

Student programming for Titan TV 2

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If Illinois Wesleyan University students want to see their peers, or even themselves, on the small screen, then they should look no further than Titan TV 2.

The channel has begun to decrease the number of movies that it currently shows in order to replace them with programs created by IWU students, for IWU students.

“The programs will be taped weekly, and students will have time slots on which they are able to let their creativity run rampant,” the former media commissioner Eric Fatla said at a November Student Senate meeting.

“The original purpose of the

second station was that it would be a voice for the students,” said Fatla.

Titan TV 2 has mainly shown mainstream movies throughout the year. This is why Fatla began the campaign to bring the station back to the IWU community.

The current media commissioner, Hannah Giunta, has not lost sight of this vision while working closely with Titan TV organizers.

“I want to make sure that the station is used for its original purpose,” Giunta said.

Students can choose how long they would like the show to be (15 minutes, 30 minutes or an hour) and how often it is shown (weekly, biweekly or monthly).

But this doesn't mean that students can do anything and

everything with their allotted time.

“We are still in the process of coming up with what we find to be inappropriate subjects,” Michael Gabriele, Titan TV station manager, said

Gabriele would not go into details on any restrictions created thus far, but he would say that they would cover content, language and use of copyrighted material and that it would be a very long list.

The restrictions have not lessened the great interest that has been shown in the programs so far. The station has already started accepting programs and has been contacted by many other prospective student producers.

Accepted shows include: “Cooking with Cossacks in the

Litchen” (a cooking program filmed in the laundry room/kitchen of Blackstock Hall), “Quad Philosophy” (a program philosophizing on the issues of the day), “The Matt and Jeff Show” (a variety show), “The Best of Times, The Worst of Times” (a sitcom that relates to students) and “A Day in the Life of...” (a program that takes a random person and follows him or her around for a

day).

Movie fanatics shouldn't fear. Titan TV 1 will continue to show all of the famous flicks, but the movie budget has been cut to offset the cost of new equipment for the student programming.

The TV programs are expected make up for the loss in variety of movies. These “start-up costs” include purchasing new computers with video editing

software and DVD burning technology.

Any students interested in creating a program can pick up an application at the main desk in the Memorial Center or various other locations. The current deadline for applications is Feb. 10 and the station hopes to begin showing programs by early March.

Transnational faculty share their experiences

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Faculty members in Illinois Wesleyan University's International Studies Department are sharing their transcultural experiences with students. Coming from a variety of departments and backgrounds, these professors are helping IWU students understand what it's like to be outside the American mainstream.

Last Thursday, IWU community members met in Beckman Auditorium to participate in a panel discussion moderated by Professor Irving Epstein, a faculty member in Educational Studies.

Epstein asked a series of questions to open the discussion and then allowed each member on the panel to choose his or her focus.

“There's nothing more dynamic than the human memory. I consider myself transnational. Each culture I belong to helps me create identities for myself. I've learned to keep my values consistent as I choose among these identities,” Professor Marina Balina said.

An instructor in Russian, German and literature in translation, Balina always stresses student integration in the classroom.

“They take on Russian names and identities. It's such an educational experience when students develop new attitudes,” she said.

Balina stressed the importance of having a historical perspective. After being away

from her home country for so long, she is better able to understand her own history.

“Knowing where you came from helps you maintain roots. I consider myself a member of the American community, not a guest. But it's still nice to feel connected with your home country,” Balina said.

Professor of Mathematics Zahia Drici has also struggled to make a home for herself amidst many new environments.

“I have lived in France, Algeria, and the United States. I've been forced to deal with the ambiguities of multiple identities,” she said.

Drici cited being a woman in a patriarchal society, an Algerian during the era of independence, and an observer of her own culture from a distance as aspects of her identity.

“It's been challenging to appreciate my femininity in cultures that generally look down on women. My American secular identity contradicts my traditional gender identity. My gender, Algerian independence and my travels have forced me to cross boundaries,” she said.

Drici emphasized that her identity has been fragmented for a long time, but the pieces are gradually coming together.

“The places I've been during events like the Algerian Civil War and September 11 have shaped who I am. Being in a neutral place has allowed me to coagulate the different aspects of who I am,” Drici said.

Professor of Hispanic Studies Sobeira Latorre also shared her identity struggle and her desire to find where she fit in society.

“My identity is different depending on the day, the time and who's asking,” she said.

Latorre stressed how difficult it is to be a minority in society.

“People have preconceived notions when they hear my accent. Most have the right intentions, but it can be weird when everyone else immediately knows there's something different about you as soon as they hear you talk,” she said.

But Latorre has used her healthy sense of humor to deal with uncomfortable situations.

“When people come up and ask me where I'm from, sometimes I just say Bloomington. The looks I get are priceless,” she said.

Visiting Professor of Political Science Tatah Mentan uses philosophy in dealing with identity issues.

“My struggle has always surrounded the difference between being and belonging. I'm in America, but do I really belong?” he said.

Coming from a continent where foreign colonization has been the norm, Mentan has had his fair share of identity issues.

“I've struggled to find roots for myself, but I realize that the key to forming roots is not being afraid to establish relationships in new environments,” he said.

All of the panelists expressed their love for American life.

“Of course, you want to fit in. You want your kids to fit in. Sometimes I look at the way my son acts, and I wonder where he gets it. Then I remember that he is more Americanized than I am,” Balina said.



Michael Gabriele, Titan TV station manager, uses equipment in the Titan TV production office. The station is now accepting student-produced shows to air on TV. ERIC PAOLI INFANZON/THE ARGUS

FBI intern learns life lessons

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While most Illinois Wesleyan students were working their usual summer jobs and enjoying their time off from school-work this past June, Leanne Lessard was in Washington, D.C., working on case files. She participated in a three-month internship at the headquarters of the FBI.

Lessard, now a senior history and Spanish double-major, found out about the summer internship opportunity on the FBI web page while working at a law office in Chicago. She decided to apply, though it was a lengthy process.

“I just thought it would be a good experience for me to learn about how the FBI functioned,” Lessard said.

“I've always been interested in criminal investigation and wanted to do something in the law field to know what my options were.”

As part of the application, Lessard had to submit three reference letters from professors on campus. In addition, she was required to get a letter of recommendation from Dean Matthews. Finally, she was interviewed.

“I thought the interview went really well, but after that I thought, it'll happen if it happens,” said Lessard. “I really was not expecting to get it at all.”

However, after the applicants had been narrowed down, Lessard was informed that she was the finalist for the position. She then had to undergo drug screening and pass a polygraph test.

“The polygraph test was very intimidating,” Lessard said. “When I first came in, a guy walked up to me and said, ‘Congratulations on making it this far.’ The next thing he said was, ‘Are you a liar?’”

An extensive background check was also conducted. Her friends, family, neighbors and former employers were all questioned about her character and behavior.

Months later, the internship was finalized. At the time, she was studying abroad in Madrid.

“I was extremely excited, but it was hard to focus on because I had a whole semester in Spain ahead of me first,” Lessard said.

Once the internship began,

Lessard spent the first several weeks in the counterintelligence division in an analysis unit. There, she worked with agents who were compiling closed cases and gathering background information.

“There's a lot more going on behind the scenes than you get to see [in movies or television], lots of paperwork and research,” Lessard said. “It's not all busting down doors to catch the bad guy or talking people out of hostage situations.”

But Lessard experienced much more than office work. On two occasions, she accompanied members of a SWAT team to the shooting range. There, Lessard learned to fire a Glock 22 handgun and an MP5, or semi-automatic rifle.

“I had never seen a gun before, but I did pretty well,” she said. “I still have the target I shot at.”

Lessard also went on tours of the FBI academy at Quantico where she was able to see the

chemistry and biology labs where DNA testing is performed and “blood-spatter rooms” where crime scenes are reenacted. She also learned first-hand how surveillance and wire taps work.

After these experiences, Lessard took a week-long trip to the New York field office where she had the opportunity to follow agents in the organized crime unit.

Although not permitted to accompany them into any potentially dangerous situations, this was her first time being involved in open cases.

“The agents kind of showed me the ropes,” she said. “There was a lot more action. I got to compare it with life at headquarters where there are so many business suits you can't see straight.”

Upon returning to D.C., Lessard was transferred to a crimes-against-children investigative unit.

Of the many departments of the Bureau that Lessard learned

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Disha Mahendra and Kavita Shah perform at CelebrASIA, sponsored by the South Asian Student Association. For more information on the event, see page 5.

NATALIE PAWLUK/THE ARGUS



Illinois Wesleyan senior Leanne Lessard spent last summer as an intern for the FBI.

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Weekend Weather

Saturday

High: 47 Low: 33
Partly cloudy

Sunday

High: 45 Low: 35
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about, she said that she would choose this unit to work in if she could.

"I think it would be very emotionally draining work," she said. "But it would also be very rewarding to work for something that you knew was completely just and good."

Lessard acquired knowledge of FBI procedures and investigative techniques. In addition, she said that she also gained a lot of insight on life in general from the people with whom she worked.

"Just by talking to people in that environment, you can learn so much about what there is out in the world," she said. "Everyone who works there

holds a very prestigious position, but they're just normal people too. They're very down-to-earth."

Because applicants are required to either have a special skill or to have worked full-time elsewhere for at least three years, agents have previously held a variety of jobs.

"There were agents that were former military, former attorneys, former professors, former middle school teachers," Lessard said. "There were so many life experiences I got to hear."

Also, Lessard realized that it is necessary for the government to have some secrets.

"It's given me insight into

why things are the way they are," she said. "There really are things that are of national security and if the public knows about them, it could become a risk."

Does this mean the X-Files are real? "

We did ask them that," Lessard laughed, "and I couldn't get a straight answer from anyone. FBI agents do have a sense of humor."

Lessard plans to attend graduate school to continue studying Spanish and Latin American culture, but she does not rule out working with the FBI at some point.

"It's an option," she said.

Textbook costs still a heavy load for students

By Jennifer Jamall
Daily Californian (U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - College textbook prices have increased at nearly four times the rate of inflation over the past 11 years, according to the second edition of a survey conducted by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group Higher Education Project.

The 2005 edition of "Ripoff 101," conducted at 59 universities all over the country, demonstrates that exorbitant textbook prices contribute largely to the growing lack of affordable education.

The survey found that the average student spends about \$900 each year purchasing textbooks -- a fifth of the tuition at a four-year public university.

"The bottom line is textbook prices are skyrocketing, and publishers are ripping off students with artificially inflated prices," said Fatima Mohsin,

CalPIRG's University of California-Berkeley chapter chair.

The survey criticized the practices of publishers-such as charging American students more than students in other countries for the same textbooks-which result in increased textbook prices.

CalPIRG accused publishers of purposely printing new textbook editions with few content changes, forcing students to fork out more money. Seventy-six percent of faculty surveyed said new additions are justified only half of the time they are published.

But publishers argue that new editions are necessary to meet the faculty demand for updated information. New editions are published at an average of every three years, reducing the availability of used earlier editions.

Once a new edition of a textbook is on the market, university bookstores will usually no longer buy back the older edition.

The report also slammed the textbook industry for attaching "bells and whistles" to drive up prices: textbooks are becoming increasingly sold in "bundled" form, with add-on materials like CD-ROMs and workbooks.

The survey fiercely addresses the disparity between textbook prices in the U.S., versus the United Kingdom, the Middle East and Africa. The Pearson Publishing Company, for example, charges an American student \$100 for its 2004 edition calculus textbook while in the U.K. the same book is sold for the equivalent of 38 U.S. dollars.

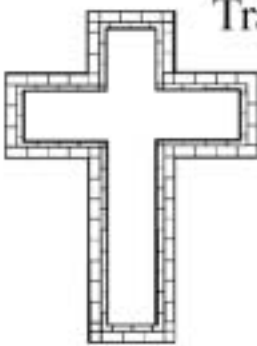
"Publishers are blatantly exploiting American students," said Lindsey Allen, campus organizer for the CalPIRG UC Berkeley Chapter.

This year's report is a massive expansion of last year's first edition, which surveyed costs of popular textbooks at 10 West Coast public colleges and universities.

security BEAT

- On Jan. 27 at 11:25 p.m. a fire alarm sounded in Demotte Hall. Cigarette smoke was determined to be the cause.
- On Jan. 28, a fire alarm sounded at 1:25 a.m at the FIJI house. Cigarette smoke was determined to be the cause.
- In the Memorial Center on Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. a fire alarm sounded. It is thought to have been caused by either steam or overcooked food.
- On Jan. 29 at 1:25 a.m. a fight was reported to have broken out at the Theta Chi house. No one was seriously injured.
- On Jan. 29 at 6:40 p.m. an incident of disorderly conduct was reported from WESN Radio when an intoxicated individual refused to leave the premises.
- On Jan. 30 at 3:05 a.m. a fire alarm sounded at Harriett House. The cause was not determined.
- On Jan. 31 at 11:30 p.m. an incident of assault was reported from Kemp Hall.

Begin Your Lenten Season at IWU with the Traditional Gesture of Christian Devotion.




University Chapel Hour is at 4:00 p.m. this Ash Wednesday!

Attend the University Chapel hour Ash Wednesday Service and receive the cross, signed in ashes, on your forehead.

The Very Reverend Howard Bruce Bowlin will preach on "The Transformation of the Heart."

Collegiate Choir, directed by Prof. J. Scott Ferguson, will perform William Byrd's (1543-1643) "Ave verum corpus."

Wednesday, February 9, 2005
at 4:00 p.m.
Evelyn Chapel



News BRIEFS

Apply to live in the Art House

If you are interested in living in Blackstock Hall next year and would like to sign up on our roster for re-application, please contact Eric Paoli Infanzon at einfanzo@iwu.edu. Be a part of a truly unique living experience that is fun and laid-back: Blackstock!

Candy Gram Sales

Dolan Hall Council will be selling Candy Grams for 50 cents starting Monday, Feb. 7 until Friday, Feb. 11 during lunch in front of the Commons. Delivery will be on Monday, Feb. 14, just in time for Valentine's Day! All proceeds go to the Humane Society.

Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Trip

There are still a few spots left for the Habitat for Humanity spring break trip to Sumter, South Carolina. The cost is only \$150. For more information, e-mail Amy at acadwall@iwu.edu.

Tongue and Ink Conference

Are you interested in writing? An undergraduate conference for writing will be held at Illinois Wesleyan, and it is free

for all IWU students. Check out the website for more information and the registration form. All majors of every ability level are welcome. For more information, please go to the link <http://www.iwu.edu/~tribut/conference.html>.

Free Seminars from Counseling and Consultation Services

Counseling and Consultation Service is hosting "Healthy Eating/Body Image," a series of three seminars taking place on Thursdays Feb. 10, 17 and 24. It will be upstairs at Hansen Student Center from 8 to 9 p.m. To register, call David Kistner at x3052 (or e-mail him at dkistner@iwu.edu) at Counseling and Consultation Service.

Ignite Illinois

Ignite Illinois is a chapter of a national organization whose focus is to hold the tobacco industry accountable by directing public officials to act responsibly. Currently, Ignite IL is contacting legislators to gain support for FDA regulation of tobacco and for the repeal of the Clean Indoor Air Act. In addition, we are planning events for this spring in Chicago and possibly Peoria. We will be work-

ing with the media to expose legislators who accept campaign donations from tobacco companies and then vote in their favor. If you are interested in becoming involved with Ignite IL or have any questions, please contact Carrie Otto at cotto@iwu.edu.

Organic Roses for Valentine's Day

IWU Wellness and the Environmental, International and Women's Studies Programs will offer organic roses for Valentine's Day. Send a flower anonymously to a friend. Sign ups will be Monday and Tuesday during dinner at the Sodexho stairs and Tuesday afternoon near the Starbucks in the Dugout. Roses are \$1.25 per stem; they will be delivered and available for pick-up on campus on Valentine's Day. On Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium "Love, Women and Flowers" will be shown. This film examines the environmental and health hazards in the commercial flower industry in Columbia where many of the flowers sold in the United States originate. Organic roses are being offered to provide IWU students with a fair trade and environmentally-sound way to express their kindness and love - to others and to the earth.

THIS WEEK IN IWU HISTORY

1941- In a study done by Student Surveys of America, the percentage of students found to be skipping two or more classes a week was 18 percent, with 20 percent skipping only one and a whopping 62 percent attending all classes. In a corresponding survey, however, 64 percent of students expressed the desire to see compulsory class attendance abolished.

1956- Under the direction of Lou Di Orio, the physical education program at Illinois Wesleyan was drastically changed. Instead of the previous choices of physical education or swimming, men were now offered golf, track and field, baseball, swimming, or badminton. Also, this new diversified program led to the closing

of a course to a student who had already participated in it, so as to promote variety. For example, a student could only take baseball once for his or her physical education course.

1971- Reverend Bob Harrington, "the Chaplain of Bourbon Street," performed chapel services here on Illinois Wesleyan's campus. He began his mission in Bourbon Street bars and strip clubs in 1962, and since then has preached in taverns and nightclubs -- as well as churches -- across the country. He was ordained in 1958, after being an insurance salesman, a medical student, a sailor and a self-proclaimed playboy. Harrington said, "Billy Graham goes where they organize the crowds. I go where the devil's

got people together."

1987- An AIDS awareness panel discussed the facts and myths about AIDS and people living with AIDS. Professionals from BroMenn hospital told students that the number of cases (at this time) was doubling every 12-14 mos., and stressed the importance of communicating with your sexual partner as well as practicing safe sex. At this time there were only 740 cases of AIDS diagnosed in IL, a relatively low number. Student reaction was mixed, but mostly appreciative of the information provided.

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FEATURES

Sigma Pi fraternity combats tsunami devastation with rock n' roll fundraiser

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A deadly tsunami hit southern Asia, and its wake has brought the world together.

Former President Bill Clinton has been named the head of the United Nations Commission to rebuild after the disaster. Over \$4 billion in total aid has been pledged.

After initial criticism for its modest donation, the United States government has since pledged nearly \$650 million in aid to the countries which suffered most from the tragedy of December 26, 2004.

Yet there still is not yet enough to rebuild after the damages following the 9.0 quake. Americans have been contributing in every way they can.

Illinois Wesleyan University found itself a contributing group as well -- the Greek system.

"Fraternities and sororities have the best abilities to raise money for charities," president of the Sigma Pi house junior Drew Kelly said.

"In terms of sheer numbers, as well as their willingness to work together, the Greek system has proven itself once again."

On Saturday, Jan. 29, a Battle of the Bands was held at the Sigma Pi house. All pro-

ceeds from a \$3 admission donation were contributed to the Tsunami Relief Fund.

The donations were made through the Red Cross, Sigma Pi International's main charitable organization.

Hundreds of students were in attendance, listening to music and supporting the opportunity to assist the foundation. The bands that played include The Zymphoid Process, Fierce Melon, Snuckafoo and Suspended.

Junior Lauren Suchomski attended the event for its charitable benefits.

"Plus, I like live music," she said.

The combination of the charitable aspect and an idea which appeals to a massive group has been a proven success for Greek life in the past.

The Alpha Gamma Delta House, for example, combines the entertainment of the gambling world with a charitable cause on their annual Casino Night.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon House holds their Foam Party annually. Success is evident in the numbers.

The bands themselves were applauded enthusiastically, but ultimately, the winners of the Battle were Snuckafoo, a Chicago band made up of one student attending Illinois

Wesleyan and several IWU alumni.

Paul Tiepe, one of the members of the group Suspended, agreed that the cause outweighed winning or losing.

"I like to play," he said. Suspended has previously played in several such Battles, and tends to perform both arranged and original pieces.

Their song set for the Battle included "Carry on My Wayward Son" and "Smooth Criminal."

The Battle of the Bands was part of the fraternity system's Spring Rush Week, which traditionally consists of events involving students interested in joining a fraternity.

In general, events tend towards watching sports games or having cook-outs.

"We wanted to go with something different for Rush Week," Mark Tomasino, the head of Sigma Pi's Rush Week, said. "I wanted to convey all aspects of our house. We're social guys, but we also do a lot of charitable work."



IWU students applaud wildly at last Saturday's Sigma Pi Battle of the Bands for tsunami relief. PHOTO BY ANDY NELSON

Student activities office hits high note with live karaoke

HANNAH GIUNTA
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The Office of Student Activities is always coming up with new activities and performers to fill the wee hours of the morning on Fridays and Saturdays.

But students who braved the cold weather got a special treat last Friday -- the chance to perform today's greatest hits with a live rock band.

Planning for these large events usually begins four to six months in advance.

"We knew about this night in October, so we had plenty of time to work on publicity and logistics," said Assistant Dean of Students Kevin Clark.

"I owe a great deal of thanks to my student workers, first-year student Sara Baldocchi and sophomore Mary Miller, and the Hansen technical crew."

He and his staff attend a conference sponsored by the National Association for Campus Activities each winter.

The conference features performances by musicians and comedians, lectures by famous speakers and sessions on event planning and idea exchanges. New activities like live

band karaoke are often featured.

Mary Miller has found the conference extremely helpful.

"It's always great to hear new ideas. We can actually contract acts that we like right on the spot, so it makes event organizing much easier," she said.

Clark also pointed out that the conference helps the Office of Student Activities bring new groups students may have not seen.

"Our goal is to bring fresh, exciting acts to campus and give IWU students a lot of weekend options," he said.

Live band karaoke has become very popular in Chicago clubs.

Karaoke bands have just recently started tapping into the college scene, and Friday was the first time

for live band karaoke at IWU.

"We have a musically-talented student body, so I hope we will get great reviews on the event," Clark said.

Everyone in attendance last Friday appeared to be having a fun time.

Members of Sigma Tau Iota, IWU's local sorority, spread out on several couches to cheer for classmates.

"We should definitely do this more often," said junior member Katie Salo.

Most students brave enough to give karaoke a try performed in groups, but there were a few solo acts.

Some first-year students got the night started with a rendition of "I Will Survive" as more and more attendees decided to sign up for a turn at the mic.

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**Kevin Clark
Assistant Dean of Students**



IWU students were given the opportunity to take the mic last Friday thanks to Live Band Karaoke. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES WEBSITE.

Arts

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Entertainment

Friday, February 4

Illinois Wesleyan's Funny Bone Comedy Club, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, presents comedian Demetri Martin. New York writer-comedian Demetri Martin never planned for a career in comedy. Since his comedic debut, Martin has won first place at the Perrier Awards and the 2003 Jury Award prize for "Best One-Person Show" at the Aspen Comedy Festival. He has been given five stars by Comedy Channel's critics as well as earning their "Approved Comedian" ranking. Martin has appeared on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "Last Call with Carson Daly," "Comedy Central's 'Premium Blend,'" "Comedy Central Presents" and NBC's "Late Friday." He currently tours comedy clubs around the country. The show starts at 8 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center and is free and open to the public.

Friday, February 4 through Sunday, February 6

Illinois Wesleyan University's Lab Theatre will present "Farther West" in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre. Directed by IWU Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Sandra Lindberg, the production is the world premiere of a revision of the play by its author. "Farther West," which the Ontario Arts Council awarded the Chalmers Best Canadian Play, is the story of a young prostitute, May, living in the back country of 19th century Canada. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$2 general admission, \$1 with a valid student I.D., and can be purchased through the School of Theatre Arts Box Office at (309) 556-3232.

Ani DiFranco eschews experimentation for delicate emotion on latest folk-rock release

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STAFF REVIEWER

Halfway through “Minerva,” a track from her latest album, “Knuckle Down,” Ani DiFranco laments “You want me to tell you a story/ but I am weary of entertaining/ I’ll have more to say when I’m happy/ ‘course, then I’ll have less to sing.”

But luckily for fans of DiFranco’s folk-rock music, her fears are unfounded.

“Knuckle Down” is a distinctly calmer, subtler release than fans may be used to. The fierce anger and sharp criticism she wove throughout all her work is toned down into almost accepting, lighter tunes.

But DiFranco still has something to sing about.

Gone are the blunt, angry and overtly political tracks that characterized some of her earlier releases. Instead of the songs about political causes, such as reproductive freedoms, the abolishment of the death penalty and equality for women, DiFranco’s political side appears only on “Paradigm,” one of the album’s last tracks.

In it, she tells of her childhood experiences with her politically active immigrant parents.

“I remember the feeling of community brewing/ of democracy happening,” she sings. With many other artists, these lyrics would come off cheap and corny, but DiFranco’s strong voice and instrumentation make it a very solid track.

This topic of childhood and family is a recurring theme throughout “Knuckle Down,” although it has rarely been touched on in DiFranco’s past work. Her 1999 release, “Up Up Up Up Up Up,” included “Angry Anymore,” a song addressed to her

parents, forgiving them and accepting their rocky relationship.

But through more than thirteen albums of original songs, it is a topic about which she has been reticent.

But not with her latest album. Along with “Paradigm,” two tracks from Knuckle Down at least briefly discuss her family.

“Studying Stones,” the second song, begins the album’s mellow, almost resigned tone. It has a slow, graceful melody similar to some of those on “Like I Said.”

The accompanying lyrics are emotional and DiFranco’s voice is soft and pretty, as she sings lyrics such as “Numb is an old hat/ old as my oldest memories/see that one’s my mother and that one’s my father/and the one in the hat, that’s me.”

DiFranco sings about her family even more poignantly on the excellent closing track, “Recoil,” one of the stand-out songs.

She sings, “Probably just need to be held/that’s probably all it is/ ‘course, then I think of my dad/who time travels mostly now.”

“Recoil” also has an emotional vulnerability that is often hidden in the angry lyrics and messages sometimes associated with DiFranco’s work.

Although the gentler Ani is present in most tracks, one of the strongest is “Callous,” in which she works up some of her most forceful vocal work and her signature indignant rage.

But by far the biggest accomplishment of “Knuckle Down” is the title track.

Every element of the song comes together beautifully. It keeps the fiercely original sound that made DiFranco famous, along with aggressive guitar work and vocals that jump and curl around the poetic lyrics.

For those unfamiliar with

DiFranco’s previous work, “Knuckle Down” is a great song to begin with.

For people who started with DiFranco’s last new album, “Educated Guess,” and were unimpressed, “Knuckle Down” should earn her another listen.

It’s a definite departure from her last two albums of heavily experimental songs which, although very good, may not have appealed to the casual listener.

Instead, DiFranco returns to the often-imitated style she pioneered.

Although she has conquered many genres and styles, her sometimes jazz-infused and bluesy sound is replaced by alternative folk-rock songs reminiscent of “Imperfectly” and the earlier days.

But as always, she also strays from even her own formulas. “Knuckle Down” contains one spoken-word track, a style she has recently been developing.

“Parameters” is an eerie, haunted, six-minute poem about coming home to find a threatening stranger in the bedroom and suddenly feeling vulnerable again.

However, the spoken-word form works best for DiFranco fans when she has a strong message to spread, not just a story to tell. She puts the



Ani DiFranco’s new album, “Knuckle Down,” is available now on Righteous Babe Records. PHOTO FROM RIGHTEOUSBABE.COM



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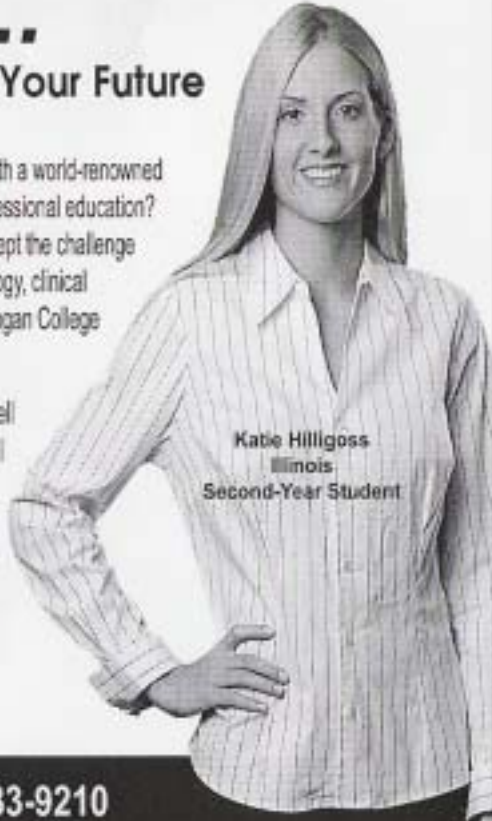
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Kavita Shah demonstrates a traditional Asian dance at last Sunday's CelebrASIA festivities.
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IWU's annual CelebrASIA dinner serves up a taste of culture

HANNAH GIUNTA
STAFF WRITER

Students on tight budgets had a special opportunity to travel across the ocean last Sunday. The South Asian Student Alliance hosted their annual CelebrASIA in Memorial's Main Lounge. Attendees enjoyed traditional food, music, dance and other festivities while learning about Asian cultures and raising money for IWU's tsunami relief campaign. SASA members began planning their event early last semester. "We had started making definite arrangements by

the end of September. It usually takes several months to coordinate catering with Sodexo and arrange performers for the evening," said executive board member Prianka Sharma. IWU students and faculty members were treated to beef and broccoli tossed with traditional spices, a chicken and rice dish, steamed vegetables, Indian flat bread and much more. In his opening remarks, Professor Narendra Jaggi, an advisor to SASA, publicly thanked Sodexo for catering such an authentic, delicious meal. "My tastes are particular, and I thank Sodexo staff members for allow-

ing taste test after taste test. They put together a great meal for you tonight," he said. Along with a full stomach, CelebrASIA attendees were treated to performances by talented IWU students. Jaggi encouraged everyone to sit back and enjoy campus diversity for the evening. "We are always focusing on becoming more diverse. Tonight, let's celebrate the diversity we already have," he said. The evening's entertainment ranged from poetry reading to a choreographed dance where participants blended traditional Hindi and American moves together. First-year student Eriko

Matsumoto treated audience members to a sample of Japanese pop music. Junior Salman Khan made the night a family affair by inviting his father to join him for an Asian banjo performance. The night ended with a fashion show featuring common apparel from India, Vietnam, Japan and several other Asian countries. "All of tonight's events are designed to increase awareness of our cultures on campus. We want students to be exposed to our traditions," Sharma said. Attendees agreed that the night was educational and fun. "I'd love to see more groups put on events like this," junior Amy Cadwallader said. "A lot of people say that there's not enough appreciation of diversity here on campus, but it is a lack of exposure that causes this problem." "Events like this one help people experience new cultures in a non-threatening environment," junior Jen Mele said. CelebrASIA has been an annual event at IWU for a long time, but, according to the group, this year's turnout was fantastic. "I'm so excited about the number of people here. This is such a great night for us to share our culture," Sharma said.

Heaton warms the stage at Blue Moon Cafe

VERA LEOPOLD
STAFF WRITER

Pop/rock singer-songwriter Anne Heaton returned Saturday for her third Illinois Wesleyan concert at the Blue Moon Coffeehouse and definitely did not disappoint. Heaton, together with her long-time partner in music, Frank Marotta, Jr., played for a full house in the Main Lounge. The show started off strong with "Desire" and followed with the title track of her new album, "Give In". Though these carefully-crafted, engaging songs might be expected to come at the close of a show, Heaton jumped straight into them with scarcely an introduction or warm-up. This confidence carried through into her vocals. Heaton is a natural talent, allowing her words to pour out without apparent effort. Even though Heaton and Marotta's performance was a simple combination of keyboard, guitar and vocals, it had a rich, full sound. The presence of drums or bass was never missed. Rather, Heaton's soaring voice and intoxicating keyboard and piano work blended smoothly with Marotta's gui-

tar, their melodies interweaving and rising together. Often exchanging smiles or little quips on stage, these are clearly two people who love making music together. Their interaction with the audience, many of whom were returning fans, was always playful. At one point, Heaton commented between songs, "Well, let's move on from theology now...to sex and math!" Later in the show, she reminded the crowd, "If you have any requests, just call them up. But remember, it has to be before the show ends." The songs were sweet, without ever overdosing on the sugar. The show remained well-balanced between heavier and lighter tunes, and the duo had no difficulty switching gears. "Megan and Kevin," an audience favorite, was a light-hearted tune originally performed at the wedding of the pair. Heaton half-spoke the lyrics in a sort of musical monologue as she told of their first meeting at age sixteen, then returned to singing for the chorus: "I'm quite sure that he likes you." "Maybe It's Peace," by contrast, was a quietly powerful song that gave Heaton

the opportunity to unleash the full range of her voice. This piece came near the end of the show and its slow, steady piano had an almost entrancing effect. While issues with love were the subject of many songs, several tunes delved into different topics. For example, one controversial song dealt with Heaton's reactions to the current political situation and the public's concern with "values." A memorable chorus repeated, "Jesus was still a rebel / And you can't take Him away from me." Heaton's lyrical content was both universal and, at times, highly personal, making it easy for the audience to identify with. A native of Chicago, Heaton moved to New York City after high school but said she was thinking of moving back. She introduced one song, "Hey New York," as her attempt to make that decision. A fast and humorous litany of the pros and cons of living in each city followed. Lyrics that mentioned Chicago weather and "how the terrain doesn't change for thousands of miles" drew knowing laughter from the crowd.

All songs were original, most written by Heaton and some by Heaton and Marotta together, save for an excellent rendition of Sting's "If I Ever Lose My Faith in You." Heaton alternated lyrics with Marotta, who proved his vocal skills in addition to his fine guitar abilities. Overall, the performance was infused with a joyful enthusiasm that filled each song with energy and warmth. The intimate atmosphere of the Blue Moon with candlelit tables only added to the experience as the bright guitar and piano filled the darkened room. When the show ended, both Marotta and Heaton signed CDs at the door and spoke with a long line of audience members. But first, they returned to the stage for an encore, in which Heaton per-



Singer/songwriter Anne Heaton delivered a stirring performance last Saturday at Blue Moon.
PHOTO BY ABBY MOHAUPT

formed a song solo that she told the audience she had just written a few days before. At one point, she hesitated for a moment to think of the next lyric and said, "I'm sorry, I got caught up in it." No apologies were necessary. Any audience member could probably say the same of Anne Heaton's show.

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EDITORIAL

First lady shouldn't necessarily come fourth in influential poll

Certainly it can be argued that George W. Bush, as President of the United States, is the most powerful man on earth. However, reasonability is certainly stretched to say that his wife, Laura Bush is even within the top five.

Yet this was where she fell on Forbes magazine's yearly poll of the 100 Most Influential Women. She trailed behind only three women.

Holding the number three position was Sonia Ghandi, the President of India's Congress Party who is hailed as the nation's "most widely revered woman in recent times."

Wu Yi, China's Vice Premier and "Iron Lady", a key player in Communist state's admission into the World Trade Organization, was placed second.

Number one, the absolute most influential woman in the world according to

Forbes, was the acclaimed Condoleeza Rice, the Bush Administration's National Security Advisor, and thereby, consultant to the "leader of the world's largest super power."

Perhaps the magazine was at least somewhat justified in its decision. After all, Laura does do more than straighten dust ruffles and bake chocolate-chip macadamia nut cookies for visiting heads of state. The President refers to his wife as "the most important, guiding force in his life [responsible for] turning him around [and putting] him on the path to the White House."

Still, should she really be prioritized over five presidents, two Supreme Court justices and numerous entrepreneurs, heiresses and entertainment figures?

Does she really wield more power than Carleton S. Fiorina, chairwoman and chief executive of Hewlett-Packard's American branch which, in 2003, earned over 29 billion dollars in total revenue? Does Laura carry more weight than Chandrika Kumaratunga, the democratic ruler of Sri Lanka, who is responsible for correcting the devastating carnage wrought by December's tsunami?

In a word, no.

Forbes admits the difficulty of making such a comprehensive list as accurate as possible since "it's hard to quantify the differences between...a chief executive and a Supreme Court justice [as] they wield power in vastly different ways". But they go on to boast that they have "attempted the impossible." The judges created a type of scorecard,

ranking each individual upon terms such as "title and résumé, the size of the economic sphere in which she wields power (a foundation is measured by its endowment, a country by its GDP) and the number of global media mentions."

The decisive factors seem logical enough, but they must be unequally weighted for someone only related to a nation's leader to seem more powerful than an actual authoritative icon. We have a profound theory that the number of Google hits each woman received was far too important to the overall decision-making process.

Sandra Day O'Connor, one of the 95 women Laura preceded, would have had a score similar to that of the president's wife, except that in the "title" portion of the evaluation, hers would

have read "first woman to serve as Supreme Court Justice," instead of "inspiration' to a very controversial leader." Since every time Bush refers to the First Lady in a speech her "number of global media mentions" rises -- and we're assuming he mentions his bedmate more than a 74 year-old judge -- our theory can't be too far from the truth.

We applaud Forbes for their finest attempt to create a difficult list, and while we can recognize the fact that there are always cynics when someone gives an opinion, we have a venue to voice ours, so, well, we're doing it. Laura Bush belongs behind national leaders, corporation presidents, high court magistrates and every other woman whose merit does not solely derive from her husband.

Church must approve condoms: spread knowledge or spread AIDS



SARAH ZELLER
COLUMNIST

Imagine the entire Illinois Wesleyan campus being wiped out by a devastating disease. In South Africa alone, this many lives are lost every three days to AIDS.

Last year, about five million people worldwide were infected with HIV, the brutal virus that causes AIDS. The history of the disease is cloaked in shame, embarrassment, fear and misunderstanding. Though the scientific community has attempted to dispel rumors and stereotypes about AIDS, the falsehoods have prevailed.

And the death tolls keep rising. Since 1981, 20 million have died from the disease -- more than the population of the state of New York -- according to the international AIDS and HIV charity ADVERT. Clearly, the public needs to know what AIDS is, what causes it, and -- most importantly -- how to prevent it.

In a bold move earlier this month, the Spanish Catholic Church declared its support for the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS.

"Condoms have a place in the global prevention of AIDS," a spokesperson told Associated Press reporters. As recently as November, the Catholic Church in Spain had been denying that very fact, stating that no form of contraceptives could help stop the disease.

The Vatican still maintains that condoms cannot be used to prevent the spread of HIV. Just last week, the Catholic Church in South Africa declared that condom usage in the country was only increasing promiscuity and doing nothing to stop its growing HIV infections.

Spain's decision to shift from the traditional policy cannot be labeled anything but revolutionary. By changing their stance, they are saving lives. The lack of knowledge about protecting one's self all too often proves to be lethal -- as it was for the more than three million who died from AIDS in 2004.


The Catholic Church expects adults to abstain from sexual intercourse or be faithful to their partners to

prevent the virus from spreading. Though it appears to be decent advice, in areas like sub-Saharan Africa, it just isn't good enough. When nearly 10 percent of all adults are infected -- more than 25 million people -- the odds are good a spouse may have the disease. In this case, faithfulness won't prevent infection. Condoms will.

We live in a part of the world where such information is readily available. The Center for Disease Control has stated for years that correct condom usage is "highly effective in preventing transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS." We have sex education and health classes to explain to us the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases.


Unfortunately, some aren't so lucky. In sub-Saharan Africa, 12 million children have been orphaned by AIDS-related deaths. The stigma that surrounds AIDS and HIV must be removed in order for this disease to be prevented. The Spanish Catholic Church has made a step in the right direction, but others must follow their lead.

By providing correct information, a difference can be made in the number of AIDS deaths. We must make the choice: spread knowledge or spread AIDS.



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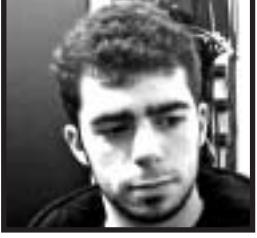
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Chem/Philosopy/2007


"Give me medical marijuana."



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"Make a dorm call to Blackstock."



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"Have more condoms."



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Constant coverage causes media bias

NICK TIMME
COLUMNIST

If you ask a liberal about the media, all you'll hear about is FOX News and news corporations' connections to the Republican Party. If you ask a conservative about the media, you'll get a speech about abortion-loving, draft-dodging, God-hating environmentalists. No matter whom you ask, media bias is in the news.

Let's start with one simple fact: everyone is biased. From me to you to Michael Moore to George Bush, everyone has an axe to grind. What matters is how sharp that axe is and how much truth it can cut. Of course, this is almost impossible to determine. Some people might proceed from this point with "Truth is relative and therefore essentially meaningless so in the end the concept of a media is bankrupt, blah, blah, blah." I can't do postmodernism.

So, what is causing all this talk

about bias? Who is changing? Is it the media or the media consumers? I believe that the change we see in the media today is based on the growth of 24-hour news networks, talk radio and Internet news. These formats still deliver hard news (i.e. the front page of a newspaper), but they also deliver huge amounts of editorializing.

You can't spend 24 hours talking about the "who, what, where and when" without delving into some "why." But with CNN and FOX News, the switch from Dan Rather to Rush Limbaugh occurs seamlessly. While these two men have very different jobs, they and people like them are given an equal footing, equal airtime and equal attention. But what they do not share are equal standards of journalistic integrity. Dan Rather follows one bogus story for a week too long and he's lambasted. Rush Limbaugh, Michael Moore

and Sean Hannity are allowed to follow any story with or without credible evidence and people hold those stories on the same journalistic plane as Dan Rather's evening news. This is clearly wrong. So, is it our fault we believe Michael Moore and people like him as much or more than Tom Brokaw? Yes and no.

Yes, because if you really listen to Rush Limbaugh, he's freakin' nuts and if you take him seriously, you're nuts too. No, because the media pulls this sleight of hand on purpose. Let us not forget that newspapers, television shows and websites are businesses. The same greed that controls all of capitalist society dictates their actions. They have found that by mixing editorializing in with news, the audience responds in a positive way. To them, positive means more consumption, while to the educated population it means ignorance, hate and a severe lack of empathy.

What is even more worrisome is when this greed, or more specifically sensationalism, invades the hard evening news. This seems to be the "big" problem to most people. But since so much of the media has sunk to massive amounts of editorializing, hard

news is very difficult to find.

But when you do find that good ol' solid news, many now consider it horribly biased towards the left or right. This notion is impossible to support given the statistics on individual bias in the media. Approximately 65 percent of reporters and anchors are liberal, while approximately 65 percent of producers and editors are conservative, which results in a nice juicy yet vitamin-rich blend. The truth is that the news is biased towards sensationalism. Whether it is the War in Iraq or John Kerry's Vietnam service record, when the media as a whole hits a story people go bonkers for, they pound it into the ground.

Right now the American pub-

lic's support is waning for the War in Iraq. Some blame this on the fact that the media constantly reported deaths of soldiers without reporting the great victories in Iraq. In other words, you would hear about two soldiers dying but not two hundred insurgents being killed or captured. I agree that I heard a lot about soldiers dying and not much about insurgents being captured, but the only reasons I have to doubt this picture of Iraq come from the opinions of Thomas Sowell, Rush Limbaugh and Bill O'Reilly.

Since the editorialists are not as trustworthy as the traditional news outlets, we must maintain faith in the newspaper and the evening news to deliver the most unbiased

information. Unfortunately, if the front page takes a journalistic dive, we are in big trouble in this society. Sadly with Moore's, Franken's and O'Reilly's clout growing, it is becoming more difficult for the true journalists to maintain focus. We, the beneficiaries of this free press, can do something. We can remember that while the dreaded bias does infect Dan Rather to some extent, Michael Moore and Sean Hannity are so biased they should be viewed more as a novelty than a reality, whether you agree with them or not.

Besides, you just read an editorial attacking editorials, think about that. OR DID I JUST BLOW YOUR MIND!?

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German President rebuked: Israel should acknowledge Germany's strides



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“Arbeit macht frei” - Work liberates. What seems to be an encouraging slogan in times of economic hardship has become the symbol for mass murder in Germany. The phrase, arching over an iron gate, greeted millions of prisoners of the Nazi regime when they entered Auschwitz. From 1939 to 1945, Hitler and his minions cast darkness over the world, while the German people either stood idly by or succumbed to the

blind rage of the “Führer”. Sixty years later, after a devastating military defeat and the nation's fantastic democratic resurrection, Germany is back again, this time on the “good side”. That is, until the past shows its ugly face in the shape of anti-Semitism and neo-Nazi agitation. In January, members of the right-wing National Democratic Party compared the bombing of German cities with

the Holocaust. The massive outcry of protest and the intense debate that followed proved that Germans today still have to face the fact that, despite their best efforts, they will never be forgiven for the crimes of their ancestors. Especially in Israel. On Tuesday, newly elected German President Horst Koehler traveled to Jerusalem to speak before the Knesset. The week before, he went on the traditional German pilgrimage of sorrow to Auschwitz. Koehler was humble, talked of guilt and said that there “can be no forgiveness.” He even spoke a few words of Hebrew. To no avail: several members of Parliament walked out. As long as there are survivors of the Shoa, they claim, the lan-

guage of the culprits should not be uttered in the Knesset. At this point, there wouldn't be any further discussion for Germans. Their guilt is an accepted historic fact, and the only thing they can do is to join the “Kraut-bashing.” However, I think it is time for Israel to come to terms with its past the way the Germans have and still do every day of their lives. The refusal to listen to President Koehler's speech was an affront to half a century of intense denazification in Germany. It was an insult aimed not at a particular political ideology, but at the German people. For once, the Israeli government owes Germany an apology. The impact of the Holocaust in German culture can hardly be

underestimated. Many schools across the country have close partnerships with synagogues, and teachers bend over backwards to teach their students the full extent of the Holocaust. Every time polls conclude that the knowledge of school kids is slightly insufficient or that teenagers aren't familiar with Hitler's entire cabinet, pundits go into a frenzy: Oh my God, they have forgotten! Television and press eagerly feast on the “brown past.” Last year, a TV series about Hitler's last days in Berlin caused widespread criticism because it depicted him as a broken man, marred by his demons. “Too human,” many claimed. Only recently have Germans come to accept the horrible truth that their parents and

grandparents weren't deceived by an unfathomable evil but a failed landscape painter from Austria. As Hitler's face became human, the national failure to resist him became even more painfully apparent. It even took Germans a long time to properly grieve over the ruins of their own country. Today collective memories of World War II also include German casualties. This year will see many 60th anniversaries to remember German cities that had been bombed to ruins by Allied forces in 1945. There should be no doubt about Germany's eagerness to never let the Holocaust become a mere footnote in history books. This year is a good time for Israel to reach out and acknowledge German efforts.

Students must learn first amendment rights and freedoms, not censorship



EMMA WEAR
COLUMNIST

Something is seriously wrong with American society, or, more specifically, with American media. Partisan politics are getting out of hand, with commentators from both sides of the aisle citing lies cleverly disguised as statistics. Stories regularly quote sources to divulge classified government information, putting CIA operatives and our armed forces at risk. Fortunately, these problems are easy to fix. In fact, they seem almost ridiculous when you consider how simple the solution is. Just have a government censor give the newspaper a once-over before it goes to press, and suddenly all of the misinformation, government secrets and controversial opinions are gone like they never existed. Or wait -- on closer reflection, maybe it's the solution that's ridiculous. The First Amendment is crucial to the system of American democracy because it guarantees that newspaper censorship will never see the light of day. Yet the

future of this fundamental right of free expression is beginning to look cloudy. In a study released Monday, only 50 percent of high school students said that newspapers should be allowed to publish without having their stories approved by the government. That's a disturbing statistic, to say the least. This wasn't a small study - it included over 100,000 students in more than 500 schools. One could make excuses for this attitude. After all, the study also showed that students who learned about journalism and participated in school media were much more likely to support the First Amendment. Unfortunately, when schools' budgets are rapidly shrinking, “nonessential” things like newspapers are the first programs to go. Also, Jayson Blair and columnists bribed by the government aren't exactly Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, so it's understandable if these kids don't have

a great deal of faith in journalists. But that doesn't explain another, truly terrifying statistic provided by the study. One out of three students said that the First Amendment goes “too far” in protecting freedoms of religion, speech, press and assembly. When we're investing lives and money in a highly contentious war; when Muslims in our communities have their businesses vandalized merely because they attend mosque instead of church; when the Patriot Act authorizes the FBI to search suspected terrorists' library records, this is when we most need that protection. Do these kids realize what they're objecting to? Have they been so brainwashed by growing up watching FOX News constantly venerate President Bush that they don't understand the role an occasional debate plays in a healthy democracy? Or maybe there's a deeper problem here. Something is seriously wrong with American society, or, more specifically, with American schools. Students aren't being taught the critical thinking skills necessary to hear and evaluate the merits of both sides of an argument, so they don't see any reason why the ability to disagree should be on such a pedestal. They see Dan Rather maligning the president with

forged documents, and, without a basic understanding of journalistic processes, they conclude that you just can't trust the media. Fortunately, there's a simple solution. Every Illinois high school student has to pass a Constitution test in order to graduate. That causes high schools to spend a lot of time teaching to the test, because honestly, nobody is going to know the number of representatives in Congress without some prompting. But amidst all of the rote learning, teachers need to take advantage of the subject matter to lead a lesson in the application of the First Amendment. They need to move their class to the computer lab and have every student create an account for the Washington Post's online edition. Then each student should visit that website every day until they can find stories demonstrating freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion and until they can explain how the First Amendment made each of those stories possible. America will survive if its citizens don't know the petty details of the structure of the government. But if the leaders of tomorrow don't appreciate the basic liberties upon which this country was founded, the fate of our country looks grim indeed.

Need Caffeineoholics Anonymous? Coffee leaves more than a jolt



LAURA MINERVA
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I realized last week that I have a substance abuse problem. This realization began as I was rummaging through my pockets looking for money to buy my drug when I discovered that I had already spent all my cash on my last high. That same night, around midnight, I needed a fix while studying, but instead of using the normal amount I made myself enough product for three people; I used it all. God, I love coffee! Caffeine, my friends, is my addiction. This substance is a welcome friend when I am cold, sleepy, happy, sad, hungry, thirsty, bored, running around, sitting around and during most other occasions. Caffeine, in a word, is glorious. And I am not the only one who thinks so. Contrary to popular belief, caffeine is the most abused drug in the country, surpassing

alcohol, marijuana and any other drug - illicit or licit. You may be disappointed that I am not recounting my chronicles battling stronger demons, thinking that caffeine is nothing but a tiny jolt in the day of the average American. But studies show that caffeine is much more powerful, addictive and even problematic than most people believe. According to Hanson's “Drugs and Society,” consuming low doses of xanthines (the equivalent of two or three cups of coffee a day) is safe for most people. But surprisingly, high doses of caffeine are proven to cause psychological and physical problems. These symptoms can be diagnosed as “caffeinism.” Although caffeineism sounds like a made-up affliction created by the coffee-house stereotypical regulars, i.e. bad poets, wanna-be artists and people working on their “music”

(pot), this condition is actually found in about 10 percent of the adults who consume coffee. And that's a lot of people. Caffeine intoxication is actually recognized as a “psychoactive substance-induced psychiatric disorder” in criteria established by the American Psychiatric Association. Since the term “psychoactive substance-induced-psychiatric-disorder” makes it sound like coffee will turn you into an uppity-nutcase, I will narrow down the symptoms for you. The reactions from caffeine (once again taken from Hansen's text) include “restlessness, nervousness, excitement, insomnia, flushed face, diuresis, muscle twitching, rambling thoughts and

speech and stomach complaints.” Therefore, you probably can't



blame caffeine for your irrational bitching to your significant other or your week-late term paper, but you may have a diagnosis for your stomach cramps and unexplained,

random headaches. These symptoms can occur with as little as 250 milligrams of caffeine in your system. In addition to these effects, caffeine has been shown to promote breast cysts and cardiovascular risks. Also, some reports have indicated that excessive caffeine consumption during pregnancy caused stillbirths, low-birth weights and limb deformities in laboratory animals. You may want to put down that cup of joe. Denise Boban, an IWU senior, has seen the effects of caffeine addiction first hand. After working at the Coffee Hound in Bloomington for the past year, she has come to the conclusion that coffee isn't simply consumed for the taste. “When you see customers come in at eight o'clock in the morning and need their coffee to function and then come in again at 10 because they feel they can't make it, or a person requests an eight shot

mocha, you know they mean business,” Boban said. And for your information, a shot of espresso is equivalent to about 60 mg. of caffeine, meaning that requesting an eight shot mocha is pretty jolting -- pun intended. There are actually pretty severe withdrawal symptoms from cutting out caffeine (a warning if you are trying to cut back). Half of those consuming one to three cups of coffee daily actually develop headaches, while 10 percent of coffee junkies end up with sings of significant depression and fatigue. Yikes. It may be a good idea to think about the amount of caffeine you drink and figure out if you actually NEED to that double-cappuccino at noon, and three and 10.. etc. Coffee is extremely enjoyable, take it from me, but becoming dependent on a substance -- any substance -- is not the best way to deal with homework, stress or life in general. If you are considering cutting back, be warned: two-thirds of patients who are treated for caffeineism fall back into their old habits - and cups. As for me, I'm trying to cut back. I currently am typing with a Diet Coke to my right. Hey, it's a start.

Letters
TO THE EDITOR

Columnist misrepresents professor, classroom

Dear Editor,
Taaj Abdur-Rahman's piece in the Jan. 28 Argus titled “Women in Islam: ignorance and bigotry influence scholarship” unfairly trashed the integrity of an unnamed professor of the class “Women in Islam.”
Abdur-Rahman's picture of [the professor*] is at complete odds with my experience. In my four years as a religion major, I have found [the professor] to be nothing but fair. [The professor] would never treat a student the way Abdur-Rahman claims to have been treated.
It seems to me that Abdur-Rahman is simply another case of the too many students who have violent reactions to academic challenges of their personal versions of their faith. Too often, students in religion classes take offense to otherwise innocuous discussions of their chosen religion; they see the teacher as a persecutor, as someone who has neither the right perspective nor the right motives.
In reality, if students weren't so concerned with defending their faith, they would realize that the professor is a professional scholar advancing (usually) accepted ideas and would also realize that the academic study of

religion is something much different than Bible (or Koran) study. When other Christian classmates and I find ourselves in disagreement with a professor's treatment of Christianity, we don't take our case to the school newspaper. We realize that there are different perspectives on religion and that a believer studying her religion academically needs to brace herself for critiques she may not hear in Sunday school.
[The professor] does not deserve to have her professional integrity questioned in the school newspaper without overwhelming evidence supporting the accusations. My experience is that [The professor] is a professional, fair, non-judgmental teacher. I ask that all students and faculty understand that Abdur-Rahman's opinion of [the professor] is more likely a case of oversensitivity. Abdur-Rahman would be hard-pressed to find other students on campus with the same opinion of [the professor].

Josh Evans
Class of 2005

*Editor's note: the professor's name was withheld because the original column's claims were not verified.

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Tim Martin



YOUR WORLD THIS WEEK

Local/State
--State Comptroller Dan Hynes announced Monday that his office would not pay the 2.5 million dollars that Governor Rod Blagojevich agreed to disburse for the importation of 256,000 doses of flu vaccine he ordered from Europe. Although Blagojevich said Illinois residents would be receiving the vaccine, it was never approved by the FDA. Blagojevich also claims he tried to sell the bid for the vaccine, but was unable to find a buyer.
--More than 60 pilots and others gathered Monday at the Central Illinois Regional Airport in Bloomington to discuss the development of a new hangar. The hangar's excavation will continue; however, many critics of the project believe it is located too close to the Challenger Learning Center on Empire Street. No immediate action was taken, but the case will be evaluated in future hearings.

National
--Sgt. Javal Davis, a former Abu Ghraib prison guard, pleaded guilty to battery and two other charges Tuesday. Jury selection began Tuesday,

with jurors being chosen among officers and soldiers. The jury's sentence recommendation will be compared with a previous deal offered to Davis and the lesser sentence will apply. The three charges carry a maximum punishment of six and a half years in prison.
--19 -year-old Rudy Fleming was arrested in New York on Monday for the murder of Nicole duFresne. DuFresne was leaving a bar in Manhattan's Lower East Side last month when she was shot and killed after a man tried to grab her purse. Fleming faces charges of murder, robbery and weapon possession.
--Rodney Melville, the judge in the Michael Jackson case, said Tuesday he was ready to continue with the jury selection process and that enough potential jurors have been selected. The group was narrowed down from 450 people to 250 people in less than two days. Jury selection will continue Monday.

World
--Pope John Paul II was hospitalized late Tuesday with an acute respiratory infection. The pope had already cancelled his meetings for the next

few days due to the flu and officials say there is no reason for concern. The last time the pontiff was forced to cancel an event was September 2003, due to an intestinal ailment.
--King Gyanendra of Nepal said Tuesday that he has dissolved the Nepali government and taken power, while also declaring a state of emergency. The monarch placed all government officials under house-arrest and shut down all flights and lines of communication to and from the country immediately after the announcement. He hopes to restore peace and democracy within the next three years.
--Youssef Belhadj was arrested in Brussels on Tuesday after Belgian authorities came to suspect his involvement with the Madrid train bombings last March. The Moroccan-born Belhadj was arrested just hours after Spain's Interior Ministry announced that a Spanish court had issued an international warrant for his arrest.

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Michael Newdow protests the Pledge of Allegiance

By Chloe Foster & Michael Lacher
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan) (U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- With an acoustic guitar and harmonica, constitutional activist Michael Newdow stood before a crowd of students in Hutchins Hall Tuesday afternoon and crooned his song "Pledge of Allegiance Blues."
Newdow, however, was there not only to entertain, but to talk about his ongoing struggle to remove "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance.
Newdow, a Law School alum, lectured Tuesday about his efforts to uphold the establishment clause, which forbids Congress from making a law that establishes a national religion.
"I don't consider myself an atheist activist, I consider myself an Establishment Clause activist," Newdow said.
Last year, in the case of Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow, Newdow represented himself at the U.S. Supreme Court, and challenged the constitutionality of the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, arguing that it was religious indoctrination of his 10-year-old daughter.
Newdow's case was rejected in an 8-0 decision, on the grounds that he lacked standing, or the right to file suit, because he was not the legal guardian of his daughter.
Three justices, Clarence Thomas, Sandra Day O'Connor and William

Rehnquist, opined that the phrase has historical significance to the nation and is therefore not unconstitutional. "Under God" was added to the pledge on Flag Day in 1954 by an act of Congress.
"The pledge is a declaration of belief in allegiance and loyalty to the United States flag and the Republic that it represents. The phrase 'under God' is in no sense a prayer, nor an endorsement of any religion," Rehnquist wrote in the opinion.
Five justices, John Paul Stevens, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Stephen Breyer rejected the case on standing while Justice Antonin Scalia did not hear the case because he publicly denounced the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's decision, which ruled in favor of Newdow, before the case came to the Supreme Court.
Because the majority of the justices did not rule on the constitutionality of the phrase 'under God,' the same case can be brought up again.
"I imagine the court was relieved to find a way to dismiss this case on standing, but they may not be able to avoid the question much longer," Law School prof. Chris Whitman said.
Newdow expressed his intent to continue fighting the phrase. "I plan on continuing the case in every circuit in the nation," Newdow said. Most recently, Newdow challenged the recital of a prayer at the presidential inauguration. He compared the inau-

gural prayer to prayers before high school football games and at commencement ceremonies, which have been deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. His request for an injunction to stop the prayer was rejected, but he said the case is still alive.
Newdow said the Constitution and the intents of the founding fathers' bolster his case.
"I have the Constitution on my side. When it was written, it was clear the founding fathers wanted the separation of church and state," he said. He praised the Constitution, calling it "a phenomenal document."
"To think our country is based on those 4,500 words is pretty amazing," Newdow said.
The audience was generally supportive of Newdow's aims. "What he's doing is really important, and his speech was enlightening," law student Trish Rich said.
She said the argument that tradition or ceremony can defend religious language in state-sponsored activities is invalid.
"This causes non-Christians to be demonized," she added. Some students, however, voiced mild concern about Newdow's activism.
"I think he is before his time. I agree that state and religion should be separate, but he may have polarized too many people," LSA sophomore Peter Pienkowski said.

Student protesters learn rights to avoid jail time

By Elizabeth Chernow
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU) (U-WIRE) WASHINGTON -- Imagine spending nine hours in a room the size of a walk-in closet.
That was exactly what George Washington University senior Beth Pellettieri faced after being arrested in her student center for protesting the treatment of university workers last spring.
"It can really make you understand the power dynamics involved in being in a holding cell," said Pellettieri, whose charges of unlawful entry were later dropped. "To do anything I was either on lock down or had to ask permission. It was the oddest power dynamic I've ever encountered."
However, following a recent settlement, D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department may be more careful when arresting non-violent protesters.
The District agreed last week to pay \$425,000 and provide personal apologies from Police Chief Charles Ramsey to seven protesters taken into custody without probable cause during a mass arrest in 2002.
Arthur Spitzer, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capitol Area, one of the protesters' legal represen-

tatives, said other conditions of the settlement include police providing detainees with a handout explaining their rights and releasing them as promptly as possible.
"D.C. now realizes that they're not supposed to arrest someone unless they broke the law," Spitzer said.
Nonetheless, two days after the settlement, District Mayor Anthony Williams refused to sign a bill adopted by the City Council last month that would limit officers' investigations of protesters' activities. Since the mayor did not veto the bill, it will undergo Congressional review. The bill will be adopted into D.C. law if Congress approves it.
"All the bill does is require police to follow the law and not arrest people before they've done something wrong," said Mark Goldstone, chairman of the Demonstration Support Committee of the D.C. Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, a progressive national legal institution, who testified in favor of the bill.
"We're not asking anything more of the police than they should have been doing all along." Protesters can take certain precautions to defend their first amendment rights to gather, engage in free speech and petition the government. Spitzer said protesters should

find out whether the demonstration has a permit prior to attending. He added that at once there, police will typically warn demonstrators if they are planning to make arrests, so those in attendance should heed officers' warnings.
"Go with a friend or with an acquaintance," Goldstone said. "Bring a camera. Bring a piece of paper and a pen. Be aware of your surroundings and be prepared to document anything that doesn't look right or doesn't feel right to you."
Goldstone said documentation is particularly important in cases involving undercover officers. He added that detainees do not have to speak to police and can request to speak with a lawyer.
"The best thing to do is allow an arrest to occur even if it's an unlawful arrest," he added. "Don't get into confrontations. You never know who is detaining your friend." If arrested at a protest, attorneys said while providing identifying information such as a name and address is not required, it is the only way to ensure a more prompt release.
"You don't have the right to be released as John Doe or Donald Duck," Spitzer said.

New Pennsylvania drug sentencing goes into effect

By Josh Kowalkowski
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.) (U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- A new law signed by Gov. Ed Rendell last December requiring a five-year minimum mandatory prison sentence for people convicted of drug dealing while in possession of a firearm became effective Saturday.
"The governor has always been concerned about the relationship of firearms in the drug trade and feels that it presents a great danger that requires special attention," Rendell spokesman Chuck Ardo said.
Michael Madeira, senior deputy attorney general in charge of the Drug Strike Force Section in State College, Pa., said this law had been considered since February 2003. "Having the gun is not the element of the crime," he said. "You don't have to prove to the jury the person had a gun, but you have to prove to the court at sentencing that this [new] section of the law is applicable."
Madeira said if the jury decides the section is applicable, then the court has no choice but to give the person the mandatory sentence. He also said the law was not just for the person in possession of drugs who is carrying a gun, but also applied to an accomplice with a possession of a gun or if a gun is found near the drugs.

Ray Gricar, Centre County, Pa., district attorney, said drug dealers are dangerous even if they do not have a weapon.
But, "if they're armed they could be shooting among themselves, at officers or at innocent bystanders," Gricar said. "The last thing we want is drug dealers with guns."
State College Police Sgt. Mark Argiro said the primary beneficiaries of the law are going to be police officers.
"They arrest the drug dealers and often see the defendant back on the street again in a short time," Argiro said. "But with the five-year minimum, at least they can know they won't be back in five years."
Madeira said if a defendant sold a half-ounce of cocaine, for example, he or she would face a three-year mandatory prison sentence because of the weight. If the person is carrying a gun, they could also get an additional five-year mandatory sentence because of the

new law. Maderia said that because the statutory maximum for delivering cocaine is 10 years, the court could aggregate or stack the two prison sentences for a total of eight years.
The law would not apply, however, to a person with a firearm who was selling 10 pounds of marijuana, for example, a penalty that carries a three-year mandatory sentence. The statutory maximum for possession of marijuana is five years, so the court could not stack the prison sentences because it would exceed five years.
Gricar said the law was an attempt to prevent drug-related tragedies after seeing many tragic cases in cities such as Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.
"I hope that people will understand this law," Gricar said. "It is to protect the public, but also to protect the police who are trying to apprehend the suspects."

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Men's Basketball

	CCIW		Overall			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Titans	5	0	14	2	76.1	61.5
Wheaton	4	2	14	3	81.6	70.1
Carthage	5	3	11	8	72.6	68.3
Augustana	4	3	12	6	76.1	67.3
N.Central	3	4	13	6	74.5	67.4
Elmhurst	2	3	11	6	70.1	66.9
Millikin	2	4	10	7	77.2	70.5
N. Park	0	6	4	13	64.9	73.2

Women's Basketball

	CCIW		Overall			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Wheaton	8	0	17	2	66.2	46.6
Millikin	7	1	16	2	66.3	52.4
N.Park	4	5	11	8	57.7	56.3
N.Central	3	4	13	5	68.4	60.7
Elmhurst	3	5	12	7	65.5	60.2
Titans	3	5	10	9	65.8	62.6
Augustana	3	6	6	13	65.2	69.6
Carthage	1	6	10	8	61.5	55.8

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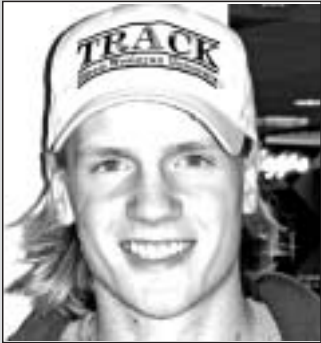
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part of the Super Bowl is that the drama usually matches the hype. How could we forget Mike Jones stopping Kevin Dyson in 2000 at the one-yard line to preserve the Rams' seven-point victory? How about Adam Vinatieri's game winning field goal the following year, which started the Patriots' dynasty? Of course, if the game doesn't float your boat, there are always the commercials, which are an event in themselves. (By the way, Pats 31-20).

1. NCAA Men's Tournament: March Madness. Cinderella. Bracketology. In the words of Dick Vitale, there is no sport that tops the drama and thrill of NCAA basketball, and I couldn't agree more. The 65-team tournament, where upsets are as common as the viewers glued to their television sets, is one of the few that let the small colleges play the big dogs on the major stage. Initial no-names become legends like Bryce Drew for their heroic game-winning shots. This tournament is so compelling that many employees and students somehow get "sick" in early March every year. I can't explain it, and neither can teams like the 2000-01 Iowa State team, or the 1997-98 Ole Miss team. It's awesome baby, with a capital A!

NAME: Jon Blome
SPORT: Pole Vaulting
MAJOR: Anthropology
HIGH SCHOOL: Pekin

Wearing comfortably baggy jeans, a loose t-shirt and cotton athletic jacket, Jon ambled over to where I sat waiting to interview him late Tuesday night. He shrugged off my lack of preparation -- I was writing on a white paper bag I'd randomly picked up off the ground in the Dugout -- and quickly put me at ease.



Titan Profile

I'm going to have to reveal my total incompetence when it comes to some sports (dear editor, please completely disregard this confession) and admit that I know next to nothing about pole vaulting. Can we start with just an explanation?

It's actually a very technical sport, far more tiring than one would imagine. In order to be successful, you have to have complete faith that the pole is going to bend correctly and help you over the bar.

But you and Tim McDonald make it look so easy!

We try... but there are definitely times that we fall over. Practices are tiring. Vaulting is like swimming where you use all of your muscles at the same time.

Do you have any horror stories?

Yeah, I actually had a near death experience in practice tonight. I vaulted up, and on the way down, almost landed on the standard, one of the tall vertical rods that holds the bar in place. Had I fallen on that during my descent, it could have

killed me. But that's all part of the sport. The scare definitely hasn't frightened me away from my passion.

Whoa! I'm sure Coach Shu appreciates your dedication. But since your childhood is so fresh in your memory -- I'm assuming your life flashed before your eyes -- tell me about growing up in Pekin, IL.

Much of my time was spent tagging along with my older brother because there were old people in our neighborhood, not kids. We squabbled because I was the little one trying to play with the admirable “big kids,” but I never broke any bones. And just for the record, I didn’t break anybody else’s bones either. But now that we’re all grown up, I get to play the part of the doting uncle to my sister’s kids. Most of them like me...

What do you mean “most of them”?

My three year-old niece sort of holds it against me that I'm not around all that much. She doesn't understand the concept of college and that I can't see her every day

B- Ball from p.10

23-3 during the game's final minutes.

On Tuesday, the team's offensive woes continued against Wheaton. The Titans scored a season-low 36 points in the 66-36 defeat, hitting just over 25% of their shots.

The Titans have several more tough games to face, but Smith is encouraging them to forget about the past and focus on the future. "It is important for us to enjoy our upcoming games and have as much fun as possible while still working towards our goal of getting to the CCIW tournament," Smith said.

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fourth in the 55-m dash. Senior Josh Evans had the most dramatic finish of the day by coming within one hundredth of a second of making his second place finish a victory. In another good finish, senior Tim Hachmeister took fourth in the mile. Finally, sophomore Jon Blome continued his streak of victories by winning the pole vault.

Following the meet, Coach Schumacher said, "We had 17 heat or flight winners today. That's really something to be happy with."

This coming Saturday, the Titans will host the Titan Open at the Shirk Center.

since I don't live nearby. Whenever I come over, because she isn't used to having me around, she tells me to go home. Then she'll ask me to do something for her, emphasizing its importance by saying, "now!"

Little kids are so crazy. So what else do you do when you're not risking your life setting pole vaulting records or attempting to reassure your family members that you really do belong?

I definitely watch a lot of movies. The Indiana Jones trilogy are my absolute favorites. Actually, they're the inspiration behind my college career. When I first came to Wesleyan, I was planning to pursue graphic design, but after randomly looking through the course booklet and seeing anthropology as an option, I decided on that as my major. In the future, I'd like to live in South America and study the ancient Mayans or Incas.

Hablas español?

Un poquito. I'm going to study abroad and focus more on learning Spanish when I go to grad school.

Any idea where that will be?

Nah, not really. I live my life by one of my favorite movie quotes. It's from Van Wilder and goes, "Worrying's like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but you don't get anywhere."

That's surprisingly insightful. Assuming you were able to leave all of your cares behind and go watch a professional championship, which sport would you prefer to view: sumo wrestling, a rousing match of badminton or ribbon dancing?

Although I've played badminton in my backyard, it's never struck me as especially exciting; and ribbon dancing, well... uh, yeah... I'd have to go with sumo wrestling.

Right... fat guys in diapers... I wonder what happens if they see you laughing at them... Anyways, sorry to drag you away from your cozy dorm and make you walk all the way over here at this crazy time.

Nah, don't worry about it. I wasn't doing anything.

Hmmm... I guess I should have known.

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13	14 Valentine's Night Dinner in The Commons 	15	16 MEGA-Bagel Bar Lunch in The Commons	17	18	19
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First class act: Titans ranked first in nation

Wins over Millikin and North Park keep Titans unbeaten in conference

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The Illinois Wesleyan University men's basketball team made history last week when they were ranked No. 1 in the d3hoops.com national poll for the first time in history. The Titans were previously ranked second in the six-year-old poll, but they took the top spot after the previous No. 1, UW-Stevens Point, lost a conference game. The Titans, meanwhile, tallied two convincing victories against CCIW opponents, beating Millikin 82-66 Wednesday and North Park 73-58 Saturday to improve their record to 14-2 (5-0 CCIW).

Responding to the ranking, Head Coach Scott Trost commended his

team for their effort. "It is a great honor for our players to be recognized as the number one ranked team in the country," Trost said. "They've worked very hard for this honor."

Despite their 16-point win over Millikin, the Titans were challenged by an aggressive Big Blue team that dominated the first half, leading by as many as 17 points. But the Titans rallied early in the second half, as junior forward Keelan Amelianovich led the team on a 6-0 run to take a 38-36 lead. From there the Titan defense took control, allowing Millikin only 16 points in the final 15 minutes.

Junior guard Matt Arnold led IWU in scoring with a career-high of 20 points. Amelianovich came through for the team during the second half for

a total 17 points, 15 of which he scored after halftime. Sophomore forward Andrew Freeman also had a career-best of 15 points and snagged seven rebounds for the Titans. An excellent offensive line-up and a shooting percentage of 61.2 percent from the field also helped the men.

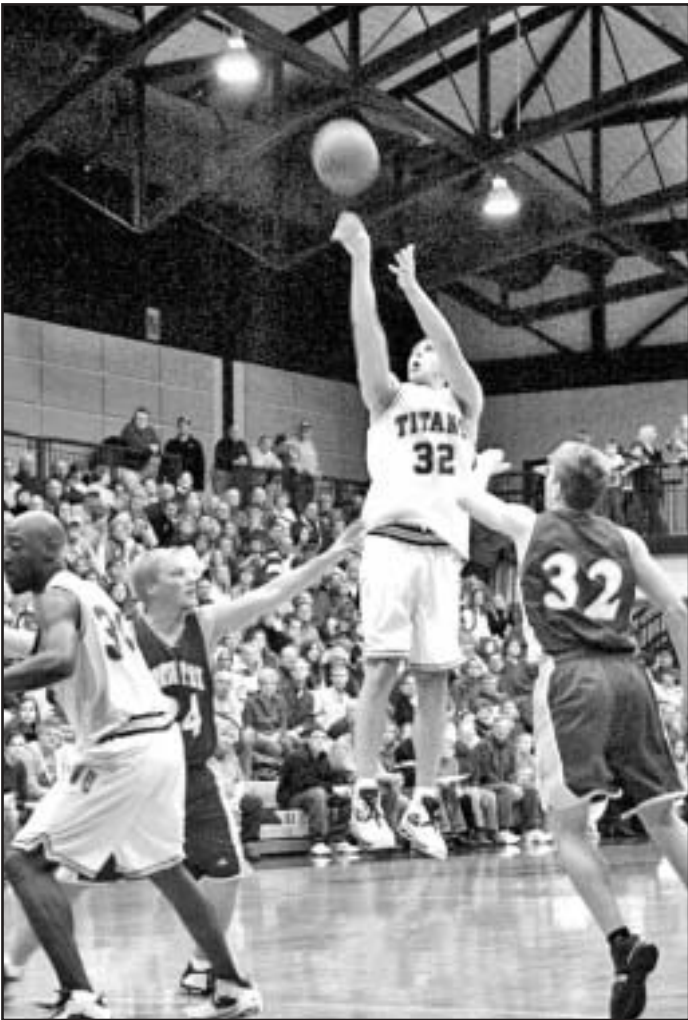
Returning to the Shirk Center Saturday, IWU had little trouble getting past North Park. Junior forward Chris Jones led IWU with 12 points and eight rebounds, followed by Amelianovich and junior forward Cory Jones with 11 points each and junior guard Adam Dauksas with 10 points. The Titans managed the 15-point victory easily while out-rebounding North Park 39-29.

Trost was pleased with the week. "We've been playing very well. Now, all we have to do is keep up our energy as we finish the season. We also have

to try and get everyone healthy. [Sophomore] Zach Freeman is still out with an injury, and Cory Jones is just starting to work his way back in the lineup," he said.

A challenging end-of-season schedule will make it difficult for IWU to hang on to their coveted No. 1 ranking. After facing Wheaton at the Shirk Center, the Titans must play five consecutive road games. When faced with a

similar schedule earlier this season, IWU went 3-2, including their only losses of the season. The Titans then finish the 2004-5 campaign at home against Millikin Feb. 26.



Junior Keelan Amelianovich takes a jump shot against North Park Saturday. ANDY NELSON/THE ARGUS

Personal Fouls



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Which championship game is number one?

With the Super Bowl just two days away, I started thinking of all the other great sporting events that enthrone our culture. Championships represent the greatest possible achievement for athletes, and to us fans watching them they are every bit as dramatizing and compelling as they are to the players. With that in mind, it is always engaging to debate the top 10 athletic events of the year. So with that, Mr. Letterman, the list please...

10. The Championship of the Universe Tournament: Ok, so it isn't a true sport, but it should be. Michael Beales, roommate of yours truly, organizes a non-for-profit Nintendo RBI Baseball tournament that is the most respected and prestigious in the nation. If you think you have the skill, visit Beales' award-winning website, www.rbibaseballcotut.com, for all the details.

9. College football bowl season: If college football started a playoff system, this ranking would be seven spots higher. Instead, our post-Christmas gift is a primetime matchup between 7-4 Troy and 8-3 Northern Illinois in the Silicon Valley Classic. Yawn. The biggest problem with college football is that all of the excitement occurs after the season in the form of bickering and controversy over what team should be number one.

8. Horse racing's Triple Crown: Horse racing is one of most exciting two minutes in all of sports. In the last three years, a potential Triple Crown winner has been denied at the sport's final race, the Belmont Stakes. Did I mention it only takes two minutes?

7. Wimbledon: Although the men's draw hasn't been quite the same since Pete Sampras retired, the women's division remains as competitive as ever. The Williams sisters, Martina Hingis and defending champion, Maria Sharapova, have only added to the beauty of England's popular event.

6. NHL playoffs: These games are simply defined by the never-ending overtime thrillers. It was tough to stop watching the Flyers beat the Penguins 2-1 in 5 OT's back in 2000 at 2:35 a.m. There is also Gary Thorne's patented "Score!!!" which is one of the greatest calls in sports today.

5. NBA Finals: Even though the seven-game series can drag on for over two-and-a-half weeks, there is hope for the NBA. As Detroit showed last year, some NBA teams can still play defense, and their sweep of the Lakers brought about smiles on the faces of many.

4. ALCS: Until the Cubs make the World Series again (which may never happen), the real World Series will always be the Red Sox/Yankees. If anyone watched the 2004 ALCS, I shouldn't need to elaborate any further.

3. Ryder Cup: People who follow the PGA Tour gear up for this biennial event as much as any. The phrase "Golf is a gentleman's game" is thrown out the window when the United States takes on Europe. Taunting, heckling and applause for missed putts are a regular occurrence in what the world's best players have called the most pressurized tournament they have ever played in.

2. Super Bowl: For the players, the Super Bowl means buying a new car with their bonus money. For the fans, it means buying a big screen just for the game. The best

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Titan swim teams split final contest

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With only one week remaining until the CCIW Championships, the IWU swim team has been tapering for weeks and is feeling prepared. The teams put their skills to the test Saturday in one last contest, a triangular meet against North Central and Wheaton.

Both the men's and women's teams split their meets. The women came out on top against North Central 83-20 but lost to Wheaton 43-60. The men were also victorious against North Central 72-6, while they too lost to Wheaton College 76-27.

While Wheaton grabbed the majority of first place finishes, the Titans did take first in a handful of events. On the women's side, sophomore Jessica Hohl and junior Robin Johnson took first in the 50-yd and 200-yd freestyle, respectively.

Junior Justin Gorson was the only first place finish for the men, winning the 100-yd backstroke. The Titan divers came up big for the team. Sophomore Ben Polite took first in both the one-

meter and three-meter diving competition, while the women had a 1-2 finish in the one-meter competition by freshman Vanessa Dremonas and junior Mio Takeuchi.

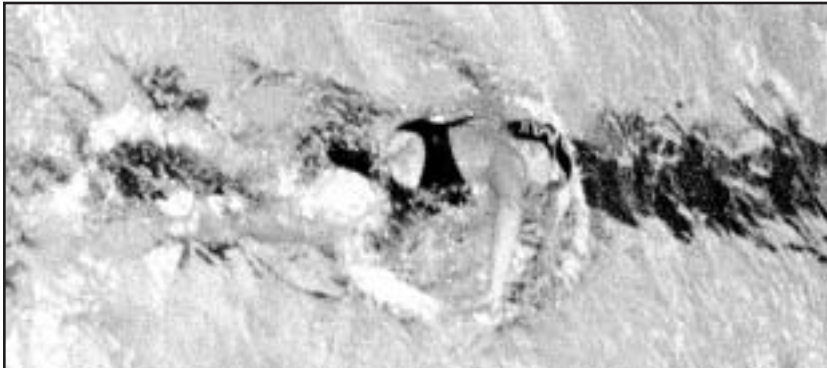
While the Titans were unable to achieve many first-place finishes, both teams were able to capture second-place consistently, which gave them a clear victory over the North Central squad.

Junior Caitlin Von Huben had a big day with three second place finishes. Von Huben took second individually in the 200-m individual medley, while contributing to the 200-m freestyle relay finish along with freshman Anne Kopf, sophomore Lauren Paul and senior Michelle Uhlenkott. Von Huben also contributed to the second place finish in the 200-m medley relay along

side Hohl, Uhlenkott and Johnson. On the men's side, Gorson followed up his

first-place finish with two second-place finishes by aiding both relay teams. The 200-m freestyle relay consisted of freshman Brandon Gorson, senior Ben Braksick, Justin Gorson and senior Phil Butler. The 200-m medley relay consisted of freshmen Ben Rock and Dan Mikkelsen, along with Justin Gorson and Butler. Mikkelsen also had a big day with a second place finish individually in the 100-m freestyle.

The CCIW Championships will be held Feb. 10-12 at Wheaton College.



An IWU swimmer at the Fort Natatorium. DAN WOOD/THE ARGUS

Jumpers, hurdlers shine amid injuries

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Nobody could have predicted the unfortunate outcome of two of the events held at this past weekend's Monmouth Invitational. Two key competitors, senior Gina Rawlins and junior Bryan Timm, suffered injuries during their races which prevented them from finishing. It was a scary moment for both coaches and team members, but both the men and women's teams managed to hold their composure. The women's team ended up in third overall out of six, while the men's team took fourth.

Junior Melissa Harden helped the Titans by taking first in the long jump and second in the triple jump and 55-m hurdles. Freshman Courtney Walrath set another school record in the pole vault, and in doing so, won the event. Junior Melinda Sprague won the mile, putting over 21 seconds between her and second place. Fourth place in the same event was senior Abby Smith. Freshman Brooke Halcott won the 300-m dash while fellow freshman Rachel Anderson won the 400-m dash. Freshman Mary Ellen Barron raced to a second place finish in the 600-m run, and junior Katie Elwood took fourth in the 800-m run. Although the 4x400-m relay team was without Rawlins, they still won the event convincingly.

As has been the case so far this season, strong performances in the sprinting events were what propelled the Titans as a team. Senior Zach Gorsage and freshman Matt Harden took first and second places respectively in the 55-m hurdles. Harden and Timm also took first and second in the 400-m dash. In the 300-m dash, the Titans were a dominating force taking first, second and third thanks to (in order by finish) senior Jake Clough, freshman Azizuddin Rose and senior David Miller. The results of a slightly shorter race, the 200-m dash, showed senior Tyler Neal taking second and Harden taking third. In addition to second in the 200-m, Neal also took

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Junior guard Amanda Glerum fights for a shot. ANDY NELSON/THE ARGUS

Women fall to sixth in CCIW

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The IWU women's basketball team struggled with a challenging schedule that forced them to play 4 games in 8 days last week. IWU defeated Carthage 65-59, but fell to Augustana, North Park and Wheaton in heated contests. As a result, the Titans slipped to sixth-place in the CCIW with a conference record of 3-5 (10-9 overall).

Last Tuesday's game against Carthage started out well for IWU. The Titans pulled off a 15-2 streak during the first half and were up 31-18 at halftime. While Carthage came within

two points of IWU late in the game, the girls kept their cool and bulked up their offensive line, shooting 46% from the field, while Carthage shot only 37%. "Our greatest strength is definitely our team chemistry," said Coach Mia Smith, responding to the win.

Junior guard Amanda

Glerum and junior forward Katie Blonn were the stars of the game. Glerum added 19 points and 5 rebounds, while Blonn netted 16 points and nine rebounds.

But IWU's match against Augustana didn't go as well. Poor shooting plagued the Titans, and they ended up with only a 33.8 percent average from the field. IWU lost 81-59 and only managed to land 22 of 65 shots during the game. "We just couldn't put the ball in the basket. It was a really frustrating night," said freshman guard Kerri Gravlin.

Gravlin was only one of the players who spent the game on the bench due to injuries. Coach Smith said, "Having Heidi Harnisch out with a stress fracture means we have lost about 15 points and multiple rebounds each game. She's an excellent defender, so we really miss her on the court." Injuries and illnesses have plagued the Titans this season and have often disrupted their defensive strategies. This handicap was evident as Augustana outscored the Titans 48-30 in the second half. Despite Glerum's 14 points, the Vikings easily brushed past IWU.

"We've played the toughest team in our conference twice and lost both times. We're just having trouble transferring our practice habits to a game situation," Smith said.

Unfortunately, things didn't get much better against North Park. Even after building up a 47-36, IWU lost 59-50 after North Park outscored the Titans

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MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	TRACK AND FIELD	SWIMMING
NEXT: vs. Carthage Sat. Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.	NEXT: vs. Augustana Sat. Feb. 5, 5:15 p.m.	NEXT: Titan Open Sat. Feb. 5, 11 am.	NEXT: IWU Diving Invite Sat. Feb. 5, 10 a.m.