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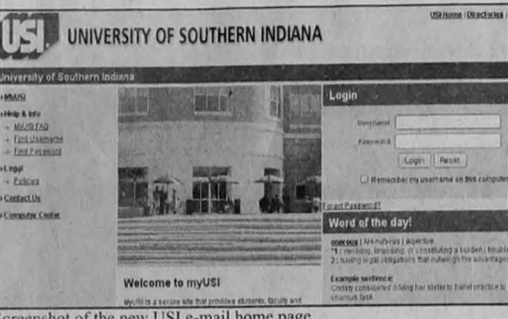
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New e-mail portal coming to USI



By **TRAVIS SNYDER**
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In addition to doubling user inbox space and adding an instant messaging system, a new e-mail portal being installed at USI will also result in net savings of \$59,000.

USI Systems Manager Robert Threet said the new program, which will be implemented on May 11 of this year, will allow the university to save on an annual maintenance fee that was a part of the old e-mail portal.

Threet said the decision to go with a new system was made because the old one was changed causing USI's director

ry to be negatively affected.

"They changed the way they do the directory and basically we had leveraged the directory a lot," Threet said. "It's a directory so we're using it for everything. We're authenticating web forms, authenticating the wireless connections and basically I got the impression (the old system) didn't want you doing that."

The new directory "broke" everything USI had done with the system, Threet said.

The new e-mail portal is being funded through a grant of more than \$1 million from The Campus Enterprise Application Integration Consortium. It will provide new features for USI students

including a more detailed calendar, an instant messaging system and an upgrade from 25 MB of inbox space to 50 MB.

Threet said the increased inbox should provide plenty of space for users.

"For your local university account, as long as you're not putting like Power Point presentations in there, 50 MB will be fine and [users] can request 100 if they need it," he said.

Students will be able to use their username and their six-digit password from the current system to access their new e-mail.

Threet said the new system will bring

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Power outages 'pain' but not ongoing problem

By **JON WEBB**
Editor in chief

The recent flickering of power and lights USI should not be an ongoing problem in the future, according to Director of USI Facility Operations Stephen Helfrich.

The outages occurred due to faults in the main electrical-feed lines from the substations that power campus buildings and apartments, Helfrich said.

"The outages were not related in the sense that the same problem occurred each time," he said. "They could have been related in the sense that the (week three) ice storm weakened transition lines."

Since the ice storm during the third week of the semester, which closed the university on Jan. 28 and left the campus apartments without power for several days, USI has experienced three additional power failures.

The first — for which Helfrich blamed high winds — occurred on Feb. 11, lasted from 4 p.m. to 5:15 and led to a cancellation of 4:30 classes; the second took place on Feb. 17 at 6:10 p.m. and lasted two to three minutes and the third happened the next day between 2:30 and 2:38 p.m.

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Committee proposes new stovetop sensors

By **SETH GRUNDHOEFER**
Managing editor

In an attempt to help prevent cooking-related incidents, residence life and the USI Safety Committee are exploring the possibility of installing new motion sensors in every stovetop in campus apartments, said Greg Wagoner, assistant director of facilities and operations for residence life.

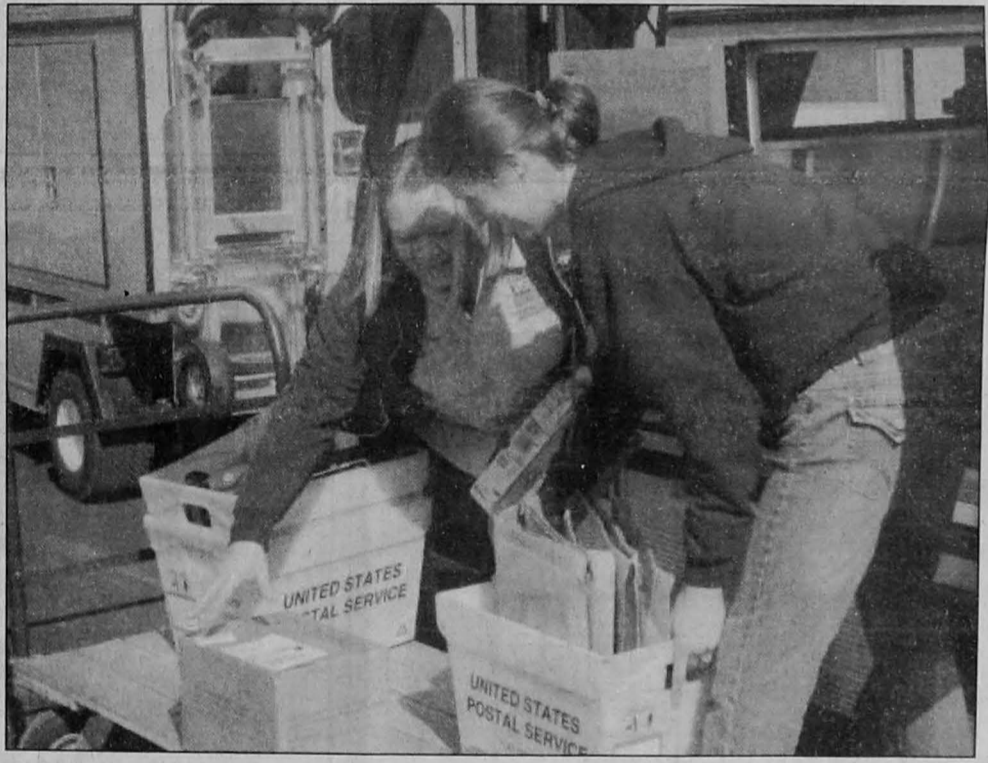
Wagoner said the motion sensors — which he estimates will cost about \$200 each — would be retrofitted to each existing stovetop and used to turn off the appliance if no movement is detected within a certain period of time.

Though the university only sees a few cooking-related incidents each year, he said the device would prevent future incidents developing from residents not monitoring what they are cooking.

"The most recent incident we've had is when a group of students were cooking a pot of chili and then they decided to go outside and play catch," Wagoner said.

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Delivered from (old) library



USI's Distribution Services moves from former Rice Library basement to Support Services Building

By **DANI PALMER**
News editor

After being the lone department in the old Rice Library for months, distribution services recently moved to the new Support Services building.

The mail distribution office has been functioning out of the basement of the old Rice Library since 1972.

Larry Feldhaus, manager of mail and courier services, has been at USI for 37 years and remembers being in the Wright Administration Building his first year.

The old Rice Library was the new Rice Library at the time, and Feldhaus started with the university right after college. He's been with distribution services as they've improved over the years.

"When it comes to a job, you either have to love it and stay or can't take it and get out," Feldhaus said.

Distribution services perform express courier services and do shipping and re-

ceiving, including construction and lab equipment. They often work with UPS, Fed Ex and United Postal.

Although they primarily work with faculty and staff, distribution services also complete New Harmony operations. Currently, there are 75 departments to take care of.

Students' personal mail is delivered through residence life and United Postal serves the Schutte Road apartments.

Currently, there are 1,780 people on the faculty and staff list. It is updated once a month (the retired, resigned and removed are listed) and sent to distribution services.

Thanks to the USPS system they have the ability to look up dates, routes, times, deliverers and missing parcels. According to Feldhaus, everything is accounted for.

"We have a good staff and good system that take care of university business," Feldhaus said.

The relocation to the new office was originally scheduled for late January, but



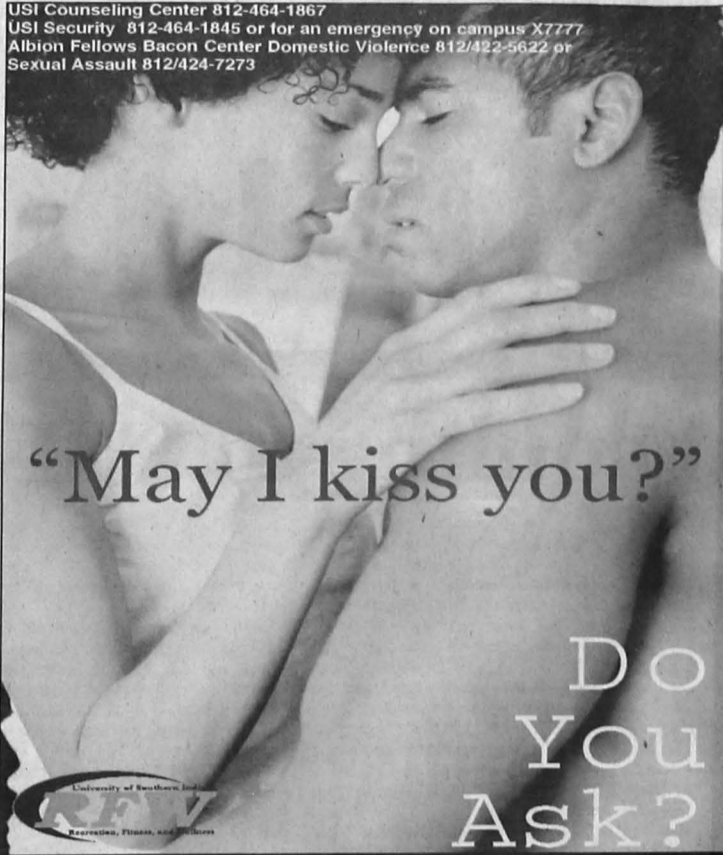
Top: Jennifer Hicks (left) and Heidi Fraser (right) load mail into one of their new "green friendly" carts. Since being the last campus department to leave their offices in the old Rice Library, distribution services now has to travel farther across campus to deliver mail to 75 departments across campus. They currently have 1,780 listed on their staff.

Above: Two of the "green friendly" carts.

Photos by Dani Palmer

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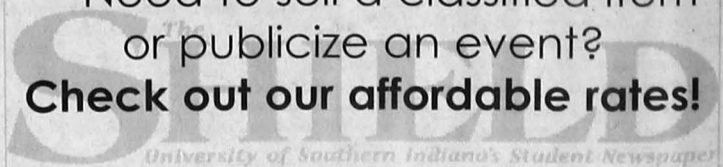
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Campus Briefs

Holocaust survivor to speak at Carter Hall

On Tuesday, March 3 Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan will be guest speaking in the Carter Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Lazan is the co-author of the award-winning memoir *Four Perfect Pepples*, an account of her troubled childhood under Hitler's rule of Nazi Germany and the hardships that she and her family endured before finally coming to the United States.

Birdwatching event at USI

In preparation for the upcoming nesting season, USI will be hosting the annual Bluebird Trail Cleanup Day on Saturday.

Those with a fondness for nature and who wish to help clean nesting boxes are invited to meet at 9 a.m. at the Grimes Haus – behind the baseball diamond – on the USI campus. Participants should bring their families and a pair of binoculars, as bluebirds are usually spotted on the trail.

The Bluebird Trail has 38 houses around the perimeter of campus. Each year, a biology or science education major works with the project gathering nesting data.

Club presents Vagina Monologues Thursday

The USI Philosophy Club and Gender Studies present "V-Day USI 2009", a benefit production of *The Vagina Monologues*, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Rice Library, room 17 (the library's lower level).

The event is open to the public and admission is \$5, with proceeds going to Albion Fellows Bacon Center to help women in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Albion Fellows Bacon Center also provides shelter, crisis intervention and education to victims of domestic violence and their children since 1981.

In 1990, Albion expanded its services to include victims of sexual assault.

Strange and the 'species problem'

Rex Strange, assistant professor of biology, will present his lecture "Darwin, Evolution, and the Species Problem" Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Forum III.

The lecture is part of USI and Evansville's celebration of the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*.

Ken Miller – professor of biology at Brown University – drew more than 1,000 people to his evolution lecture last week.

The event is open to the public.

Budget hearings scheduled for Friday

Hearing for USI's Academic Affairs, Governmental and University Relations and Business Affairs 2009-2011 operating budgets will be held on Friday.

During the hearings, the heads of each respective department will present their budgets to members of USI's administration.

Each department will also illustrate how their budgets would be affected by 1, 3 and 5 percent budget cuts suggested for state departments and institutions by Gov. Mitch Daniels in December.

The hearings will be held in the University Conference Center in the upper level of the UC at 8:15, 8:40 and 9:05 a.m., with each hearing lasting 20 minutes with a five-minute break in between.

Master Harold and the Boys

USI Theatre will present "Master Harold and the Boys" on Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Mallette Studio Theatre in the lower level of Liberal Arts Center.

The play - set in South Africa during apartheid - won the 1982 Tony for Best Play.

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didn't occur until Feb. 11 due to complications from the ice storm. Shortly after the move, Feldhaus suffered from the flu slowing the organization process down.

"It was hectic moving over here," he said.

The physical plant assisted by moving furniture and equipment, and maintenance also relocated to the Support Services building. Feldhaus mentioned that the office in the old location was center focused, but that there is now more space.

"There are fond memories (of the old office), but I won't miss being so closed in," Feldhaus said.

Distribution services may have to travel further to campus to deliver mail, but there are green-friendly electric carts to help.

Locked on the back of these carts are two-wheeled pushcarts that can turn into a four-wheel pushcart if needed.

Feldhaus said the tool for the job goes with employees and that logistics have changed.

"We're doing the same thing differently," he said.

There will be an open house in the Spring for faculty and staff. Feldhaus believes the move has made the "mail more public and visual."

Student workers get the opportunity to see how a postal service operates. Feldhaus said they gain experience as they get to meet new people. He hopes to impact their lives in positive ways.

"If you do the job right, people will appreciate you," Feldhaus said.

There are occasional mail training workshops. Those sending mail from campus must comply with the mail envelope or tabbed mail standards, otherwise complications arise.

According to Feldhaus, getting the best rate is important; it saves university and tax payers' money. That's why overnight mailing is rare.

"Everything runs like clockwork. I'm proud of my staff. I'd compare them to any company in the Midwest," Feldhaus said.

Other colleges like Rose Hulman, Vincennes University and Indiana State University have come to observe USI's distribution services. This is something Feldhaus is proud of.

"People need to think of the big picture and represent the uni-

versity," he said.

Feldhaus said there are pressures for accuracy, speed and performance. A slow reaction "harms reputation from a service point."

According to Feldhaus, operations have improved. Security has been tightened with key cards for staff.

There are also radios for employees to communicate now. If they are on route and need help, they can call for it.

Overall, the move will benefit distribution services and USI.

"I think my staff will love it (the new location)," Feldhaus said.

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the university up to speed.

"It's just so much slicker. What we've got now is an html web client. It's really like a 10-year old technology," he said, adding that the Blackboard system will also be making the transition to the new system.

A few features of the current e-mail program will be left behind including the non-Blackboard "My Courses" tab and the "Groups" section.

Students will be able to access their new accounts at my.usi.edu. Along with a new Web site, the system will also change students e-mail domain from @usieagles.org to @mail.usi.edu.

"There are so many discounted offers for students if you've got a dot-edu address and we are just getting beat up on that all the time," Threet said.

He said any e-mails and contacts in the old portal will not be transferred by the university to the new system, adding that it is up to the individual to forward any information they wish to keep from their old e-mail addresses.

Students who want to check their grades for the 2009 spring semester after the May 11 date will have the option to choose to go back to the old portal for the first week after the new system is implemented, Threet said.

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According to Helfrich, campus classroom buildings and campus apartments are fed from different substations, which is why the apartments were without power longer than other campus buildings.

A substation south of Reflection Like runs USI's main campus, while the substation powering the apartments is located on Schutte Road – one of areas hit hardest by ice storm-related debris.

Chase Kelly, a spokeswoman for Vectren, said spot power outages have been common citywide since the late-January ice storm.

"A lot of our fixes were kind of band aids just to get people's power restored," Kelly said. "But outages are normal in (Vectren's) day-to-day operation. Not a day goes by where we don't have trees or squirrels that cause outages. People say 'oh, it always happens in my neighborhood', but a lot of the time it's just chance."

According to the Evansville Courier and Press, more than 70,000 Southwestern Indiana Vectren cus-

tomers were without power at the height of the storm, and the subsequent high winds on Feb. 11 delayed the company's ability provide more permanent power fixes.

Kelly said all major substations – including USI's – are now completely repaired, and power restoration is "down to home by home issues."

Director of Residence Life Laurie Berry said future residence life publications will urge students to report to the community center in McDonald West in the event of a power outage.

According to Berry, residence life is currently working with the USI Physical Plant to provide full generator backup for the community center so students have access to hot food during prolonged outages.

Helfrich, however, hopes outages won't be a problem from now on.

"I hope (the power) is not an ongoing problem because it's a pain," Helfrich said. "Hopefully these were just freakish events, and hopefully we'll have dependable power and electricity for the rest of the year."

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"The pot just boil until it was dry."

The proposed devise, known as Cookstop, is pre-set to only run for 5 minutes without detecting motion, he said, but the setting could be adjusted by resident assistants.

In order to find an accurate time setting, Wagoner said residence life would test the devise by putting a pot of grease on a stovetop and timing the effects.

Wagoner said students would not be able to set the Cookstop to their specifications, but they would be able to request the motion sensor settings be changed.

Kelly Clem, student member of the USI Safety Committee, said she spoke to students about the possible switch and fielded their concerns.

She said students have asked what the devise will look like, how much it will cost and how it will work. She also reported the committee's progress to the SGA and asked for additional feedback.

Though the project is merely in the preliminary stages, Wagoner said the university is looking to allocate funding for the new motion sensors through a Homeland Security grant in November or December of this year.

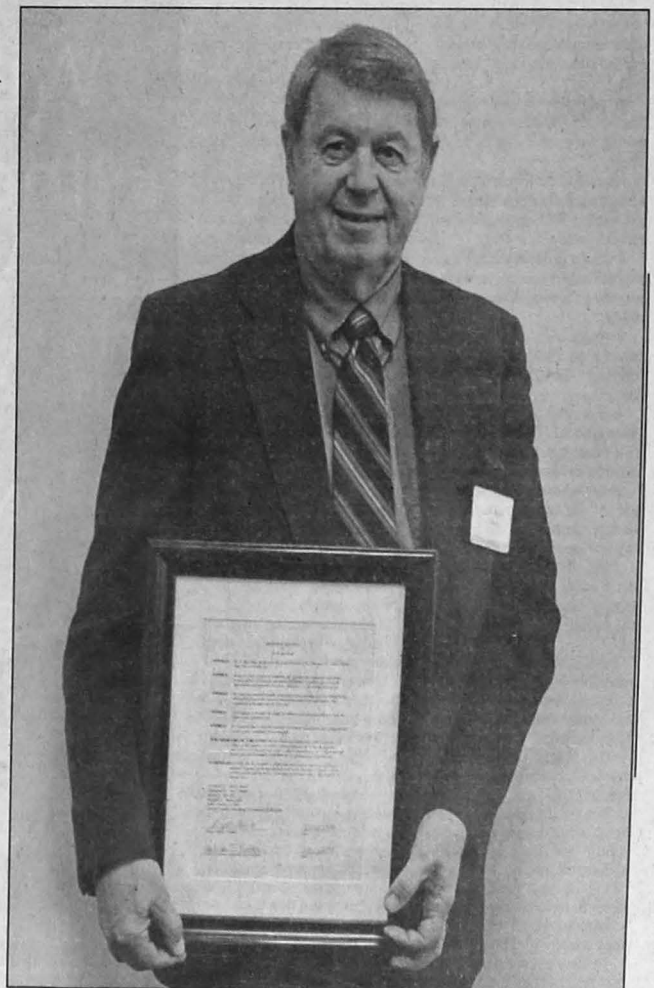
If the money is allocated, the sensors may be installed into each of the 584 campus apartments by 2010.

According to Bryan Morrison, manager of environmental health and safety at USI, the university has only had two or three cooking incidents each year, typically in situations where the student has left the room or fallen asleep.

None of those instances have been fatal, he said, but a few of them have caused fires.

In order for the motion sensors to work, said Morrison he would encourage students to use the devise and not attempt to unplug or disconnect it.

"We are trying to protect from the dangers of unattended cooking," he said. "We want to install something that would greatly reduce the likelihood of a serious injury or a death."



USI President H. Ray Hoops stands with a Student Government Association (SGA) resolution that commends his work at USI. Hoops was given the resolution, which passed by unanimous acclamation by the General Assembly, at a dinner with the SGA on Feb. 19. The resolution, which passed on Feb. 12, calls Hoops a "consistent supporter of all student organizations" and says the SGA "extends its sincere appreciation" to the outgoing president. Hoops will continue as chancellor for the university after he retires as president in July.

Photo by Ian Burleson

Dear USI: don't pimp my stovetop

Proposed stovetop sensors would be obtrusive, nuisance to students

By: MAX DAHLQUIST
Shield staff

As technology moves forward, life gets safer.

It's a great thing, seatbelts in cars, smoke detectors, workplace policies and emergency radios keep people from dying every year and do a little bit to thwart natural selection in human beings.

However, we often must pay a price for some safety measures, both a literal price and a figurative one.

There is a price in the eroding of trust that comes along with mandating the protection of people from themselves, in addition to the monetary cost of such things.

For 2010, residence life is considering applying for a grant from Homeland Security that would cover the approximate

cost of \$120,000 to install motion sensors on the stovetops in on-campus apartments.

Nearly 600 sensors at \$200 a pop would cause ovens to shut off if they did not detect motion in front of the oven in a preset interval of time to be determined in the future (factory default is five minutes).

The proposed project would prevent the two or three incidents that occur per year in the apartments due to inattentive people wreaking smoky havoc on their apartments in cooking accidents.

Granted, fire prevention is a very noble goal, as fires tend to kill people and be generally destructive.

This method of fire prevention, on the other hand, strikes me as incredibly obtrusive and a colossal waste of money.

The most obvious problem is

the difficulty it would impose on students who like to cook their own meals (in my opinion, one of the most attractive features of the apartments is the full kitchen and opportunity it provides).

It would be extremely obnoxious to meticulously prepare a meal, put it in the oven, and then find the oven cooled and have to start from the beginning only because I forgot to walk in front of it every few minutes.

The sensors would be easy to forget about when cooking, and would probably cause a lot of delayed meals and dismayed would-be gourmets.

The net result might be a discouragement of in-apartment cooking, placing even more pressure on an already over-taxed campus dining system.

Also, the whole idea shows some mistrust of USI students

in general.

In a way, placing sensors on ovens is a message to us all.

"Hello, apartment residents. We doubt your level of competence and basic common sense to the degree that we will no longer allow you to boil water without proper oversight and babysitting. Love, USI."

There are some incidents of stupidity and major lapses of judgment that occur among college students, but there's no reason we can't be treated like adults if we're going to be paying for our housing like adults.

Basic kitchen safety is something we can handle.

The occasional smoke alarm due to carelessness or accident is to be expected. Taking extraordinary measures to prevent minor dangers that are simply facts of life is a waste of resources.

Also, the \$120,000 that the Homeland Security grant would provide for the sensors could be put to use for the general safety and security of USI in so many more effective and practical ways.

The implementation of the hypothetical USIPD mentioned last week, additional lighting in the dark areas of campus, self-defense classes in the RFC, a more reliable fire alarm system for the apartments, would all be better uses of the money.

Education in the wake of fire problems is a far better way to ensure fire safety than babysitting. At least it wouldn't insult the intelligence of students.

There are a myriad of safety improvements that could be made at USI with that grant that would be much more effective and much less obtrusive and obnoxious to students.

To show such a distrust will only breed mutual distrust and resentment between students and administration.

Applying for a Homeland Security grant is a great idea; having more money to put toward safety and security will only give us a better environment to live and learn in.

We do, however, have to think carefully about where we're spending this money and what the implications of safety are.

USI students are far more capable of making reasonable decisions than this proposal gives them credit for.

We're not as dumb as we look, we promise.

SGA's lack of election advertising unacceptable

By: JON WEBB
Editor in chief

When I first heard about the upcoming SGA elections at the beginning of this month, I began harboring dreams of a populist, non-SGA involved candidate emerging from the fray – maybe even brandishing a bullhorn – and, in general, Harvey Milking the elections.

I even readied myself to write an over-the-top editorial urging non-involved students to drop the "non involved" from their title to ensure our student government is composed of new and varying voices.

In other words, I wanted some good, clean chaos.

This Monday, however, I learned the time period for students to pick up "Candi-

date Information Packets" and gather the signatures needed for said chaos had lapsed.

The SGA made the packets available Feb. 2; the packets were unavailable by Feb. 23 and the deadline for turning ballots in will come on Thursday.

Allowing students three weeks to pick up the packets isn't an unreasonable amount of time.

The way they utilized that three weeks in terms of advertising is.

The only truly visible advertisement for the packets appeared on the MyUSI home page in the form of a scrolling, four-to-five second ad-

vertisement depicting – surreally – a diseased-looking green giraffe urging students to "Get Involved. Rise Above."

(Wow, I just "got" the pun. Is it a pun?)

SGA's impotent attempts to advertise the upcoming elections render wide-ranging representation in, arguably, the most important student organization on campus virtually impossible.

After all, the SGA appoints a student to USI's Board of Trustees and by doing so allows said student full voting rights on any board resolution.

There exist several avenues at USI through which organi-

zations and individuals can promote their events.

Televisions hang in virtually every building on campus, and offer scrolling ad space available to any USI entity.

Flyers could have been tacked up, announcements made on A.M. 820, voices echoed from the dangerous, art-deco heights of USI's Rice Library.

To my knowledge, the SGA didn't employ any of these tactics, and what will result is a watered-down, incestuous electoral process.

Only those already stationed in the bunker offices of the University Center are likely to make a run for office and – by doing so – create a

homogenous, monotone "voice of the students."

If SGA truly wanted students to heed the advice of the measles-stricken giraffe, they would have used every advertising opportunity at their disposal.

Instead, their inclusiveness could birth an even stronger aura of student apathy at USI and ensure low-voter turnout when the polls open on March 29.

Thanks to their hush-hushedness, my dream of a grass-root, bullhorn-aided SGA candidate will die, and – if we're not careful – true student representation could die with it.

Food Expo brings diversity

By: ANDREW FOSTER
Opinion editor

Last week, I wrote an opinion discussing diversity and pondering its definition and place at USI.

In addition to my column, The Shield posted an online poll asking for your thoughts on diversity.

As of Feb. 24, more people – albeit a small sample size of 18 – thought USI's campus did not have diversity.

I would probably place myself with the people who took a negative view of diversity here at USI.

I simply didn't see that much interaction between groups of varying thought or culture throughout my years on campus.

But on Feb. 20, I went to the International Food Expo for the first time since I've been at USI and saw diversity in action.

Everywhere around you, people of different cultures and backgrounds were talking, eating and laughing together.

Students helped other students with their food booths, even if they clearly weren't from the country the booth represented.

International students danced, read poetry and played music as everyone circled the outsides of the room, testing each booth's foreign cuisine.

This in itself was a great example of diversity truly working here at USI.

But the displays of diversity went much deeper than simply trying new foods and hearing different music.

On several occasions, students from across the world took photographs with one another in their country's traditional attire.

In these photos, these students

smiled brightly and genuinely wanted to talk and be with one another.

I remember one instance where two students, one from Asia and the other from the Middle East, took a photo with one another.

As they prepared for the photo, the student from the Middle East swung some of his garments over the head of the Asian student, to make it appear as if he was dressed in this attire as well.

Both students smiled and posed for the photo in a brilliant showing of connection and sincere kindness.

I couldn't help but think that these students were doing it right.

These students, who could quite possibly never see each other again after this semester, had taken time to get to know one another and try to engage in another culture.

They actively sought out difference and came to it with an open mind, something most of us here have failed to do.

My only regret was that so many students didn't take part in this great event.

I know several of my friends failed to go because they simply didn't have the money.

Ten dollars for a meal is a little high for students, but I implore students to spend the little extra cash to go and be a part of something unique and needed at USI.

I understand that the event sold out and a lot of the proceeds went to charitable causes, but it's a shame that less students attended when compared to faculty.

We need as many students as we can to see that it can work, that diversity is worthwhile, and that it happens right here on campus.

Will you be voting in the SGA elections?

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New ceramics studio adapts to change

By LANA KUNZ, Student Life editor

The ceramic studio is almost complete.

Various changes and outdoor kilns still are in the process, but for all purposes the ceramics department have moved in.

Professor Lenny Dowhie has been moving in since finals week of last semester when he and some of his students packed up 75 pallets and started the process. Dowhie and several volunteers spent the entire winter break, including the holidays, unpacking and organizing the new building to suit the student and professor's needs.

Adaptations to the building still need to be made.

Ventilation in the clay mixing room needs to be adapted to the older machine's tendency to create clouds of dust and cover the shelves with a fine layer of clay.

Thanks to the additional new mixing machine shards, leftover clay can be recycled and reused.

"In terms of storage space, we don't have enough room,"

Dowhie said.

Proof of this is the boxes still on top of shelves that are waiting to be unpacked.

"We could always use more space. We joke that this is phase 1," Dowhie said.

Due to the windows that were added, there is less shelf space in the new studio. But the change from the old studio, which had no windows, has brought other positive elements to the studio.

"It brings about more creativity to have all of this light," student Denise Peyronnin said.

In the design two bathrooms replaced the computer and slide room the old studio had.

Dowhie hopes for a big screen television for instructional videos but wonders if a DVD player could endure the environment. "We're in clay so anything mechanical we always worry how long it will last," Dowhie said. But as Dowhie states, "artists adapt."

The glazing room features a spray box that the old studio did not have, students used to have to spray larger pieces outside.

For the last 30 years, the art department has never been able to accommodate the 20 people that a beginning ceramics class is designed for since they only had 12 wheels available. With the additional wheels Dowhie can teach larger classes.

Roughly every five years Dowhie teaches a class on building outdoor kilns, a structure used to fire pottery in.

Since the kilns need to be rebuilt due to the relocation, he is offering that class this semester. If the kilns were included in the cost of the structure it would have added an additional \$100,000.

Several electric kilns, which can fire as high as 1,850 degrees, were added to the studio.

Dowhie advises all art students to take advantage of the new studio since "it is the cheapest studio you'll ever have in your life."

"This is your time to fail... get all the experimentation done you can," Dowhie said.



Brock Flamion, class assistant to Professor Lenny Dowhie, touches up some glaze on his ceramic piece in the glazing room of the new ceramics studio. Photo by Lana Kunz



USI students Christopher Hernandez and Nicole Vernon perform a typical Costa Rican dance at the International Food Expo in Carter Hall on Friday.

Photo by Lana Kunz

International Food fills sell-out crowd

By LANA KUNZ, Student Life editor

The International Food Expo filled Carter Hall on Friday with the sounds, sights and smells of 26 countries.

Footprints decorated with different nation's flags led to the doors of the festivities.

Inside the music and students in native attire serving regional delicacies created a diverse blend of culture.

The event, which had roughly 500 tickets available, sold out of tickets around 1 p.m. on Friday. The organizers reused tickets until 600 were sold.

"The last couple of years we have sold out," Director of International Program and Services Heidi Gregori-Gahan said.

The event typically breaks even in costs due to expenses and the International Club's donation to a charity every year.

"Every year we pick someone different," International Club President Amanda Jung said.

This year the club chose to give a percentage of the profits to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Associated Schools

Project Network.

The UNESCO program helps to equalize the standard of education throughout several countries.

The area in particular the club wishes to support is the schools in Gaza; the money will buy books and refurbish schools.

Each student in charge of a booth gets to pick out which local cuisine they wish to share and prepare it with help from Sodexo food services.

"This year we had to cut down on recipes because we had so many people interested," Jung said.

Due to expense and availability of certain spices and products some recipes are altered.

"Sometimes we can't get the exact spices for them but it's fine for us because we don't know how it tastes anyways," Jung said.

Anuradna Asthana, a graduate student from India who participated in the expo for the first time, chose chicken tikka to represent her country.

The dish requires a day to marinate and Asthana cooked it early Friday to be ready for the food expo.

Grace Ngumi, a sophomore from Kenya, prepared maandazi, a sweet bread spiced with

fresh cinnamon.

"Most people don't like bread (in Kenya)," Ngumi said. "If you go anywhere in Kenya you'll find (maandazi)."

Michael Yioussellis, a sophomore from the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, picked "traditional Cypriot food."

Souvlaki, meat skewered on a stick, and tzatziki, a yogurt sauce to put on top was served with pita bread. His food was received well.

"I cooked everything and it's all gone," Yioussellis said.

A book filled with recipes from the event is available at the International Program and Services office for \$5.

The International Club supports students by planning events such as mystery dinners, paintball, and trips around the United States.

"They are designed to help international students get out and see more of American culture," said Gregori-Gahan.

The club has a trip to Las Vegas planned for spring break that quickly sold out.

Next year's food expo will be Feb. 20, 2010.

Prepare yourself

Safe spring break fair promotes student awareness

By MAX ROLL, Shield staff

Spring break is a time to have fun and let loose the stress of college, but sometimes it can add even more stress and be dangerous for some.

For this reason, USI Student Wellness and several Evansville-based companies are sponsoring the annual Safe Spring Break Fair to teach students safety tips while on spring vacation.

Being lost in an unfamiliar city is no fun, neither is asking for directions at a sketchy rest stop or having valuables lost or stolen on the beach.

These mishaps can ruin all the fun and glory of spring break.

As cheesy as it sounds, the Safe Spring Break Fair is designed exactly to help prevent these calamities from happening.

This event was orchestrated by experts to ensure the fun and safety of all college students

seeking a good time on spring break and should be taken seriously.

The fair intends to teach students in a wide variety of ways how to avoid these dangers such as what to do if you lose your passport in Mexico or get lost in the Deep South.

"We want everybody to have a fun and safe spring break and come back happy and healthy," said Christine Tolis, assistant program director of USI Student Wellness.

Tolis was once a student at Middlebury College in Vermont and understands the problems of traveling out of town for spring break.

"On my way to visit friends, I got lost in Philadelphia once, and had to stop in a bad part of town for directions," said Tolis.

"I advise students to know where you're going, plan your stops ahead of time, and always carry your cell phone."

Traveling tips will be just one of the many topics covered at the fair.

Other vendors will cover such topics as responsible gaming, skin care, drunk driving, information on traveling outside the United States, securing property, safe sex, and proper tattoo and piercing care.

They will also be giving away prizes to those who attend.

Sponsors at the fair stress anyone who plans on drinking to attend the fair to learn the facts about alcohol consumption. They're also putting emphasis on women to attend to learn how to stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.

College students on spring break tend to test the boundaries of partying and put themselves and others around them in danger.

The Safe Spring Break Fair hopes to prevent students from making these mistakes.

The fair will be held on March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Carter Hall located on the second floor in the University Center.

Sherrilyn Kenyon's Dream Warrior opens up new world

By KIMBERLY STURGILL, Shield staff

New York Times best-selling author Sherrilyn Kenyon is pulling out all the stops.

Her Dark-Hunter series ranks among the highest in science fiction novels. Her latest addition to the series, Dream Warrior, came to the shelves on Feb. 3.

Dream Warrior is one of the installments of the Dream Hunter sub-series of the original Dark-Hunters.

In this world of immortal warriors, Kenyon has devised a four-part but seemingly never-ending story. The parts are divided by main characters' lives.

Currently, there are 16 books published in the series, nearly all of which pertain to part one of the four-part plan.

Kenyon writes a story that has two sides, or possibly more. She writes about the side of who saw what and the side of truth.

Every character is unique, and so the story, no matter the viewpoint, is just as exceptional and distinctive.

In the world of Dark Hunters — including Dream Hunters — nothing is ever as it

seems. Life and death, and the marvels of the afterlife hold more importance than ever before.

The warriors in this series have much to live and die for, including heaven and hell and good versus evil. The moral of every book is that love can conquer all; good will always outweigh the bad. The road is hard, but the end result will be well worth the battle.

There are many different species that belong to Kenyon's world, and each species has some sort of conflict or adventurous exchange with each other. Fights start, war begins, and all hell breaks loose.

That's precisely what happens in Dream Warrior. The world is on the brink of destruction and only one man — an exiled god who angered Zeus — can do anything about it. Stripped of his powers and forced to live as a mortal on Earth, Cratus is the last person who feels like being a hero.

With the entirety of the planet's fate resting on his shoulders, he has to decide which side of the battle he will be on before it's too late, if he chooses at all.

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Lincoln Symposium finally gets its day

By **DANI PALMER**
News editor

On Feb. 23 the College of Liberal Arts symposium presented, "Abraham Lincoln's Life and Legacy" in Carter Hall in celebration of his 200th birthday. From 9 a.m. to almost 3 p.m. presentations were given on various aspects of the nation's 16th president's life in five sessions.

The hall's audience was filled the majority of the day and often contained faculty and students from campus classes. During the morning sessions, high school students also attended.

Tamara Hunt, department chair of history, kicked off the symposium with "Lincoln's Life and Legacy: An Overview."

Barbara Martin, instructor of history, continued to talk about many aspects of Lincoln's childhood and life in her "Lincoln's Kentucky Years."

From there, a wide range of Lincoln discussions began.

Matthew Grow, assistant professor of history, gave his presentation over Lincoln and the theological crisis of the Civil War titled "Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God."

His speech delved into the argument of whether God was on the North or South's side and focused on Lincoln's doubt of religion.

"Lincoln was suspicious of religion," Grow said. "He didn't fit into any category, but he loved God."

Lincoln became more serious about religion as the Civil War began, he said.

Session two consisted of the USI Chamber Choir led by Daniel Craig, assistant professor of music. The choir performed eight Civil War era songs.

Darrel Bigham, professor emeritus of history, then opened session three with "Lincoln, Race and Slavery."

"Lincoln was our best president," Bigham said. "Arguably one of the most influential Americans ever."

Bigham did not find Lincoln at fault for

African-Americans' second class status after the Civil War. He said that Reconstruction was primitive and that two years of study have pointed to Lincoln's persistent opposition to slavery.

Three honor students from the College of Nursing and Health Professions under the direction of Jeri Burger, assistant professor of nursing, began session four by giving presentations over Lincoln's health.

Nicole Simpson discussed Lincoln's multiple health issues.

He had nearly drowned when he was young, received a concussion from a horse kick in the face, had malaria twice within five years, suffered from depression, dealt with constipation and physical exhaustion and even developed smallpox after his Gettysburg Address.

Many of Lincoln's symptoms, such as his height and extremely long limbs, bumpy lips, constipation and headaches were signs that he may have had Marfan Syndrome or thyroid cancer.

Allyson Crawford discussed the disorder and how it affects connective tissue.

"When I thought of connective tissue, I thought duct tape would be a good example (since it connects things)," Burger said when showing off a photo of the gray tape.

Alicia Ricklefs discussed the genetic components and how multiple members of Lincoln's family may have had Marfan's.

Kathy Riedford, assistant professor of nursing, then presented "Was Lincoln Dying of a Rare Genetic Disease?" and spoke of Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia type 2B.

"Lincoln may have been spiraling down (healthwise)..." Riedford said. "He might have ultimately died from his health anyways (if not assassinated)."

Betty Hart, professor of English, then began session five with a much different perspective of Lincoln. Hart presented "African-American Views of Lincoln since Emancipation."

"In his time, he (Lincoln) was the Moses that led the slaves to freedom," Hart said.

Hart then discussed Lincoln's political - not personal objective - to proceed with the Emancipation.

"There are always two sides to every story," Hart said.

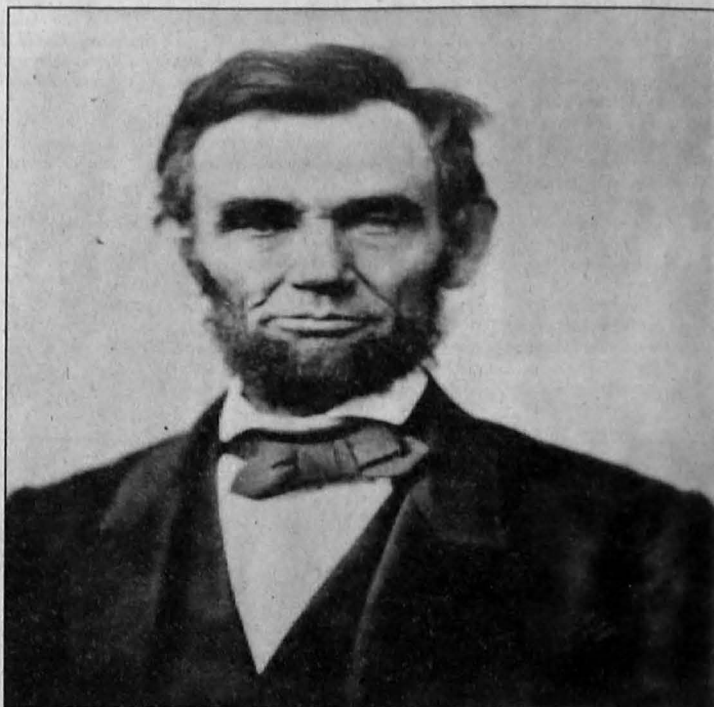
Johanna Rusk, instructor of English, provided a very contrasting presentation with "Living in Lincoln's Shadow."

Her presentation on LaRue County's pride in Lincoln (everything is named after him in

Hodgenville, Ky.: his birthplace) produced comic relief because of the county's devotion to him.

William Bartelt, author of "There I Grew Up: Remembering Abraham Lincoln's Indiana Youth," was the first of only two non-faculty members to present.

The symposium ended with a presentation by Mike Capps, chief of interpretation at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.



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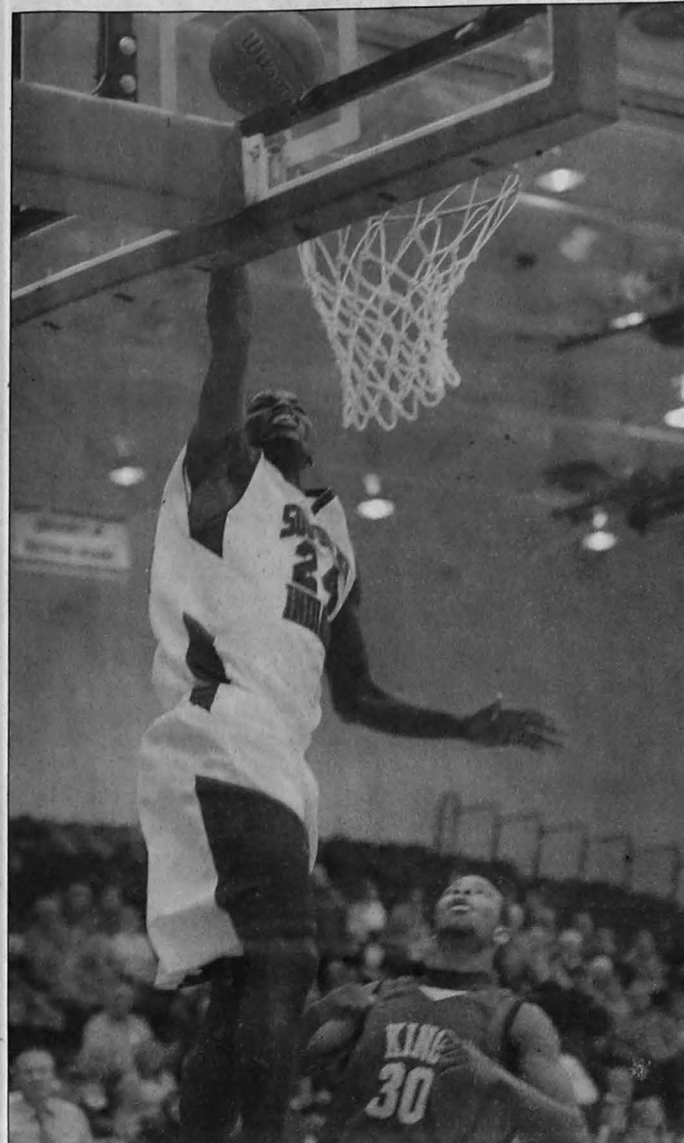
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Pimble plays final game at PAC



Senior Anthony Pimble dunks the ball during a game against King College in early December. This was the first game of USI's annual Bill Joergens Memorial Tournament.

On Saturday night, Pimble played his last game at the Physical Activities Center and celebrated his senior day with a highlight reel of his career at USI. Pimble was the only graduating senior on the team.

Photo courtesy of Macabe Brown/USI News and Information

By LINDSEY ZILIAK
Sports editor

Anthony Pimble stepped onto the court of PAC arena for his final home game on Saturday afternoon. The memory was bittersweet.

The senior forward on USI's men's basketball team said it was kind of disappointing that it was his last home game as a college athlete, but the presence of his mother and brother more than made up for it.

"It was like the first time I've played in front of my mom," Pimble said. "So it was good, especially when I came out (of the game) to a standing ovation and a high-light reel."

It didn't hurt that Pimble's final home game was a 94-73 win over Missouri University of Science and Technology. Pimble provided 13 of those 94 points.

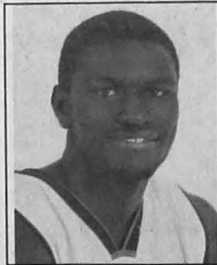
Over the course of his two seasons at USI, Pimble scored 658 career points, had 99 steals, made 132 free throws, was named a pre-season All-American and a GLVC Player of the Week. In the end, those aren't the things Pimble remembers most, though.

"The best part is just going places. I've been to new places, seen different states and met new people," Pimble said.

His travels have taken him from coast to coast before settling in the Midwest. Pimble was born in the Bronx, New York. He didn't always play basketball, though. In fact, Pimble only played two years of high school basketball. He played his freshman year at Grace Dodge Vocational High School but quit his sophomore year to focus on his grades.

When he couldn't get his grades up to par, Pimble decided to switch schools. "If I would have stayed at Grace Dodge, my grades would have fallen off," Pimble said.

And so he moved to Bronx Regional High School and sat



his junior year out. He played again his senior year. Pimble was eventually offered a spot on Ventura Community College's basketball team. Pimble took the offer, and packed his bags for California.

"I was going there with the expectation that California was a good place to be," Pimble said.

He ended up liking his experience there, and it proved to be a stepping-stone for the next phase of Pimble's life.

Before graduating from Ventura, Pimble had received offers from places like Chaminade University in Hawaii, Grand Canyon University in Arizona, USI rival Kentucky Wesleyan and of course USI itself.

"My coach and I got on the computer and looked for the schools with the best records," Pimble said.

And of all the schools making Pimble offers, USI had the best record, so that's where he ended up.

Pimble said he's happy with his decision.

"It's been good. We've been doing well even though we've had our ups and downs. We all work hard and play together," Pimble said.

Pimble sat on a bus Tuesday afternoon on his way to Drury University and Rockhurst to play the final regular season games of his college career.

If Pimble has his way, though, his basketball career won't end after college. Pimble hopes to get the opportunity to play for an overseas team in the future.

By the numbers

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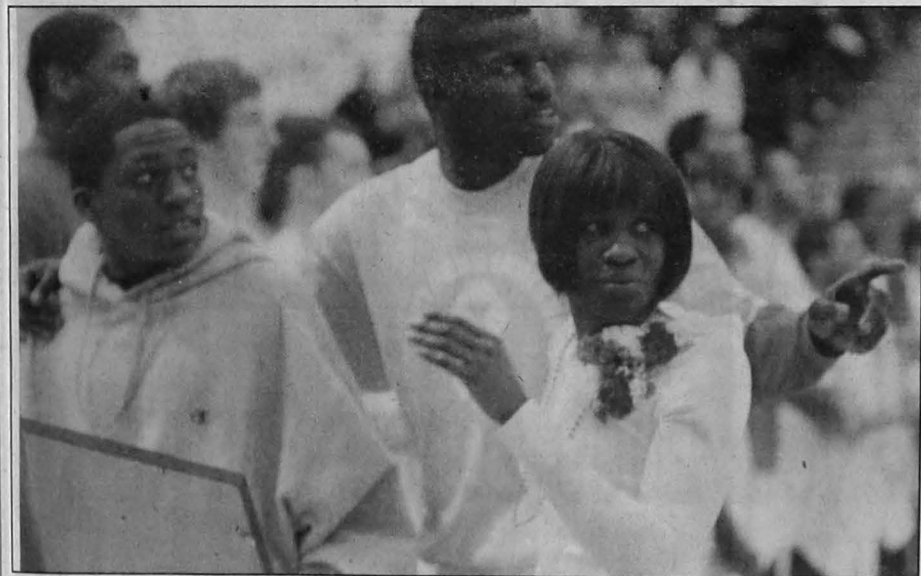
209
Number of career rebounds

132
Number of free throws made

99
Number of career steals

27
Number of blocked shots

658
Total career points



Anthony Pimble stands between his mother and brother during a senior day ceremony for Pimble that included a highlight reel of Pimble's greatest moments. This was the first time Pimble's mother had seen him play at the college level.

Photo courtesy of Macabe Brown/USI News and Information

Tennis team aims high in 2009

By MAX ROLL
The Shield staff

USI men's tennis started their season Feb. 20 against DePauw University and Rose Hulman in Greencastle, Ind.

The first match that weekend resulted in a loss against DePauw. USI was swept in all six singles matches and won only one of the three doubles matches.

The team turned things around the next day by defeating Rose Hulman 7 to 2, including a sweep in all three doubles matches.

With the first match in the bag, the team now knows what to expect from the competition and what areas to improve upon.

"The expectations are posi-

tive this season," said Head Coach Ross Brown. "We're a young team and we'll get better as we get more match play experience."

Junior tennis play Bryan Sulcer agreed with Brown.

"Our biggest struggle will be that we have a lot of young guys playing in our lineup this year. So it may take them a few matches to get used to playing in high pressure situations, but will be great for the team in the next few years," Sulcer said.

Brown used a rigorous practice routine to prepare his players both mentally and physically. Players focused mainly on footwork drills. Probably the toughest part of their routine was running up the eight flights of stairs 10 times a day in a parking garage

in Downtown Evansville.

They practiced five to six times a week to get ready for the season.

The young team practiced hard but still had to deal with their inexperience as a downfall. Only a couple seniors returned this year including Nathan Sexton in the No. 2 spot.

Along with Sexton, sophomore Joseph Boesing and freshman Diego Gimenez will try to help fulfill some of Coach Brown's hopes this season.

"We hope to make it to the conference tournament this year and ultimately make it into the NCAA tournament," Brown said.

Sulcer has the same expectations.

The Eagles must win two out of three doubles in order to make the tournament and with the match quality Coach Brown saw last weekend in Greencastle, there is a lot of room for improvement.

"They seemed a little nervous but I'm quite confident the more experience they get the better their match quality will improve," said Brown.

Brown stressed to his players the importance of mental toughness.

He said the talent is there but in order to compete with other teams in the conference, such as nationally ranked Drury.

The next match for the Eagles will be at Western Kentucky University March 18 at 3 p.m.

The week in sports

Women's basketball

Just two games remain in the Lady Eagles' regular season schedule.

USI will face Drury University on Wednesday and Rockhurst University on Saturday.

A win against either team would secure a third seed for USI in the upcoming GLVC tournament.

USI had a chance to clinch the final spot in the conference tournament on Saturday when the team faced the miners of Missouri University of Science and Technology. The team fell, though, losing 82-85. The loss left the Eagles only a half game ahead of the miners.

Should the two teams finish with the same record, USI will have the tiebreaker due in large part to a double overtime win over Drury earlier in the season.

Track and Field

While most of the track team had the weekend off to prepare for the upcoming conference meet, several USI runners traveled to Eastern Illinois University to compete.

The men were led by senior sprinter Tom Cunningham who posted a pair of top-ten finishes. Cunningham finished sixth in the 60 meters with a time of 6.89 seconds and eighth in the 200 meters with a time of 22.82 seconds.

Despite running with a smaller squad, USI had four top-ten finishes in Illinois.

The Eagles will compete with their full squad this weekend at the GLVC Indoor Track and Field Championships in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Men's Basketball

Junior guard Jamar Smith was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference player of the week after helping USI to two conference wins this past week.

Smith had 21 points in the win over the University of Missouri-St. Louis and finished the week with a game-high 29 points against Missouri University of Science and Technology. During the game, Smith was 10-15 from the field and 5-8 from behind the arc. That marked Smith's seventh game this year with five or more three-point field goals.

U.S. colleges considering three-year degrees

Abbreviated bachelor degrees could cut costs of higher education

(AP) Not much else seems to be helping keep down college costs, so maybe this will: a three-year college degree.

It's an idea that's never really caught on, at least in the United States, but it may be gaining traction with the economy in deep recession.

On Tuesday, Hartwick College, a liberal arts school in Oneonta, N.Y., became perhaps the most high-profile school yet to announce it would offer a broad range of students the opportunity to finish a bachelor's degree in three years, saving a full year of tuition and fees (which run \$42,705 there this year).

It's probably not a solution to the national problem of surging

college costs. Faculty may object and worry about standards. And at big public universities, it's already hard enough to get into all the classes you need.

Sometimes students are lucky to get through in five years.

Still, the economic troubles seem to have generated more buzz around the idea.

At the American Council on Education's annual meeting earlier this month, Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn. and a former university president, pressed college presidents to offer three-year degrees.

In Rhode Island, legislators are considering a bill that would create a standard set of college-

level classes for high schools, so all students could have an opportunity to finish college in three years.

Three years is the norm for undergraduate degrees in Europe, and a handful of U.S. colleges offer variants of a three-year program, including Judson College in Alabama, Manchester College in Indiana, and Seattle University.

Others, such as Bates College in Maine, offer highly qualified students some three-year options.

And of course, at many schools, students with a large number of Advanced Placement credits may be able to graduate early.

Still, the idea has hardly caught fire, despite rising college costs. Students seem to like spending at least four years in college.

When Upper Iowa University offered the option a few years ago, just five students took it — but all decided to stay four years after all. Nobody has signed up since.

A three-year degree "would be attractive to someone who knows right now what they want to do with the rest of their lives," said Lincoln Morris, Upper Iowa's vice president for enrollment management.

"Most students don't have it all figured out right now, and that's fine."

Also in Iowa, Waldorf College has graduated several hundred in three-year programs over the years, but is now phasing out its last one.

Most students wanted the full four-year experience — academically, socially, athletically.

"What we're finding they're saying is, 'Why did I want to grow up so fast?'" said spokeswoman Joy Newcom.

Hartwick says its program is distinctive, because it won't require online courses or summer school (so students can still do internships).

Students will take an expanded course load each semester, plus courses during Hartwick's January term.

Only a handful of majors are excluded.

President Margaret Drugovich emphasized students that still have the four-year option. She isn't sure how many will sign up.

But as a parent, she thinks it will resonate.

"She's planning to go to medical school, she's got a long educational horizon in front of her," she said of her daughter, who attends another college. "It's something I'd recommend she look at, if it were available."

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Answer in next week's issue

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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Solution Sudoku 4

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