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Barry Hart retires from USI

By JOSH LICHTENFELD
Special to the Shield

Barry Hart has spent the majority of his life in the city he loves Evansville. It is the passion for what he calls a "big-little city" that nudged Hart to find employment in his home community. The job chosen right out of the gates was law enforcement.

For 38 years, Hart has been able to support a family and live his dream of working in Evansville. At 21, he started working for the Evansville Police Department (EVPD) in 1970. Following the job choice two years later, Hart graduated with a law enforcement degree from the University of Evansville.

The last 14 years of his tenure with EVPD Hart was spent doing major crime investigating.

"I was a Detective or Detective Sergeant for 14 years," Hart said.

In 1984 the seasoned police officer received a great honor; he was sent to the FBI National



Barry Hart
Photo courtesy of News and Information Services

Academy. After many years with the force an ad in the local newspaper inspired the Lieutenant (at the time) to call it quits from EVPD and move onto something he could mold.

"I enjoyed my time spent working with the Evansville

Police Department," Hart said. In 1990, USI, a young and growing college was looking for a director of the security force. Following his notice of a new job opportunity, in 1991 Hart became the head of Security.

"I knew it would be challenging to lead a department... this is a small city, we deal with everything in the criminal justice field," Hart said. Since starting out with USI a lot of things have kept Hart busy. One busy event for the director was the transition from a non-residential to a residential campus.

"I've been able to implement policies and procedures that look favorably on my profession," Hart said.

Hart has kept the same philosophy the whole time at USI and EVPD, "we're responsible to you, not for you." A nice challenge

came with the parades for the Division II Basketball title USI clinched. Parking has also been a big priority throughout the duration of Hart's reign at the helm of

not only would Hart like to wish his successor the very best, but advise him to carry on a continuation of prompt, courteous professional security services.

"He has seen a lot of improvements in the department... a good guy, I'm sorry to see him go" said Brian McWilliams a USI security officer working since

"I enjoyed my time spent working with the Evansville Police Department"

- Barry Hart
Director of Security & Parking

1998.

According to Kathy Funke, news and information services director, USI is currently in the search for a replacement to fill in the shoes at the Security Department. Initially there were 90 candidates chosen to search through. Recently the number 90 was narrowed down to around seven or eight people. Four candidates have made the trip to USI. By the first of December the new head of security will be announced.

"His job is 24/7, if something happens he personally has to be there... it's a rare job at the university" said Mark Rozewski, vice president of business affairs.

After a busy career first working with EVPD and then USI, Hart is now ready to relax and enjoy the more simple things in life.

"I like to play golf, read mysteries, and travel to Gulf Shores Alabama," Hart said.

For the future of USI security,

McWest building gets new look

By CARRIE WILLIAMS
Special to the Shield

The McWest building that is located in the middle of all the apartments on campus, is currently under construction and going through renovations to make it a comfortable and relaxing environment for students.

"Students wanted a place to go to 24 hours that reminds them of their living room" said Laurie Berry, director of housing and residence life.

USI residents will be getting just that. A large lounge area that will surround a dual fireplace. The fireplace can also be seen from the outside patio that will be built. There will also be a common recreation room, laundry area, a conference room, and all of the offices for the area coordinators.

The USI convenience store will also be moved to the new McWest building. It will double in size and it will not only offer groceries, but also a hot food area.

"Students said that they wanted pizza in the new convenient store" said Greg Wagoner, assistant director of residence life facilities. Pete's Arena will provide the service. They will also offer a delivery service. Instead of students calling and ordering pizza from one of the local pizza parlors and waiting 30 to 40 minutes for it to arrive, they can get it from Pete's and have it be there within minutes.

It is still unknown what will

happen with the current convenient store.

"We would like to see a centralized mail system for the students" Wagoner said.

Residence Life has a \$1.5 million dollar budget to renovate and furnish the building. Sudexo will be putting a big investment into how the convenient store and dining area will be furnished. There is already furniture for the lounging area and Office Depot will be furnishing the Area Coordinator's offices.

Although the laundry room will remain in the old part of the McWest building, students will be introduced to something new. From the comfort of their own room, students that live on campus will be able to reserve a washer and dryer by going to a website that is designated to USI. The website will have a list of all the housing areas and it will show which washing machines are in use. Students can reserve up to three machines by entering their student ID number. Then they will have five to ten minutes to go to their machines. Once the washer is done, an email will be sent out letting the person know that their clothes are done.



The McWest building is under construction and receiving a new look. Construction is set to be complete by mid April. It will open to students in the fall of 2008.

Photo by Lindsey Ziliak

The McWest building is set to be complete by mid April. Although, the building will have a soft opening this summer. Students staying on campus for summer classes will get to enjoy the new facility. This is also when Residence Life will make their last minute changes. The fall of 2008 is when all students can access the building and that is also when the laundry service program will be launched.

Within the next couple of

years another part of the building will be added on. Residence Life calls this Phase Two. It was originally supposed to go under construction at the same time the rest of the building went under construction, but because of their half-million dollar budget, they had to put it on hold.

The plan for Phase Two was going to be putting in a computer lab, but now it is being reconsidered. Wagoner said that possibly a pool table or ping pong table will

be put into the new addition. "The students will dictate what Phase Two will be" Wagoner said.

Students have said they would like to see that and maybe even some other games. "I would like to see a pool table, video games, and the volleyball court again" said Jimmy Siefert, senior physical education major. "I would like to see it be a video rental store" said student Amber Norman.

Universal healthcare in Indiana

By BRANDI WEYER
Editor-in-Chief

The recommendations for universal healthcare in Indiana did not provide a set plan for college students. Mike Foddrill, program analyst for Indiana University's Healthcare Reform, said the decision for college students will include one of two alternatives: the college student will get something on their own or have the college student be included on their parent or guardians' plan. Either way, the healthcare plan will mandate them to obtain it.

"There is not something 100 percent," Foddrill said.

On Monday night, Foddrill presented a public discussion at the University of Southern Indiana

and addressed three proposals for universal healthcare. He said the state of Indiana is 2,500 doctors short and with the implementations of a universal healthcare will result in the need for more doctors.

The framework for the health care reform in Indiana included these recommendations:

- "Achieve universal health insurance coverage for all Indiana residents and ensure the financing of the system is sustainable, equitable and reflects shared participation by all."
- "Expand existing and undertake new proven public health initiatives to impact key morbidity challenges so that cost and demand for health services can be decreased."
- "Improve the quality and effi-

'It will cost them far less and they are healthier. Universal has better outcomes than private healthcare systems'

- Roberta Heiman
Retired Newspaper Reporter

ciency of the health care delivery system through the widespread adoption of a "medical home" care model and the development of local integrated public and private delivery systems."

Foddrill said the target for the final proposal will go to the State Legislature in 2009. It will go through the State House and State Senate first before receiving the final approval or veto from the

governor. He said the decision will depend on the Federal Legislation, and he said the State and Federal Legislations will have a partnership. The IU Healthcare Reform Workgroup stated an objective "to provide data-driven and evidence-based policy recommendations for specific steps to achieve this vision by 2035."

Nadine Coudret, dean of nursing and health professions,

said Indiana is in dyer need for universal healthcare.

"I applauded them at least for having an interest and effort by putting together a plan to be successful" Coudret said.

"It will cost them far less and they are healthier. Universal has better outcomes than private healthcare systems," said Roberta Heiman, retired newspaper reporter.

Hangover cure could be deadly

By KATIE GERLACH
Shield staff

Acetaminophen, commonly known by the brand name Tylenol, is the main ingredient in many over-the-counter headache, cold, and cough medications. It's normally safe and effective. Mixing Tylenol with alcohol may lead to a deadly combination. Both drugs are broken down in the liver, so taking them at the same time can cause a harmful overdrive.

"If the liver is already damaged with alcohol consumption, [Tylenol] can compound that and make it extremely dangerous for people who are chronic

abusers of alcohol," said Jennifer Strawhacker, pharmacist.

Drinking an average of more than two drinks per day (14 drinks per week) for a male or more than one drink per day (7 drinks per week) for a female may increase the risk for alcohol-acetaminophen syndrome.

Alcohol-acetaminophen syndrome is serious and can lead to severe liver damage and even failure. Signs and symptoms may be vague and include nausea, vomiting, stomach pain or a yellowish tint to the skin.

The FDA recommends talking with a doctor before taking acetaminophen upon drinking three or more drinks per day. However,

the safest bet is to avoid Tylenol and any other products containing acetaminophen.

"My professional opinion about Tylenol when you've been drinking is, 'Don't do it,'" said Strawhacker. "It's just not a good idea."

Other commonly used pain medicines such as ibuprofen and naproxen are somewhat safer but may also cause liver damage when taken with alcohol.

As far as quick hangover cures, "I can't recommend anything," said Melissa Hall, nurse practitioner and USI nursing instructor.

USI partners with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane

By JAMARR HENDERSON
Shield staff

The University of Southern Indiana signed an educational partnership with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane to enhance USI faculty research and student learning.

This opportunity enhances the research and commercialization of technology residing at Crane, with the educational partnership covering USI's Pott College of Science and Engineering and the College of Business.

The process will be facilitated by the University of Southern Indiana Center for Applied Research and Crane's office of Technology Transfer.

"This is an important partnership for the University," said USI President H. Ray Hoops. "The partnership with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane has great potential for USI to advance the line for expanding our applied research capabilities and outreach to regional business and industry." The dean of the Pott College of Science and Engineering, said, "The partnership opens new doors to collaboration and technology transfer among scientist and engineers at USI and Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane. The focus both institutions have on applied

research will not only benefit the region, but open doors to new learning opportunities for students in southwest Indiana. This is a win/win for all parties involved."

The Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane is located in Martin County and is the third largest Navy installation currently holding over 1,500 scientist, engineers, and technicians. NSWC Crane also provides a all-inclusive support for multifaceted military systems straddling development, consumption, and sustainment in three mission areas which are electronic warfare/information operations, special missions, and strategic missions.

Commander of NSWC Crane said, "NSWC Crane leverages our technical capabilities and those of our industry partners to provide rapid response and technical solutions to meet the mission needs of the war fighter."

It is very beneficial to have such a partnership with the University, because it serves for both higher education and economic development needs of southwest Indiana.

Students will soon be able to take part in senior design projects and internships that would take place at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane in the near future.



Clovers are on campus even in winter

By LINDSEY ZILIAK
News editor

It's getting cold. The leaves are falling, but four-leaf clovers are starting to sprout on campus as one freshman starts a collegiate 4-H club at USI.

Freshman Nicole Foerg was responsible for founding the new organization on campus. Foerg was a 4-H member in Pulaski County.

She said, "USI is where I'm going to be for a while, so I figured that I might as well make it a little more like home. And, Collegiate 4-H is something that Indiana colleges really need." USI is the fourth school in Indiana to have a collegiate 4-H club. It follows Purdue, Ball State and Indiana.

According to the national collegiate 4-H website, the organization is aimed at developing leadership skills in college students through volunteerism.

Randy Brown, coordinator of 4-H youth development and one of the three adults in charge of USI's 4-H club, said, "It's 4-H without the projects."

USI's club is still in the beginning stages and has not been officially accepted as a student organization, but Foerg and three or four other interested students have had several meetings to make initial plans.

The first meeting was held in early October, and the second was held the Thursday before Thanksgiving break. They used the meetings to plan the call-out meeting which will be held in Rice Library in Room 008 on Thursday at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. No prior 4-H experience is needed.

The club is in the process of designing t-shirts and coming up with community service ideas for the rest of the year. The group would like to visit area schools and talk to third graders about 4-H. They want to keep most of their service projects on campus, though.

USI's collegiate 4-H club will not be charging dues this year. They want to give everyone the opportunity to join.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday November 29, 2007

Polk County Public Schools recruiting

8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Room 074)

Basic Orientation Plus- Refresher

3:00- 7:30 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204)

Community of Scholars Lecture

7:00 PM

Liberal Arts Center

38th Annual Madrigal Feaste

7:30 PM

Carter Hall

APB Movie: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

9:00 PM

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

Friday November 30, 2007

Community of Scholars

12:00 PM

University Center (Room 201-202)

Saturday December 1, 2007

No Events

Sunday December 2, 2007

Lighting A Tradition

4:00- 5:00 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Lobby)

Catholic Mass

8:30 PM

Liberal Arts Center (Room 0101)

Monday December 3, 2007

Basic Orientation Plus- Refresher

8:00 AM- 12:30 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204)

Using Windows

6:00- 9:00 PM

Wright Administration Bldg. (Forum Wing, room 6)

Tuesday December 4, 2007

Basic Orientation Plus

8:00 AM- 3:00 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204)

Mini Holiday Book Fair

8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Children's Center

Toastmasters Meeting

4:30- 5:30 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Room 2011)

Certificate in Computer Proficiency Exemption

5:30-9:30 PM

Wright Admin. Bldg, Forum Wing (Room 46)

10th Annual "Issues for the 21st Century" Forum

7:00- 8:30 PM

University Center (Room 201-202)

Wednesday December 5, 2007

Basic Orientation Plus-Refresher

8:00 AM- 12:30 PM

University Conference Center (Room 204)

Target Corporation Center

8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Room 074)

Mini Holiday Book Fair

8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Children's Center

Habitat for Humanity Christmas Party

4:30 PM

Ruston Hall (Multipurpose center)

USI Economics and Finance Club

5:00- 6:00 PM

Robert D. Orr Center (Room 2027)

SPECTRUM Meeting

9:00-10:00 PM

David L. Rice Library (Room 0012)

Smoke-free campus

Nearly 60 college campuses have smoke-free policies

(U-WIRE) NORMAL, Ill. - The trend of having smoke-free college campuses is growing according to a report from The American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.

Nearly 60 college campuses across the United States have smoke-free policies that affect the entire campus, according to The American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.

Illinois State University is among other schools with limited smoking restrictions such as banning smoking indoors in residential housing and student facilities.

On Jan. 1, 2008, the smoking policy at ISU will change to be in compliance with the new Illinois law.

"People will not be allowed to smoke within 15 feet of entryways

into buildings, windows that open, and air intakes to the building," J. Crabill, director of Environmental Health and Safety, said.

Kristina Liesman, a freshman English major and smoker, said the new law will be an inconvenience.

"In the winter time these corridor things near the doors help keep out the cold, but now we will have to move," Liesman said.

Currently there are no plans to make ISU a smoke-free campus.

"There have been some very informal discussions, but none with any substance to it," Crabill said.

Crabill said to contact Environmental Health and Safety if a student or a student organization wants to petition ISU to be a smoke-free campus.

"We have a University Health Education Council, and there is a student who represents the students on the council," Crabill said.

Liesman said even though she is a smoker, it would be a good idea for ISU to be smoke-free.

"I am trying to quit," Liesman said.

Andrew McByrd, a freshman mass communication major, also agreed ISU should be smoke-free.

"It would be good for the environment and there would be less pollution in the air from smoking," McByrd said.

"Also, it would help the campus be litter free not having to see cigarette butts everywhere," McByrd added. Crabill said it is unsightly to see cigarette butts thrown everywhere. "We want our campus to look nice, orderly and neat,"

Crabill said. The American Cancer Society is advocating a smoke-free college campus initiative.

The American Cancer Society wants to communicate to students that if he or she can quit for a day, then he or she can quit for good.

Tobacco use is decreasing among other age groups, while the smoking rate is increasing among college students aged 18 to 24, according to the American Cancer Society. For more information about ISU's smoking and tobacco policy visit policy.ilstu.edu/health-safety/5-1-7.shtml.

For the current listing of smoke-free campuses, visit The American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation Web site at no-smoke.org

Breast implants on the rise

Over 9,100 18, 19 year-old females received breast augmentation since 2006

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Kelsie Leon used to be a gymnast. But when entering college, she still had the body of a gymnast: lean, muscular upper body and flat-chested.

This past summer, after pleading with her parents, the Syracuse University sophomore's wish finally came true. She received breast implants.

"I had always had really small boobs," said the 5-foot-1 Leon, 19, who increased her breast cup from a negative A to a 34C. "I convinced my parents that breast implants were going to make me feel more secure about myself, and they finally agreed to let me go through with it."

Concerned for her happiness and safety, Leon and her parents set out to find the most qualified plastic surgeon for the job. Together, they interviewed three surgeons before making a decision.

"My parents were concerned about me being happy, and if it was something that was going to make me feel better about myself, they had no qualms," the sophomore said. "I also had no qualms about going under the knife or the risks involved."

And apparently neither did the 9,104 other 18- and 19-year-old females in the United States who surgically augmented their breast size in 2006, according to the

American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Once a trademark for adult film stars, breast augmentation is now a rising interest among women, including post-pubescent, college-bound females.

Carol Ciancutti-Leyva is director of the newly released documentary "Absolutely Safe," a feature film dedicated to breast implant risk awareness and education. She said she watched illness -- unexplained rashes, severe joint pain, chronic fatigue, crippling arthritis and lupus -- plague her mother after her silicone breast implants ruptured three times between 1974 and 1987.

"We had a lot of questions, and

studies weren't available at the time," Ciancutti-Leyva said in a phone interview. "The intention of the film was to answer the unanswered questions."

Ciancutti-Leyva, who started the project in 1999 and finished filming earlier this year, noticed the increased number of women choosing breast enhancement surgery without what she considered the proper information needed for their decisions.

"Breast implants are profitable, and safety risks are still unknown," Ciancutti-Leyva said. "I don't think women are truly getting informed consent, and there's a lot of fine print."

Birth control remains affordable

Harvard doctors say undergraduates there are able to afford the medication

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - With stockpiles of name-brand birth control pills disappearing at college health services throughout the country, Harvard's doctors say that undergraduates here will continue to be able to afford the medication.

Up until last year, federal law enabled pharmaceutical companies to supply prescription contraceptives to university health centers and low-income community clinics at sharply discounted rates. These savings were conveyed to students and others in the form of lower contraceptive prices. But a 2005 federal law eliminated such discounts by forcing drug manufacturers to pay higher fees to include these medicines under

Medicaid, the government-subsidized health plan.

In anticipation of the price hike, many institutions, including Harvard, purchased the cheaper contraceptives in excess, enabling them to offer lower prices throughout the summer and fall. When these stockpiles ran out, students and others saw birth control prices increase three to four-fold.

"With such a large denominator of students on the University health plan, and such a large number of medications offered through the plan, there is a big enough base to absorb such price fluctuations in one particular drug," said Mark L. Hurwitz, finance director for health plans at University Health Services (UHS).

Although most universities offer health plans to their students, many require that students procure separate prescription drugs through an external insurance plan. UHS, however, provides direct prescription coverage for the roughly 20,000 students on the Harvard Student Health Plan.

According to the director of pharmacy services at UHS, Benedict J. DiRusso, before last year, the generous discounts on contraceptives enabled UHS to offer these medications at a lower price. Once federal law abolished such subsidies, the formerly discounted drugs increased to a higher price.

When UHS' stock of contraceptives ran dry, University doctors switched students from brand-

name contraceptives to their generic equivalents. For birth control pills such as Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo, which have no generic counterpart, students were required to pay the higher premiums.

Students in this category were in the minority, according to DiRusso. Most students were already on generic birth control before the federal law came into effect, he added.

For the future, Harvard students need not worry about any change in the status quo, said Director of UHS David S. Rosenthal. "UHS will continue to insulate the students from the cost increase of birth control pills, a policy which is made possible because of our prescription drug benefits."

Protesters say monument stands for 'racism, bigotry'

(U-WIRE) LOUISVILLE, Ky. - To its supporters, it is a memorial to those who died. To its detractors, it is representative of hate and violence.

These disagreements came to head when a group of about 30-35 protesters gathered near the Louisville Confederate Monument along Third Street on the University of Louisville's Belknap campus last Tuesday.

The protesters gathered around the monument and tied up posters and banners calling for an end to racism and bigotry.

Some of the protesters, including Camilla Jasis, a sophomore women's and gender studies major, support the removal of the statue.

"I'm surprised the city hasn't [removed] it already," Jasis said.

She cited the monument as standing for racism and hate. She wishes that U of L "had something that stood for diversity and progress instead."

The Confederate War Monument stands at 75 feet tall with three Confederate soldiers cast in bronze and inscriptions to the fallen. It was donated to the city of Louisville in 1895 by the Kentucky Woman's Confederate Monument Association and sits on city-owned land.

However, since 1895, the campus has grown to surround the monument and many students walk past the monument everyday.

"The monument is both an emblem of history and a reminder of hate" Ray Loranger, a sophomore chemistry major said. "It is

our responsibility at this day in age to remember those who fought but to also remain sensitive to the affects and effects of that fight."

"We already fought one Civil War on the issue, and it would reflect badly on us if we cannot restrain our passions and approach this issue understanding the pains that surround it," Loranger said.

However, plans have been underway since November of 2002 to include changes to Freedom Park, where the statue is located, in order to better represent the community.

According to University Archives, U of L's Vice President of Business Affairs Larry Owsley and Arts & Sciences Dean Dr. Dean Blaine Hudson, collaborated in late 2002 to make several additions to the park.

According to the plan, those changes include a plaza to be devoted to the "struggle for freedom," one or more major statues, exhibits focusing on the Underground Railroad and other Civil War events in Louisville, a Civil War battlefield memorial featuring historic trees, use of The Playhouse for performances, lectures and other events related to Freedom Park and a Web site.

According to Owsley some of the aforementioned features have been added to the park, but the remaining features to be added are pending due to a lack of private funding. Owsley said that U of L has made grant requests in attempts to implement the changes before the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial, which will be on Feb. 9, 2009.

Hero or whore: Double standard still exists

By KYLE KNIGHT
Shield staff

In some cultures, the existence of a double standard concerning the sexual partners of men and women persists. The researcher Ira Reis in 1960 defined the concept of the double standard as the acceptance of premarital sex for men and the denial of it for women. With time, the concept evolved into a more complicated standard. The current one allows women to engage in premarital sex, but only in the context of committed relationships. Men, meanwhile, can continue to indulge in frivolous premarital sexual relations.

With the invention of birth control, women gained greater flexibility to devote their efforts to education and work, and more control over pregnancy. "Historically the division of labor served to maintain these standards. Women bore the children and the responsibility to care for them (9 months of gestation, then another 1-2 years of breast feeding until weaning occurred - then another pregnancy). Simply put, they were tied to the nest," Maggie Felton, instructor of psychology said. The idea of men as the primary providers, and women as the primary caregivers, has eroded with the prevalence of women in the workplace. Research has shown conflicting results, but some studies highlight a continuing double standard.

In the article, "Does the Sexual Double Standard Still Exist?" Robin Milhausen outlines the various theories explaining the issue. Social learning theory details the issue in terms of punishment. As women engage in permissive behavior they become ostracized, while men receive praise for their permissiveness. The other theory concerns evolutionary psychology, which explains the gender differences in relation to the process of reproduction. Men attempted to spread their seed to propagate the species. "That's an evolutionary

argument based on 'fittest' as primarily a physical characteristic. However we, as a species, are no longer evolving physically but mentally. It ignores the changing societal context - birth control, modern medicine, technology, etc.," Felton said.

In a study done by M. B. Oliver and Constantine Sedikides, they thought men supported the double standard by selecting more permissive partners for dating, and choosing less permissive partners for serious relationships. Thus continuing the idea some experience remains for acceptable for women, but no more experience than a man.

Research conducted by Edward Herold and Robin Milhausen found over 95 percent of the women in the study felt a double standard persisted, and 93 percent felt society harshly judged women with more sexual partners. Herold and Milhausen also found evidence to "suggest" a reverse double standard existed, which included women expressing harsher feelings toward men. One half of the group received a question asking if they would dissuade a female friend from dating a permissive male, and the other half received a questions reversing the roles. The results suggested a reverse double standard in which women seemed more likely to dissuade the female friend than the male friend.

So why do some men and women continue the double standard? "For some it is because they like that standard, for others it fits with their religious beliefs and traditional values," Felton said. Throughout history, men have occupied and dictated the status quo as means of imprisonment. Wielding power to control sexual mores continues today as pharmacists refuse birth control on moral grounds. "For change to occur those in power would have to recognize the need and work to change it - against the prevailing norm," Felton said.

Still, some research indi-

cates there exists a decline in the standard, but it has not disappeared. In conclusion to their article, "The Decline and Fall of the Double Standard," Erwin O. Smigel and Rita Seiden said, "the only indisputable conclusion which we can draw from the current scene is that we are witnessing the decline, but not yet the fall, of the double standard."

If the climate of America becomes less hypocritical toward gender standards such concepts will eventually fall. "I believe that it is a declining standard and it will continue to decline as women and men move into a more equal economic and political status and more women are represented in powerful positions," Felton said.



Oral Sex: blown out of proportion

By JAMARR HENDERSON
Shield staff

With all the various aspects of sex in the society, it is still debated whether oral sex really is considered sex. While looking up the definition of sex, it tended to be a broad definition considering mainly sexual intercourse through entering of a vagina by a penis. While looking for some credentials on oral sex it boiled down to a few attention-grabbing definitions.

Oral Sex: Is sexual activity with the mouth as a stimulus; excludes intercourse, a type of sexual intercourse in which the partner's genitals are stimulated by mouth and tongue, sexual act in

which one's mouth is used on another's genitals, or oral-genital sex means both mouth contact with the vagina, which is called cunnilingus, and mouth contact with the penis, which is called fellatio.

Oral sex consists of all sexual activities that involve the use of the mouth, tongue, teeth, and possibly the throat, to stimulate genitalia. Throughout the generation next birth cohort, oral sex commonly isn't always viewed as sex, and one of the main answers was that reproduction is not incorporated in the act. Oral sex is not the standard sex, but it still presents substantial risk to those that partake in the acts unprotected. "There has been a problem with students getting sexually transmitted diseases due to the lack of knowledge of passing diseases through oral sex," said Linda Williams of Mathew 25 Aids Services. With all of the different outlooks on oral

sex, what can be concluded is that it still needs to be done in a safe manner. Most

people think that just because it is oral sex it keeps them 100 percent

safe from catching a sexual transmitted disease and that is why it is done so casually in our society. In retrospect sex was created to be an exquisite and romantic act, so it is our responsibility to make sure we do everything efficiently in pursuing a healthy sex life. USI has a well equipped health center located in bottom of the Health Professions center take advantage to stop by get tested and be certain that the love you share isn't tainted.

Choose to Know

By BROOKLYN SOLIS
Opinion editor

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) affects over 20 million Americans. According to the WebMD website, about 30 percent of the HPV types are transmitted sexually. The transmission can cause genital warts or abnormal cell changes in the cervix and other genital areas that lead to cancer.

The genital warts can be treated with over the counter drugs, and while embarrassing and a hassle, they are considered a low-grade risk. Abnormal cells and precancerous cells are obviously held as a higher health risk.

Once a health care provider finds abnormal cells, they order an in-depth test referred to as a colposcopy. First a mustard color spray concocted of vinegar is swabbed along the cervix. It is relatively painless, until the vinegar begins to burn. A special magnifying device is then placed into the opening of the vagina and white patches appear, magnifying abnormal tissue. Then a long, cold metal prong, with teeth at the end is inserted and teeth remove tissue. It feels like a piranha is inside your vagina, and someone punched you in your stomach. Then you wait by the phone for three days. No call means good news and the process will be repeated again, in four to six months.

More bad news for people with ethical and moral standards- the responsible partner has to inform future or current sexual partners of the infection. It may

seem difficult to abstain from sex, so a condom and a good talk could prevent future health complications. While males do not have as high of a risk for cancer, they can carry the virus undetected for years and are still susceptible to warts.

Most of the strains that are low grade, for example the warts, and even some that are precancerous, will work its way out of the body on its own.

The Gardasil vaccine can be beneficial, however it only prevents strains six, 11, 16 and 18. The vaccine is recommended for girls and women between the ages of 9-26, and preferably before sexual activity is began. Even if someone already has the infection, they can still protect themselves from the other strains.

Another measure of prevention would be to ask a health care provider for an HPV test. The test is not the same as the regular scheduled pap smear test, although it is tested the same way with a swab of cells from the cervix, however a more in-depth analysis of the cells occurs. If abnormal cells are noticed, there are treatments that can be undergone to detect or

prevent severe changes in cells and tissue.

Ask for the test. Ask for the vaccine. Use protection, so it won't be you.

By TRAVIS JOHNSON
Shield staff

Upon arriving to campus one day in October I found out that one of my classes had been cancelled. My next appointment wasn't for a few hours so I checked the bulletin boards in the Liberal Arts building for a constructive way to spend my free time. Among the many events taking place on campus only one was scheduled for that Monday morning.

An organization called Mathew 25 aids services was in the Student Health Center giving free confidential HIV tests. The sign read that the results would be ready in 20 minutes and that there was no blood sampling or needles involved. Considering the fact that I just got out of having to go to class the last thing I wanted to do was take a test, especially one I hadn't necessarily studied for. I wondered, "Was HIV something I even need to be worried about?"

I thought about my lifestyle and impulsively decided that this was not something that readily affected me, or was it? What about the commercials that saturate BET, the ones that give sobering statistics of how HIV and AIDS infections have become a deadly epidemic within the African-American community.

These ads reminded me of the last time I saw my mother's best friend. She was like an aunt to me and the disease ate away at her to the point that I could barely recognize her. Images of a cold December morning rushed into my mind. The feeling of that day, the weekend after Christmas, momentarily came over me. I clearly recalled trying to pull my cousin away from his mother's casket as she was prematurely "laid to rest" in the cold ground.

She didn't live the type of life that would lead to catching such a disease and neither do I. At about that time I received a text message from a female friend. It was in reference to Saturday night. My recollection of her alluring smile helped to alleviate the feelings of grief, but at the same time remind-

ed me of what almost occurred the evening we were discussing.

Although I was pretty sure that I would not have infected her with anything, I wasn't 100 percent sure and I couldn't deal with the possibility of destroying something that gave me such comfort. I needed conclusive evidence that I wouldn't put my partner or anyone else at risk from my ignorance of my status. So I decided to go get tested.

The process was quick, easy and painless. The Mathew 25 representative was not only friendly and informative, she also made me feel like it wouldn't be my final exam if I happened to test positive. The test and its results are completely confidential. You can even give a fake name if you like. All I had to do was take a quick swab of the inside of my lips and wait 20 minutes like the sign said. It was the longest 20 minutes of my life, but also the best spent.

I can't begin to describe how I felt when my anxiety was lifted. I hope others will take it upon themselves to learn their results and no longer live in fear.

A test

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Sexualizing the smart fountain: an objectification

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

In crowds you remain shy, reticent to expose the restless liquids boiling under the surface.

You're a "smart fountain" shackled by your own intelligence. When the young people surround you - brazenly dressed to impress the entire world at once - your jets stay cooled.

Perhaps not cooled, but hidden and timid.

I know your potential. I've seen your dazzling heights of ecstasy during our private, stolen moments.

Under the stale night lights beside the UC bridge, I've watched you dance for me, finally unaware of yourself.

Your base feels smooth, but most of you remains hardened like stone. Sometimes I wish I could swim inside you and allow your beauty to cleanse me like a baptism.

But you've been hurt before. Those sneaky boys who gain your

trust but only leave a mess behind them.

They only love you at night. In the light of day - walking with their insular cliques of friends - they chastise and mock you.

What a waste, they say, sneering their lying lips. You watch, glued to your lonely spot in the world, and watch them walk away.

They deny their touch.

You must begin again after these heartbreaking encounters and drain yourself of the past. I know you've endured your fair share of empty experiences. Other men will fill you, I know, but I'll remain standing at arm's length, waiting.

But when you call, I'll saunter toward you and run my finger gently around your wet rim. I'll test your warmth - dip in just the tip - and wait for you to unbridle yourself.

One night, I'll walk out of the UC as the day unwinds and find

you alone.

I'll scan the surroundings and find no one but you and I. Those restless liquids will finally boil over and spray skyward.

The judgmental eyes of the world fast asleep, you'll engage in your intimate dance.

Beads of you will cover benches, chairs and warm the icy concrete if only for a moment.

As winter murders spring and the raging rapids of summer love freeze over, you will remain wild, spontaneous and warm.

A "smart fountain" finally unshackled.

In the following movie titles you, *The Shield* reader, get to answer an age-old question: is this a mainstream or pornographic movie?

Check this week's online edition for the answers.

By JORDAN CORY and JON WEBB
Shield staff and Et Cetera editor

PORN Pick 'em

- Hard Eight
- Kiss Kiss Bang Bang
- The Two Jakes
- Life Begins for Andy Hardy
- Gay Purr-ee
- Dirty Harry
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
- Beat the Devil
- Gentlemen Prefer Blondes
- The Shocking Miss Pilgrim

- Rescuers Down Under
- Babes on Broadway
- Curly Top
- The Bad News Bears
- One-Eyed Jacks
- Baby Take a Bow
- Turner and Hooch
- The Sea Inside
- Bone Bandit
- Wee Willie Winkie
- 8 1/2
- Pi
- What's Eating Gilbert Grape?
- Rear Window
- Excess Baggage
- Three Men and a Little Lady
- Seabiscuit

DaVinci's ludicrous Load

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

Video renters of Evansville learn from my mistake: The *DaVinci Load* is not the same thing as *The DaVinci Code*.

Searching Premiere Video last week - hoping to satisfy an insatiable hunger for religious-flavored adventure - I somehow wandered through a white door marked with a black sign:

Adults Only: Over 18 admitted

Behind the door lied an excluded room filled with movies in addition to those showcased in the store's main sales floor.

Many of the DVD cases were plastered with pictures of nude women lying on their stomach,

their right eyes hidden by tasseled fingers of hair. They wore serious, almost nauseated faces.

Confused, I scanned the women in search of the Tom Hanks/Ron Howard thriller.

Why would a film about unearthing the truth behind the origins of Christianity be nestled between bare breasts and thighs?

Then the truth hit me like a vague riddle hidden by a black light: Audrey Tautou!

Tautou - Hanks' female co-star - starred in French films before landing her English-language big break in *The DaVinci Code*.

Of course, I thought, I've stumbled into the foreign film section.

Across the room I noticed a

movie with "DaVinci" in the title, stuffed it in an opaque-black bag and headed home, ready to be mentally stimulated by my newly acquired "adult entertainment."

The DaVinci Load, however, did not stimulate me at all. Mentally.

The plot of the film was insanely derivative, wildly unoriginal and full of holes.

The film opens with detectives and CSI officers investigating the murder of a naked man in a museum. Brunette detective Marci leads the case, and with the help of her cohorts (and a black light) finds a message written in "sexual discharge" on the gallery floor.

Teabag Nadia Saint. Frustratingly, the filmmakers

Blanchett or Bob?

Struggling with attractive androgyny in *I'm Not There*

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera editor

I'm Not There - the unconventional Bob Dylan biopic released on November 21 - utilizes six actors to portray the enigmatic artist: young (and black) Marcus Carl Franklin, old (not black) Richard Gere, Heath Ledger, Christian Bale, Ben Winslow and (female) Cate Blanchett.

Blanchett dons Ray-Bans and wind-demolished curly hair to play Dylan at his 1965/1966 creative peak. She looks exactly like Dylan.

She's also hot. Confusingly hot. After several hours of studying movie stills alone in my apartment - and watching the *I'm Not There* trailer



Cate Blanchett as Bob Dylan in the new film *I'm Not There*. Movie still courtesy of Flickr.com

times - I was forced to ask myself a disturbing question: why do I find Cate Blanchett so suddenly sexy?

Is it because I secretly want to have sex with Bob Dylan?

To answer this menacing riddle, I sought the advice of those closest to me.

A friend of mine suggested that my obsession lies with Blanchett, not Dylan.

He informed me he once watched the Cate Blanchett film *Elizabeth* ten times in one day. During this marathon, he stripped down to his underwear and wrote "God Save the Queen" in honey on his chest.

Does this mean he harbors a disturbing obsession for the long-dead British monarch Elizabeth I?

Of course not. Elizabeth does not appear in the film; Cate Blanchett does.

Even after hearing this reassuring anecdote, I still wasn't convinced my heterosexuality endured.

Another friend offered a different explanation. The curious sexual stirrings I feel when looking at an androgynous Cate Blanchett are the result of a harmless "man crush" for Bob Dylan.

"Man crushes aren't sexual at all," he said. "Check it out: I've got posters of that kid from *High School Musical* [Zac Efron] all over my walls. I put lipstick on sometimes and

leave lip prints on his face. It doesn't mean I want to sleep with him."

"What does it mean?" I asked, confused.

"It means I want to... just, get to know him a little better. Invite him out for coffee. Hug him, maybe. Smell his hair. Brush my palm slowly across his clean-shaven cheek."

"It sounds like..."

"I like his singing voice," he said, interrupting me. "That's it, and that's all!"

Rattled, I pressed on. To tackle and resolve this issue, I knew I needed the assistance of a trained medical professional: an expert on the darkest alleys of the human brain.

My elementary school guidance counselor illuminated the issue with simple clarity.

According to her, my sexual attraction stems from the melding of my admiration for Bob Dylan's musical genius and Cate Blanchett's individualistic beauty and talent.

Finally I understand: my strange sexual longing is a melting pot of emotion. Like America, it consists of many conflicting ideas coming together to create a more perfect union.

My pseudo-homosexuality, really, is nothing but unbridled freedom.

I repeat this mantra for an hour each morning.

Meanwhile, I count the days until *I'm Not There* arrives in Evansville.

I wait in desperation. I wait, blue with pain.

How a group preserves and consumes semen is never explained by the filmmakers, and causes the plot of the film to completely derail.

The gratuitous, non-sequitur sex scenes also bog down the film. At times, *The DaVinci Load* feels almost like pornography.

For example, a man named Tony (played with sleepwalker-like precision by one James Deen) engages in graphic sex with a woman in the back of an ice cream truck.

The scene drones on for nearly twenty minutes and is immediately followed by a tedious scene involving the aforementioned Marci and a Fabio-esque art professor who never puts his down

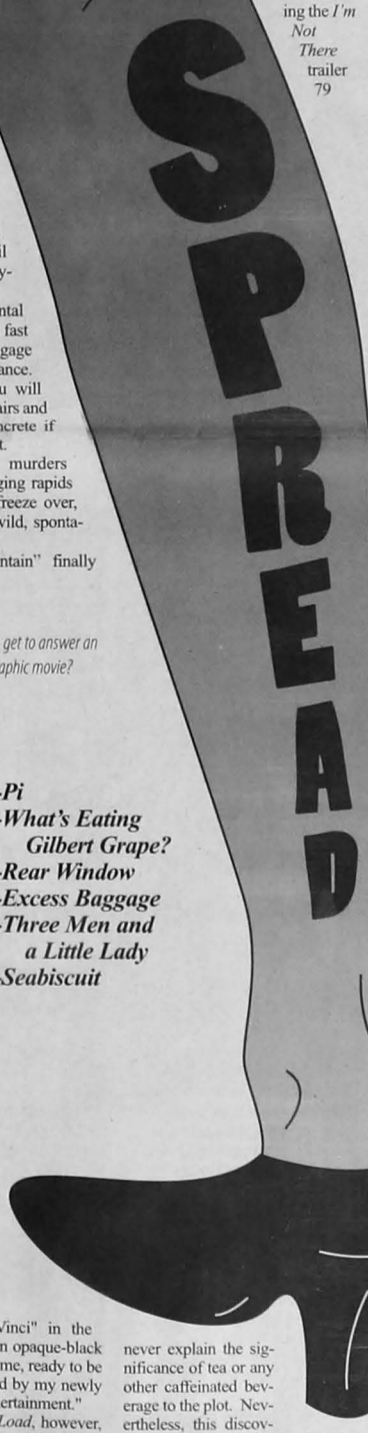
his pipe. How do perverted sexual acts pertain to religious conspiracy and the Catholic Church?

The constant digressions from an already shaky plot render *The DaVinci Load* a messy wad of bad acting, cliché writing and uninspired directing.

Questions remain long after the final scene: why was the man in the museum killed? What's the origin of the Priory? And, most importantly, why do the actresses look directly into the camera when delivering dialogue?

A note to the filmmakers: clean up your act and generate some original ideas.

You should be ashamed of yourselves.



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Lady Eagles make it rain

The undefeated USI women's basketball team reigns supreme after three solid wins to open the season

By MATTHEW STALLER
The Shield staff

Saturday, November 17 was the first game of the season as well as the home opener for the USI Women's basketball team. The women of USI hosted the University of Springfield-Illinois in a night game. Anyone who remembers the team from last year saw many old faces as well as some new ones. Most importantly, everyone who attended witnessed a great and entertaining sight when they saw all the scoring and highlights that our ladies put on for the crowd as USI went on to win 90-50 in a blowout game.

The game started off for both teams, but that ended late in the first half when Carly Clendenen of USI got the team and crowd pumped after hitting big threes to start the huge run USI would make to break it wide open and eventually win. Clendenen's three point barrage led her to a total of 18 points on the night while returning star, Jasmine Baines lit up the score boards for a team high of 22 on the night.

Even after the huge night USI had offensively, the players and head coach strongly insisted it was their hard work on defense that led them to the victory.

"We're trying to be as aggressive as possible, we're trying to pressure the basketball," said Coach Rick Stein.

With that being said, the Eagles did not let down on the defensive pressure. The University of Springfield-Illinois was forced into multiple turnovers on the night amounting in a total of 39 on the game. Any coach on the opposing team would be happy with that, but Coach Stein had insisted that there are always going to be things to work on defensively and offensively.

Tuesday, November 20 was the second straight home game for the USI women to start the season and also their second straight win as they once again put up a jaw dropping number of points, defeating the University of Central Missouri by a final score of 92-65.

Another slow start along with a plethora of turnovers from both

teams early in the game kept both teams from doing much offensively. With very little going for either team early in the first half, veteran player Jasmine Baines took it into her own hands to ignite the team with a quick and emphatic block on an unsuspecting Central Missouri player. The whole team began feeding off her energy quickly as players from USI began making the scoreboard light up with multiple three pointers to give them some much-deserved breathing room between themselves and Central Missouri.

Even with the great shooting by USI in the first half, defense was again a major factor for the team's success. USI's hard work on defense forced opposing players into many poor and lazy decisions early in the season. Central Missouri, fell victim to USI's in your face pressure by giving up 24 turnovers which made the game much easier for USI.

Multiple players on the Eagles found themselves getting their hands on almost every ball coming their way. Jasmine Baines found herself not only deflecting passes, but also rejecting shots after a remarkable five blocks, which had fans applauding her hard work.

Baines had filled the score sheets up with many interesting numbers. She had led all players with 25 points and 9 rebounds on the evening which had all gone in USI's favor. Though Baines was the night's most valuable player, she dedicated much of her success to her hard working teammates that also contributed much to the victory, noting that Carly and Brittany Darden have really hit the three pointers very well throughout their time here at USI.

The Eagles looked great through the first two games, and though it is early, there is much to look forward to with this team.

Saturday, November 24 was a heck of a night for the women of USI as they beat a very tough program, the University of the Cumberland, by a final score of 84-72.

After coming off back-to-back home opening wins against two solid teams, the women now hoped to knock off a very tough

undefeated Cumberland team, which went six straight games without a loss to open the season.

"They [University of the Cumberland] were playing like a well oiled machine out there," Coach Rick Stein said.

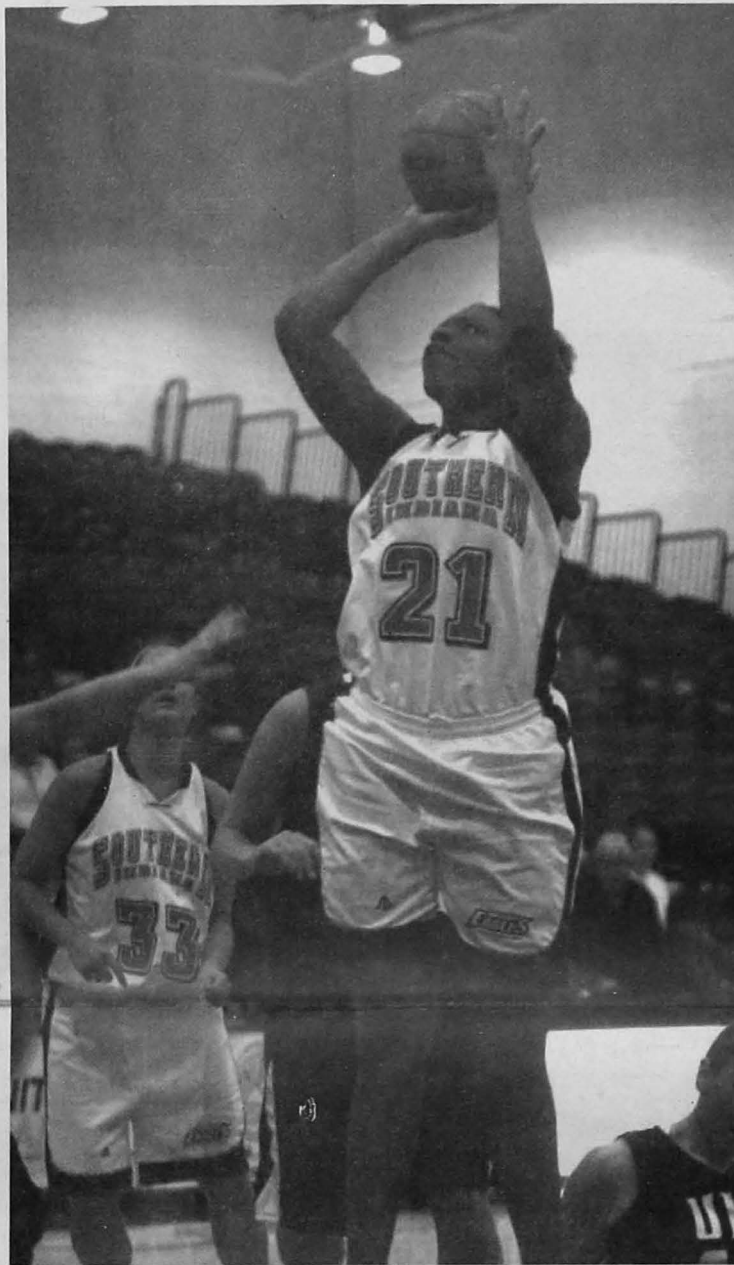
The Patriots opened the game quickly and aggressively along with the hard working Eagles and even without the shots falling early in the game. Both teams kept working hard and forcing each other into bad turnovers, which led to missed fast break opportunities and more poor decisions. There were no huge standouts in the first half as both teams found a difference of only one point going into the second half in favor of the Eagles.

With the second half underway, fans saw a much different story compared to that of the first half. Baines, who had been virtually unseen in the first half, lit up the boards with huge plays and 23 points to help the women break away.

Big contributors on the team included Marshay Jolly and Brittany Darden, who also helped with huge play on the court. Both Jolly and Darden poured in a combined 28 points on the night along with a total of 4 three pointers between the two of them.

Any skeptics of the Eagles' shooting should know that the women have displayed a much disciplined and well-practiced shooting scheme. By simply setting screens for others, and being patient, shots from all spots on the court have fallen for them. The Eagles have hit an impressive total of 21 three-point shots to help lead them to consecutive victories early this season. They have scored 84 or more points in 3 straight games to take their record to a calm and cool 3-0.

The women's reign continues this Saturday at Kentucky Wesleyan University as they hope to take an early grasp of the Great Lakes Valley Conference by knocking off a fellow conference opponent. The USI women are a group that many opposing teams should watch out for this season.



Ninette Evans pulls up for the jumper in the Lady Eagles' victory over the University of Illinois-Springfield. The team has been showing off its outside shooting game, sinking 21 three-pointers in the first three games of the season.

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USI men's basketball team win one and lose one in weekend tournament

By RYAN DeLANEY
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The 10th-ranked University of Southern Indiana men's basketball team begins its season with a split record of 2-2.

The Screaming Eagles put up a fight, but fell short to fourth-ranked Northwest Missouri State University, 74-66, in the Saturday night conclusion of the Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament.

USI dominated most of the first half, towering over the Bearcats by as much as 14 points. The Eagles led at halftime, 43-32.

The Bearcats exploded in the second half of the bout, going on a 14-0 run to create a 52-50 lead over the Eagles, NWMS' first lead of the game. USI regained the lead, but only momentarily.

The Bearcats knocked down five free throws in the final minutes of the game to secure the win.

Sophomore guard Darren Cloud led the Eagles with 24 points, hitting six three-pointers out of 11 attempts.

The Screaming Eagles hit the road on Saturday to make the short trip to Owensboro to battle Kentucky Wesleyan College in USI's conference opener. The game will follow the Lady Eagles' GLVC opener, with the tip-off at 7:30 p.m.



Sophomore Brandon Hopf looks for an open teammate in Saturday's game against Northwest Missouri State University.

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USI cross country teams finish within top twenty in National Championships

By COLLEEN BINKLEY
The Shield staff

University of Southern Indiana's men and women cross country teams competed in the NCAA II National Championships in Joplin, MO., on Saturday. Sophomore Mary Ballinger led the women's team placing 17th, individually, bumping USI up to 19th place overall. For the men's team, junior Tim Sirbek, and senior, Paul Jellema finished 17th and 21st, finishing the men in 8th place overall.

Mary Ballinger's performance for the women's team, lifts her to All-American status marking the second straight year and third in the last four seasons that USI has had a competitor earn All-American honors in women's cross

country. She finished the 6k race in 21 minutes and 20.10 seconds.

The women finished the day with 421 points. Some other great times were scored by freshman, Leslee Getts with a 6k time of 22 minutes, 53.30 seconds and senior, Meagan Scheidler finished 122nd with a time of 23 minutes, 20.20 seconds.

The men's team also celebrated Saturday afternoon with their top-ten finish and their team total of 240 points. Both Sirbek and Jellema earned All-American honors with their finishes, marking just the second time in the program's history that two USI competitors have earned All-American honors in the same season. The first time was in 1983 when Mike Atkinson and Jim Nolan earned All-American honors.

Sirbek, who is an All-American for the first time in cross country and the second time in his cross country/track career, finished the 10k course in 30 minutes, 57.0 seconds. Jellema, who was displaced as USI's top finisher for the first time since the opening race of the 2006 season, finished the race in 31 minutes, 10.4 seconds. It marks the second time in cross country and the fifth time in his cross country/track career that Jellema has earned All-American honors. He joins U.S. Track & Field an Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame member Elly Rono as the only USI men's cross country runners to earn back-to-back All-American honors.

Screaming Eagles Basketball Schedule

Men's Basketball
Sat. 12/1 @ 7:30 p.m.
at Kentucky Wesleyan
Sat. 12/8 @ 3:15 p.m.
vs. Ohio Valley
Sat. 12/15 @ 7:30 p.m.
vs. Tiffin
Sat. 12/19 @ 7:30 p.m.
vs. Ferris State

Women's Basketball
Sat. 12/1 @ 5:15 p.m.
at Kentucky Wesleyan
Sat. 12/9 @ 2:00 p.m.
vs. Tusculum
Sat. 12/15 @ 5:15 p.m.
vs. Central State

Taylor dies from gunshot wound

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) - Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder's eyes were red. His voice cracked and was barely audible. Next to him sat coach Joe Gibbs, barely more composed.

Safety Sean Taylor's violent death had left his team in tears and the NFL in mourning.

"This is a terrible, terrible tragedy," Snyder said.

Taylor died early Tuesday of a gunshot wound from an apparent intruder, a tragic end for a 24-year-old man whose life was transformed by the birth of a daughter 18 months ago.

"We're going to miss him," Gibbs said. "I'm not talking about as a player. I'm talking about as a person."

A day earlier, Taylor and his girlfriend were awakened by loud noises, according to family friend Richard Sharpstein, who learned the details from Taylor's girlfriend, Jackie Garcia. He said Taylor grabbed a machete he keeps in the bedroom for protection.

Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, Sharpstein said. Neither Taylor's daughter, Jackie, nor Taylor's girlfriend were injured in the attack.

The bullet damaged the femoral artery in Taylor's leg, causing significant blood loss. Taylor never regained consciousness, Sharpstein said.

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said he did not know why Taylor returned to Miami during the

weekend. Taylor was not required to accompany the team to Sunday's game at Tampa Bay because of a knee injury.

Police had no description of a possible suspect and were investigating whether the shooting was connected to a break-in at Taylor's home eight days earlier, in which police said someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

"They're going to be looking at every angle," Miami-Dade Police spokesman Alvaro Zabaleta said. "They're going to be looking at every lead."

Authorities from Miami-Dade Police and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were in and out of Taylor's home throughout the day. Police were seen taking a computer from Taylor's home.

A stream of family and friends arrived throughout the day, including his father, Florida City police chief Pedro Taylor. Some embraced outside; most came and went without speaking to a group of several dozen reporters.

Outside Pedro Taylor's home in suburban Miami-Dade County, the front lawn was filled with friends and family members who seemed to be in good spirits. Small children ran through the yard.

Several people brought large platters of food into the house.

When he arrived home, he was met with embrace after embrace by friends and family members.

"We're all hurting," Taylor said. "I mean that's my child."

Taylor spoke privately with Miami-Dade homicide detectives and expressed confidence in the police investigation, but couldn't provide additional information.

Speaking of the killer, Taylor said: "I think one day he'll come to grips with himself and say, 'You know what, it was senseless' and he'll turn himself in."

The elder Taylor said he last saw his son a few weeks ago at a football game in Washington.

"We had a wonderful time," he said. "We laughed and joked and stayed up until 3 o'clock in the morning. We did what fathers and dads do and brothers and sisters, we just enjoyed each other."

According to The Miami Herald, Garcia arrived at the home of Taylor's father with her daughter but declined to speak with reporters.

Back in Virginia, the Redskins struggled to cope and share their loss.

"I have never dealt with this," Gibbs said. "We're going one hour at a time here."

Gibbs said he planned to have the team practice as scheduled Wednesday, following a prayer service, in preparation for Sunday's home game against the Buffalo Bills.

Snyder said the Redskins will honor Taylor by wearing a patch on their jerseys and the No. 21 on their helmets. The league is expected to decide Wednesday how it will handle tributes to Taylor at this weekend's games.

There is little precedence on how to go forward, although several teams have dealt with tragedy in recent years.

Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams was killed in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day, the day after the season ended in a playoff loss, and teammate Damien Nash — a running back — collapsed and died after a charity basketball game he'd organized in February.

San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Thomas Herrion died of a heart attack after a preseason game in September 2005. Minnesota Vikings tackle Korey Stringer died of a heart attack at a training camp practice in 2001. Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Jerome McDougle was shot in the stomach by three armed robbers in southwest Miami in July 2005 and missed the following season.

Gibbs, Taylor's family and his teammates, past and present, did their best to describe a player very few got to know.

Taylor had a great smile and a menacing sneer. He was extremely talented — fast and powerful — and genuinely had a chance to become one of the best safeties ever to play in the NFL.

"What got cut short here was a career that was going to go to a lot of Pro Bowls and have a lot of fun," Gibbs said.

Taylor was having the best season of his career on the field and had stayed out of trouble off the field since the birth of his daughter, Jackie, in May 2006. He

was becoming a leader, and his teammates had elected him to the players' committee that meets regularly with Gibbs.

"I saw a real maturing process," Gibbs said.

He wasn't the only one to notice changes in Taylor after his daughter's birth.

"He was kind of a wild child, like myself," said New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey, who played with Taylor at the University of Miami and worked out with him in the offseason. "But life changed for Sean after he had his baby girl. Fatherhood really changed him. He grew up and matured."

Private and slow to trust anyone, Taylor rarely granted interviews. During his last known full-length interview, conducted with WTEM-AM in September, he spoke of the joy he felt when he made his daughter laugh, how he wanted to give her life experiences different from his own, and how he did not fear death.

"You can't be scared of death," he told the radio station. "When that time comes, it comes. ... You never see a person who has lived their life to the fullest. They sometimes feel sorry for like a child, maybe, that didn't get a chance to do some of the things they thought that child might have had a chance to do in life. I've been blessed. God's looked out for me, so, I'm happy."

Still, Taylor, drafted No. 5 overall by the Redskins in April 2004, got off to a rocky start in the

NFL.

He had a drunken driving charge that was later dismissed. He skipped part of the NFL's mandatory rookie symposium. He fired two agents. He didn't like his contract. He refused to return Gibbs' calls during the offseason. And he was fined at least seven times for late hits, uniform violations and other on-field infractions.

In 2005, he was accused of pointing a gun during a fight over all-terrain vehicles near his Miami home, a legal battle that ended a year later when he pleaded no contest to two misdemeanors and was sentenced to probation.

Recently, Taylor indeed was starting to make his past seem irrelevant. The baby helped him gain perspective, and other changes were making him a better football player.

This season, Taylor improved his diet and workout regimen and was given a new role. Instead of playing a hybrid safety position, he was a true free safety. He used speed and power to chase passes and intimidate receivers. His five interceptions tie for the lead in the NFC, even though he missed the last two games because of a sprained knee.

"You think back to how much heat he took for everything," running back Clinton Portis said. "For missing camp, for not being around for this or that, for missing the rookie symposium. You come to the realization that all of that means nothing."

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