflated. Only two of 26 sets of department data reported between 2001 and 2005 were accurate, the audit found.

## New Jersey is third to offer civil unions

TEANECK, N.J. (AP) — Hundreds of gay couples were granted the same legal rights, if not the title, as married couples Monday as New Jersey became the third state to offer civil unions. More than a dozen other couples applied for licenses for ceremonies later in the week.

The civil unions, which offer the legal benefits but not the title of marriage, were granted automatically to the hundreds of gay New Jersey couples who had previously been joined in civil unions or married in other states or nations.

## 9 killed at gas tank bombing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A hidden bomb ripped through a tanker carrying chlorine gas Tuesday, killing nine people and filling hospital beds with more than 150 wheezing and frightened villagers after noxious plumes covered homes and schools north of Baghdad. The attack was part of a string of blasts — including a suicide bomber who killed seven mourners at a funeral — that further rattled officials marking the first week of a major security crackdown seeking to calm the blood-soaked city. U.S. forces, meanwhile, called in airstrikes during intense clashes against insurgents in strongholds northwest of Baghdad.



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# Student protest creates backlash



A protester reacts after police repel students during a demonstration in Athens, on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007. Thousands of students marched through the capital to protest plans by Greece's conservative government to allow privately run universities.

AP Photo

# Dog saves three lives

**GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. (AP)** — Three climbers who tumbled off a ledge on Mount Hood were taken away in an ambulance after they hiked down much of the state's highest peak with their rescuers — and a dog who may have saved their lives.

"We're soaking wet and freezing," said one of two rescue women as she walked from a tracked snow vehicle to an ambulance.

One of the women, whose name was not released, was taken to a Portland hospital and being treated for a head injury, said Jim Strovinski, spokesman for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department.

"She's going to be fine," he said, noting that she had walked most of the way down the mountain.

Two others, Matty Bryant, 34, a teacher in the Portland suburb of Milwaukie, and Kate Hanlon, 34, a teacher in the suburb of Wilsonville, were taken to Timberline Lodge on the mountain to rejoin five other members of the climbing party, he said.

Rescuers using an electronic locating device found the three climbers and their black Labrador, Velvet, on Monday morning in the White River Canyon, where the dog had hauled up overnight at about 7,400 feet, officials said. The rescuers hiked with them down the east flank of the 11,239-foot mountain on the way down, the climbers got into a tracked snow vehicle that took them to the ambulance.

"The dog probably saved their lives" by lying across them during the cold night, said Erik Brom, a member of the Portland Mountain Rescue team. He described the wind in the canyon as "hellacious."

In addition to the dog, who provided warmth and comfort, rescuers attributed the happy outcome to the climbers' use of an electronic mountain locator unit that guided searchers to their exact position.

"That's why it is a rescue, not a recovery," Lt. Nick Watt of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office told a news conference at Timberline Lodge, a ski resort at 6,000 feet. "They did everything right."

The three were in a party of eight that set out Saturday for the summit, camped on the mountain that night and began to come back down on Sunday when they ran into bad weather, officials said.

As they were descending about 8,300 feet, the three slipped off a ledge. They slid about 500 feet down an incline and later moved from the site of the fall, rescuers said.

"They're lucky to be alive after that," Strovinski said.

Trevor Liston of Portland, who was among the five who made it off the mountain Sunday, said at a news conference at Timberline Lodge that he saw the three fall, but he didn't say how it happened.

Rescue officials maintained regular cell phone contact overnight with the three who had fallen.

Battling winds up to 70 mph and blowing snow, rescue teams had worked through the night trying to locate the climbers, said Russell Gubele, coordinating communications for the rescue operation.

Teams made it close to the missing climbers overnight, but decided to wait until daylight Monday because they couldn't see anything, Gubele said. Rescuers moved cautiously during the night because of "very severe avalanche danger," he said.

Gubele described the trio as "experienced rock climbers, but not necessarily experienced in mountain climbing."

In December, three climbers who did not have mountain locator units went missing on the mountain. Authorities searched for days, but were able to recover the body of only one climber, Kelly James of Dallas, who died of hypothermia. The bodies of Brian Hall of Dallas and Jerry "Nikko" Cooke of New York have not been found.

In the past 25 years, more than 35 climbers have died on Mount Hood, one of the most frequently climbed mountains in the world.

# Senate panel votes to restrict violent video games

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The big-screen television in the Senate chambers typically shows mundane information about legislation up for debate and how senators voted.

Monday, it showed video game clips featuring bloody violence and topless strippers.

"My thought was you needed to know what you were voting on," said Sen. David Ford, R-Hartford City, chairman of the Senate Technology Committee.

The committee voted 5-2 Monday in favor of a bill that would restrict the sale of certain video games to young people. The bill now moves to the full Senate for consideration.

The legislation could impose fines up to \$1,000 if retailers sold or rented video games rated mature to those under 17 or games rated adults only to those under age 18.

Steve Stoughton, president of the Center for Successful Parenting, said he brought in the clips as an example of games that are rated M, or mature, which may be suitable for people ages 17 and older.

He said most parents do not realize the graphic nature of some games that their teenage children may be playing.

"They have no idea, really, what their children are watching," he said. "It's an issue that isn't going to go away."

One video game clip showed a character urinating on victims and setting them on fire while a narrator made racial comments.

Another featured a character gunning down people in church, while another "rewarded" players who reach a certain level with video clips of real topless strippers.

Many of the games included bloody beatings or shootings, as well as explicit language.

Sen. Brent Waltz, R-Greenwood, said he was shocked by the clips and complained that they should not have been shown in the Senate chambers during a meeting open to the public.

"I am absolutely totally

appalled — first by the content and second that you would bring that kind of filth into this Senate chamber," Waltz said. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Ford took responsibility for the decision to show the clips and said he could have handled the situation differently.

But he said lawmakers needed to realize the graphic content of some video games.

Retailers and the video game industry spoke against the bill, saying voluntary restrictions are working.

"Many retailers do a great deal already," he said, adding that he did not know of any store that sells games rated AO, or adults only.

Ford, who is sponsoring the bill along with Sen. Vi Simpson, D-Bloomington, said retailers should not object to the legislation if they are already checking the age of some video game buyers.

Simpson, who said she often plays video games with her 8-year-old grandson, said there should be fines for retailers who do not restrict game sales based on the rating system.

"If we don't enforce it, what good is it?" she said.

A representative of the Entertainment Software Association noted that attempts to enact similar restrictions in other states, and in Indianapolis, have been struck down by court rulings.

# Wal-Mart to open 9 stores for jobs program

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)** — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced Monday its plans for nine stores in areas in need of economic revitalization and said it will use those stores to help other businesses in the area develop.

Wal-Mart Vice Chairman John Menzer, who heads the company's U.S. operation, was traveling to Indianapolis and Pittsburgh to announce that the company is moving into neighborhoods in each of those cities where commerce has faltered.

Menzer said Wal-Mart is work-

ing with local chambers of commerce, business groups and minority-owned businesses with the goal of guiding new suppliers and helping new or existing shops thrive.

"We're looking at working families that need us the most," Menzer said. "That's where we want to go."

As jobs are created around the new Wal-Mart stores, tax revenue will rise and the neighborhood economy will improve, Menzer said. Two of the stores are already open — in Chicago and

Portsmouth, Va.

In April, Wal-Mart Chief Executive Lee Scott said the company planned to build 50 stores in areas with high crime or high unemployment. At the store on Chicago's west side and at the nine identified Monday, Wal-Mart will offer advertising to the other businesses in local newspapers and through the in-house audio feed in Wal-Mart stores.

At each of the 10 stores, five small businesses will be picked each quarter for the special treatment, the ultimate focus of which

will be "how to take advantage of having a Wal-Mart in your market," Menzer said.

Near the Chicago store — the first in the city limits for the retail giant — Menzer said a number of new businesses are under development nearby, including a coffee shop, a drug store and a home improvement center.

"It could be any type of small business in the area that would draw on our traffic," Menzer said.

The Lafayette Square site in Indianapolis is to get a Supercenter, which is planned to open

next year. A Supercenter combines a Wal-Mart discount store with a grocery store. A Supercenter is also planned for the site near Pittsburgh, at East Hills, Pa. The company said a religious group had urged new businesses to come into a former mall site. The new Wal-Mart there is to open in 2009.

Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell was to be on hand at the Pittsburgh announcement and Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels was scheduled to be at the Indianapolis location.

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