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## 10-year campus expansion revealed

By ANTHONY PATE  
The Shield Staff

USI is asking for nearly \$30 million from the state Legislator and is planning to sell \$4 million in bonds in the near future.

The administration will use the money to build a new College of Business building and to renovate the University Center.

The USI Board of Trustees met Thursday, Jan. 12, in Indianapolis, to discuss the next 10-year plan, which is split into three terms: the near term 2007-2009, the medium term 2009-2011 and the long term 2011-2017.

Mark Rozewski, vice president for business affairs and treasurer, said along with other projects underway, this is on the list of

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**-Mark Rozewski**  
Business affairs  
Vice president and treasurer

things USI needs to build.

He said if you compare the building square footage to the number of students enrolled at USI to that of every other university in the state, USI has about 250,000 square feet less building space for its students.

"We have a shortage of buildings," Rozewski said.

He also said when the time comes to renovate the UC, they will have to hire an architect and form a building committee, consisting of students, faculty and staff, to figure out what to do with the rooms in the old library.

"It's going to be reused as an expansion of the UC," he said.

In the medium term, they are

asking for \$56 million and over \$32 million in other funds to construct new residence buildings and parking facilities, along with a new art, theater and music center.

In the long term, they want \$35 million in state funds and \$39 million in other funds to expand on the Recreation and Fitness Center, build a new PAC and complete phase two of the campus roadway system.

He said the money from the state is used to pay for things that apply only to teaching and learning, which won't affect tuition.

Buildings constructed for student quality of life, such as the fitness center, are what will affect tuition.

"The dividing line is that academic things are paid for by the state and projects that affect quality of life are paid for by students, and that shows up in the tuition," he said.

He also said that they have money for a \$7.25 million project to double the size of the fitness center, which will, in turn, raise the recreation and fitness fee to \$2.25 per credit hour.

The university also has \$3.5 million for phase one of the master plan to relieve speeding problems on University Boulevard.

He said around the time they finish the new library they will be digging the hole for the expansion of the fitness center.

"There is always something under construction here," Rozewski said. "It's a tradition."

**Who is he?**  
Translator for U.S. troops, medic and USI student from Afghanistan

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**New project to study changes in housing**

By JULIA HUNTER  
The Shield staff

On-campus housing is often times lacking.

Ask someone who lives on campus and they may tell you it is lacking luxury, privacy, safety and space.

All of this may be changing soon for campuses everywhere.

"It's not just the physical," said Becky Payne, director of Residence Life at USI and participant in the 21st Century Project. "It has to do with living study and service our students are wanting."

The 21st Century Project, sponsored by the Association of College and University Housing Officers - International is a plan to try to better accommodate the ever-changing roles of college housing.

Ninety-nine members will gather from colleges across the nation to discuss trends of residence halls in order to come up with a blueprint for the residence hall of the future.

Those attending the 21st Century Project Summit will include members from housing, food services, student affairs, university presidents, faculty, vendors and architects.

"We're a little ahead of our competitors because we have apartments and suite-style housing," Payne said in an earlier press release.

"Privatization is what students want, but interaction between students is a primary enhancer of student life, so we don't want to create an environment that isolates students, either. Finding that balance is a challenge."

The project is expected to serve as a model for campus housing around the world for the next generation.

## Date Rape victim speaks out

By JULIA HUNTER  
The Shield staff

"Thanks very much," said Peter, as he left her dorm room that morning. "I'll see you at breakfast, okay?"

At the time, "date rape" had no name. After that morning, Katie Koestner gave it one.

She appeared in a 1991 issue of TIME magazine, giving a name to the most underreported crime in America at the time of publication.

Within her first month as a student at the College of William and Mary, a fellow student raped her in her dorm room.

"He looked like an Abercrombie model and fluently spoke three languages," she said.

She had invited him to her dorm after a date to a French restaurant.

They had known each other for about 10 days and she had been alone in her room with him two days earlier and did not think much of it.

"I was wearing a long black velvet dress with three very delicate buttons on the back," said Koestner to a group of USI students Tuesday night. "He was trying to get them off."

She pushed him away gently

and blew it off with a joke.

"I have been able to dress and undress myself since the age of three," she told him. "I do not need your help."

The lecture is part of a possible series sponsored by the Department of Recreation, Fitness and Wellness.

"I liked him," she said. "I want you to remember that. This entire issue would have been crystal clear if it wasn't for the fact that I liked him."

After a tickling session Peter pinned her to the floor and kissed her hard.

"I'm trapped on the pink carpet on the floor in my dorm with this guy I like," said Koestner. "Rape did not cross my mind. Rape is about scary predators."

She asked Peter to please get off of her. She said please because that was how she was raised. He didn't. She started to cry.

After a huge fight, he fell asleep in her dorm. She stayed awake all night huddled in the corner.

When he awoke he told her that he felt horrible that she didn't sleep last night and that she should try and get some sleep.

"I thought he looked and sounded sincere," she said. "I let my guard down."

That morning Peter raped her.

"When I started to fall asleep, I felt him start to kiss my neck," said Koestner. "I said no."

"The wall was made out of cement blocks painted pale yellow and Peter was on top of me. I had my arms crossed over my chest trying to protect myself."

She later told her residence advisor, who took her to the campus clinic. However, evidence of the rape was not collected.

The district attorney told her that she had a 15% chance of winning the case and he did not want to waste taxpayers' money on it. He would not press charges.

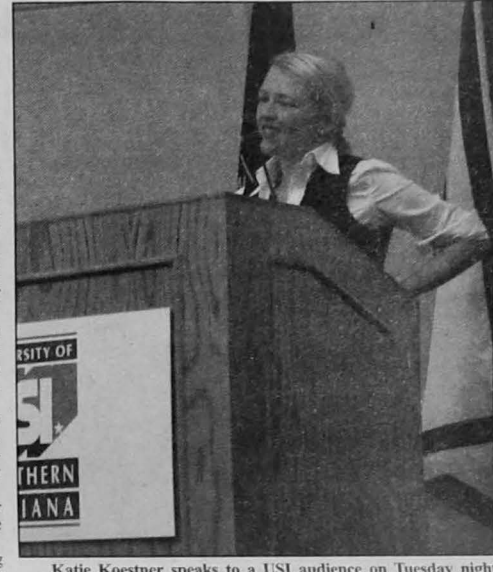
On average, a rapist can rape 12 to 17 times before going to jail.

A campus trial was conducted in which Peter was found guilty of violating policy.

He was told to stay out of her residence hall for the rest of the semester.

During the campus hearing Peter admitted, "Katie told me 'no' more than a dozen times. Eventually, she stopped. I thought that she had changed her mind."

The dean told Koestner that she and Peter should try to get back together because they made a good couple.



Katie Koestner speaks to a USI audience on Tuesday night. Koestner was a victim of date rape when she was in college. She now uses her experience to educate young men and women about date rape, the most underreported crime in America. She has appeared on TIME magazine and HBO made a movie about her called 'No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story.'

Photo by Julia Hunter

## 'Slow down' signs disappearing fast

By ANTHONY PATE  
The Shield Staff

The university might have hit on something to slow down drivers on University Boulevard, but that plan may have come to a halt.

All but three of the 18 "slow" signs put out at the beginning of the semester have been stolen or damaged.

Stephen Helfrich, director of facility operations and planning, said jokingly, "At least they are slowing down to steal them."

Twelve of the signs were stolen, three were hit and one was recovered in a student's room on campus, according to security.

The signs are A-frames filled with sand and the "slow" signs attach magnetically to the A-frames.

Don Fleming, grounds and athletic field supervisor, said four A-frames and signs were stolen the first night and one or two every other night after that.

"It would be nice to get them back," Fleming said. "Those signs

are heavy because they are filled with sand and I can understand taking the magnetic signs, but not the whole kit and caboodle."

Helfrich said next year Phase One of the master plan will start, making University Boulevard into a loop with two rotary intersections.

He said another option might be installing permanent flexible traffic markers where the signs were.

Barry Hart, director of safety and security, said his office has been getting lots of complaints of people speeding along the boulevard and not respecting the "stop for pedestrians" signs.

"I am perplexed at the increase of complaints we have been getting of people saying they almost got hit," Hart said.

Hart said he has told security officers to be more aware of speeders, but also said they don't have enough time and resources to patrol each intersection.

He also said there will be no penalty for those who return the signs with no questions asked.

Stealing the signs is a violation of the University Code of Conduct and could result in sanctions ranging from a written warning to suspension.

The signs are the most recent attempt by the university to reduce speeding on the boulevard as drivers are coming off University Parkway.

The bundle of 18 signs cost around \$1,000. Another 10 have been ordered for around \$500.

## 'Other' whites may skew admissions statistics

No effect seen at USI, officials say

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA

A new report shows that most college hopefuls who say they are of "unknown" or "other" race on their applications are actually white -- and suggests that this may impact minority enrollment.

The study, released by the California-based James Irvine

Foundation, found that the number of students who check "unknown" or "other" has grown from 3.2 percent to 5.9 percent in the last decade -- and that the majority of those checking the boxes are actually white.

Though Penn State officials say that the "other" box does not affect their admissions system, the report concludes that universities across the country are admitting fewer minority students than they anticipate

**'We had no 'others' listed this year.'**

**-Jennifer Briggs**  
Assistant Registrar

because admissions officers assume applicants who check "other" are part of minority groups.

"The racial or ethnic composition of an institution can be distorted when there is a large unknown population," reads the December study, entitled "Unknown" Students on College Campuses: An Exploratory Analysis.

It includes data from 28 colleges and universities nationwide.

Admissions director Eric Otto said he has not noticed any significant trend at USI.

Penn State Admissions Dean Lee Stetson says that Penn applicants rarely check "other" for their race due to the large number of options offered on the application and that the Uni-

versity has a good idea of the makeup of its student body.

Although Stetson could not estimate the number of applicants who choose "other," he said most do check at least one race, although they can check as many as are applicable.

While "other" may be an option on USI admission applications, as of Fall 2005 all enrolled student

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## Internet site gives free boost to job search

By BRANDON COLE  
Special to The Shield

Juniors and seniors, do you have doubts about your resume grammar? Maybe interview attitude is a concern of yours.

Are you unsure of your chosen career? Are you prepared for the real world as your college career comes to an end?

Although USI offers career advice through Career Services and Placement here on campus, there is another option for jobs and internships.

Careerbuilder.com has

launched a new site that is actually tailored for college students, cbcampus.com.

Cbcampus.com, compared to other career Web sites, is actually geared to fit the needs of today's college student.

They have created a Web site that is not intimidating and simple to use; the homepage resembles a corkboard with postings tacked and Scotch taped to it.

While the site looks rather informal and very easy to use, do not be fooled. This site is extremely informative, professional and up-to-date.

Cbcampus.com allows you to post up to five resumes in order to reach the attention of a variety of employers.

The site allows you to upload your resume or you can build one step-by-step at no charge.

The "build your resume" link takes you through each step of the process and gives you a final product that will grab an employer's attention.

The job alert section is a feature that allows you to stay on top of three specific job markets in three specific areas of the country. While filling out this portion, you

can also choose to receive a job seeker tool kit.

This kit includes about four e-mails per month regarding your specific needs. There is also a newsletter option and updates about things like job fairs.

The next segment, 411, offers a variety of quizzes that allow you to test your employability skills. This section will analyze your situation and answer questions you may have about prospective employer choice or interview etiquette.

The college jobs blog section is interactive and allows interesting job market articles to be posted in one convenient place.

The section was recently updated with "What top American jobs pay the most," and "America's most unusual jobs."

A series of links to career related Web sites can be found after selecting any posting.

The "Stuff" section offers five headings that organize a variety of articles.

The headings include: Job Hunting, Job Info, Cover Letters and Resumes and Interviewing and The Real World.

The Stuff section links at such questions as: "Do pretty people earn more money than plain looking people?"

"Events" is a portion that states where Career Builder job fairs are located.

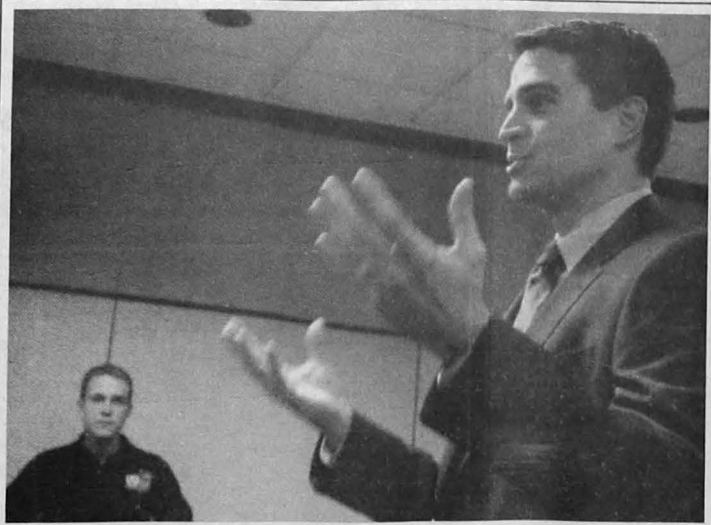
It informs the student what positions will be available at the function.

There is also a section for employers to get involved.

There is a resource segment that allows students to reach Nathan Lippe, marketing manager for Courierbuilder.com, regarding any questions or concerns.

His phone number, e-mail, and office addresses are listed.





Sheriff Brad Ellsworth spoke to USI students last Tuesday night as Lucas Niekamp, president of the USI College Democrats, looks on. "A lot of people, a lot of different ideas. I respect that. I can do this job," he said. Sheriff Ellsworth is running against incumbent Republican John Hostettler for the 8th Indiana District of the US House of Representatives. The USI College Democrats hosted Ellsworth's talk. Photo by Alison Armstrong

# Study: More women work outside home

(U-WIRE) MORRIS, Minn. - While in the past women in Western societies have either combined work with domestic life or privileged domestic duties over work outside of the family, according to scholar Neil Gilbert, now "family life has been abandoned in favor of work."

Gilbert contends that there are several reasons for this cultural shift.

First, advances in contraception have allowed women to make their own reproductive choices.

While women have varying predispositions toward childbearing, in the past lack of technology to prevent pregnancy led to more children being born than would have been had women had access to contraception.

According to the study, a second reason for the shift in childbearing patterns is a change in how women are socially taught.

In the past women have been

taught to value raising children; however, they are now socially taught to want material comfort, career achievement and independence.

While economic necessity is often cited as a justification for families who have two parents working, Gilbert points out that the current standard of living has caused people to consider it necessary to own appliances such as color TVs and air conditioners.

This standard of living can be seen as a preference for material comfort over family.

The argument that women work due to economic necessity is also weakened by the estimation that 34 percent of the wife's income in two-income U.S. families is consumed by work-related expenses and taxes.

In the case of impoverished working mothers who pay for childcare, it is estimated that childcare expenses alone account for 20 percent of income.

While economic independence is one of the reasons women today eschew family in favor of working, according to Gilbert, women gain financial independence by working but become dependent on services such as daycare and fast food.

While the increase in divorce rates makes it desirable for women not to be dependent on their husband's income, it is impossible for one person to be solely responsible for holding a job and raising children.

In addition to the material results of working, more intangible results are believed to stem from employment.

These include goals such as personal empowerment, self-realization and achievement.

However, according to Gilbert, the concept that careers can be rewarding tends to come from public-opinion makers such as professors, journalists, authors, artists and pundits whose jobs are rewarding.

# Sallie Mae switches focus of loans

By MARIO REID  
The Shield Staff

This year, as all years since 1992, Sallie Mae has listed their new scholarship programs for the year.

Sallie Mae is known for its production of student loan-based aids; however, their work goes beyond just loans.

Every year the company pro-

vides a certain amount of funds to aid students in their pursuit of higher education.

"Sallie Mae established a donor-advised fund in 1992, with an initial grant of \$2 million.

"Today, The Sallie Mae Fund builds on this foundation, directing more than \$12 million in annual giving to education," said Albert Lord, Chairman of the Sallie Mae fund in a letter that can be seen on

www.thesalliemae.org.

This year is really different from previous years. All of the scholarships available to students are need-based.

Thanks to the programs, students that might not have had an opportunity to attend a higher-education institution are now given the resources to make that dream possible.

"The Sallie Mae Fund is devoted to the promise of college access for all Americans.

"Through its programs and the efforts of Sallie Mae employees, the Fund strives to 'light the fire' in those students who ask for nothing more than an opportunity to participate in the American

dream," said Lord.

The idea of providing aid to students in need is a core ideal behind the Sallie Mae fund.

"Education levels the playing field for young Americans. It enables children to attain a level of success not imagined by those parents who never had the chance. Education is truly the great equalizer," he said.

The Sallie Mae Fund programs provide students the opportunity to gain an education that might not be attainable without the extra support.

The Sallie Mae Fund continues to provide assistance to all students it can.

# Bush plan would add Middle Eastern, Asian languages to school programs

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio

Traditionally, if a student studying a foreign language was asked what they were taking, the response would be French, German or Spanish, the foreign-language classes most commonly offered in high school.

If the same question were to be asked five years from now, the response might be dramatically different.

President Bush is trying to pass the National Security Language Initiative, which aims to strengthen America's foreign-language education in subjects such as Arabic, Russian, Korean and Chinese.

The plan will call for \$114 million to be given to elementary schools, high schools and colleges throughout the United States.

The focus will be on strengthening education in the languages spoken in Middle Eastern and Asian countries over Romantic and Germanic language.

"The world's needs are complicated today," said Daniel Collins, department chairman of Slavic and East European languages, "and we find if students are only being given the so-called commonly taught languages, instead of the less common languages, that they will often go on and fulfill the requirements the easiest possible way ... they tend to take foreign-language classes they were introduced to in high school and that often was French or Spanish.

"Some incentive needs to be given to study languages that are not Western European, so I think President Bush's plan is to restructure the educational system so that languages that are critically necessary will be commonly taught and students will take them in high school."

The plan will also help fund many elementary and high schools, so students have the opportunity to take these foreign languages at an earlier age.

Collins said learning at a younger age will undoubtedly help fluency.

The more time a student spends in contact with a language, the more fluent and proficient the student will become.

"It takes constant practice and reinforcement, in terms of our cognitive development of our brain.

"The younger you start a foreign language, the more likely you are to develop proficiency in it ... a student who is 18 has a leg up on someone who is 40, just like an elementary student will have a leg up on a college student and may have a chance to achieve near-native proficiency," Collins said.

While the plan will try to increase foreign languages taught to students at a younger age, it will take time for the program to become successful because of all the training involved, he said.

"This is going to take a lot of teacher training. We don't have a lot of high school teachers that teach Arabic, Chinese or Russian to any great extent," Collins said.

"Logically, students are practical and more career opportunities for students in Chinese, Korean, Arabic or Russian are in demand ... a fluent speaker of Arabic or Korean is in demand for government work as our relations improve with these countries."

Birckbichler said, "At the elementary and high school levels, the students would be introduced to these languages and develop skills.

"At the college level, we focus on building advanced skills and better preparing students to use their skills in the every day world.

"A way to do this could be through more study-abroad programs and that would be made possible with more funding."

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## Facts can change opinions

By EMILY TAYLOR  
Special to The Shield

When I sat down to write an opinion piece on the emergency contraception pill (ECP), I thought to myself, "This will be easy. It's abortion." Then, I researched and discovered this controversial issue is not nearly so black and white.

According to a recent survey of USI students, done as a class project, 31 percent of women consider ECP to be abortion.

I didn't talk to these women, and I certainly won't speak for them. Could some of the respondents simply be uninformed on the topic? I certainly was.

Had I taken that survey a few weeks ago, I would have been part of that 31 percent, but after evaluating the issue on an objective level, my opinion changed.

ECP is made from the same elements as prescription birth control and is 75 to 89 percent effective at preventing pregnancy when taken within 72 hours after unprotected intercourse. It doesn't work if a woman is pregnant when she takes it. Instead, it acts to inhibit ovulation. Prescription birth control is widely available, yet ECP is not.

The Shield reported that the Student Health Center used to dispense ECP but stopped after a "public outcry."

Planned Parenthood in Evansville, which carries it, receives two to five requests for it daily. Given that level of use and the facts about ECP, widespread availability should be logical and necessary, but it isn't.

Oddly enough, 75 of those surveyed felt that ECP should be available at USI.

ECP is the matter at hand, it also serves to illustrate a larger issue.

Many of us are willing to believe what we've been told rather than forming our own opinions. The facts might change your mind.

Emily Taylor is a journalism major.

## USI should spend money more wisely

When USI put up the yellow "slow" boards on University Boulevard, most noticed, and some drivers even slowed down a bit.

What soon become more noticeable was the diminishing number of the "slow" signs.

Maybe they make good decorations, but they are expensive ornaments at the cost of the university, which we indirectly help pay for with tuition.

USI paid about \$1,000 for the first 18 signs.

Now, 10 more of the exact same extremely expensive signs have been ordered to replace the stolen ones.

That price seems more than a bit outrageous. Couldn't a work order be sent to the Physical Plant to make the very same type of sign out of dowels, plywood and yellow and black spray paint?

Sure, the signs might not be as fancy, but should the university really continue to shell out such an immense amount of money to replace stolen signs that are likely

to be taken again? The efforts to help protect pedestrians from being hit and motorists from lawsuits are appreciated, but, with this particular issue, money can be saved.

The question proposed, what will be done when the next 10 are stolen?

Please don't let the solution be to buy more of the same signs. The university might as well stick 50 dollar bills on University Boulevard.

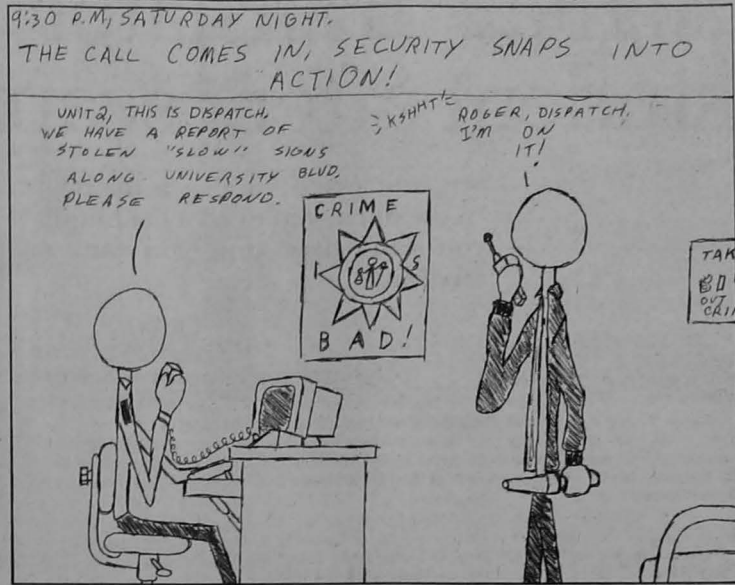
Traffic would instantly slow down to less than 15 mph. At least we'd get a bit of entertainment while losing the money.

No matter how much the issue can be trivialized, it remains an issue that needs a little revamping. A better, cheaper solution must be out there. Eventually, there will be no traffic on University Boulevard, so the cheaper, the better.

Put our dollars to work. Don't waste them. It's a good thing the speed bump can't be stolen.

## Class Act

By Rob Sheehan



Have a knack for drawing? Have an opinion? The Shield invites all aspiring cartoonists to send us their best editorial cartoons. Please keep about the size of above cartoon. E-mail cartoons as attachments to [shield@usi.edu](mailto:shield@usi.edu)

## Cell ads might cost you

Advertising plan could become 'slippery slope'

By BRANDON COLE  
Special to The Shield

Are you ready for your cell phone to be cluttered up, your calls to be interrupted or possibly a call to be lost altogether?

Advertisers are seeking new ways to reach the college demographic. If marketers have their way, pesky advertisements could be the coming attraction to a cell phone near you.

A study conducted at Ball State found that 96 percent of students there have a cell phone, and nearly a third were receiving advertisements via cell phone.

It seems advertisers have broken down barriers. However, there is one major area of concern for the advertising market: How are they supposed to get students to accept their message?

Give people a new technological medium, and capitalism will find a way to the target audience.

Advertising is a necessary evil, but it can quickly become a slippery slope.

Joe College sees these advertisements as free money, and the marketers see this as a cheap way to connect with their target audiences.

It seems like a win-win situation, but what happens when a message disguised as an ad is sent with a virus that destroys expensive cell phones?

Next will come pop-up messages and who knows what else. The Internet was nice until it became littered with pop-ups, spam and e-mail viruses.

A little bit of change in my pocket here and there will not coerce me to accept cell phone advertisements, especially with all the problems that are bound to arise.

Brandon Cole is a journalism major.

## Notes from the editor's desk

By SHANE TODD  
Managing editor

I'd like to start by commending the efforts of the Westboro Baptist Church and their protest of Pvt. Jonathon Pfender's funeral.

After all, what better way to honor a serviceman than to boldly employ the freedoms he died to protect?

Now, I'm not saying that I agree with the protest. In fact, I find it in poor taste.

However, I do support their First Amendment right. I also support the right of the counter-protest group that was formed and every single person who spoke out against the church.

No matter how offensive I find the actions of the church, I find myself even more offended by the blatant hypocrisy of those

who criticized them. Every single soldier who has died in this war - or any American war since the birth of this nation - has given his life for those precious rights that we are far too often reminded we take for granted.

Protesting the funeral of a soldier, or anyone, for whatever reason, is among those rights.

That man and many others died so the Westboro Church and scores of other people with terribly ignorant agendas and ideas may freely express their stupidity.

I find it shameful that some people can stand on a soapbox, preaching about the rights and freedoms the soldiers are fighting for, and then turn right around and try to deny those very same rights to someone with a different point of view. Or skin color. Or religious outlook.

This kind of hypocrisy is rampant, and I've run into more than enough of it here on campus.

Last week, our editor-in-chief wrote about a history professor on campus who told his class "not to read The Shield, ever."

Although this may have been in jest, I wonder if he would tolerate the same type of comment from a student.

I daresay, he would not be nearly as cavalier with his jokes about The Shield if he were to read it.

How can someone have an opinion about the quality of a newspaper if he doesn't read it?

What if I, never having him as a teacher, were to walk around in front of his classroom, telling everyone what I thought of him as a teacher and mentor?

It's nearly the same thing. I was born and raised in Indiana, but this kind of blatant hypocrisy that runs through the Midwest is exactly the kind of thing that makes me wish I were from anywhere else in the United States.

The Westboro Church supposedly believes that God is punishing us. They stand by that belief firmly and proudly, despite popular opinion.

I wholeheartedly believe in the First Amendment, and here I stand, firmly supporting that belief despite popular opinion.

I'm not asking that you agree with me or a bunch of idiots with some protest signs.

I'm simply asking that whatever you believe in, you believe truly, honestly and without bias or hypocrisy.

## Who's watching who? Global spying hits the homefront

By TRAVIS TORNATORE  
Special to The Shield

During the Cold War, a number of American spies worked in the Soviet Union and tracked the Communist government.

Also, a number of Soviet spies worked in the United States. It still happens to this day.

A few years ago, the Chinese found bugs on a plane that were apparently placed by the CIA.

Countries spying on one another is commonplace throughout the world.

What about a country spying on its own citizens?

The Bush administration has recently revealed that the government has been actively placing wiretaps without warrants on the phones of citizens suspected of terrorist activities.

Rights have been violated. Some are calling this offense grounds for impeachment.

One Kansas man even reported that a letter from Filipino pen pal had been opened by the Department of Homeland Security.

What guideline does the government follow to decide if a citizen is involved in terrorist

activities? Should one particular community or group be constantly monitored because they are of the same religion or home as Al-Qaeda terrorists?

After the Sept. 11 attacks, a no-fly list was created by the government that would bar people suspected of terrorist ties from flying. Most notably, all it has done is bar 4-year-olds, a senator, and an actor from flying.

If these errors have occurred with the no-fly list, then who is to say it hasn't occurred in the wiretap list?

An independent investigation needs to be launched into the program that grants permission to place a wiretap without a warrant.

What exactly are the main functions of the program? Who are or who were they watching? Has the program actually prevented any attacks?

In the meantime, I'm going to launch my wiretaps against 4-year-olds whom I suspect are involved with Al Qaeda.

Travis Tornatore is a journalism major and works for AM820.

## Letters to The Shield

To the Shield:

I was recently informed about a new policy the University has adopted. Class has to be held even if the professor is sick.

I find this policy a bit childish, like students need babysitting.

This new policy was not announced, but something our school has went along with and enforced. After sitting in a class

for an hour and 15 minutes with a different professor trying to speak of what they knew on our course became a complete waste of time.

A luxury of college is not having an attendance policy and more freedom within the classroom. As it is now, you can miss more high school classes than college classes. A substitute came in when your teacher was sick, where in college you should be

allowed to leave and be more productive.

It wasn't too long ago that a University had no attendance policy. If you missed class you had to be responsible for making up your work. I believe this college needs to allow the freedom we have paid a great deal for.

Thank you.

Amy McDaniel - Senior

To The Shield:

The debate over abortion has raged on since the days of Socrates, when, while criminal, abortion was very much part of society. History tells us, whether legal or illegal, abortion has and will always have a presence in our society.

The occurrence of abortion is not the result of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, but rather directly tied to the occurrence of unintended pregnancy.

It is estimated that half of all pregnancies are unintended, and half of all unintended pregnancies end in abortion. The key to reducing abortion is to reduce unintended

pregnancies. Unfortunately, many of those who oppose abortion also oppose comprehensive sex education, emergency contraception, and sometimes all birth control. Without access to these basic health services, reducing abortion will remain a false promise.

What's been lost since Roe was decided is the notion that this landmark decision is about much more than the right to abortion. It's about medical privacy without government interference, the right to time pregnancies and space births, and to plan families that parents can sustain and support.

Gov. Daniels warned in his recent state address, "Hoosiers, by

reputation, are cautious of big government."

When it comes to government interference in private health decisions, they have every right to be.

Let us agree that reducing the occurrence of abortion is a shared goal.

Let us remember that eliminating access only jeopardizes the health and safety of women.

Let us work together to educate and to make family planning affordable and accessible for all Hoosiers.

Michael McKillip  
Director of legislative affairs,  
Planned Parenthood of Indiana

To The Shield:

I was very disappointed after reading the editor-in-chief's childlike rant concerning a professor's opinion about The Shield.

Objectivity and professionalism are two pillars of journalistic integrity. Unfortunately, this sort of response is neither objective nor professional.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, professors and editors-in-chief alike. However, using the power of publication to strike back at a perceived personal affront is an abuse of that very power. The question was posed, "At any other job, could an

employee badmouth client efforts in front of other clients?". I suppose the esteemed editor-in-chief feels that only positive feedback is allowed. Is the lesson here that dissent is equivalent to "bad-mouthing"?

Is this the journalistic integrity that is the cornerstone of a free and active press?

I realize that it is the student press where our future journalists hone their skills. I also realize that a comment from an authority figure, in this case a professor, can at times be a bitter pill to swallow. However, possibly the lesson here is the ability to use criticism as a motivation for improvement.

So I offer this as the written feedback that the author requested. I offer nothing but praise for those who would pursue the noble profession of journalism. It is the people's unofficial check and balance and plays a crucial role in our governance. Study well, and learn from your and others' mistakes. By mastering the craft you can take your place as the eyes and ears of America. Please, do not use your position as a journalist to fight your personal grievances. It belittles the journalist, the publication and the art.

Kurt Williams - Junior

## Earth Voice encourages conservation

By DAVID BROWN  
Special to The Shield

Our campus' grand design includes a natural preserve.

Although the preserve may not be as important as TV schedules to some, others may want to keep an eye on it.

Earth Voice - an on-campus conversational activist group - is hopeful that this measure is maintained so our whole community might benefit from our administration's foresight and apprecia-

tion for nature.

A campus natural preserve would offer more than a home for local wildlife. Scenic hiking trails are one example everyone could enjoy. It is a prime setting for natural science work, for elementary- to university-level classes.

A preserve would provide children at our daycare center with a place to see plants and animals in their natural habitat.

This project is a commitment to resource and land management and encourages sustainable living.

A university best serves its students by fostering a broad appreciation for scholarship and activism.

Conservation and responsibility are essential to the spirit of academia. I will be watching, with great interest, how the plan for USI's campus comes to fruition.

David Brown, English major and Earth Voice member submitted this article before joining The Shield ad staff.

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# Afghan translator becomes new USI student after escaping Taliban prison

By JULIA HUNTER  
The Shield staff

Ajmal Myakhel has survived landmines, slept in mud and snow, fallen from helicopters, was jailed by the Taliban on two occasions and had a \$2 million price tag on his head.

In January, he enrolled in classes at USI.

Myakhel, a 22-year-old Kabul native, was a translator for American forces that invaded Afghanistan. He went on military missions with the Special Forces, Rangers and most recently the Indiana National Guard.

The second of eight children, Myakhel speaks seven languages — English, French, Russian, Urdu, Pashto, Dari and Arabic.

"I am the type of person that wants to know everything," Myakhel said. Myakhel, who only has a high school education, learned to speak the languages he knows by "picking them up."

"I learned Urdu by watching movies," said Myakhel. "I watch too many movies."

Myakhel's Russian second cousin taught him Russian and he learned French while translating for ACTED, a non-governmental humanitarian organization based out of Paris. Studying the Qur'an helped him learn Arabic.

Myakhel's native language is Pashtu.

**'An interpreter is like a flashlight. In the dark, you need a flashlight. If you don't have one, you can't see anything.'**

**-Ajmal Myakhel, 22  
Afghan translator for U.S. troops**

"Dari is commonly spoken in Kabul as well," said Myakhel.

Before working with American forces, Myakhel translated for ACTED, the United Nations and Time magazine.

Myakhel went through medical training where he learned how to be a medic while based at Camp Phoenix in Kabul. On military missions he served as a translator, a guide and a medic.

"It's a good thing I am not there anymore. There were a lot of dangerous missions," Myakhel said.

He was side-by-side with soldiers on all missions and often held their guns. Often he had to dodge bullets and avoid landmines.

Once, Myakhel was hospitalized after a landmine was set off by a Humvee. Another translator and three U.S. soldiers died from the same explosion.

"My mom saw things on the TV and was always calling, but I

wouldn't tell her I was there," said Myakhel.

Myakhel's mother is a kindergarten teacher and his father is a construction engineer. His older brother is also a translator in Kabul at Camp Phoenix. All six of his sisters still attend school in Afghanistan.

Translators who work for American forces in Afghanistan have a very dangerous job. Terrorist groups view translators as an aid to soldiers.

"An interpreter is like a flashlight," Myakhel said. "In the dark, you need a flashlight. If you don't have one, you can't see anything."

Two months ago two translators were coming back from a mission when they were followed and killed by the Taliban, Myakhel said.

"In 2003, they went to an interpreter's home, shot and killed his family and then shot him."

Although Myakhel was scared, he continued translating

for American forces. His family was very poor and very large so he had to work to help support them.

"Last year Al-Qaeda announced they would give \$2 million for interpreters and \$5 million for U.S. soldiers," Myakhel said.

"I was scared, but I continued. I was just praying that nothing happened. I was helping my country to get rid of the Taliban and bad people."

The first time Myakhel was jailed by the Taliban was for five days for shaving his beard. The Taliban jails Afghans, for this because they view it as a sign of disrespect for their prophet Mohammed, who wore a beard.

Myakhel was jailed a second time for defending a U.S. soldier who was being searched. Because he argued, he was thrown in jail. Within 24 hours he had escaped from the jail.

"I punched the guy that brings food and water," Myakhel said. "Then I ran. It was not a really tight jail. I just jumped over the fence."

Myakhel said he believes he would have been killed if he had stayed in jail.

In 2005, Myakhel was sent to Indianapolis to translate for a 6-year-old Afghan girl and her father.

The girl had come to Camp



Ajmal Myakhel stands tall while soldiers walk on. Myakhel, 22, was a translator for American forces that invaded Afghanistan.

Photo courtesy of Ajmal Myakhel

Phoenix in need of heart surgery.

Unable to receive the necessary medical treatment in Afghanistan, she was sent - along with Myakhel and her father - to Riley Hospital for Children.

Myakhel visited Walt Disney World with the young girl and her father while they were in the U.S.

He has also visited California, Kentucky and Ohio since arriving in the United States six

months ago.

"Life is a lot easier here and there are a lot more opportunities," said Myakhel.

"The roads are concrete and there is a good water supply. We didn't have that in Kabul."

While in Indianapolis, Myakhel applied and was accepted to USI. He heard about the college through Chris Lee, a member of the Indiana National Guard, who he had met in Afghanistan.

The Rotary Club of Evansville and Lee are helping with Myakhel's tuition.

Myakhel is currently undecided, but is considering majoring in International Studies and Political Science. He says people in the U.S. already want him to translate for them, but for right now he is just in school.

If Myakhel were to return to Afghanistan it could be dangerous for him.

Every time someone from Afghanistan goes to the U.S. it is televised, as was the case with Myakhel.

If he were to return now, after already working with the American military, he could be considered a spy, Myakhel said.

"When I am done with college I would like to be working back with the government and helping my country," he said. "But, you never know what will happen in four or five years."



Above left: Along with U.S. troops, Ajmal Myakhel, takes a break. Right: Myakhel braves the cold of the mountains. Myakhel translated for U.S. troops, despite his fears of the Taliban, in order to support his family.



Photo courtesy of Ajmal Myakhel

## New boutique helps boost Evansville fashion



By BETSY GENTRY  
Fashion guru

Excursions boutique is one of a kind, Evansville. It is the only boutique to offer brands such as Juicy Couture, BCBG, French Connection, Seven for all Mankind jeans, Michael Stars and so much more.

The store receives new shipments every day, so whenever you

visit there will always be new items to choose from.

The manager, Courtney Sandefur, told me that the jeans are their most popular items.

Even though the jeans start at about \$135, once you buy your first pair you'll be hooked.

The fit of these designer jeans is so much better, they hug your body in all the right places to make your body look its best.

The brands of jeans they carry are Seven for all Mankind, True Religion, Citizens of Humanity, Rock and Republic and Juicy Couture. All of these

brands come in a variety of styles.

Even if these prices are a little above your budget, now is the time to go because they have a full room of designer items that are half price.

You will find Seven for all Mankind mini skirts, BCBG "going out" tops, Juicy Couture cashmere sweaters, lisi tops and tons more.

You can also visit [www.shopexcursions.com](http://www.shopexcursions.com) for weekly coupons to save a little extra.

In addition, Excursions is involved in the "Share A Suit"

clothing event.

If you have any business suit attire you want to donate to the United Way of Southwestern Indiana, bring it to Excursions and they will give you 20% off anything in the store.

The event ends January 31. You can visit the website for more information on this event.

I was very impressed with the couture items they had for the spring season. The BCBG tops were very cute; lots of ruffles and ruches.

They also had a cute pink and white striped Juicy Couture tee

that looked great paired with Rock and Republic jeans. The tee also matched a pink short sleeve terry hoodie from Juicy Couture.

This is also a place where you can come if you need a business suit or something to wear to a job interview.

The suits are trendy and sophisticated. They also offer several brands to choose from. Their suits from Nanette Lepore were my favorites.

If you are looking for a formal dress of any kind you will find what you are looking for at Excursions.

They carry ABS, Laundry by Shelli Segal, French Connection and BCBG. The dresses come in all different styles such as halter, tube, spaghetti strap, ruched and beaded.

If you need any more information about the boutique call 812-962-4859 or [www.shopexcursions.com](http://www.shopexcursions.com). To find the boutique, take a right off of the Green River Road exit and make a left on Lincoln.

The boutique is located at 4910 Lincoln Ave. Excursions is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



The Excursions boutique offers a variety of designer fashions for the Evansville area and is the only place in Evansville to find some of the biggest names in fashion. Excursions is located on Lincoln Ave.

Photo by Jared Kinkade



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# Project will bring art to downtown

## Art students to mentor children in mural project

By JULIA HUNTER  
The Shield staff

"A lot of my students want to move to Boston, or Chicago or New York, because there is a sense of what Boston feels like," said Associate Professor of Art History, Hilary Braysmith. "Evansville doesn't have that yet."

Braysmith believes, however, the Evansville Murals Project will help change that.

USI students and faculty, adolescents from downtown, community representatives and Judy Baca, an internationally renowned muralist, will work together to create a mural in downtown Evansville that will reflect local history.

Baca is most famous for "The Great Wall of Los Angeles," a half-mile long mural that employed 400 youths and their families.

"The Judy Baca method allows young people to research the history of their community,"

said Braysmith, local project director. "They find out what they are proud of. Then, Baca designs it based on their content. They discover the community."

Diverse youths from ages 14 to 18 will be chosen from Patchwork Central, a community art center for children, the Evansville African American Museum and the Juvenile Court. They will have a big job in the creative process: they choose what is painted in the mural.

"Approximately eight USI art majors will be selected to help mentor," said Braysmith.

The location of the mural is still unknown. It will not be painted directly on to that surface, but will be painted on to a substrate. Then, the mural will be installed.

"The Evansville Murals Project will play a role in our downtown revitalization efforts," said Mayor Weinzapfel. "Vivid outdoor murals will bring a unique dimension to downtown."

USI art majors interested must submit a formal application and a portfolio to Braysmith. Participating students will earn a class credit. More information about the project can be obtained by contacting Braysmith at HBraysmi@usi.edu.

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## USI News and Notes

• Senior forward Chris Thompson was named GLVC Player of the Week for the third time this season. He recorded his ninth double-double of the season against Drury. For the week, Thompson averaged 21 points, nine rebounds and 1.5 steals per game. He shot 72.7 percent from the field, 90 percent from the free throw line and was one for one from beyond the arc.

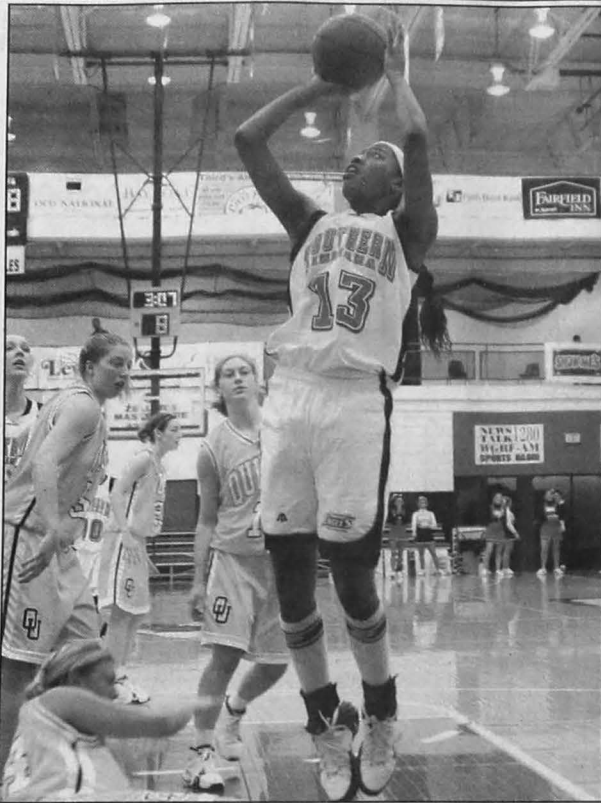
• The men's basketball team is ranked ninth in the nation in Division II. A recent Division II Great Lakes Regional Poll has USI as the number three team in the region.

• GLVC tournament early-bird tickets available at the PAC today.

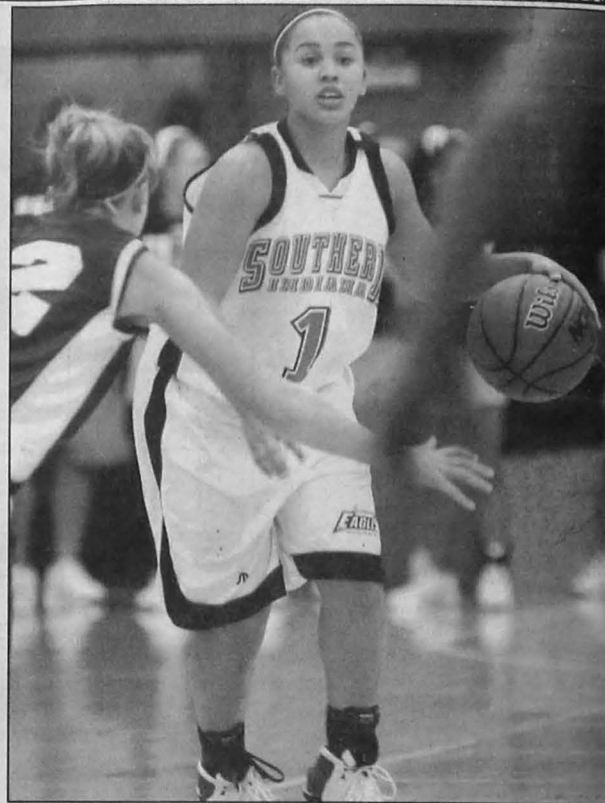
• The Bassmaster University Series program has been cancelled nationwide. The three-week course will no longer be offered this January and February at USI.

• The USI hockey team returns home this Saturday for the first of five consecutive home games. They will face Xavier University at 8 p.m. in the Swonder Ice Arena.

• The hockey team is 13-9 on the season and is riding a four-game winning streak.



Junior guard/forward Michelle King scored 10 points and had two steals in the first ever meeting between USI and Rockhurst University.



Freshman guard Keisha Collins scored 13 points and had a game-high six assists, while not committing a single turnover.

Photos by Greg Nixon  
Courtesy of News and Information

## USI basketball blazes new trail

Both USI basketball teams hit the road last weekend to face two teams for the first time in school history.

The men's basketball team completed their second GLVC road-trip sweep with a 69-65 victory over Drury University January 19, and an 87-64 victory at Rockhurst January 21.

The women's team split their two road games against the same opponents giving USI 3 wins out of the four games.

Against Drury, USI Eagles' senior forward Chris Thompson led the team with 26 points and 10 rebounds while recording his ninth double-double of the season.

Thompson's performance helped him earn GLVC Player of the Week honors for the third time this season.

Junior guard Marty Wise followed Thompson in scoring with 13 points.

In the second half, Wise hit a pair of free throws to give USI the final lead of the game, 67-65, with 1:04 to play.

Junior forward Geoff Van Winkle secured the victory with another pair of free throws with 10 seconds to play.

The women traveled to Drury University to face the fifth-ranked team in the nation.

The Screaming Eagles scored the first two buckets of the game, but Drury went on a 9-0 run and never relinquished the lead.

Freshman guard Keisha Collins led USI in scoring with 14 points.

Junior forward Sarah Buldman had 10 points and a career-

high seven rebounds in the loss.

Drury had four players score in the double digits.

Both teams traveled to Kansas City, Mo., to face Rockhurst University last Saturday.

Rockhurst scored the first bucket, but the men's team went on a 7-0 run and took control for the rest of the game.

After ending the first half at 34-23, USI only strengthened its lead in the second half.

The Eagles lead by as many as 22 points until reaching the final score of 87-64.

They finished the game shooting 60 percent from the field, making this their seventh game this season shooting 60 percent or better.

Melvin Hall led the Eagles with 27 points. Senior forward

Chris Thompson followed Hall with 16 points, while junior forward/center Keith Christmas finished the afternoon with 11 points.

The women's team bounced back from the loss at Drury and defeated Rockhurst 77-63.

The Eagles shot an impressive 65 percent from the floor in the first half and took a 12-point lead into the break.

They continued their momentum in the second half, never dropping below a 10-point lead.

Not to be outdone by Drury the previous game, the Eagles had five players score in double digits.

Freshman Keisha Collins continues to play well as she put up 13 points and a game-high six assists while not committing a turnover.

Senior forward Ashley Green led all scorers with a game-high 14 points.

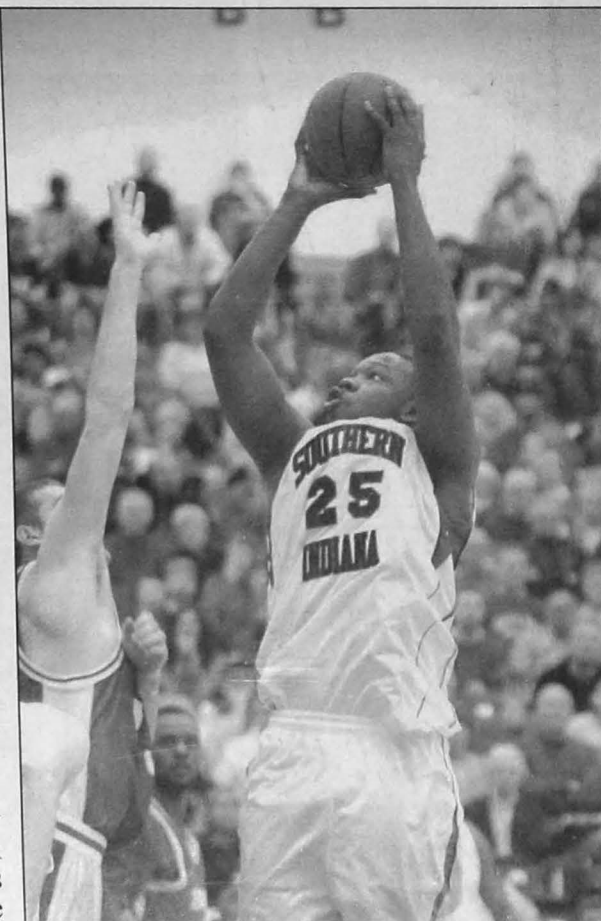
Jasmine Baines scored 12 points, and Katie Thiesenhuisen and Michelle King each added 10 points.

The nationally-ninth-ranked men's team returns home to the Physical Activities Center Thursday as they take on the University of Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m.

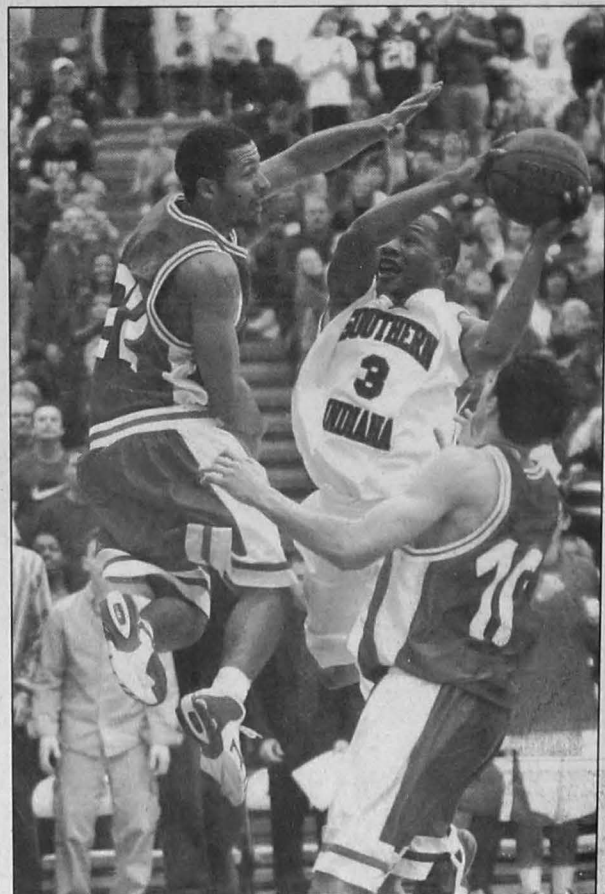
Saturday will bring No. 4 Saint Joseph's College to the PAC at 3:15 p.m.

The ladies return home to take on U of I Thursday at 5:15 p.m.

They will also host Saint Joseph's College Saturday at 1 p.m.



Senior forward Chris Thompson posted his ninth double-double of the season against Drury University. His performance over the road trip earned him GLVC Player of the Week honors.



Senior guard Danny Gibson has provided serious minutes and leadership for the Screaming Eagles this year. The men's team swept their second straight road trip this season.

Photos by Elizabeth Courtney  
Courtesy of News and Information



# Wide right, way wrong

By ERIN HOBGOOD  
The Shield staff

Colts fans have seen this before; it was déjà vu all over again after watching the NFL playoffs on Jan. 15.

Only Ray Finkle didn't run onto the field screaming, "The laces were in!"

Instead Mike Vanderjagt, the most automatic kicker in the NFL today, and perhaps ever, kicked the most inaccurate field goal of his career.

Vanderjagt came into the game kicking 92 percent, having made 23 of 25 kicks for 2005.

His miss could only be explained by karma. With 5:26 left in the game, Troy Polamalu intercepted Peyton Manning, and almost any chance of the Colts even tying or winning the game slipped away.

But a Colts challenge caused referee Pete Morelli to rule the interception as an incomplete pass.

The Colts players and fans alike were in shock that they got another chance.

No one really knew what happened; in fact the NFL wasn't even sure. At first, they issued a statement backing Morelli's decision, then a day later on Jan. 16 they issued another statement saying the call was indeed wrong.

No matter the call, the game

went on and it seemed as if the Colts would head into overtime with a Vanderjagt 46-yard money-shot right between the yellow goalposts at the RCA Dome.

Instead, Vanderjagt slammed his helmet down as he saw his first field goal miss at home all year.

The kick was so far wide right that it almost missed the end-zone.

It was said that he was inconsolable, yet somehow he summoned enough strength to appear on "The Late Show" and kick a perfect 46-yard field goal down 53<sup>rd</sup> Street in Manhattan.

At least Ray Finkle went insane. Instead, our Canadian kicker, who only a year earlier slammed his teammates on one of his country's talk shows, was joking with Dave.

"I thought you'd be a Colts' fan," Vanderjagt said when Dave was more than surprised that he accepted the offer.

Dave responded by saying, "Well, we win as a team, we lose as a team."

At least he was humble. Nothing like his previous ramblings on the Canadian show. However, he did joke saying that he missed because "All of the Steelers' fans on one side of the stadium blew the ball at the same time." At least he did say he should have made the kick.

In contrast to his first appearance, he also said good things about Peyton Manning. "Peyton is the Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan of football." He also told Dave that they get along fine.

This begs the question; will Vanderjagt be kicking again in Indianapolis?

On one hand, you have the best statistical kicker in the game. On the other hand, you have a loose cannon that has miserably failed in every meaningful situation.

Junior Brian Muth, 21, doesn't think the Colts should bring back Vanderjagt, but his friend Andrew Robertson, senior, 23, thinks they will.

Both agree that Vanderjagt is a good kicker, but Muth believes that Vanderjagt's miss helped him pack his bags for greener pastures.

Robertson said, "Blown field goal or not, Vanderjagt is still the best kicker in the NFL and the Colts should keep him."

No matter their stance on Vanderjagt, all Colts fans were disappointed by the game.

"The call was wrong, but I still wanted the Colts to win," Robertson said about the blown call and added, "The Colts always get beat in the playoffs."

Muth said "It was depressing because they couldn't move the ball the first three quarters." "They should have played

their starters in the last few games, not the entire game, but part of it."

Vanderjagt made some more interesting musings with Dave Letterman.

He told Letterman that surely people would want to blame him for the Colts' playoff disaster, and that he couldn't escape it.

But, he also said that he was involved in three plays for the entire game.

Sure, one of those plays happened to be a key for advancing in the playoffs, but had the defense forced more fourth downs, had Manning and the rest of his offense put up more of a fight, the Colts wouldn't be sitting in their chairs at home, wondering how it all went wrong.

And now Peyton must face the criticism of not winning the big game. He has yet to win a big playoff game in his career with the Colts.

The fourteen wins and a near-perfect season is now overshadowed by a disappointing loss at the RCA Dome to the Steelers.

The only good news for Colts fans right now is that head coach Tony Dungy will return to coach the team next year.

Some believed it was possible for Dungy to leave the Colts to be with his family after the death of his son.

With all the key parts in place, there is always next year.



Peyton Manning is sacked by Steelers' linebacker James Farrior in the Colts' second round playoff loss at the RCA Dome.

# Race to your radio, NASCAR fans

By MICHAEL LONER  
Special to The Shield

Radio stations have decided it is time for race fans all over Indiana to be able to listen to some of the great races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The faithful race fans will continue to hear all the action from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on local radio stations.

Emmis Communications and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced the extension of their exclusive radio partnership.

Per the five year contract agreement which continues through 2010, 1070 WIBC AM and sister station 97.1 HANK FM will continue to simulcast both the Indianapolis 500 and the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.

Both stations, along with Emmis cluster stations RadioNow 93.1 and B105.7 will continue to monitor all the activities surrounding the Indianapolis 500, which is arguably the greatest race in America, and the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.

The partnership also includes WIBC's coverage of the United States Grand Prix, the only Formula 1 race in the states, and all of the IRL Indy Car Series events.

This announcement just means the 2006 race season is just around the corner and the fans are counting down to the rumble of engines.

The countdown to Daytona has begun with the Daytona International Speedway hosting the first Busch Series race, the Hershey's Kissables 300, on Feb. 18 and will be televised on TNT.

Also, the first Nextel Cup race begins in Daytona with the Daytona 500 on Feb. 19 and it will be televised on NBC.

The Indiana native from South Bend, Tony Stewart, will

start to defend his title as the Cup champ and Martin Truex Jr. will defend his Busch series title.

Kyle Busch was the rookie of the year this past season in the Nextel Cup.

Also with Carl Edwards and Greg Biffle finishing only 35 points behind Stewart, it should be another exciting year of racing.

Some fan favorites returning to redeem themselves this season will be Jeff Gordon who finished 11<sup>th</sup> and Dale Earnhardt Jr. who finished 19<sup>th</sup>.

Some other Indiana Natives that will be racing this year include Ryan Newman, David Stremme and Tony Raines.

Nobody can deny the fact that NASCAR is one of America's favorite sports, not to mention that racing - in general - is one of the world's most popular sports next to soccer.

The Indy Racing League begins Mar. 26 at the Homestead-Miami Speedway which hosts the Toyota Indy 300 and it will be televised on ABC.

All the races in this league will be televised on one of three stations - ABC, ESPN or ESPN2.

Dan Wheldon will be back to defend his title.

The newcomer Rookie of the Year, Danica Patrick, is ready to make history by being the first woman to win the Indy 500.

She finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall, but is quickly becoming a fan favorite, not to forget the 23-year-old is part of the legendary Bobby Rahal's Letterman race team.

For all of the students and faculty fans at USI, all the Nextel Cup and Busch Series races will

be televised. For the Indy Racing League, check your local listings.

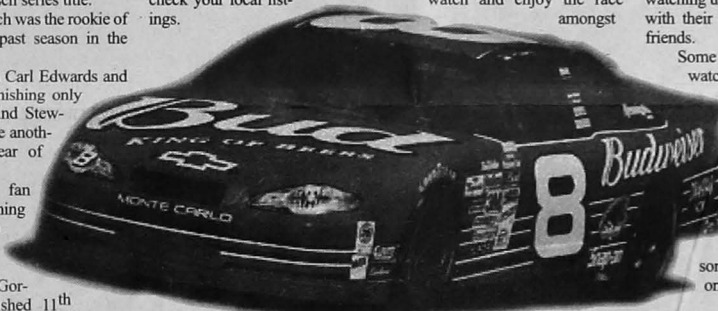
Local sports bars and pubs will allow customers to come and watch and enjoy the race amongst

other race fans. Most USI race fans enjoy watching the race from the stands, with their fathers and with their friends.

Some go to local area bars to watch the races, but most enjoy watching the races in the comfort of their own homes.

No matter where you decide to watch the race, one thing that is for certain, the racing season will be an exciting one.

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# CAMPUS ROUNDUP

## 'Whose career is it anyway?' focus of business program

Derek Faughn, Class of '84, will present the USI College of Business Alumni in Residence program; "Whose Career is it Anyway?" on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Now senior director for information management at Mead Johnson, he never intended to go to college.

"My boss encouraged me to take a class and I did that for five-and-a-half years at night. Then, I took a year off from work and completed 44 hours in two semesters and a summer session.

"It was a walk in the park compared to going to work full time and doing nine hours at night," he said.

As senior director for information management, he is responsible for information management at Mead Johnson on a global basis and for information management for all of Bristol-Myers Squibb in the Asia-Pacific region.

## Nominations needed to honor top teachers

The University Core Council is accepting nominations for the sixth annual H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award hon-

oring a faculty member whose work in University Core courses has been especially creative and successful in furthering UCC goals.

All faculty are eligible to nominate colleagues, but the nominees themselves must be members of the Core teaching faculty, either full-time or adjunct.

Students may recommend nominations. Self-nominations are not allowed.

The University Core Council may select one recipient each year, though it is not bound to select a recipient every year.

Electronic copies of the guidelines and nomination form are on the O drive in the "University Core Curriculum" folder.

For a hard copy of these materials, contact John Gottcent, University Core director, at extension 1750, or your UCC Council representative.

Nominations must be returned to your representative or to Gottcent by Friday, March 17.

## CERT team members ready for disaster

If disaster strikes at USI, 18 employees who participated in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in December are ready to respond.

Team leader Ray Simmons, sports information director, said, "We are considered second responders, so in the case of a natural disaster, terrorist attack, chemical spill, or other disaster, we would assist the first responders on the scene with search and rescue, first aid, paperwork, and anything else they need."

It was provided at USI by Christine Martin of the Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant Community (DRC) Corporation, a nonprofit organization with the purpose of preparing the community for natural and man-made disasters.

Southwest Indiana is at risk from earthquakes, tornadoes, and flooding.

Training for the USI team will be ongoing, and Simmons is currently collecting names of people who would like to join a second team that would begin training some time this spring.

"With as many buildings as we have on this campus, 18 people would be spread thin quickly," he said.

"Our main goal is to be here and be available for USI security and Evansville first responders when they need our assistance." USI CERT members attended seven training sessions in total, meeting two to three times a week

from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

They participated in team-building exercises, learned first aid techniques, and performed an emergency drill.

## Accounting gets professional chapter

The area vice president for Beta Alpha Psi conducted a site visit at the University of Southern Indiana in November following up on the petition from USI accounting students and faculty to establish a chapter of the honorary business professional fraternity on campus.

During her visit Sally Webber said she was impressed with what she knew about the USI accounting program prior to her visit, but amazed at what she observed during her visit.

Four points summarized Webber's thoughts on the USI accounting program:

- Prepared and enthusiastic students

- Caring faculty members

- Supportive administrative staff

- Strong community support from the Accounting Circle

With her recommendations, the chapter is moving forward.

A chartering ceremony and banquet will be held Friday, February 17 in Carter Hall.

# MINORITY

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against them in the admissions process.

Approximately 35 percent of the Class of 2009 at Penn State identified themselves as minority students.

"There are so many options [regarding race]. ... The option of 'other' is rarely used," Stetson said. "It is usually confusion on the part of students who tend to give heritage instead of ethnicity."

When asked if Penn takes any initiative to investigate those students who do mark "other," Stetson said that his office verifies race through contact with high school college counselors.

Those white students who do check "other" on Penn applications often cite "multiracial" as their race and specify a European background.

However, it may simply be a question of whether students identify with one race over another, according to Kao.

"We like to think that there are clear-cut lines," said Kao. "But it's fuzzy around the edges."

The foundation conducted the study to investigate diversity on college campuses.

Daniel Silverman, a spokesman for the Irvine Foundation, said the organization tackled the issue because "we saw the percentage of students checking the 'other' box and thought this was significant."

Silverman hopes that universities can "attract, retain and graduate a diverse body of students, specifically those that are historically underrepresented," he said.

# RAPE

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She graduated in the same room and on the same night as Peter from the College of William and Mary.

Fellow schoolmates continually harassed her for the next three years; however, she was determined to not let them break her.

"[When I saw him on campus] my stomach would feel as if fell on the sidewalk," she said.

Her mother worried that she would not find a husband because

she was "damaged goods."

Peter tried to sue her for slander, losing his case. Koestner was married two years ago and resides in Philadelphia with her husband. She is the subject of the HBO movie "No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story."

For more information on Katie Koestner, go to <http://www.campusoutreachservices.com/presenter-katie-koestner.html>

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

## Thursday, Jan 26

3 p.m.  
The Cornell method, which promotes active learning and critical thinking, is presented and practiced in this workshop.  
ED 1102

9 p.m.  
APB Movie: Saw II  
For fans of horror and mystery thrillers, SAW II is a FREE movie with popcorn provided, all sponsored by APB. There is a chance to win a Saw II movie poster as

well.

## Friday, Jan. 27

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Formal Application for graduation deadline

Application deadline for students expecting to complete degree requirements at the end of fall 2006. Candidates must file with the Office of the Registrar both a Formal Application for Graduation and Diploma Form, which may be obtained at the office of the dean of the college of their

major. The Diploma Form may also be submitted online.  
Registrars

8 a.m. - 4p.m.  
End of 70 percent refund

3:30 p.m.  
Liberal Arts Faculty Colloquia: Mary Hallock Morris  
The colloquium will focus on the politics and policies that have contributed to the environmental problems along Louisiana's Gulf Coast.  
Kleymeyer Hall

8:00 p.m.  
APB Friday Night Live: Campus Comedian

Think you're one of the funniest people on campus? Come on out and perform a short stand up act for everyone. Top winners get prizes! This is a free event.  
Eagles Nest, 1st Floor

## Tuesday, Jan. 31

3 p.m.  
Kiss the Test Anxiety Away  
Learn how to minimize your anx-

ety by preparing well beforehand and eating the right foods.  
ED 1102

3:30 p.m.  
Study Abroad Information Session

Come learn about the exciting study abroad possibilities through USI International Services program!  
UC 205

## Wednesday, Feb. 1

3 p.m.  
Taking Notes the Cornell Way  
ED 1102

7:30 p.m. - 9p.m.  
Global Community- African Night

Learn about several countries in Africa from USI students from African countries. Snacks will be provided as always. Celebrated in conjunction with African American History Month.  
Ruston Hall

## Hairbangers' Ball Tonight!



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