

Carducci discusses the mind

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The Open Books group discussed Cordelia Fine's recent novel "A Mind of its Own" in the IUS Library on April 13.

The group has been meeting in the IUS Library once a month to discuss books they choose to read. Several of the library staff regularly attend and help run the book group. The club is open for all students and faculty.

This past month members of the group decided to read and discuss "A Mind of its Own" by Cordelia Fine. The book explores the mind's

deceptions and how it helps us defend and glorify our egos.

This is Fine's first book, but she is no stranger to research and psychological discoveries. She recently received her doctorate in psychology from University College London and is currently conducting research at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

"I really think that Dr. Fine did a great job of presenting her material in this book," Bernie Carducci, professor of psychology, said. "I feel some of her writing was too pessimistic, but it will

make one a better person to just think about some of the negative learned behaviors we do to keep ourselves comfortable and how we can improve upon these."

Carducci said our brains develop to help us cope with all types of stressful situations. He said our physical and psychological perceptions are a lot more in tune than we would think and that our brain is a massive storage center that helps us cope with all of our environmental stressors.

He said our nervous system helps to define us and works with our brain on how we will react to situations. Carducci said nervous

systems are tweaked higher in some individuals and these variations lead to people becoming introverts or extroverts. He said our experiences mold our nervous systems and tell our brains to either shut down or take action and some people are born with nervous systems that have a predisposition of being more sensitive.

Carducci said he agreed with Fine's theory that our brain has a tendency to be protective and usually leads us in the path of least resistance. He said this is why it is easier for us to blame others or outside factors rather than to process our own behaviors and mistakes.

"Our brains work in a very economical and holistic way," Carducci said. "Our dominant responses are triggered in times of stress, strain or arousal and we must be tuned into our brain's reactions to such circumstances."

Nancy Totten, coordinator of public services for the IUS Library, said she enjoyed the book but found it a little depressing in places. She said she felt hopeless in some parts, especially when Fine touched on the "prima donna" within theory.

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SGA pass every bill

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The Student Government Association moved every bill on the agenda into emergency status on their April 12 meeting.

They voted to waive their April 19 meeting so they could hold an SGA retreat, which is used as a conference to talk about the upcoming session and other topics.

The bills had to be passed this week to avoid missing the events the bills were providing money for.

One bill reimbursed Flo Gonya, general studies senior and SGA president, \$42.91 for drinks she bought for the SGA election event on March 16.

Also, SGA is getting ready for Earth Day, scheduled for April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students who want to participate need to sign up at either the SGA office in University Center or call them at 941-2252.

Gonya also said students can e-mail any representative in SGA.

Students who sign up will receive a T-shirt and will also be the first to be served food at the event.

A bill that allotted \$400 for food was amended to allot \$415 to allow for more vegetarian sandwiches for the event.

In the original bill, 300 barbecue sandwiches were

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Diversity in Ecuador

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Fourteen IU Southeast students will be heading to Ecuador this summer to study abroad and on Thursday, April 12, they held a silent auction to raise money.

Explorations on Diversity Education: Summer in Ecuador is "a two-week summer program, focusing on education, cultural immersion, research and service learning," according to a handout at the auction.

Kelly Dehr, elementary education senior, was on hand at the event to answer questions about the trip.

"We leave May 26 and we will return on June 11," she said. "This is the sixth year

of the trip and we are very excited.

"Out of the 14 students attending, seven are from the education department and seven are from the nursing school," Dehr said.

"The education students will present lessons in conjunction with the schools in the towns," she said, "and the nursing students will provide aid, including dental exams, sex education, hygiene and disease awareness."

The auction, which was held in the coffee shop located in the front of the IUS Library, is a tool the students use every year to gain money for the trip. Items up for auc-

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Crash



Photo by Kyle O'Donnell

English senior Michael Wilmes is upset after his truck is hit by another driver on Monday, April 9. Neither Wilmes nor the driver of the car were injured in the accident.

Arts competition celebrates nature

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The IUS Library held its fifth annual Fine Arts Competition last week. In previous years, the works had to follow a theme celebrating the nature and importance of books, literature, libraries, reading and literacy. This is the first year students could enter a work on any subject or theme.

The competition was open to IUS students only, but not limited to art students.

Nancy Totten, Coordinator of Public Services and Library Instruction, was pleased with the competition this year and with the help the library received.

"We've had a lot of good support from the art department," Totten said.

The competition started because C. Martin Rosen, Director of Library Services, wanted to get some art to hang in the library.

The competition was judged by Penny Sisto, a southern Indiana fiber artist.

Students who entered art work in the competition were eligible to receive several awards.

The Grand Prize Purchase award of \$300 and First Merit Award for a drawing went to Ben Hammond, ceramics junior, for his drawing entitled "Reflection Portrait." Hammond also received the Directors Discretionary Purchase Award of \$300 for



Photo by Caroline Bryan

Ben Hammond, ceramics junior, won the Grand Purchase Prize of \$300 for his drawing entitled "Reflection Portrait."

his drawing "Research Study".

"I missed the first show here, so this was my chance to show off my work," Hammond said.

This is Hammond's first award received for his art. He didn't start his art career until his senior year in high school.

"I did some good drawings in high school and then started taking art classes at IUS," he said.

Hammond has plans to find a good school to get his master's degree and then someday become a

professor.

Mary Jo Moss received the First Merit Award for Graphic Design for her piece called "Alcoma Pueblo."

Moss has a bachelor's degree in English and is taking art classes at IU Southeast to pursue a late life interest.

"The faculty here is just outstanding," Moss said. "Most of my work is generated from assignments."

Lisa Henry, fine arts junior, received the First Merit

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Job fair success with both employers, prospects

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On the evening of April 12, IU Southeast opened up the Activities Center to employers, job seekers and the community for its spring semester job fair.

There were 56 employers represented and approximately 225 jobseekers said Lynn Prinz, the assistant director of Career Services.

"The goal of the job fair was two-fold: First, to serve the students, the employers and the community," Prinz said. "And second, for it to be a good representation of IU Southeast to the community."

"The employers were very pleased with the Job Fair," Prinz said. "They said they talked to excellent candidates who were very well-prepared."

The employers ranged from media companies like WHAS-TV and WJIE radio, to transportation companies like Federal Express and United Parcel Service. They also ranged from banking companies like Fifth Third Bank and Republic Bank, to retailers like Kroger and Target.

Job seekers entering the Activities Center were greeted by tables of Career Service employees and volunteers. The workers passed out name tags and literature on how to 'work a job fair.' They also led first-timers to an orientation in the lobby, so that these job seekers could get the most out of the Job Fair.

The prospective employees then walked down a flight of stairs to the floor of the gymnasium. The employers were

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set up in booths that were arranged in six rows, in alphabetical order. The aisles between the booths were narrow, which seemed to stimulate conversation between employers and job seekers.

Tom Rose is an alumnus of IU Southeast, and now lives in Jeffersonville, Ind.

"I think the Job Fair is wonderful," Rose said. "I like the way it is organized. Overall, the orientation was very useful. It looks like a win-win situation for the employers and employees."

John Ryan, business senior, said he was very impressed with the Job Fair.

"There's a varied number of employers here, and they range from insurance companies to government agencies to transportation companies," Ryan said.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity for students to find out whether they relate to certain companies. You can shake hands with company representatives and learn

whether you meet their needs or they meet yours."

Elena Garrett, assistant unit manager, and Scotty King, field representative, manned the United American Insurance Company booth. Garrett seemed pleased with the outcome of the job fair.

"Its been a very busy night with a lot of activity," Garrett said. "People have been very prepared."

"We are looking for employees who are very energetic and enthusiastic. Who want to help others and have a career opportunity with no limit on advancement."

Scott Harris, 21, is a New Albany, Ind. resident. He is not an IUS student. He said that he found the Job Fair very informational.

"Hopefully, something good will come out of it," Harris said. "My talk with Jewish Hospital went very well. They had a couple of

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