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SGA budget contested

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the purpose of it was.

Turpin suggested having the party during the SGA's regular senate meeting time, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and said the party would give students an opportunity to meet the newly elected members.

Meyer said she wasn't sure how many students would go to the party.

"I just don't think you're going to get many students that late," Meyer said.

Bonsall also expressed concern over the lack of details on the party.

"I don't feel comfortable setting aside money for a party when we don't have a date set for it," Bonsall said.

The money for the party was taken out of the bill, and Turpin said the details would be discussed this week and presented at the senate's next meeting on March 20.

After the post-election party was taken out of the bill, an extra \$100 was added for more food for the week.

Gonya said last year, the polls were only set up for students publicly for three days. This year, SGA added an extra day to public polls to encourage more voters.

Gonya said the bill was passed under emergency status because some of the senators had been preparing for midterm exams and hadn't had much time to prepare the bill before the March 13 meeting.

2008-2009 budget quarreling

The SGA budget committee will present their proposed budget for the 2008-2009 session at their March 20 meeting.

The budget is already facing some scrutiny from SGA President Flo Gonya.

The new proposal removes \$700 from the president's salary, dropping it to \$1,800 for the year.

Richard Young, senate chair and political science sophomore, sat on the budget committee and said all four members agreed to the cut in the president's salary.

"I didn't think it was fair for the executive, judicial and legislative branches as far as how the salaries were divided," Young said.

"The amount the executive branch got was extremely higher than the judicial and senate positions."

Young said the cut wasn't a matter of a personal issue.

He said after the committee went through the SGA constitution and the policy and procedures committee, the salaries were adjusted to fit the job descriptions lined up in the constitution.

Gonya said the constitution was written in 1962 and the descriptions of the responsibilities of the president have multiplied since then.

Gonya said she gave up \$500 of her salary to the vice president last year, and there hasn't been a president in

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SGA
senator**

four administrations who has received a salary as low as the current proposal of \$1,800.

She said she thinks she's done a good job as president and deserves the full \$2,500.

"If there's someone out there who can tell me how to do this job better, I'm more than happy to listen," Gonya said. "If I could afford to do this job for free, I would, but I can't."

James Bonsall also agreed to the budget and said the committee worked with Gonya on many of the student programming events lined up in the budget.

"We want to look like we're representing the student body," Bonsall said. "We're trying to cut down on a lot of the programming that she wants. We want a president who's going to do what's in the constitution, and we feel that \$1,800 is a fair payment."

Gonya said she may try to veto the proposal.

Young said he isn't sure Gonya would be able to veto a budget proposal, since the constitution only allows the president to veto bills.

"There's a lot of politicking involved, and it's possible that Flo will be able to get enough support to keep the budget from going through," Young said. "It's a shame that it may come down to a big stink over the budget."

If the budget doesn't pass at the March 20 meeting, the budget committee will have to re-evaluate the terms in the budget.

Young said even after the budget passes in the SGA senate, the budget still has to be approved through the Student Life Committee. If the SLC doesn't pass the budget, further revisions will have to be made.

Young also said as the senate chair, he wants to try to keep the peace in SGA and separate personal issues from professional issues.

"I'm a little disappointed that we're going to have infighting based on this," Young said. "I think it kind of throws dirt on all of [SGA]."

Young said in order to get the budget submitted to the SLC in a reasonable amount of time, he may try to get the budget passed under emergency status at the March 20 meeting.

GSA bill and emergency status abuse

The Gay Straight Alliance requested \$145 from SGA to

pay for hot dogs and buns for their "Buns and Wieners" event on March 17.

The money would repay IUS Dining Services for the food.

The senate considered passing the bill under emergency status since the event was being held so soon after viewing the bill.

Bonsall said in order to make sure bills are written correctly, SGA needs more time to review bills before they're passed.

"I think it's not good that we don't have time to review these bills," Bonsall said.

The senate also questioned whether or not SGA sponsorship was clearly stated on fliers promoting the event, which is a requirement to receive funding from SGA.

Josh Sesar, senator and secondary education sophomore, said student groups don't give SGA enough time to get bills put together and line up all of the details about them.

Sandy Turpin said student groups need to give SGA at least three weeks advance notice of bills to give them enough time to go through the voting process.

Bills must be written and presented to the SGA policy and procedures committee before they can be presented to the senate.

After that, bills are presented and read, then given a week to be reviewed by the senate. At the following meeting, the bills are presented again to be voted on.

Gonya said student groups may not have information on how to get bills passed through SGA, and suggested putting together packets of information for student groups.

Bonsall said he'd like to see representatives from student groups come to SGA meetings when their bills are submitted to the SGA. He said this would give senators an opportunity to ask the student groups questions should they arise.

Joe Taflinger, SGA senator and general studies senior, said constant changing of leadership within student groups contributes to the confusion of the bill process.

Taflinger said there needs to be better communication from student groups to the SGA.

"I think it has to do more with student groups than anything," Taflinger said. "They have a sense of urgency that 'this has to be done now.'"

Code writing jobs increase overseas

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globe from Epcot and the Greek Parthenon.

"This was easily one of the most impressive structures we've seen on this trip," he said.

At Infosys, technological development is a way of life.

Doyle spoke of seeing Infosys employees on their lunch breaks still toiling over computers, working on software development.

"I was watching code development going on," he said.

Not all of Doyle's time was spent in big cities.

"Most of the country is still very, very rural," Doyle said.

Police

IUS Police get new tech upgrades

upgrade surveillance and have additional emergency phones."

One of those emergency phones will be located in either the Evergreen East or West parking lots. Wise said there will be additional cameras in the residential areas as well.

University Center North is already wired to hook up these new cameras for the dorms. The cables were put in when the building was renovated last year.

A key component of these new cameras will be their updated technology.

"We're working on putting in cameras to control in the operation center," Wise said. "We want to be able to zoom in and out."

Their monitoring station will be changed eventually as well. Michael McNeal, office services assistant senior, said the bulky television monitors will be replaced by flat panel television sets.

One benefit of their upgrade is the ability to record data on a computer. They are currently recorded on VHS tapes.

McNeal said the new monitoring system would match other college campuses.

"I remember they said they were looking at the same security system as U of L," he said.

It's all a part of a six-phase plan the IUS Police department has set out. The first phase equips the residential areas.

McNeal said the total package was too expensive, so they're breaking it up into phases.

He also said they haven't decided when everything will take place. They need to see the budget for this upcoming year first.

McNeal said he wasn't optimistic because the budget won't be as high as it was last year.

"There's less money this year," he said. "We had

He also wanted to see how the growth of the technological field was affecting the rural population.

The group visited the Alor Girl Child Camp, a girl's school in Hyderabad. While the school itself was in poor condition, Doyle said the girls all took very good care of themselves and were very healthy. The children were also fascinated by Doyle's digital camera.

"Everyone wanted their picture taken," Doyle said, "The children clamored around and wanted to see. Many of them had never seen a camera before. We couldn't give them a copy, because what would they do with the disc?"

enrollment above expected last year. It was around \$1 million or \$2 million. This year it's roughly around \$800,000."

Some of their finances go toward pouring concrete for the permit dispenser at the entrance to IU Southeast. McNeal said the old one was made in the early 1980s and it required constant maintenance.

They'll install the new dispenser when weather permits.

"We're just waiting for weather to permit us to pour concrete," McNeal said. "You can't do it in freezing temperatures."

Other finances go to support the dispatchers. The IUS Police department currently has a 24-hour dispatch system set up. That means someone is sitting by the phone in their operations center in University Center North, room 027, at any given time.

Wise said they try to have two officers working at all times. That includes a couple people working every weekend.

However, this security upgrade will not be immediate either.

"We're planning everything in phases," Wise said. "It won't all happen by the fall."

As a dispatcher, McNeal said his main task is to answer the phone calls that come in. He links calls to other police stations and agencies if he needs to.

McNeal said a student will get quicker response if they call the campus police station.

"If someone calls 911, they call the state police, who call the county police, who then call us," he said. "Just calling us can save a few minutes."

The phone number for the IUS Police Department is 941-2400.

The police keep a log of every call for future time and information reference.

Fair

Event recruits student volunteers

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and interpreting for immigrants who are learning English.

Representatives Duy Ho and Brooke Ha said they were there to raise awareness and get volunteers who could offer day-to-day services.

Another participating organization was the Hoosier

Hills "People Acting in the Community Together" Domestic Violence Shelter.

Representative and volunteer coordinator for Hoosier Hills PACT, Barbara Buckler, said the organization is to educate the public that there are services that can help.

Her table was also selling cookbooks and a reflections book to help raise money for the shelter.

While the center is located in Salem, Ind., students who are interested in volunteering but do not want to drive the distance are encouraged to help out at PACT's sister service, Center for Women and Families, located in New Albany.

Jewish Hospital is another organization looking for volunteers.

Volunteer coordinators,

Debbie Stice and Laura Swessel, said their target demographic was toward those who have an interest in healthcare.

"It is a good way to get your foot in the door," Stice said.

The volunteer positions are not just limited to those majoring in healthcare.

Stice said they're also looking for people who need

to meet their service hours.

They are trying to establish an Adopt-a-Unit volunteer program, where an entire fraternity does service in a unit of the hospital for one semester as a group.

They said they were excited that one fraternity on campus had already expressed interest in the volunteering for the Adopt-a-Unit program.