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Eric von Fuhrmann retires

English professor leaving after 42 years of teaching at USI

By DANI PALMER
The Shield staff

When a new school year starts next fall, the University of Southern Indiana will be missing a professor from its Liberal Arts program.

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

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.

Von Fuhrmann describes his experience at USI as being satisfy-

'He's very warm and sweet and willing to help others'

-Betty Hart
Professor of English

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 real 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."

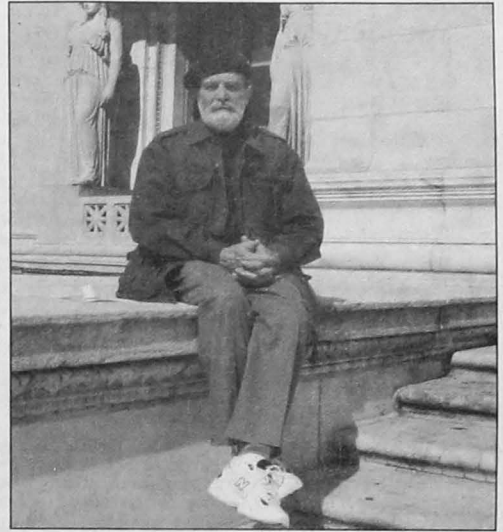
Von Fuhrmann has demonstrated his care for students by helping them in any way possible and structuring fun, yet educational events for them. He proved his devotion to education in 2004 when he received the H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award.

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.

"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.

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'Outside Speakers Policy' changes

By SETH GRUNDHOEFER
The Shield staff

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.

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 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 university.

In addition to adding specific language to the above clause in the Outside Speakers Policy, USI's legal council also removed the sixth clause. If a speaker happens to break university policy, the

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By CARRIE WILLIAMS
Special to the Shield

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 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 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."

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

program back then, but it did not work because they only set up a bin in one community. Students did not respond the way Wagoner had hoped.

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 reapplied in 2006 and the state rewarded the money in September of this year.

"The grant is a matched grant. The state will pay 100 percent of any work toward the program," Wagoner said. "All the equipment must be matched dollar for dollar."



"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 campus.

Photo by Jessica Shoffstall

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.

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

By J.L. LUTZ
The Shield staff

Sunday was Veterans Day, the day America traditionally sets aside to honor its soldiers who have fought in the country's many wars.

The local chapter of Veterans for Peace commemorated the occasion as they have for the last five years, by reading the names of all the soldiers who have been killed thus far in the Iraq war. Members and supporters, undaunted by the occasional rain showers and cold blustery winds,

stood at Evansville's Four Freedoms Monument and read all 3,860 names.

The group's president is Gary May, associate professor of social work at USI. May is a Vietnam veteran who lost his legs when he stepped on a land mine in April of 1968. He has been involved in veteran's affairs since 1974 when he went to work in the Veteran's Administration. Among other accomplishments, he was instrumental in the fight to get the VA to recognize the effects of Agent Orange upon Vietnam veterans as a war disability.

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 hurting the troops, May responded, "the Quintessential way to support the troops is to bring them home. To the extent that ending

the war hastens their return, we are absolutely supporting the troops."

The reading of the names took just under 3 hours. The list did not include the names of U.S. personnel killed in Afghanistan.

Over 760 coalition forces have been killed to date in Afghanistan.

After the ceremony, the group walked the four blocks to the federal building where May read a statement condemning the war in Iraq and then handed over copies of the list to representatives of Congressman Ellsworth and Indiana Senators Bayh and Lugar.



Veterans for Peace logo

-Graphic courtesy of VeteransForPeace.org

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 working relationship with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department. When a crime occurs on

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

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 tornadoes 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 higher tuition.

"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 toward that would benefit students," said Travis Johnson, senior radio and television production major.

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 basement of the University Center, or by visiting <http://www.usi.edu/sga>. The General Assembly meets every Thursday 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
Special to the Shield

At the beginning of the fall semester, the Social Work program, 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 programs 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 Coustert, chair of the social work department.

The new office contains a state-of-the-art classroom, a conference room, a lounge and a large

wall design work room.

"We're hoping that the new office will help the programs continue to grow and develop," Coustert said.

The open house was a success and the Social Work, ROTC and Honors programs are enjoying 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 contributed 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 students from Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois last Friday. Nearly 200 high school students were on campus for the event.

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

Stewart was able to touch on the most pure experience in jour-

nalism 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 during 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 catastrophic 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 address.

"I loved the way he talked about objectivity, and how important it is to perceive things in an unbiased way," Stevens said.

"I enjoyed how exceedingly he spoke about journalism," Fahy said.

After Stewart spoke, the students attended different workshops that took place in the Rice



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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 journalists.

Media day concluded in Carter Hall where students attended an Awards Luncheon. During the luncheon awards were given to newspapers and yearbooks that exceeded in various categories.

Castle High School received first place in the categories 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 forward to the 17th Annual High School Media Day next year.

By Zach Crowell

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

By ERIC BREWER
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 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, 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 support for USI athletics.

"The best kept secret in college is the on-campus events that students 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 refurbished 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, Tennessee'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 love the same atmosphere as those top schools and other schools around the conference", said Herdes.

Upcoming men's basketball home games

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

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 good 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 trapping dates began the fall season on Oct. 15. According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Web 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 running 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 season 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 experience 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 muzzle-loader 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 their natural habitat, and how they live," Brawner said.

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

DNR Fees for Purchasing Hunting, Fishing, or Trapping Licenses for 2007

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Lady Eagles shall soar to the floor on opening weekend

By JAMARR HENDERSON
The 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 Saturday November 17. They take on the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Returning from last season's overall record of 16-12 and 10-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, 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 strong leadership coming from its two senior players consisting of the All-GLVC senior forward Jasmine Baines, and the versatile senior guard Marshay Jolly. Even with the addition of eight new players the Eagles shouldn't have much 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

Tue. 11/20 @ 5:15 p.m.
vs. U of Central Missouri

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

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

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 University 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 expectations this year.

The 2007-08 season is approaching as it begins for the lady Eagles Saturday evening starting at 5:15pm here in the PAC, be there to support our very own Screaming Eagles.

Iran delivers blueprints to U.N.

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

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. 22, Thanksgiving Day.

The confidential report, expected to be distributed to agency

members this Wednesday or Thursday, is likely to show substantial but not full compliance by Iran with its pledges to come clean on past activities — and confirm at the same time that Tehran continues to enrich uranium in defiance 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 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 during its examination of suspect Iranian nuclear activities. While agency inspectors had been allowed to examine them in the country, Tehran had up to now

refused to let the IAEA have a copy for closer perusal.

Diplomats accredited to the agency, who demanded anonymity for divulging confidential information, said the drawings were 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 investigations.

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 — a 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. sanctions and the threat of new ones.

Iran, which says it has a right to

enrich to generate power, has repeatedly said it will not mothball 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 likely 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 continued 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 the agency had a chance to investigate activities there. The other was in charge of developing Iran's centrifuges, used to enrich uranium.

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 enrichment program, they said.

The agency traditionally refuses to comment on the report — which is confidential and meant only for circulation among board member nations — particularly before it is released to those countries.

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, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The two said ElBaradei had suggested the meeting and he was turned away in part because he was seeking faster Iranian responses to questions posed by his experts as well as saying he wanted to discuss a "double timeout" — shorthand for Iran suspending further enrichment activities 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 ElBaradei 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 officials.

Scientists clone monkey embryos

NEW YORK (AP)—Scientists in Oregon say they've reached the long-sought goal of cloning monkey 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 expected 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 Primate 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 Independent.

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 presentation 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

is 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 producing 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 primate 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 submitted for publication.

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

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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 ago".

"For the future, SPJ now hopes

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

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