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Professors discuss effects of business, globalization

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IU Southeast students were invited to attend a panel discussion on author Jagdish Bhagwati's book, "In Defense of Globalization," on Thursday, Feb. 22. The discussion took place at the Crane House on South 3rd Street in Louisville.

The book was released in 2006 and was written to explain the problems that exist with globalization and what should be done to fix them. Bhagwati said his intention with the book was to show that "this process has a human face, but we need to make that face more agreeable."

The panel of scholars met to discuss the merits and problems with the book, and with globalization itself. The panelists all agreed with the book in that globalization is an important and powerful force in the world, but it has problems that have to be assessed if more progress is to be made.

Julie Bunck is an associate professor of political science at the University of Louisville and specializes in Latin American studies. Bunck brought up the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement on Latin American countries.

"The liberal free market has dominated in Latin America since 1990," Bunck said. "The problems with development there are widespread. Take Mexico for example, where 90 percent of the economic increase has been concentrated in a handful of states." Bunck said the major problem is that NAFTA takes a hands off approach to economic stimulation, assuming that with enough time, the market will influence the entire country.

"Equality and poverty are related, but NAFTA hasn't done a thing about equality in Mexico," Bunck said. "One-third of Latin America still lives on \$2 a day. The 'hands off' approach isn't working there."

Robert Nixon, who holds the Fischer Chair in Family Entrepreneurship at the University of Louisville, explained that sufficient economic and political growth would eventually be achieved globally, but

the process takes time.

"The process of globalization is not something instantaneous, results can take decades," Nixon said. "People aren't patient enough to let things work out in this age of technology. The access to information can tend to make people impatient."

Bunck's take on the slow process of globalization was different from Nixon's.

"I don't think the problem really lies with globalization, it's with domestic policy," she said.

Alexi Izyumov is co-director of the Center for Emerging Market Economics at the University of Louisville.

"The book makes a point: you should not blame globalization for the problems imparted by corrupt or weak governments," Izyumov said.

Nixon and the other panelists all agreed that without motivated governments, economic success must come before political change.

"When people have the money to eat and live properly, then they will become more concerned with their political situation and take matters into their own hands," Nixon said.

Izyumov interjected to bolster Nixon's point.

"Exactly: who cares about democracy if you can't eat?" he said.

Another element that could speed up the process of equality in underdeveloped countries is the entry of multinational corporations. Stephan Gohmann, professor of business at the University of Louisville, pointed out that multinationals have higher standards and that the problems tend to lie with corporations inside underdeveloped countries.

Multinational corporations operate within the legal boundaries of the country they are in, which means the corrupt companies have to compete on a higher level.

"These corrupt companies in other countries won't exist when multinationals come in," Gohmann said.

One argument the panelists decided the book did not address was the spread of pollution due to heavy industrialization.

IUS Review

Students showcase writing

about six to eight months.

Rebekah Dement, English senior, has been involved with production of the IUS Review for two years. This was her first year serving as chief editor.

"This is a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful book," Dement said. "I couldn't be more proud of it."

Staff members first spread the word by placing fliers around campus, advertising in The Horizon and also by word of mouth.

Anyone who wants to submit their work can find a submission form in the Writing Help Center in Knobview Hall, room 208.

Students can submit creative nonfiction, fiction and poetry, but are not limited to these categories.

"We look for expressions of creativity," Dement said. "We've even had people submit a full length play and guitar tablature."

Students have also been known to submit works of photography and music.

The IUS Review gives students and faculty a means to showcase their creative skills and gives others an opportunity to be exposed to the works of other people on campus.

Christa Zorn, associate professor of English, has served as a faculty adviser for the IUS Review for 10 years.

"It's wonderful to work with people who have creative ideas," Zorn said.

Copies of the IUS Review can be found in the Writing Help Center.

"I'll probably be running through the halls throwing them to people," Dement said. "We really want to get them out there."

A new staff will be selected soon, followed by the call for submissions.

SGA

Athletics defends activity fee increase

"When we get those dorms here, it's going to make more people want to participate in sports."

Winston Wilson, education post-graduate student and senator, explained why a vote wasn't made at the Feb. 26 meeting on the increase.

"The biggest problem last week was not having any information," Wilson said. "We do support the athletics department, but I am responsible to the student body for increases."

Pat Mrozowski, director of athletics, said part of the request for more money was due to the addition of the softball team.

"That's part of the wildcard this time," Mrozowski said. "We've never had softball before."

Mrozowski said he doesn't feel like athletics isn't recognized on campus.

"I would never, ever say we're not being strongly supported because we are," Mrozowski said. "As generous as it is, it's probably not enough."

Mrozowski said other alternatives for insurance programs for student athletes wouldn't have worked. He said urging athletes to buy their own insurance would discriminate against low-income students, and IU insurance is minimal coverage and wouldn't cover athletic injuries.

He also said the amount of money is to help pay back medical bills from previous sports injuries.

The medical bills from injuries at IU Southeast are

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Reuben Otero
senator
SGA

sent to IU Bloomington so they can be paid immediately. From there, IUS athletics pays the money back to Bloomington over time, Mrozowski said.

"There is not a reserve fund in the athletics account that could cover that kind of cost," Mrozowski said.

After deliberating about the increase, the SGA came to a 6-2 vote, with David Prince emphasizing his vote was an "emphatic no." The vote does not approve the increase, only indicates that the SGA approved of it.

Also, the SGA had a first read of a bill that would allot money for office supplies, including an electric stapler and electric hole punch. The bill requests \$440.

Another first read of a bill would provide a link to vote in the SGA election on the IUS homepage. The bill will get a vote on March 8.

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