

Super Tuesday hits home with IU Southeast

New Albanian Prost party ropes in students, professors

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For political junkies, last week's Super Tuesday Party on Feb. 5, hosted by the IUS College Democrats at the New Albanian Brewing Company, was the happening place to be.

A gathering of nearly 40 participants met at the Prost Room in the local micro-brew pub to watch the primary returns from more than 20 states on a giant flat-screen TV. Political discussion filled the room as craft beer, pizza and breadsticks were consumed by viewers while the primary returns came in. Besides the IUS College Democrats, other organizations at the event included the Floyd and Clark County Young Democrats.

Opinions varied on whether there would be a clear-cut front-runner over the Super Tuesday contest.

"I really think this Super Tuesday contest gives states a chance to show their preference all at one time," Tamara Davis, vice president of the IUS College Democrats, said.

Several members of the IUS faculty attended the event, including Tom Wolf, professor emeritus of political science at IU Southeast. Wolf was wearing an FDR button to get into the Democratic spirit of the evening.

"I believe McCain will get the Republican nomination," Wolf said. "And I think Obama



Clinton
834 delegates



McCain
720 delegates



Obama
838 delegates

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would be a strong candidate for the Democrats to run as president."

Not all people attending the Super Tuesday party were Democrats. John Doyle, assistant professor of computer science at IU Southeast, said he felt closer to the Libertarian Party.

"I'm just pleased to be here and feel the enthusiasm," Doyle said. "But I'm backing Ron Paul."

It was hard for some Democrats at the party to pick a favorite.

Diane Willey, professor of psychology at IU Southeast, watched the TV screen closely as returns from the western states came in.

Political science forum debates candidates' future

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On Feb. 6 students had an opportunity to discuss and learn about this year's Super Tuesday primary results from a panel comprised of the IU Southeast Political Science Department.

The panel consisted of associate professors of political science Jean Abshire, Joe Wert and Tom Kotulak, professor of political science Linda Gugin and professor emeritus of political science, Tom Wolf.

The event began with an explanation of the results from the Democratic primaries from Gugin.

Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton won almost the exact same amount of delegates while Obama won more states 14 to 8, Gugin said.

Gugin said the overall results after Super Tuesday on the democratic side are 861-855 delegates in favor of Obama. "The democratic race is very close," Gugin said, "it could come down to the convention."

Gugin also said that voter turnout is up, which could be from the fact that there won't be an incumbent this year. Obama seemed to have done better in red states, which normally vote Republican

"I really don't have a favorite," Willey said. "I like both Obama and Clinton."

But some Democrats, like Amber Shaw, treasurer for the Clark County Women Democrats, already had her mind made up.

"I'm definitely for Obama," Shaw said.

Ketia Zuckschwerdt, nursing junior at IU Southeast, felt the Democratic primary vote would be split between Senators Obama and Clinton.

Brian Dotts, adjunct professor of political science at IU Southeast, talked about the different ways Democrats and Republicans

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Telescopic



Photo by Amy Stallings

Gary Melton, president of the IUS Astronomical Society, looks through the Meade telescope in the IUS Observatory. See the story on page 3.

Nursing school gets more than expected

Grant awards \$25,000 to help buy laptop computers

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The Nursing Department is \$25,000 closer to their goal of getting laptop computers for their nursing students to take secure computer testing.

Mimi McKay, dean of Nursing, said this grant from AT&T will go toward the purchase of laptop computers with special programs on them for the nursing students. The computers will offer nursing students a secure place to test. Admissions will also be able to use them for testing entering students for placement in the School of Nursing.

The grant from AT&T is called the AT&T Excelerator Grant from Indiana. The School of Nursing applied

for this grant during the spring of 2007 and recently received the check.

"We applied for the grant after we researched it and only thought we were going to get a couple thousand, and we ended up with the maximum you could get, \$25,000," McKay said. "I was surprised to see the numbers when the letter came."

This grant will help them buy 30 laptop computers. They still need \$75,000 to fully complete the project. They are searching for a room big enough on campus to keep the laptops.

Other funds are coming from the nursing technology funds, which came from the Robinson family. The laptops will slide into specially made tables that will secure them, and the nursing students will have access to them as well as some of the faculty.

These laptops will have programs on them with access to the Web as well. These computer programs provide the online testing as well as test analysis. The new program is called HESI and Admissions will be able to use this for their achieve-

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ment testing. The achievement testing will show the student's strengths and weaknesses. Students will have to take two major exams, one during junior year and one during senior year, both of which will be given on these computers.

The goal for the completion of this project is fall 2008. Larry Mand, vice chancellor of Information Technology and Community Engagement, said this was no easy project.

"It has been a long process but it will be well

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SGA admits new senator

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The Student Government Association elections are right around the corner and returning students are welcome to become senators or to run for another

seat in the student government. An executive session was called to discuss voting in Amanda Denbo as new student senator. Denbo, pre-law sophomore, said she joined the SGA to become more involved with the campus.

Denbo she said she had

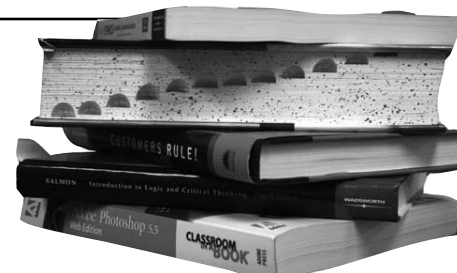
been late to some of the meetings and was worried she would remain on probationary status for another week. Twenty minutes into the executive session, Denbo became the newest student senator.

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