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Critic and Writer Michael Medved at USI on Thursday, October 29

Critic Michael Medved, a co-host of the 1985-1996 public television movie review show, *Sneak Preview*, will be at USI at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 29 in Mitchell Auditorium of the Health Professions Center to give a public lecture indicting Hollywood for what he terms the entertainment industry's excess of sleaze, violence, and irresponsibility. A speaker in the Enlow Distinguished Lecture series, Medved's speech will be "Hollywood's Three Big Lies: Why mass media culture is unhealthy for children and other living things." He plans to discuss his concern about the real influence of television, movies, and pop music on youth today, and answer the question, How does everyday life differ from the images we see on the silver screen and television? The lecture is free and open to the public.

Medved has published columns on media and society in national newspapers and his column appears regularly in *USA Today*. He has been a guest on major television talk shows, including Oprah Winfrey, Larry King, and *Nightline* and is a frequent substitute host for Rush Limbaugh on his radio show. He is collaborating with his wife, psychologist Diane Medved, on a new book for Harper Collins called *Saving Childhood: How to protect your children from the national assault on innocence*.

The Enlow Distinguished Lecture series brings nationally recognized speakers to Evansville to speak to students on the USI campus and to deliver a lecture which is open to the public. The goal of the lecture series is to encourage careful examination of issues, to involve USI students and faculty in issue development and discussion to stimulate broad public discussion, and to inspire action which will cause community progress. The annual series is supported by the Robert and Rossanna Enlow Memorial Endowment in the USI Foundation and by the Enlow Foundation.