

SGA approves activity fee increase

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The Student Government Association gave its blessing for a 3 percent increase in the Student Activity Fee for next year.

Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles wanted input from the SGA last week about the increase before a decision was made. The senate voted to table the directive for a week to inform stu-

dents about the increase and to research the details about it.

The senate wanted to review where the money went, specifically \$26,000 that would go to athletics. Part of that money would be spent to give athletes insurance.

Richard Young, political science sophomore and senator, said the SGA was in a difficult position on the vote.

"For us, it's kind of a catch-22," Young said. "We

vote one way, the students get mad at us. We vote another way, the athletes are mad at us."

David Prince, secondary education senior and senate chair, said he talked to students in his classes about the SAF increase.

"In every class I talked about it, the answer was a resounding 'no,'" Prince said.

Perry Brown, fitness and intramural coordinator, said students don't pay much

attention to the athletics program.

"I go to a lot of the games, and the participation from the students is very low," Brown said. "I think the students should go out and participate in this program."

Reuben Otero, computer science junior and senator, said students should be more involved on campus.

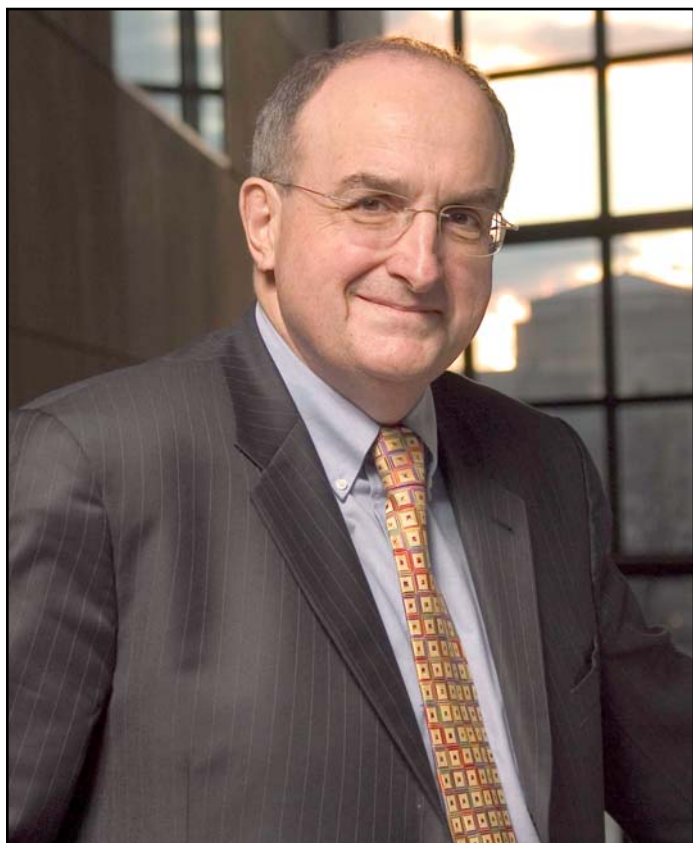
"I think school spirit here kind of sucks," Otero said.



'I would never, ever say we're not being strongly supported, because we are.'

Pat Mrozowski
director
Athletics

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McRobbie wins seat

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The IU Board of Trustees unanimously voted in Michael McRobbie as the 18th president of Indiana University.

McRobbie, a native of Australia, said he wants to focus on two issues for Indiana University.

"Indiana University is at a vital crossroads in its history," McRobbie said. "Our enduring missions will not change. We will continue to provide an excellent education and conduct first-rate research."

Patrick Shoulders, IU Southeast's representative on the IU Board of Trustees, was glad to see McRobbie take the position.

"I believe this is a day of celebration," Shoulders said. "We can eagerly anticipate our next president to take IU to the next level."

Sandra Patterson-Randles, IUS chancellor, was not available to comment before publication because she attended the Board of Trustees meeting at IUPUI.

McRobbie will officially take the position after July 1, when President Adam Herbert's term is finished. Herbert was voted in as president in 2003.

Students write, edit IUS Review

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On Thursday, Feb. 22, IU Southeast launched the 21st volume of the IUS Review. The IUS Review is an annual literary magazine featuring the works of student writers and artists. It is edited by students.

Editors, advisers and contributors attended the event. Several contributors read their works. Those who could not attend had their works read for them.

Benjamin Martin, English junior, is one of those contributors. Although nervous

about submitting his work and then reading his submission in front of a crowd, he feels it is necessary.

"I like writing," Martin said. "It's hard to submit something, especially when there's a possibility of rejection. If you're serious about it, you have to do it."

Martin won a writing contest while attending Bowling Green Community College, but this is his first published work. A lot of hard work goes into the making of the IUS Review. Coming up with the final product is a lengthy process, one which takes

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Magazine awards IUS Library

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The IUS Library won an award from "American School & University" for outstanding design; post-secondary. The award was published in the magazine's November 2006 issue.

According to their Web site, "American School & University" is "the information source for education facilities and business professionals serving the nation's K-12 and higher-education administrators responsible for the planning, design, construction, retrofit, operations, maintenance and management of education facilities."

Gary Voirol, an architect with the firm MSKTD & Associates, Inc. as well as vice president and secretary of the firm, said his firm submitted the design for the award.

"The award is basically an award for design put out by a national group that gives out awards for design excellence," he said. "American School & University" is a vehicle that a lot of people in our industry read."

Voirol said his company designed the library along with Shepley Bulfinch, a Boston firm that is among the oldest continuously-practicing architectural firms in the world.

Voirol said there are several features of the design that make it worthy of the award.

"The design has a number of very interesting features," he said. "Being on a hill makes it interesting as well as the natural light and window views. We also tried to increase the amount



Photo by Michael Wilmes

Chad Webb, business management senior, works at one of the libraries' computers. The IUS Library was recognized in American School & University for its architecture.

of circulation available and we certainly expanded what is out there on display."

"It's a big difference from the old library," he said, referring to the library's former location on the top floor of University Center South. "It's much more user friendly."

Voirol said one of his firm's target markets is colleges and universities and he said the Indiana University system is very pleasant to work with.

"I think that the campus down there and the people deserve this award," he said. "It was an honor to work with the people at IUS."

He added that the people at Indiana University work very hard to build well-

designed buildings.

"I think it's fantastic that IU is very, very sensitive to good design and that the University takes pride in their structures and campus," he said. "The administration makes sure things are done right."

Marty Rosen, director of library services, spoke positively about IU Southeast's collaboration with Voirol's firm.

"The architects were extremely well prepared and they always listened to us," he said. "It was a group process. We accomplished our goal to design a building that helps students succeed."

Rosen said the new library has been a success. He said the number of peo-

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ple using the new library over the course of a year has increased to two and a half times the number of people using the old library during the same time-frame.

"More meetings and events take place in the library," he said. "We are pleased that the library has become a community center for the campus. The thing I like most is walking through the door [of the library] and seeing it being used."

Rosen said the students have also taken pride in the library.

"The students have taken care of it," he said, noting the lack of vandalism that usually plagues buildings on college campuses. "It's a tribute to the student body. I think we are all proud of it."

Brandon Dickey and Adrienne Priddy, general studies sophomores, both praised the new library.

"The old library seemed cramped," Dickey said. "The new library is far better in many ways."

Priddy said she agreed that the new library is an improvement.



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The inside of the IUS Library on the second floor has a lounge for students to study. Part of the design of the IUS Library was to allow for more natural light.