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SGA elections start this week

• Students go to the polls to decide who will run their government next year

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Elections for the Student Government Association are this week, and for the first time in many years, there is a race for the presidency.

Senior computer information systems major Aebeer Mallick and junior history major Rob Vest are both competing for the chance to be the head of SGA.

"Hopefully, if we have done nothing else, I hope we have made SGA a representative body for the students that is worth fighting for," current SGA President Andrew Takami said. "We have a race for president and vice president. It is very exciting."

In order to get on the ballot for president, candidates had to acquire signatures of three percent of the students on campus, a number that ended up being around 192 signatures.

"There are a lot of students on campus that feel that the Student Government does not represent them as much as it represents the administration, and in many ways I agree with them," Vest said. "I want to change that."

Mallick said that her main motivation was a desire to help the students.

"I want to do what I can for the students," Mallick said. "I can take their suggestions to the administrators and act as a voice for the students."

Being SGA president means a lot of extra work.

"When I was running for president my first year, Adam Dickey, the president at the time, told me there is so much work and it takes up so much of your time," Takami said. "I said to him, 'Oh, it's not going to be that bad.' Well, it is. Not that it's bad, it's just really busy. But, it is very rewarding and I enjoy every minute of it."

Taking over for Takami, who has served as president for two years, will not be easy.

"It is going to be very difficult to fill Andrew's shoes," Mallick said. "He has been a great president and has achieved a lot for the students. But, I think I can bring a new perspective to the SGA."

Vest agrees that it isn't going to be easy to follow Takami.

"I'm no Andrew Takami," Vest said. "No one on campus can be. But I think I can accomplish just as much, just by different methods. Also, I think I am more willing to be critical of the administration than he is."

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Andrew Takami
SGA President

I've never really heard him give any criticism towards the administration."

One of the major issues that the candidates disagree on is the recent SGA vote to increase student activity fees.

"I was the only person who voted against raising the student activity fees," Vest said. "I see a lot of it going to things that the students don't get involved in. Fifty percent goes towards sports activities. The distribution of money is unfair."

Mallick sees things a little differently.

"I wrote that legislation, so I was very much in support of it," Mallick said. "One of the main reasons is the Children's Center. Forty percent of our enrollment is non-traditional students, and a lot of them have kids. Some of the fees would go to the center to get it licensed. I truly think that would help the students."

"And as far as sports go, we might not have great interest now, but there is always a beginning."

Campus housing is another big issue in the SGA.

"One of my main goals as president would be getting campus housing for IUS," Mallick said. "I don't know if I can achieve it, but I think I can help take it a step further. We are a growing campus, so I think it is achievable over time."

Vest feels that it is not practical to dwell on campus housing, as there is nothing a president can do to achieve it.

"I am neither for it nor against it," Vest said. "We would need 10,000 students on this campus to even get campus housing. We couldn't do that in a year, so I couldn't do anything to accomplish that. I don't think it is that big of an issue."

Takami said that a large array of new challenges would be awaiting the next president.

"It will be very important to build an influence with the next chancellor," Takami said. "In that first year he or she will decide if they think the SGA is a serious organiza-

tion that should be listened to and whether our views should be considered."

Takami also offered some advice to whoever wins the race for the presidency.

"Before honor comes humility," Takami said. "The need for power has been the most damaging thing to the SGA. Even though power is a major motivator, don't step on everyone else to get it. Whoever wins must always remember that they are the chief servants of the students. We must serve their goals, not our personal ones."

He added that making a difference is the most important thing.

"A former president once said, 'It is our time, let us embrace it,'" Takami said. "You must do what you can now before your time is up. I look back over my term, going from two years to now two weeks, and I wonder, what I could have done to accomplish more."

"The most important thing is to work with the administration," Takami said. "We may not have a vote, but we do have influence, and that can be even more important."

Voting for the president, vice president, and senate positions will be going on all this week, with a winner being announced on Thursday at an election party open to all students.

"I have a lot more experience in the SGA, so I think that will help me to be a better president," Mallick said. "I know a lot of people on campus and try to get involved in anything I can. That is my way to get to know more people and be able to hear their concerns."

Vest said that he feels his inexperience is a positive thing.

"It means I'm not part of the status quo," Vest said. "I am an outsider looking in, and so I can see what is wrong. I can see the forest for the trees."

Voting will be held at the following times and places:

Monday, March 18

12:15 to 1:15 outside SGA office
5:30 to 7:30 in Crestview Hall

Tuesday, March 19

12:15 to 1:15 outside SGA office
5:30 to 7:30 in Life Science

Wednesday, March 20

12:15 to 1:15 outside SGA office
5:30 to 7:30 in Hillside Hall

Thursday, March 21

12:15 to 1:15 outside SGA office
5:30 to 7:30 in Knobview

Winners will be announced on March 21 at election party open to all students.

Campus Voices

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In "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler, the author asks women two questions: "What would your vagina wear?" and "What would it say?" The Horizon asked IUS students the same questions, but to both genders.

What would your vagina wear? What would it say?



"Mine would giggle and say hi and wear a prom dress."
Laura Holland
sophomore
computer science



"She would wear thongs or nothing else and would say, 'You don't have enough time for me.'"
Mindy Martin
freshman
undecided



"Mine would wear a black, leather minidress and say, 'Hi Sexy.'"
Rhi McDowell
Sophomore
French-Spanish



"It would wear pajamas and say, 'You want to do what?'"
Marla Baldwin
freshman
biology
political science



"It would say, 'Be nice,' and wear cotton."
Carly Bray
junior
biology

What would your penis wear? What would it say?



"I would put it in a shirt with flames and it would say, 'Caution: Dangerous when hot.'"
Render Reynolds
sophomore
English secondary education



"It would go naked and say, 'Do you like what you see.'"
Gabe Nalley
senior
Business management



"It'd wear a belt buckle that says 'Tiny Elvis' and would say 'These guys are nuts.'"
Mike McDonald
freshman
business management



"It'd wear some workout clothes and say, 'I'll make you stretch.'"
Travis Westmoreland
freshman
criminal justice

IUS students win best delegation award

By JACOB ARCHIBALD
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For the second time in three years, students from IUS walked away from the Model Arab League competition with the award for Best Delegation.

The team from IUS – Josh Hecker, Amad Ali, Matt Skeens, Britany Ott, and Tony Singleton – represented the United Arab Emirates in the competition, which took place Feb. 20-23 at Miami University, Ohio.

The Model Arab League, which can be taken for one credit through IUS, is a program sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations that helps both high school and college students learn about parliamentary procedure and increase their understanding of the Arab world.

Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Clifford Staten, said the benefits of participating in the Model Arab League are enormous.

"Students learn the give and take of diplomacy while improving their writing, public speaking, and debating skills," he said.

The Model Arab League is not only a great learning experience but an eye-opening experience as well Josh Hecker said.

"It requires looking at situations through the eyes of someone in a different country, and that's the most important thing to me about the program, the different perspective that one gets out of the experience," he said.

In addition to academic benefits, the Model Arab League also gives students the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom while getting to have fun and meet new people from their own universities and others.

"I want everyone to know that participating in events such as the Model Arab League, will not only help in almost every facet of their



Courtesy Photo

The IUS representatives at the Model Arab League competition receive an award for the Best Delegation. Pictured from left to right are Amad Ali, Tony Singleton, Matt Skeens, Josh Hecker, Britany Ott, and Dean of Social Sciences Cliff Staten.

education, but will also help students learn to work with people," Amad Ali said.

The competition is highly competitive and attracts students from major universities that have Eastern Studies Departments and students from the Middle East and Arab World.

Preparing for the competition takes a lot of hard work. The team met once a week for six weeks in addition to preparing research for the program independently.

"One must do a great deal of research in order to be competitive, and accurately represent the country that one has been assigned to," Hecker said. "Everyone that attends the program takes it very seriously."