

# Students encouraged to take action

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Several members of the IUS family have participated in political campaigns and urged current students to do the same in an event held on Jan. 18.

Kevin Boehnlein, Sarah Watkins and Krystal Carl Filiaci participated in the discussion. The event was part of the Common Experience program which focuses on citizens making a difference in America.

Boehnlein, a 1997 graduate, joined the group to give some insight from his experience working on campaigns for former House Representative Mike Sodrel.

Watkins, a 2005 graduate, and Filiaci, a current IUS student, spoke of their work as volunteers for current House Representative Baron Hill.

Despite being rivals on the campaign front, the three shared some very similar feelings about working on a political campaign. The one

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2005 graduate

aspect each mentioned was the amount of work and the pace at which they were required to do it.

"The amount of emotional trauma was intense," Filiaci said.

Boehnlein also mentioned the emotional impact of a campaign.

"Losing doesn't feel very good at all," Boehnlein said. "There is almost a lack of validation if you get beat."

Boehnlein, who served as campaign manager for Sodrel in 2004, now works for Edward Jones.

Before his career began, he

was the Student Body President at IU Southeast. After making some contacts and gaining experience, he took several internships for the Indiana Legislature.

Boehnlein worked for several other campaigns before becoming the campaign manager for Sodrel in 2004.

Watkins got her first political experience by volunteering for the Baron Hill campaign. She helped out by canvassing areas of southern Indiana and by going door-to-door to spread information about Hill.

Watkins remembered sit-



Photo by Jack McCoy

From left to right, Krystal Carl Filiaci, Sarah Watkins and Kevin Boehnlein discuss the various aspects of working on a political campaign during a Common Experience event in the Library on Jan. 18.

ting in her car drinking hot chocolate near voting sites, and as people would approach she would jump out of the car and try to persuade them to vote for Hill.

"It's interesting to see how

political campaigns work," she said, "but I have absolutely no interest in a career in politics."

Filiaci claims to have started her political career in kindergarten.

"I was very anti-Regan," she said.

She was crushed when Regan took office and since then she has been interested

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## SGA cat-fighting must stop

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Jaarad Taylor, political science junior and president of the Student Government Association, wrote a letter to the senate chastising them for their behavior.

"We just finished up the David Prince stuff a week before, and I thought we were done with all of it," Taylor said. "I'm sick of everyone cat-fighting with each other, we need to get other stuff done."

After giving David Prince, secondary education senior and senate chair, his position back, another senator made a motion to impeach Ruben Otero, computer science junior and SGA senator, for missing several meetings.

The motion was called by Lynn Mars, secondary education freshman and SGA treasurer. He withdrew his motion after he had been told he had not followed the impeachment procedures correctly.

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Taylor said he feels like there's a lot of fighting going on within the senate, but doesn't think it's anything new.

"The senate has worked this way for so long that we've forgotten what we need to do," Taylor said. "We've got to get back in gear."

Joe Taflinger, general studies junior and SGA senate pro-temp, said disciplinary proceedings are

important.

"Regardless of what he says about impeachment and disciplinary proceedings, it's the responsibility of the senate," Taflinger said.

"It has to be addressed," Taflinger said. "But it interferes with regular business. If we can't get our own people together, they don't have any credibility to lead."

Daniel Watkins, computer science junior and SGA technology officer, talked about some plans to help increase communication within the SGA as well as get more information to students.

Along with their website, the SGA will have a site on OnCourse, which will have forums and other utilities for SGA members and students.

"There's a communication issue because everyone has a different schedule," Watkins said. "I want them to feel like they have a place to work."

Some of the features on

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the OnCourse site will be closed off to the rest of the student body, but current and pending legislation will still be viewable for the public, both on the OnCourse site and on the U drive.

Jaarad Taylor said it would help communication within the SGA.

"I send out those e-mails, but not everyone gets those," Taylor said. "There's

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## Dorms on the way

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The IUS Physical Plant is hopeful that students of the fall 2008 semester will have on-campus housing.

IU Southeast is waiting for final approval from the State Budget Committee. Once approval is given, the design development plan, dated Dec. 29, 2006, will move into the next phase to become a structured blue print. An outside contractor will then be hired to build the units.

The current design devel-

***'Students will have another choice...'***

**Bob Snipp**  
Physical Plant director

opment plan includes the construction of five units. Three units will be located behind Knobview Hall and two behind Hillside Hall and

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## FYS, athletics cooperate

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The First-Year Seminar Program and the Athletic Department recently teamed up to develop a program to promote increased interest in IUS athletics.

Students who are currently enrolled in an FYS class must attend at least three extracurricular events as a part of the current curriculum, one of which can be an athletic event.

To promote the new program, students who attend five or more athletic events on their fan cards will be entered in a drawing to win prizes. The prizes will be distributed by FYS and the athletic department.

"This is a great partnership," Athletic Director Pat Mrozowski said.

"Our players really appreciate the support of the student body," he said.

FYS instructors give out the fan cards which in turn are punched by entry monitors, concession stand workers or by the coach at any athletic event.

Students from both the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters may have their fan cards stamped for prizes given at the end of the spring semester.

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many of my students made a double date out of the events, bringing their boyfriend or a friend to watch the game," Donna Dahlgren, associate professor of psychology and director of the FYS Program, said.

"They conveyed to me that it was an enjoyable experience and allowed them to share their college experience with friends," she said.

The first round of winners of the new FYS Program was freshmen Rebecca Abraham and Martin Ignacio.

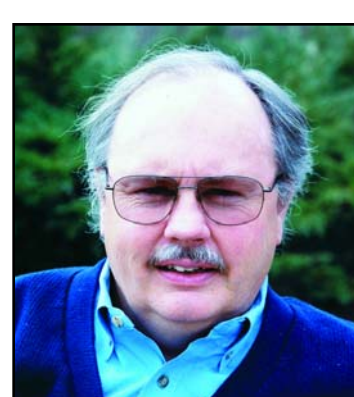
Abraham received an iPod Nano and Ignacio won a 2GB thumb drive.

## Common Experience involves community

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Beginning in the fall semester of 2007, IU Southeast has implemented a new program on campus called Common Experience. The program is intended to bring students and faculty together with their community through a series of speakers, events and a shared reading. All of these items fall under the title of "Citizens making a difference in America."

Programs similar to the Common Experience have been implemented in other schools. Bowling Green University in Ohio runs a program they call the Common Read, where all incoming freshmen read the same book. Texas State University in San Marcos has a similar



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Common Experience  
chairman

program, also called the Common Experience.

The intentions of this type of program on all campuses it to foster discussion between students and encourage outreach to their communities.

The Common Experience officially began in fall of 2006. "Coming of Age in Mississippi," by civil-rights activist Anne Moody, was selected as the reading for

the program. Instructors integrate the reading into their classes on a voluntary basis.

The first free events began in mid-September of 2006 for the program as well.

Cliff Staten, professor of political science and dean of social sciences, is chairman of the Common Experience program.

"We had 43 class sections using the book last semester, and 13 are using it this semester," Staten said. "It can fuel discussion frequently in classes, which is precisely what one of the goals of the program is."

Staten was also involved in selecting the theme for the first year of the program.

"We adopted the theme to be broad enough to look at many citizens in America," he said.

Staten is also interested in expanding the program outside of IU Southeast to the surrounding areas.

"We send info about every event to local community groups, and many have attended," Staten said.

"Local literary groups are reading the book as well."

Donna Dahlgren, associ-

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