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By CHANSE FORD
News editor

Research can be expensive. Creating art and music can be expensive. Traveling to conferences to make presentations can be expensive.

With all these costs, students may have trouble completing their desired work and fulfilling their educational experience.

The Endeavor! program, formerly known as the RISC Awards, alleviates some of the financial pressures students may face when considering participation in such things.

"We encourage everybody," Director Jane Johansen said. "It was (created) to give additional learning opportunities across the university."

Senior chemistry major Sunny Huang received grants from the program twice: once for research with a professor on chemical ways of blocking yeast from cell death and mutation, and another time to travel to a conference in Washington D.C. to present her research findings

on nicotine addiction in zebra fish.

"It was definitely an educational process," Huang said. "It's nice the university provides those types of funds. The amount of money they offer to students... it gives students a lot of funding."

Several options are available for students. Students can apply for grants on their own and receive up to \$2,500. Students helping faculty with research as a research assistant can receive up to \$1,000 for their research. Students hoping to travel somewhere within the country to present their work at a conference can receive up to \$4,000.

The funding for the program comes directly from the Office of the Provost, but students hoping to apply must send their applications by e-mail to Johansen.

The application is in PDF format, so applicants will need a PDF converter. "The best and easiest way to learn things is to do research and creation," Johansen said.

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AmeriCorps accepting applications

By DANI PALMER
Chief copy editor

For the first time ever, an AmeriCorps branch is in southern Indiana, and it's at USI.

And now, the program is accepting applications for next year.

Iris Phillips, associate professor of social work, wrote the grant for the program that started on campus in January.

Tutoring for GEDs and mentoring school-age children, 26 members, most of which are USI students, are spread throughout Vanderburgh County at organizations like Boy Scouts and United Methodist Youth Home, according to Marcey Head-Vanpell, the program's coordinator.

"It's open to Ivy Tech and USI students," Vanpell said. "It's really open to anyone."

The applications, available online on the social work website under the social justice tab, ask for references, an explanation as to why the person wants to join the program and some relevant experience.

Vanpell will be gathering applications until June 1.

Zachary Watson, a senior double majoring in history and secondary education, heard about the program through an education class and was interested because he already had tutoring experience.

"But once I started it, it was actually a bit more than that," he said.

It wasn't just sitting down with someone and tutoring them in one subject; it was a whole list of subjects, an important test.

He does GED tutoring at Counseling for Change, and he quickly began to learn from his experience.

Watson said some dropped out of school early and are trying to get a GED to get a better job, some are court ordered, some just want to read to their grandchildren and some don't really have the drive to succeed.

It's a pretty broad spectrum, but Watson said it will help him as a professional.

"Sometimes you may think it's difficult to reach somebody, to get connected with them because when you first sit down it's not like the first thing you say to them is 'get out your pencil and do this pretest so you can get your GED,'" Watson said. "No, you don't want to do that, because that's going to make them think, 'oh, I remember why I didn't like school when I was in ninth grade' or whatever the case might've been; why they didn't get their high school diploma. You don't want to do that. You have to build rapport with them."

Watson learned asking the person about him or herself to get a sense of who they are from the beginning is the best way to go. He wanted to find a special motivating force and "maybe coax them into enjoying it a little bit."

He said some people have a bias towards those who don't have a GED, thinking the person is dumb or lazy.

"The fact of the matter is, you have to really understand (their situation)... People have different lives than we do. Maybe something happened when they were young," Watson said. "Maybe they got pregnant too early or maybe their family wasn't there for them. Maybe they had to leave to support their family at an early age and that's why they had to drop out."

As an example, Watson talked about tutoring an intelligent girl who did not even go to high school.

"It's really majestic to see her drive, and her motivation and her want to succeed, and she's doing a great job," he said. "It's good to take away that bias: that negative bias. You don't want to blame the person; you've got to blame the situation."

The program's second year runs Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 and while only seven agencies are involved right now, Vanpell said they want to expand the program to include case study and maybe a health initiative.

"We're hoping that, if we expand it out, it'll be a lot more interesting to a lot more people, a lot more agencies, maybe students will be more like, 'oh, this isn't just this one route,'" Vanpell said. "Case management is very open."

Many of the students are social work and education majors, but Vanpell said they want more majors to get involved next year.

Students do get a stipend of \$5,326 for 900 hours of

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Community Profile: Volunteer has history with USI

By HEATHER WARGEL
Special to The Shield

Joanie Jost has a history with the University of Southern Indiana that runs deep.

Jost began working at USI in 1973, and once she and her husband Lloyd retired in 1995, they thought it was the perfect time to start volunteering at the university. Joanie started as a secretary in the admissions office.

"When I started there, it was just the administration building and the library," Joanie said.

USI has grown, and volunteers like Jost help run many of the activities the university hosts. Joanie, along with Lloyd, have helped with activities like Senior Day, the campus welcome days and various athletic events.

Joanie and Lloyd also help out around the Evansville community.

Lloyd has worked as

a proctor for WorkOne, a program meant to help give skills to people trying to find employment. They have also volunteered at Relay for Life.

The volunteering the Josts do come from a love of USI and the community that surrounds it.

"I have always told friends that once you leave you can always go back," Joanie said. "It is a wonderful place full of wonderful people. Sort of like a second family."

The Josts are very involved in the athletic department and are always willing to support the Eagles.

The last position Joanie held at USI was as an administration assistant in the athletic department.

The Josts host a dinner at their house for the men's and women's basketball team, and a group of friends help them with the preparations. They all share the same enthusiasm

"When I started there, it was just the administration building and the library."

- Joanie Jost, long-term USI community member, on the university in 1973

for USI athletics.

"We get to sit down and talk to them like they are family," Joanie said.

Lloyd also contributed to the athletic department by gathering volunteers and materials to construct the old softball field concession stands.

Joanie and her husband now serve on the advisory board for Volunteer USI. Before that, Lloyd was named the very first Volunteer of the Year at USI.

"They have been around

since the beginning," said Kira Vaal, the assistant director of alumni and volunteer services. "They are some of the nicest people."

Joanie cares about the students. She remembers watching some interact with the residents at Jacob's Village, a residential community for disabled adults, and said it was very touching.

"The world is in a really good place when you see this," Joanie said.

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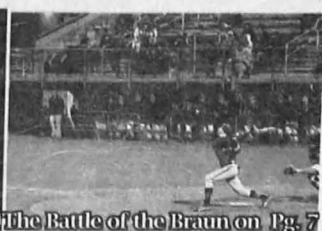
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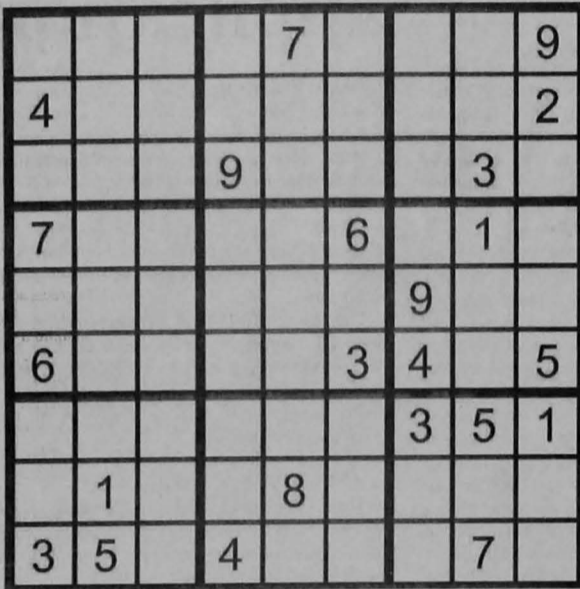
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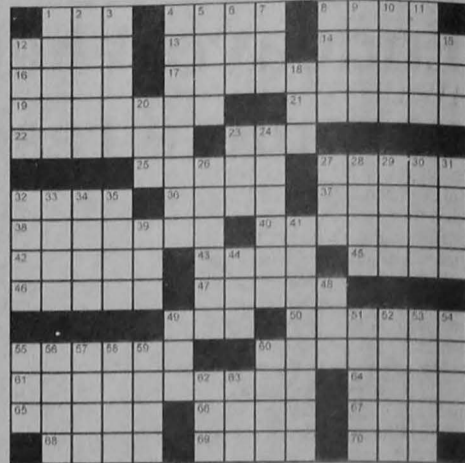
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- 19 Retainer
- 21 Repented
- 22 Herd members
- 23 Gymnast's goal
- 25 Small drum
- 27 Youngster
- 32 Carpenter's wedge
- 36 Mantle
- 37 Reverse
- 38 Playgrounds
- 40 Provided with food
- 42 True heath
- 43 Pismires
- 45 Andy's chum
- 46 Impertinent
- 47 Endures
- 49 Pigpen
- 50 Functional
- 55 Birthplace of St. Francis
- 60 Astral
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- 3 Burrow
- 4 Make a deal
- 5 Fissure
- 6 Frequently (Poet.)
- 7 Golf peg
- 8 Catch one's breath
- 9 Resound
- 10 Flair
- 11 Humorist Barry
- 12 Fever
- 15 Cheers' Danson
- 18 Raced
- 20 Creative activity
- 23 Acme
- 24 Raises
- 26 Volcanic rock
- 27 Small rug
- 28 Notion
- 29 Average
- 30 Cookie
- 31 Ohio team
- 32 Sp. women (Abbr.)
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work and are paid bi-weekly, Vanpell said. As long as they complete the hours, they also receive a \$2,675 education award, she said.

"It's really like a job," Vanpell said. "(The agencies) expect you to be there."

The group also went on a two-day retreat where they got to meet other members.

"I think they do that just to kind of help you feel like you're a part of something bigger than your little program," Vanpell said.

Watson wants to be a motivational speaker and said the retreat helped him network and get a broader understanding of what AmeriCorps is.

He recommends AmeriCorps for the experience, the flexible hours and as a resume builder.

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sium will take place April 5 in Carter Hall.

It will provide students with the opportunity to present findings in their research. Six concurrent sessions will run every half-hour in Carter Hall and the six surrounding small rooms.

The symposium is open to the public, and anyone may present, but students who have received grants through the program are required to do so.

While it starts at 8 a.m. and is scheduled to run until noon, Johansen said depending on the amount of presentations, the end time might be extended.

The grants are split into two different categories: research and creativity. Students must apply for the grant by the first Friday of the academic year, not including August.

The deadline to apply for the symposium was March 22.

"It's a way to live your own education" Johansen said. "If you're doing something you're passionate about, you'll learn."



Photo by Jon Siepierski

Students battle it out Wednesday during the Freshmen Townhall sponsored by SGA and 820 The Edge. The townhall featured many inflatable activities and free food among other things.

Obama team unveils program to increase graduation numbers

By WILLIAM JAMES
Daily Texan, U. Texas

UWIRE -- The Obama administration rolled out a new program Tuesday that it hopes will help the United States boast the best college graduation rate in the world by 2020.

During a summit in Washington, D.C., Vice President Joe Biden introduced a "College Completion Tool Kit," a program that will offer governors ideas on how to enhance college graduation rates through strategies that are "low cost" or "no-cost" to the state.

"Right now, we've got an education system that works like a funnel when we need it to work like a pipeline," Biden said in a press release. "We have to make the same commitment to getting folks across the graduation stage that we did to getting them into the registrar's office. The dreams and skills of our college graduates will pave the way to a bright economic future for our nation."

The plan has seven key strategies including aligning high school standards with college entrance and placement standards, making it easier for students to transfer and targeting adults with some college completion but no degree.

In order for the U.S. to increase the number of college graduates by the goal of 50 percent, the Department of Education claims each state will need to have a 60 percent completion rate by 2020. Currently, about 42 percent of U.S. citizens ages 25-34 have college degrees, according to information at the summit. The state of Texas falls below this target percentage, with an approximately 45.8-percent completion rate.

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research also released a study which ranked UT's 78 percent as the 11th-highest among U.S. state universities. Ranked first was the University of Virginia at 93 percent, and second was University of California, Los Angeles at 90 percent.

Thomas Palaima, a classics professor, said the problem with the country's graduation rate is the structure of higher education itself, and that unless the core structure is fixed, the Obama and Biden remedies will not ultimately fix this problem.

"It's a good goal to have the highest graduation rate in the world, but unless you address the underlying structural problems, this is not going to improve life very much for the people who are going to be literally tricked by this system," Palaima said.

America once led the world in the number of college graduates it produces, but the country has fallen to ninth, said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who delivered opening remarks at the Summit on Monday evening.

According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Korea currently holds the No. 1 college graduation rate, with 58 percent of its population finishing college.

To meet the 2020 goal of regaining the No. 1 spot, the U.S. will have to turn out at least 8 million additional graduates by the end of the decade.

USI Security Incident Log

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Physical Activities Center	Fire
3:23 12:01 p.m.	Ruston Hall - 1818 Rochelle
Case is pending	3/24 7:35 p.m.
Hit & Run	Case was cleared
Parking Lot H - 8600	Harassment
3/24 10:33 a.m.	Liberal Arts Center - 8600
Case was cleared	3/27 7:00 p.m.
	Case is pending

Crime Log Key

- * Case suspended: No suspects listed, no leads. No follow up investigation, unless new information arises.
- * Case cleared: The incident is resolved, suspect was identified and will be adjudicated appropriately.
- * Case pending: On hold, awaiting new information.
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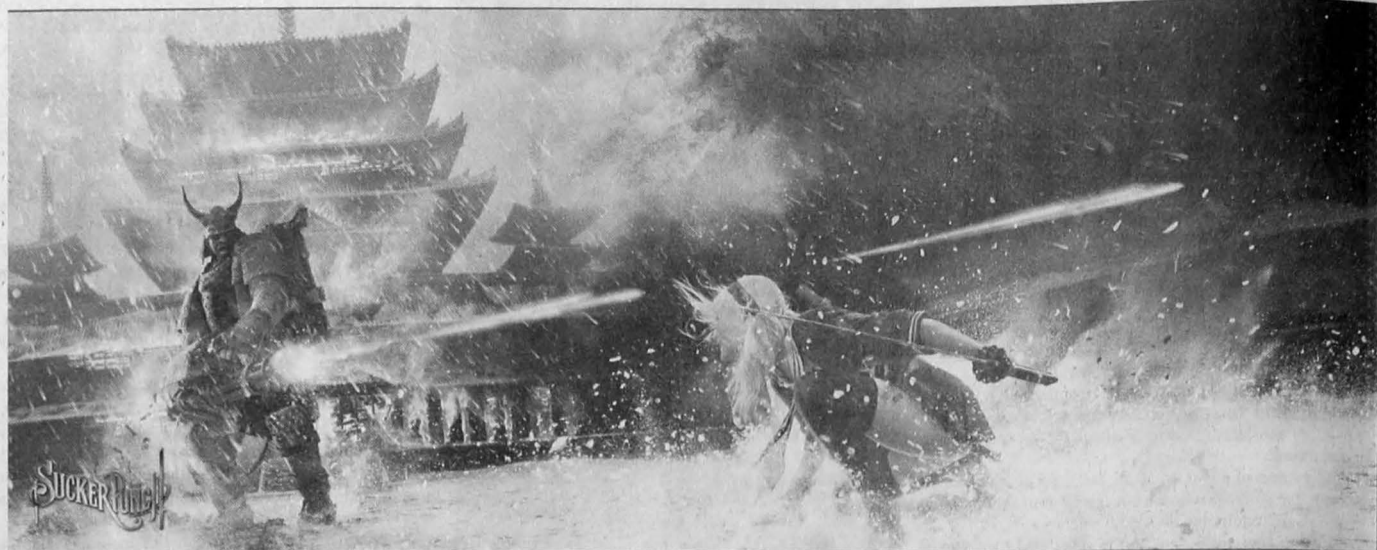
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'Sucker Punch:' too much of a head scratcher?



By ADAM POULISSE
Staff writer

I'm left pondering the new Zack Snyder film "Sucker Punch."

As I write this review, I admit that my mind is still not fully made up about whether I liked the film or not, so this review will serve little purpose to anyone wanting to know if it's worthwhile.

In the film, a girl by the name of Baby Doll (Emily Browning, the little girl in the "Lemony Snicket" adaptation), is sent to a mental institution after accidentally shooting her little sister.

There, she meets her other inmates, Sweet Pea (Abbie Cornish) and her sister Rocket (Jena Malone), Blondie (Vanessa Hudgens) and Amber (Jamie Chung).

The mental institution is actually a front for a bur-

lesque house. Or maybe the burlesque house is a front for the mental institution.

Or, maybe the burlesque house was all just imagined in Baby Doll's head.

I'm not quite sure. Well, wherever they are, it's run by a man named Blue Jones (Oscar Isaac).

Baby Doll races against the clock and blurs the line between reality and fiction to collect five items - a map, a key, fire, a knife and a mysterious fifth object - which will help her and her inmates escape.

If she doesn't escape in time, she will be lobotomized by a man called the High Roller (Jon Hamm).

Or, if she doesn't escape, the High Roller will take her virginity.

Or, maybe they are planning to lobotomize her then take her virginity. Maybe vice versa. Again, I'm not quite sure.

Director Zack Snyder, the man behind "300," "Watchmen," and the upcoming Superman film doesn't realize when too much is too much. Sometimes that works, but here, it's a mixed bag.

This movie wants to be a mindless action movie.

Whenever Baby Doll dances and the other girls try to acquire the aforementioned five items, we escape into Baby Doll's mind; the scenes involving the dragons, robots and zombie soldiers so heavily publicized in the advertisements.

Some of those sequences are pretty exciting; some, not all.

Watching the girls slicing through the robots on the speeding monorail was awesome and the best scene in the movie, and the dragon in an aerial battle with the girl's helicopter is fun.

But the problem is most of the action scenes inside the fantasy world are not exciting or fun to look at. I had the same reaction to this film as I did with Snyder's "300," where action was happening on the screen, but I wasn't particularly engaged or excited by it.

Some of the dramatic scenes in what I believe is the real world were far more compelling and exciting than watching sexy chicks shoot zombies with machine guns.

Part of the problem is the fantasy world is so dank looking and ugly. I don't expect the mind of a troubled teenage girl to look like "Alice in Wonderland," but I want something more eye-catching than gaudy brown landscapes.

Anyone wanting a solid brainless movie with little thought in it will be thrown

off by the last twenty minutes, which attempts to pull an "Inception" and make us wonder how much of what we watched was real while adding some pseudo-inspiration philosophy about how we are the only ones that can make a difference in our own lives.

That last part is particularly funny, because half of the time we saw action scenes, it's CGI versions of the girls prancing around. They didn't make a difference in their lives; their computerized doppelgangers did.

That ending would have been a nice wrap up in another movie. At that point, though, I had sat through two hours of girls defying gravity to fight dragons and robots and zombies.

So the whole time I had the impression I was supposed to turn my brain off to enjoy the film. It was unfair to try to make

people start thinking again before the lights in the theater even came back on.

Very little is consistent or coherent in this movie.

However, the soundtrack is first rate.

There are some fantastic covers of "Sweet Dreams," "Where is My Mind," "Asleep" and "White Rabbit," with Browning lending vocals to most of them. In fact, the soundtrack is the only consistently great thing in the movie.

I loved the first, say, 30 minutes of this movie, but as I wrote this review, I realized that I didn't care for "Sucker Punch" as a whole as much as I initially thought I did or wanted to.

It has its moments, but I was dismissing all the red flags because I have a soft spot for Zack Snyder.

So whether I made up your mind for you, at least I made up mine.

One for the record books

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
SPRINGFEST

By DANIELLE NORRIS
Life & Culture editor

Though Punsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on Feb. 2, USI students have continued to bundle up in winter coats as the early spring the groundhog predicted eludes the tri-state area.

But one sure sign of warmer temperatures to come is USI's annual SpringFest celebration, to be held this year on April 8 and 9.

Students and faculty are gearing up for the two-day event which will host live music and entertainment from locally and nationally recognized acts.

Chris Cagle and Emerson Drive will rock the Physical Activities Center on Friday night; Jason Derulo and Black Violin will crank up the volume on Saturday night.

"I don't think it's a question that these are the two biggest concerts we've ever had," said Tim Buecher, SpringFest advisor to the student executive committee.

This year is the first time total spending on entertainment will exceed \$100,000, Buecher said, who has been advising the committee since the first SpringFest in 2002.

Many USI students travel out of town to visit their friends at events hosted by other schools.

One of the goals of this year's SpringFest is to attract students from other universities to visit their friends at USI instead, Buecher said.

Freshmen Katelyn McCain, an elementary education major, and Camila Miller, undeclared, invited friend Ryan Mullis, a computer information technology major at Ivy Tech, to attend this year's festivities at USI.

As to what attracted him to SpringFest, Mullis said quite simply, "Jason Derulo."

Though the three bought tickets to both concerts, Miller is most excited about Chris Cagle and Emerson Drive, she said.

Live bands will perform outdoors in Lot L throughout the day on Friday starting at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m.

This year's event will play host to other local entertainers such as the Evansville Fire Performers, a group consisting of fire spinners, baton twirlers, hula hoopers and even fire-breathers.

The rollergirls of Demolition City Roller Derby will also be giving a demonstration.

Food will be available for purchase from local eateries, including Papa Murphy's and Jimmy John's. Several student-operated booths will offer such fare as deep fried fish, Texas tenderloin, barbecue and bratwurst.

Carnival rides will run in Lot K. Rides are free for all USI students and their children with ID, as well as the children of USI employees.

Others may purchase one ride for \$2 or an all-day wristband for \$16.

Trike-A-Palooza will return for a second year, with proceeds going to the Jamel Lewis Education Fund in memory of Jeron Lewis, a USI student athlete who died last year.

The event will take place Saturday in Lot L at 3 p.m. Registration is \$10 for teams and \$3 for individuals. Register online at www.usi.edu/springfest/trike or on the day of the event.

PAC doors will open for the concerts Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for USI students and \$35 for the general public. Concert tickets can be purchased at the USI Bookstore and by following the link online at www.usi.edu/springfest.

Healthcare reform speaker meets little opposition

By CHANSE FORD
News editor

Nurses wheel a man in his 50s into the emergency room as fast as they can.

The man is breathing raggedly and sweating profusely. He is on the verge of a massive heart attack.

As hospital staff check the man's vitals and administer painkillers, the doctor sees the man's wife anxiously sitting in the corner.

This is the second time

in the last six months he has been to the hospital, she says, and because her husband is a self-employed house painter, he cannot afford health insurance.

The man couldn't even afford to see a cardiologist about his chest problems. Not only does the couple face financial devastation from this ER visit, but they are being sued in small claims court for their last visit.

Rob Stone shared this experience and others he

has had while working as a doctor in an emergency room with a half-full Mitchell Auditorium March 24.

"This stuff happens all the time," Stone said. "Whether he lives or dies, they're facing financial catastrophe."

These experiences have helped shape Stone's view on healthcare and given him his belief that a national single-payer health insurance plan is what's best for Americans.

The crowd Thursday

was a mix of students and supportive community members.

For Stone, the support was surprising based on his previous experience with Evansville community members.

Last time, he spoke at the University of Evansville to a crowd of vocal tea-partiers.

"My experience is Evansville is the most hostile town I speak in," Stone said.

Despite the occasional opposition, Stone still

wants to convince the average citizen of the benefits of single-payer health insurance.

"I thought he was good," said Cassandra Brothers, senior nursing major. "He shed lots of light on the health care bill and what it affects."

While the majority of the college-age crowd in the audience may have been boosting their grades with extra credit, Stone said health care affects this demographic heavily. "Age 20 to 35 is the

largest percentage of the population that is uninsured," he said.

For Stone, pushing for this particular type of health insurance is about making his community and country better for everyone.

"I grew up here in Evansville," Stone said. "From my father... I learned fairness. I think fairness is a core American value."

Gamers find asylum at local video store

By ROBERTO CAMPOS
Staff writer

Step into Premiere Video and what you'll find is a glowing, violet-tinted room called Game Asylum with enough gaming equipment to make a gamer's heart stop.

Recently opened at Premiere Video's west side location at 5310 C Pearl Dr. last December, Game Asylum offers a gameplay experience like no other.

With Game Asylum having all the latest technology from the most recent versions of the Xbox 360 and the PlayStation 3 to PCs that can play any game you can think of, you'll never have to worry about playing on old technology again.

Quentin Masterson, general manager of Premiere Video, wants to give gamers two kinds of experiences: "a group experience that friends can come and play together, either offline or online, on any given day that is cheap or access to gaming formats that people may not be able to access or afford," Masterson said.

All 16 gaming stations at the Game Asylum run on Asus 1080p 28-inch monitors. Eight stations

are dedicated to Xbox 360 and PC, while two are dedicated to PS3.

Game Asylum has a direct fiber connection. For those of us, including me, who don't know what that means, you'll never have to deal with lag or a bad connection for online experiences, unlike the campus connection.

Choose from over 200 games which include "Call of Duty: Black Ops," "Halo: Reach," and "World of Warcraft." While games are loaded onto the PC hard drives, Game Asylum has reserved copies of all the latest titles for both 360 and PS3.

Downloadable content is always hard to keep up with and can get pretty expensive. Game Asylum has you covered, having all the latest content for the most current and popular games.

For those wanting to use their online gaming accounts for the 360 or PS3, players have the option to recover their accounts onto the Game Asylum's systems. For the 360 you can also bring a USB drive and your account access, if you have it on USB.

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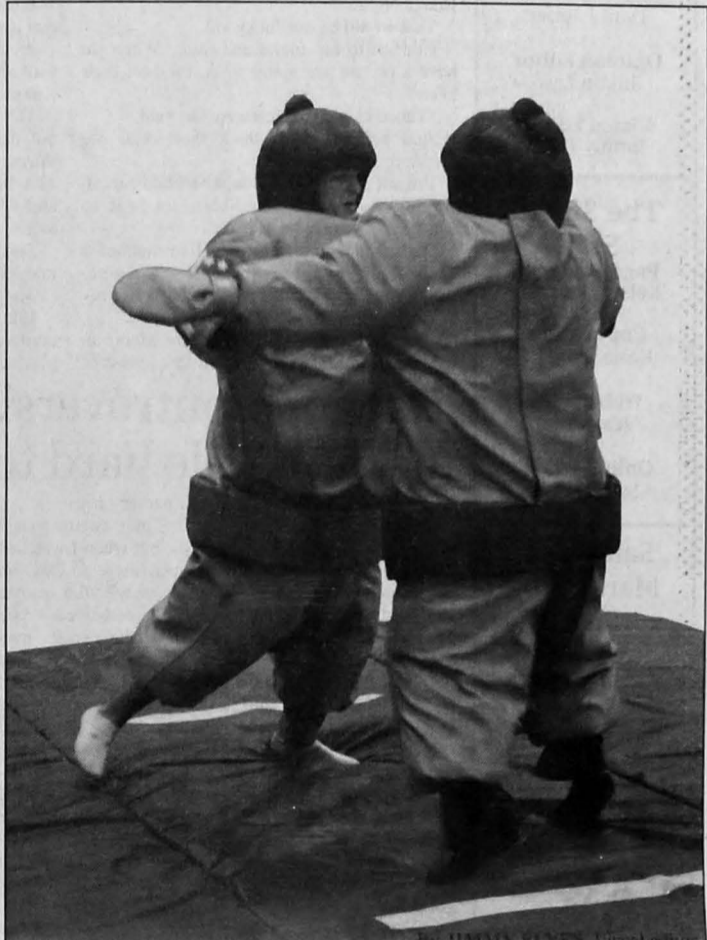
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Two members of Lambda Chi Alpha, juniors Jeff Hughes, Management, and Nate Burnett, Business Administration, participate in sumo wrestling during Saturday's Relay for Life.

Survivors, supporters pack the PAC to fight cancer

By JESSIE HELLMANN
Staff writer

Cancer survivor Jessy Rosenbarger spoke to the crowd at the Physical Activities Center on Saturday alongside several cancer survivors in the community at the kickoff of the USI/University of Evansville Relay for Life.

Rosenbarger, survivorship chair for Relay for Life, was 21-years-old when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I have never been so scared in my life. I was a junior in college. Cancer was not on my agenda." "I had a tumor the size of a grapefruit, and it was painful every single day," Rosenbarger said.

The fundraising event for the American Cancer Society recognized cancer survivors and honored the memory of those who lost their lives to the disease.

Sororities, fraternities and other clubs from both universities came together to form 46 teams. They collectively raised a total of \$35,000 surpassing last year's total of \$30,000.

At the relay, team members take turns walking or running around the gymnasium in the PAC, and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times.

UE organizer for the event, Rachel Tarantino, has participated in relays for 10 years now.

"I'm a cancer survivor, and my mom is a cancer survivor, and it's always something I've been real passionate about," she said.

Tarantino's favorite part about the event was the energy of college students coming together for the same cause.

Shannon Dick, an exercise science and physical therapy major at the University of Evansville,

organized a team with friends in support of their friend, Clare Scheller, who is battling leukemia.

"She got cancer this past summer, so we're doing this in honor of her. And my uncle had cancer. It's just a great cause," Dick said.

Sleeping bags, blankets and tents decorated the balcony of the PAC as students set up camp for the night.

Posters surrounded them with sayings like, "Be a hero, honor a hero, fight for a hero."

"(We're here) for the people that we know in our lives and for the people that have been touched because of cancer," Rosenbarger said.

"One day, I know for sure there will be a day without cancer and I hope that day is during my lifetime."

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Condoms vs. children: Which is the best form of birth control?

By **ROBERTO CAMPOS**
Staff writer

The other day, I was in CVS with my friend to get a prescription, and I noticed something that startled me.
They had condoms on clearance... an interesting concept.
Are they faulty?
With condoms in hand, I visualize the results of the clearance condoms - myself as a father. It was farfetched, but I imagined holding my kid, whose name would be Texas Ranger because of my fascination with the movie "Talladega Nights."
That would be one lucky kid.
I turned to my friend and said, "When we have kids, we are going to be the best dads ever!"
"Those kids are so screwed," he said.
And believe me, I think those kids are screwed.
I'm not saying that I would be a bad parent. I'm just saying if Charlie Sheen can do it, so can I.
With that thought in mind, I formulated a brilliant plan to test my theory. I would go to the only person I knew who had a baby: my sister.
Imagine the personality of Demi Moore in G.I. Jane combined with the cut-throatiness of

Simon Cowell.
That's my sister.
But still, I needed a specimen to test the theory of my parenting abilities, so I had to approach her to ask to borrow her kid for the day.
So, my chances of her saying yes were like Lindsey Lohan not being crazy.
Surprisingly, she said yes.
If a crazy stunt like this was going to be accomplished, I needed to do it right... make it as real as possible.
There had to be mothers.
I found two lucky women who, willfully, would follow us on our crazy misadventure.
It was probably in my nephew's best interest that it wasn't just us two guys taking him.
As this motley crew that I'd assembled walked into the mall, I thought, what would real parents do?
The logical thing to do was to pimp this kid out, make him look like a small version of Lil Wayne... then take him to the play area.
A backwards cap, Captain America Shirt and a large chain later, my nephew was good to go.
The girls laughed at us. My friend and I knew we'd created a good thing.
They would've created a Frankenstein.
Like the captain of the Titanic, I thought everything was going well, but unknowingly this play area was about to be my iceberg.

Everything was going well. I pulled out my phone to text when suddenly... my nephew stole my phone.
I quickly retrieved it and he started to cry... Houston, we have a problem.
Like a deer in the headlights, I didn't know what to do.
Turning to one of the girls I pleaded, "How do I make him stop?!"
Funny faces, funny noises, he was harder to make happy than Tiger Woods on the golf course.
The girls came along and held him. Of course, everything was fine.
Undivided attention from two girls will make any guy happy. Typical for men of all ages.
After that fiasco, I was done.
Babysitting was better than condoms for birth control.
As quickly as my nephew snatched that phone away from me, I gave him back to his mother.
The next time I went to CVS, I had a sense of nostalgia when I went back to that condom section.
I couldn't help myself, I tweeted about how condoms on clearance were probably not the way to go.

'Rango:' Controversial message makes movie hard to love

By **BRYCE BEALE**
Staff writer

In only its third week in theaters, Paramount's animated film "Rango" has rounded up just under \$100 million.
If your \$10 to \$15 is a part of that whopping sum, you may have noticed something unique about this adventure story: it wears a controversial message on its sleeves.
To be honest, I want to love "Rango." I want to love its bizarre nature, its gorgeous cinematography, its witty one-liners and its memorable characters. I want to love that little bowl-bellied chameleon with the Hawaiian tee.
But it's hard to come to that point when I have to swim through an ocean of counter-ideologies to do so.

their parched town.
The plot twists a few times, but when I watched it I was more focused on the message the movie overtly conveyed: you must make your own meaning in life, religion is no more than the opiate of the masses and God is as confused about everything as you are.
The people Rango encounters are mesmerized and deceived by a false form of religion a power-hungry turtle imposes on them.
Rango becomes desperate and seeks out the "Spirit of the West" (i.e. God), but this spirit is occupied with some seeking of his own and tells Rango that the lizard must fulfill his own story, apparently without the spirit's help or intervention.
I must interject here to say that I sympathize greatly with the writers in their aversion to religious tyranny.
History shows that religion has been one of the most powerful and dangerous weapons when dominated by money (or power-hungry leaders) and the same happens incessantly today.
But the writers of "Rango" wrongly suppose that such unchecked abuses

must imply that God is uninvolved and that man must make his own meaning in this life.
Movies, like any artistic production, will always reflect the beliefs and core values of their artists.
So, if one adhering to a humanistic, quasi-fatalistic belief system makes a movie, I would expect that movie to be, at some underlying level, humanistic and quasi-fatalistic.
But Rango holds nothing back for entertainment's sake.
A Christian and an atheist can both enjoy movies like, say, "The Chronicles of Narnia" series, despite their clear Christian symbolism.
They present a particular worldview, but they don't attack what the atheist holds sacred.
"Rango" affronts all that Christians hold sacred... namely, God.
After all, if the atheist is right about God, then it is not inherently wrong for anti-atheist movies to present anti-atheist themes.
But if the Christian is right about God, then for the anti-Christian movie to present anti-Christian themes is not only ethically wrong, but also eternally lethal.

Counseling: nothing to be ashamed of


By **CLARE PRATT**
Staff writer

Did you know USI has its own counseling center? Did you know it offers free sessions to USI students? Now ask yourself: would you ever go, if you thought it could help you?
Chances are, you might not.
The USI counseling center offers many services to students, including help with anything from homesickness and stress, to depression and substance abuse. While they do an admirable job, they have a lot going against them. With the school growing and changing, the counseling center is often left out of major budgetary decisions and remains understaffed.
However, according to counseling center director B. Thomas Longwell, the counseling center gets plenty of support from the administration, and its biggest problem is something completely different.
"I think we are a priority to the administration," Longwell said. "They have a tough job. I tell them about our needs, and they need to balance them with everyone else's. They are very supportive and understanding."

According to Longwell, the real problem is getting students to come in and to break down the idea that therapy or counseling is not something to be ashamed of.
For a very long time, the mental health profession has had something of a stigma attached to it. Mental illness, or even just needing someone to talk things through with, was considered a mental weakness, and something to be embarrassed about. Nowadays, things have changed quite a bit, as more people learn about mental illness and problems are being discussed in the open now, instead of behind closed doors and bolted windows. However, there is still a worry that somehow a therapist will see something in you that you don't want seen, or that something "wrong" or "weak" about you, none of which is true.
The fact is, people sometimes just need help dealing with stuff. Many, many tragedies could easily be prevented by someone with problems having someone there to help them work it out. Even if it's not a huge, possibly life changing problem like considering suicidal behavior or having a drug addiction, many people's lives would be better if they just had a nice, caring person to listen to them who they knew would not judge them, or tell other people what was said.
There won't be a stigma anymore if people are actually willing to talk about it!
The biggest problem in the counseling center is the difficulty in getting people inside and break through all the baggage associated with therapy.
Maybe it's a little scary, but give it a chance. The worst that could actually happen is it's not your thing, and you leave. There won't be a mob outside waiting for you, armed with tomatoes and other things to throw.
It's the 21st century, and I would like to think we have learned a bit more. Things have gotten a lot better, but there is definitely room for improvement. And with USI's center starting to move forward into more outreach, group therapy sessions and increased meetings, the counseling center wants to help things improve. I think Longwell said it best when he said "I view our services as you want to talk to a kind, caring person who can give you suggestions so you can figure things out for yourself."

ON CAMPUS: The Perfect Profile...

So I totally met this guy online who isn't a jerk!





Everything on his profile made him sound like the perfect guy...

Here's his profile on facebook..he seems really sweet.

Activities & Interests
Activities Hunting, swimming, and hiking.
Interests Taxidermy and hockey.
Basic Information
I grew up in a small town. My mother was a camp counselor so I really had the opportunity to make a lot of friends. I was a bit shy when I was young and I was teased a lot too. But all I really want is to find the right one, someone who won't get

He should be here soon..

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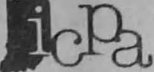
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Battle of the Braun

By MATT ZIELSKE
Sports editor

The University of Southern Indiana, currently ranked 14th, lost Tuesday night, 3-0, to the University of Evansville in the Battle at the Braun.

An error in the first inning by 2nd baseman Ben Griggs allowed the Aces to score 3 runs giving them the lead they would hold throughout the game.

"We talked about it early yesterday," head coach Tracy Archuleta said. "Coming in with some relaxed intensity, we had an error there in the first inning. After that though, they settled down."

Pitcher Josh Schultze settled into a groove after the first inning and shut the Aces down aside from the three runs allowed early on.

"He was able to establish his fastball, which he does really well," Archuleta said. "Then he was able to use his changeup and his curveball to keep them off balance."

Although the Aces pitchers were able to shut the Eagles down, head coach Wes Carroll said the Eagles pitching posed equally difficult problems. "Josh Schultze settled down and played a great game, he kept us off balance."

The Eagles had a couple of opportunities to make a comeback in the 5th and 8th innings but ended up leaving runners on base. "We just didn't put a lot of pressure on them, that's been the key," Archuleta said. "They have a good club and do some good things."

Archuleta said the Eagles played no different against the

Aces than any other team even though they only see them once a year. "We have to play to our strengths," Archuleta said. "We had a misstep there in the first inning. The only difference is they run a little bit better 1-9, we just have to upkeep to the speed on bases."

The overall record of Battle at the Braun is in favor of the Aces at 31-18 with the Eagles having lost the last 7 matchups. "It's great for our community," Carroll said. "It's just good college baseball and that's what the fans saw tonight."

The Eagles will play again against Kentucky Wesleyan in a two game series on April 5-6 at home. They currently have a record of 14-6. The first pitch will be thrown at 6:00 p.m.

Elite Eight wrapup, Final Four matchup

By LUCAS SNIDER
Staff columnist

This year's NCAA tournament has seen many firsts. This is the first time the field has had 68 teams competing in it, instead of 65. This is also the first time the Final Four will have no number one or two seeds partaking in it.

The Final Four includes a number three seed, four seed, eight seed and, for only the second time ever, an 11 seed.

The first semi-final game pits number three seed and winner of the West Region, UConn, against number four seed and winner of the East Region, Kentucky.

UConn, winners of nine straight games, are coming off a hard-fought victory over the Arizona Wildcats and look to carry that momentum with them against Kentucky.

The Kentucky Wildcats have picked the right time to play their best basketball by winning the SEC tournament and beating a very talented North Carolina team to make it to the Final Four.

UConn's ability to win big games and the solid play of junior guard Kemba Walker will guide the Huskies to a victory over Brandon Knight and the young Wildcats.

"They are not going to be able to make it back to the Final Four."

"There is no way they can repeat last year's success without Gordon Heyward."

These were all comments that were said about this year's Butler team leading up to the tournament.

But Butler answered those questions and then some with their never-back-down attitude and wins over quality opponents in the tournament.

This past weekend, Butler came back from an 11-point deficit to defeat a talented and number two seed Florida Gators in overtime.

It may be hard to find a more compelling story than Butler, but their Final Four opponent Virginia Commonwealth University may top them.

Many experts said that VCU didn't even belong in the tournament. They had to prove themselves by playing in one of the first two games against USC in Dayton.

Ever since they defeated USC, they have been playing with a chip on their shoulder.

Led by senior point guard Joey Rodriguez and head coach Shaka Smart, VCU has fit the role of Cinderella at a T. They shocked the entire country by defeating Kansas this past weekend to win the Southwest Region.

The winner of this game will be the lowest seed to play in the National Championship game since Villanova won it all in 1985.

This game doesn't have the glamour and elite school factor as the other, but it may be the most entertaining to watch.

It will be interesting to see if the experience of Matt Howard and Shelvin Mack can lead Butler past the audacious VCU Rams.

I predict that Butler will use their experience from last year's Final Four to help score a victory, and I predict UConn will defeat Butler in a tight game to win the National Championship!

However, after watching the majority of the tournament, the only thing I can say is to expect the unexpected.

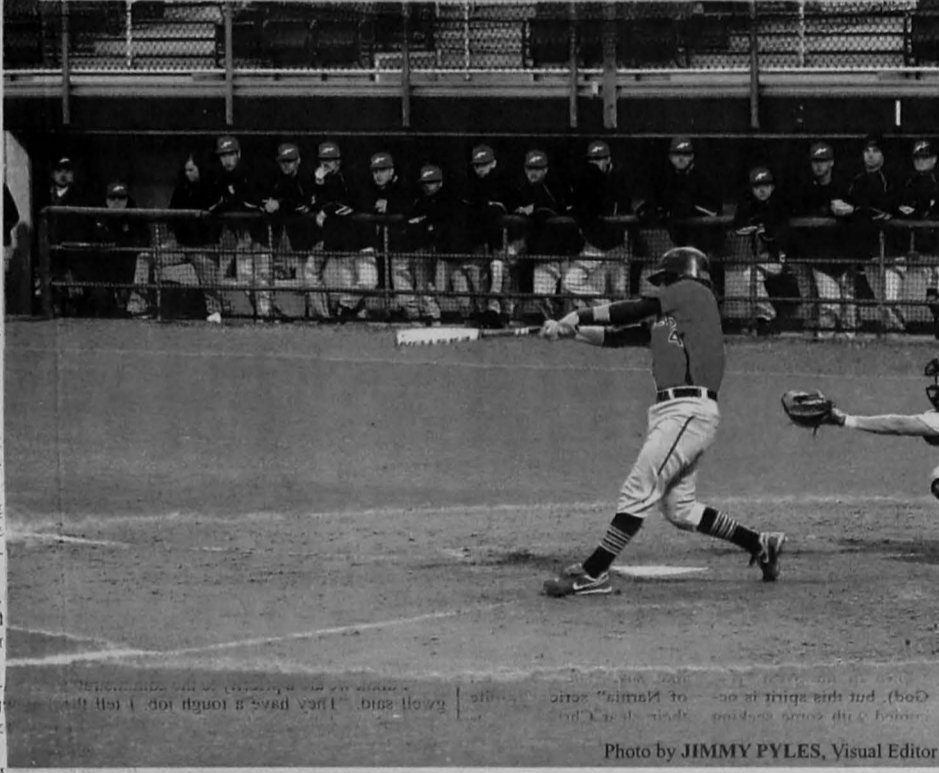


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University of Southern Indiana President Linda Bennett throws the first pitch of the women's softball game on Monday. The Lady Eagles slipped in the late innings and lost to Bellarmine 5-1 and 9-8 in the two games played.

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