

Btown wins

Btown wins with 53 percent of the vote in IUSA election

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IU alumnus and one of four candidates for the new dean of students Pete Goldsmith addresses questions from the audience Wednesday afternoon in the Wells-Metz Theatre. Goldsmith currently works as the vice president for enrollment and student affairs at Kent State University.

2nd dean candidate answers questions

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Dean of students candidate Pete Goldsmith fielded questions Wednesday at the Wells-Metz Theatre, promoting greater communication as a path to a better university.

Goldsmith, the current vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at Kent State University and the second candidate to visit IU, started with an introduction and a recap of his history in higher education and his time as a student at IU.

"IU turned out to be a great experience," Goldsmith said. "It challenged me to be more developed and more skilled."

After his introduction, the audience of mainly faculty and staff spent almost an hour asking Goldsmith questions regarding student access to administrators, student advocacy and dealing with budget issues.

But one of the night's most popular topics was Goldsmith's plan to deal with alcohol on campus.

"I think anyone who works in student affairs more than a day and a half deals with alcohol," Goldsmith said.

He also said the larger issues with alcohol are the vandalism and violence it contributes to, so confronting excess and helping students is key. Goldsmith said he supports the University's current campus alcohol policies.

Another topic that raised a lot of questions was Goldsmith's experience with greek systems. He said he has dealt with them through most of his career, and if he gets the position, he would like to have strong communication between the University and its chapters.

"We should have that talk about what it means to be a greek in the 21st century," Goldsmith said.

Senior Cameron Pulaski attended Monday and Wednesday's forums for the first two dean candidates. He said he was impressed with Goldsmith's experience with greek life and thought Goldsmith had more knowledge about it than Frank Sanchez, the first candidate.

"Goldsmith has more experience dealing with greek organizations, and that's a very prominent issue," Pulaski said.

In addition to greek life, the discussion also touched upon IU's tobacco ban, Goldsmith's experience with campus disasters and increasing graduation rates. He said it is crucial for student affairs administrators to put their efforts into a freshman's first taste of college life.

"The first six weeks are critical," Goldsmith said. "Most students will decide if they are going to stay or leave in six weeks."

Tara Slaughter, a graduate student, attended both forums and said Sanchez appeared to have more energy than Goldsmith. There might be more of a "generation gap" with Goldsmith, she said, adding that "Sanchez had more connection with students."

Slaughter also said she has been going to the candidates' open forums because of the importance of the dean of students and what he or she represents.

"The division of student affairs serves students on levels students don't even realize," Slaughter said. "There are services students don't take advantage of until they need them."

IUSA tickets campaign at Kilroy's

Rival groups hit local bar to solicit student votes; some question ethics of political practice

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Kilroy's Bar N' Grill is frequently flooded with groups of students wearing color-coded T-shirts and celebrating bar crawls, birthdays and bachelorette parties.

But Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning, people wearing red and orange T-shirts representing rival IU

Student Association tickets were doing more than just raising bar tabs — they were raising vote tallies.

Both the Btown and Red-Hot tickets were soliciting votes in and out of Kilroy's Bar N' Grill, causing some IU leaders to question the ethical implications of seeking votes from students under the influence of alcohol.

Dean of Students Dick McKaig said the situation "sounds questionable" but

added it is "not automatically reprehensible of the two tickets."

"Students need to be responsible enough to make decisions," McKaig said.

The current administration, known as the Big Red ticket in last year's race, did not campaign at bars during last year's election.

"We thought it could have a negative connotation to it," said senior Luke

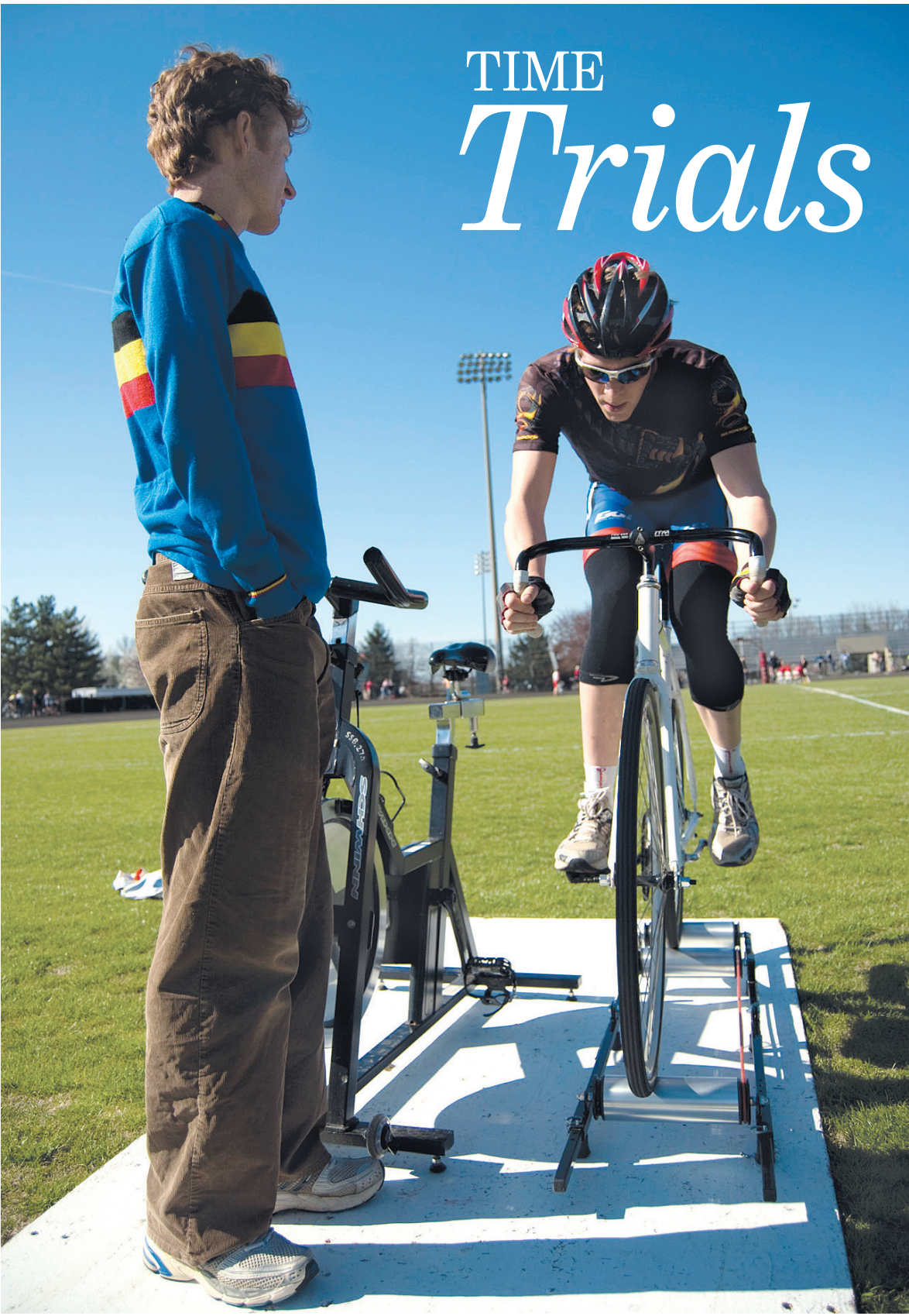
Fields, current IUSA president. "We were concerned that there would be potential problems."

On Tuesday, members of Btown sat in front of laptops at a table on Kilroy's outdoor patio, asking students in and out of the bar for votes.

Members of Red-Hot were stationed inside in two locations. A table near the

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THE **LITTLE 500**



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Cutters coach Jim Kirkham advises freshman Michael Schroeder of Cutters before his time trial Wednesday afternoon at Bill Armstrong Stadium. Cutters will defend their title in this year's Little 500.

Hewitt, Young win

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"Hellacious."
"Dreaded."
"Lasts forever."

Riders offered colorful descriptions for Wednesday's Individual Time Trials at Bill Armstrong Stadium. Despite the event's grueling nature, Wing It senior Kristi Hewitt set a new track record and the Cutters' Eric Young posted the fastest men's time since 2006.

Hewitt put in a four-lap time of 2:34.00, breaking the 2:34.27 mark set by Teter's Sarah Reike in 2007. Hewitt's time topped the leaderboard by more than 5 seconds. Second-place finisher Jennifer Balbach of Kappa Delta posted a time of 2:39.55

Hewitt did it with an arm injury she sustained during a spring break cycling accident.

"My goal wasn't thinking about the competition," Hewitt said. "I just wanted to improve my time from last year. I like to know that my training and my hard work pays off. I just pedaled and rode with my heart."

Hewitt successfully defended her 2008 ITT title,



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ABOVE Eric Young of the Cutters, right, passes Matt Neibler of Delta Tau Delta during Individual Time Trials on Wednesday. Young, with a time of 2:18.25, had the fastest time of the evening. **LEFT** A bike passes the starting line to begin Lap Three on Wednesday at Bill Armstrong Stadium. Riders rode four laps around the bike track during Individual Time Trials.

IU lobbyists fight for more state dollars

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With Senate budget recommendations expected within a week, it remains unclear how the state will ultimately fund IU in light of vanishing tax revenue throughout the ongoing economic downturn.

A severe funding shortfall could eventually force University officials to cut academic programs, raise tuition or lay off staff, officials have said.

University lobbyists in Indianapolis continue work this week to convince legislators of the need for sustained University appropriations. And while they said those efforts have not been in vain, they added that it's tough to reconcile a discrepancy between budget recommendations already released by both Gov. Mitch Daniels and the House of Representatives.

The House recommended a 1 percent increase in IU funding, but Daniels proposed a 4 percent cut.

Senate Democrats say the split speaks to a difference in priorities between the governor and legislators. But, they add, his proposal came before the guarantee of a federal stimulus package.

This marks one of the toughest years for higher education advocates, faced with a recession that threatens to impact most sectors of Indiana's government.

Lobbyists and administrators said they like the House version of the budget and the 1 percent funding increase for the University. It's a change in tone from recent years, when University leaders bemoaned increases that failed to keep pace with the 3 percent inflation rate.

And while officials in Indianapolis such as Tom Morrison, vice president of public affairs and government relations, don't criticize the governor's proposal, Morrison said another round of significant funding cuts could be "institution-altering."

This year, University funding was cut 1 percent amid the worsening financial storm. To balance the budget, IU President Michael McRobbie instructed University leaders to cut spending 1 percent across the board.

McRobbie realized, officials said, the need for proactive measures, to trim spending and convince weary legislators.

"You're always looking for efficiencies," Morrison said. "And this year it's been important because of the cuts."

Tom Morrison's office is on the 17th floor of a downtown Indianapolis skyscraper. A Ball State University degree hangs on the wall as the drone of the Statehouse Web cast plays through computer speakers. It's his first year at IU since leaving a similar position at Ball State.

Friends tell him, "Boy, did you pick the wrong year to change jobs."

Morrison said he knows the Statehouse "players" and expressed optimism despite the challenges for a person in his position.

"I think it will be closer to here than

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CORRECTION

The headline and story that appeared in Wednesday's Indiana Daily Student article "Solo time trials begin Thursday" contained incorrect information. Time trials took place Wednesday.

Also, in that same story, a photo caption incorrectly identified Phi Kappa Psi senior rider Adam Mercer.

The IDS regrets these errors.