

IU President Myles Brand visits IUS

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While on campus for the dedication of the renovated Life Science Building, Indiana University President Myles Brand held a question-and-answer session with interested students.

"Typically, he would visit the campus once a year," SGA President Andrew Takami said.

"It is very unusual for students to get to ask questions directly to him in a town hall meeting like atmosphere."

The session started with the students in attendance introducing himself or herself to the president.

The audience was rather small, made up mostly of student ambassadors and student government representatives.

"He was competing with Jim Wand at the same time in the commons, and Wand was winning in attendance," Takami said.

The president opened up by asking the students how IUS was affected by the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"We kept classes going so students would have a chance to talk about it," Brand said. "People were upset on all the campuses, and I wanted to allow students the opportunity to discuss it with instructors and with their peers."

Most of the students seemed pleased that classes went on as scheduled.

"I think we have really come together as a school," sophomore nursing major Jammie Mathes said. "At first I was upset that we had to go to class the day after, but I really think it was a good thing."

Brand went on to say that many Muslim students in Bloomington were very nervous about coming to class the day after the attacks.

"Some Muslim students wouldn't even leave their rooms," Brand said. "So we set up a service where students would escort Muslim students to class. For every Muslim student that asked for an escort there were 40 volunteers."

The discussion then turned to the search for a new chancellor.

The students voiced their support for Chancellor Richardson and asked what sort of advice Brand would have for the search committee.

"We want someone with the same values and ethics as F.C.," Brand said. "Someone who will work in new students, promote further growth in the campus, and help us increase the quality of education."

Campus housing was a big discussion as students wanted to know the university's stance on the issue.

"The plan is not to turn IUS into a

residential campus," Brand said. "But it does make sense that 5 to 10 percent could live in campus housing. We are not trying to replicate Bloomington, but I think it is a good idea and it will come. Can I give you a date when it will come, no."

Campus housing brought up the subject of the state's freeze on all capital projects. The new library building is one of the projects that could be delayed because of the freeze.

"If the business cycle settles down within a year we will remain on schedule," Brand said. "We are just waiting for the economy to improve."

Brand also discussed the rise in tuition.

"While the tuition is going up, so is the quality of education with the hiring of more full-time professors," Brand said.

The students also brought up the proposed bachelor's degree in journalism.

"It is a mystery to me how the commission chooses when to approve degrees," Brand said. "I think the commission will be a little more forthcoming in the future now the debate on how community colleges fit in with other state institutions has been worked out."

Brand also said that students could expect to see more bachelor's



Photo by Kevin Smith

IU President Myles Brand dedicates the Life Science Building last Thursday. Earlier in the day, Brand met with students to discuss the current and future status of IUS.

degrees offered on campus as the school continues to grow.

"Community colleges will focus more on associate's degrees," Brand said.

"This campus is a four-year school."

The overall main theme was the continued growth of IUS.

"I see a continuance of the upward trend of growth," Brand said. "It will not be as massive as we have seen in previous years, but it will continue."

"Quality will improve as more full time professors are hired, as new degrees are offered, and as new structures like the library are completed. IUS is the fastest growing of the small IU campuses. I see no reason that it won't continue."

Honors Research minor better fits students schedules

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Many students are interested in choosing a minor but cannot fit any more classes into their schedule.

One option for these students is the Honors Research minor, a lesser-known minor at IUS.

"There is only one course that is associated with the minor called the Honors Seminar," said Donna Dahlgren, associate professor of psychology. "There are 15 other credit hours that you have to do, but six of those are research hours."

"Others are upper division classes in your specialty. So, if you were in biology, your 400 level classes would count toward your minor. It doesn't really add a lot of classes

that you have to take."

The minor is designed for juniors and seniors in BA programs. The core of the minor is an Honors Thesis that is written and submitted to the Honors Council, a group of faculty from the Arts and Science divisions, Economics, and the library.

"The Honors Council reads the paper and has to approve it," Dahlgren said. "They are also the ones that approve the thesis topic on the thesis."

The thesis is an independent research project that must be completed while a student at IUS.

"A student from any school on campus can participate," said Marcia Segal, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of

research.

"They can work either in their own discipline or they can work in an Arts and Science discipline. For example, a business major may want to do a history project."

Students who desire to be in the program would start by discussing a project with a professor and asking them to be their Honors Mentor.

"Essentially, the mentor will read drafts of the paper, help them design the project, and make sure the student continues to make progress towards finishing their thesis," Dahlgren said.

The mentor must be an Arts and Science faculty member who is willing to work with the student. In some cases part-time professors can be a mentor.

The minor is designed for highly motivated, self-disciplined undergraduates.

"It gives you an opportunity to try out planning a major project on your own," Segal said.

"You really do need to be a good student for this. Not necessarily a 4.0 student, but it does take a certain amount of dedication."

Students will normally be expected to have at least a 3.3 GPA in their major, show high aptitude in their

chosen area, and be recommended by a member of the Arts and Sciences.

"I think it enhances communication skills, because they have to defend and understand why they are doing what they are doing," Dahlgren said.

"It looks great on your résumé that you have the abilities to organize and complete a research project. It also looks really nice on an application to graduate school."

The main problem the council has is letting students know that this is available to them.

"A lot of faculty members don't really seem to know as much about it as I would hope they would," Segal said.

"We would love to find a way for more students to become aware of this. We think if more students knew about it, they would approach their faculty members and say they wanted to do this."

Dildos for door prizes

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A recent relationship lecture sponsored by the Student Program Council has stirred up many concerns among IUS students and faculty members.

The lecture, titled "Getting to Know You," was held on Oct. 2, with Kim Airs as the speaker.

The relationship lecture, meant to discuss safe sex and sexually transmitted diseases, turned into what some are calling an "infomercial" about Kim Airs' adult novelty store with dildos given away for door prizes.

After hearing about the "Getting to Know You" lecture, some professors decided to offer their students extra credit to attend. When students came to class complaining about the lecture, professors became concerned with what actually happened.

"I didn't actually go, but I am concerned about my students' responses to the lecture," said Michael Abernathy, visiting lecturer in communications. "The material presented didn't seem to be academic in nature."

While Abernathy said he had no problem with the SPC, he was concerned that someone didn't stop the lecture when it began to stray academically.

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Michael Abernathy
communications lecturer

"Many students reported that the seminar was short on actual content about relationships," Abernathy said. "They were shocked with the demonstrations on how to put a condom on with your mouth and the passing out of sex toys."

Psychology Professor Bernardo Carducci, extra credited to give his students extra credit if they attended the lecture.

"My students were not necessarily offended by the lecture, but were entertained, and found the discussions to be interesting," Carducci said. "Their biggest concern was the commercial nature of

the content discussed."

Carducci's students referred to the lecture as an "infomercial."

"The lecture was supposed to be based on safe sex, yet Kim Airs passed out fliers about her products sold at her novelty store," Carducci said. "They were concerned that IUS would allow this type of lecture."

With concerns rising, many are asking for an explanation from the SPC about the "Getting to Know You" lecture.

"Eighty-five percent of the topics discussed were very appropriate," said Kathy Corbean, interim associate director of Campus Life. "It was the last minutes of the program that was unexpected."

Corbean said that the lecture became uncomfortable when the speaker began to mention ways to increase pleasure during safe sex.

"The SPC was very unwise to approach," Corbean said. "We want to put this all behind us and concentrate on the positive programming the SPC sponsors, such as the Children's Hour series and Alcohol-Awareness Week activities."

The SPC is planning to hold more relationship lectures this year, with the next lecture being on Nov. 28.

Jeepers Creepers



Photo by Courtney R. Newsome

Creatures of the night come to life in the Baxter Avenue Morgue. IUS student Zak Becher helped to create one of Louisville's newest haunted houses.
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