

Faculty senate grills bookstore reps

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Two representatives from Barnes & Noble tried to address the concerns of faculty members at the Faculty Senate meeting on Jan. 17.

Marcia Stewart, regional manager, and Chris Peterson, regional director of stores, answered questions about issues faculty members have

had with the IUS Bookstore since it and all Indiana University bookstores were bought out by Barnes & Noble in July 2007.

James Beeby, assistant professor of history, said he didn't have any issues with the bookstore in fall 2007, but ran into problems with books for his classes not being ordered.

Beeby said he had not been notified at the begin-

ning of this semester that the books had not been ordered for one of his classes. As a result, on the first day of class none of his students were prepared. Two weeks later, the books still had not arrived.

He said many of his students purchased books online instead of waiting for them to come in at the IUS Bookstore.

"Once they start buying

online, they're not going to go back to your bookstore," Beeby said to the representatives.

Stewart said some of the problems with the bookstore have stemmed from new systems being implemented in a new bookstore.

"Sometimes there are challenges," Stewart said, "but we want to communicate those to you."

She said this summer and

in fall 2008, Barnes & Noble will order all of the textbooks required to accommodate 100 percent of the maximum class capacity for each course, unless those books cannot be returned.

Yu Shen, associate professor of history, said in the past the bookstore gave \$500 to any department on campus that submitted its book order by a certain date. She asked what happened to this

program.

Peterson said he was not aware of the program when this year's budget was drafted, and that he had not heard of the program until that day.

Stephen Taksar, vice chancellor for administrative affairs, said the program was listed in the information IU Southeast submitted to Barnes & Noble during the

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Students may get free newspapers

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A new program may be tested at IU Southeast using newspapers to expose students to news every day.

The Collegiate Readership Program, which is in use at IU Bloomington, uses a selection of newspapers distributed around campus for students, which can be accessed for free with the use of a UCard.

Ratona Harr, senior account manager of USA Today, spoke to the Student Government Association about the use of newspapers on campus as an opportunity for students to be exposed to world situations and real world problems before graduating.

"I believe students should be more aware of what is going on with the presidential election," Harr said. "Faculty could start using the program today from current events to political science."

Harr said the newspapers are not chosen for the school. There are choices ranging from local to national newspapers.

USA Today started the program at Pennsylvania State University in 1997. The students are surveyed

by USA Today and the returned papers are counted to bring the percentages together for usage.

According to their colleague Web site, 86 percent of the students report they use the program at least once a week among other schools using the program.

The budget for the program at IU Bloomington is funded by a student fee of \$1.25, as well as the backing of the IU Bloomington SGA. The quest for the budget will not begin until the trial time is over and the student surveys are compiled. The program includes distribution and supplies including newspaper boxes that open using the UCard.

In other business at the meeting, Flo Gonya, SGA president and English senior, gave a report on the Faculty Senate meeting, where two representatives from Barnes and Noble answered student and faculty questions.

Gonya said students who have been told to leave the bookstore while attempting to retrieve ISBNs should contact her at fgonya@ius.edu. This excludes students that were attempting to retrieve the numbers during a bookstore rush.



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Vickie Hartman, associate director of conference and catering, and Jerry Hall, food services cook and catering assistant, prepare food for students with the new kitchen equipment.

Food services gets more firepower

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After installing most of the equipment needed, Dining and Conference Services is now equipped to prepare food for the student body.

The department is able to offer more food choices to students. Currently, the food consists of a soup station, a line for hot food, a salad bar and a line for delicatessen foods.

"We're looking at setting up a panini grill to cook sandwiches," Ernie Gionis, Director of Dining and Conference Services, said. "We're also looking at

having a roller grill which would be a hot dog bar with different toppings like chili."

With the completion of the residence halls this fall, Gionis said they're hoping to accommodate residential students and evening class goes by staying open until 8 p.m. and making food supplies available to those living on campus.

"Each housing unit will have a kitchen, so we'll have products they can use in their rooms," Gionis said. "There will be microwavable products, Asian dishes, canned food and bottled beverages."

With the exception of the \$175,000 startup fee, Dining and Conference

Services will not be funded by the university. The food will be made from scratch and their output will be closely monitored.

Gionis said he does not expect an immediate profit since they just became fully equipped. He said he hopes that their investments will pay off as time goes on.

One key investment they're making lies in the catering department. With nearly a dozen rooms available for event reservations, they're offering buffets, lunches and dinners every day to draw in outside organizations and to

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Knobview evacuated, gas leak plugged



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An IUS Physical Plant employee, a New Albany firefighter and a Vectren Energy employee talk outside of Knobview Hall about a gas line that was damaged by contractors on Jan. 18.

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Approximately 60 students, faculty and staff were evacuated from Knobview Hall and the Ogle Center on the morning of Jan. 18 after a main gas line was damaged. Director of University Communications Jenny Johnson-Wolf said the main gas line that feeds gas into Knobview Hall and the Ogle Center was damaged by one of the contractors working on the dorms.

"We believe the line was damaged by a piece of heavy equipment," John-

son-Wolf said.

When the contractor realized the gas line was damaged he notified the IUS Physical Plant. Johnson-Wolf said the call came in at 10:10 a.m. Physical Plant then called IUS Police and a crisis plan was set in motion.

"Knobview Hall was immediately evacuated after we received the call," Johnson-Wolf said. "Every safety precaution was taken."

Bryan Hall, assistant professor of philosophy, was at a staff meeting in Knobview when an IUS police officer came in the room and asked them to evacuate the build-

ing immediately. Hall said he did faintly smell gas in the common area of Knobview as he was exiting the building.

"We left the building and continued our meeting in the common area at the University Center," Hall said.

Hall also said few people were in Knobview at the time of the gas leak and the evacuation went smoothly.

In addition to the evacuation of Knobview Hall and the Ogle Center, there was a warning posted on the IUS home page stating there was a gas leak and students should not enter the building.

"The chancellor was very pleased with how the crisis plan worked," Johnson-Wolf said.

Vectren Energy, the company that supplies gas to IU Southeast, and the New Albany Fire Department were on the scene as well as IUS police officers and employees of Physical Plant.

"The fire department was called just as a precaution," Johnson-Wolf said.

By 12:30 p.m. the warning was no longer posted on the IUS home page and students, faculty and staff were allowed to re-enter Knobview Hall and the Ogle Center.

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Parking without a permit? Then don't be surprised if there's something orange under your windshield wiper on your way out. Parking permits are \$21 at the University Police Department, University Center North, room 027