

Brad Ellsworth celebrates with wife, Beth, and daughter, Andrea, after the official announcement of his Congressional Victory. The Democrats and over 700 supporters celebrated the win at the Executive Inn in Evansville on Tuesday night.

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Voting bus rolls to polls

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Special to the Shield

"USI Voting Shuttle" ran across the screen of one of the busses on USI on Tuesday. This bus was an extra bus and its job was not just to take students to and from classes, but also aid them in the process of voting.

The shuttle transported students to West Terrace Elementary School to vote.

The bus was sparse, but it carried a few who would have not voted otherwise.

"I probably would not have gone if there was not a shuttle," said Sarah Darnell, 18, a social science secondary education major. "I am from the Indianapolis area and moved here in August. I do not have a car."

This election year was the first for Darnell who registered to vote while in high school. "I feel like voting is expected of me or it's an obligation, but at the same time I want to do it," she said. "I didn't pay as much attention to the election as I would have liked, but I did do my research."

Rachael Davidson, 19, a nursing major, was also a first-time voter. She also registered to vote while at the poll, an act she said took five minutes to complete and was able to cast her vote immediately.

"I didn't register to vote when I turned 18 but I would have otherwise," Davidson said. "My parents have a lot to do with my decision to vote but I also want to support my country."

Nick Whittemore, a psychology major, was another one of the few students who took advantage of the election shuttle bus.

"It's your duty to vote," Whittemore said.

The bus dropped him off, made another trip to campus and returned to pick him up, still empty.

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'Ellsworth's team' takes seat in House

By BRANDON COLE
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Special to The Shield

About 700 ecstatic, excited Democratic supporters packed the Executive Inn in downtown Evansville Tuesday night to celebrate what some said was a "beautiful change."

"Politics is going to take a beautiful change for us," said Lilly Howerton, a Harrison High School classmate of Brad Ellsworth.

Ellsworth easily defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. John Hostettler in the race to represent the 8th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Hostettler, a leading voice for social conservatives,

was first elected in the 1994 GOP takeover of the House.

Late in the evening, Ellsworth entered the hall at the Executive Inn to thank his supporters. He talked about the students and younger people who worked on his campaign.

"Don't ever think a 20-something doesn't have it going on," he said. He also thanked the community in general.

"You need wonderful Hoosiers who want to do the right things."

He said his goals as representative are to bring "the troops home smartly and wisely." He also wants a country that makes more friends than enemies. The crowd screamed their support when he said: "American jobs belong to Americans and that's the way we

need to keep them."

Ellsworth credited the voters with the win. "You're the ones who voted for change - change in office and change in the way our country works," he said while people screamed in excitement. Some swarmed the stage, others stood on chairs.

"I'm going to personally come around and thank each and every one of you. But the only way I can truly thank you is to go to Washington, D.C., and make you proud."

Bob Deig, a member of the Vanderburgh County Council, won a seat as state senator in Tuesday's election. He said, "I think it's a big Democratic sweep and people want change."

Deig has three children in col-

lege - one at Indiana University, one at USI and one at Ivy Tech - and his wife also attends USI.

"We need to help college students," he said, adding that he also supports health care, full-day kindergarten, education funding and economic development.

Ellsworth supporters said they could sense the weather was changing at the Democratic celebration.

Ellsworth is "honest and sincere," said Mark Owen, Ellsworth's campaign chairman.

"Anyone who has worked for him knows that."

There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Ellsworth and the Democrats would be victorious tonight, people said.

The band Flashback kept an already energetic crowd going into the night. People viewed it as a festive occasion, dancing - some dressed as jesters and one as Santa Claus. CNN and MSNBC played on huge screens, and a giant board displayed the vote count.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Eric Williams became Ellsworth's successor when he won his campaign for Vanderburgh County sheriff.

"It's an honor to be a part of the community," he said. "I'm a person he can count on."

During the party, Allan Strange played piano bar music, with people singing along to "Imagine" and "New York, New York."

"It was a good day for the Democrats in the 8th," Howerton said.

Tearful ceremony marks anniversary of deadly tornado

(AP)—Fire trucks raised their ladders to touch in an arch above a church doorway Monday night as survivors and volunteers gathered to mourn and remember the two dozen people lost a year ago to a violent tornado.

With red lights flashing, the bridged ladders were a symbol of strength and recovery in the aftermath of a tornado that swept a 41-mile path of destruction on Nov. 6, 2005, program officials said.

But for many of more than 1,000 people at the ceremony, the anniversary of Indiana's deadliest storm in decades was emotionally draining.

"This was going to be a difficult hurdle, whether we were here as a

community or home alone," said John Martin, whose 2-year-old son, C.J., was killed in the storm. "This was a way that we could all take the hurdle together."

The tornado struck shortly after 2 a.m. with winds close to 200 mph. It tore apart hundreds of homes around Evansville and the nearby town of Newburgh as people slept.

The tornado scattered fields with shorn homes, and the worst devastation was at Evansville's Eastbrook Mobile Home Park, where 20 people were killed, including Martin's son, mother and grandmother.

But the anniversary ceremony was about more than remember-

ing that tragedy.

It was also about learning to live after the storm.

"For those of you here this evening who lost those loved ones, you can be assured there are many people still praying for you," said Brandi Crawley-Gish, whose home was destroyed in the storm. "We are here tonight to help you carry on."

The program was sponsored by the Remembering November 6th Committee and included slideshows on towering screens tilted to music. Photographs of survivors and victims flashed to music as members of the audience wept.

The Rev. Shane O'Neil told sur-

vivors that healing will come, though it may never be complete.

"There will always be that emptiness," said O'Neil, who has helped people recover from the storm.

Debbie Burns, president of the committee, also said the storm's one-year anniversary should mark a time to move forward.

"Don't let that tornado take away any more of you than it already did," said Burns, who volunteered after the storm and has put together a book of pictures and stories about "those who died, those who survived, and those who gave."

"That night you didn't have the power. Today you have the power

to say what you will and will not let that tornado continue to do," she said.

Martin, who sang a country song during the ceremony that he dedicated to his mother, said not a day passes that he doesn't think about those he lost in the storm.

He often puts a toy car he bought his son in the passenger seat as he drives to help him remember.

"It's been pretty slow, but I'm healing much better now than I was six months ago," Martin said after the services. "Then I was too busy trying to be tough for my wife, I didn't do my own healing. Now she's teaching me things."

One year since deadly tornado

A tornado with maximum winds of 200 mph, ripped through Kentucky and moved into Indiana a year ago this Sunday, killing 24 people, most of them in a mobile home park in Evansville, Indiana.



Assessment Day charts growth 820 takes alternative rock to The Edge

By ANNA FLAKE
Special to The Shield

Assessment Day is more than just a day off for sophomores and some seniors.

"Assessment Day tests help USI administrators and faculty better understand the academic background of our students as well as how their level of knowledge and critical thinking abilities change over time," said Joseph Wingo, survey research associate from the Department of Institutional Research at USI.

In other words, because the Assessment Day exams do not dramatically change from when students are freshmen to the time they are juniors, the tests show what freshmen know coming into USI, and how much more they

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-Joseph Wingo
survey research associate

learn by the time they are juniors.

First-time, full-time freshmen must take the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) test, which covers topics in science, humanities and natural science. When these students are juniors, they are again required to take the MAPP test.

Additionally, it is mandatory that seniors majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Economics, English,

History, Mathematics, Political Science and Psychology take the Major Field Test.

The Major Field Test helps depict the changes that these programs need to make to their curriculum.

Students enrolled in Management 452 take the Business Major Field Test, and seniors majoring in Geology take the ACAT. In contrast to the MAPP exam, the Major

Field Test and ACAT cover only material students would have learned from classes in their major.

USI's academic growth is portrayed in the comparison of scores with other universities administering MAPP.

Freshmen at USI normally score slightly below the national average, whereas juniors at USI typically score at or above the national average.

According to Wingo, the overall attendance rate for Assessment Day is 93 percent. If a student fails to come to Assessment Day, he or she will lose pre-registration privileges for the current academic year, forcing him or her to wait until open registration to sign up for classes.

By ADRIAN STOICA
The Shield staff

USI's campus radio has changed its name from "the College Rock Alternative" to "The Edge."

"We are trying to make it sound like a commercial radio station," said Program Director Travis Tomatore. "We did not feel it [The College Rock Alternative] was a true commercial name." He also said the former name was a description of music played, not a radio station identity.

Along with the new name, the radio station hopes to become more involved with events on-campus and working with organizations such as APB and Residence Life. The radio station is in the basement so by the end of the year, one goal for them is to have more campus-wide involvement. They also hope to have tailgating parties before sporting events, especially with basketball season in full swing.

"We are still trying to get involved with the community," said Tomatore. He would also like to see more involvement between media outlets on campus.

This past weekend, the radio station went to the basketball between USI and UE, tailgating and providing music.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday 11/9

9 a.m.
Lions Club USI Chapter Donut and Cocoa sale
UC Bridge

11 a.m.
Marketing Club meeting
OC 2024

7 p.m.
APB Coffeehouse: Mieka Pauley
David L. Rice Starbucks

7 p.m.
USI Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
USI Theatre

Friday 11/10

7:30 p.m.
Friday Night in the Forum Moolade
Forum 1

8 p.m.
USI Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
USI Theatre

Saturday 11/11

8 p.m.
USI Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
USI Theatre

8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
APB Video Dance Party
Carter Hall

Sunday 11/12

8:30 p.m.
Catholic Mass
LA0101

Monday 11/13

ALL DAY
International Education Week Trivia Contest
UC17

Tuesday 11/14

ALL DAY
Assessment Day
No classes

ALL DAY
International Education Week Trivia Contest
UC17

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Nix the Fix Smoking Cessation
UC215

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Study Abroad Information Session- Summer
UC214

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Toastmasters meeting
OC2011

7 p.m.
USI Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
USI Theatre

9 p.m.
UC College Democrats meeting
UC214

Wednesday 11/15

ALL DAY
International Education Week Trivia Contest
UC17

11 a.m.
International Gift Sale
UC Old Information Desk

1 p.m.
H. Lee Hooper Lecture by Dr. Charles Petranek
Forum 1

4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Don't Delay!: Anti-Procrastination Techniques
ED1102

4:30 p.m.
APB General meeting
UC214

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
USI Spectrum meeting
RL0012

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
USI Economics and Finance Club meeting
OC2027

7 p.m.
USI Theatre production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
USI Theatre

7 p.m.
Rwandan Genocide Survivor- Dr. Tharcisse Seminega
Carter Hall

7:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball hosts Wayne State
PAC

Hostettler ends last race

By ANTHONY PATE
Special Projects Editor

A crowd of 200 to 300 people casually talking among themselves came together in a roar, stomping and clapping, as Congressman John Hostettler approached the podium, which was decked in red and white balloons.

"I have in fact been very honored to serve the 8th District of Indiana," Hostettler said. "And for that I want to thank you and thank God for the opportunity to serve you."

He said he would not run for political office again.

"There will not be another race for me again," he said.

Hostettler said there are two sides of USI that Tuesday's vote will affect: the student side and the ability to find a job after college.

"The change in the House will determine the direction on both issues," Hostettler said.

Hostettler has represented the 8th District since 1994.

Josh Orem from the USI College Republicans said the vote would ultimately affect the minimum wage issue. He said if

Hostettler had won he would have created an environment desirable for business.

"Jobs are not going to be created by keeping minimum wage the same, but by raising it employers will not have enough to pay their employees more and productivity will not increase," Orem said. "There wouldn't be an increase in income and, since there would not be an increase, there would not be new money to pay new employees."

Aaron Ridlen, executive chairman of the College Republicans, said the way the vote goes would determine the speaker of the House because whoever is voted into Congress votes who will become Speaker of the House.

"In that regard, it affects USI students because the Speaker of the House determines the direction of the culture," Ridlen said.

"I could write the best bill ever and the Speaker of the House could strike it down without a vote."

Sean Selby, a 2005 USI graduate, said influence on USI should come from the state government and not the federal government.



Photo by Chad Shouder

Dems capture 3 Congressional seats

(AP)—Indiana voters sent a resounding no-confidence vote to Republicans in Washington Tuesday, ousting congressional incumbents in the 2nd, 8th and 9th Districts and giving Democrats three of the 15 seats they needed to take control of the U.S. House.

The turnover was unusual for Indiana, where congressional incumbents are generally safe. Since 1994, only three incumbents had lost their seats.

Brian Vargus, a political science professor at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, attributed the GOP losses this year to a combination of an anti-incumbency mood, a general dissatisfaction with Republicans and the war

in Iraq.

"The war pervaded everything," Vargus said. "It was just a nasty, sort of irritating itch. ... You remember the famous saying that all politics is local? In this case, there was enough of a natural unease about the direction of the country and Congress in general."

In southern Indiana's embattled 9th District, Baron Hill squeaked past Rep. Mike Sodrel despite millions national Republicans poured into the race.

"For the last six years, this has been one-party rule," Hill told supporters Tuesday night.

"When you've got one-party rule for too long, trouble starts, and that's what's going on in

Washington."

Sodrel said backlash against Republicans and discontent with the war might have played a role in his defeat. But he defended the U.S. presence in Iraq.

"I think we need to wake up and smell the coffee — these folks intend to kill us," Sodrel said. "This is not a criminal activity, this is a war. And if America is not committed and is not willing to prosecute the war, we're in serious trouble."

The largest margin of victory went to Brad Ellsworth, the popular Vanderburgh County sheriff who gained national attention as he helped lead recovery efforts after a deadly tornado in Evans-

ville a year ago.

Ellsworth capitalized on a low-key campaign by Hostettler in the district known as the "Bloody 8th" for its history of close, contentious races.

Hostettler, who never received more than 53 percent of the vote in six elections, thanked campaign workers, hugged his wife and children and wiped tears from his youngest son's face.

"Tonight, voters in the 8th District of Indiana voted for change and they voted overwhelmingly," he told supporters.

"I have been very honored and blessed to serve the 8th District of Indiana for the past 12 years."

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The shuttle made continuous rounds through campus, housing and the elementary school that served the Perry-8 district. Due to the small amount of voters at the poll, students had to wait approximately ten minutes after voting to be shuttled back to campus.

"It took longer for me to get there than it did to vote," said Darnell, who admitted the process was much easier than she had expected.

"I guess people think it will take forever but it took me less than five minutes."

"Maybe 10 people came to vote the entire time I was there. It was really straight forward, just a touch-pad computer screen."

The service was a first for USI. The shuttle ran from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and carried an average of a couple of students every hour. Several students got on the bus thinking it was the regular campus shuttle and when told it was strictly election-only, they left.

Faculty members and students alike discussed the voting shuttle until coming to a final decision.

"The University said, 'You know what? Let's promote voting and this is how we are going to do it - provide a free voting shuttle,'" said Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs.

The voting shuttle was also handicap accessible to meet every voter's needs.

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They also had a lot of things to give away that went along with the new name change.

Tomatore said he also hopes to get more sports coverage since they heard ESPN is leaving the Evansville Market.

"We would like to be the station to announce USI basketball," he said. According to Tomatore, the radio station has sports announcements in the morning every half hour, with coverage ranging from the Indianapolis Colts to high school sports scores. "We are trying to be as local as possible since ESPN is leaving."

Although AM 820 plays alternative music, the station did not start out that way. According to Tomatore, when the station first started out 25 years ago, they played jazz music and the call name for the station was "82-0, WSWI."

"It is hard to get kids to work for a jazz station," he said. Although there are other alternative stations that have a broadcast signal in the area, such as 89.1, The Bash, it is based in Illinois at Wabash Valley College. "We felt we needed to be Southern Indiana's alternative station," he said.

The station is still changing, specifically over the summer. According to Tomatore, the station used to play some emo and indie, although they still play these genres, they also play harder rock and music that people know of, while still introducing upcoming bands.

Although local bands are accepted, they do have some criteria, such as good production quality; it also must pass the music director's approval. Tomatore said they cannot play low-quality music because they broadcast in AM, though it is "crystal clear" on the internet.

AM 820 also used to have bands come in and play live sets, such as Patent Pending, though in order to continue that, they would need three new people.

"We would probably be working those poor kids to death," he said. "If the band is willing to come down here and contacts the station, they will do a live set on the air, but due to lack of staff, it has been put on hiatus."

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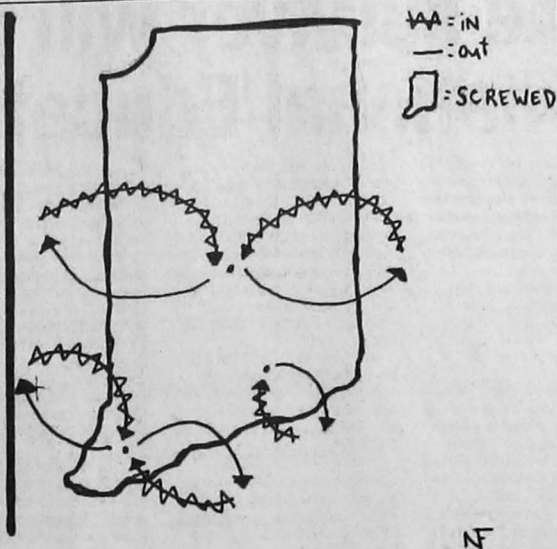
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Editorial Editions

By: NICK FOLZ

BRAIN DRAIN!
(A HOW-TO GRAPH)
STEP ONE: GET STUDENTS FROM OUT OF STATE. (ONLY SMARTONES)
STEP TWO: EDUCATE THEM!
STEP THREE: SEND THEM BACK.
STEP FOUR: GET HIGHER ACADEMIC RATING.
STEP FIVE: MAKE MORE MONEY!!!



Editorial

Indiana universities should recruit Hoosiers

Recent changes in admissions policies across the state are making it more difficult for Indiana residents to get accepted into federally-funded universities across Indiana. Many believe the standards are rising because these schools are trying to draw more out-of-state students. Out-of-state students pay higher tuition rates, and this is believed to be one of the main motivators. Another reason is to attempt to lure a smarter student body. Indiana schools should focus on educating Indiana residents instead of alienating them and bringing in out-of-staters that might have scored 100 points higher on their SATs. While Indiana is not known as one of the smartest states in the US, we should work on education within, instead of bringing in

brains. Other reasons for appealing to non-Hoosiers might be to boost academic standing, grant and research dollars, and reputations. Last year, almost three-fourths of IU grant aid was given to out-of-state students. Here at USI we have a large number of commuter students, and hopefully, the university will continue that trend. The larger schools like Ball State, IU and Purdue are the ones being referred to. Perhaps these other universities making it more difficult for residents to get accepted directly correlates to the enrollment boost we've seen here at USI. So, in the small scope of things, USI is benefiting, but Indiana college hopefuls are receiving the short end of the education stick.

Letter to the Editor

IN RESPONSE TO LAST WEEK'S LETTER:

To the Editor:
Perhaps if the two men were naked and one guy had his hand on the other guy's anus it might be considered an appropriate metaphor for the photo-in-question. Viewers questioned the picture not because the two girls were kissing, not even because the girls were nude. The picture was created purely to shock the audience. Yes, many great artists have done this in the past. The difference is that such pieces were done in good taste. The photographer did not shock the public because of their views on homosexuality. Viewers were shocked because of the public display of graphic sexual intimacy between the subjects. If you want to promote the beauty of homosexuality, or even sexuality in general, you can do so without a hand job. That is why the photo-in-question belongs more so on teenage boys' computer screens rather than glorified in a magazine or in a newspaper. I would like to think that especially the supporters of art would be able to take a step back and clearly see the issue here rather than blindly conforming to the cry of the First Amendment. The question is not really if it is art or not, but whether certain genres of art should be published. The fact is if it is art, it is bad art.
Katherine Roemer
USI student

Why not allow gay marriage?

Equal rights should not only apply when convenient

By WES GROGAN
The Shield staff



So what's the big deal with gay marriage? For years, this has been a major political firestorm and I really don't see the big deal. Sides are chosen, statistics are tossed around and religious morals are brought up again and again while no one actually answers the issue.

If you ask me, it's all a bunch of crap. Marriage is a union, that much I'll agree on. That sanctity of marriage, however, hasn't existed in a very long time.

I can understand people not wanting

gay couples to make marriage look bad, since us heterosexuals are so good at doing that ourselves.

It's not like we have a high divorce rate, right? Us Americans have always prided ourselves on our "stick-to-it-iveness" and why shouldn't we? We only need to worry when the divorce rate gets up to 90 percent.

Is it the children factor? Sure, homosexual couples don't make their own children, but I don't see the government banning marriage for those who are old or infertile. Maybe it's a fear that they can't provide a proper environment in which to raise children. Personally, I've never once heard of a heterosexual couple that abuses their children, murders them or just plain neglects them. Every "properly" married couple is

always perfect with their kids. After all, criminals on death row can't get married, right? I guess Child Services can be shut down for good, now that gay marriages are being banned.

It's not the sanctity of marriage, and it's not a fear for children. It's because we live in a small-minded society that can't accept anything that doesn't fit our definition of normal.

Only a few generations ago, the black community and women were banned from voting. The Chinese in the west were used as slave labor to build railroads, the Irish were seen as ignorant drunks and the Native Americans were just alcoholic trash to be kicked to the next reservation. Each of these perceptions have been shown to be ignorant and society is better for having done so.

So, why have we still not learned tolerance?

The fact that their lifestyle doesn't hurt anyone isn't a factor. The notion that they approach relationships the same as everyone of us has nothing to do with it. We just think they're creepy because they are attracted to something we aren't.

We need to recognize that it's our hang-up, not theirs. Equal rights are not something that can only be used when it's convenient. If I have the right to get married, I will never begrudge anyone else those same rights, regardless of the reason. If marriage is good enough for us to screw up, it's good enough for everyone to screw up.

It's time we remember what United We Stand actually means again.

Game-playing hinders communication

By ASHLEE MCCANN
The Shield staff



Its 2006, an era of communication and technology. So, please tell me why men and women still have problems with simple communication?

The communications industry is one of the leading industries in the world. Every day we communicate through several forms, from the Internet to the phone to even some real-life, face-to-face conversations.

Why do men and women still act like they have no communication skills by playing games and trying to decipher

signs from one another? As a woman, I can say that I am beyond sick of trying to know what a guy is thinking or feeling. I bet most women would agree and say that they have spent far too many hours pondering what the hell is going on in a man's head. And vice versa, I know us ladies can be a bit nutty at times.

Do they just want sex? Do they find me attractive? Is there a future? Where is this going? Should I call him? Should I play hard to get?

I don't understand why men can't just be upfront with women. I don't want to hear the bullshit of them not wanting to hurt a girl's feelings either. What is going to really hurt her in the long run is sleeping with her and never calling again. If you just want sex, say that!

After having a text message session that lasted three hours with my ex boyfriend, I have decided we have taken for granted our communication tools.

I should have gotten something out of that very long conversation with him, but it was full of Internet smileys and other annoying symbols. I shouldn't have to decipher his text message symbols to understand what he's trying to say. Just tell me and stop hiding behind a text.

When it comes to dating, how are we supposed to know if there will be that second date or if you should kiss someone?

Yes, sometimes you can just tell, but why can't people discuss these things. In my dating experience only a few guys have actually said they liked me and wanted to be with me. Those

words were exactly what I needed to hear. So, I ask why more guys don't say what they are thinking.

I know there is always the concern of rejection when telling someone how you feel, but that's part of life. Everyone gets rejected sometimes. Even those Abercrombie-looking dudes walking around campus all smug have gotten rejected, and it will happen again.

My point is: Have the balls to tell a woman how you feel about her. If you not into her, say that, but if you do find her appealing, tell her what you want - even if it's just sex.

Let's give up the games already; I spent my whole childhood playing games I don't need them now. Now, unless we are talking about Twister, because things could get interesting there.

Fix the Hubble telescope ... later

By ADRIAN STOICA
The Shield staff



NASA wants to send a crew up to the Hubble Space Telescope to fix it and upgrade it. So what? Why should we continue the space program? Who cares? For one, I do.

Ironically enough, I am in astronomy with Dr. Pickett. I have always enjoyed looking at the stars and wondering what is out there, if aliens exist or if there is anything out there. I am curious. I am beginning to learn a lot about space, aka, the Final Frontier.

From what I have learned so far, it is big. Real big. Half the things we see, however, we would not be able to see without such tools. In the last hundred or so years, we have learned more about the

universe since the Greeks started to do their experiments and since Galileo pointed his telescope towards the heavens. Why stop there?

Although the Hubble had a rocky start back in 1990, it certainly has redeemed itself and then some. The pictures it has taken and the things it has shown us are amazing and are only a small fraction that is out there.

From what I have learned just in my astronomy class, I would say it is definitely worth keeping up. It cannot be described in words what some of the images in space look like; also, we can never hope to see them, because some are just too far away or we just cannot see them without glass that costs several grand. Solution: let the satellite do the work. After all, that is what the taxes pay for.

OK, space is great, right? It has got a lot of cool stuff, more than any of us can ever imagine. It comes down to this: dur-

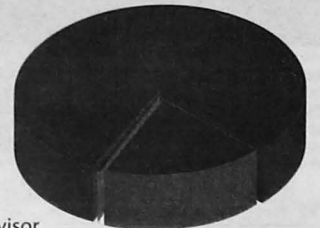
ing wartime, it is hard to see the government giving NASA \$900 million to launch this sucker when we are spending billions and have spent billions on a war, aside from other domestic problems. It does not make sense to me at this point in time to go spending \$900 million on the space division. Do not get me wrong, I am all about what they are doing. It is really incredible that man is able to see actual things that you see in Star Trek or Star Wars out in space and people can be sent to stay out in space; however, first things first.

Let us get the war done and finished. Let us bring our guys home. Let us take care of business on Earth before we go to do something like this out in space.

Besides, we owe that much to our troops. Maybe we should all go to NASA's Web site and buy a poster to help fund the space program. Hey, if we all pitch in \$5, we can do it. Save the Space Program!

Shield Online Poll: What's been your experience with interships at USI?

My advisor never brought up interships
80%



My advisor mentioned interships in passing **0%**

My advisor stressed importance of interships **20%**

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Rwandan genocide survivor will tell his story during International Education Week

By S. CHAD SHOULDERS and MARIA BRIGHT
 The Shield staff

Many USI students are too young to remember the Rwanda genocide. If it were not for the movie "Hotel Rwanda," even fewer would know about the killings.

In 1994, the international community witnessed days of murder in the small African country of Rwanda. On average, 8,000 Tutsi tribal members and their Hutu sympathizers were slaughtered per day by Hutu extremists.

Dr. Tharcisse Seminega has been asked to speak next Wednesday about his experience as a Tutsi survivor 12 years after the killings. His presentation will start 7 pm at Carter Hall and is one of several scheduled events for this year's International Education Week Nov. 13-17, coordi-

nated by USIs International Programs and Services Department.

Seminega was a senior lecturer at the National University of Rwanda in Butare, where more than 50 Tutsi and moderate Hutu professors were killed. He and his family of six were able to survive due in part to the help of 16 people of the Hutu ethnic group who were originally sent to kill them, but instead risked their lives to save them.

"He has a unique story," said Herman Thomas Jr., program advisor for the Multicultural Center.

In addition to his survival story, Dr. Seminega said he will expand on the relations between Hutu and Tutsi before the colonial era and in the wake of German and Belgian colonialism to help the audience see how hatred built up and culminated into genocide.

Thomas said it is important for students to understand that with today's technology they are more likely find themselves subject to culture clash in the professional world as compared to 20 years ago.

"Society is becoming more and more globalized," he said. "We need to educate USI students that the world is bigger, not just Evansville and the state of Indiana."

Heidi Gregori-Gahan, Director of International Programs and Services, also pointed at a practical side of international education, particularly studying abroad.

"Becoming world minded, tolerant, independent, and open minded are some things we know happen with students who study abroad," Gregori-Gahan said. "These are some of the skills employers are looking for. In this day, it's important to have people

who can operate effectively in a global society."

International Education Week is a joint effort by the U.S. state department and the U.S. department of Education to "recognize the global exchange environment between the U.S and other countries." The international week schedule is filled with many different events.

On Monday, Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. the movie, "Reflections in the Mirror, through the eyes of International Students at USI" will play for only faculty and staff in UC 206.

"We hope to use this as resource in the classroom with the purpose of helping people understand the culture and needs of international students," said Gregori-Gahan.

All faculty and staff interested in attending the movie are encouraged to contact the Inter-

national Programs and Services office.

On Nov. 14 from noon to 1 p.m. there will be a lunch and learn, "San Pablito: Puebla and the Papermaking Tradition of Mexico" will be presented in the University Suite of the University Center. Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Michael Aakhus will show slides of his recent trip to Mexico.

On Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. there will be an International Gift Sale. Handcrafted items from around the world will be on sale.

"The majority of funds raised from these items will go back to that community," said Gregori-Gahan. "It helps a really great cause and is a good Christmas shopping idea."

Dr. Seminega will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 15. "The interest that Dr. Semine-

ga has generated has been phenomenal," said Gregori-Gahan. "We had more people that wanted to come than we could accommodate."

On Nov. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. there will be "Resume Writing and Interview Skills with an International View" that will be held in UC 206.

On Nov. 17, international students will have the opportunity to visit West Terrace Elementary School.

This visit, presented by elementary education majors and English as Second Language International (ESLI) students, provides USI international students the opportunity to speak, demonstrate an activity or craft and teach a few words of their language to elementary students.

More information on International Education week can be found at www.iew.state.gov.

'Borat' movie film is great success, I like

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"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" sneaks in more belly laughs in its brisk 82 minutes than, well, anything in recent or distant memory.

It's subversive, hyper-intelligent, fearless, merciless satire that skewers the dregs of American society in the funniest manner imaginable.

Borat Sagdiyev (Sacha Baron Cohen), an intensely likable and friendly Kazakhstani journalist whose moronic prejudices offset his ingratiating charm, was the highlight of "Da Ali G Show."

His awkward interactions are forever priceless because he always elicits a response from his clueless victims, from

celebrities to streetwalkers. The most scathing of Borat's interactions occur in the South. "Borat" is an extremely funny movie, but it also qualifies as a disturbing social document at times.

Moments where a rodeo manager jovially admits he feels homosexuals should be executed and a "high society" dinner along a street called Secession Drive are downright horrifying: returning from the restroom with a bag of your own feces is acceptable, but inviting a black person for dinner is just over the line.

Some of the targets are obvious - it isn't all that surprising that a drunken frat boy would admit he's "better than a woman" or that women "don't have my respect" - but "Borat" reveals ignorance in all walks

of life.

A scene in which he offends a group of feminists is a shining example; instead of engaging him in an insightful dialogue about his misguided assumptions, they immediately walk away. Apparently huffing off to wallow in their compositely is an easier solution.

Basically, everybody gets theirs, and it's a thing of beauty. Borat's venomous thoughts toward Gypsies and Jews are arguably the most hilarious (delectably ironic, considering that Cohen himself is Jewish), although it's hard to pick out a funniest moment.

In a few instances, "Borat" verges on mean-spirited, but never quite gets there.

The most remarkable thing about "Borat" is how skillfully it integrates the authentic inter-

views and reactions with the narrative thread.

Borat and his overweight producer Azamat (Ken Davitian, also hilarious), travel to America to make a documentary, although their professional responsibilities get increasingly derailed by Borat's unrequited love for Pamela Anderson.

"Borat" is tied together with traditional montage sequences, and it follows a cookie-cutter are as Borat convinces Azamat to travel from New York to California, where he will, God willing, "make sexytime explosion on Pamela's stomach."

In short, "Borat" is not a hastily strung-together collection of sketches a la most "SNL" films, but a succinct, plot-driven narrative that justifies itself as a movie. "It's Pat," this ain't.

The Kazakhstani government that has decried this movie as an inaccurate depiction of their country is missing the point, as is anybody who gets offended or affronted by this film.

"Borat" uses Cohen's fictionalized Kazakhstan to rip the United States a new one and expose intolerance's implications in ways Paul Haggis could only dream of.

This film proves that you can strike a much stronger blow against racism, sexism, xenophobia, etc. with damning, Swiftian comedy than sanctimonious, simplified drivel. Cohen's virtuoso comedic brilliance is a must-see.

"Borat: Cultural Learnings of America..." is rated R for graphic nudity, language and sexual content.

Safe sex and career suicide

By Leah Barr
 Et Cetera Editor



I confess: Last month, I and 11 other student journalists shamelessly murdered our own credibility.

Why? Simple. Like all college students, we were rendered helpless by the lure of free food - not to mention a celebrity meetup and lots of free condoms.

Trojan's PR firm, Edelman, invited me to go to Chicago and discuss the Trojan Sexual Health Report Card, a survey of 100 colleges' attentiveness to students' sexual health needs. (It's at TrojanCondoms.com if you're curious.) Perks included free airfare and meals for a weekend, plus a personal interview with none other than Dr. Drew Pinsky. Gentle reader, what would you do?

It was frighteningly easy to justify my decision. It could yield an interesting consumer-awareness piece. Corporate interests are always trying to get news coverage. By selling out, I could ask the valuable question: Just how many "news" stories were practically bought by the companies mentioned within them?

But basically, yeah, I sold out for the free stuff. Readers, beware. Corporations try this stuff all the time.

The schmooze-fest began at Chicago's supercush James Hotel. Trojan was there for some publicity. Dr. Drew was there to look out for the health of us young folks. We students were so loaded down with free Trojan merch, we could hardly take notes.

The point Trojan and Dr. Drew were trying to drive home is that colleges' provision of free condoms is nice, but not enough. Just as abstinence-only education doesn't cut it, neither does throwing free condoms at us and shouting, "Good luck!" We didn't discuss abstinence much, perhaps because Trojan was the sponsor, and abstinence doesn't sell condoms.

To make a long story short, Dr. Drew is my new hero. I also gained lots of information for a sexual health series to follow in the next few Shield issues. Reader feedback is encouraged. And yes, I'll check all information with a source that didn't fly me to Chicago free of charge.

Eat, drink and be merry...



Dancing to traditional Arabic music are Saudi Arabian students Fahad Aldukhayel, Hussain Alyami and Faisal Alyami. Alyami gave an interactive presentation on the celebrations of Ramadan and Eid Wednesday, Oct. 1 during the International Club's weekly global community meeting in Ruston Hall. During the 40-day Ramadan fast, Muslims who are able do not even take a drink of water between sunrise and sunset each day. Sexual intercourse during daylight hours is also forbidden. Ramadan, the fourth pillar of the Islam faith, is a time devoted to prayer, fasting, self-accountability and charity. At Ramadan's end, Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast. The holiday is marked with feasting and dancing with family and friends. Eid is a celebration of thanksgiving to God for granting the strength of self control during Ramadan.

Photo by Anthony Pate

Pauley shows 'unmistakable voice' to USI

By BRANDON COLE
 The Shield staff

"She has a really unique sound that is rich and natural," said Lea Wasson A.P.B. regarding Miekka Pauley who will be performing tonight in the Starbucks at Rice Library at 7 p.m.

"Her voice ranges from haunting, delicate beauty to an explosion of shattering, soaring soul," according to her publicist, Tom Fervey.

"Her roots are blues, classic soul, and R&B, rock, gospel, and folk, and the result is a personal brand of pop music that is uniquely her own."

"We discovered her at a conference in Nashville," said Wasson. This is where

the A.P.B. gets the majority of their musical acts for USI, according to Wasson.

She has been compared to Sarah McLachlan and Aretha Franklin, but people who have seen Pauley know that she has an unmistakable voice.

Pauley's career was launched off of the clubs of Cambridge and streets of Harvard Square, an area that has produced Tracy Chapman, Bonnie Raitt and Joan Baez.

Born in Boston and raised in Kentucky, Colorado and South Florida, she returned to Cambridge for school.

She started to sing as a child and spent years studying classical voice and piano, and in high school sang in everything from alt rock garage bands and Motown

funk bands to jazz and classical choirs and church.

In the summer of 2002 she graduated from Harvard with a degree in Biological Anthropology, won BMI's Rock Boat Song Contest, and placed top three at the famed Telluride Troubadour Competition.

This musician is a road warrior. She has played over 450 shows at colleges and other venues from northern Maine to Southern Florida.

It is fitting that Pauley would perform at Starbucks, as she was named the first ever Starbucks Emerging Artist.

She has shared the bill with such artists as Eric Clapton, Wyclef Jean, Jason Mraz, John Legend, Black Eyed Peas, John Hiatt, and Blues Traveler.

Her new album is titled, "Car Wrecks and Hurricanes." Stronger, The Way it is, Faster, and First Stone are some of the tracks on her new compact disc.

The free concert is sponsored by APB.

"Usually 30-35 people attend these shows at USI," said Wasson, "but this is really a musician that no one should miss."

Right: Miekka Pauley reclines in a recent photoshoot. Her first performance at USI will take place at the Rice Library Starbucks at 7 p.m. tonight. Photo courtesy of Miekka Pauley



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(Turn paper upside-down for solution.)

Patient awareness can save lives

By JAMIE SMITH
The Shield staff



Amber Baise, 18, of Indianapolis entered Methodist Hospital on October 8 to give birth to her first child. Baise was started on an epidural that was given to her by her doctor.

However, there were complications with the pump so they gave her ten hours worth of painkillers in just one hour, making her temporarily unable to walk. Even though it was a difficult labor, Baise was still able to deliver a healthy girl.

Baise's situation was called a "doctors mistake."

Patients are blinded when they walk into a hospital, or any kind of professional health care setting for that matter. They sometimes forget that doctors and nurses are human beings and capable of making mistakes.

There are many ways you can help your doctor and/or nurse from making a mistake related to your health. After all, you are putting your life in their hands.

It is important that you make yourself aware of what is going on at all times when you are in a hospital or any other type of professional health care setting. If you choose to not be involved in your healthcare, then it is your health that you are putting at risk.

If you are not sure how to take part in preventing medical errors from occurring, below are some tips that you can bring with you on your next trip to the hospital.

-Ask questions. Sometimes patients are too intimidated to ask their doctor and/or nurse any questions they might have. Do not be afraid to ask. It is important that you understand what they are telling you.

-Medical history. It is highly recommended to have your complete medical history on hand. Your medical history is available at your doctor's office, however, it might be a good idea to look it

over to make sure it is accurate. For example, if you have had any kind of reactions to foods or drugs, then make sure your doctor and/nurse is aware of that. Your medical history should also include all medications that you are currently taking, even vitamins.

-ID bracelet. Before your nurse gives you your medication, make sure he/she checks your ID bracelet.

-Check out. Have a nurse, doctor or pharmacist give you directions on how to take prescriptions before you leave. All medications are different. Some are required to be refrigerated, others are not. Also, some medications are to be taken on an empty stomach or with a meal.

Keep in mind that nurses and doctors want you to be healthy and they will do everything they can to make that happen. They work many hours throughout the week and see a lot of patients with different types of illnesses. Mistakes happen. So why not do your part and help prevent them?

Snag designer style, or a wallet-friendly knockoff

By BETSY GENTRY
The Shield fashionista



Marc Jacobs is notably one of the best American designers today. His designs are innovative and unique.

Finding designs similar to Marc Jacobs is no easy feat, much less being able to find comparable styles for less. This week, I will compare Marc Jacobs's contemporary line, Marc by Marc Jacobs, to outfits from Kohl's.

Placing ruffles down the center of a blouse is a new look that spices the traditional blouse. Marc by Marc Jacobs's sleeveless style is edged with ruffles, has a button front, is made from silk, and is dry clean only.



Top: Marc Jacobs blouse, \$238. Bottom: Kohl's blouse, \$23.40.

The top retails for \$238. A comparable style from Kohl's also has a button front, is made from polyester, machine wash, and comes in two colors. The price for the Kohl's style is \$23.40, which is \$216.60 less than the Marc by Marc Jacobs top.

Henleys paired with jeans and boots is a stylish casual outfit for weekends or class. A ruffled neckline and banded sleeve hem set a Marc by Marc Jacobs henley apart from the rest. It also has raw edges, three buttons, is dry clean only, comes in two colors, and is priced at \$98.

However, a ribbed henley from Kohl's looks like the Marc top. It has a seven button placket, is machine wash, comes in multiple colors, and sells for \$11.99. Just over \$86 is what one will save if one decides to go with the Kohl's label.

A casual dress is essential to have for the holiday season, and if you are trying to save then Kohl's may be your best bet.

A Marc



Top: Marc Jacobs henley, \$98. Bottom: Kohl's henley, \$11.99.

by Marc Jacobs dress flows just passed the knees, has gathered shoulder straps, is made from silk, comes in a jet blue hue, and retails for \$378.

The Kohl's dress comes just past the knees as well, is a v-neck style, has ruching around the bodice, is made from polyester, comes in a turquoise color, and is \$40.80. The price difference between the two dresses is \$337.20.

Although Marc Jacobs has an undeniable unique style to his clothes, finding similar styles can be accomplished.

Therefore, if a \$400 dress is out of the question, save your money and find something that looks comparable to his styles.



Top: Marc Jacobs dress, \$378. Bottom: Kohl's dress, \$37.20.

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USI gets no 'love' at the buzzer



USI sophomore forward Mike Kalicak elevates over the University of Evansville's senior center Bradley Strickland (55).

Photo by Greg Nixon

By **STEPHEN SMITH**
The Shield staff

The second installment of the Vectren Community Classic did not disappoint.

In front of a near capacity crowd of 11,597, host Evansville defeated USI 77-75 as Kenny Love's contested three fell just short at the buzzer.

Evansville opened the game on a 5-0 run, on the strength of a Matt Webster three-point play.

USI countered with a 14-4 run of their own capped off by a Nick Brooks three, giving USI a five-point advantage at 14-9.

Mid-way through the first half Evansville opened it up as they outscored the Eagles 16-2 over a 3:15 stretch.

Evansville maintained control the final seven minutes of the half and led by 10, 45-35 at the half.

Although USI shot 58 percent from the field over the first 20 minutes, the Screaming Eagles had 18 costly turnovers.

According to USI center Rashard Sullivan, "We lost the game in the first half."

USI came out hot to start the second half. Over the first three minutes USI outscored UE 9-2 and cut the UE halftime lead to only three.

Both teams traded buckets until USI took a six point lead at 61-55 on a Kenny Love three.

The momentum was short lived as UE's Kyle Anslinger

answered with a three of his own to cut the USI lead to three.

UE regained the lead until a Rashard Sullivan dunk tied the score at 68 with 4:59 to play.

UE took control on back to back layups from Webster, followed by a Holsinger layup to give UE a six point advantage.

With one minute to play things got interesting. The Aces led 75-69 until a big three point play by Sullivan.

After the free throw USI forced a five second violation. USI's Kenny Love missed a jumper and USI was forced to foul.

UE's Holsinger hit one of two and with 0:20 left USI senior sharpshooter Geoff Van Winkle drilled a long three to cut the UE lead to one.

The Aces' Justin Petty was fouled and hit one of two with 13 seconds to play, setting up the final shot.

Ultimately, it was not to be for USI as the Love three fell short.

USI was led by Rashard Sullivan's 15 points and eight rebounds.

UE was led by Bradley Strickland's 18 points and Matt Webster contributed 17 points and nine rebounds for the Aces.

USI opens the regular season this weekend as they try to defend their Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic in Orlando.



Senior guard Melvin Hall drives to the basket against the University of Evansville Purple Aces.

Photo by Greg Nixon

USI Basketball fans warm up in the cold



USI basketball fans shoot at a pop-a-shot basketball goal. Fans could play games, eat food and get airbrushed tattoos at the pre-game festivities.

Photo by Jared Kinkade

By **JAMIE HESS**
The Shield staff

The chilly weather did not stop fans from coming out to tailgate before Saturday night's USI game against UE.

Hundreds of students and alumni ate hot dogs and chips.

"We have been grilling since 2:30 p.m. and have over 2,000 hot dogs," said Jim Will, senior trustee of the university and past president of the Varsity Club.

WSWI, 820 The Edge, provided music along with the Pep Band.

The cheerleaders and dance team also gave a performance.

"I am really excited about the game. It is my first time," said Lyndsie Eyley, a junior Biology, Earth Science major and dance team member.

APB provided an inflatable hoop, airbrush tattoos, and sponsored a Crazy Fan prize.

The USI Alumni Association gave out t-shirts, towels, and pom-poms.

"I think that the tailgate party before the game is a good way for students and the community to get hyped up for the game and have an amazing time once they get in the game because they have all this adrenaline," said Lea Wasson, president of APB.

Before going into Robert Stadium for the game the basketball team made an appearance with exciting cheers and well wishes from the tailgaters.

Crystal Stoen, a junior Early Childhood Education major said, "I came my freshman year and it was really exciting."



USI sophomore Dustin Robinson shows his USI pride. Robinson painted his face and dressed up for the basketball game between USI and the University of Evansville.

Photo by Jared Kinkade

Eagles unbeaten after exhibition

By **STEPHEN SMITH**
The Shield staff

The USI women opened their exhibition season this week with two impressive victories.

The Lady Eagles defeated the St. Louis Goldstars Friday night by 25 then upset Division I Morehead State on the road 75-74.

USI defeated Morehead State on a buzzer beater by junior Marshay Jolly.

USI shot the ball extremely well all night as they finished with a 51.9 shooting percentage.

The Lady Eagles led Morehead State by 17 during the second half before Morehead used a 36-9 run to take a seven point advantage late in the ballgame.

Jasmine Baines led USI with 17 points while Katie

Thiesenhusen chipped in 16 of her own.

In addition to the game winner, Jolly added 13 while Leah Stormont dish out six assists.

On Friday night USI opened their season with a resounding 25 point victory over the Goldstars.

USI jumped out early 20-7 before grabbing a 41-26 half-time advantage. After the intermission, an 11-0 run extended the lead to 52-26.

Jasmine Baines played a big role in the victory, posting a double-double. Baines had a game high 23 points as well as a game high 11 rebounds.

Also reaching double-digits were Katie Thiesenhusen who had 16 while going 3-5 from beyond the arc.

Senior Sabrina Brandon had

13 off the bench while Akiya Alexander had 11 points and 5 assists.

The Lady Eagles finished the exhibition part of their schedule undefeated.

USI will open the regular season on Wednesday, Nov. 15 on the road against Central Missouri.

The Lady Eagles will open the home portion of the schedule on the Nov. 21 as they begin a four-game home stand with the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Senior forward Sabrina Brandon shoots from behind the three-point line against the St. Louis Goldstars. Brandon finished the game with 13 points.

Photo by Anthony Paté

By **MICHAEL LONER**
The Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana volleyball team opened up the GLVC Tournament with a first-round match against Lewis University last Thursday night.

The Lady Flyers, who finished their regular season 23-5, made sure the first round was as far as the Eagles would go.

USI lost to Lewis in four games by the scores of 20-30, 30-28, 17-30, 23-30.

USI went 17-11 on the regular season. The Lady Eagles struggled in their attack and were held to an attacking percentage of .087.

The second-seeded Lady Flyers came out strong in the first game with an attacking per-

centage of .298 as they went on to beat USI 30-20.

The Lady Eagles were able to pull off a close second game win to slow the Lady Flyers down and stop their run. Lewis was just too dominating for USI in games three and four.

Senior outside hitter Chelse Doubler led the USI with 15 kills. Mandy Probst the libero finished with a team-high 21 digs.

Stephanie Wilson and freshman Courtney Bealor both accounted for 11 digs.

Cara Keverer was able to account for 10 digs. Emily Ryan was able to manage nine kills and Molly Rahman followed with eight kills.

The Lady Flyers were led by Sarah McKinney with 20

kills. She was one of five Lady Flyers to record double-digit kills.

She was followed by Stephanie Sagat, the Freshmer Player of the Year, with 16 kills and 12 digs.

Andrea Morrone was able to record 56 assists and 26 digs.

Charisse Steekling had 13 kills and Sara deBuhr had 10 kills contributing to the Lady Flyers' dominating attack.

The Lady Flyers went on and defeated 19th-ranked Rockhurst University and 13th-ranked SIU-Edwardsville in back-to-back matches to earn the league title and win the GLVC Tournament.

USI Volleyball season comes to a close

By **ERIC BREWER**
The Shield staff

There will be no more cold weather for the men's cross country team as they qualified for the NCAA Championships Saturday.

The men's squad along with the women's teammate Alison Shafer will be traveling to Pensacola, Florida to compete amongst the best runners in the nation.

Led by Paul Jellema, who was awarded his second All-Great Lakes Region honors, the men will be competing at nationals for their second consecutive year.

Jellema finished third overall with a 10k time of 31:57, while Tim Sirbek crossed the line in the 26th position contributing to a fifth place team

finish.

Sophomore Alison Shafer, who recently broke a record held by the seemingly unstoppable Heather Cooksey with her first place conference finish, came in second at the regional meet.

Shafer will be the lone member of the women's squad making the trip. It is Shafer's second consecutive national trip.

With the top three women's regional teams advancing to the tourney, a mere three points separated the University of Findlay and USI from the third place spot.

The women's team came within three points of qualifying for their seventh appearance at the tournament in ten years.

The women finished fourth out of 24 teams with help com-

ing in the form of senior Missy Burgin with a 6k time of 23:53 and Katy Simutis finishing at 23:04.

Conference rival Wisconsin-Parkside finished second, while Grand Valley State University won the Regional title.

The men have been a dominant team throughout the year placing no less than eighth all season, with two first place wins including a GLVC conference victory.

Success has been due to team depth including individuals such as Sam Gebreselassie, Tistan Mannix, Matt Zielske, Brandon Campbell, Joe Raymen and Rob Roads.

The men's cross country team and Shafer will take the trip to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Florida on November 18.



Sophomore season under way for USI Wrestling Club

By ERIN HOBGOOD
The Shield staff

weekend in Lebanon, Tenn. at The University of the Cumberland Invitational.

Jeff Ausenbaugh, the president of the wrestling club, said

about eight of the original members are back for season two.

Including the returning wrestlers, there are about 15-20 members in the club.

Ausenbaugh said around eight or ten wrestlers made the trip to the University of the Cumberland, and as a team they did fairly well.

The match was an open tourney so there were no team points, only individual points.

Ausenbaugh said there were a lot of positives, but also room for a lot of improvements.

"This meet was just to get us refocused. You could tell the guys that haven't been coming to practice."

Unlike NCAA collegiate sports, practices aren't mandatory for club sports, but the wrestling club holds practices every day for about an hour and a half to two hours.

Anyone is welcome to attend the practices and join the club even if you have no wrestling experience.

Ausenbaugh wrestled for Castle High School, but those who are interested in joining who haven't ever competed would be taught all the necessary holds and moves.

If you're interested in the joining the team, contact Ausenbaugh.

His contact information can be found at the USI Club Team's webpage and he'll help you join.

Don't expect to just be able to join for free though. It costs \$70 to join, but that covers most fees.

For the meet at Cumberland, the only costs that members had to cover were their entry fees. The club was able to pay for transportation and the hotel rooms.

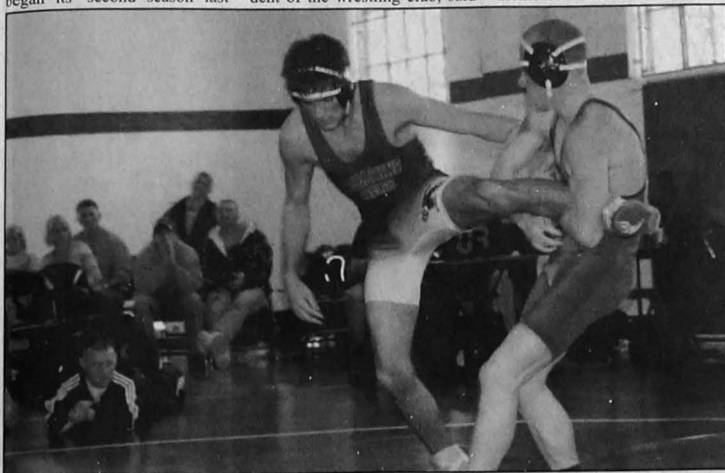
The members are looking to hold some fundraisers so

they can cover more costs, but as of now the fundraisers have yet to be planned.

The next scheduled meet for the team is on Dec. 2 at Manchester University in North Manchester, Ind.

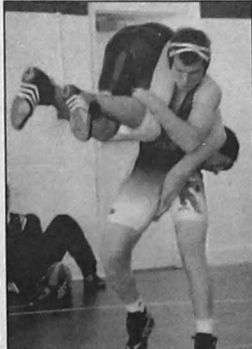
They are looking to possibly attend a meet or tournament on Nov. 19, but they are looking for one within driving distance.

The USI Wrestling Club began its' second season last



USI wrestler Joe Hillenbrand (left) tries to escape a single-leg lock. USI Wrestling Club President Jeff Ausenbaugh (right) prepares to take down his opponent.

Photos by Dan Ausenbaugh



8-0 start leaves Colts' fans with deja vu

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) - The Indianapolis Colts are the last unbeaten team in the NFL again, and Peyton Manning is intent on enjoying the ride.

Manning threw for 326 yards with two touchdowns to Marvin Harrison on Sunday night, and the Colts defense forced five turnovers to earn a 27-20 victory over their long-time nemesis, the New England Patriots.

The victory, coupled with Chicago's loss to Miami, leaves Indianapolis alone at 8-0.

"Lovie let me down," Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy said of his Bears counterpart, Lovie

Smith. "I was hoping they'd win so they would get all the focus."

The Colts won their first 13 games last season and spent much of December answering questions about matching the 1972 Dolphins, the only NFL team ever to record a perfect season.

Then Indy lost two of its last three regular season games, and again in their first playoff game, and suddenly its gaudy record wasn't so impressive.

But now the Colts are the first team to start consecutive seasons at 8-0 since the Green Bay Packers did it three straight years from 1929-31.

And Manning has thrown for 300 yards in three consecutive games.

"All people want to talk about with this team is, 'What are you going to do in the playoffs?'" Manning said. "It's a legitimate question, but at the same time it's important for us to enjoy the wins and enjoy the journey along the way. No question what our goals are and our destination, but ... I'm going to enjoy this one for a little bit."

This year's Colts aren't running away from the pack like in 2005; though they've beaten Denver and New England in consecutive weeks, both wins were by one score.

However, Dungy said he thinks his team will benefit from being challenged more.

"We're not playing quite as well as we did last year, but I think I like where we are better," he said.

"It's more of everybody (contributing) and it's more like the real NFL, where you've got to make plays in the fourth quarter and you've got to assert yourself down the stretch and we seem to be doing that."

The Patriots (6-2) ended a

four-game winning streak and dropped a second straight game to Indianapolis after winning six in a row.

They also may have lost safety Rodney Harrison; he didn't return after hurting his arm in the first quarter, but coach Bill Belichick offered no information on his injury.

Cato June caught two of Tom Brady's four interceptions, including a tipped ball with 78 seconds left in the game and the Patriots inside Colts territory.

Corey Dillon ran for 48 yards and two touchdowns, and Laurence Maroney gained 63 as the Patriots rushed for 148 yards.

"We ran successfully and made some passes," said Brady, who completed 20-of-35 passes for 201 yards. "But it all gets negated when you turn the ball over."

Adam Vinatieri kicked two field goals but also missed his first attempts of the year as he returned to Foxborough for the first time since leaving the Patriots as a free agent.

Although he was warmly welcomed by the Patriots' players and owner Bob Kraft before the game, the New England fans booed the man whose kicks won two Super Bowls and helped win a third.

"They are trying to get loud and make it hard on the opposing team and that totally makes sense," he said. "I wish I had played a little bit better."

Vinatieri gave the Colts the lead for good with a 23-yarder that made it 17-14 with 1:46 left

Colts defenders Raheem Brock (79) and Cato June (59) celebrate a fumble recovery.

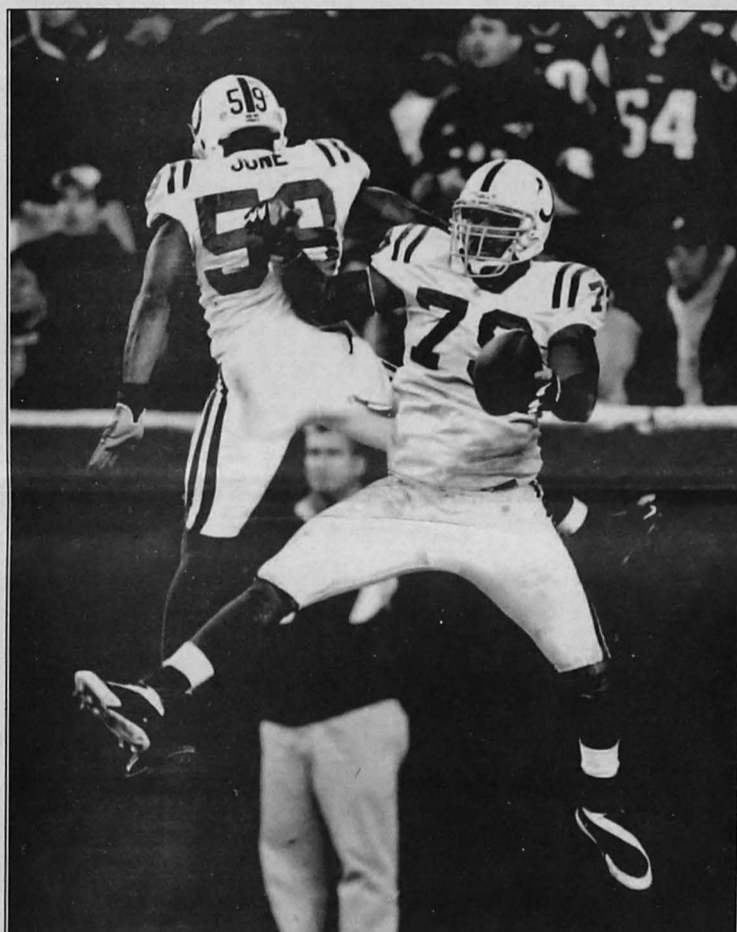
in the first half.

Harrison, who caught eight passes for 145 yards in all, made it 24-14 with a toe-tapping catch at the side of the end zone from

4 yards out.

Vinatieri blew a chance to put the game away when he missed from 37 yards with 1:55 left.

But on the Patriots' second play, Brady's pass bounced off of Kevin Faulk's hands and June grabbed the deflection.



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US & World Briefs

Cuba's foreign minister backs off prediction of speedy Castro return

HAVANA (AP) - Cuba's foreign minister stepped back Monday from an earlier assertion that Fidel Castro would return to power in December and declined to say whether the ailing Cuban leader would be well enough to attend next month's celebration of his 80th birthday.

Less than two months after telling The Associated Press he expected Castro to be fully back at the helm in December, Felipe Perez Roque said he could not discuss when Castro will return.

"It's a subject on which I don't want to speculate," the minister said. Castro's return "will come when it's the right moment."

"He looks good. I see that his recovery is advancing," he said. "We are optimistic, and happy. The only ones who are sad are our enemies, who were all prepared to celebrate (his death)."

Up until his illness, Castro was known for micromanaging projects, leading massive marches along the Malecon coastal highway and giving hours-long speeches. Perez Roque declined to speculate on whether the Cuban icon would ever be such an active leader again.

"Whether things will be like before is a very difficult topic," the minister said. "And I don't have the information, or the capacity, to say."

Iraq gov't prepares draft law, may see purged Saddam Hussein supporters reinstated to jobs

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A day after Saddam Hussein was sentenced to hang, the country's Shiite-dominated government offered a major concession Monday to his Sunni backers that could see thousands of purged Baath party members reinstated in their jobs.

With a tight curfew after Saddam's guilty verdict, the government reached out to disaffected Sunnis in hopes of enticing them away from the insurgency, which has killed tens of thousands of Iraqis and is responsible for the majority of U.S. casualties.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five more American troops, two in a helicopter crash north of Baghdad and three in fighting.

Sectarian killings also persisted despite precautions. Fifty-nine bodies were discovered Sunday and Monday across Iraq, police officials said.

Nevertheless, Sunday's verdict and Monday's opening to the Sunnis were seen as a welcome break for the United States, which had recently called for the Iraqi government to stop purging members of Saddam's Baath party from their jobs. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, how-

ever, has balked at U.S. requests to set up an amnesty for insurgents.

Israel pulls troops out of Gaza, violence stays: 10 Palestinians dead

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) - Israeli forces ended a weeklong offensive Tuesday aimed at halting rocket attacks from this northern Gaza town, leaving behind wrecked homes, uprooted trees and sewage-covered streets. But hours after the pullback, the Palestinian rocket fire resumed.

Israel kept up its onslaught from outside Beit Hanoun, killing 10 Palestinians in airstrikes, gunfire and tank shelling.

In one barrage Tuesday, five rockets hit the Israeli city of Ashkelon, seven miles from the Gaza border, the farthest the militants' homemade weapons have reached into Israel. No one was hurt, the army said, but Israel hit back with artillery.

Palestinian leaders denounced Israel for continuing its offensive, but internal problems remained unsolved as negotiations dragged on to form a unity government in hopes of ending an international aid boycott.

In one incident Tuesday, two Israeli tank shells hit the house of Jamila Shanti, a Hamas lawmaker who helped organize a demonstration of women Friday that allowed dozens of Hamas militants to escape an Israeli siege on a mosque.

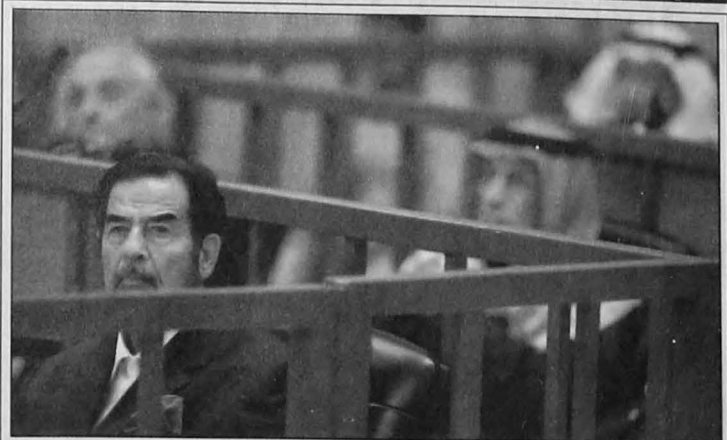
Shanti was not home at the time of Tuesday's attack, which Palestinian doctors said killed three people. Hamas said two of the three were militants who were firing rockets. The army said it was responding to an attack and had not targeted Shanti's home.

Australia Senate votes to end four-year ban on cloning human embryos for stem cell research

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Australia's Senate narrowly voted to end the country's four-year ban on cloning human embryos for stem cell research, ruling Tuesday that the potential for medical breakthroughs outweighed moral doubts. The measure now goes to Australia's House of Representatives.

The Senate voted 34 to 32 to allow therapeutic cloning, which involves removing the nucleus of an unfertilized human egg and adding DNA to make it grow in a lab dish.

Scientists had been lobbying for lawmakers to relax rules on stem cell research and allow therapeutic cloning of embryos for medical research. Since Parliament passed Australia's first laws on stem cell research in 2002, scientists have only been allowed to extract stem cells from spare embryos created for in vitro fertilization.



Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, front left, listens to testimony during his trial inside the heavily fortified Green Zone Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq. Saddam and 6 other defendants are facing charges of crimes against humanity for their roles in the Anfal military operation from 1987-88 that prosecutors say killed thousands of Iraqis. (AP Photo/Scott Nelson)

Saddam Hussein urges Iraqis to forgive each other after death sentence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A somber, subdued Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to "forgive, reconcile and shake hands" as he returned to court Tuesday for his Kurdish genocide trial two days after being sentenced to death in a separate case.

The startling call from Saddam came after he rose during the afternoon session to question the testimony of the witnesses, who told of a mass killing of Iraqi Kurds in the 1987-88 Operation Anfal crackdown on Kurdish guerrillas. Saddam then calmly spoke about how the Prophet Muhammad and Jesus Christ asked for forgiveness for those who had opposed them.

"I call on all Iraqis, Arabs and Kurds, to forgive, reconcile and shake hands," Saddam said before resuming his seat.

Saddam and two others

were sentenced to death by hanging. Four co-defendants received lesser sentences; one acquitted. Saddam thundered, "Long live the people and death to their enemies" when the sentence was imposed.

One statement, released last month by his lawyers, urged Iraqis to remember that their goal should be to free the country "from the forces of occupation and their followers" and not "settling scores."

A nine-judge appeals panel is expected to rule on Saddam's guilty verdict and death sentence in the Dujail case by the mid-January, said the chief prosecutor. That could set in motion a possible execution by February.

The death sentence has drawn criticism from European and human rights officials who oppose capital punishment,

regardless of the crime.

In Tehran, however, the Iranian government called for the death sentence to be carried out, saying that Saddam was a criminal who deserved to die.

On Tuesday, the court heard testimony from survivors of an Aug. 28, 1988 massacre of more than 30 Kurdish men, who had surrendered after hearing that Saddam offered amnesty to Kurdish rebels. Instead, the witnesses said they were herded together at the base of a hill, where Iraqi soldiers opened fire on them. Only a handful survived.

Saddam and his cousin "Chemical Ali" al-Majid are charged with genocide in the Anfal case. The other defendants are accused of crimes against humanity and war crimes. All could be sentenced to death by hanging if convicted.

FBI probing reports of dirty tricks as poll workers struggle with machine problems

(AP) - While new voting machines confounded some poll workers, reports of dirty tricks and voter intimidation surfaced across the nation Tuesday, prompting federal investigations in at least two states.

In Virginia, election officials contacted the FBI over complaints of voter intimidation in the hard-fought race between GOP Sen. George Allen and Democrat Jim Webb. Jean Jensen, secretary of the Board of Elections, said her office received reports of phone calls apparently encouraging voters to stay home on Election Day. Other calls directed voters to the wrong polling place.

In Indiana, the FBI was investigating allegations that a Democratic volunteer at a Monroe County polling site was found with unprocessed absentee ballots. Other states reported voter intimidation problems and dirty tricks.

In Arizona, three men, one of them armed, stopped Hispanic voters and questioned them outside a Tucson polling place, according to voting monitors for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which photographed the incidents and reported them to the FBI.

In Maryland, sample ballots suggesting Republican Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich and Senate candidate Michael

Steele were Democrats were handed out by people bused in from out of state. Democrats outnumber Republicans in Maryland by nearly 2-to-1.

An Ehrlich spokeswoman said the fliers were meant to show the candidates had the support of some state Democrats. They were paid for by the campaigns of Ehrlich, Steel and the GOP. Some of the fliers include pictures of Ehrlich with Democrat Kweisi Mfume, a former NAACP president.

More than 80 percent of the nation's voters were expected to cast some type of electronic ballot Tuesday, which was the deadline for major reforms mandated by the federal Help America Vote Act, passed by Congress to prevent a rerun of the 2000 election debacle.

Across the country, Democrats accused Republicans of sponsoring automated "robo-calls" that have infuriated voters. The recorded calls, which reached a fever pitch in the days leading up to the election, automatically dial and re-dial, promoting or trashing a candidate.

Republicans have denied responsibility. Some voters have reported being awakened in the middle of the night by such calls, and said that after they hung up, the phone rang again. Federal rules bar election phone solicitations after 9

p.m. In some states, the effort to improve the integrity of the election system got off to a shaky start. Long lines formed, prompting appeals to judges to keep the polls open longer.

Kevin Caffrey, a 43-year-old school teacher from Denver and a registered Republican, was furious after he was forced to stand in line for more than an hour.

"Every individual who put me in line, I'm voting against them. I've been waiting in line like an animal. This is a nightmare," he said.

In Denver, up to 300 people stood outside some polling sites. One was Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Ritter, who waited an hour and 40 minutes.

"It's actually heartening," he said. It means people "understand the process is important enough to be patient and wait in line." Nonetheless, Democratic Party officials asked a judge to extend poll hours because of the delays.

A long ballot and new machines caused the disruptions, according to Colorado secretary of state spokeswoman Lisa Doran. "Despite the training, some of the election judges are intimidated by the machines," she said. Computer glitches and poll work-

ers' unfamiliarity with the new equipment were also blamed for long lines in such states as Tennessee, South Carolina and Illinois.

In North Carolina, about 100 voters were left waiting at a church because the poll worker who had the key showed up nearly an hour late. In Pennsylvania, a computer programming error forced some to cast paper ballots. In Indiana, 175 precincts also resorted to paper. Counties in those states also extended poll hours to make up for delays.

As of midday, none of the stumbles seemed to signal a voting disaster, said poll watchers.

"Lots of fender-benders, but no major tie-ups," said Doug Chapin, director of electionline.org, a nonpartisan group that tracks election problems. "It's been a steady drumbeat, but nothing that rises to the level of 'This could compromise the results.'"

Nevertheless, some of the mishaps raised the frustration level.

In Cleveland, where some voters in 2004 waited in 14-hour lines, problems with ballot-reading machines caused big delays. For the first time, all 88 counties used electronic voting - either touch-screens or paper ballots that are electronically scanned.

James Marquart said he walked out

without voting after poll workers said his name wasn't on the rolls, even though he was holding a postcard from the elections board that told him which precinct to vote in.

"They did offer me a provisional ballot, but I have absolutely no faith in provisional ballots," he said. Such ballots are only counted if election officials can document the voter's registration.

Activists also feared that last-minute changes in voter identification laws would mean even more confusion.

In Missouri, for example, a judge recently overturned a state law requiring voters to produce a government-issued photo identification. In Kansas City on Tuesday, some voters nevertheless reported being asked for photo ID. "We've had people saying they were turned away," said Edward Hailes of the Advancement Project, a voting-rights group monitoring polling sites across the country. "We've been trying to contact the board of elections, but the phone lines are jammed."

In Kentucky, a poll worker was arrested after allegedly choking a voter and throwing him out of the polling place. The two had argued over a ballot issue. "That about tops off the day," said Jefferson County Clerk spokeswoman Paula McCraney.



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