

Financial Aid helps with FAFSA forms

Deadline approaches for next year

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The deadline to submit a Free Application for Federal

Student Aid is fast approaching. The FAFSA determines financial aid for students. It tracks personal income and determines if a student is eligible to receive aid.

Most federal and state scholarships, grants and loans require it to be submitted.

There is help available for IUS students trying to fill out the FAFSA form. The Office of Financial Aid is hosting

three workshops this week. These events are being planned to help students prepare for the Indiana deadline of March 10.

The times for these events are Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. and Feb. 19 at noon and 5 p.m.

All three sessions will be held for about one hour in the Hoosier Room West in University Center North. Attendees can enter for a \$200 scholarship for the fall

2008 semester as well.

One of the three financial aid counselors will be at each session.

Kimberly Lewis, financial aid counselor, said they will be there to help students and parents fill out the FAFSA worksheet.

Estimates of personal income, a calculator and a pencil are encouraged, she said.

Lewis said many students

are eligible for financial aid.

"It is extremely important to fill it out to afford college," she said.

"Most use it to bridge the gap they have to overcome to afford a college education."

She said the FAFSA takes information from a tax form,

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FAFSA DEADLINES

Indiana financial aid due on March 10

IUS FAFSA workshops:

Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 19, noon & 5 p.m.

Located at Hoosier West in University Center North

Election plans late in the making

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The SGA election committee hasn't had a meeting to discuss when the election will be held, how many signatures candidates need on petitions to run or any other business pertaining to the election.

Flo Gonya, SGA president and English senior, said part of the process has been held up by trying to find committee members to serve.

"We have been asking for volunteers, and there have been people willing to help, but there are schedule conflicts that have been coming up," Gonya said.

Gonya said the elections should happen before spring break. She said even though there's only a few weeks before the elections, all of the decisions should be ready to get the process started by the first part of March.

Chris Driscoll, senate pro-temp and English literature senior, said there are changes that need to be made to the SGA constitution and bylaws before the elections so the changes can be voted on by the student body this year.

"It's kind of late in the process, but I'm going to have to go through it as soon as I can and work with Sandy Turpin [SGA chief justice and general studies senior] on it," Driscoll said.

Driscoll said there are some parts of the constitution that have conflicting wording, especially in job descriptions and committee assignments.

He said there is also grammar that needs to be cleaned up, but he will still work with Turpin to keep in the spirit of how the constitution is supposed to sound.

The senate also discussed laying groundwork for a leadership conference after their next senate meeting.

Driscoll said the conference will be designed to educate student groups on how to get help from student government.

"I'm hoping for this to

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Let it snow



Photo by Jerod Clapp

A sheet of ice falls from the roof of Knobview Hall on Wednesday. The snow that fell on Monday afternoon caused classes to be canceled Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Retroactive credit may be awarded for old AP scores

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The Student Development Center is in the process of awarding credit for Advanced Placement test scores of 3.

Previously, credit was only awarded for AP scores of 4 or 5, even though College Board, the organization that administers the test, recommends giving credit for scores of 3 or more.

The Faculty Senate passed the proposal to accept 3's in their meeting on Jan. 17 unanimously.

AP tests are taken by high school students after they complete a year-long AP course at their schools. The tests are written by Educational Testing Services and administered by College Board, the organizations that create and administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Students are given a score from 1 to 5 based on their performance on the exam.

Doug Denton, Student Development Center coordinator, said the first major task in implementing the policy was deciding what classes each test score would count for.

"We've been working with the schools since then to figure out just exactly

what credit we're going to give," Denton said.

Under the senate resolution, each school on campus decides what kind of credit to award for the score.

Now the Student Development Center must start actually awarding credit for scores of 3 that are in their records as well as for new scores.

"We're going through each of the score reports and we're going to send students letters to let them know what credit we're putting on their transcripts," Denton said.

Denton said one difficult part of awarding the credit is determining if a student has already taken or is enrolled in the class for which they should get credit, and that the process may take a while.

"We've just started working on it, so it could be another couple of weeks," he said.

Denton said another difficulty will be awarding credit to all eligible students. He said some students might not have sent IU Southeast their scores since they did not expect to get credit for them. He said students who have 3's but did not send their score reports to IU Southeast should do so now.

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Regional campuses get master plans

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On Jan. 31, Indiana University hired David King, nationally renowned architect, to be their new master planner.

King will oversee the preparation of comprehensive master plans for all seven IU campuses. IU president Michael McRobbie said having master plans for all campuses will be beneficial in the long run for general organization.

"It is essential that we develop a master plan to help us determine what kinds of buildings and facilities we need in addition to those we already have planned and where to site them," McRobbie said.

Bob Meadows, Indiana University assistant vice president and University Architect, said this is a great time for Indiana University and all of its campuses.

"It is a really exciting time," Meadows said. "To be able to step back and ask, what can we do?"

King's work will be overseen by J. Terry

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Clapacs, Indiana University vice president and chief administrative officer.

Clapacs said the new master plan focuses on the infrastructure and facility needs of each campus as well as ways to make IU's campuses and structures more environmentally friendly.

King is a member of the architectural firm SmithGroupJJR of Washington D.C., where he has been the chairman and director of design

since 2001.

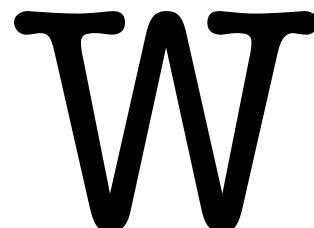
King was the lead designer for many SmithGroupJJR projects, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center, Discovery Communications' World Headquarters and the Northwest Terminal in the Detroit Metro Airport.

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BLURBS



If you got a parking ticket recently, you can try to appeal it at the parking appeals meeting on Feb. 19 at 12:15 p.m. in University Center South, room 123.



If there's a class you just absolutely cannot stand, your last day to drop with a W and no GPA penalty is March 14. Weigh your options carefully.