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Von Fuhrmann is often depicted as a colorful character with a deep, booming voice.

Betty Hart, professor of English, describes him as an imposing man whose first priority is his students.

"He's very warm and sweet and willing to help others," Hart said. Page 7

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By DANI PALMER The Shield staff

teaching at USI

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Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English, will retire after the 2008 summer sessions. He's taught at USI since 1966.

ing and enjoyable.

"Confucius said once that if you choose your job wisely, you'll never have to work a day in your life and that's very true," von Fuhrmann said. "I love my work and I haven't considered it work."

Von Fuhrmann said that he's been fortunate to work with some wonderful colleagues. He also said that he's had some good students that he's watched go on to graduate school, begin their careers, and become successful.

"I've had my share of interesting, good students. They always make work worth while," said von Fuhrmann.

According to Hart, von Fuhrmann is well liked by his fellow colleagues and respected by his students.

"Most of them have a read deep respect for him. Those who are intimidated by him are so not because he is rude or inflexible. It usually has to do with his demands that they be excellent," Hart said.

"He wants students to give him their best and when they don't, he doesn't settle for it. He challenges them to be better."

Von Fuhrmann has demonstrated his care for students by helping them in any way possible and structuring fun, yet educational events for them. He proved his devotion to education in 2004 when he received the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.

The award honors a USI faculty member that has been creative and successful with University Core courses.

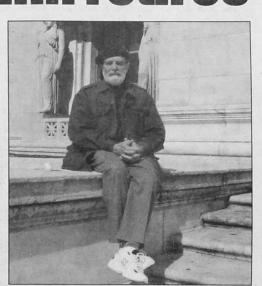
"I think we should erect a statue of him and put it in the center of the front of the LA building," Hart jokingly said.

Von Fuhrmann said that he will miss teaching and the students.

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"In a way, that's my identity.
I am my work and now I have to leave it. I've got to find a new identity," von Fuhrmann said.



"I've had my share of interesting, good students. They always make work worth while," said Eric von Fuhrmann, associate professor of English. Fuhrmann will retire after 42 years of teaching.

Photo courtesy of News and Information

## **Outside Speakers** Policy' changes

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER

USI's legal council presented the Faculty Senate with revisions to the Outside Speakers Policy on Friday. The policy denied animal rights activist Gary Yourofsky a platform to speak on campus last April April.

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As a part of their free speech project this semester, Society of Professional Journalist issued a news release directly challenging the university's policy by inviting Yourofsky back to campus.

According to SPJ members, the policy was an "obstacle to freedom of speech" that has, until recently, been untouched since 1968. By challenging it, students can expect speakers who engage in "rational debates" on campus.

Chad Tew, SPJ advisor, presented the request for a change in the policy on Oct. 12 in a Faculty Senate Meeting.

All challenges or revisions to USI's handbook must go through the university's legal council. Once there, the revisions are made and finalized before they are published in the university's handbook.

Provost and Vice President of

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Linda Bennett presented the recent changes to the Faculty Senate on Friday. The policy's first clause now

reads:

"That the speaker shall not advocate for or incite imminent unlawful activity or engage in activity that constitutes a breach of peace or materially disrupts or interferes with the normal activities of the University."

Rather than the speaker advocating violence, the speaker must be inciting violence. Most importantly, the incitement of violence must

pertain directly to the univer-sity.

in addition to adding spe-cific language to the above clause in the Outside Speakers Policy, USI's legal council also removed

# Residence Life receives gran

Residence Life received a grant from the state to start a recycling program within student housing and resident halls.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management grant is worth a total of \$159,000. Housing will put forth \$45,000 to the program and then the state will match what is spent. The money that housing is putting forth is coming directly from their budget.

IDEM was formed by

budget.

IDEM was formed by
the Indiana General Assembly. Not only does it cover
recycling, but it also covers
air and water pollution,
solid waste management,
pollution prevention, laboratories and administrative
services.

According to Indiana's services.

According to Indiana's state website, "IDEM implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting and improving Indiana's environment. IDEM pursues enforcement action when a party disregards safety and endangers human health."

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The IDEM grant was originally proposed back in 2002.
Greg Wagoner, assistant director of residence life and facilities, said that resident life tried to start the



"The grant is a matched grant. The state will pay 100 percent of any work toward the program," said Greg Wagoner, assistant director of residence life and facilities." Pictured are the recent installed recycling bins found around

Photo by Jessica Shoffstall

Then between 2003 and 2005, Habitat for Humanity set out recycling bins and the reaction from the students was much more responsive.

The recycling grant was reap-plied in 2006 and the state reward-ed the money in September of this

"The grant is a matched grant. The state will pay 100 per-cent of any work toward the pro-gram," Wagoner said. "All the-equipment must be matched dollar for dollar."

Students living in the apart-ments take their recyclable goods to a storage unit that was once used as bicycle racks. The unit is a hexagon shape and students within each area are free to deco-rate the unit how they want as long as it is appropriate.

to transport all the containers throughout housing. The total budget for the two is \$6,500. He is also going to be buying an electronic sign that will advertise to students to recycle. The sign will be placed on the side of the Resident Life building. The Resident Life Recycle Committee, which Wagoner is in charge of, has a budget of \$20,000 to \$30,000 for advertising.

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There are recycle units placed on the north, south, east and west ends of housing. The recycle unit that is currently in the south location is the one unit that was first placed within student housing when the grant was first proposed. The north and west storage units are the only two that have the hexagon shape. The units at the south and east locations will eventually be replaced. The resident halls will also be getting new bins as well.

It is still in decision about who will be going around and switching out the bins. Whoever does get that job, the person will take the utility vehicle and trailer around the apartments and resident halls and switch out the full bins with empty ones. That person will take the full bins back to Residence Life, which is the main disposal area.

With the grant in full swing and recycle bins set up, there are now no reasons for students to let their empty cans and bottles and old papers pile up for a week and go to waste.

## Veterans for Peace remember fallen soldiers

Sunday was Veterans Day, day America traditionally sets de to honor its soldiers who re fought in the country's many

In addition to adding speanguage to the above clause Outside Speakers Policy, legal council also removed the clause. If a speaker hap-to break university policy, the See SPEAKER on Page 8

Nationally, the VFP organization is involved in fighting to make sure veterans get the care they need. The local chapter of Veterans for Peace dates to 2000. Their statement of purpose includes, "to seek justice for veterans and victims of war "and "to abolish war as an instrument of national policy".

When asked how he would respond to those who say that those who oppose the war are

statement condemning the war Iraq and then handed over copi of the list to representatives Congressman Ellsworth and Ind ana Senators Bayh and Lugar.



-Graphic courtesy of VeteransForPeace.org

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# SGA approves \$15,000 for new seating

By SCOTT HAYES Special to the Shield

USI Student Government Association met Thursday to discuss security issues and a proposed quad resolution.

Guest speaker Mark Rozewski, vice president of business affairs, spoke about USI's present and future security situation. Rozewski said USI has a work-

ing relationship with the Vander-burgh County Sheriff's Depart-When a crime occurs on

campus, USI calls the sheriff's department to make a third party decision to arrest and detain stu-This protects students'

He said the lack of unlawful activity on campus would not give officers enough training to handle a criminal situation. If a crime occurs, the hired officers may not be reliable. Rozewski said USI's cooperation with the sheriff's department is currently working. When the amount of criminal

activity on campus justifies a

police presence, Rozewski said he would consider the implementation of a police department. A sheriff deputy will remain on campus at all times to quickly respond

to incidents.

Sam Bowles, chief justice of SGA, asked if there would be any changes when a new director of security is chosen. Rozewski said there would be more planning for natural disasters. In the event of natural disasters, such as torna-does or earthquakes, backup generators would maintain power to

feed students and keep food fresh. Rozewski said many campus security officers are also trained emergency medical technicians.

Jennifer Graham, associated vice president of marketing and development for SGA, asked if a hired police force would result in

"We never think of security in terms of dollars," Rozewski said. "You spend what you have to spend to make sure everyone is safe."

SGA passed the quad resolu-

tion. According to the resolution, USI will purchase more tables like the ones in front of the Liberal Arts Center. When the tables are purchased, Rozewski will match the SGA's contribution of \$15,000. Concerns were raised about the appropriateness of spending \$30,000 on new tables.
"I think there's something better that we could spend our money travent, they would be perfect that we could spend our money.

toward that would benefit stu-dents," said Travis Johnson, senior radio and television production SGA President Kristina Pelly said the money is well spent.

Students can participate in SGA by filling out an application in the SGA office, located in the base-ment of the University Center, or by visiting http://www.usi.edu/sga. The Gen-

eral Assembly meets every Thurs-day at 4:30 p.m. and welcomes all students to attend.

# Three USI programs receive new location

Social work, honors, ROTC program move to the lower level of the Education Center

By COLLEEN BINKLEY

At the beginning of the fall semester, the Social Work pro-gram, the Honors program and the Reserve Officer Training Core program at USI, all received a new home office. This new office is

located in the lower level of the

Education Center.
When the Education Center opened in 2003, the lower level was incomplete and unused. With the Social Work department being the biggest it has ever been, with a bachelors and masters program, it finally outgrew their previous

home in the Health Professions

Building. Thursday, November 1 was the open house for the new pro-grams to celebrate their new offices. With everyone in attendance including many faculties, the Board of Trustees and President H. Ray Hoops, the open

house was a success."

We tried for a bright, warm, personable space, and that's exactly what we got," said David Cousert, chair of the social work department.

wall design work room.

"Were hoping that the new office will help the programs continue to grow and develop," Cousert said.

The open house was a success and the Social Work, ROTC and Honors programs are enjoy-The new office contains a state-of-the-art classroom, a conference room, a lounge and a large long every minute in their new

office. They are very thankful for their new work space and were also gracious that the Axis Architectural Firm generously con-tributed all of the refreshments for the open house.

# Castle takes high honors during media day

By JAMARR HENDERSON The Shield staff

USI hosted the 16th Annual High School Media Day for stu-dents from Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois las Friday. Nearly 200 high school students were on campus for the event.

This event began with keynote speaker, Mizell Stewart III, the Evansville Courier and Press Editor.

Stewart was able to touch on the most pure experience in journalism he says he has ever experienced, and that was the coverage of Hurricane Katrina.

'All of your home comforts go away. We covered the stories duraway. We covered the stories dur-ing the day then slept on the floor during the night with the absence of TV, internet and radio," Stewart said. "People were glad to get a newspaper because that was all that was available during the cata-strophic time." strophic time."

Afterward, the students got the chance to ask Stewart more detailed questions about his quest in journalism.

Holly Stevens and Meghan Fahy of Washington Catholic High School enjoyed Stewart's

"I loved the way he talked about objectivity, and how impor-

tant it is to perceive things in an unbiased way," Stevens said. "I enjoyed how exceedingly he spoke about journalism," Fahy

After Stewart spoke, the stu-dents attended different work-shops that took place in the Rice



"People were glad to get a newspaper because that was all that was available during the catastrophic time," said Mizell Stewart, Evansville Courier and Press editor.

Media day concluded in Carter Hall where students attended an Awards Luncheon During the luncheon awards were

given to newspapers and year-books that exceeded in various categories. Castle High

Library and also in the Liberal Arts Center.

These workshops covered most of the aspects media had to offer giving the students a first hand experience of what USI

offers. It was also aimed at making the high schoolers better journal-

ists.

Castle High School received first place in the cate-gories of best overall school newspaper and best yearbook. Harrisburg High School placed second and Francis Joseph High School took third.

The students said they enjoyed the overall experience here at USI and are looking for-ward to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Media Day next year.

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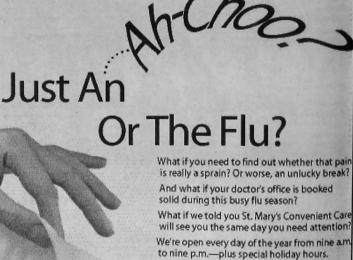
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Noose

found in

bathroom

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. -A 10-inch noose made of toilet A 10-inch noose made of toilet paper hanging in a bathroom inside the Motor Pool Office at Sullivan Shops was reported to police at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

PLACE
Thursday November 15, 2007
Priority Registration for Spring/ and or Summer 2008
8:00 AM -4:00 PM Online
Enterprise Rent-A-Car Recruiting
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
ORR Center (Room 074)
The Sherwin-Williams Company Recruiting
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Basic Orientation Plus-Refresher
3:00 - 7:30 PM
University Conference Center (Room 204)
Flavor of Time Management
4:00-4:15 PM
Education Center (ED 1102)
She Stoops to Conquer
7:30 PM
Mallette Studio Theatre 7:30 PM Mallette Studio Theatre Friday November 16, 2007 Priority Registration for Spri 8:00 AM 4:00 PM Spring/ and or Summer 2008 Online
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Maintenance Reliable
8:30 AM- 4:30 PM USI Accounting Day 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM University Center (Carte She Stoops to Conquer 7:30 PM
Mallette Studio Theatre
APB Friday Night Live; International
8:00- 10:00 PM
University Center (Rooms 201-203)
Saturday November 17, 2007
Southern Hospitality Day
8:30 AM-2:00 PM
Carter Hall

Carter Hall
Andy Warhol's Silver Clouds
4:00-7:00 PM
New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art
Hoosier Salon Opening for Lauri Balla & Victoria Gillieron
4:00 PM-7:00 PM
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USI Women's basketball hosts University Illinois-Springfield
5:15 PM
Physical Activities Conte

Physical Activities Center Gospel Exploration 6:00- 8:00 PM

Forum Wing-Wright Admin. Bldg. (Forum 1) The Crucible

7:30 PM
Mallette Studio Theatre
USI Men's Basketball hosts Harris Stowe State University

Physical Activities Center Sunday November 18, 2007 The Crucible 7:30 PM

Liberal Arts Center (Room 0101) Monday November 19, 2007

Basic Orientation Plus-Refresher 8:00AM- 12:30 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204) Getting Started with Windows 6:00- 9:00 PM

Wright Administration Bldg. (Forum Wing, Room 46)
Tuesday November 20, 2007
Basic Orientation Plus
8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204)
Toastmasters Meeting
4:30-5:30 PM
ORR Center D

USI Women's basketball hosts University of Central Missouri

Physical Activities Center USI Men's basketball hosts University of Illinois-Springfield 7:30 PM Physical Activities Center Wednesday November 21, 2007 Thanksgiving Recess, no class ALL DAY

Basic Orientation Plus-Refresher 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204) Activities Programming Board Meeting 4:30-5:15 PM

University Center (Room 203-204) SPECTRUM Meeting

9:00- 10:00 PM

David L. Rice Library (Room 0012)

## Ball State practices mock attack

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. Students in white jumpsuits and gas masks apprehensively walked through a smoke-filled classroom rescuing victims and testing for radiation during a disaster simulation Thursday in West Quad.

Natural Resources Professor John Pichtel said the simulation was part of a Natural Resources and Environmental Management course that deals with emergency response to biological, chemical and nuclear hazards.

An incident command mandate, issued in response to Sept. 11, specifies what to do in response to a terrorist threat, he said.

Students in this simulation followed those guidelines, he said.

The students received a simulated phone call, informing them that terrorists had used weapons of mass destruction and caused injuries and possible deaths of people in a classroom, Pichtel said.

Operation Director Jeff Edger

said.

Operation Director Jeff Edger briefed four teams of students, including reconnaissance, sampling, extraction, and decontamination teams, giving each of them their assignments.

The reconnaissance team then

moved into the possibly contami-nated "hot zone" where the disas-ter took place. The team used radi-ation detectors and chemically reactive paper to determine if nerve agents or mustard gases

Music blared from a radio and

Music blared from a radio and four mannequins, representing victims, lay scattered on the floor. The purpose of the music was to simulate a noisy environment and to make it harder for the students to communicate and concentrate, Pichtel said.

Sophomore criminology major Gordon Stovall said he thought the exercise was fun but overwhelming.

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"You had to know your job well," he said. "We had to make a lot of on-the-spot decisions and show leadership under pressure."

After the reconnaissance team checked the status of the "victims" and the room for any radioactivity or other possible threats, the sampling and extraction teams entered the "hot zone." Pichtel said.

The sampling team took liquid samples from the room to examine

their radioactivity, he said.

The extraction team loaded victims onto stretchers and carried them out of the "hot zone" and into the "warm zone", where a decontamination team stripped off the mannequins' clothing and scrubbed down their bodies, he said.

said.

Each team member was also scrubbed down in their white jumpsuits after they exited the "hot zone," Pichtel said.

Once the scene had been fully assessed and cleared of victims, it was declared safe for the public, he said.

the end of the simulation, Pichtel said.

Except for a few glitches, such as communication problems, the simulation went well, he said.

"The students knew their jobs well," he said. "They knew what to do, how to operate the devices and take the correct samples."

The students might have anticipated more elements of surprise in the simulation, Pichtel said.
"In previous activities I have set booby traps, so everyone was on their toes," he said.

## 'Gonzo pornography' degrades women

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON - The pomographic industry's success in marketing and selling films with misogynistic and racist overtones provides a disturbing look at our sexually charged culture, Robert Jensen, associate professor of journalism at the University of Texas, said Wednesday.

"Gonzo pomography," a successful type of film where women are portrayed in submissive and humiliating situations, has become more prevalent as the industry has evolved, Jensen said.

"The picture of the world we see in pomography is rooted in the realities of patriarchy and white supremacy in a capitalist economy," he said. "Everything is a commodity, and everything must produce profit."

Jensen said the drive for profit in the pomographic industry, which spent \$12 billion in the production and sale of some 13,000 hardcore movies last year, motivates producers to continually push the envelope in depicting sexual acts in films.

Softcore pornography is defined as any image or video that is intended to be sexually arousing, but is not fully explicit, (U-WIRE) HOUSTON - The

it.
Jensen said a pornography producer told him that films with a focus on anal sex have risen in popularity because they provide men an outlet to release their

men an outlet to an anger.

"Men like anal sex because they know most women don't want it,"
Jensen said, quoting the producer.
"When men get pissed off at the women in their life, and they want to exact some sort of revenge but are precluded from doing so in real life-- - then they like to watch it on film."

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The success of such films, many of which push the boundaries of penetration beyond even anal sex, mirror society's increasingly disturbing views on eroticism and arousal, Jensen said.

"There's no explanation for some of the acts seen in pornographic films other than the humiliation and degradation of women," he said.

"At its core, the mass marketing of the trosexual pornography is about eroticizing the domination of women."

Another disturbing trend in the

industry is the production of so-called "interracial" movies, a term used by the industry to define any film that stars a non-white actor, because they play on deep-seated racism, Jensen said.

"Most of the material you will find in interracial pornography plays on some of the worst stereo-types of our culture: the hot-blod-ed Latina, the animalistic black woman, the demure Asian woman," he said. "All of these ugly stereotypes are right there on the service. There's nothing covert about it."

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The openness of the industry in its portrayal of racist, male-domineering sexuality, as well as the increasing availability of pomography provides an image of what Jensen said he considers to be "what the end of the world looks like."

"Take white supremacy and patriarchy, put them in a commercial setting where everything must be made into a commodity - even our most personal spaces of our bodies - and produce images of routine cruelty and domination that is sexualized," he said. "That is, to me, the most frightening aspect of pornography."

8:30 a.m. Thursday.
Only employees with keys have access to the building, which closes at 5 p.m.
Chancellor James Oblinger released a statement, which was e-mailed to University officials and staff, and posted on the N.C. State home page.
"We want to resist the temptation to overreact to what appears to be an isolated incident," Oblinger said in his press release. "This could be someone's idea of a prank or it might constitute a crime. In either case, it is inappropriate."
Oblinger was unavailable for comment Thursday.
Capt. Jon Barnwell of Campus Police said the University is investigating the incident and forwarded all questions to Keith Nichols, director of News Services. Nichols however, said Campus Police is actually conducting the investigation.
Nichols said the University is not afraid of any backlash.
"We're taking it seriously and it is being investigated," he said.
Christina Cox, a senior in biological sciences and president of the Society of African American Culture, said she found out about the incident Thursday aftermoon.
"I' was appalled and disgusted that something like this would happen at my university," she said.
According to Cox, she and many SAAC members were not satisfied with the University's response to the incident.
Cox said SAAC had a meeting Thursday night and Jose Picart, vice provost for diversity and African American affairs, came to speak to the members.
"I absolutely feel the University hes said. "One of the biggest things from the African American student body that we heard at SAAC and we voiced to Picart was that the language was too tolerant [in the chancellor's statement]."
According to Cox, when an issue such as this one arises, stronger language needs to be used to deter further action or replications.
"It's not an inappropriate action,"
Another concern of hers, Cox said, was that the message was not sent out to the student body.

"If el like the students definitely need to know," she said.
Cox said the University was not prepared to deal with the situation.

been happening all over the country."

The incident follows the publication of an opinion column in the Nubian Message, titled "Noose: The New 'N Word."

Geoffrey Hunter, a junior in political science and president of N.C. State's NAACP chapter, said the chapter hopes to work with various organizations on campus to start dialogue, not just among the black community but among the entire student body.

Hunter refused to comment further until the North Carolina NAACP chapter releases a statement.

NAACP chapter releases a statement.

According to Cox, a prank like this cannot be tolerated because it is hurtful and offensive.

"My biggest concern is that this incident will be looked at as a joke and not taken as seriously as the situation warrants," she said.

She said it may be hard to understand why this is such a big deal to the black community if a person is in the majority and is looking in from the outside.

"There's no way that a noose hanging anywhere on campus by a staff member, faculty member or student cannot be taken seriously, especially by the African American community," Cox said.

People were hanged and killed from nooses historically, Cox said, and therefore, she said she feels the University needs to make it clear that repercussions will be stringent so that a copycat incident does not occur.

Cox said she thinks the best way to prevent these situations is promote dialogue, which various organizations on campus are doing next week. But, she said the University needs to make it clear that repercussions

# **Team Shout raises** politcal awareness

U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA -Most Wharton Management 100 teams plan events and sell T-shirts to raise money for their clients and

different: raising political awareness.

Working for entrepreneur and Wharton alumnus Ryan Comfort, the team is promoting Our Voice 2008, a Web site that seeks to politically engage voters between the ages of 18 and 30.

"Young voters in general are not well represented in this country," Wharton freshman and team member Andy Xu said.

The project, currently being promoted at Penn as well as other schools, aims to change that.

The site features a survey that asks users to rank the importance of issues like abortion and social security on a 100-point scale.

Users are then asked to indicate their likelihood of voting for various Democratic and Republican ous Democratic and Republican

presidential candidates.

More than 250 people have filled out the survey so far, but site organizers won't rest until 500 people from every state participate.

In addition to the survey, the site.

organizers with the control of the control of the differing opinions of students across the country. The site will also include an issue of the month, kicking off in two weeks with abortion.

Comfort says the site will provide comprehensive, non-partisan coverage of a different issue each month to cover all political viewpoints and give each topic the analysis it deserves.

The upcoming elections are not the only reason for this project's pertinence: Organizers cite a general lack of political activism among Penn students another motivation.

"It think the majority of the students don't know a whole lot about the issues," College senior and

College Republicans chairwoman Abby Huntsman said. With heavy workloads and busy schedules, it's difficult for students who are not studying in the rele-vant departments to educate them-selves about politics, Huntsman said.

One potential problem with the project is whether there is an incentive for people to participate in it.

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There is more demand for partisan information because people like to read their own views, Political Science professor Rogers Smith said.

"Non-partisan sites may contain information that may be disturbing to users," he said.

Whatever the market, students agree on the site's benefits.

Wharton freshman Xiang-yu Chen, who has taken the survey on the site, said the site reminded him that the political world is still active, even though he may have been oblivious to it.

## **Perspectives** & Viewpoints

# I fell in love with an addict

By BROOKLYN SOLIS

You don't fall in love with the drug addict. You fall in love with the artist. The halfway decent guitar player. The intellectual. The one with the great sense of humor. While it is difficult to separate the drug addict from your soul mate, one should anderstand that you have no coninto his or her body.

into his or her body.

For three years in my early
20s, I was in love with a drug
addict. Like the beginning of
most new relationships, I was
blinded by how different he
seemed. He was unlike anyone seemed. He was unlike anyone else I had ever met, and why wouldn't he be? I never had friends that snorted Oxycotin on a regular basis. Oxycotin is prescribed to people who are experiencing a lot of pain. They are opiates that alter the perception of pain at the spinal cord and brain. They are also in the family with other commonly abused narcotics and are the synthetic form

of heroin. Most people suck the coding off and crush them up to coding off and crush them up to snort. Some people cook it up like heroin. Street value is a dol-lar per gram. So simple math should tell you that 160 mil-ligrams is \$160 a day, which was his habit, that is roughly \$1,120 a week, and broken down to \$5000 a month with a grand week, and broken down to \$5,000 a month, with a grand total of \$60,000 a year. However, total of \$60,000 a year. However, he never had enough money to help with rent, the Vectren bill, or groceries. He did work. I never saw the fruits of that labor. I know that it is 2007, and women should pay for their half, or even now and then it is no problem to each for a pixel direct. shell out the cash for a nice din-ner. However, when you are doing it all the time, it becomes

repetitive.

Instead of competing with other women, I was competing with a narcotic. He craved the high, more than me. I realize that I was not a victim, because I chose to live my life this way. Mentally, though I was being torn down everyday, wondering how this became my life. It wasn't is this became my life. It wasn't

about me. It wasn't even about us, It was about a 30 minute high. Have you ever woke up next to someone seizing? How about with teeth chattering-sweating and under three electric blankets on the hottest night in the sumon the hottest night in the summer? You become a worrier.
Some nights you don't sleep
because they can't, or worse you
don't sleep because they have
been gone too long. A 15 minute
drive down the street turns into
five hours. Never mind that you
have school or work the next day.
How about watching your
bank account dwindle because
you weren't paying attention to

bank account dwindle because you weren't paying attention to how much money you were forking over to support a habit, which you were getting hurt by? I couldn't even carry cash into our apartment, because whether it was \$5 or \$50, it went up his

Even though the voice inside my head would tell me that this was an unhealthy place for me to be, another part of me still loved another part of him. According to the eGetgoing Web site, when family, friends and associates of a chemically dependent individual allow that individual to continue the addiction to a substance, their behavior is called enabling. When repeated, enabling behaviors become ingrained in the chemically dependent persons family, job or social structure.

Of course, you only mean

Of course, you only mean well. You want them to get help, but you only make their situation more comfortable to continue with their addiction. It is not the with their addiction. It is not the way movies glamorize it to be. There are not always flashy parties and beautiful people sitting around with 100 dollar bills rolled up with glass tabletops. It is a Monday at 10:30, the people around you haven't showered for days, and they are using McDonald's straws to feed their habit.

There is help in Evansville. If you know someone who has a problem, The Evansville Treatment Center is located on Franklin Street. You have to get in line early to get the methadone,

in line early to get the methadone, and they don't give you the drug in pill form, it is liquid. This math

is a little more simple-\$12 a day. Everyday, people stand in line starting at 5 a.m. in order to get their dose. Sometimes it is an starting at 5 a.m. in order to get their dose. Sometimes it is an hour wait; sometimes it can be a few hours. People with work passes get to move through the line first, and if you have a meeting with your counselor, sometimes it can take longer to move through the line. They gradually bring you down in dosage each week in order to wean the addict down. They also suggest that people attend meetings and counseling sessions. They will let people go who cannot commit to following the full program. My love was asked to leave the program because he said that he missed a few meetings. Whether this is true or not, I am not sure. You find that most addicts are excellent liars. They play off of the sympathy card for as long as they can.

Another unfortunate side to opiate addiction is that an addichas to detox medically. It can lead to death, or other serious medical complications without medical attention. Symptoms of withdraw can be violent and are not limited to sweating, fever, muscle spasms, irregular heartbeats and insomnia. There is a 48-hour detox, but it is expensive and no offered in the tri-state area. One could hope that they could find a family doctor to prescribe methadone. This is also expensive, and addicts must seek treat ment for counseling outside or

sive, and addicts must seek treatment for counseling outside of the medical treatment.

While getting an education should be the first priority of people attending college, not vertically the people can deny that means the person that you are recipiled. ing the person that you are goin to marry is also on a list of thin

to do.

Just remember, that you cas
only change yourself and that th
addict may never change. I fel
out of love with the artist, th
halfway decent guitar player, th
intellect and the sense of humo
It became difficult to even se
that other half anymore, he wa
just a drug addict.

# Drugs are bad...

By DANI PALMER The Shield staff

Drugs... some people find them enjoyable. Personally, I don't find the idea of being clueless as

tind the idea of being clueless as to no clue where I am or what I am doing amusing.

Is there a drug problem on USI's campus? I'd say not a serious one. However, there are those out there who do drugs. Many students get away with their drug use. I know this because, sadly, I've either talked to or listened to those people who have done drugs.

I've heard a few random individuals on Monday mornings talk about getting high over the week-end and I wonder, "What the hell's wrong with you?" These people are basically throwing their futures into a black hole.

Some students squander their parent's money away when they attend school. The majority of these students ravage money on alcohol. Now alcohol isn't really that horrible unless the person is drinking every night or getting drunk most of the time. That's

Illegal Drugs, on the other hand, are always a problem. Eventually, after time, a person taking drugs begins to lose control. Grades start to fail, other school activities begin to drop, time spent with friends who don't do drugs starts to decrease, drugs become the center of everything. Unless a person finds help or quits on his or her own, drugs become the con-

If a person is going to do drugs in college, he or she might as well throw his or her parent's money out the window. Don't

even bother going to school if you're planning on getting com-pletely wasted all the time?

If I wanted to suffer with atrophy of life, I'd be lying around
somewhere in a drug induced stupor instead of attending college.
Those who attempt to do
drugs while in college are idiots.

Either you want to succeed or you don't. It's as simple as that.

Those who are entertained by the usage of drugs are pathetic. The people who take drugs to numb any pain they're feeling need help Drugs are bad. Enough said.



# Fun with feces

By RYAN DeLANEY Sports editor

The office personnel found their routine Tuesday morning a bit awkward that week. Nine students mingled around the office in a state of complete delirium, spouting nonsense while refusing to acknowledge the existence of others in the

One student, a sophomore at the high school, sat in the at the nigh school, sat in the fetal position in a corner, steadily rocking back and forth on her buttocks, mumbling fragmented sentences about her heart on a platter and crimson blood pouring from the corners where the off-white covered mortar walls met the fluores-cent-lit, drop-ceiling. Another pupil found himself in a high-strung debate about sandwiches with a plump, manacled man who claimed to be part of a traveling, vaudeville medicine show currently touring the area The office, coated with chaos and infested with visions of blood-splattered bats, hairless rats, two-legged tongues, chittering roaches, ants, diseased cats, masqueraders, dead relatives and whatever else nine malicious hallucinogenic trips

could invoke.

The bewildered office personnel frantically searched through their computer system for phone numbers of the stu-The school's principal and three vice-princi-

pals sought to invoke order into the chaotic office, an arduous task that only seemed to aggra-vate the pandemonium. The staff found themselves under-trained and unprepared to con-sole a handful of schizoid, fidgety teenagers whacked out on some demonic seed of lunacy.

Eventually, the faculty abandoned the idea of calling the legal guardian of each indi-vidual student - many of which who could not conjure up their own name. Instead, they decid-ed it would be much easier, and perhaps more appropriate, to send the flock of deranged psychonauts straight to the hospi-

Days prior, the student's pseudo-shaman, Joe, searched the internet for an easy, free way to flip the lids off of he and his friends. He came to school that morning with a bag of seedpods he picked from his neighbor's garden. The pods, commonly called Jimson seeds, come from a very abundant plant found worldwide.

The plant, scientifically named datura stramonium, is known in the United States as Angel's Trumpet. This highly poisonous plant found publicity in the last decade as hospitals noted an increase in death and illness from consumption by adolescents. Effects from the plants promote a complete loss of ability to distinguish reality from fantasy and blindness that may last for several days.

Throughout the years, teens have found their escape from reality through a wide array of experiments; ranging from licking toads for the potent venom they excrete through their skin to concoc tions derived from backyard botany. However, according to police bulletins, many experimental adolescents now scream for a rather grotesque and unique natural high. They scream for a little known secret that originated from the youth of impoverished Africa. They scream for the extreme and obscene. They scream for

Jenkem.

In September, the Collier County Sheriff's Office of Florida issued a bulletin warn-ing the public of the potential harm of Jenkem. The bulletin was prompted by a concerned parent who informed the police that her child, a student at Pal-metto Ridge High, had discussed the new drug with other classmates.

Dispite the fact there is no prominent evidence that sug-gests the drug has ever been tried by American teens, the suburban sheriff's office decided that "Jenkem is now a popu-

lar drug in American schools.
The beauty of Jenkem stems from its ease of attain-ment. One kid, one jar and a bit of patience is all that is needed to make a fresh batch of Jenkem or, as it's commonly called on the streets, butthash,

waste or Leeroy Jemkems. The Collier County bulletin The Collier County bulletin explains, in rather precise detail, the simple process of creating your own little lovable jar of pure joy. You begin with your jar, which you then fill about a third of the way with your own personal stash of bodily excrement. A diet high in fruits and vegetables yields the most pleasant results.

the most pleasant results.

If you have none of your own feces and urine to spare, ask a friend or a neighbor. A nice, hefty cup or two will work delightfully. After you've mixed the ingredients, close the jar. The Sheriff's office of Collier County suggests wrap ping a balloon around the top of the jar to increase the overall volume. A lid or a piece of Seran Wrap and a rubber band will work as well. Next, you set the darling little jar outside

wait a couple of days and mother nature will create a splendid bowel brew for you and a friend to enjoy. Just crack the lid and inhale the sweet, fermented, fecal fumes that will have you wise cracking with the water hose for a few hours or a few days, depending on the potency of

your potty.
Users of the delicacy did
note one extremely minor downfall of the drug. In genersewage that often lingers for

## **Baghdad money pit**

By J.I. LUTE The Shield staff

The United States has spent \$740 million dollars on a new embassy complex in Baghdad. The massive 104-acre compound is housed in one of Saddam Hus-sein's old palaces. It has its own power generation, water plant, pool, gym, food court and six apartment buildings. It has room for a staff of thousands but as it approaches completion a "help

vanted" sign hangs out front. It turns out that US diplomats It turns out that US diplomats don't want to go there. The State Department has postings for 48 open jobs it desperately wishes to fill at the Baghdad embassy, which is supposed to open next year. Close to 1500 foreign service officers have already voluntarily served in Iraq since the 2003 invasion but there haven't been enough volunteers to fill the staffing requirements of the new embassy.

requirements of the new embassy.

Because of the lack of volun-Because of the lack of volun-teers, Secretary of State Con-doleczza Rice has issued the largest diplomatic call-up since Vietnam, notifying about 300 for-eign service workers that they are prime candidates for the Iraq mis-sion. But some diplomatis are now. sion. But some diplomats are now resisting deployment. They complained, during an often-hostile town hall meeting, about the potential "death trap" of being sent to Iraq. A recent survey revealed only 12% of foreign service work-ers believed the Secretary of State

was working in their interest.
On Friday, Rice reminded diplomats that they were bound by their oath of office to serve in any diplomatic mission worldwide

The State Department has held the threat of job loss over the heads of any who might resist being drafted into service in Iraq.

nel have been killed in Iraq since the 2003 invasion.

Three foreign service person-

the 2003 invasion.

From the safety of his Washington office, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-CA, called the foreign service workers who didn't want to go to Iraq, "Nervous Nellies" and suggested staffing the embassy with wounded veterans.

To further complicate matters concerning the embassy, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has launched an investigation of three subcontracts given to a Kuwaiti firm to build the Baghdad embassy.

Secretary Rice told the house committee this week that the State Department is reviewing contracts with First Kuwaiti General Trading & Contracting Co., the Kuwaiti company building the embassy, after revelations surfaced that the company and its founder, Lebanese businessman Wadih al-Absi, may have engaged in a kick-back scheme related to some. Army contracts in Iraq. Secretary Rice said the State Department knew nothing about

the allegations.

The embassy was once hailed as the only construction project in Baghdad that was on schedule but it now has fallen behind due to a series of fire safety, electrical and other problems.

other problems.

It is further troubling that as recently as April of 2006 it was being referred to as a \$592 million

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# **Thrive this Thanksgiving**

### Tips on how to survive a stressful holiday meal with the family of your significant other

Twelve weeks into the semester, the approaching Thanksgiving holiday gives out-of-state - and more independent - students perhaps the first chance to visit their

Some, however, may not embrace this opportunity.

Although turkeys, pumpkin pies and questions (endless quesons) await at home, students may thouse awart at notice, students may choose to forsake their well-meaning blood relation and celebrate Thanksgiving with the family of their significant other.

Such an undertaking can be stressful and often lead to disaster. Heeding the following list of Juliet-esque family feuds and pre-

Editor's Note: Fed up with student assertions that "there's nothing to do on campus," staff member Blake Benham will peri-

odically take the liberty of finding

little known or little cared about

locales on campus and optimisti-cally point out the hours of fun one can have at these places. This week's installment of "The Place to Be"; The Loft.

choose between a "Nawlins Blackened Chicken Sandwich" or the "Cold Fusion" (because noth-

ing whets the appetite like nuclear

energy.) the chorus of a familiar

tune danced freely in my head. I hummed along as I decided to go

with the Loft's five-star cold cuts.

Turns out, it was the in-house radio playing "Working for the

It may have been a mere

As I stood in line, trying to ose between a "Nawlins

serve the piousness and sanctity of Thanksgiving.

1. Don't show up drunk

A reputation as a fun drunk doesn't matter to strict and/or reli-gious families. Also, a tendency to "get a little hand-sy" with a boyfriend or girlfriend could ignite the ire of a disciplinarian father and lead to a violent and bloody demise.

Furthermore, interrupting the family prayer to announce regret over "breaking the seal" is in poor

Wait until after the meal. All urine-related conversation should take place only after all plates have been cleared.

2. Don't question the historical accuracy of The First Thanksgiving
Shrewd social commentary

and critical thinking can cast a pall over the most festive celebration.

Comments like, "celebrating American unity with the Pilgrims and Native Americans is like celebrating European peace with the agreement between Hitler and Chamberlain" only bring everyone down.

Also, claims the Natives contracted syphilis from the Pilgrims contain no factual basis. In fact, one should avoid the word "syphilis" all together while sitting around a dinner table.

3. Don't be racist

Never categorize Native Americans as "savages." Such disregard for an entire people is savage in itself.

An assertion like "the Pilgrims were lucky the savages did-n't feast on them" is . . . well, just don't say it.
4. Don't make sexual advances toward other members of the

ter or brother totally gives you a look from across the table, do not openly or discreetly proposition

them.
Inner-family affairs may seem convenient, but they rarely

And, most importantly

5. Don't criticize the cooking
Even if the mash potatoes
contain lumps and the turkey has
the taste and texture of a corpse,

avoid critical statements. Remember, these people have opened their dinner table to Show some respect and

you. Show thankfulness. After all, that's the holiday is all about.

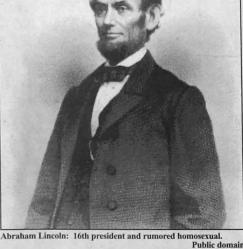
Oh, and don't bring a second significant other. Your "player status won't impress your well-

from yesteryear populate the walls. Wondering who was on the

-country team in 1992? Look

Searching for a romantic

meaning family



## Point/Counterpoint: Honest Abe and homosexuality

By BLAKE BENHAM and JON

Shield staff and Et Cetera editor

Abraham Lincoln was many things to many people. To most Americans, he is remembered as the emancipator of slaves, the sav ior of a united . . . um, United ior of a united . . . um, United States and perhaps the greatest president in American history.

To racists, he remains a rabble-rouser, tyrant and dispropor-

tionately-giant freak.

According to a book published last year by sex researcher ushed last year by sex researcher
C.A. Tripp – and a series of lectures/forthcoming book by Boston
College professor Charles Morris
– Lincoln may have been something else: a homosexual.

In the following dialogue, Shield contributors Blake Benham and Jon Webb debate Lincoln's sexual orientation and attempt to put this pressing issue to bed.

They will "put it to bed," of course, in a completely platonic

But, to paraphrase Seinfeld, not that there's anything wrong with homosexuality.

Benham: Point: Abraham Lincoln was not a homosexual.

Webb: Counterpoint: he

totally was.

Benham: Lincoln was not only one of the greatest presidents in our country's illustrious history, he was also one of the greatest individuals. Whether or not Lincoln was a homosexual does not detract from either of those claims. I only take issue with the historical inaccuracies of Tripp and other researchers. From what I gather, Lincoln had a few close male friends—hardly the definition of homosexuality in my book. Jon, you and other proponents of the Gay Lincoln stance seem spiteful to Lincoln's (platonic) admirers and are simply searching for any shred of evidence that could por-

sured of evidence that could por-tray him as a homosexual.

Webb: You want a shred of evi-dence? Here's a shred of evi-dence: he slept with men.

Benham: Hmm. By that I assume

you're talking about the fact that he literally shared a bed with his best friend Joshua Fry Speed. That was actually a common practice in the mid-19th century and is hardly proof of a romantic relationship.

Webb: Common practice for a Benham: You've never taken a

You're splitting hairs. Webb:

Come on, Benham.

Benham: What do you mean "come on"? I know you're afraid of historical fact, but it is what it is.

Webb: You're the one afraid of fact. Look at his wife Mary Todd. If her pug-dog face and 24/7 men-struation doesn't turn a man gay, what does? And who cares any ay? Lincoln: totally overrated. Benham: There are so many inac-

curacies in that statement, I don't know where to start. First of all, if, theoretically, you were Lincoln and, theoretically, you were a homosexual wouldn't you choose a more attractive beard?

Webb: He didn't *choose* his beard. It was biologically patchy. Benham: Not talking about that kind of beard.

Webb: I don't follow

Benham: Second of all, you're forgetting that Lincoln fathered four children with Mary Todd. And you're also forgetting that he was passionately in love with another woman before Mary Todd, Ann Rutledge. Also, you're really from the school of thought that

people "turn gay?"

Webb: I didn't say that. You said that. Homophobe. (Editor's note: Neither Benham nor Webb suffer from homophobia.) And anyway, how can you be sure Lincoln sired those babies? I never saw him go on Maury Povich and take a blood

Benham: First: Maury Povich? Is this even a scholarly argument anymore? Second, have you seen of Tad? Unmistakable Lincoln blood coursing through

Webb: What the hell is a Tad? Benham: Really? Don't know Webb: I hear the word Tad and .

nothing. I see tiny frogs, maybe small portions of food. Don't try to throw me off track; back to the task at hand. Lincoln was overrat-

Benham: (sarcastically) You're right, Jon. Emancipating the slaves and preserving the Union clearly have no relevance in today's soci-

Webb: He did those things, what, 150 years ago? What hav done for me lately, Lincoln? What have you Benham: Well, now you're just being ridiculous. Webb: How so?

Benham: Do I really need to explain myself? He's dead. Capped in the back of the head.

Webb: Who's dead?
Benham: Lincoln!
Webb: You're kidding. When?

Webb: You're Madail.

Benham: Ok, I'm done.

Webb: No, no, no. Wait. How

compromise? We'll make him bisexual.

Benham: Bisexual? You know what? I'll buy that.

Webb: Good to hear it. Benham: I like the way you think. Webb: But you know he was gay,

Benham: Do you know what 'compromise' means . . . ?

while stocking next week's dessert

display.

After all, as the lyrics suggest, everyone's watchin' to see what you (the Loft) will do. Because when it comes to fine dining and an underrated good time, the Loft sets the bar high for the competition (other Sodexho establishalcohol or dancing, but rather an endless supply of down-home endless supply cookin', soft drinks and socialization coupled with round-the-clock TBS on the big screen.

That's right, a big screen television. And a couple of HD plasma screens. It's virtually a sports

'Everybody's workin' for the weekend.'

#### Loverboy 1980's rock band

ments).

While students are no doubt well aware of the delicious, interesting cuisine, the entertainment value of the Loft seems to go largely unnoticed.

"I think of it as a glorified high school cafeteria" said one

"Eight dollars is a rip off for

lukewarm food" added another. That's where the student

coincidence, but I struggle to think of a more apropos anthem to describe the Loft than this 1981 body and I disagree.

I like to think of the eight dollar entrance fee as a mere cover I can picture the employees -similar to one paid at a

bar when you think about it, albeit one that thrives on a steady supply of Sex in the City and King of Queens reruns instead of sports

Queens reruns instead of sports.

Do people even go to Buffalo

Wild Wings anymore?

Yet state-of-the-art electronics, Cajun cuisine and bottomless beverages don't appear to impress hard-to-please USI students. I'm reminded of wise Loverboy lyrics once again: Everybody needs a

second chance, do they not?

If TBS isn't your style, then dine on the west side of the Loft, where a myriad of sports photos

eatery to take your significant other? You don't even need to leave campus. The Loft's sensual

no further.

setting, mood lighting, lunch trays and pot-luck casseroles will let sweetheart know that you eare. At eight bucks a head, you'll have enough money left over to take her to a movie. She'll thank you, because everybody wants a

Emptying your tray at the Loft is an adventure in itself. Put your finished meal on the convey-er belt and watch it go! Perhaps no other establishment on campus is more deserving of such a grandiose method of disposing food. But that's what you get at the

I suppose there will still be naysayers, but it's unrealistic to expect to please everyone. The Loft truly is one of the more unnoticed entertainment hot spots on campus. It's the place to b

Hungry? Come on, baby, let's

### Cruise divorces Kidman 2001 update:

## After ten years of marriage, the tinseltown couple call it quits

By BRANDI WEYER Editor-in-Chief

Tom Cruise divorces his wife of ten years, Nicole Kidman. Ladies or Fellas: Cruise is on the

The previous statement does not give Kidman justice; she is on

the market, too.

Regardless if you are heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or just plain confused, both of these candidates reek of money, sexual-

ity and well, money.

The Hollywood couple received the term "the couple that is going to make it." Now, they hattle each other is utilized. battle each other in ultimate con test: the dating game. Who is going to win? I am going to let you be the judge

Nicole Kidman Kidman raised in Sydney,

started her acting career as a child in an elementary school Christmas pageant. Her success in the pageant opened the door for a career in the Australian favorite: Christmas." She starred in the 1990 movie "Days of Thunder," as Cruise's ladylove interest. She moved on to portray roles in the movies "Flirting," "Batman For-ever" and the sexual thriller with her ex-counterpart Cruise, "Eyes Wide Shut." She has yet to win an academy award, but I have a hunch that she is going to star in movie requiring her to wear a fake nose, which will lead to her Oscar success. Besides her professional career, let's take a look of the up close and personal: the private life of Nicole Kidman. She adopted two children with Cruise: Isabella, 8, and Connor, 6, but don't let the kid baggage get you down.

Don't forget; she is a red head. Kidman is also a practicing Catholic and likes to spend quiet

evenings at home Tom Cruise

Cruise, on the other hand, born Thomas Cruise Mapother IV, aspired to be a priest. When he came to his senses, Cruise went to New York at the age of 18 to pursee a career in acting. His career took off in his film debut Endless Love. He later became well known for his roles in Top Gun, Rain Man and Mission Impossibile. He are supported to the support of the ble. He comes up short in awards, but who needs awards when you can conquer dyslexia after changing your religion. Again, Cruise has two children, the same ones Kidman adopted. During his free time, he enjoys rock climbing, jumping from caboose to caboose and watching Dawson's Creek. Conclusion

Cruise is the typical sleaze you would pick up in a bar. He would try to woo you by singing Bob Seger's "Ole' Time of Rock n' Roll" in his underwear. Fun at first, but it would get old. Kid-man, on the other hand, is the person you would meet at a "Race for the Cure" event. She would be the Cure" event. She would be kind with her words and encourage others to not stop believing in themselves. Kidman represents themselves. the modern day soccer mom.

My consensus: Cruise is the

man I want to date, but Kidman is

the woman I want to marry.

But who am I to judge. I predict Kidman will marry country heart throb Keith Urban and Cruise will marry Dawson's Creek star Katie Holmes and conceive a child named Suri. I guess Scientology cured his infertility, too.

"Every moment of one's existence, one is growing into more or retreating into less."

> Norman Mailer 1923-2007



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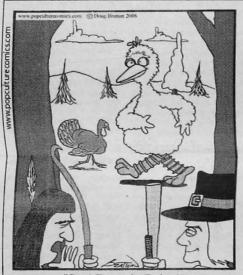
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# Recreation Sports

# Men's basketball team prepares season opener with exhibition win

The Shield staff
The USI men's basketball team
defeated the Moose Tours Stars 104-83 in a pre-season exhibition game in front of a mere 800 fans

Saturday evening.

Evansville native and new addition to the team, Darren Cloud was tion to the team, Darren Cloud was the top performer for the Eagles with 24 points, shooting 9 for 10 from the field. Senior Tyson Schnitker (Robinson, IL) and Junior forward Anthony Pimble (Bronx, NY) each contributed 21 points in the victory, while senior Norman Plummer (Cincinnati, CD) throw in his 18 points and 6 OH) threw in his 18 points and 6 defensive rebounds as well. The real story for the team this season however, is the dwindling fan sup-port for USI athletics.

"The best kept secret in college is the on-campus events that stu-Getting dents have access to. Getting involved, getting to know people, and having fun is what college is about. I'm begging you, please come out to the games", says head

basketball coach Rick Herdes. The school has done a complete renovation on everything in the Physical Activities Center. Everything from the new court, seats and scoreboard to the bathrooms and entrance hall have been refurentrance hain have been retur-nished and improved to enhance crowd comfort levels. Also, the Student Government Association sells Red Zone Screaming Eagles shirts at every game and more importantly, admission is always free with a student ID.

"Our facilities are no different than that of Duke's, Tennesse's, or any other top Division I school. We have been fortunate enough to have a good basketball program in the past years and our sports would top schools and other schools around the conference", said Herdes. love the same atmosphere as those

Upcoming men's basket-ball home games

Sat. 11/17 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Harris-Stowe State Tue. 11/20 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. U. of Illinois-Spring-

**Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament** 

Fri. 11/23 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Southwest Minnesota St Sat. 11/24 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Northwest Missouri St

The men's team has had 20 or more wins in a season for the past 15 years, they have won 25 or more 6 seasons in a row, and won 27 games four consecutive years. The team has advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament nine out of the ten years since the '04 season, winning it in '95 and placing second in 1994 and 2004. The loss of seniors last season and an injury to senior Kenny Love has put the team in a re-building phase, but Coach Herdes does not seem to be phased.

"We've picked up some new guys that can play. Cloud and Tyson both have the ability to score bunches. Brandon (Hopf) and George (Cunningham) have put in their time are both getting their chances this season and something has to be said for Norman Plummer who was inside this weekend against a quality opponent. He has an uncanny ability to score from anywhere. We're here to play", said Herdes. The next action for the Eagles

will be Saturday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. when they open the season against Harris-Stowe and a University of Illinois-Springfield team that went 23-9 last season.



Herdes injects a bit of inspiration into his Eagles, who soared to victory in their exhibition match against Moose Tours Stars. USI kicks off their season this weekend with a home game against Harris-Stowe State on Saturday evening. Despite the loss of Kenny Love and Kenny Page in the preseason, the team remains confident that they will secure a successful season.

Photo by S. Chad Shoulders

# Hunters load them up for deer season

By BRANDI WEYER Editor-in-Chief

The 2007 fall and winter hunting season started in full throttle in

october.

Red and gray fox hunting and coyote hunting and trapping dates began the fall season on Oct. 15.

According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Web site, the rules and regulations for site, the rules and regulations for hunting and trapping include no daily bag or possession limits for

furbearers' hunters.

The furbearer category consists of hunting and trapping dates for red and gray fox, skunk, coyote, raccoon, opossum and dog run-

ning of raccoon and opossum.

Zach Brawner, USI freshman, said his favorite animal to hunt is deer, but he also hunts turkey, dove and squirrel. The deer sea-son started on Oct. 1 for archery early, but hunting deer with firearms will not start until Friday. Brawner said he hunts because of the experience. "I hunt because it is an experi-

ence of a lifetime, it is relaxing, and the emotions you go through when you see an animal. And you know you have the possibility of taking a shot are unexplainable," Brawner said.



Forever caught in your headlights: hunters often display their gaming triumphs on their living room walls.

Photo courtesy of Chris Weyer

The closest public hunting areas are in Posey and Warrick counties. Areas consist of Posey county Hovey Lake and Wildlife area and Warrick county Little Pigeon Creek Wetland Conservation and Bluegrass Fish and Wildlife area. Seasons that opened in October included woodland game: fall archery and fireman for wild turkey and ruffed grouse for squirrel. In November, the upland game season including, pheasant, quail and rabbit hunting started. Other seasons due to begin in December include deer muzzleloader and late archery and late

crow hunting.

Brawner suggested everyone should at least give hunting a try.

"It's not all about killing an animal, it is about the experience that you get to share with friends and family. And there is nothing like seeing the animals in there natural habitat, and how they live, Brawner said.

For more information on regulations and limitations, visit http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/hu nt/season2.htm.

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## Lady Eagles shall soar to the floor on opening weekend

By JAMARR HENDERSON

ne Shield staff The Lady Eagles are in gear as they get ready for their home season opener taking place here in the Physical Activities Center Satur-day November 17. They take on y November 17. They take on University of Illinois-Spring-

Returning from last season's overall record of 16-12 and 10-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Confer-ence, coach Rick Stein and his Eagles are excited about bringing in eight new talented players to

combine with their already artistic four returning players. USI has four returning players. USI has strong leadership coming from its two senior players consisting of the All-GLVC senior forward Jas-mine Baines, and the versatile sen-ior guard Marshay Jolly. Even with the addition of eight new players the Eagles shouldn't have much to worry about with the to worry about with the experienced team they have, consisting of seven upper-classmen and only five first and second year players. Head coach Stein is counting

Upcoming women's home basketball games

Sat. 11/17 @ 5:30 p.m. vs.U of Illinois-Springfield

Sat. 11/24 @ 2:30 p.m. vs. U of the Cumberlands

on his junior forward/centers Brittany Neuman and Jessica Grimal-do to lead the Eagles in the paint. Neuman was able to end her son last year by pouring in her career high 11 points and nine rebounds versus the number-one seeded Lewis University. Grimal-do is coming back from a solid off-season workout program as she battles back from season end-ing knee injury, prior to her injury she averaged 14.6 points and 5.0

Stein found the ability to

strengthen both the front and back courts of his team, which should be interesting to see going up against last year's 15-17 Universi-ty of Illinois-Springfield. With the emergence of a fairly new supporting cast, the Lady Eagles are bringing to the table a dynamic presence consisting of players

filled with a wide variety of talent.

The eagles understand the importance of how team chemistry is going to affect their play this season, and they recognize that they will have to get used to playing with each other rather fast and do so in an efficient matter in order to achieve their high expec-

approaching as it begins for the lady Eagles Saturday evening starting at 5:15pm here in the PAC, be there to support our very

# Iran delivers blueprints to U.N.

VIENNA, Austria (AP)-Iran has met a key demand of the U.N. nuclear agency by delivering blue-prints that show how to mold ura-nium metal into the shape of warheads, diplomats said Tuesday, in an apparent concession meant off the threat of new U.N.

But the diplomats said Tehran has failed to meet other requests made by the International Atomic Energy Agency in its attempts to end nearly two decades of nuclear secrecy on the part of the Islamic Republic.

The diplomats spoke to The Associated Press as IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei put the finishing touches on his latest report to the agency's 35-nation board of governors, for consideration during a meeting that begins on Nov. Thanksgiving Day.

The confidential report, expect-ed to be distributed to agency

members this Wednesday or Thursday, is likely to show sub-stantial but not full compliance by Iran with its pledges to come clean on past activities — and confirm at the same time that Tehran con-tinues to enrich uranium in defi-ance of the U.N. Security Council.

Those findings will likely lead to new calls by the United States, France and Britain for a third round of U.N. sanctions. But China and Russia, the other per-China and Russia, the other permanent Council members, may emphasize progress made, and demand more time for Iran before fresh U.N. penalties are imposed. The agency has been seeking possession of the blueprints since 2005, when it stumbled upon them

among a batch of other documents among a batch of other documents during its examination of suspect Iranian nuclear activities. While agency inspectors had been allowed to examine them in the

copy for closer perusal.

Diplomats accredited to the , who demanded anonymifor divulging confidential information, said the drawings were hand-carried by Mohammad hand-carried by Mohammad Saeedi, deputy director of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization and handed over last week in Vienna to Oli Heinonen, an ElBaradei deputy in charge of the Iran inves-tionations.

Iran maintains it was given the papers without asking for them during its black market purchases of nuclear equipment decades ago that serve as the backbone of its program to enrich uranium process that can generate power or create the fissile core of nuclear warheads. Iran's refusal to suspend enrichment has been the main trigger for both existing U.N. sanc-tions and the threat of new ones.

Iran, which says it has a right to

its program.

Both the IAEA and other experts have categorized the instructions outlined in the blueprints as having no value outside of a nuclear weapons program.

While ElBaradei's report is like-ly to mention the Iranian concession on the drawings and other progress made in clearing up ambiguities in Iran's nuclear activities, it was unclear whether it would also detail examples of what the diplomats said was con-tinued Iranian stonewalling. Senior IAEA officials were

refused interviews with at least two top Iranian nuclear officials suspected of possible involvement in a weapons program, they said. One was the leader of a physics laboratory at Lavizan, outside Tehran, which was razed before tigate activities there. The other was in charge of developing Iran's centrifuges, used to enrich urani-

Additionally, agency experts were denied access to a workshop testing and developing a more advanced kind of centrifuge than Iran is now using for its enrich-ment program, they said. The agency traditionally refus-

es to comment on the report — which is confidential and meant only for circulation among board member nations — particularly before it is released to those coun-

tries.

A senior diplomat familiar with agency thinking said the IAEA "got what it needed" in terms of access to officials and nuclear sites, although he declined to specifically say whether all requests were honored by Iran.

He also provided a different take on what two other diplomats

said was a rebuff by Iran of attempts by ElBaradei to meet with Iran's supreme leader, Ayatol-lah Ali Khamenei. The two said ElBaradei had

suggested the meeting and he was turned away in part because he was seeking faster Irania; responses to questions posed by his experts as well as saying he wanted to discuss a "double time-out" — shorthand for Iran sus-pending further enrichment activi-ties in exchange for a shear ties in exchange for a pledge to freeze, or perhaps even roll back U.N. sanctions.

But the senior diplomat said it was the Iranians who asked EIBaradei to come, "offering something in return," but then said the time was inopportune after the IAEA chief asked to meet with Khamenei instead of lower-ranked

# Scientists clone monkey embryos

NEW YORK (AP) -Scientists in Oregon say they've reached the long-sought goal of cloning mon-key embryos and extracting stem cells from them, a potentially major step toward doing the same thing in people.

The research has not been published yet or confirmed by other scientists. But if true, it offers fresh hope in field that has been marked by frustration and even fraud. The claim of a similar breakthrough with human embryos by a South Korean scientist in 2004 turned out to be false.

The hope is that one day, such a

procedure could be used to create transplant tissue that's genetically matched to an ailing patient. Because stem cells can form all types of tissue, the approach might

one day help treat conditions like diabetes and spinal cord injury without fear of rejection by the patient's body

Scientists have tried for years to clone monkey embryos and extract stem cells because monkeys are more closely related to humans than other lab animals are. So monkey work has been expect-ed to give hints about how to do

this in people.

The success was reported earlier this year at a scientific meeting in Australia by Shoukhrat Mitalipov of the Oregon National Pri-mate Research Center in Portland. It received limited media attention at the time, but the results were given new attention Tuesday by a London newspaper, The Indepen-

Mitalipov did not immediately respond Tuesday to an interview request from The Associated Press. But another scientist, Jose Cibelli of Michigan State University, told The AP on Tuesday that he'd heard Mitalipov's presenta-

tion at the Australia meeting.
"To me, it's a breakthrough," said Cibelli, who studies cloning and stem cells. The work shows "it is possible."

In cloning to obtain stem cells,

DNA from an adult animal is inserted into an unfertilized egg. The egg is grown into an early embryo from which stem cells are extracted. These stem cells, and the tissue that develops from them, will be a genetic match to the source of the DNA.

The idea of doing this in people

controversial because the embryos have to be destroyed to obtain the stem cells.

Despite the monkey success, we're still far off to start dreaming about translating this technique to humans," Cibelli said, That's because the reported results were very inefficient, requiring many eggs to produce stem cells, he said.

Still, the work shows monkeys can be used to study the potential of embryonic stem cells produced through cloning, Cibelli said. "That's a terrific tool." Cloning is most famous for pro-

ducing not stem cells but baby animals, such as Dolly the sheep. But while some people may view the new development as a move by scientists on the "slippery slope"

toward producing cloned human babies, "we're all opposed to that," Cibelli said.

Jim Newman, a spokesman for the Oregon Health & Science University, which operates the pri-mate center where Mitalipov works, declined to confirm whether the scientist had cloned monkey embryos. But he said a study in that area of research will be released soon by the scientific

journal Nature.

Katie McGoldrick, a Nature spokeswoman in Washington, said

she could not discuss papers that may or may not have been sub-mitted for publication.

The primate center was in the news for another reason Tuesday An activist group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, saic it had documented violations of animal protection laws there. Uni-versity officials said the primate center has an excellent record for

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SPJ President Jamie Hess considers the policy change a victory for the organization, but said it should have come "a long time

"For the future, SPJ now hopes

to have Yourofsky speak an engage the student, faculty an community members in a mean ingful debate," said Kyle Knight SPJ member.

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