

## Graduation ceremony rain plans get changes

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This year's Commencement Ceremony on May 5 will have a few changes and obstacles to overcome in order for things to go smoothly.

From a new rain location to working around the dorm construction, this year's ceremony will be different than the previous.

In case of rain, instead of moving to New Albany High School, the ceremony will be held in the Activities Building and there will be two separate ceremonies, one at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"The chancellor will decide the morning of graduation if it is going to be moved," Maureen Gaynor, director of alumni affairs and special events, said.

She said there will be a notice posted on the Web site and all local media will be contacted immediately.

On April 14, students who are participating in the ceremony are to pick up their caps and gowns as well as a packet of information that contains photo release information, where and when students are to return your caps and gowns and an envelope of rain-site tickets.

Tickets are not required for Commencement unless it is rained out and moved to the Activities Building.

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# Clintons seeks Hoosier support

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Students, faculty, staff and community members crowded into the Hoosier Room East on April 8 to see Chelsea Clinton campaign for her mother.

Clinton said her mother wants to give more money for higher education, help children in schools at a younger age and also put an estate tax on high-income families.

"It will not only be good for us in that we're supporting people who want to go to college and to graduate school," Clinton said, "but supporting people to follow their dreams when they get out of college or grad school.

"[It's] also really good for us as taxpayers because people are more likely to pay back their loans when they can afford them."

Clinton said her mother wants to double the Pell grant maximum to \$10,800, and expand eligibility for Pell grants. She also wants to

double the tax credit to \$3,500 and extend it to graduate schools.

"I'm really proud of what my mom wants to do for higher education affordability," Clinton said.

Clinton said her mother can account for where the money would come from for all of her programs, and would want to put an estate tax on families with assets of more than \$700,000. Families who make less than that would not be charged an estate tax.

Clinton said those families make up less than .3 percent of Americans, but that money would put \$8 billion in the federal budget.

Stephanie Williams, history sophomore, said she was a Hillary Clinton supporter and was excited to see Chelsea Clinton on campus.

"For me, it simply cemented my reasons for supporting Hillary," Williams said.

Williams said she thought Clinton explained her mother's platform very well.

"I actually thought she



Photos by Jerod Clapp

Chelsea Clinton talks to students in the Hoosier Room East about why they should vote for her mother, Hillary Clinton. Clinton talked about what her mother wants to do for higher education and how she plans on paying for those plans.

was incredibly informative," Williams said. "Especially when she talked about the programs her mom wants to make for people who want to pursue higher education."

Tamara Davis, political science junior, said she might not have attended the speech if it were someone from the Obama campaign.

"If it were Michelle Obama, I probably wouldn't have skipped class to see it," Davis said.

Davis said she wanted to make sure IU Southeast was represented at Clinton's appearance.

"I wanted to make sure IUS looked good, that we cared," Davis said. "I wanted to make sure we filled

that room up."

Davis said Clinton did a good job staying on subject when she was asked questions.

"I think Chelsea handled herself very well," Davis said.

"She didn't drone on and on about the same subject, she didn't dodge questions. She answered them and moved on."

Shawn Hanes,

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Tom Beck, computer animation senior, reads a book while he waits to see Chelsea Clinton. Students were backed up from the Hoosier Room to the Game Room.

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Tamara Davis  
junior  
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# Program avoids getting cut

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The Women's and Gender Studies Program was in danger of being cut. The faculty senate voted on whether or not to keep the program on April 3.

The vote was unanimously in favor of keeping it. The program itself helps oversee gender studies.

Joseph Wert, faculty senate president, said the curriculum was going to stay regardless.

"IUS gender studies itself was never in danger of being taken away," he said. "It was just this particular women's and gender program."

The program itself analyzes the knowledge and experiences of women and men in society.

Christa Zorn, professor of English and coordinator of the program, said it addresses gender and how it relates to class, race, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity and any other identity markers.

One reason the program was going to be cut is because the sociology department is now offering a concentration in gender studies for their major.

"The committee thought that it was no longer necessary and voted to disband



Christa Zorn

itself," Zorn said. "This assumption was based solely on the assumption that the committee's sole function was overseeing the degree."

She also said there were problems for students. She said students who are not sociology majors would not get an interdisciplinary women's and gender studies degree.

Additionally, Zorn said the program has more of a presence on campus than the sociology curriculum. She said they have organized events to address the diversity and minority issues for students.

The most recent event for students was the annual undergraduate research conference for Women's and Gender Studies.

Lizabeth Eckerd, assistant professor of psychology, said four students traveled with Zorn to the conference. It was at IU South Bend on March 27 and March 28.

Eckerd also said it's one of the reasons leading the program is demanding. She said they put a lot of time into the program with no financial compensation.

She said there is a budget for her to take students to the research conference next year.

"Without the budget," she said, "I fear that taking IUS students to the All-IU conference, or organizing events for Women's History Month, will be almost impossible."

As coordinator, Zorn said she oversees the program, the budget and student enrollment. She also said she advised students and attended meetings of the IU Inter-campus Council of Women's Studies directors.

She's been working as the coordinator for 10 years. She said the program has been at

IU Southeast for 25 years.

As a degree program, Women and Gender Studies Program currently offers a minor and a certificate. Zorn said the minor requires 15 credit hours and the certificate requires 24 credit hours.

Clifford Staten, dean of Social Sciences, said no one in his department has ever signed up for the certificate or minor degree.

"We have a great interest in gender studies here, but no one has signed up for the women's and gender studies degree," he said.

The sociology department is offering their concentration in gender studies now. Gregory Phipps, program coordinator for sociology, said the new curriculum requires students to take

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# Student groups move this summer

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The Student Government Association's vice president told the senate about Campus Life's plan to reorganize the placement of student groups' offices at the senate meeting on April 10.

Jacob Korff, SGA vice president and environmental conservation junior, said the plan was announced to student group leaders at the Student Involvement Board meeting on April 9.

Felecia Smith, Campus Life student liaison, said the groups would be put together in the student organization center by their function, such as political organizations, Greek groups, political organizations and honor societies.

"They're just trying to get the Greek organizations to have a better relationship with each other," Smith said. "We were just thinking about putting everyone together, it would just be a start."

Smith said Campus

Life hasn't decided which offices organizations would be moved to, but the process of choosing spaces and moving into them should be finished by Aug. 11.

Flo Gonya, SGA president and English senior, said student organizations could get upset with the move.

"I'm sure they're not going to be happy about it," Gonya said. "In general, the offices are smaller than they used to be anyway. It's difficult to tear everything down and reorganize it."

The SGA also discussed funding for trees for Campus Beautification day on April 16. James Bonsall, SGA treasurer and business freshman, was concerned that a bill had not been written for the trees, even though the money had already been spent.

Gonya said the bill would have to be written retroactively and possibly be passed in emergency status.

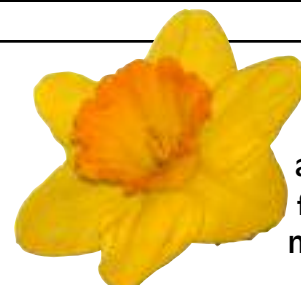
"We're kind of skipping that part and rushing

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**BLURBS**



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Campus Beautification Day is April 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plant some flowers, spread some mulch, get a fee T-shirt.