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Campus security or campus police

By TIFFANY LAMPERT
Staff Writer

The University of Southern Indiana currently has campus security, not campus police.

With safety issues at hand, after occurrences like Virginia Tech and the increasing enrollment at USI, the question is whether or not campus security is enough to ensure the safety of those on the university's campus.

Barry Hart, director of security and transportation, has been with USI for 16 years.

When he started in 1991, there were six officers and 4,000 students. Both the amount of officers and students increased over the years.

"Campus Security is responsible for responding to all emergency needs on campus and to provide a safe and secure environment for the USI campus," said Hart.

"If we do not have the authority or equipment to respond to an emergency, we will call outside agencies to respond like the Vanderburgh County Sheriff Department or the Perry Township Volunteer

Fire Department."

Since the university is in Vanderburgh County, the law enforcement that patrols this area includes the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police said Hart.

Every day, normal operation involves the Vanderburgh Sheriff Department to patrol the

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needs and provide that information to Vice President (of Business Affairs) Mark Rozewski."

"The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's department offers the same police protection here at USI as it does for all Vanderburgh County residents," said Rozewski.

"We have had no issues with their response time, and we

increase, then I think campus police may be needed."

"I don't think we necessarily need campus police, but maybe instead increase security in other ways by hiring more security officers or increase the amount of emergency poles and position them in certain areas," said Amanda Eck, a senior in the English program.

If USI's campus continues to grow and the administration continues to review the possibility of increasing security one way or another, the possibility of a campus police department here at USI doesn't seem likely.

"I do not anticipate that there will be a university armed sworn police force any time in the near future. What is more likely to happen is that over time the Sheriff's office will develop more of a presence on campus and possibly develop a sub-station here," said Rozewski.

To compare USI to other institutions and to see occurrences of criminal offenses, hate offenses and arrests on USI, visit the U.S. Department of Education's website at <http://ope.ed.gov/security/main.asp>.

Lack of insurance now may cost later

By LINDSEY ZILIAK
News Editor

One fall or one break could be potentially devastating without it.

Students usually think of tuition and books when considering college expenses.

A number of students have an added expense, though, health insurance.

When a student gets married or reaches a certain age, regardless if he or she is still in school, the student can no longer be covered by a parent's insurance.

The students have several options. They can purchase health insurance or go without

it. USI offers a health insurance plan for its students who have been dropped from their parents' plans.

It's a blanket accident and sickness insurance plan offered through the Columbian Life Insurance Company.

Only students taking three or more credit hours are eligible. These credit hours cannot come from distance learning or online courses.

Students pay \$790 a year for the plan, and this only covers basic injury and sickness. It's an added \$300 for major medical coverage.

Students have to pay a \$100 deductible, but the deductible is waived when students get medical care at the USI Student

Health Center or Deaconess Urgent Care when the student health center is closed.

There are 13 areas of exclusion that the plan fails to cover as well. This includes injuries obtained while playing interscholastic or intercollegiate sports.

There are multiple stipulations involved with the student health insurance plan, but the alternative for many is going without insurance.

Jordan Cory, a 22-year-old USI student, has no health insurance.

"I don't have health insurance because I can't afford it. Mine got dropped at 22," said Cory.

"I had a prescription that

went up from \$17 a month to \$120 a month. Now I have to spread out a one-month dosage over four months."

Brooklyn Solis, 24, also a student at USI, had no health insurance for a period.

"When I was dropped from my parents' insurance, I had to go into the emergency room. I couldn't pay my bill, so I had to declare bankruptcy. I have to have a full-time job now, so I can have health insurance."

It's a problem that some students at USI face. They get dropped from their parents' insurance and have to make a decision.

It's either pay for the insurance or go without and hope to not get hurt.

New Harmony bridge closes indefinitely

By Lindsey Ziliak
News Editor

On Tuesday afternoon the New Harmony Bridge over the Wabash River closed indefinitely.

Jim Clark, member of the New Harmony Bridge Commission, said "Due to the Minnesota bridge collapse all bridges are being looked at." The federal and state highway department came out and inspected it.

"They went over it with a fine-toothed comb," said Clark. According to an official statement from the White County Bridge Commission, a working crack had grown from past inspection reports.

The structure will remain closed until it is safe for traffic.

Clark was out at the bridge all afternoon. He said that the bridge closing backed traffic up.

"It's been an extremely busy day and a really sad day," said Clark.

The New Harmony Bridge was one of five bridges the federal government initiated in the 1920's. It is the only one that is still standing today.

The fate of the historic bridge is in question, and its closing will have effects on the surrounding community.

"It will be devastating, especially for emergency workers and farmers. They're at the end of their harvest season. I really feel for New Harmony and the nearby areas," said Clark.

Page dismissal an issue of student behavior code

By BRANDI WEYER
Editor-in-Chief

The steps taken in regard to the dismissal of Kenneth Page, 21, from the USI basketball team on Sept. 19, lies within the USI Rights and Responsibilities Code of Student Behavior.

According to Barry Schoenberger, dean of students, the process that takes place when a student is accused of disobeying the USI Rights and Responsibilities Code of Student Behavior is called an "education process." The educational process as opposed to a criminal process is informal.

"It is informal to make sure we know the student knows what they have been charged with and have evidence in their hands," Schoenberger said. This procedure occurs when a student is believed to commit a violation that requires the possibility of punishment. According to Schoenberger, the most important part of the education process is an application sanction.

These are examples of items that carry the potential to receive these types of sanctions:

"A verbal warning may occur when a student puts their parking sticker with a magnet to drive back and forth between the campus apartments and campus.

"When an individual makes a duplicate of their parking sticker for another off campus party to

park in housing, a written warning may be issued.

"Getting caught with too many visitors, having alcohol on the premises and loud music may lead to probation.

"In order for a student to lose their housing contract/receive the possibility of suspension, these are amongst the violations that could lead to the dismissal: dealing drugs; possession of drugs; serious cases of theft; serious cases of physically attacking someone and certain display of academic dishonesty and in the case of an off campus party, suspension may occur if one hosted a party that involved many underage drinkers.

Depending on the amount of visitors and alcohol amount, the sanctions may vary as a housing officer or Schoenberger sees fit for the accusation. Sanctions may include a fine, taking part in a meeting with the housing officer or Schoenberger. Depending on where the case takes place, on or off campus, is the deciding factor on to whom conducts the meeting. In most cases, housing officials take care of on campus matters and Schoenberger takes care of off campus individuals or incidents that occur off campus.

For more information, visit Rights and Responsibilities: Code of Student Behavior's website at <http://www.usi.edu/stl/code.new.asp>.

Delaware campus shooting suspect: 'I'm sorry'

DOVER, Del. (AP) - Police arrested an 18-year-old man in the shooting of two students at Delaware State University, authorities said Monday. As they led him into a courthouse, he told reporters: "I'm sorry."

Loyce D. Braden, arrested about 3:30 a.m. in his dorm room, was charged with attempted murder, assault and reckless endangerment, as well as a gun charge, according to court documents.

A justice of the peace set bail for the East Orange, N.J., teenager at \$75,000 and ordered him to stay away from the victims and Delaware State.

Braden is a freshman at Delaware State, according to a man at Braden's home in East Orange who identified himself only as a family member.

University officials, who had assured the campus community over the weekend that the gunman was not on campus, could not explain how or when Braden returned to his dorm room.

"I'm not clear on that matter," Delaware State University Police Chief James Overton said. "I can't get into that."

Overton did say that students returning to campus for Monday classes were not subject to checks.

Four Dover police officers escorted Braden to the court Monday afternoon with his hands cuffed and his legs shackled.

In response to reporters' questions, he said softly: "I'm sorry." Asked what he was sorry for, he replied only: "She's in the hospi-

tal."

One of the wounded students, Shalita Middleton, 17, was being treated for abdominal wounds at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del. University spokesman Carlos Holmes said Middleton had not been questioned and "will not be questioned until we get clearance from the physicians."

The other wounded student has been talking with police, officials said, but that student's mother said the 17-year-old freshman didn't know who the gunman was or what triggered the shooting at the Village Cafe, a campus dining hall that stays open until 3 a.m.

Nathaniel Pugh III, a freshman biology major, told his mother he had left the cafe when he heard two gunshots about 1 a.m. and started running.

A third shot caught him in the ankle, shattering two bones, said his mother, Michelle Blackwell, in an interview from Kent General Hospital in Dover.

"He didn't see who shot him, but there were several students gathered there on the campus who could have seen who shot him," Pugh's mother, Michelle Blackwell, told The Washington Post.

"He was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Period," she said.

Braden was also accused of firing at a third student, James Richmond, according to the documents describing the reckless endangerment charge.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Friday. Mindful of the Virginia Tech

massacre in which 32 people were killed in April, Delaware State administrators ordered a swift shutdown of the campus after the shooting.

They directed students to stay in their dorms, posted notices on buildings and the school Web site, and lowered gates while police searched for the gunman.

Pants can hang low: No dress code on USI campus

By MATT WOLBER
The Shield staff

Around campus, there is a trend for some students to wear their trousers hanging low. Other students wear baseball hats everywhere they go, and still others wear shirts with political or potentially offensive messages printed on. However, are there any specific rules as to what students can wear?

"I'm not aware of any specific policy," Barry Schoenberger, dean of students, said. "Each faculty member has always determined appropriate dress in their own classrooms."

Some professors forbid the wearing of hats in their classes, but it is unknown if any faculty forbid political or group messages on clothing.

Schoenberger elaborated that incoming freshman experience a change of culture concerning dress codes, but USI has never been strict.

"There's no checking of the

length of shorts or skirts," he said.

Schoenberger said that at some athletic events, NCAA guidelines prohibit certain clothing, but there is no dress code set by USI for athletic events.

I'll pull my pants up when I feels like it!



General Motors agreed to contract to end strike

DETROIT (AP)—The United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. agreed Wednesday to a tentative contract that ends a two-day national strike — the first against the automaker in 37 years — and puts responsibility for retirees' health care into the union's hands.

GM and the UAW confirmed that the deal creates a GM-funded, UAW-run trust to administer retiree health care. The two sides gave no other details, but a person briefed on the contract told The Associated Press that it also would give workers bonuses and lump-sum payments and would pay newly hired workers at lower rates. The person requested anonymity because the contract talks are private.

The union said the agreement with the nation's largest automaker was reached shortly after 3 a.m. The UAW canceled the strike

about an hour later and some workers could return as early as Wednesday afternoon.

The contract must be reviewed by local UAW presidents and will then be subject to a vote of GM's 74,000 rank-and-file members. The agreement is expected to set a pattern for contracts at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC.

The deal means UAW workers will head back to their jobs at around 80 GM facilities across the nation. The union went on strike at 11 a.m. Monday when talks broke down, ending GM's production and causing layoffs and shut-downs at parts factories.

It was the first nationwide strike against GM during auto contract negotiations since 1970. The UAW last struck GM in 1998, when a 54-day strike at two plants shut down production across the country.

GM said in a statement that the deal will make it significantly more competitive and provides "the basis for maintaining and strengthening its core manufacturing base in the United States."

The company went into the negotiations seeking to cut or erase what it said is about a \$25-per-hour labor cost disparity with its Japanese competitors.

"This agreement helps us close the fundamental competitive gaps that exist in our business," Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said.

The deal includes GM's top priority in the negotiations — shifting most of its \$51 billion unfunded retiree health care obligation to a UAW-run trust. GM would pay about 70 percent of that obligation, or \$36 billion, into the trust, called a Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association, the person briefed on the talks said.

The union would then invest the money and take over the health care responsibility for about

340,000 GM hourly retirees and spouses.

"I'm pleased to say that we have a VEBA in place that will secure the benefits of our retirees," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said at an early morning news conference inside the union's Detroit headquarters.

Gettelfinger said he's confident of ratification and that voting could start begin this weekend.

The UAW's national negotiating committee and executive board for GM both have unanimously recommended ratification, Gettelfinger said.

"We're very comfortable with this agreement, and we're happy to be able to recommend it to our membership," Gettelfinger said.

Union leaders will be briefed on details Thursday and Friday, he said.

The UAW may also decide Thursday whether to begin talks first with Ford or Chrysler. Those talks can begin before the GM contract is ratified, Gettelfinger

said.

After ratification, the VEBA memorandum would have to be approved by the courts and would be reviewed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, GM said.

"There's no question this was one of the most complex and difficult bargaining sessions in the history of the GM-UAW relationship," Wagoner said. He thanked the UAW bargaining team for its work in reaching the agreement.

The person briefed on the talks said that because GM's pension fund has more money than its expected obligations, both sides agreed to tap into it to fund the trust.

Retirees would get a pension increase, but it would be offset by an equal increase in health care contributions, the person said.

Wages would stay the same for the length of the four-year deal, but workers would be given a bonus or lump sum payments every year, the person said. The

size of the payments was not immediately available.

GM made no specific commitments to build cars and trucks at U.S. factories, but generally agreed that with the reduced costs from the new contract, investment in the plants would work, the person said.

The pact also includes a lower wage structure for newly hired workers in certain non-manufacturing jobs, the person said, adding that in order to make way for new hires, GM would offer early retirement and buyout packages to veteran workers.

The deal also includes language that mitigates the impact of the jobs bank, in which the company pays laid-off workers most of their salary and benefits, said the person.

Industry analysts had predicted a short strike, saying the two sides had too much to lose from a prolonged work stoppage.

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Steroid crackdown stuns Drug Enforcement Agency: 56 labs recovered 114 million doses of steroids

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Federal authorities announced the largest crackdown on illegal steroids in the nation's history Monday, arresting more than 120 people and raiding dozens of labs that manufactured growth hormone for sale on the black market.

Agents seized 56 labs, many of which were located in dirty basements, and recovered 11.4 million doses of steroids, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"We were a little bit stunned at the amount of labs we found as a result of this investigation," DEA spokesman Garrison Courtney said in Washington. "It's not something that's on a scale that we've ever seen."

The announcement follows a growing number of scandals in the sports world over steroids, but authorities said the probe was focused on distributors, not users, and that no professional athletes were directly involved in the investigation.

U.S. investigators were helped by governments of nine other countries, including China, which is hosting the 2008 Olympics. Among those facing

charges are a Chinese manufacturer accused of smuggling human growth hormone into the U.S. and others who allegedly got steroids from China and sold them to U.S. customers.

The probe, dubbed Operation Raw Deal, targeted manufacturers of raw materials needed to produce steroids, as well as underground steroid labs in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Agents also investigated Web sites that offered kits to convert steroids from powder into injectable forms and Internet discussion boards frequented by bodybuilders.

"Even though their storefront is the Internet, rather than the street corner, the people who engage in the smuggling and distribution of these substances are drug dealers, plain and simple, and we will treat them accordingly," said Robert Clark Corrente, U.S. attorney for Rhode Island. Federal prosecutors in San Diego, New York, Houston, Kansas City and New Haven, Conn., made similar announcements.

The labs' customers could include high school athletes, bodybuilders and ordinary adults who simply want to look better, offi-

cially said.

"As we start to dig into this, I would have to believe that we're going to find customers who are in fact high school kids," said Steve Robertson, another DEA spokesman.

The DEA said 143 federal search warrants were issued during the 18-month investigation, many of them since Thursday. The FBI, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Food and Drug Administration were also involved.

In New York, five people accused of operating illicit steroid labs known as "Bodiez by Design" and "Strong Island Underground" were indicted on charges of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

In Connecticut, four men were charged with purchasing raw steroid powder from China, manufacturing steroids in home laboratories and distributing them to customers through a MySpace.com profile and a Web site.

And in Rhode Island, a Chinese corporation and its chief executive were indicted on federal charges of smuggling illegal

human growth hormone into the U.S.

Genescence Pharmaceutical Co. and its CEO, Lei Jin, are accused of money laundering and conspiracy to facilitate the sale of smuggled goods.

Federal agents have seized \$3.4 million traced to the alleged smuggling from two New York branches of Chinese banks. Jin, who allegedly marketed the drugs under the brand name Jintropin, is believed to be living in Shanghai and is not in custody.

In all, investigators seized more than 500 pounds of raw steroid ingredients that originated in China.

Other countries participating in the investigation were Mexico, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Thailand.

Police in Denmark raided 26 locations across the country. Germany's federal criminal office said its agents closed five illicit labs and confiscated tens of thousands of illicit tablets and capsules as part of searches carried out in five of the nation's 16 states.

Bush, breaking his own rule, begins making his presidential election predictions

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush, breaking his rule not to talk about presidential politics, says he believes Hillary Rodham Clinton will defeat Barack Obama in the Democratic presidential primaries.

Bush also predicts that Clinton will be defeated in the general election by the Republican nominee.

"I believe our candidate can beat her but it's going to be a tough race," the president said.

It has been difficult for Bush to remain silent about the 2008 presidential race, despite his promises not to be the "prognosticator in chief." He has been talking about the race and handicapping candidates during off-the-record chats with visitors to the White House.

He finally went public with his Clinton prediction in an interview for a book by Bill Sammon, a reporter for The Washington Examiner.

"She's got a great national presence and this is becoming a national primary," Bush told Sammon. "And therefore the person with the national presence, who has got the ability to raise enough money to sustain an effort in a multiplicity of sites, has got a good chance to be nominated."

The White House did not challenge Sammon's account.

"Frankly, it's difficult to not talk about the '08 election a lot," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "There's a lot of interest in it and it does have consequence."

She denied the notion that Bush was talking up Clinton's prospects to energize the Republican base against her candidacy.

"The bottom line is, it really doesn't matter what the president thinks about who will win the Democratic primary," Perino said. "There's going to be a showdown at the OK Corral and they'll figure out whose going to be the nominee and from there the president will campaign vigorously for the Republican candidate."

Colleen Flanagan, a spokeswoman for Clinton's rival Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, said in a statement: "I can understand why the president would want Senator Clinton to be the nominee."

On the Republican side, Bush has expressed surprise that former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani remains the front-runner despite his liberal positions on social and cultural issues normally critical to the party base, according to The Washington Post. It ran a story about Bush's recent off-the-record chat with television news anchors and Sunday show hosts.

Bush said Giuliani's popularity was a sign of how important the terrorism issue is to Republican voters, the newspaper said. It said Bush cautioned against ruling out Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., saying he had managed to revive his campaign after an implosion earlier this year.

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Fake acupuncture may be better than traditional care researchers say

CHICAGO (AP) — Fake acupuncture works nearly as well as the real thing for low back pain, and both perform much better than usual care, German researchers have found.

Almost half the patients treated with acupuncture needles felt relief that lasted months. In contrast, only about a quarter of the patients receiving medications and other Western medical treatments felt better.

Even fake acupuncture worked better than conventional care, leading researchers to wonder whether pain relief came from the body's reactions to any thin needle pricks or, possibly, the placebo effect.

"Acupuncture represents a highly promising and effective treatment option for chronic back pain," study co-author Dr. Heinz Endres of Ruhr University Bochum in Bochum, Germany, said in an e-mail. "Patients experienced not only reduced pain inten-

sity, but also reported improvements in the disability that often results from back pain and therefore in their quality of life."

In the largest experiment on acupuncture for back pain to date, more than 1,100 patients were randomly assigned to receive either acupuncture, sham acupuncture or conventional therapy. For the sham acupuncture, needles were inserted, but not as deeply as for the real thing. The sham acupuncture also did not insert needles in traditional acupuncture points on the body.

After six months, patients answered questions about pain and functional ability and their scores determined how well each of the therapies worked.

In the real acupuncture group, 47 percent of patients improved. In the sham acupuncture group, 44 percent did. In the usual care group, 27 percent got relief.

"We don't understand the mechanisms of these so-called

alternative treatments, but that doesn't mean they don't work," said Dr. James Young of Chicago's Rush University Medical Center.

Dr. Brian Berman, the University of Maryland's director of complementary medicine, said the real and the sham acupuncture may have worked for reasons that can be explained in Western terms: by changing the way the brain processes pain signals or by releasing natural painkillers in the body.

The study, appearing in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, ruled out people with back pain caused by spinal fractures, tumors, scoliosis and pregnancy.

In the United States, some health plans cover acupuncture for some conditions, but may require pre-approval, according to the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. An acupuncture session can cost \$45 to \$100, Young said.

Thursday, September 27, 2007

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday, September 27, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 8:00 AM
 Kemper CPA Group, LLC Recruiting Day
 3:00 PM
 Basic Orientation Plus - Refresher
 4:00 PM
 What is Your Test Taking IQ?
 5:00 PM
 Water Aerobics
 5:00 PM
 Deep Water Fitness Class
 6:00 PM
 Alhambra Theater 94th Birthday Celebration
 6:15 PM
 Deep Water Fitness Class
 6:15 PM
 Water Aerobics
 6:30 PM
 Beginning Conversational Spanish

Friday, September 28, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 8:00 AM
 Basic Orientation Plus
 3:30 PM
 Liberal Arts Colloquium: Nicole Reid

Saturday, September 29, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 1:00 PM
 Leadership USI

Sunday, September 30, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 5:00 PM
 Lambda Chi Alpha Association Ceremony
 8:30 PM
 Catholic Mass

Monday, October 01, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 8:00 AM
 Basic Orientation Plus - Refresher
 9:00 AM
 College of Business Executive in Residence Program
 4:00 PM
 Flavor of Time Management
 6:00 PM
 Getting Started with Excel 2003

Tuesday, October 02, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 8:00 AM
 Basic Orientation Plus
 2:00 PM
 My First Computer Class
 4:00 PM
 Relax.....It's Just Math
 4:30 PM
 Toastmasters Meeting
 6:00 PM
 Financial Strategies For Successful Retirement
 7:00 PM
 Fall Floral Arranging

Wednesday, October 03, 2007
Time
Event
ALL DAY
 2007 Indiana Entrepreneurship Week USI Business Idea Competition
 8:00 AM
 Basic Orientation Plus - Refresher
 4:00 PM
 Noteworthy Note taking
 5:00 PM
 Habitat for Humanity Meeting
 5:00 PM
 RopeWalk Reading Series
 6:30 PM
 Labyrinth Official Opening Event
 7:00 PM
 Getting Started On Acoustic Guitar
 9:00 PM
 SPECTRUM meeting

Bush fails to uphold expectations

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — President Bush wants the U.N. to uphold its pledge to fight for freedom in lands of poverty and terror and plans to punctuate his challenge by promising new sanctions against the military regime in Myanmar.

Bush was expected to mention Iran in his speech Tuesday to the General Assembly — but only briefly, citing it in a list of countries where people lack freedoms and live in fear. The White House wants to avoid giving any more attention to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose splash of speeches and interviews has dominated the days leading to the U.N. meeting.

Instead of Iran, the Southeast Asian nation of Myanmar, also known as Burma, was drawing Bush's ire. He was expected to announce new visa restrictions and financial sanctions against the regime and those who provide it financial aid.

The policies come as Myanmar's military government issued a threat Monday to the barefoot Buddhist monks who led 100,000 people marching through a major city. It was the strongest protest against the repressive regime in two decades.

Bush spent Monday trying to

revive the Mideast peace process. He was reminded of the hurdles as Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas insisted that a U.S. peace conference deal with "issues of substance" — a sign of old skepticism that accompanies new hope.

At the U.N. Tuesday morning, Bush made customary courtesy calls with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the General Assembly president, Srgjan Kerim of Macedonia.

And after his speech, he planned to meet with another friend under tense circumstances, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The Iraqi leader is deeply frustrated over the killing of 11 Iraqi civilians by Blackwater USA security guards.

But first, Bush planned to call on the U.N. to take up a "mission of liberation," posing a challenge to the international body to uphold its original goal of ensuring freedom in many forms — from tyranny, disease, illiteracy and poverty.

He also was expected to lean heavily on the U.N.'s Declaration of Human Rights, approved more than 50 years ago.

His aim is to remind the body that the expansion of freedom is not a Western goal, nor even just a Bush doctrine, but rather one that underpins the U.N. itself. The

president heads to the forum, though, with his clout weakened by the plodding war in Iraq.

His speech, said White House spokesman Dana Perino, is about "upholding the promise of the U.N. founding." Bush aides say that by design, the address will stick to broad themes.

What it is not about, Perino said plainly, is Iran.

"The president wanted this speech to focus on many other issues that are facing the world — issues that people in Sudan and Zimbabwe and Burma and countless other countries are dealing with," she said.

Still, Iran's leader, Ahmadinejad, managed to cause a stir.

In an interview with The Associated Press, he denied all the chief accusations against Iran: that it is providing weapons to kill U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting terrorism or breaking international law by developing nuclear weapons.

Behind the scenes, the U.S. is aggressively pushing for a new round of Security Council sanctions against Iran for its defiance on the nuclear issue.

Bush did not expect to cross paths with Ahmadinejad in the U.N. building.

The Iranian leader also would

not be attending the president's reception for fellow world leaders at his hotel in the evening.

"Lost in the mail," Perino said of Ahmadinejad's invitation.

Bush later will participate in a round-table on democracy; take part in a U.N. Security Council session on crisis in Africa; host a reception and attend a dinner of leaders.

He had spent Monday trying to add some life to the Mideast peace process.

Appearing before reporters with Abbas after an hour-long meeting that also included Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, Bush didn't mention the fall conference he has championed.

He promised the United States "will be a strong partner" in establishing an independent state for Palestinians. "I believe that the vision of two states side by side in peace is achievable," Bush said.

But Abbas said the meeting should be the precursor to "full negotiations on the permanent status." A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity to more freely discuss the president's private talks, said "there will not be a negotiation" at the November meeting.

Jeffs may receive life sentence

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — The leader of a polygamous Mormon splinter group was convicted Tuesday of being an accomplice to rape for forcing a 14-year-old girl to marry her 19-year-old cousin.

Warren Jeffs, 51, could get life in prison after a trial that threw a spotlight on a renegade community along the Arizona-Utah line where as many as 10,000 of Jeffs' followers practice plural marriage and revere him as a mighty prophet with dominion over their salvation.

Jeffs stood and, like his 15 followers in the courtroom, wore a stoic look as the verdict was read.

Prosecutors said Jeffs, who performed the ceremony, forced the girl into marriage and sex against her will. Jurors said they agreed Jeffs rejected the girl's pleas and refused to release her from the marriage.

"He was pretty much her only ticket out of the relationship," said juror Jerry Munk, 36.

Defense attorney Wally Bugden, who told jurors that Jeffs was a victim of religious persecution, declined to comment.

The jury deliberated about 16 hours over three days. On Tuesday morning, the judge replaced a juror with an alternate for undisclosed reasons.

Members of the jury said the deliberations went fairly quickly with the new juror. She told other members of the jury what she was thinking about the case, then talks resumed, they said. Fellow jurors credited her with raising some new points that helped move the

group toward a decision.

While polygamy itself was not on trial — the couple were monogamous — the case focused attention on the practice of polygamy in Utah, where it has generally been tolerated in the half-century since a government raid in 1953 proved a public relations disaster, with children photographed being torn from their mothers' arms.

Jeffs succeeded his father in 2002 as president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Former members say he rules with an iron fist, demanding perfect obedience from followers and exercising the right to arrange marriages as well as break them up and assign new spouses.

"This trial has not been about religion or vendetta. It was simply about child abuse and preventing abuse," the victim, now 21, said in prepared remarks after the verdict.

"The easy thing would have been to do nothing, but I have followed my heart and spoken the truth," she said, declining to take questions from reporters.

The Associated Press generally does not name those who allege sexual abuse.

At the trial, widely different versions of the relationship — and Jeffs' influence — were presented by the woman and her former husband, Allen Steed, 26.

At their wedding in 2001 at a Nevada motel, the woman said, she cried in despair when pressed by Jeffs to say "I do" and had to be coaxed to kiss her new husband.

The woman testified that FLDS girls receive no information about their bodies or reproduction. She said she didn't even know sex was the means by which women conceived.

The woman said the couple were married for at least a month before they had intercourse, her husband telling her it was "time for you to be a wife and do your duty."

"My entire body was shaking. I was so scared," she testified. "He just laid me on the bed and had sex."

Afterward, she slipped into the bathroom, where she downed two bottles of over-the-counter pain reliever and curled up on the floor, she said. "The only thing I wanted to do was die," she said.

But Steed testified that his teenage bride initiated their first sexual encounter, approaching him after he fell asleep in his clothes after a 12-hour day at work.

Under Utah law, a 14-year-old can consent to sex in some circumstances. But sex is not considered consensual if a person under 18 is enticed by someone at least three years older.

For reasons prosecutors have never explained, Steed has not been charged with a crime.

The mainstream Mormon Church, or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, renounced polygamy more than a century ago, excommunicates members who engage in the practice, and disavows any connection to the FLDS church.

Jeffs is also charged in Arizona with being an accomplice to both incest and sexual misconduct with a minor for arranging marriages between two underage girls and relatives of theirs. In addition, Jeffs is under federal indictment in Utah on charges of fleeing to avoid prosecution.

The charismatic Jeffs was captured in a traffic stop last year just outside Las Vegas after about 18 months on the run. At the time, he was on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, alongside such figures as Osama bin Laden.

Jeffs was in a red Cadillac Escalade in which investigators found more than \$57,000, cell phones, prepaid credit cards, wigs and sunglasses.

"Everyone should now know that no one is above the law, religion is not an excuse for abuse and every victim has a right to be heard," said Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, who had endorsed the prosecution in Washington County.

Since at least the 1920s, members of the FLDS have lived in the twin towns of Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah, where the women wear long prairie dresses and have long braided hair, and the men dress modestly too, often in buttoned-up shirts.

All homes and other property were kept in a trust controlled by Jeffs and other church leaders until a judge in 2005 put an accountant in charge because of allegations of mismanagement.

Nike designs shoe for Native Americans

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Nike on Tuesday unveiled what it said is the first shoe designed specifically for American Indians, an effort aiming at promoting physical fitness in a population with high obesity rates.

The Beaverton-based company says the Air Native N7 is designed with a larger fit for the distinct foot shape of American Indians, and has a culturally specific look. It will be distributed solely to American Indians; tribal wellness programs and tribal schools nationwide will be able to purchase the shoe at wholesale price and then pass it along to individuals, often at no cost.

"Nike is aware of the growing health issues facing Native Americans," said Sam McCracken, manager of Nike's Native American Business program. "We are stepping up our commitment ... to elevate the issue of Native American health and wellness."

Nike said it is the first time it has designed a shoe for a specific race or ethnicity. It said all profits

from the sale of the shoe will be reinvested in health programs for tribal lands, where problems with obesity, diabetes and related conditions are near epidemic levels in some tribes.

Nike designers and researchers looked at the feet of more than 200 people from more than 70 tribes nationwide and found that in general, American Indians have a much wider and taller foot than the average shoe accommodates. The average shoe width of men and women measured was three width sizes larger than the standard Nike shoe.

As a result, the Air Native is wider with a larger toe box. The shoe has fewer seams for irritation and a thicker sock liner for comfort.

Jerry Bread, outreach coordinator for the Native American Studies program at University of Oklahoma, said the idea was "fantastic" and addressed a core issue for tribes, though he was skeptical that the feet of people from so many tribes could be so similar.

"It's an excellent gesture and I know it will get a lot of support from tribal people," Bread said. "We stand to profit from it in our physical health and well being."

Dr. Kelly Acton, director of the national diabetes program for Indian Health Services, said she was dubious of working with a corporation at first but said she was delighted with the result, saying Nike "bent over backwards" to design a shoe and respect public health needs.

The N7 name is a reference to the seventh generation theory, used by some tribes to look to the three generations preceding them for wisdom and the three generations ahead for their legacy.

The design features several "heritage callouts" as one product manager described it, including sunrise to sunset to sunrise patterns on the tongue and heel of the shoe. Feather designs adorn the inside and stars are on the sole to represent the night sky.

The company anticipates selling at least 10,000 pairs and rais-

ing \$200,000 for tribal programs. At \$42.80 wholesale, it represents less of a financial opportunity than a goodwill and branding effort.

"The reason I like it is that, even if there's not a big Native American market, it gives people the impression there is a constituency that deserves attention," said John Dickson, a member of the executive council of the Native American Leadership Alliance in Washington, D.C.

Paul Swangard, managing director of the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon, said the product reflects how Nike does business.

The company prides itself on designing specifically for certain athletes and having close ties to its customers. Nike has been involved with the tribal community for years, supporting tribal athletic teams, events and other social initiatives.

"It reinforces the core of the Nike brand, which is: If you have a body you are an athlete," Swangard said.

Darn Bush straight to heck

By JON WEBB
Et Cetera Editor

printed the headline in the form presented above. They made one mistake: they forgot the asterisks.

I fully support campus free speech, but f*** has no place in a college newspaper. The advertisers were absolutely correct in reacting with childish panic.

Think about this: at USI, one never hears f*** while walking across campus, standing in line at Burger King, using the bathroom, studying in the library, drinking coffee at Starbucks, attending fraternity/sorority parties, attempting to park, shopping at the convenience store, working out at the gym, attending club meetings or smoking outside the Liberal Arts

Center. USI students possess too much integrity to carelessly toss about such disgusting words.

That's why, in a valiant attempt to preserve this paper's advertisers, I offer this alternative headline to Colorado State: **Darn Bush straight to heck.**

This headline (much more appropriate) addresses campus free speech in an equally provocative way, just without all the nasty-bad words.

Remember that although 18-24 year-olds - the demographic college newspapers usually gear themselves toward - say f*** more than their names, they can

still experience shock when the word stars at them from a newspaper page.

Consider this analogy: college students defecate every day, but would they want the newspaper to publish photographs of them on the toilet?

Again, I stand behind campus free speech but only when it doesn't offend anyone. Certain headlines can easily make readers uncomfortable. For example: **Bush: A dunce who can suck it in** - acceptable because it offends dunces, the Bush family and those who suck it. But Bush only popular with some works, as it expresses a common opinion. Common

opinions work much better than unpopular opinions and are less likely to lead to loss of advertisers.

Believe it or not, optimistic proclamations fall under the free speech umbrella as well. It is the business of the media to present free speech as an act exclusive to talkative radicals and flag-burners. To support free speech Colorado State could've emboldened: **Dick Cheney oozes sex just as easily as Cheney: Satan pales in comparison.**

Also, printing a headline that actually pertains to the story helps. Did Bush personally taser the student? Did he giggle as he listened to the student's screams?

Tasering young people certainly sounds like a hobby Bush would enjoy, but I'm 67 percent sure he played no part in the act itself. Maybe a headline that drew attention to the shameless censorship of free speech would've worked better than a "brave" stance that drew attention only to the Colorado State newspaper.

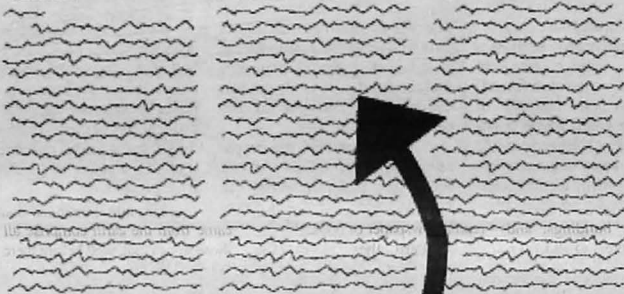
Student journalists need to remember that no one knows how to run a newspaper better than calm, not-at-all hysterical advertisers. Step carefully when writing a headline, because nothing offends college students more than obscenity.

Last week Colorado State University's newspaper caused controversy by printing an obscene headline meant to promote and protect free speech on college campuses. The move - which came after the highly-publicized taser/John Kerry incident in Florida - caused the paper to lose over \$30,000 in advertising money, slash staff salaries by 10 percent and bear the anger of its community.

The headline: **F*** Bush.** Colorado State could've escaped advertiser anger if they'd

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Buried Underneath

Civilian Death in Afghanistan takes its toll

By Kyle Knight
The Shield staff

While continuing the pursuit of Osama Bin Laden and other Al Qaeda terrorists, the U.S. could severely damage the support of its cause. With the hunt for the indicted terrorists and Taliban continues into the Afghan-Pakistan border, an increase in U.S. air strikes has resulted in civilian deaths.

Back in January of 2006 the New York Times began reporting such deaths in the tribal regions of Afghanistan and have continued into last month.

In January of 2006, American counterterrorism said they intensified their campaign against Ayman al-Zawahiri, currently second-in-command to Osama Bin Laden. In that strike, intelligence suggested Zawahiri occupied an area of Pakistan as a Predator drone aircraft launched a missile.

Along with the four or five militants supposedly killed, an additional 18 civilian deaths resulted. However, officials did not produce Zawahiri and no significant evidence supported the death of other militants.

In response to the airstrikes, Jehangir Karamt, the Pakistani Ambassador to the United States said, that to his "knowledge there was no prior notification" from the United States.

Such incidents have continued to pop up and highlight an issue of precision and caution among those in the U.S. operations. Karamat went on to ask "whether this strike should have been carried on our side of the border, and whether there was enough intelligence, accurate intelligence, to warrant a strike."

Obviously the missile failed

to kill Zawahiri, and no intelligence guaranteed his presence. The result of this action took the lives of 18 civilians in a country not even involved in the war. One incident, in April of this year killed 57 villagers west of Kandahar, half of them women and children.

Similar incidents like this popped last month at the border and prompted a British officer working in the region to speak out against U.S. Special Forces.

The result, as quoted in August 9th edition New York Times, said a senior British commander "expressed concerns that the Americans extensive use of air power was turning the people against the foreign presence."

The current objective of British forces in the Helmand area of Afghanistan concerns securing the town and winning support.

The New York Times quoted the British commander saying "there aren't large numbers of Taliban to fight anymore...and we are trying to kick-start reconstruction and development."

Such accomplishments cannot happen if the continual death of civilians arises as the work of the U.S.

If you simply annihilate Al Qaeda figures without bringing them to trial, and in the process kill civilians, you will only create a deeper grave to fill with U.S. soldiers.

In July, the New York Times reported that journalists who took a rare visit to Helmand area saw the devastation for themselves. A man named Mohammadullah brought his two children to the British army base for treatment after a U.S. air strike.

While NATO doctors removed shrapnel from his daughters' body, Mohammadullah claimed that the air strike resulted in the men in the village, who once supported the U.S., to go off and join the insurgents.

This example illustrates the damage of carelessly overlooking those who matter as much as the ones we pursue. By exterminating members of Al Qaeda and murdering civilians in the process, you only create more terrorists to track. Although air strikes under these circumstances remain legal, it does not allow for hasty actions that result in the deaths of civilians.

According to United States Institute of Peace, "the United Nations and the governments that have joined the coalition against terrorism have publicly established an objective of bringing the perpetrators of international terrorism, including those associated with the September 11 attacks, to justice."

The key word that rings true in the statement remains, justice, which will not happen if you bury it under a pile of rubble.

After the impetuous action of ripping up habeas corpus, American does not need to continue down this path of international vigilantism. We need precision and certainty in our actions against terrorists so we no longer create unnecessary deaths.

As of last month, the New York Times reported that a reliable source estimated the deaths in Helmand as close to 300 for this year alone.

It is important to consider the soldiers fighting in this situation, but it is also important to bring terrorists to justice for their actions.

A greater emphasis on capture instead simple murder, should lessen such unnecessary death of innocents.

When asking Mahmudullah about reconstruction of Afghanistan he stated "first they kill me, and then they rebuild my house? What is the point when I am dead and my son is dead? This is not of any worth to us."

The right to remain unsilent

By Tabetha Grubb
Special to The Shield

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, almost 200 protesters were arrested in Washington D.C. after jumping a waist high iron fence in front of the Capitol to prove they were there to take action, be assertive, and make a difference no matter the cost, making this the largest amount of protesters to be arrested this year.

An estimated 100,000 protesters gathered early Saturday morning in front of the White

House to march and protest the war, as well as demand President Bush's impeachment.

Among the antiwar protesters were veterans, who would know better than citizens, and apparently the government, how ridiculous and out of control this war has become.

Also at the scene were approximately 1,000 war supporters, a tiny amount compared to the number of antiwar protesters.

If this were to be used as an accurate survey of Americans who are for and those against the

war, only a low percentage of Americans support this tragic web our government has spun. When will our government do the right thing and pull our troops out, leaving the country which is not it's responsibility alone?

I really find it amusing how our president puts another country's problems before his own on his list of priorities.

Yes, I know we were attacked and terrorists did it, but really, don't you think a six-year war is kind of excessive for one attack? How many countries has

America attacked in her history?

More than anything, I am completely outraged that people who are willing to take a stand, be heard, and when ignored, take further action, are being punished for exercising the rights our government laid out as law.

I find it appalling that a government in which its First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right of free speech and the freedom to assemble, and more importantly, its Constitution itself begins with "We, the people..." is so keen on having com-

plete control over those of us Americans who have a voice and are willing to stand up for what we believe in.

Isn't that what America is known for?

Isn't that why America is born?

People with a voice took action against a government trying to control their rights and freedoms, and created this nation and every so called "right" we as citizens are supposed to be able to exercise freely today.

Our government obviously

ever heard the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I, for one, completely support every single person who attended the protest.

I am inspired by their willingness to take action in a country of thinkers and dreamers, and more importantly, if doing something for a cause you believe in is a crime,

I am proud to be a criminal, just as those who were arrested probably are.

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If Iran's Mahmoud spoke at USI...

Iran president makes case for his country in hypothetical speech

by JON WEBB
Cetera editor

First of all, I would like to thank this fine university for letting me here to speak. I feel I am a misunderstood man - you know, with the Hitler comparisons and all - so I'm glad to have a forum to put any doubts out to me or my country to rest. Well, some students and I ran to a little rain on our way to Carter Hall tonight. In Iran, we don't have rain, we have drought. Yes, dryness is Iran's main motif. At first, I thought the drops to be some sort of attack. I even considered employing my nuclear weapons! I kid. Let me remark, as well,

that the chairs the audience sits on tonight look very comfortable. In Iran, we don't have chairs, like in your country. All the time with the standing - it can be very uncomfortable. My chiropractor - Iran boasts a great number of chiropractors - tells me my back will simply turn into a question mark if I don't make myself comfortable soon. But, watching your American news and hearing rumors about war, I feel I need to keep on my toes! I kid. I also can't help but notice but the burning fluorescence in this room. I can see all of your smiling faces so clearly. It's marvelous, really, looking at all you residents in the Land of the

Heart. In Iran, we don't have light, like in your country. It can be very depressing. Luckily, American TV gets me through the day. I enjoy Miss Katie Couric, although I find the

ness. I feel you Americans have burdened Iran with unfair biases and wild accusations. We do not aspire to bomb anyone. Heck, we barely have time to think about eradicating the Jewish race!

'In Iran, we don't have homosexuals, like in your country.'

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Iranian president

brazen flaunting of her body disgraceful. I kid. One more side note before we get on with things, let me congratulate you all for the completion of your Quadrangle. In Iran, we don't have Quadrangles, like in your country. We don't even have the number four. But let us get down to busi-

ness. I feel you Americans have burdened Iran with unfair biases and wild accusations. We do not aspire to bomb anyone. Heck, we barely have time to think about eradicating the Jewish race!

In Iran, we don't have children, like in your country. With all the hot sun and the sand sticking to the body, it can be difficult to get into the "mood", you know. My wife - who, funny story, I've never actually seen naked - complains all the time. "Mahmoud, do you not find me attractive?" she always says. And I tell her, "Honey, I honestly don't know if you're attractive or not!" I kid. Like I said, Iran is the puppy dog of the world, and we absolutely love residents of the Great Satan - er, I mean, America! Ha, ha, Freudian slip I suppose. We actually possess only two concerns with America: Number one, I'm not so sure about this 9/11 thing. Have you people looked closely at the Jews? They remind me of Bugs Bunny, always sneaking around, dressing in women's clothing, lying to every-

one. All I'm saying is that they did it. Think about it. And number two, what's with all the fatties? I worry about American's collective health. Did you see *Super Size Me*? McDonalds should be illegal. In Iran, we don't have food, like in your country. Our residents developed a kind of human photosynthesis, where we live off the sun. That is, if the sun existed in Iran. Oh shucks, I've run out of time. Thank you USI, and go Screaming Eagles!

Editor's note: This story is strictly satirical and hypothetical. This fictional story formed its basis from the event of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's speech given on Monday to the students of Columbia University.

When leaves fall, USI students attend "Fest"

by SETH GRUNDHOEFER
Shield staff

Even as heat and humidity persist this fall season, the annual Fall Festival, held October 1-6 and organized by the Evansville Westside Nut Club, is set over the horizon.

A collaboration of games, music, and what am I eating? food booths will at least entertain the idea of going to the Evansville community, as well as University of Southern Indiana students.

The Fall Festival, which is the second largest street festival in the country next to Mardi Gras, stretches down Franklin St. and is made possible by the Evansville Westside Nut Club, which has over 300 members, all of which are volunteers. The Fall Festival expects to attract over 150,000 people from around the tri-state this year. "The festival is all about us giving something back to the community," said five-year Nut Club member and USI graduate Mike Fetscher, who is currently on USI's staff.

According to Fetscher, USI alone has received over \$165,000 from the Nut Club over the years, strictly in donations to the campus. They consider USI a great contributor to the community. "As a Westside organization, it's important for us to support the Westside University (USI)," said Fetscher.

The Nut Club even offers a \$1,000 four-year scholarship to a student of Mater Dei High School and F. J. Reitz High School to attend USI. All together, out of 126 food booths at the festival this year, only two are for profit. The rest support charities within and outside the community.

"For some of the organizations involved in the festival, this may be the only fundraiser they will have all year," said Fetscher.

Last year's festival grossed over \$1.4 million for charities, helping just enough to cover the festival costs and keep the Nut Club going.

The biggest "money maker" at the festival are rides. Sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha will sponsor Riley's Hospital by selling chocolate covered strawberries and Chicago style hotdogs. "Riley's Hospital is our only philanthropy, and the Fall Festival is the best place in our community to raise money for them," said President of Alpha Sigma

Alpha, Sarah Munjas. Each member of the sorority is required to work at least eight hours in the booth during the festival. When a member of the soror-



Lambda Chi's booth at the 2007 Fall Festival
Photo Courtesy of the West Side Nut Club

ity is not available due to class schedules, the chapter's advisor will work their booth.

In addition to Alpha Sigma Alpha, many other USI sororities and fraternities are involved with the festivities.

Fraternities involved include: Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Sororities involved included: Delta Zeta Lambda, Alpha Omega Psi, Delta Chi Sigma, and Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Their time spent at the Fall Festival will count as community service hours for each chapter. Newer chapters at USI have been put on a waiting list and must find community service hours elsewhere.

Also, the USI art club will sell corn-on-the-cob, and the Varsity Club will sell pork chops.

And although the festival will bring many spectators throughout the tri-state area, University of Evansville organizations will contribute no booths to the festival. Club Royale will offer a blend of live music and cheap drinks during the festival.

"Every night of the festival we have an event that caters to the college crowd," said Club Royale Manager, Jen Cooper.

Their famous bierstube will be held Friday October 5 and Saturday October 6 behind Club Royale, along with live entertainment from The Jimmies on the inside.

Club Royale is located on 11th and Franklin St.

Also, expect to see exotic foods at the fall festival this year.

Alligator jerky, icky licky suckers (suckers with bugs in them), fresh squid, brain sandwiches and the most recent addition, fried coca-cola elephant ears, will all be available.

All booths will open at noon for lunch and close at nine, depending on crowd sizes.

By MATT WOLBER
The Shield staff

I read Thom Hartmann's *The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight* because it was an assignment for a class. It has, however, proved itself one of the most important books I read this year.

Last Hours describes in great detail how the earth's fragile ecology is on the brink of total collapse.

If there was ever a time to read such a book, it is now.

The book's title refers to oil and coal, and in fact, all matter, as "ancient sunlight".

Throughout the book, Hartmann mentions that all forms of energy and matter are comprised of sunlight.

Plants grow by taking in carbon dioxide and expelling oxygen, converting the carbon through photosynthesis into plant matter. Animals eat those plants (and eat animals that eat those plants).

The genius of Hartmann's book, however, is the connection of "all things rely on sunlight" to the modern energy crisis.

By BLAKE BENHAM
The Shield staff

A dangerous drug is being consumed regularly by most Americans. This alarmingly legal substance lurks in school cafeterias, an unnamed beverage distributor in the front of Rice Library, cities, towns, even in the remote rolling hills of rural America. I suppose this description could also be used to describe many illegal narcotics, but the drug I'm talking about is by far the most sinister: caffeine.

Caffeine is a gateway drug. But you didn't learn that in D.A.R.E.

This highly addictive substance can take a devastating toll on the human body and mind.

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of caffeine is that it can be found in America's favorite foods and beverages, such as chocolate, sodas, tea, and even more worrisome, iced coffees.

It's been said that an addict of caffeine needs a daily fix of the drug, or dreaded withdrawal symptoms may occur, which include headache, dizziness, mood disturbances, and in some cases, nausea.

A daily fix of caffeine? It's true—we're all hyped up, coffee-addicted versions of Whitney and Bobby.

It shouldn't be surprising that so many college students in particular have a caffeine addiction, as many of us have been force fed the drug since birth.

With so many temptations around us and a lifetime of tolerance to the drug, it must be impossible to completely cease caffeine intake, right?

Only one way to find out, I suppose. I'd have to take one for the team.

An energy crisis is the last thing most Americans want to talk about, but if someone doesn't address it soon we will keep going to war over power sources.

Yes, there are the options of wind, solar, hydroelectric and nuclear power; however, every one of them has its drawbacks.

Wind is unreliable except in certain conditions.

Solar power does not provide sufficient energy to power a city the size of Evansville, unless every home and business had its own solar panels.

Hydroelectric also presents location troubles.

Nuclear power is inefficient due to the need of oil to build the power plant and split the atoms.

In addition to all those reasons, all of the "green" power options require oil to build the parts, build the buildings, and transport the workers to and from work.

Not only does Hartmann bring to "light" oil and energy problems, but also show that throughout the world trees, topsoil and water are scarce.

We cannot grow edible plants or feed livestock without topsoil. The world O2-CO2 cycle will shut down without rainforest trees.

The temperatures of Europe and Eastern North America will plummet without the Gulf Stream bringing warm water from the Pacific.

Northern hemisphere civilization will collapse and billions will starve.

Hartmann certainly paints a bleak picture in the first part of his book.

In the second part, he explores how we got to such a sad state of world affairs.

One of the problems, he hypothesizes, is an "information deficit".

Yes, we supposedly live in an "information age", but more Americans watch television than read a newspaper or book.

In Peru, they barely even teach the age of the Incas, relegated to prehistory. Australian aborigines refer to the past 200 years as "The Great Forgetting", in which they have had to assimilate to white Euro-

pean culture and ignore their own. American Indians have a similar situation.

Many Americans and Europeans know nothing of environmental problems and government-sponsored terrorism, and instead worry about how fat Britney Spears looks and wonder if Jennifer Aniston can make a comeback.

While I was reading *Last Hours*, I had to fuel my car.

I never made a purchase of which I was more conscious than my most recent gas purchase.

For the first time, in a pathetic attempt not to destroy the world, I drove at or below the speed limit back home.

When I got back, the TV, two computers, and the air conditioning were all on.

Irreplaceable materials that came from the earth comprise all those things that, well before there was life on this planet, were sunlight.

We are running out of them all.

Quitting caffeine: effects and defects on the "student body"

In a controlled caffeine cessation experiment, few people are more qualified than me.

My daily consumption is surely above normal—at least 2 or 3 caffeinated beverages a day since kindergarten.

In other words, if it weren't readily available, I'd probably have connections with the Columbian caffeine cartel.

The ground rules for this unscientific experiment were simple: absolutely no caffeine in any form for nine days.

Nine days because some reputable medical websites suggest that it can take up to nine days for the withdrawal symptoms to pass.

Fair enough. That means a lot of Sprite and no chocolate, basically.

The next nine days were a long, winding road. At the risk of being carried off by the Starbucks P.R. gestic, allow me to tell you the truth about the dangers of caffeine withdrawal by describing this brutal, yet ultimately rewarding journey.

Day One: No big deal, really. Perhaps the only thing of note was a negligible energy loss.

Days Two-Four: The infamous caffeine withdrawal headache made its presence

known. At several points throughout this three day span, I experienced what can only be likened to a crack addict's itch—the caffeine shakes. I also found myself to be extremely irritable and agitated by the smallest annoyances.

Day Five: Lusted over a 20 oz. bottle of Mountain Dew Code Red. If you never thought it possible to have erotic fantasies about a carbonated beverage, you've obviously never made it past day four in your quest to quit caffeine.

After Day Five, however, I found that most, if not all of the withdrawal symptoms had disappeared. It was actually quite anticlimactic.

The experiment probably would've been more interesting had I blacked out on Day Eight and woke up on Day Nine in Atlanta, Georgia, ransacking Coca-Cola headquarters for an impromptu caffeine binge.

Part of me wanted these extreme withdrawal symptoms to occur for the sake of human interest. I mean, I'm no masochist, but you can see where I'm coming from.

In fact, something incredible occurred by Day Nine: I no longer craved caffeine at all.

Don't get me wrong, I

would've gladly downed a Big Red, but it wasn't on my mind anymore. It was quite liberating.

So my message is one of hope to those who have made themselves a minion to this addictive substance.

It is possible to stop caffeine intake, no matter what your level of use is.

I would recommend slowly reducing the amount you take in, rather than quitting cold turkey. I'd imagine that your withdrawal symptoms would be less severe and tolerable.

The point is, why let Starbucks and Coca Cola dictate your drinking habits? Making sure you're addicted to caffeine is what gives them incredible profits year after year.

I don't have a problem with them making money, but it may come at the expense of your health.

I won't say that your withdrawal journey will be completely devoid of psychotic visions or extreme irritability, but I can promise the feeling of freedom.

That is, the freedom of knowing that you don't have to be controlled by a drug.

It takes dedication, but you can do it. Just say no, kids.

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Hypothetical Question of the Week

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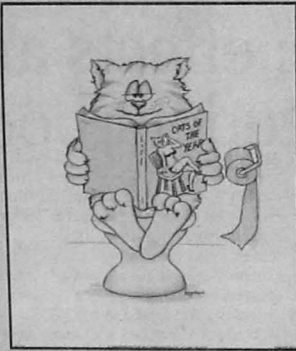
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Answers will be posted in next week's issue.

Just thought you'd want to know...



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Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007

USI soccer teams face pressure as season nears end

Women's soccer team picking up steam

By RYAN DELANEY
Sports editor

The home field proved to provide the University of Southern Indiana women's soccer team with the extra edge they needed to shape up their season. The Screaming Eagles closed out their five-game homestand by securing a 2-1 victory above Tiffin University on Sunday afternoon at Strassweg Field. The win raises USI's overall record to 3-5-1.

The Screaming Eagles began their season winless, with four losses and zero wins while on the road. However, once the Eagles got the chance to compete on USI's own Strassweg Field they pulled off several victories as they finished 3-1-1 over the course of their five games at home.

The Eagles opened their match against the Tiffin Dragons with a goal from USI junior midfielder Jessica Snyder. Snyder scored her second goal of the year off a clear-cut pass from sophomore midfielder Shauni

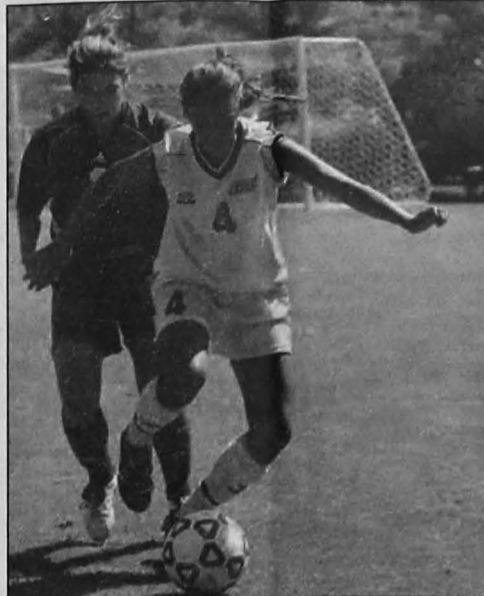
Boudia.

The Dragons retaliated soon before halftime, as they tied the score 1-1.

Boudia found her opening when she scored the game-winning goal with an unassisted, deflected cross shot to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead. The goal gave Boudia her third of the season.

The Eagles held a very tight victory over Tiffin, as they only out shot them 15-14. Each team took 10 shots-on-goal and USI controlled corner kicks only slightly, 2-1.

The Screaming Eagles begin a string of three away games when they take to the road to battle Drury University on Friday, Sept. 28th at 5 p.m. USI then travels to Rockhurst University on Sunday, Sept. 30th for a match that begins at noon. They conclude their three consecutive away games on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd when they trek to down to Kentucky Wesleyan College for a 5 p.m. game.



USI sophomore Katie Teagarden shakes a Tiffin University defender as she helps the Screaming Eagles secure their 2-1 victory.

Photo by LaVerne Jones

USI men's soccer team tie Oakland City

By JAIME HESS
The Shield Staff

The University of Southern Indiana Men's soccer team went into double overtime and ended up having a 1-1 tie on Sunday's match against Oakland City. Junior Dan Grunewald scored USI's one and only goal in the first half with the assist by freshman Michael Simcock.

"The team is doing well," said Coach Dan Hogan, "but we have struggled to put two games together on the weekend." The GLVC schedule requires each team play on both a Friday and the immediately following Sunday.

USI out-shot the Mighty Oaks and dominated the corner kicks. Junior goalkeeper Andrew Hulst produced three saves against OCU.

USI lost Friday night's game against the Truman State Bulldogs with a final score of 0-1. The team vigorously strived to mount a come back in the second half but could not get a goal together.

"We were in their half of the field for almost the entire second half, but we just could not put the ball in the back of the net and it ended up costing us," said captain Carl Carr.

The Screaming Eagles out-shot the Bulldogs in the second half but TSU claimed the overall advantage in both corner kicks and shots on goal. Even though the team did not score a goal, Carr claimed that Friday night's game was the Eagles best defensive performance of the season.

"It is just important that the team works hard," said Hogan. The players have been working hard despite unusually high temperatures over the past month. They are looking forward to finishing out a successful September and to qualify for the conference tournament.

USI will travel Drury on Friday, Sept. 28th and Rockhurst University on Sunday, Sept. 30th.

Former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson pleads guilty to drug, DUI charges

By CHRIS KAHN
Associated Press Writer

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson pleaded guilty Monday to charges of drug possession and driving under the influence stemming from a traffic stop last year as he was leaving a nightclub.

Tyson quietly acknowledged to a judge that he had cocaine and was impaired when he was stopped for driving erratically in Scottsdale on Dec. 29.

He pleaded guilty to a single felony count of cocaine possession and a misdemeanor DUI count and faces up to four years and three months in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 19. A felony charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a second misdemeanor DUI charge were dropped as part of a plea agreement.

Defense lawyer David Chesnoff said Tyson has been clean and sober for eight months.

"It's obvious this was a crime he was committing against himself," Chesnoff said.

Police stopped Tyson after the boxer had spent the evening at Scottsdale's Pussycat Lounge. An officer said he saw Tyson wiping a white substance off the dashboard of his black BMW, and that his speech was slurred. Authorities said they found bags of cocaine in Tyson's pocket and in his car.

Tyson told officers later that he used cocaine "whenever I can get my hands on it," and that he preferred to smoke it in Marlboro cigarettes with the tobacco pulled out, according to court documents. He also told police that he used marijuana that day and was taking the antidepressant Zoloft, the documents state.

Since his arrest, Tyson checked himself into an inpatient treatment program for what his lawyer called "various addictions."

County Attorney Andrew Thomas said Tyson should be put in prison, noting that Tyson was convicted of rape in Indiana in 1992 and pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault charges in Maryland in 1999.

"Mike Tyson is a repeat offender with a violent past," Thomas said. "I believe only a prison sentence will send the right message and properly protect the public."

In 1986, Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion in history when, at 20, he knocked out Trevor Berbick. He lost his title four years later when he was knocked out by James "Buster" Douglas. By 1997, Tyson's career hit a low point when he bit Evander Holyfield's ear during a fight.

Tyson, 41, recently had been trying to revive his career with a series of boxing exhibitions.

Bye-bye Barry: Giants tell Bonds he won't be back in '08

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants saw no reason to let their decision about whether to bring back Barry Bonds in 2008 drag on all offseason.

After all the home run records, memorable moments and controversy over steroids that marked Bonds' 15-year tenure in San Francisco, it was finally time to say bye-bye Barry.

Giants owner Peter Magowan informed Bonds of the decision during a 90-minute meeting Thursday night, telling him the team was ready to go in a new direction after three straight losing seasons.

"It's always difficult to say goodbye," Magowan said Friday. "It's an emotional time for me. We've been through a lot together these 15 years. A lot of good things have happened. Unfortunately a lot of bad things have happened. But there comes a time when you have to go in a different direction."

On his Web site, Bonds said he was saddened, but respected, the decision. He also said he wasn't ready to retire and would like to bring his all-time home run record to another city.

"There is more baseball in me and I plan on continuing my career. My quest for a World Series ring continues," he said.

The 43-year-old Bonds did not join Magowan and general manager Brian Sabean at the news conference. Asked after if he had anything to add, Bonds said, "I already made my statement."

Bonds had always said he wanted to finish his career in the comfort of his hometown, where his father, Bobby, played alongside his godfather, Willie Mays, and the fans have cheered him even after he became the lightning rod for the steroids debate in baseball.

Bonds talked with Giants Hall of Famer Willie McCovey and took batting practice in the cage before Friday night's game against Cincinnati.

Bonds hasn't played since Sept. 15 because of a sprained right big toe and was out of the lineup again. Manager Bruce Bochy said he thought Bonds could pinch-hit this weekend.

Magowan said he and Sabean recently decided about Bonds' future. Last year, the debate over whether to bring Bonds back dragged on all the way until January when he finally signed the contract that will pay him \$19.3 million this year.

Bonds broke Hank Aaron's record with his 756th home run on Aug. 7. But that has been one of the few highlights this season as the Giants are assured of their first last-place finish since 1985.

"The fact that we failed doesn't mean that Barry failed the Giants in some fashion," Magowan said. "He did all that we could have reasonably expected or anticipated he could do when we signed him."

That's been mostly true ever since the day Bonds first signed as a free agent with the Giants back in December 1992. He helped revitalize a struggling franchise that nearly moved to Florida and his presence helped build the waterfront ballpark that will draw 3 million fans for the eighth straight season.

Shadowed by steroid speculation for the past few years, Bonds has hit 28 homers this season, raising his career total to 762. The seven-time NL MVP is batting .279 with 66 RBIs and a major league-leading 132 walks.

"He can still play," Sabean said. "He's still one of the biggest threats of any No. 4 hitter in the National League."

Prior to the toe injury, he had been mostly healthy, playing 125 games. The left fielder has 2,935 career hits and has said that reaching 3,000 is a goal of his.

"He's really done special things this year being at the age that he is," teammate Barry Zito said. "If Barry has the opportunity to go be a DH somewhere I'm sure that's only going to prolong his career."

Despite Bonds' personal achievements, the season has been a disappointing one for the

Giants, who are ready to rebuild after years of trying to win a World Series title around Bonds.

"We've heard for a long time that the Giants are an old team and want to get younger, so we're not surprised," said Bonds' agent, Jeff Borris. "Barry is their oldest player, but qualitatively, he's their best player."

"He's still planning on playing next year, irrespective of whether it's an AL or NL team," he said.

Bonds has long denied using performance-enhancing drugs, but fans across the country have greeted him with placards inscribed with asterisks — baseball-fan shorthand for the belief that his record is hopelessly tainted by allegations of steroid abuse.

Even the person who paid \$752,467 for Bonds' historic 756th home run has threatened to stamp it with an asterisk.

Fashion designer Marc Ecko revealed himself this week as the winning bidder for the ball and has posted a Web site giving visitors a chance to vote on what he should do with the ball: donate it to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.; brand the ball with an asterisk in reference to the steroid allegations against Bonds; or blast the ball into space.

In his statement, Bonds said he wished the Giants had told him of their decision earlier, so he would have had more time to say goodbye to his fans. The team is planning a tribute to Bonds for the final home game Wednesday night, but there is a chance he could be back here in a different uniform next season.

"I would have loved nothing more than to retire as a Giant in the place where I call home and have shared so many momentous moments with all of you," he said.

Bonds has been the biggest draw here, but Magowan said he was not concerned about how his absence would affect attendance.

"I think we pride ourselves as an organization on knowing what our fans think. On this issue the fans are divided,

Magowan said. "We listen to our fans carefully, but they don't make the decisions. They are made by the baseball people."

San Francisco is where Bonds became entangled with federal prosecutors and with the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative lab at the center of the steroids scandal in professional sports.

The perjury investigation is focused on whether Bonds lied in 2003, when he told the federal grand jury investigating BALCO that he never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds said his personal trainer told him he was taking flaxseed oil and arthritis balm.

His childhood friend and trainer, Greg Anderson, has spent nearly a year in prison for refusing to testify to the grand jury investigating Bonds' alleged perjury.

On the field, a championship is about the only thing missing on Bonds' resume.

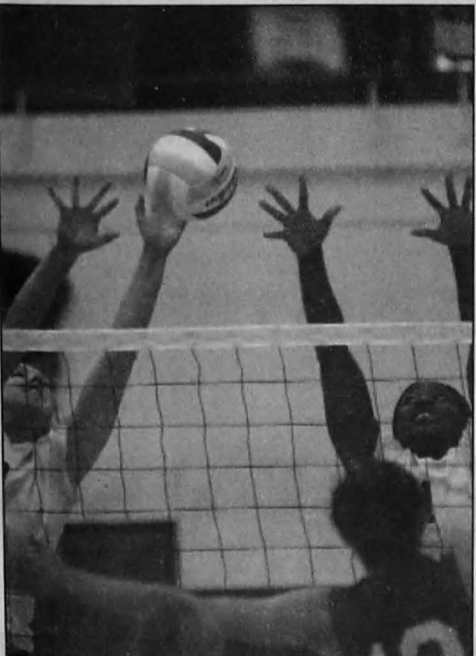
He played in his 13th All-Star game this summer, an event held in his home ballpark.

Bonds has reached the post-season seven times, and a World Series title barely eluded him in 2002. The Giants were just five outs from the title in Game 6 against the Anaheim Angels, but they lost that lead and also got beaten in Game 7. Bonds hit .471 in those seven games with four home runs, and the Angels walked him 13 times.

A day after last season ended Magowan said that Bonds would no longer be the centerpiece of the organization and that the team would change its formula for winning.

Bonds then checked out the free-agent market, and a couple of teams — including St. Louis, Oakland and San Diego — showed early interest.

But there seemed to be a pervasive feeling around baseball that Bonds would ultimately rejoin the Giants and he did for one final season.



Junior Meg Buachman (left) and freshman Brittani Oliver (right) are poised for the block in USI's 3-2 loss to Rockhurst University last Friday. The Eagles, who are fourth in the conference in blocks, recorded 14 blocks against Rockhurst and 11 blocks in their 3-2 win over Drury University.

Photo by MaCabe Brown

Eagles volleyball split weekend at home

By KIMBERLY PRESLEY
The Shield staff

The USI volleyball team won one and lost one this weekend, making their overall record 8-6 and 3-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Eagles lost a tough five-match game on Friday night to the 23rd ranked team in Division II volleyball, the Rockhurst University Hawks. The Hawks dominated the Eagles and took the first two games, 30-22 and 30-27. The Hawks made it hard for the Eagles in the first two games, but by the third game USI was ready to put up a fight. USI managed to tie the game after winning the third and fourth games, 30-21 and 30-22.

By the fifth game USI had lost steam and Rockhurst managed to get out in front and did not bother to look back. The Hawks ran away with the victory in game 5, taking the match three games to two. The Eagles were led in kills by senior middle blocker, Molly Rahman and freshman outside hitter, Brittani Oliver, who both finished with 15 and 14 kills. Sophomore outside hitter Courtney Bealor added 13 kills.

In the second and final game of this weekend, the USI Screaming Eagles defeated the Drury Panthers in the PAC Saturday afternoon with a 3-2 victory. The Eagles controlled game one with a score of 30-23. The Panthers decided to make it

hard on the Eagles and won game two with a score of 20-30. The Eagles fought back in game 3 to win the game 30-17. Giving the Eagles a 2-1 lead over the Panthers. The Drury Panthers would not go down easy though, they took game four with a score of 30-28. In the fifth and deciding game, both teams wanted to win and you could see it in their eyes. In a nail biter, the Screaming Eagles came out on top and won game five. USI was led by Brittani Oliver who brought in 18 kills and Stephanie Wilson who executed 57 assists.

USI's next three matches take place on the road, first at the University of Indianapolis on Thursday, Sept. 27th. The the

Eagles head to Saint Joseph's College on Friday, Sept. 28th. The Screaming Eagles finish their road trip on Saturday, Sept. 29th at Northern Kentucky University. USI will return home to the PAC on Friday, Oct. 5th to play Lewis University at 7 p.m. Come out and support your University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles!



