

Informatics Student Government

President of the Informatics Student Government (ISG), Brad Jones, explains how his organization advocates for students and describes current initiatives.

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### **Transcript**

[ B. Jones ] My name is Brad Jones. I'm the current president of the Informatics Student Government, which is known as the ISG. The primary function of the ISG is to give the students of the School of Informatics an avenue and a way to voice their opinions and concerns.

What we want to do is get our name known. A lot of students in the School of Informatics do not know they have an avenue to voice their opinions and concerns, so our initiative is to actually get the ISG name out there. As far as that goes, just have them understand that there is funding out there and they can actually orchestrate and be part of events and part of this organization, and actually learn a lot from it.

As far as one of the issues I can tell you about we just came across is the vending machine area over here. Someone actually came up to us--Mitch, Mitchum Owen to be exact--and they voiced their concern to us that the vending machines didn't regulate the right temperatures, so things in the vending machine would be melting when they weren't supposed to be melting. So this was one of the concerns with the student body, so we actually spoke to, I believe, Brenda Harris, and she got in contact with a maintenance coordinator and actually they checked it out and come to find out, there were actually two faulty ventilation systems and bands that weren't working. So actually they got on that and ordered them and either they are installed now or they will be installed as of the end of next week, I believe. What we plan on doing right now is just working on getting that thing established as far as organization simply because we are restructuring. One of the things--simple marketing tools such as flyers, initiatives, things like that. And then what we're thinking about doing is maybe having some type of bigger event toward the end of the semester, just to kind of get the name out there for the final end-of-semester faces.

Towards the end of April, we should have a new website, but right now what I'm telling students is to go to either of two places. You can go to <http://isg.informatics.iupui.edu> and there's a link to actually go to email there, or you can just email me directly at [bajones@iupui.edu](mailto:bajones@iupui.edu).