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Semi-finalists for provost position will be decided soon

By LANA KUNZ
Opinion editor

Today the Provost Search and Screen Committee will meet to select which applicants in the pool of over a 100 qualify as semi-finalists to fill President Linda Bennett's former position. Nadine Coudret is temporarily serving as the provost until a new permanent provost is found. The candidates selected will progress to the next stage of screening, a round of interviews conducted on Oct. 22 and 23 at a hotel in Evansville. The search is similar to the presidential search USI undertook in the last academic year.

"It is almost identical in terms of process," Mark Rozewski, vice president for business affairs and chair of the provost search committee, said. The hotel interviews will determine which applicants qualify for the campus visits tentatively scheduled for November. Similar to the presidential process, the candidates will meet with various faculty and student groups during the campus visits. By the end of November the committee hopes to announce its nominee for provost. The range of candidates is "diverse in many

ways" and the committee is "very pleased with the

"The provost is the leader of the faculty and the heart of the university is the faculty. We want a provost that has vision, is consultative, always communicative and seeks the faculty's advice."

- Mark Rozewski, vice president for business affairs

strength of the pool," Rozewski said. According to the position profile on the provost search Web site, the provost "advises the president on all academic matters and serves as the chief executive officer in the president's absence." "Basic requirements are to have an earned doctorate, not an honorary degree, and must be able to be a tenured full time professor in one of the disciplines at USI ... with enough experience to lead us to believe they could be a provost," Rozewski said. The ideal candidate has climbed a career ladder that leads to the logical next step of becoming a provost,

Rozewski said. "In addition to the experience base the individual needs to be committed and aware of the values of USI," Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Nadine Coudret said. "The provost is the leader of the faculty and the heart of the university is the faculty," Rozewski said. "We want a provost that has vision, is consultative, always communicative and seeks the faculty's advice." The selection committee contains representatives from a variety of academic disciplines on campus, Student Government Association President Bob

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First impressions are important

Grounds crews help keep USI's campus attractive



The grounds crews provide the landscaping students, faculty and staff see everyday, like the area between the Science Center and Forums. They keep campus as litter free as possible and make sure the grass is kept short, the weeds are pulled and the tree branches are trimmed.

Photo by Dani Palmer

USI will celebrate presidential inauguration with week full of events

By DANI PALMER
Editor in chief

In its short life, the University of Southern Indiana has only seen three presidents, and the inauguration of Linda Bennett, USI's third president, will be celebrated in mid-October with a week full of events. The presidential inauguration will be held Oct. 15 in the Physical Activities Center (PAC). This will be the first time the event has ever been held on campus. Cindy Brinker, vice president for government and university relations, said. According to Brinker, who is the chair of the planning committee, the inauguration of USI's second president, H. Ray Hoops, was held off campus at the Civic Centre in 1994. "The inauguration events are) being funded by private donations," Mark Rozewski, vice president for business affairs, said. Brinker said that many donors have contributed to the event and are listed on the presidential inauguration Web page. Any additional donations underwritten to the inauguration will be directed to the USI Foundation Presidential Scholarship Fund. Brinker said the committee has been planning since last spring and spent time with Bennett to see what was appropriate for the event. According to Brinker, 50 delegates from other U.S. universities will be attending the ceremony. Retired faculty has been given the opportunity to participate. See INAUGURATION on Pg. 3

USI adjunct faculty member involved in police incident

By LANA KUNZ AND DANI PALMER
Shield staff

An incident involving burglary and battery occurred at a USI adjunct faculty member's home in Evansville. According to an incident report from the Evansville Police Department, on Sept. 26 the adjunct awoke when the burglary suspect broke into the kitchen of the adjunct's home. A witness in the house heard the incident from upstairs. The suspect demanded to see the upstairs witness and proceeded to hit the adjunct on the right side of the face. The two struggled until the adjunct was able to get the suspect out of the house. The suspect fled on a bike, but returned shortly later and began to yell from outside. According to the police report, the witness had been in a relationship with the suspect two months prior. The adjunct recognized the suspect from USI, where the suspect is a faculty member. As of press time, *The Shield* has decided not to name the adjunct faculty member or witness. When contacted, the adjunct refused to comment.

By PATRICK STRIEWE
Special to the Shield

Hard work may not sound like fun to most people, but without the work that the grounds crews do on a daily basis, USI would be a much different place. The grounds crews might work behind the scenes, but what they do is important to assuring the university is running smoothly and staying presentable to those who see it. Over-flowing trashcans and weeds everywhere amongst tall grass would not reel a prospective student into coming to USI. "The grounds isn't going to take care of itself," Don Fleming, grounds supervisor at USI, said. Fleming and his grounds crews work hard on a daily

basis to keep litter from being a problem. Fleming's guys each have their own litter routes that they work the first two hours of each day. It takes a collective effort on the part of the students and the staff at USI to keep it clean and presentable Fleming said. "When we make an effort to keep it (litter) free, it trickles down to everybody," Fleming said. There are over 600 acres that are termed as "high-maintenance acres." The grounds crews here at USI work from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. five days a week. They even put some time in on Saturdays if there is something special happening, or if there is weather that requires extra cleanup work on campus.

"You only get one chance for your first impression," Fleming said. For this reason, Fleming said that keeping the grounds neat is very important and encourages people to clean up after themselves. He said keeping USI presentable might just take the cooperation and hard work of everyone who roams the campus. "First impression is everything," Chris Combs, owner of Combs Landscape in Evansville, said. Combs Landscape is currently working on a job at USI in the new parking lot that was just added this year behind lot K. Their work is sprucing up the new parking area by adding trees and other plants that make it more appealing than just a

plain asphalt parking lot. Combs added that he stresses keeping everything clean with his crew. Tim Wiser, a designer at Combs Landscape, is given the task of making landscapes look appealing to visitors. "First thing that people see when they go to USI is the outside of the buildings," Wiser said. He said a good landscape "makes (visitors) feel good whether they know it or not." Well-maintained grounds and landscaping on a university campus like USI's give a good first impression. "Places wouldn't spend money on landscaping if they didn't feel like they needed it," Wiser said.

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- 1 Deck member
- 5 Mooned about
- 10 Trade
- 14 Swear
- 15 Paradigm
- 16 Robe
- 17 Soupeon
- 18 Fetid
- 20 Idols
- 22 Degrees
- 23 Sleep sounds
- 24 Give way
- 26 Font style, for short
- 28 Affirmative
- 29 Ginger
- 32 Forest
- 35 Anger
- 37 A Judd
- 39 Guns the motor
- 40 Slipper, for short
- 41 Drop out
- 42 Novelist Loos
- 44 Actress Arthur
- 45 Ill-natured
- 46 ___ de mer
- 47 Revolutionary Guevara
- 49 Walking stick
- 51 Ringo, for one
- 53 Cowboy exhibitions
- 57 Once popular songs
- 60 Flare-up, emotionally
- 62 Punch or locomotive garage
- 64 Designer Chanel

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- 65 ___ of Green Gables
- 66 Embark
- 67 Despot
- 68 Fewer
- 69 Squalid
- 70 Dried-up
- 8 Pride
- 9 L.A. athlete
- 10 Violin name, for short
- 11 Cherry, for one
- 12 Malaria
- 13 Blow over
- 19 Acrylic
- 21 Acquires
- 25 Emetic
- 27 Supple
- 29 Decant
- 30 Actor Jannings
- 31 Shame
- 32 Streetcar
- 33 Rockfish
- 34 Malevolent
- 36 Seafood
- 38 Conduits
- 43 Emoted
- 45 Prig
- 48 Chops up, as potatoes
- 50 Major thoroughfare
- 51 Trig. functions
- 52 Path
- 54 Notched
- 55 Wilde, for one
- 56 Salt away
- 57 Viva voce
- 58 Only
- 59 Harasses for payment
- 61 Expended
- 63 Singleton

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- 2 Characteristic of birds
- 3 Rocket type
- 4 Most gloomy
- 5 Silver wattle
- 6 Asian country
- 7 Paralysis

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All About...

Darnisha Sconiers

By ADRIENNE MAYSE
Staff writer

What is your favorite thing about USI?

There are a lot of resources for students that need help. There's free tutoring. The teachers are willing to help you out. The classes are small, most of them. And it's a nice campus, with a great atmosphere.

What is your least favorite thing about USI?

The construction. It's pretty loud and dirty. I can hear it from my apartment on campus.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

I have three more years here for Occupational Therapy. It's a Master's program.

What hobbies or activities are you involved in?

My main activity is working here and at Easter Seals. At Easter Seals, I'm helping people with disabilities. I've always known I wanted to go into the medical field. I've also been involved in College Mentors for Kids, Habitat for Humanity and I've been a Resident Assistant. I think it's important - for college to be a good experience - to get involved.

Why should students seek help with their study skills?

We help them stay on track. High school is a lot easier, so they could study whenever. We give them guidelines

for studying, test taking tips so they can do better in college.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

Some students come here from high school and slack off. Don't do that, because they'll be here 10 years and not even have a bachelor's degree. Come here from high school and start working hard.

What are some words of wisdom that you live by?

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Whatever you want to do, just work hard at it and have faith in yourself and have faith in God.

What else should we know about you?

My dad's a preacher and my mom's a missionary. I grew up in the church.



Major: Exercise Science
Year: Senior
Hometown: South Bend, IN
High School: John Adams High School
Family: One brother, Danny (USI student); Mom, Eva; Dad, Aaron
Church: Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ, Henderson, Ky.
Position: Study Skills Tutor, Academic Skills

USI Public Crime Log

Sept. 30

3:26 p.m. - 8016B O'DANIEL LN
Criminal Mischief. Case was cleared

Oct. 1

10:43 a.m. - RICE LIBRARY
Illness Report Case was cleared

1:14 p.m. - FORUM WING ADMINISTRATION
Illness Report. Case was cleared.

Oct. 2

12:29 p.m. - LIBERAL ARTS CENTER
Illness Report. Case was cleared.

7:56 a.m. - CLARKE LN
Property Damage. Case was cleared.

Oct. 3

2:45 p.m. - DURBIN BUILDING
Criminal Mischief. Case is pending.

3:45 a.m. - 829A MCDONALD LANE
Liquor Law Violations. Case was cleared.

Oct. 4

3:45 a.m. - 020 UNIVERSITY CT.
Theft. Case was cleared.

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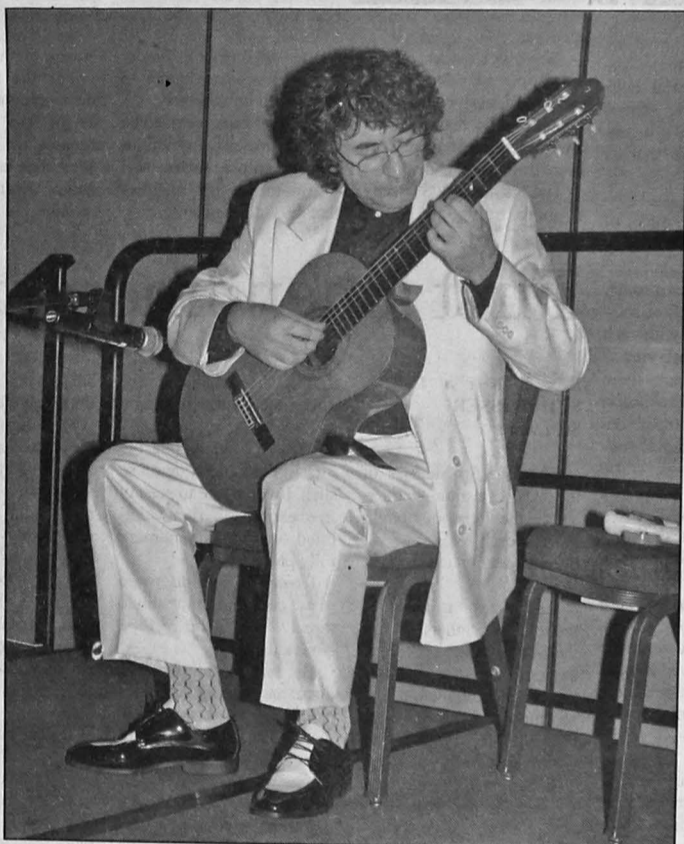
Wolfley, Chair of the Staff Council Chris Jines and Superintendent of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation Vince Bertram.

Coudret looks forward to applying the knowledge she has gained in the temporary provost position when she returns as dean of the college of nursing and health professions.

"I'll go back with added awareness of possible collaboration with colleges," Coudret said.

She did not apply for the permanent provost position.

"I've enjoyed the role and appreciated the opportunity," Coudret said. "But I am interested in returning as dean."



Acclaimed Spanish guitar artist Maestro Soler performed for USI's Hispanic Heritage Month Monday night in Carter Hall. The event was sponsored by Modern and Classical Languages.

Photo by Brittany Goshert

Campus Briefs

Parents Will Be Paying a Visit

This Saturday is USI's Fall Parents and Students weekend. Parents are encouraged to come visit this weekend and spend time on campus. It will kick off the week of presidential inauguration events.

Other events being held in light of the weekend and providing entertainment are USI's production of "True West" at the Mallette Studio Theatre and "Live at the Apollo" on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Job Preparation Workshops

USI's Social Work department will be hosting a Job Preparation Workshop Monday in HP 1027.

The workshop will run from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The topic will be "Choosing the Right Job."

Making MAJOR Decisions

USI's director of the University Division, Michael Broshears, will be hosting a lecture on choosing the correct major.

This event is title "Making MAJOR Decisions" and is a no-cost event. It will meet Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in ED 1103.

Ropewalk Writer's Series

Poet Brett Eugene Ralph will be reading in Kleymeyer Hall, located in the Liberal Arts Center, on Thursday beginning at 5 p.m.

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ticipate and the Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers will be there along with USI's first president, David Rice, and H. Ray Hoops.

In planning for the event, the committee wanted to touch base with campus groups.

For Parents and Families Weekend on Oct. 10, Bennett will greet USI students and parents during lunch on the Quad. The picnic will occur from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and be hosted by the USI Parents and Families Association.

In the event of rain, lunch will be held in the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center.

"We wanted to incorporate the fact that families and students will be here," Brinker said.

On Oct. 11, the USI Alumni Association will be holding a reception in the

McCutchan Art Center in the Liberal Arts Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Brinker said that these events will allow Bennett "to meet in smaller groups with just alumni or just students."

On Oct. 13, the Friends of Historic New Harmony will be hosting an invitation only reception. Bennett will meet with donors at the Atheneum in New Harmony, Ind.

The Inauguration Symposium will begin at 3 p.m. on Oct. 14 with a presentation titled "The Public's Universities: Continuity and Change."

The speech will be presented by Constantine W. Curris, retired president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), and according to Brinker, a personal friend of Bennett.

The Faculty Senate will host the symposium in Carter Hall.

USI's Board of Trustees will host the President's Inaugural Luncheon at noon on Oct. 15 for those invited.

Bennett's inauguration will begin at 3 p.m. in the PAC. There will be reserved parking spots for the community on campus.

"Lots of friends in the community are very supportive of the university," Brinker said.

Faculty will be shuttled back and forth between off campus lots and the university, and a reception will immediately follow in Carter Hall.

The week long events will end Oct. 16 when President Bennett greets major donors at the President's Associates Dinner. It is an invitation only dinner hosted by the USI Foundation.

Illegal parking hurts the handicap

By **THERESA M. OSER**
Guest commentary

Last week's article on parking problems rang so true, but one part of the community was overlooked: those who require handicap parking spaces.

I realize that everyone on campus shares the same parking woes. For disabled employees and students, finding a handicap parking spot has become excruciatingly difficult.

For instance, to get a handicap spot in the lot west of the education building, one must arrive two hours early.

The remaining handicap slots fill up shortly thereafter, but not all with people who need them.

Healthy, able-bodied students park in designated handicap spots and use someone else's hanging placard to keep from receiving a ticket.

You know who you are, and shame on you!

Simply put, you are breaking the law and causing a hardship for people less fortunate than you.

According to parking enforcement, the license plate and the number on the placard can be checked to see if they match, which sometimes takes a lot of time, and may not deter the students who drive a car registered to a parent and use that parent's placard.

If called, parking enforcement will pick up anyone

who can't find a handicap spot, and drive them to where they need to go (which can take from 10 to 45 minutes).

But we shouldn't have to rely on someone else just because a physically healthy person partied too late and is too tired to walk, got up too late to make it to class on time, doesn't want to walk in the rain, or is simply lazy. Most of us would trade our parking spots for your health in a New York minute.

While USI is up to code on the required number of handicap spaces, one solution is to designate additional slots, which are needed anyway.

Unfortunately, this may only encourage more illegal parking.

The most likely resolution would be to issue university window stickers or hang tags: one color for students living in housing, another for commuters, and a third for handicap vehicles.

If this is cost prohibitive, take the funds from the parking fee every student pays, or issue tags for students and employees who have rightfully been issued a state handicap placard.

As a member of the handicapped community, I would gladly present proof that I lawfully have a placard and display a university-issued sticker or tag, especially if it keeps these parking spots open for those who truly need them.



Majestic Place won't urbanize the West Side

By **ANDREW FOSTER**
Staff writer

On Oct. 13, the Vanderburgh County Commissioners are set to settle the Majestic Place development issue, a planned commercial and residential development that has been fiercely debated for months now.

Critics of the plan attack the planned development on two fronts: the first being that the development would increase traffic woes, and the other being residents of the West Side simply don't want their area to become too commercial.

The former is something USI students and faculty understand and agree with.

We've been stuck on the on-ramp to University Boulevard and could only imagine what that situation would be like if there was more traffic in the area.

The last thing USI needs is more traffic and more

people to further overcrowd a campus that is in the process of expanding.

President Bennett recently sent a letter to the commissioners, asking that full traffic reports be completed before the development begins.

But Bennett does not share in the second criticism of the development, saying in her letter "The university and the people of Indiana have made a considerable investment in a beautiful USI campus, and this investment should be complemented by high-quality private sector development."

These objectors have said they live on the West Side because "it's not the East Side."

This argument is harder to pin down and harder to agree with immediately.

There always seems to be a tension when communities become more urban and lose some of the qualities that once defined a region.

Those who value the rural aspects of life sometimes viciously oppose the benefits of new business.

To be fair, the West Side is urban, but it has less of the national businesses and chains that are ubiquitous on Burkhardt Road and Green River Road.

That said, I think it's wrong to believe this development will cause the West Side to automatically lose whatever rural and spacious feel it so dearly clutches.

This development will primarily cater to the USI community and would be on the far West Side of town.

It's not like tearing down the neighborhoods around Reitz High School, which would change the feel of this side of town.

For the most part, this development would be out of the way and out of the scope of the more traditional West Side areas, such as St. Joseph Avenue or Franklin Avenue.

In the future, I think USI needs this development. As the university grows, it will have more students who need living accommodations.

Having a development near campus would encourage more students to live closer to campus, making it easier for them to get to class and be a part of the USI community, as too many students eventually end up living on the East Side and driving across town.

I understand why some West Side residents are angry and why they oppose this development.

For the most part, I probably agree with their sentiments and wish businesses were more independent and less generic.

But this development is needed for the growth of USI and won't considerably hurt the nature of the West Side.

How much change can one man make?

By **JOSH PIETROWSKI**
News editor

What aspects of American society should the president be allowed to tinker with? It's a fair question, really.

On what level should elected officials be permitted to enter into different spectrums of our life and alter them?

While discussing education or the lack-there-of in the U.S., Barack Obama began throwing out ideas that could work towards a future in which the educational system in American pumps out better products.

The main idea that the president addressed was the loss of summer vacation, replaced with a year round schooling environment.

He issued plans for a four-week summer break, and for more class time, with schools remaining open until 7 p.m. and on Saturdays.

As a college student who recently finished my formal education and as a twenty-something who hopefully isn't too far from marriage and children, I'm not opposed to a better education system at all.

My concern is this: on what level is the president allowed to change various systems within our government?

The problem with this whole "change" and "hope" spiel is that we have a presidential election every four years, meaning that at best Obama will only be around

for another seven.

If he wants to free up funding, open schools on Saturdays for tutorial help and invest in after school activities, then that's a surface level change that is flexible.

To change the school system itself is far too major of a change to be considered by a president.

Can you imagine if other solid infrastructures of society were changed with each and every president's views?

Every four years there would be new: healthcare, business law, taxing guidelines, school schedules, governmental processes, crime and punishment procedure just to name a few.

My beef with Obama's ideology of transforming the school schedule is that it would be too massive of a change to be spurred on by a member of our society who may only be participating in government for three more years. The men and women who need to be behind a change of education procedures in America need not be politicians, but hard working individuals who will be willing to accept responsibility for the decisions they make for a time period much longer than a presidential turn in the White House.

We can't find jobs. We can't find our way out of a war. How in the heck are we supposed to find our way through a complete and total restructuring of education?

By **KRISTEN SCHMEISSER**
Staff writer

The first Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition to every citizen.

And I am thankful that the founding fathers felt that the freedom of the people to express themselves without government regulation was so important that they put the "First Amendment rights" first.

I personally appreciate the comforting knowledge that I can say essentially whatever I want, write whatever I want, and publish in a public forum, whether that be a blog, a flyer or a newspaper.

I am glad I do not have to worry about being arrested for worshipping at my church on a Sunday morning, nor about being fined and ostracized if I choose not to go to a church.

I feel it is important that the government gives me

the right to challenge the government through petition and assembly.

Clearly, I really like the First Amendment, and, as such, I would like to see my free expression rights outlined in this amendment fully protected.

I recently became aware of a potential and subtle threat to the First Amendment.

By law in this country, there are certain limits in place as to how much money a person can contribute to a political campaign.

Last month, however, according to Congressional Quarterly's Web site, the Republican National Committee challenged this law, claiming it is a restriction of what should be protected free expression under the First Amendment.

Soon after, the Supreme Court heard a case (that is still under consideration as of Sunday) concerning the regulation of books.

One party in the case claims when books or films

are a form of communication intended to persuade voters during an election, they are effectively the same as corporately donated funds to a campaign and thus ought to be regulated under law.

It bothers me a little, first of all, that the Federal Election Commission or any other government body is trying to regulate books, since books are an obvious form of protected expression.

I personally don't want any government official censoring communication.

I am especially suspicious when what the politicians want to censor is information that is critical of politicians during elections.

It sounds just a little fishy and just a little unconstitutional to me.

Secondly, I agree that donation of money is a form of expression that ought to be protected.

When I donate to my church, to a local charity, or to a political party or a political campaign, I am effec-

tively voicing my support for them.

And when the government is passing and upholding laws that stifle the citizen's and corporation's rights to freely express themselves through the denotation of very large sums of money, I get a little worried about my other rights.

There's an old saying that goes, "If you give them an inch, they'll take a mile."

Now, I realize that the issues of donation limits and regulating books as corporate campaign spending don't affect me or anyone else at USI greatly.

However, if the government is allowed to start stifling free expression in these limited ways, they could slowly, steadily gain more power and authority to stifle expression more and more, till expression is no longer exactly free and the First Amendment is no longer revered as sacred.

And that would be a very sad day.

First amendment under attack

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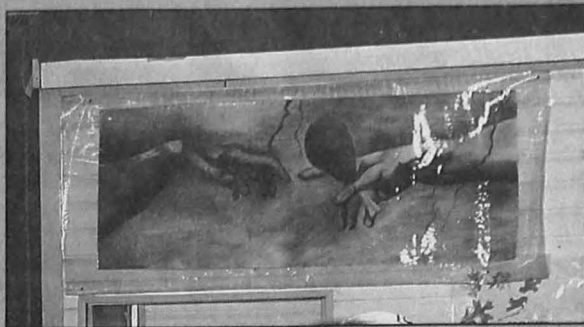
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A Fall Festival first



One booth takes some artistic liberty with a classic painting at the Fall Festival.

Photo by Jimmy Pyles



A mass of people weave in and out of Franklin street during the Fall Festival looking for food, games and excitement.

Photo by Jimmy Pyles

By CHANSE FORD
Staff writer

Upon arriving at USI, I often received incredulous outbursts from those who could not believe that I had never been to the West Side Nut Club's Fall Festival, or the second largest street festival in the United States.

Since it is such a prestigious and apparently well known event, it was my task to cover such an occurrence with my virgin knowledge and perspective.

I had been to smaller fall festivals before, so I thought I had a fairly good idea of what to expect. According to some others, I had no idea what I was in for. I heard about everything from entire fam-

ilies with mullets to groups of teenagers reminiscent of "A Clockwork Orange."

Before the group I went with had even parked, I almost saw a throw down between two drivers right after turning off of the Lloyd Expressway. Unfortunately this was not going to be an indicator for the rest of the night.

Don't get me wrong, I saw many strange sights and there were the usual amount of the depraved souls that crawl out for such an event, but never to the extent that I was expecting. I'm not sure whether this was due to too high expectations or the lacking of my native guide, but I was not met with the revulsion that I sought after.

I saw the same sights you can see at most festivals and parades. There are the overweight police officers on bikes, 5-year-olds with mohawks, and wannabe Hell's Angels members that run rampant at any such event.

The "born-again" carrying around a five foot tall cross reading, "Now is the time for Jesus. Rev. 3:20," was a new sight, but being screamed at to repent by megaphone wielding church representatives seemed to fit the atmosphere.

Despite the utter disappointment at not seeing some horrific sights, the food, or what passed for it, made the trip worthwhile.

Granted, one has to wade through the fleets of wheelchairs

and scooters following the wafting stench of fried food that permeated the street. This leads to the food stands that sit in front of the regular businesses that tempt some with their neon lights to indulge in a cocktail.

All the same, the jumbo tenderloin, chicken dumplings, and fried cookie dough were pleasing to the taste buds, albeit not so pleasing to the arteries.

Even though my trip to the fall festival for the first time had its pleasant moments and its tasteless moments, I'm sure it will not be the last such escapade into the deep fried wilderness that takes over Evansville for one week.

Stuff to do in Evansville : Life in the Crystal City

By JOSH PIETROWSKI
News editor

It's October in Evansville, my favorite time of year. The leaves are beginning to fall, the air is changing its mood and the trees are finally starting to bear their oaken knuckles. Pumpkins are beginning to appear on porches, and in a precious few weeks, Ninja Turtles, Vampires and Storm troopers will be set to invade local neighborhoods.

October is a great month for sports fans as well. Baseball playoffs, college and professional football, hockey season and soccer are all in full force. Even college basketball rankings are less than a month from being revealed.

Here in Evansville we have a tradition, a very important October tradition. As a city, we come together for one week, spend too much money, walk aimlessly up and down city streets and allow our children to run free. This may seem odd to outsiders, but I assure you, we do it for a good cause: fried food.

We spend an entire week perusing various make-shift kitchens, casting aside questions like: Is this sanitary? Why is that guy with the nail pouch and the greasy beard still watching me eat? Where did my daughter go? All of this to complete our quest of finding just how many things we can eat that shouldn't be fried, but are.

In all seriousness, the Fall Festival is a tradition that has covered Franklin street in both memories and grease for the past few decades, and generally serves many non-for-profit, charity and local youth programs throughout Evansville. Every student, faculty and family member should attend this festival at least once during its week long run. I would suggest going for lunch, or dinner between six and eight.

The West Side Nut Club is the program that is responsible for the festival's production every year. They usually feature bands, a local talent contest and an annual introduction of USI's men's and women's basketball teams on the festival's main stage.

This weekend, I want you to hop in a car with your friends and eat the following things. First, one of you takes the fried snickers bar. Next, another suffers through either frog legs, or the fried pig's feet. And I want you to eat a brain sandwich.

When you're finished, polish it off with a round of USI steak sandwiches and an apple cider. I guarantee you three things: that you'll spend at least \$15, that you will find an entire family (a mom, a dad and two young boys) all with mullets and that you will have an experience worth talking about when you get back home.

Brother against brother in 'True West'

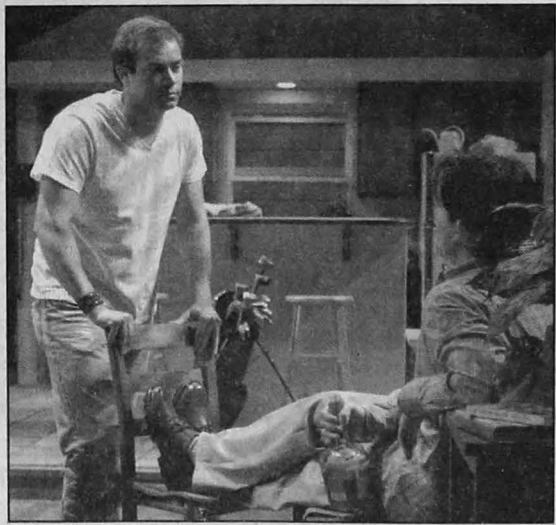
By KIM STURGILL
Staff writer

USI's "True West," directed by Elliot Wasserman, is an intriguing story of two brothers lost in finding their personal identities.

A must see for those who love family drama, the play will be showing through Oct. 11 in the Mallette Studio Theatre, located in the basement of the Liberal Arts Center.

Two brothers, Austin and Lee, played by Brandon Eck and Jeff Dumond, share very tense quality time with each other in their mother's house as she vacations in Alaska. As with most siblings, these two definitely do not get along, made more so by their personal life choices.

For a college-level theater performance, I was impressed by the actors (and actresses) ability to portray their characters in a believable light. I could relate to all the character's in some way. The costumes fit the characters well, the setting of the stage (the interior of the mother's home) was designed



Jeffrey Dumond and Brandon Eck star as brothers Lee and Austin in the play True West. The Play is running through Sunday at the Mallette Theatre in the LA.

Photo by Brittany Goshert

admirably, and the storyline was easy to follow.

It was easy to see how much

time and effort was put into the performance by each person, as each scene was displayed without pause

or mishap.

It is always interesting to see how characters change throughout the story, and this play is no exception. There is a complete role reversal between the brother, which leads to a rather unexpected, but well-written, ending.

Another aspect of the play is the obvious stereotypes about location; people act in a specific way when raised (or just live in) for an extended period of time in certain areas. The brothers' environments gives way to unique personality traits that are stereotypical of the city hot shot versus the country hick.

It also shows how even the best of people can be driven to do wild things under extreme situations, especially when pressured.

"True West" is a compelling story; it is brother versus brother in a drama about how to survive in today's world, an unintentional family competition that allows each brother to think along the lines of the other. I give this play four out of five stars.

'Trick 'r Treat' gives audience what title suggests

By ADAM POULISSE
Staff writer

Remember back in the days when we all used to go trick or treating?

We would get back that night, empty out our pillow cases, and Mom and Dad would check our candy. We would get the obligatory popcorn balls, caramel apples, chocolate, sweet tarts...and occasionally, we would find, in the midst of all that candy, a used heroin needle.

It is such a surprise that it makes your holiday so much more memorable.

The direct to video film "Trick 'r Treat" is the used heroin needle amidst your conventional Halloween Candy.

"Trick 'r Treat" is a Warner

Bros. film that was made years ago, but the studio shelved it and hid it from the public. Just like those stubborn people down the street from me that used to always give out toothpaste or cards with Bible verses during my trick or treat rounds. I knew they had better stuff to give out, they just were being lame about it.

So now, nearly three years later, Warner Bros. ponies up and gives us one of the better Halloween-themed movies I have seen.

Bryan Singer ("Superman Returns") give us a horror anthology with five intersecting stories taking place on Halloween, told in a fractured storyline, like in "Pulp Fiction."

A couple learns the true meaning behind keeping a Jack-O-

Lantern lit. Laurie (Anna Paquin) is "saving herself" for the right guy on this special night. A group of youngsters play a cruel prank (when I was young, toilet papering was considered to be too much). The local high school principal (Dylan Baker) has a split personality as a serial killer, while his next door neighbor (Brian Cox) is a bitter old recluse that despises the holiday of which this film centers.

There are certain movies that can get anyone into a holiday spirit, and "Trick 'r Treat" will put a mask, or smile, on your face. This is just a fun movie to watch unfold.

All the stories have some sort of trick to them that is a real treat.

This is not the kind of horror movie that makes us queasy with

torture and gore, like "Saw" and "Hostel." This film actually wants you to watch the screen, not turn away in disgust.

You can tell this film was intended for a theatrical release at one point, as the production values exceed what a normal direct-to-video usually merits. The direction, the acting, and the quality of writing would have made this a fun experience in theaters. I could imagine watching some of the plot twists with a sold-out theater audience.

My favorite story was the one involving the cruel prank, and the pranksters getting their just desserts. And I liked little Sam, the demonic child-pumpkin thing that shows up briefly throughout the entire film, acting as an enforcer of the Halloween tradi-

tions.

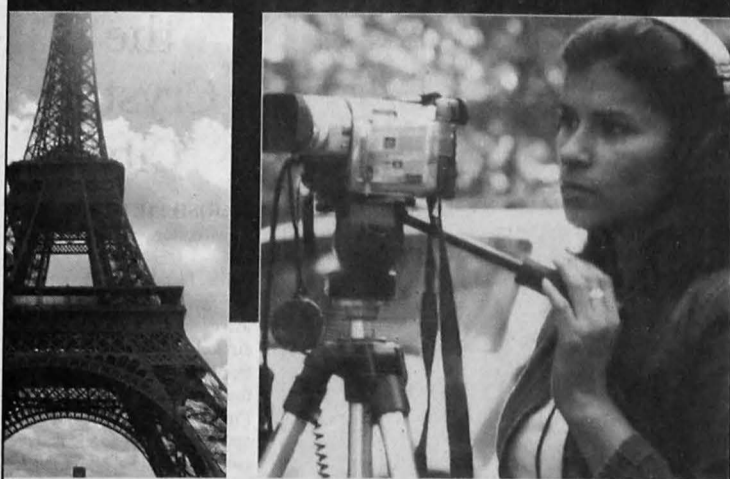
He also has some great scenes with Brian Cox towards the end. I could see him being a staple in Halloween horror icons come time.

Instead of shelling out the ten or twenty bucks to see the umpteenth "Saw" movie this Halloween, and have your stomach and gag reflexes tested, I recommend going to rent "Trick 'r Treat" instead for a fun and spooky time.

USI will also screen the film during the Silver Screen Festival on October 30, and that might be the way to watch it.

And even if you decide not to watch it, just honor the Halloween traditions, or Sam may come and get you.

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Rock wall is a hit



Student Landon Mackey climbs the rock wall in the Recreation and Fitness Center. The rock wall was added as part of the expanded center.

Photo by Jimmy Pyles

By KELLY MONROE

The addition of a rock climbing wall has proved to be a great addition to the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Although the crowd has thinned out somewhat since the opening on Sept. 3, many students still continue to use the rock wall.

The wall was added earlier this summer as part of the center's expansion.

There is a climbing area for all skill levels. The climbing routes range from easy to more challenging, according to Dave Enzler, Director of Recreation, Fitness and Wellness.

All climbers are required to take a safety course, last-

ing approximately 20 minutes before being allowed to climb. The safety course will include proper climbing procedures as well as instruction on how to safely belay a partner as they climb the wall.

"A class is offered at the top of every hour," Enzler said.

The climbing center is open approximately 40 hours each week. However, the climbing times vary by day. Monday through Thursday, the wall is open for all climbers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., the wall is reserved for "certified climbers", which is anyone who has already

passed the required safety course. On Friday the wall is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The climbing area is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Any climber under the age of 18 will need a parent signature on their waiver form.

Climbing Center Staff also reserve the right to enforce any additional rules or regulations deemed necessary for climber's safety.

All equipment necessary for climbing can be checked out by presenting a valid university identification card.

Ban stuns USI basketball

By KELLY MONROE
Sports editor

After a five-month wait, the USI Men's basketball team finally has an answer on where it will stand this season.

The Great Lakes Valley Athletic Conference (GLVC) Council of Presidents unanimously voted to place a post-season ban on the team during a meeting Tuesday.

This ban will prohibit the team from competing in the GLVC and NCAA post-season tournaments.

Any further ruling by the NCAA is still pending due to the ongoing investigation.

"We are disheartened," said Jon Mark Hall, director of athletics.

He also said he hopes the community and the school will rally around the team during this difficult time.

The USI Department of Athletics self-reported five violations to the NCAA in May. Those violations included improper contact with a recruit prior to signing, homework production or modification and three transportation violations.

As a result, USI voluntarily deemed two players ineligible for the 2009-2010 season, forfeited its 2008-2009 season record of 27-7 and returned \$9,362 given to

participate in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Hall said he hoped the GLVC would have accepted the self-imposed penalties, but said he hopes the NCAA will take those penalties and the post-season ban into consideration as it wraps up its investigation later this year.

In a press release on the GLVC website, the Council of Presidents did acknowledge the self-reported and imposed penalties during the investigation.

As of press time, calls to the GLVC were not returned.

Q and A with Meagan Kempf

What year are you?
I'm a sophomore

What is your major?
Nutrition and Wellness

What position do you play?
Forward

Where are you from?
Evansville

Why did you stay in Evansville?
I wanted to stay close to home and USI had my major I wanted.

How long have you played soccer?
I've played probably since I was about five.

How did you get started?
My parents signed me up and I liked it.

What is your favorite part of soccer?
I love that it is a team sport and I love playing in the offense.

What is the hardest part of being a student-athlete?
The hardest part is just managing your time.

What is your most memorable moment in soccer?
From this season, I would say when we beat Northern Kentucky because it was our first home game and they were ranked and we beat them.

New club rolls into USI

By KELLY MONROE
Sports editor

Despite being a new recreational sport on campus, the bowling club is already off to a rolling start.

The team, comprised of eight women, eight men and two substitutes were chosen following tryouts on Sunday Sept. 27.

The team will compete at various bowling alleys in approximately five states.

The new team is being led by a variety of experienced coaches.

Head Coach Charley Burge is a former member of the Ball State University Bowling team. Burge is also a staff member of Ebonite, a bowling ball company.

The assistant coach Randy Robertson is a Professional Bowler's Association member, who also competes in regional tournaments. Robertson is a

staff member of Hammer, another bowling ball company.

The team also has two additional coaches Brian Eger and Rodney Underwood. Both are considered the best bowlers in the city by some people.

Eger is also a staff member of Hammer.

Underwood is a Track International staff member.

Members of the women's team are Jasmine Feldhaus, Emily Eberle, Megan Dewar, Stephanie Evans, Rebecca Barnett, Ashley Ahlfeld and Shannon Westphal.

The men's team includes Justin Means, Evan Birchmeier, Dan Dixon, Nathan Forshey, Jon Hall, Nicholas Jay, Tim Bowman and Dakota Green.

The substitutes are Kurt Clement and Chad Cowain.

"I joined the bowling team because I love to bowl

and have been bowling since I was like six," said Stephanie Evans, who is a freshman on the team. She also said she has bowled in church league and for her varsity high school team for four years.

"I joined for two reasons, Evans said. "To become better and my dream is to become a professional women's bowler."



UPCOMING GAMES

Women's Soccer

Fri. Oct. 9, Missouri S&T, 5 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 11, Maryville University, Noon

Men's Soccer

Fri. Oct. 9, Missouri S&T, 7:30 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 11, Maryville University, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Fri. Oct. 9, University of Indianapolis, 7 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 10, Saint Joseph's College, 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Sat. Oct. 10, Bellarmine University, 4 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 11, Exhibition Tournament, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Sat. Oct. 10, Alumni Event, 8 a.m.

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Softballers beat Southern Assault 14-3


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Softballers beat Scared Hitless 5-0 for the championship.

Softballers beat Bayside 9-1

Daniel Armstrong from Softballers and Erin Wade of Scared Hitless were named MVPs for the tournament.

Southern Assault beat Yankees 10-1

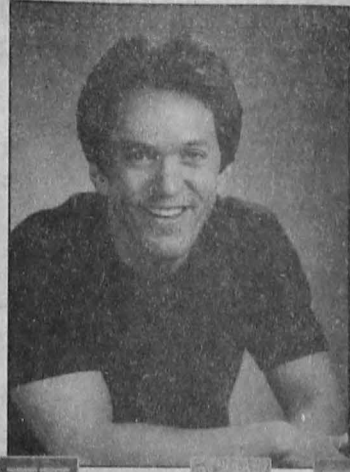


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