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Mid-term pressure is on...

Sophomores Jared Lamar, Charity Lipsce, Jenny Linton and friend feel the pressure of midterms as books replace sandwiches in the UC (Photo by Kyle Kania).

Security confident of ability to provide student safety despite some recent campus crimes

By **Brandi Watters**
The Shield

Within the last few weeks, nearly a dozen cars were broken into over a two-night period. The thieves focused mainly on soft-top automobiles and Jeeps, according to Barry Hart, the Head of the Security Office. The thefts took place in

and around the O' Daniel South Housing Complex. Last week, police made one arrest in connection with the thefts.

The apprehended suspect is not a student at USI, nor does he reside in Evansville.

Police seem confident that the suspect was not alone in his crime and they continue to search for any additional

assailants.

The thefts at O' Daniel South seem to be the most extreme cases of theft thus far this year, but theft is often very common on college campuses.

Barry Hart named theft as this University's biggest crime problem over all. In 2001, the security office reported forty-six cases of theft on campus at

Parking changes lead to improvements; problems still exist

By **Lana Kunz**
The Shield

The Student Government Association is trying to improve transportation by converting last year's temporary parking committee into a permanent transportation committee.

The SGA has included improving transportation on campus as one of its five goals to achieve this semester. This committee would be in place to anticipate the student body's transportation needs and direct the cash flow from the new transportation fee to new traffic projects.

USI no longer has only a parking fee that applies to commuters.

If students glance at their tuition bill from this semester, they will notice a transportation and parking fee. This fee applies to all students.

This money is used to

improve parking lots and also sidewalks, cost of the buses, and even additional lights outside.

Commuters no longer need to display a hangtag or decal of any kind. Although decals now need to be displayed on all housing resident's vehicles. These are to be placed in the lower driver's side back window or immediately to the left of your license plate.

These decals cannot be put back on the vehicle once taken off, and an additional decal costs 10 dollars.

Security officers have noticed a certain amount of trickery in displaying the decals. They have seen everything from magnetic backing on the decal so a student can remove them to park in lots now reserved for visitors and commuters to covering them with a bumper sticker that has magnetic backing.

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Graduate student faces charges in child molestation case

■ **Thirty-two-year-old USI library assistant, who is also a grad student, released on bond in connection with child molesting charges.**

By **Jinx Halburnt**
Special to The Shield

A USI librarian was arrested Oct. 29 and charged with three counts of molestation, which were reported and supposedly occurred last March.

Brian Ricketts, of 2935 Ingleheart Ave., has been charged with one Class C and two Class A Felony counts of child molesting in connection with alleged incidents that occurred on March 2, 2002. He was released on \$25,000 bond.

According to police records, Ricketts, 32, is accused of two incidents of deviant sexual conduct with a 5-year-old girl and of fondling or touching her with the intent to arouse.

The girl and her 8-year-old brother were visiting with their mother and her husband at the time of the alleged incident. The report states that Ricketts is

a family friend and the mother denies Ricketts was ever alone with the girl or that any touching occurred.

Ricketts could not be reached for comment.

The child's father took the girl to Deaconess Hospital to be examined after returning from the visitation.

Police records state that a counselor from Child Protection Services interviewed the girl and her brother separately on March 11. They were again interviewed by Evansville Police Detective Doug Hamner on April 9 and the children confirmed their previous statements.

According to the report, the girl's brother said that he witnessed Ricketts fondling the girl on two occasions.

Ricketts denied having touched the girl. According to the affidavit, Ricketts told the

girl's mother that the girl was being "too friendly towards him" and that she was starved for male attention.

Ricketts claimed that the girl jumped on his lap and stated that she wanted to be his girlfriend. Ricketts stated that her behavior made him feel uneasy.

Ricketts also claimed that the girl's mother and father are constantly involved in custody disputes and making allegations about one another on a constant basis, according to the report.

If convicted of the three charges, Ricketts faces a possible 63-year sentence.

In a separate case, Angela Deeds, who states that she was formerly Ricketts' girlfriend, filed for a protective order against Ricketts two days after his arrest, stemming from alleged incidents that Deeds



Brian Ricketts

claims occurred between 1987 and 1992.

Ricketts is enrolled at U.S.I. as a graduate student and is a senior library assistant at Rice Library.

APB sponsoring USI Fall Formal

By **Grant Rowan**
Special to The Shield

For those USI students who like to dress up, dance, and drink punch, Carter Hall is the place to be Nov. 9 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Activities Programming Board (APB) is sponsoring the Fall Formal for students and staff; this year's theme is "Star Light Star Bright." Along with dancing and punch, those attending can enjoy a wide variety of snacks ranging from cookies and brownies to lemon bar pastries.

The formal will provide an opportunity for everyone to get dressed up and dance to some quality music provided by a professional DJ.

At the moment, APB is looking at Jason Owens of Echoes Sound and Light to provide the music. Formal attire is suggested but those wanting to dress casually will not be turned away.

Tickets can be purchased from APB for \$5 for a single

ticket and \$7 for a couple.

APB has been sponsoring Fall Formal for a number of years now. The event has grown every year. "Last year's formal went pretty well. We had around 200 students attend. We are anticipating a bigger turn-out this year," said Lindsay Tingley, director of special events.

Members of the APB staff say they are energized about this year's formal and are working hard to put everything together. Jami Easterling, a first year member of APB said, "This is my first experience with organizing the Fall Formal. I'm really excited. It promises to be a fun time."

Debra Smith, APB president, feels the organization process for the event is coming along nicely. "I've seen a lot of progress made quickly. It looks like it will be a good event."

The APB is encouraging everyone to attend the event.

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bers assaulted by an unknown assailant. These two women were sexually battered within twenty minutes of one another in plain daylight, leaving many females feeling unsafe on campus. The case was immediately turned over to the Vanderburgh County Police Department and no arrests have been made at this time.

Soon after the assaults, a previously scheduled Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class was held for all students and faculty members of USI. Each of the university's security officers are Rape Aggression

Defense trainers and Hart informed that the self-defense classes are typically held at USI at least twice a year.

Contrary to popular student belief that the USI security department is strictly geared towards writing parking tickets, the USI security officers offer assistance in numerous areas.

The security officers have been known to air up tires for stranded commuters, escort students around campus, respond to fire calls, and help to open locked cars among various other deeds.

Some students seem to view the security officers with mistrust and disdain much like

many view police officers.

Hart understands these viewpoints but urges these suspicious students to "get to know us." He refers to the security office as a "necessary evil" on campus and says that his officers try to do their jobs as compassionately as possible.

When an emergency call is made on campus, this "necessary evil" arrives in less than sixty seconds after the call is placed. Hart estimates that USI has between two and five officers on duty at any given time on campus except for large events where USI also brings in the Vanderburgh County Police Department for additional assistance.

Hart's confidence in his department stands strong even in light of the fact that he would prefer more cameras and additional officers to ensure a safer USI.

While he currently has fewer resources than he would prefer, Hart seems confident that the university will allow more resources to the security department as the university population continues to grow.

In comparison with other Indiana universities, USI stands as one of the safest universities as Ball State reported ten more instances of rape, burglary, theft and other crimes than USI had in 2001.

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Security officers now are closely observing such deceptions.

A student would be issued a ticket and most likely be sent to have a discussion concerning USI's code of conduct with the dean of students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Shield accepts original, unpublished letters from all of its readers. Letters should be no more than 250 words. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number included for verification.

Afterthoughts from a protest

I marched on the 26th. I marched next to the elderly, children, middle-aged couples who brought their families out, teenagers, whites, blacks, Christians, Muslims, and everything in between.

We were 200,000 strong, and we were all there for one reason. We were there to tell George Dubya Bush that he did not speak for us. We told him that he was not going to be able to push his war past the American people without the American people putting up one hell of a fight.

I have heard that the youth of America are apathetic. I have heard that they do not know about the world situation, and that they do not care. I saw otherwise in the streets of Washington. There were people of my age raising their voice in objection, and these are the most important protesters of all. We are the ones that will fight Bush's war. We are the ones who will die thousands of miles from home.

Leaning to the Left Beau Winiger



We are the ones who will be forced to kill others before they kill us. Bush did not have to, and neither did the other chicken hawks with him (Cheney, Rumsfeld, Ashcroft, Wolfowitz, Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, etc.). They dodged Vietnam and Korea, but they have no problem sending men and women my age to die for oil.

Washington has not seen such a large protest since Vietnam, and the anti-war rallies of the Vietnam War didn't start until three years after that war started. This rally was tens of thousands strong without a single shot being fired. People streamed in from around the globe to protest, and although there was little media coverage the message got through.

Every age group, religious group, ethnic group, and gender group was there. They all told Bush not to speak in their name.

They all told Bush that innocent civilians are not collateral damage, simply to be dismissed as the unfortunate consequences of war.

When 4,500 Iraqi children die monthly it is not a figure to be dismissed. And the most important message of the day was simple. Regime change is needed, but it starts in America.

So Bush, you do not speak for me. You do not speak for many, but you continue to tell me you do. The world is against you, and you can't even rally the entirety of your nation, yet you insist that you are fighting a morally just war.

You want to fight an offensive war, yet that is illegal by American law. You do not care about the law, the global community, or even your own constituents, the American people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROTC discrimination not a problem

To the Editor:

In response to the conflict of the ROTC on USI campus. The U.S. Army offers what is known as "legal discrimination" in its recruitment. This

means that the Army may discriminate on age and sexual preference. Being so, the ROTC program does not create a conflict in the anti-discrimination policy of University clubs or organizations. Therefore there

is no conflict, and hopefully everyone will recognize this instead of blowing it out of proportion like some profs. have

Michael W. Miller
Cadet, U.S.I. Army ROTC

Crowe also guilty of 'hateful speech'

To the Editor:

The Reverend Jerry Falwell is an individual and Christian conservatives as a whole are no more responsible for his commentary than the Shield is for the viewpoints offered on its opinion page. The remarks of Falwell and other unofficial "representatives" should come with the disclaimer often used by radio and television stations, "the views expressed in this broadcast are not necessarily the views of this station".

The views of Falwell do not reflect the feelings of many Christian conservatives. Being a member of a group does not make you a representative of

that entire group.

Chad Crowe is guilty of the same "hateful speech" that he accused Falwell of spreading. The only difference is that Crowe's target was not a muslim prophet but a group of law-abiding American citizens who still believe in traditional values and ethics in government.

Crowe himself pointed out that Falwell truly believes the things he says; when did America begin condemning people for saying what they believe.

Liberals have a tendency to label many conservatives as members of the "religious right", as though conservatism could not exist without

religion. Most Christians are perfectly capable of having political ideas that are separate from their faith. There are many conservative ideals that have nothing to do with religion, such as smaller, more efficient government and free enterprise.

Perhaps you should consider the reason that members of the so-called religious right are so vocal at the voting booths. Maybe the average American knows what's really right.

Mary Beth Nalin

Hospital, group 'being selfish'

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to an article that was written in last weeks paper.

The article "Deaconess is being irresponsible with student health decisions" stated that deaconess will no longer be offering the morning after pill here on campus. This is a problem because they are our health provider. In my opinion both are being very selfish. Have Deaconess and our own USI College Republicans took a look at what this pill can do for women. Why is it that we are turning kids away from one of the places they probably feel the most comfortable and at that so continent.

You would think that for a school that is growing so rapidly that they would want to offer as much as possible to their students. What's next? What is the next thing to go? The article also mentions a alternative to the morning after pill which is 14% less effective.

Why they would want to give women something that is not as good has got me. I don't understand the thinking behind this one. I definitely think that both groups need to re-think their decisions and quit being so selfish to think that young women don't need this method anymore.

Ashley Kendall

Destiny's Child star gets deep with solo offering

By Shawn Whitsell
The Shield

Last month, Destiny's Child's Kelly Rowland delivered *Simply Deep*, a 14-track collection of songs dealing mostly with the intricacies of love and relationships.

Most of *Simply Deep* is a deviation from the trademark Destiny's Child pop/R&B sound that fans are used to.

In its place is a softer, mellower, almost sensual mélange of soul and pop, with sprinkles of rock and hip hop thrown in whenever necessary.

Rowland also spreads her wings vocally - displaying strength and depth that most didn't know she had.

Her beautiful alto soars over, under and through each track. Equally impressive as Rowland voice is the exceptional songwriting, which is the handy work of Rowland, Solange Knowles (Beyonce's baby sis) and a slew of other writers.

Even pop superstar Brandy and hubby Robert Smith contribute songwriting efforts.

Unfortunately, their offering ("Love/Hate") is one of the album's weakest links.

However, Solange is responsible for most of the album's standout tracks such as "Obsession", "Beyond Imagination" and the beautiful

title track, for which she also contributes vocals.

Other noteworthy tracks are the album's first official single, "Stole" (*Simply Deep* also features "Dilemma", Rowland's smash summer hit with Nelly) about the perils of

teenage life, and "Heaven" a poetic tune co-penned by Rowland and absolutely the most beautiful song on the album.

The album does miss a few steps here and there.

The mid-tempo songs such as the aforementioned

"Love/Hate" and "Can't Nobody" seem to only be there to give the album some balance. However, they only get in the way.

It's not that Rowland can't do mid-tempo songs but she should've left them out this time. Even "Dilemma" seems out of place, though it was one of the summer's biggest records.

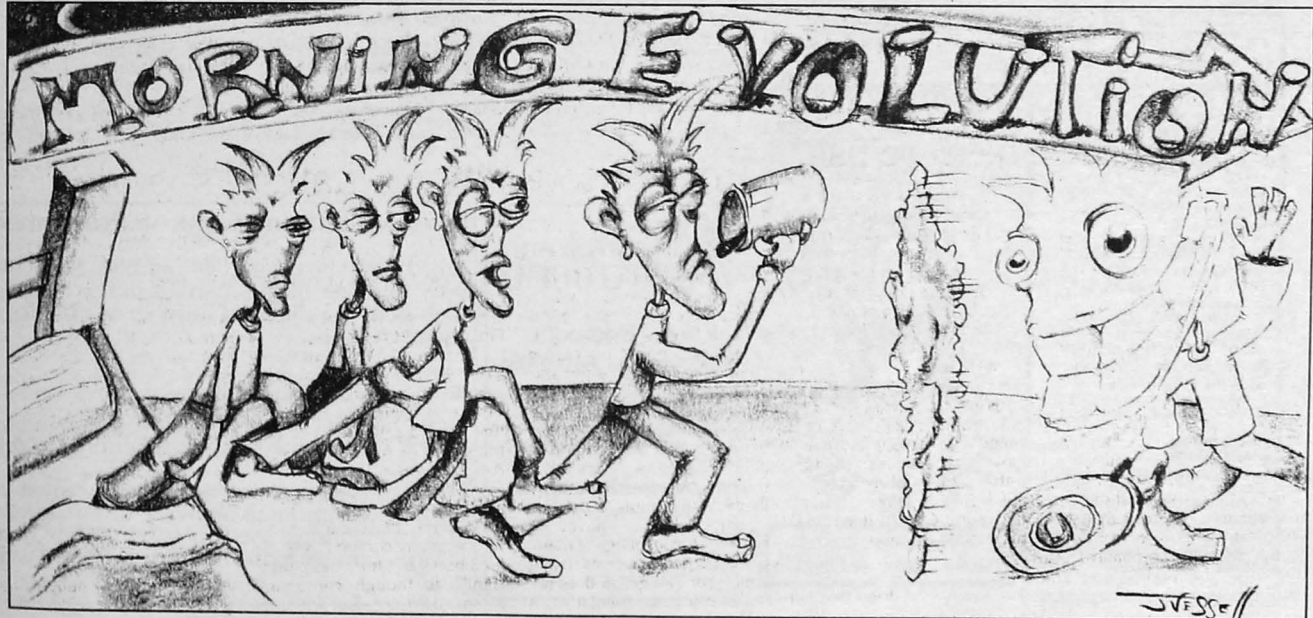
All and all, *Simply Deep* is a strong offering that shows the growth and maturity of an artist who will definitely be around for a long time. The DC camp should be proud.



Kelly Rowland

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Assessment Day approaching

First-time, full-time freshmen and continuing juniors who started their academic career at USI are required to participate in Assessment Day testing Tuesday.

Students should have received information on Assessment Day through the mail and their USI e-mail accounts, which can be accessed through Campus Pipeline.

If you have any questions, contact Joe Wingo in the Office of Institutional Research at 465-7107.

Genetics expert to give lecture

Philip R. Reilly, CEO of Interleukin Genetics in Massachusetts, will explore the impact of our rapidly expanding ability to understand human genes in our society. His presentation, "Your Genetic Information: How Private? How Public?" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on

Thursday, November 14 in Carter Hall of the University Center at the University of Southern Indiana. The lecture, free and open to the public, is part of the USI Core Curriculum public lecture series. For more information contact Dr. Marlene Shaw, professor of biology, 464-1709.

Ceramics sale next week

The first USI student ceramics sale will be in the University Center near the information desk from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11, 12 and 13. Items for sale have been made by students and are suitable for holiday gift-giving.

Colloquium examines meditation's impact

A Liberal Arts Colloquium featuring Dr. David Jaquess, USI assistant professor of psychology, will be presented at 3:30 p.m. November 22 in Klemmeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center.

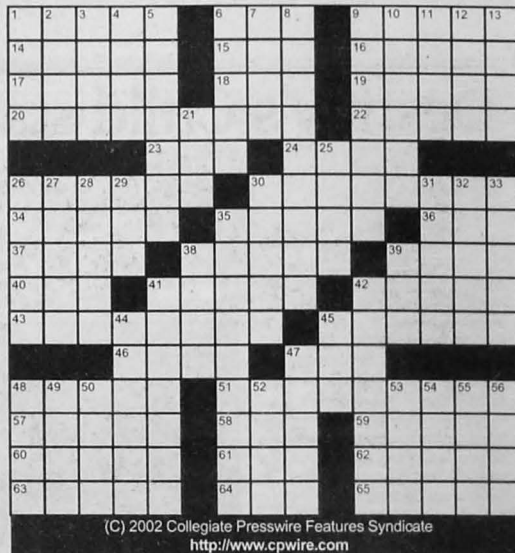
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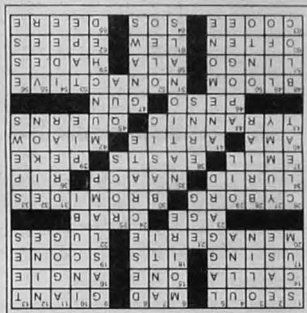
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47. Son of a ___
48. Flower
51. Opposite of active
57. Characteristic language
58. Wing
59. Hell
60. Frequent
61. Tepid
62. Fencing swords
63. Aborigine cry
64. Signal for help
65. Manufacturer of farm equip.

DOWN

1. Refuse
2. State of rest
3. Zip code 52320
4. Arm bone
5. Straggler
6. Wavy surface patter
7. Opposed
8. Profane
9. Old fashion streetlight
10. Nightmares
11. Eager
12. Number of feline lives
13. Golf pegs
21. ___ drop soup
25. Mythical birds of prey
26. Provides traction
27. Delicious
28. Mediterranean shrub
29. Tin Man's salve
30. Fundamental element
31. Dismal
32. Effigy
33. Vomits
35. Patriots
38. Sea eagle
39. Dessert in the sky
41. Windflower
42. Chewed loudly
44. Apex
45. In so far as
47. Chews
48. Group of nations
49. Inventory accounting method
50. Existence
52. Oil
53. To fasten
54. Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe (Abbrv.)
55. Swerve
56. European Society for the Study of English (Abbrv.)



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Problem Solving Contest: Problem #5

Julie has 10 boxes and 44 marbles. Show her how to place all the marbles in the boxes so that there is a different number of marbles in each box.

OR

Show her that it can't be done. (No two boxes will contain the same number of marbles.)

Note: A solution for submission must be written out in detail showing any diagrams and calculations used in solving. For more information, go to the Math department webpage.



Men's basketball coach Rick Herdes talks with assistant coach Marc Hostetter during a game in the 2002 GLVC tournament. The men's team will open play Nov. 9 at the PAC.

Basketball season opens against Tornatta Stars

By Paul Wilcoxon
The Shield

The University of Southern Indiana men's basketball team will attempt a feat that few teams in NCAA Division II accomplish.

Most teams can only dream about putting together a streak of 10 straight 20-win seasons, but in 2002-03 USI will be looking for its 11th straight 20-win season.

The Screaming Eagles enter the season ranked eighth in the NABC/Division II Bulletin.

USI is also considered a break-out team by Street & Smith's College Basketball.

The Eagles have won at least 20 games each season since 1992-93 and averaged 25 victories a year since 1993-94.

The Eagles have come away with a 253-43 record over the last 10 campaigns.

In that span, USI has appeared in the NCAA II Tournament nine times, including coming away with a National Championship in 1995.

USI has also reached the

NCAA II finals in 1994, won four Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships, and collected five GLVC Tournament appearances.

Returning for his second season is USI Head Coach Rick Herdes. Herdes tied the USI record for a first-year coach, leading the Eagles to a 22-8 overall.

USI will open exhibition play against the Tornatta Stars Saturday night at the Physical Activity Center.

In last year's contest, USI broke a 35-35 half time stalemate to escape with an 89-81 win.

USI's leading returnee is sophomore guard Cris Brunson, who averaged 13.4 points a game. The top Eagle on the glass is junior Billy Harris who

grabbed 6.6 boards a contest.

Fans of the Eagles can also expect new faces on the bench this season.

USI may return three starters from last season's squad, but only six players overall. USI has 14 new players on the roster.

The Eagles will have to survive the next few weeks without the services of junior center/forward Reque Newsome.

Newsome will be out four to six weeks with a broken right foot. Newsome broke the third metatarsal during practice.

Newsome transferred this summer from Central Florida Community College where he was a two-year starter.

See it Live!

Men's Basketball

What: Exhibition game

Against: Tornatta Stars

Where: PAC Arena

When: Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

How: Free with student ID

Ice Eagles lose home opener to Louisville

By Michael Shockley
The Shield

The second-year USI Ice Eagles hockey club took one step forward and several steps backward this past weekend in a pair of home games against the University of Louisville Cardinals at the new \$12.5 million Swonder Ice Arena.

The step forward came in the form of a heart-breaking 5-4 loss Saturday night in front of a sell-out crowd estimated at 1200.

Despite coming up short on the scoreboard, the Ice Eagles played relatively well and the crowd was energized throughout the contest.

"The home crowd was incredible," said USI Head Coach Charles Harrington.

"They really helped us

keep up our effort."

Louisville jumped out to a 3-0 lead by 2:53 into the second period, thanks in part to stellar play by goaltender Marcus Roach.

USI stormed back later in the second, as Drew Hunter scored a pair of goals just 2:12 apart.

However, the Cardinals needed only the first 3:37 of the third period to add two goals and regain a 5-3 lead.

The several steps backward came in the form of an ugly 4-0 loss Sunday morning.

USI came out flat, played selfishly throughout much of the game, and generally looked unorganized and very undisciplined.

USI will take on Eastern Kentucky University this Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

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Degree offers wide range of options in today's job market

English degree benefits graduates

By **Theresa Adler**
Special to The Shield

Substantial benefits come with a degree in English. Graduates master the critical thinking and writing skills that employers are searching for.

The University of Southern Indiana offers courses for majors and minors in English with emphasis in literature, writing and teaching certification.

According to the USI English home page, the English programs are intended to create "an atmosphere where the

traditional values of "creativity, competence, broad and specific knowledge, and self-understanding" are emphasized.

Dr. Michael S. Kearns, chair of the USI English department, said, "An English degree enhances one's ability to think critically and use language critically.

"Essentially all fields -- business, science, etc. -- need people with those abilities. English skills are bedrock qualities.

"An English major learns how to have fun with words and realizes that language and

literature can be a delight."

Nathaniel Rivers, a senior English major, said, "I feel the benefits of an English degree are far reaching. The ability to communicate and communicate well is one of the most important skills an individual can possess, especially in a democracy in which speech is so important.

"The ability to exchange ideas with others is both the goal of communication and the basis of any democracy."

Kearns recently conducted a study of USI English graduates over the past 25 years.

The study found that half were in education, many of those as education managers or administrators.

The other half were mainly involved in business, law, environmental affairs or state and local government.

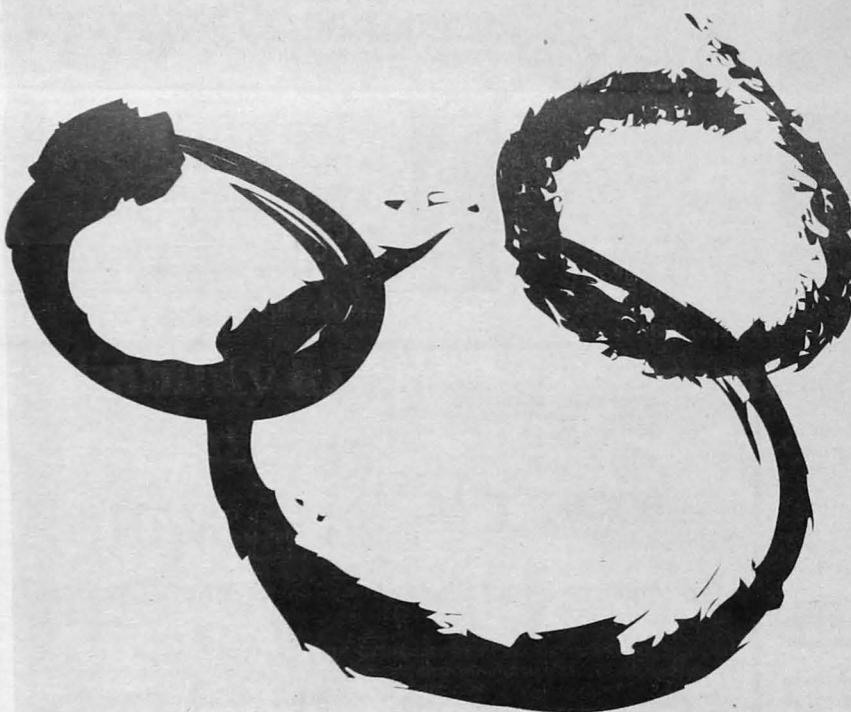
Rivers said, "I hope to one day teach English at the university level. I was drawn to English as a major for the very same reasons I believe that a degree in English is worth having."

Kearns said, "A degree in English is not like a degree in physical therapy, where the

employers are lining up to employ graduates. English graduates must be entrepreneurs in the job market, be able to market themselves and be sensitive to different audiences."

A poll of last year's USI English graduates by the Career Services and Placement office, of which 11 graduates returned data, found that the graduates' average salary was nearly \$28,000.

In 2000, the average salary was just over \$25,000 for graduates with full-time positions.




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