

Soul Food satiates students

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Soul Food Day fed a diverse group of individuals in the Multi-Purpose Room on Feb. 15. The event, which was sponsored by the Multicultural Student Union, was planned in order to bring people together to enjoy each other and a "soulful" meal.

"This is actually our third year putting on this soul food event," Chris Daniels, president of the MCSU, said. "It's a form of togetherness to make sure that everybody gets to know one another."

The event was open to everyone, with faculty, staff and students attending. The meal prepared for the event included fried chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and a side of cornbread. A sweet peach cobbler was provided for dessert.

Entertainment for the event played to the theme of the day with The Robbie Bartlett Blues Band performing.

"We wanted to give students an opportunity, because we are a commuter campus, to congregate and see this as a fun thing," Michelle Turner, MCSU adviser, said.

When the music started, people began passing up Subway to peek inside the event. The sound and smell caught the eye of some.

"The food has been great and I didn't even know there was going to be entertainment, so that was a huge bonus," Ammie Black, Office of Admissions, said.

Daniels said he enjoyed the response from those in attendance as the crowd relaxed and enjoyed the festivities. He said he hopes to achieve more in a future soul food event.



Chandra Mallory, associate adviser, and Channell Barbour, staff adviser of the Multicultural Student Union, serve up food at Soul Food Day.

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SGA indecisive

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Jaarad Taylor, political science junior and Student Government Association president, asked the SGA to give their input on a 3 percent increase in the student activity fee.

Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles asked Taylor to bring the issue up at the Feb. 22 SGA meeting to get their input.

"Any increase in fees after what we've already experienced, I'm against as a representative of the student body," Winston Wilson, education post-graduate student and SGA senator, said.

Taylor said the Student Life Committee had talked about the increase and said it would raise it an additional 14 cents per credit hour.

Taylor wanted to move the legislation into emergency status to get the SGA's input to the chancellor as soon as possible.

Several senators weren't so sure about rushing the decision.

"I'm very uncomfortable with making a decision on this without letting the students know," Wilson said.

Part of the increase would give \$26,000 to Athletics for insurance.

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education senior

chair, said money needs to be focused elsewhere.

"This is an academic school, we're not all about athletics," Prince said. "If it were any other student group, they'd tell them to hold a fundraiser."

Richard Young, political science sophomore, said the SGA needs more time to review the particulars of the increase.

"I don't know if this is a good idea or a bad idea," Young said. "We haven't had a chance to really look at this."

Joe Taflinger, general studies junior and senate pro-temp, said the SGA's opinion didn't carry much weight in the decision.

"We have no bearing on what they do with this," Taflinger said. "It's not an official vote."

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Bookstore closing

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The IUS Bookstore will be closed Monday, March 26, 2007, to April 15, 2007.

The closing is due to the move to their new location in University Center South.

All book purchases for the 2007 spring semester need be made prior to March 1, 2007.

At this time, this semester's books will be returned to the publisher and students will no longer be able to obtain materials for the spring semester.

"Students need to buy their books by March 1," Juanita Schickel, bookstore manager, said.

"We are not going to be able to accommodate after our move."

The books are being sent back to lighten the load for the move.

"It will be easier to move everything with less books," Schickel said.

All parts of the bookstore will be closed. There will be no returns or buybacks during this period.

Kathy Betz, bookstore accounting assistant, said information about the new location and bookstore will be distributed.

The main concern now for the bookstore is getting the word out to students about purchasing their books before the deadline.

Smoking ban planned

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Lindsay Bostock, criminal justice and psychology senior, stepped outside of Crestview Hall last Friday and reached into her purse for a cigarette between classes.

She lit it, took a puff and relaxed.

She's graduating, but by next fall, IUS students may not be able to light up on campus anymore.

Sandra Patterson-Randles, IUS chancellor, issued a statement about the smoking ban IU President Adam Herbert wants to enforce on all IU campuses.

The statement reads, "In line with the Trustees' desire to see all IU campuses go smoke-free and President Herbert's mandate that appropriate discussions ensue at the various campuses, IU Southeast will undertake a broadly based review of smoking issues on campus in order to deter-

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mine related policies and enforcement procedures.

"The Campus Facilities and Environment Committee will head up this initiative and draft recommendations for IU Southeast's transition to a non-smoking environment."

Patrick Shoulders, IU Southeast's representative on the IU Board of Trustees, said a smoking ban shouldn't be imposed from IU.

"I think each campus has a different community, a different mission," Shoulders said. "I think they each need to look at their own needs. I don't think this should be

driven top-down from Bloomington."

Bostock said a smoking ban might not be the best way to go.

"A lot of people smoke because they have a lot of stress," Bostock said. "If they would get smoke huts or something on campus, I think that would be better than banning it altogether."

Kyle Bocko, history senior, said she's worried about how much money would be spent on studies and committees to look into enforcing a smoking ban.

"It would be a waste of time," Bocko said. "It's

impractical and a waste of funds."

Flo Gonya, general studies senior and Student Government Association vice president, said Bloomington usually doesn't concern itself with regional IU campuses.

"Bloomington does not know our needs, and frequently does not address them," Gonya said.

Gonya also said with a large population of adult students, many students on campus have been smoking for decades, and a ban

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Lecture discusses protests

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One aspect of the Civil Rights Movement was the innovative way in which the leaders developed methods to protest, Cliff Staten, professor of political science, said at a recent Common Experience lecture.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, Staten spoke in the IUS Library about these methods that helped blacks win the struggle for personal freedom.

The lecture began with background information about what helped the Civil Rights Movement take place.

"In the '30s and '40s, there were dramatic changes in the black community that laid the ground work for political advancement," Staten said.

"The Jim Crow regime was extremely strong at this time," he said, "but the

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black community was starting to react."

The Jim Crow era, a time when blacks were legally considered separate but equal but laws were passed to keep them from voting, inspired a number of black people to unite.

"During the early '50s, only one-in-five African Americans were registered to vote," Staten said, "but a new generation with high expectations was forming."

This new generation was

a well-educated and very frustrated group, he said.

This group of people saw that no changes were being made and they began taking direct political action to further their cause.

In 1955, African-Americans began participating in bus boycotts, refusing to give up their seats in the front of the bus. The most famous of these was the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which was organized due to the arrest of Rosa Parks,

Staten said.

Members of the Civil Rights Movement thought these bus boycotts were too violent and attracted too much negative press, though, so they began thinking of new tactics to protest.

As television was developed, leaders of the movement found they could use this medium to support their cause.

"People all over the country could see what was going on," Staten said.

As the 1950s were coming to a close, the black community began to further unite and form clusters. There became "an institutional network consisting of black churches, traditionally black colleges and universities and direct-action organizations," Staten said.

"By the late '50s, there were more opportunities for political activism to occur," Staten said.