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Preventative program requires drug testing of student athletes

By Amelia Jeffris
News editor

Freshman Stephanie Schilling arrived at USI in early August to begin training for the upcoming cross-country season.

On her first day, Schilling filled out paper work, including signing a consent form that bound her to take a drug test if she was randomly selected. A few weeks later, Schilling received a message before her practice that she had been selected to take a drug test.

"I was upset at first because I'm kind of shy and I was uncomfortable," said Schilling. Schilling was supervised by an employee of a drug-testing agency while providing a urine sample.

Chris Johnston, athletic trainer, said in the past five years, there have been approximately six positive drug screening results.

"We probably average two positives a year," said Johnston. "Some years we've had none, and some years we've had three."

Johnston implemented the drug-testing program five years ago.

"USI was one of the schools in the conference that could afford drug testing, but wasn't doing them," said Johnston. "We had to get the budget."

Johnston said the drug-testing program only tests for street drugs and ephedrine, but the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) just began drug screenings for Division II schools.

"The NCAA tests athletes at a particular

school at least once every two years," said Johnston. "It takes a little of the burden off of us, and they test for everything, including performance-enhancing drugs."

Marc Hostetter, assistant coach of men's basketball, said drug screening athletes is a necessary and effective measure.

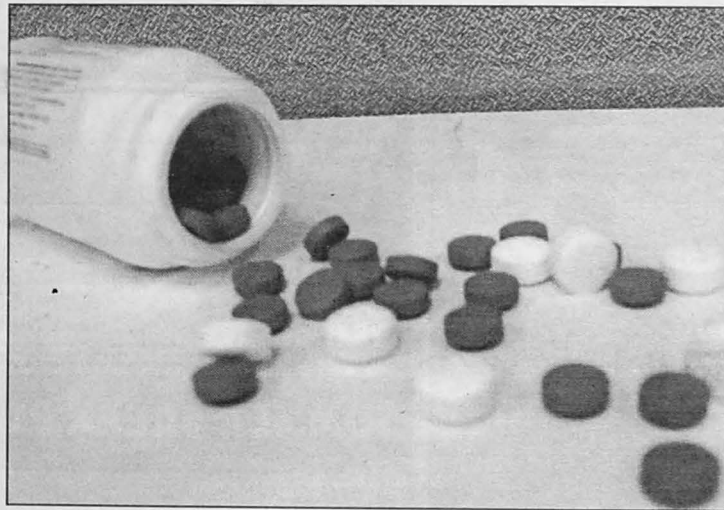
"It's necessary because it prevents athletes from taking drugs that enhance their performances and hurt them," said Hostetter. "Usually,

the threat (of a drug test) is enough."

Schilling said she had mixed feelings about drug screenings.

"I'm on both sides. I would say "no" to drug screenings because I feel it's an invasion of my privacy," said Schilling. "But we need to make sure our athletes aren't doing drugs."

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Record crowd present for 'Breakfast with the President'

By Shyloh Karshner
Managing editor

President H. Ray Hoops answered questions from a panel of students at the 16th annual Breakfast with the President but has no plans to become more visible on campus.

Nikky Ball, representing the Black Student Union on the panel, said that she is very active on campus but never sees the president.

She asked if he had any plans to

change that.

"Frankly, no," said Hoops. "It is important to you that I do the job that I do."

Hoops said that the principal responsibility of his job is financial.

"The reason we are able to hold your costs as low as they are is that job is being done well," said Hoops. "It is in your best interest, Nikky."

"Not to see you," said Ball.

Hoops said students who wish to see him should not have a problem

finding him. He said he always welcomes students when he is in his office.

The Breakfast with the President, sponsored by the USI Student Alumni Association, was attended in record numbers.

"It was a very good turnout," said Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services.

Kennedy said the annual event has been growing for the last five See HOOPS on Page 8

Over 1,600 to graduate May 8

By Anthony Pate
Staff reporter

The graduates of the largest class in USI history will be attending commencement at Roberts Stadium Sunday, May 8.

Sherrianne Standley, vice president for Advancement, said there will be over 1,600 graduates at commencement.

"It's the largest graduating class ever," said Standley.

According to Penny White, senior administrative associate for Advancement, there will be a new addition to the commencement.

"Gonfalons, ceremonial flags, representing each school and division will be in the commencement ceremony," said White.

White said she could not give an exact number of how many graduates will participate in the commencement ceremony because some students are still filling out the required paper work or discovering they still need certain classes before they can graduate.

White also said those who are suppose to graduate should fill out the necessary paperwork the semester before graduating.

Charles C. Hubert, a Nazi World War II prisoner of war who was involved in the Great Escape during World War II, will speak at commencement.

The Great Escape was a mass escape by the POWs in the Stalag Luft III conservation camp during World War II.

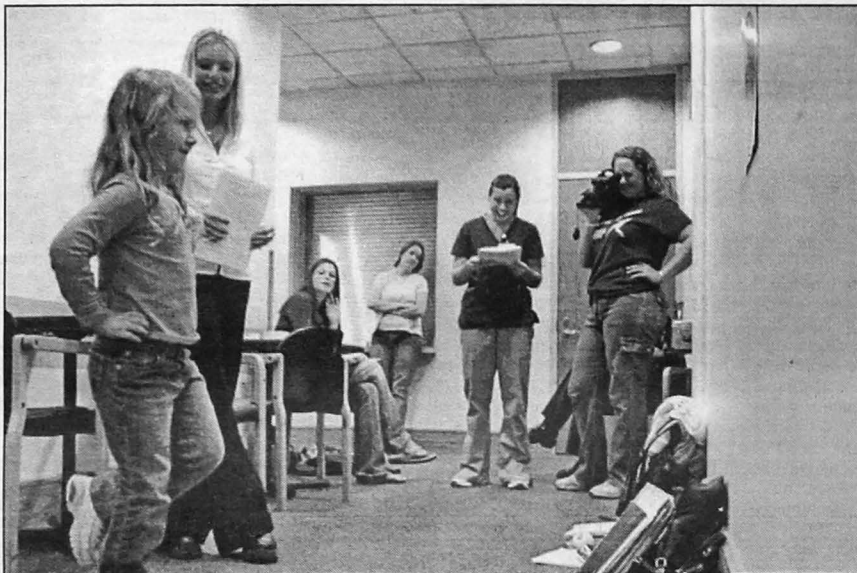
White said that Hubert was moved to a different camp before he could break out.

Marjorie Labhart, instructor in math, will be the reflection speaker. Labhart was chosen because she is among the original professors at USI and has worked at the university for 40 years.

Labhart said she is the oldest faculty member in terms of tenure.

"I am very honored to have been asked," Labhart said. "I have been here since the doors opened in 1965."





At work or play?

Students Gretchen Willis, Abbey Deeg, Stephanie Wolf, Johna Asbridge, Sarah Scheu, Katie Adams and Shelby Pendergraft, child, practice pediatric assessments for Dr. Aimee Luebben's OT 380 Professional Evaluations class. Many students are wrapping up their final projects and papers in preparation for the end of the semester. Finals week begins May 2 (photo by Randy Hawkins).

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 28

"Assessing and Managing Alzheimer's Disease Using Retrogenesis Theory: Enjoying the Journey," 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Carter Hall, UC. Registration fee: \$85; two or more from the same facility \$75. Info: 464-1989.

Friday, April 29

Last day for schedule revisions and withdrawal from the semester, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Office of the Registrar. Info: 464-1762.

Saturday, April 30

Track and field at Butler Twilight, Indianapolis. Info: 465-1121.

Verbal Skills for the New SAT, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ED 2114. Registration fee: \$55. Info: 464-1989.

Softball vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, noon, USI softball field. Info: 465-1121.

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Parting words from 'the chief'



By Randy Hawkins
Editor-in-Chief

I can tell I'm getting older by the fact that I'm beginning to repeat myself more and more.

If anything else this year, I have tried to put the same ideas in The Shield, issue after issue, in the hopes that some of them will sink in with the student body.

As I'm sure few of you noticed, of the 28 previous issues this year, several featured pictures and/or stories about construction. This was on purpose.

Whether anyone around here likes it or not, USI is growing and it's growing quickly. Sooner rather than later, people are going to have to accept that the school is becoming a "real" university.

I speak mainly to the students at this point because they're the ones most hesitant to accept this change. The fact that USI is still referred to as "West Side High" is mostly our fault.

Is it true that I've had some instructors who were absolutely useless? What college student anywhere hasn't?

Are some parts of housing in need of help? Yes, as shown by the three columns that have fallen off my building alone.

I'll be the first to admit I have never been a sports or event person. In four years here I attended one soccer match my freshman year and the homecoming basketball game this year. I didn't go to my first Spring Fest until last year.

I did, however, eventually get involved other ways through the International Club, becoming an RA and joining the paper and that's made a huge difference. I'm now glad I came

here. I like USI.

It's like a Disney special. Liking USI always seems like cheering on the underdog.

I don't expect USI to be the "bestest place ever." It's true the school advertises itself as such. All schools do.

Comparatively speaking, however, USI is still a "teenager," having only been around 40 years on its own. Very few students understand that is young for a school.

This brings us back to all the stories on construction. Anyone who's been here a while can attest to the speed at which things are growing and getting better.

There are a number of sentences I can begin with "I remember when," and I've only been here four years.

Allow me to use The Shield (surprise, surprise) as an example of the point I'm trying to get across. A couple of nights ago, I flipped through a 2003 issue of The Shield. In eight pages, it featured only four different writers. Our last issue featured nine.

A trip through the archives reveals that pretty much everything has improved in The Shield every year—stories, writing, photos, etc.

The newspaper has been another entity on campus to get progressively better while at the same time its perception by the students has remained the same.

It's that little bit of apathy from the student body that holds the whole university back.

Our pleas for a columnist to counter Jeff's political views were never answered.

We begged for more people to sell ads so we can have more pages to include things like a Greek page. Nobody came.

We had a cartoonist for a while, but he just

dropped off the face of the Earth about midway through last semester.

It also amazes me that when we try to reach out and get feedback it fails miserably.

If the staff were to follow the results of The Shield's latest survey, we have too much "Jeff Walker" and need more stories about "d00ds with monkeys."

At least Jeff doesn't throw his own poop. I worry about the state of our newspaper. Few students want to join staff, and to continually try to improve our paper quickly burns out what little staff we do have.

I find it ironic that a school like Vincennes University can fight its administration to keep its newspaper in print.

If a similar situation were to occur here, I'm sure the students would let the newspaper die and never even miss it.

The power of the press and voice is not appreciated here much like everything else on campus.

Part of me wishes you could've known me my freshman year. I was the nerdy kid who went to class and immediately retired to my room to finish the day playing video games. I could've cared less if campus blew away in a tornado.

Eventually though I crept out of my apartment and slowly got involved, and surprise, the more I got involved, the more I began enjoying USI and college in general.

Now to the amazement of those who have known me for a while, I'm a big proponent of student involvement.

It really is the difference between a "real university" and just another school, but now I'm just repeating myself again.

Thanks, and goodnight E-ville



By Jeff Walker
Opinion editor

By the time you read this, I will be very nearly gone.

Sunday, May 8th, Commencement Day, marks the final day of my attendance at USI. Anything beyond this will be my choice. Any activities will be considered post-graduate.

I'm quite proud of the achievement, and I know that no matter what else I do, no one will be able to take away my USI degree.

With that said, I'm going to use the remainder of my space to talk about all of the things that I won't miss about USI.

I won't miss the attitude of the university's workers.

I won't miss waiting in line

for 20 minutes at Burger King to get a slice of cheesecake, then having the person delivering it to me tell me that if that's all I'm going to buy, I shouldn't even bother.

I won't miss the guy whose job it is to drive around and write tickets. I realize it's his job, but that doesn't mean that I have to like it. This year has been the first time I haven't been ticketed.

I won't miss wanting to drink with people in housing and forcing them to drive to my East side apartment because this is a dry campus.

I won't miss having to do B.S. homework assignments from professors who wouldn't know the real world if they were shipwrecked there as part of a reality TV show.

I won't miss professors who don't understand that because I work a job, I can't necessarily turn

around a 10-page paper in one week's time.

I won't miss having to drive for hours to find a parking space, only to end up late for class, which I originally arrived 20 minutes early for.

I also won't miss finding out that said class is canceled and that I could have stayed at home in bed for much longer.

I won't miss coming to campus to write a Shield column that's supposed to be funny and have a whole bunch of people miss the point and get all pissed off (re: my column about annoying trends aka "the ribbon" column).

I also won't miss having all of those illiterate idiots get mad that I'm not presenting both sides of the story when I have clearly given them numerous opportunities to do that. Get off of your lazy butts and do something about it, and

quit sending my crappy e-mails. I delete them.

And another thing...I don't care that you feel this campus has a liberal bias. It's college.

The reason why people here are liberal is because they are smart.

Higher education should prevent you from being Republican.

Take your liberal bias to Bob Jones University. I don't care. I won't miss you. I promise.

Further, for my successor, I did learn one important lesson.

Don't take a poorly written letter, make it better, and publish it.

People get mad that you don't leave their heinously inadequate writing just as it is. Nevermind that they don't write in complete sentences. They want their fragments intact, thank you.

So I'm off. So long USI. I'll miss you. Well, most of you.

Inside the quirky mind of Joshua Chun

"I'm sort of like the homeless bag lady you see on the streets of New York City."

By Katie Gerlach
Shield staff

You may have seen an Asian guy carrying his stuff in USI bookstore bags around campus.

He says "hi" to everyone he knows and has the energy of someone who has just had four Mountain Dew's...in four minutes. If you've met him, you know where this is going.

His name is Joshua Chun, and he is a non-traditional student here for his second degree.

To begin with, the explanation behind the infamous USI bookstore bags.

It all started two or three semesters ago, when Chun started leaving his backpack somewhere in his apartment instead of emptying it out.

Every semester, he would start over with a new bag. Before long, he ran out of backpacks.

That's when he discovered the USI bookstore bags.

"It's kind of strange," he admits. "I'm sort of like the homeless bag lady you see on the streets of New York City."

But Chun, who recently became more aware of the environment, didn't mind the strange looks.

He was only interested in reusing what he saw as a good product.

"That's high-quality-grade plastic!" said Chun.

And so it began. Chun started using the bags to carry not only his books, but everything else, including toiletries.

For example, Chun often brings his razor with him to shave when he gets time.

The book bags, like his backpacks, are like "improvised time capsules," said Chun.

Every semester, the books for his classes stay in the bags, which he will later open up to remember what he did each semester.

Chun, whose parents are from South Korea, is originally from Evansville and is a post-grad student who already has a Bachelor's degree in sociology from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He started attending USI in January of 2002. In a few years, he will look back to find books he used for USI's pre-med program, which is his field of study as of now.

But taking pre-med classes doesn't nearly fill Chun's schedule. He also attends martial arts classes, works out as often as he

can, goes to the movies, volunteers at a church nursery (he hopes to become an obstetrician) and is a member of the National Guard.

Two other things he enjoys are traveling and distance running. Chun also can max out a credit card buying antiques and collectables, he said.

"I'm a recovering shopaholic," said Chun.

Chun is starting to get more involved in USI activities, too. He is an SGA representative and wants to run cross country in the fall.

Chun's goals come in dozens: before he's 30, he would like to run 12 marathons, learn 12 languages and be able to play 12 instruments. He also wants to adopt and have a lot of children.

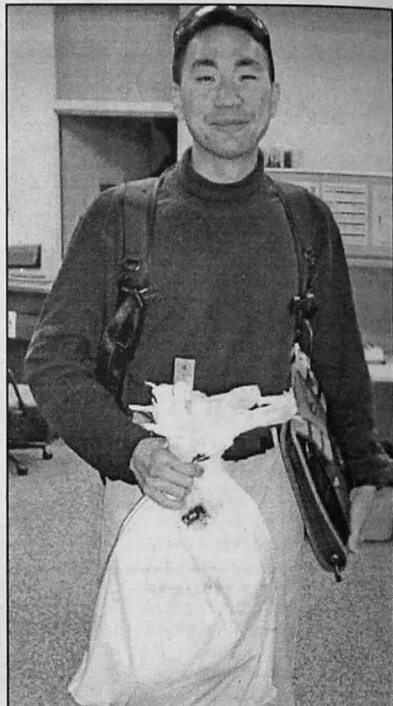
"But I guess (30) is too early to have a dozen kids," said Chun.

For now, a pet hermit crab and pet dwarf hamster is enough. Chun also likes rabbits, because they're vegans like him. Animals that eat meat aren't on the top of his list.

People, on the other hand, fascinate him.

Now that you know the story behind 'the bagman,' say "hi" when you pass him.

"I love meeting people," said Chun.



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Summer concerts that rock, and rock hard

By Jason Goodwin
Music Connoisseur

With summer just around the corner and our plans not exactly solidified, why not check out a few concerts?

There are many big concert series and huge bands returning to the forefront this year.

Bonnaroo, the jam-bands' Woodstock, features headliners such as the Dave Matthews Band, Josh Stone, Jurassic 5, the Black Crowes, Modest Mouse and Jack Johnson.

With over 60 bands on eight stages for \$172.50, this concert should serve as a great way to spend your June 10-12th.

Manchester, Tennessee may not be New York, but its 100-acre music village on the 700-acre farm can provide plenty of entertain-

ment beyond the stage.

July is the most action packed month of the summer. July 6th features Nelly and the St. Lunatics at Roberts Stadium at 8 p.m.

Prices range from \$22.50 to \$42.50 and it proves to be one of the best shows in the rap genre.

The largest rap tour by far this summer is the Anger Management 3 tour. Eminem and 50 Cent are the headliners.

Along for the tour are D-12, G-Unit and Lil John and the East Side Boys.

Unfortunately, the first two concerts in Indianapolis and Dayton won't feature 50 Cent; there is a conflict between the tour and his movie production.

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For only \$27, this is probably one of the better values on the concert market this year.

Bias may play a part, but it is good to see Billy Idol out on the road again. The closest venue for this tour is at the Verizon Center in Indianapolis on July 20th at 12 p.m.

The final concert fest of the year is Lollapalooza in Chicago. With over 60 bands on 5 stages for \$85-\$115, it could be well worth the journey north.

Major acts include the afore-

mentioned Billy Idol, Weezer, Liz Phair, Dashboard Confessional, the Killers and Cake.

Keep your calendars open on July 23rd and 24th because it should be a great experience.

Ozzfest 2005 is not for the weak at heart. Making every metal head salivate for more for only \$30.50 to \$75.50.

Ozzfest's closest venue is on July 31st at Verizon at 10 a.m. Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Mudvayne, Shadows Fall, Rob Zombie, Killswitch Engage, and more plan on rocking the free world on 2 stages.

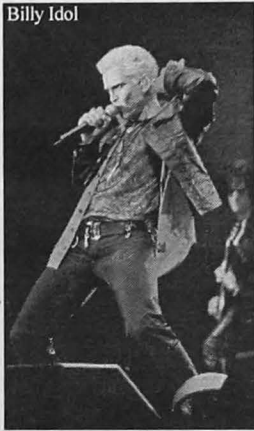
This year may not be as pop rock friendly, but is not a bad line-up considering who was available.

This is not an all-exclusive tour list, but some of the bigger

venues that should be well worth the road trip.

So gas up the car, fill up the cooler and do something memorable this summer. This will be the only summer of 2005 you get to enjoy, after all.

Billy Idol



By Betsy Gentry
Fashion guru

Since it's the last week to write about fashion, I want to thank everyone who has read my articles.

This is a part of my life for which I am very passionate about.

I know some of you would have liked to have seen more Evansville related fashion, but I must stand by the standards of the fashion world when I consider my topics for the articles.

I regret to say that Abercrombie and Hollister do not qualify as designers in the world of fashion. High quality fashion is more than the clothes.

It is about the image and in-

spiration of the collections, the photographs of the models, the runway, and how it relates to our society.

It is truly an art how the designers put together the fabrics for the clothing for which we can wear.

What I try to help my readers understand is that if you spend a little more than usual, these clothes are of quality and will last forever.

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See you next year!



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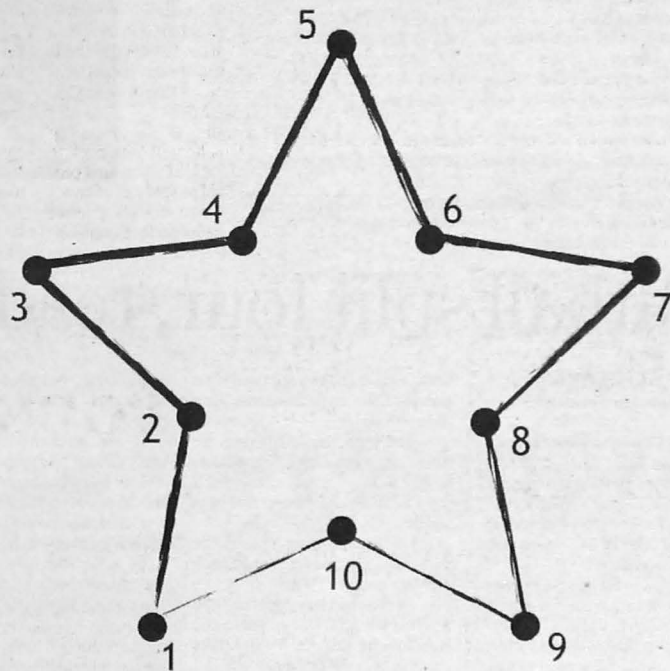
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Men's tennis win fifth GLVC title since '98

By **Katie Busching**
Sports reporter

The men's tennis team made a clean sweep of the GLVC tournament April 16.

For the past seven seasons, the Screaming Eagles have appeared in the conference tournament, taking home five titles since 1998.

Freshman Jarrod Epkey has not lost a match since March 19. Epkey, the number two seed has dominated the court, winning 17 of 23 matches since September.

Older brother sophomore Joe Epkey has also been a force to be reckoned with this season. As the number one seed, he has won 22 of 25 matches at singles.

Doubles play with his little brother has proved to be a good thing for the team. The Epkey brothers have won 17 of 20 matches at number one doubles.

There are seven players that went undefeated in conference play in singles this season.

This brings the team record to 36-2 in the GLVC.

The doubles teams came

away with a .590 winning percentage, but are 20-1 in the conference.

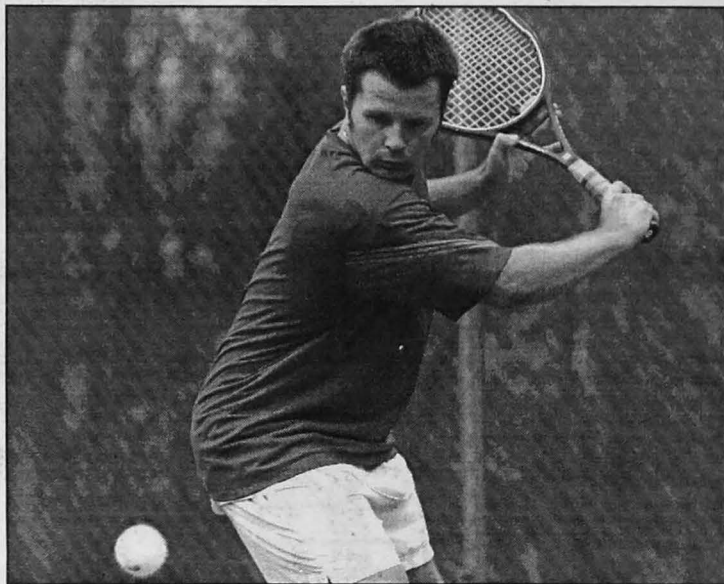
Of those doubles teams, it seems that the most dangerous combinations include the Epkey brothers (17-3), Ryan Hughes and Nim Shetty (9-7), Joe Epkey and Ryan Hughes (8-2), Jarrod Epkey and Kyle Taylor (9-1) and Evan Lutrell and Nim Shetty (8-1).

In the conference tournament, the doubles teams played first. Those six players swept Indianapolis 8-1, 8-4 and 9-7.

Singles played next, where no. 2 Jarrod Epkey defeated Indianapolis' Keton Sagger 6-1, 6-1. No. 6 seed Kyle Taylor won his sets 6-1, 6-1 against Indy's Dustin Guthrie.

The women's tennis team finished their regular season on a bit of a sour note last week, as they were defeated 9-0 by Northwood University.

The Lady Eagles conclude the season with an overall record of 14-5, and, along with the men's team will begin regional tournament play on May 6 at sites that have yet to be determined.



Junior tennis player Ryan Hughes returns a ball during a recent match. Hughes helped lead the Eagles to its fifth GLVC title since 1998 and will await their NCAA regional pairing (photo by Greg Nixon).

Softball split four, ready for GLVC tourney

By **Aaron Grider**
Special to The Shield

The University of Southern Indiana softball team split a four-game series last week against Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Eagles are currently 25-16 overall with an 8-6 record in the GLVC conference.

The Lady Eagles were swept by Brescia last week in a home doubleheader, 6-1 and 2-1.

Pitcher Kathy Wood suffered her first loss of the season in game one by allowing five runs off nine hits in just over five innings of work.

Game two provided a little more drama for the Eagles as second baseman Kerrie Burton was thrown out at home plate to end the game.

Pitcher Missy Grover took the loss for USI to drop her record to 12-8 for the season.

Grover gave up two runs off seven hits and struck out five batters in seven innings.

After two home losses, the

Lady Eagles took to the road for a Sunday doubleheader against Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Lady Eagles piled on the offense in game one, led by centerfielder Sunny Oelling who went 3 for 5 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

USI scored three runs in the first inning and never looked back en route to an 8-0 win.

Pitcher Lindsay McNaughton pitched well for USI in game one by allowing just one hit and three runners to reach first base.

This was the tenth win of the season for McNaughton who is now 10-6 for the year.

Game two was a little bit closer for USI as they scored two runs in the first and one in the second to get all the runs they needed for a 3-0 win.

Grover allowed four hits throughout seven innings to score a complete game shutout and move her record to 13-8 for the season.

"We have played some really good teams and we have suffered

some losses but also have some big wins against teams like UMSL.

"This weekend is huge for us. I think if our pitching stays strong and we keep hitting we should be able to put everything together this weekend and finish strong," said softball head coach Sue Kunkle.

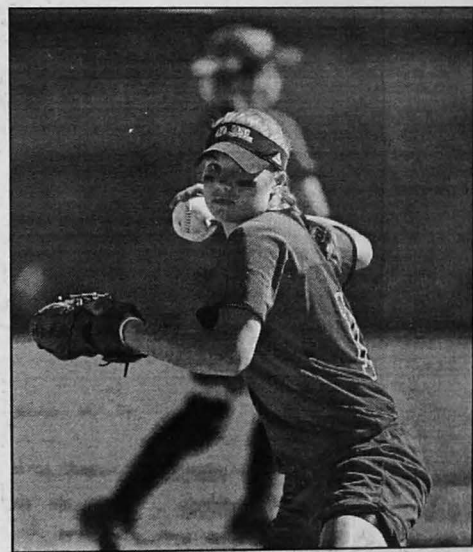
USI will host Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday and will welcome in Lewis University on Sunday.

The Lady Eagles will then begin the postseason with the GLVC tournament in East Peoria, Ill. that will begin on May 6.

"We expect to finish in the top four or five in our conference and if we take care of business this weekend then we could move into third and that would be huge for us.

"We can't go out and blow the whole weekend because we would just be hurting ourselves.

"I can handle a four or five seed and those are some teams that we can go in and pound on," said Kunkle.



Junior shortstop Krista Nugent makes a throw during a recent game. The Lady Eagles split four games last weekend and look to finish strong heading to the GLVC tourney (photo by Greg Nixon).

Track ran well en route to GLVC meet

By Aaron Grider
Special to The Shield

The University of Southern Indiana men and women's track teams finished the regular season at the Vanderbilt Invitational last weekend.

The women's team received two first place finishes from the usual suspects in sophomore Candace Perry and junior Heather Cooksey.

Cooksey recorded her third NCAA II automatic qualifying time of the spring as she won the

3,000 meters with a top time of nine minutes and 32.94 seconds.

The time was good enough to give her the top time in the nation in her specialty event.

This is added to her also receiving automatic qualifying times in the 1500 and 5000 meters where she ranked second and third in the nation respectively.

Perry also recorded a top mark of her own as she jumped 20 feet and .25 inches to give her the nations top mark heading into the national championships.

"We had some really good

performances on Friday before the bad weather hit. Crystal and Mistry ran well and got automatic qualifiers in the 3,000 meters.

"We had some very solid performances and all in all it was a very good meet," said track head coach Mike Hillyard.

The teams will now have just over a week to prepare before heading to the GLVC championships.

"We really need to try and stay focused. We have to balance all of our time and energy between sleep, studying and making sure

we get enough hydration. There is nothing that we can really do to improve in 10 days but there are a lot of things we can do to make things worse," said Hillyard.

After the teams compete at the GLVC championships, the team members that have qualified will attempt to bring home national titles at the NCAA Division II National Championships in Abilene, Texas.

"We expect to compete well in several events at both the conference and national championship levels. We have kids on the

women's side that are national-level caliber and have proven that they can win on the national level.

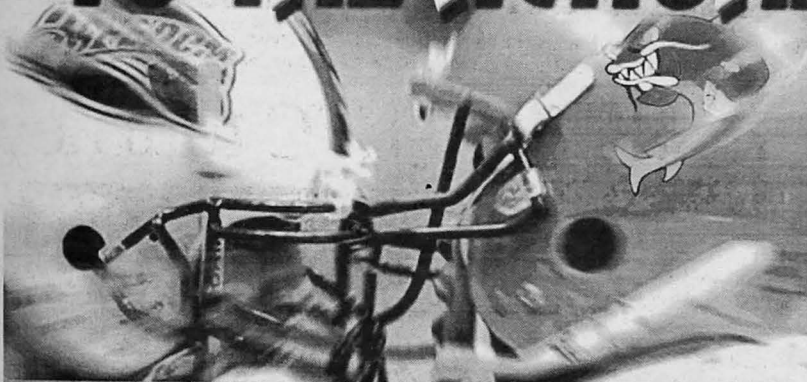
"On the men's side we are a little bit thin but we do have a lot of guys that will score well.

"Scott Forbey is so good in a lot of events that we may have him get some experience and compete in the decathlon.

"Our points we be very spread out and unlike in the past we have three guys that can score in the javelin.

"It should be a very fun meet," said Hillyard.

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Jon Mark Hall, athletic director, said the random drug tests take place two or three times per year and 30-40 student athletes are tested each time.

"We like to take a pro-active approach to positive tests," said Hall. "Our goal is to try to eliminate the use of drugs—performance enhancing drugs and street drugs."

"We're not testing to punish, but to make them (athletes) more aware of what they are putting into their bodies," said Johnston.

Jay Newton, USI assistant athletic director, said the decision is already made before an athlete fails a drug test, whether it is the first, second or third offense.

"We have a written policy and what it dictates, we follow," said Newton.

According to the Student-Athlete Handbook, an athlete's first failed drug test results in the athlete attending six sessions of a mandatory weekly drug-counseling program, suspension for 10 percent of the regular season and contact with legal guardians.

After a second offense, an athlete must continue drug-counseling, be suspended for 20 percent of the regular season and additional contact with legal guardians.

The third offense results in the termination of participation in athletics and forfeiture of any athletic scholarships.

Hall said coaches may decide to enforce additional repercussions for an athlete who fails a drug test.

Hostetter said the men's basketball team enforces extra reprimands for failing a drug screening.

"It affects the whole team, not just the individual," said Hostetter.

"The athlete will be suspended and it might put that person in a position where teammates have

hard feelings."

Molly Alvey, varsity volleyball coach, said her team has a no-tolerance policy for drugs.

"The drug thing is a pretty major issue that I have no tolerance for," said Alvey. "Absolutely no recreational drugs."

Mike Hillyard, men's and women's cross country coach, said his team has additional consequences for failed drug tests.

"There is a punishment above and beyond that (the athletic department's program) and it's usually pretty severe," said Hillyard. "But we take into consideration what has happened with that person before."

Keely Porter, women's tennis coach, said one failed drug test on her team would result in that athlete's suspension.

"I haven't had that problem yet," said Porter. "The department's policy is very lenient. It takes three failed tests until the athlete is suspended."

Local rappers contribute to community

By Anthony Pate
Staff reporter

Adam "MC Till" Hayden, Beau "DJ Roberts" Brown and Trey "Trey Styles" Norman use their talents to make a difference in the community by performing Christian rap.

Hayden is a USI graduate with a degree in broadcasting and Brown is a sophomore currently attending USI.

Hayden said he originally met Norman at a concert and met Brown at the Washington Avenue Center where each frequently participated in Christian rap battles.

Hayden plans on performing in Evansville, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Louis.

"I love music. God has given me a passion for music," said Hayden. "My music is an extension of me. It's my soul speaking."

Hayden said his mission is to first please God and then make music his occupation.

"In putting on concerts and other such events I strive to inspire other artists to pursue their musical passion with honesty," said Hayden.

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years, on average 70-80 people make reservations. There were 110 reservations last year and 162 this year.

Representing the Panhellenic Council, Cassie Bowman asked how the Greeks can get more support and why more students do not go Greek.

"The faculty is responsive to organizations that will move the university forward," said Hoops.

"However, they are very busy with other things and their emphasis needs to be in other places."

Hoops also said that USI students are very involved in their work.

"Students probably work more than I'd like," said Hoops.

Bowman asked if the Greeks have a bad reputation because she was "at a loss" regarding the lack of involvement.

Hoops said he keeps his ear to the ground he has not heard anything negative from faculty or students.

Two other panelists, Alpha Kappa Psi Amanda Diehl and APB representative Janelle Persohn questioned Hoops about program

"I want to inspire the listener as well as to seek after God and what He has placed in their hearts."

Brown said he is working on another album. He has two studios he works at where he helps young teenagers with their ideas.

"I am a Christian, but I don't want to be classified as a Christian rapper," said Brown. "I take the art seriously. I want to be the best I can be."

Trey Norman is in a rap musical production titled "Robin Hood" and is involved in the monthly "Hip-Hop Night" at Seekers Coffee House and Café.

Norman said the play is about living in the 'ghetto' and the struggles people go through and how they get out.

Norman said the character Robin steals money from drug dealers and swindlers and gives it to families and the homeless. He said it is based on the classic "Robin Hood," but is in the setting of the 'ghetto'.

"Hip-hop for me is like a stress reliever," said Norman. "How I express myself is through my music."

budgets and involvement.

Hoops said there has been a great improvement transitioning from a commuter to a residential campus.

More money will be budgeted for programs as the participation levels increase.

"We probably have one of the most active intramural programs in the United States," said Hoops. "We take direction from the student body, not the other way around."

"No one has the money they would like to have, all allocations are open to change," said Hoops.

Hoops said there are processes to follow and each organization must make a case for change, but changes are driven by the students.

"I have a fundamental hope to continue a reasonable growth rate," said Hoops in answer to SGA President Eric Sharp. Sharp asked if USI would place a cap on enrollment in response to growth.

"I project that we will continue to grow until enrollment naturally levels off," said Hoops. "We are the only university in the state that doesn't advertise. We don't grow for growth's sake."

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