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MySpace

Online networks pose security risk

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to lunch or cocktail parties are still part of the interviewing process for professional positions, more and more companies are surfing the Internet to learn how potential employees act in social settings.

In his presentation, he said 25 to 35 percent of employers look at the personal profiles of job applicants online, and 40 percent of those said they have eliminated applicants based on those profiles.

Lindsay said even though people may not regularly act like they're portrayed in the pictures they post online, it's still legal for companies to base part of their decisions on who they hire on Web site profiles.

"Allowable legally and fair are two completely different things," Lindsay said. "What we put online is one little part of ourselves."

Some colleges have punished students because of their activity on networking sites. Lindsay talked about how Cameron Walker, a former student from Fisher College, was expelled from his school because of a Facebook group he joined against a police officer on campus.

Ruth Garvey-Nix, IUS vice chancellor of student affairs, said she hasn't heard of any similar cases happening at IU Southeast.

"I can say that it is not my practice, nor the practice of our IT department to look for violations of IU policy on such sites," Garvey-Nix said.

But aside from professional and legal implications, Lindsay talked about the safety problems and identity theft risks.

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C.L. Lindsay
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& Academic Rights

Lindsay said if a student has their mother as a friend on their MySpace profile, and their mother is divorced and goes by her maiden name, that student could be at risk for identity theft.

"That person is about two pieces of information away from registering a credit card under your name," Lindsay said.

Lindsay said sexual predators are also everywhere on the internet.

"Think about how MySpace works," he said. "You can search for a white female who is between the ages of 18 and 22 who lives within 10 miles from you."

Lindsay said in order to avoid many of the problems, students should make their privacy settings on those sites as high as possible, as well as removing any incriminating photos from a profile.

"Putting that information out there is equivalent to putting it on a billboard," Lindsay said. "I say the short version of all of this is, don't be stupid."

SGA

Senate proposes vouchers

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tor of the IUS Children's Center to see if there were any families in particular need for the vouchers.

The SGA can allot \$150 to the program for now, but said they hope the vouchers will have more money

allowed to them in the future.

Taylor said the vouchers would have to be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

To vote in the SGA election, visit their Web site at www.ius.edu/sga/elections.

McRobbie

New president visits campus

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"Dr. McRobbie mentioned several times in different meetings his commitment to the development of on-campus student housing at the two regional campuses that have submitted proposals, IU Southeast and IU South Bend," Garvey-Nix said.

Jaarad Taylor, SGA president and political science junior and Student Government Association president, said he likes what he's seen of McRobbie.

"I think it shows an incredible amount of proactive planning on his part to go to all the regional campuses," Taylor said.

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