Getting to know Ryan Kimball

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When the polls were counted and the voting had ended, Ryan Kimball breathed a sigh of relief. He had finally done what he set out to do: win the Student Government Association (SGA) President position.

Kimball, a junior communication major and health administration minor, felt that this time it was right to run for the SGA position.

“I told Augustus Herring [former SGA president], that I would be in his place in four years,” said Kimball. “It just started snowballing and look where I am now. I did it.”

According to Kimball, there are different types of leadership. However, to him, the most important is the leader’s ability to empower others to do good things.

“Don’t be afraid to voice your opinions,” said Kimball. “Just talking to a friend doesn’t help. Go right to the source.”

“We know what we want to change, but we don’t know what you want to change.”

One might think that Kimball and his competition aren’t very close; however, he said this has only made them closer.

“The campaign wasn’t easy,” said Kimball. “The competition [Robert Fink] was very good. But it made us work hard and in the end it was a win-win situation.”

According to Kimball, the time leading up to the announcement was the most nerve-racking.

“It was so overwhelming,” said Kimball. “I remember just sitting with my hands between my legs and my head on my knees. When I heard the announcement I was in shock.”

A substantial number of people congratulated Kimball.

“I couldn’t believe how many people came up to me to say congratulations,” said Kimball. “It was so amazing to me. Even people who didn’t know who I was or people I haven’t seen in a while came up to me.”

A difficult part of being SGA president that Kimball has to face is time management. Kimball is not only involved in SGA, but is a residence hall advisor and a cheerleader.

“I love hanging out with friends and being involved in the University,” said Kimball. “Handling all of these things can be tough but it can be done.”

“I know that this is going to be an amazing experience,” said Kimball. “I can’t wait to get the campus community involved.”

Second ‘Potter’ DVD magical for fans of series

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After months of waiting since its theatrical release, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets has come home on a 2-disc DVD. Unlike its predecessor The Sorcerer’s Stone, the Secret DVD was worth the wait.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is the second installment in J.K. Rowling’s wizard series. This time around, it is Harry’s (Daniel Radcliffe) second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and there is trouble afoot. Shortly after Harry’s disastrous arrival at the school, students begin to turn to stone, rumors fly around school about a secret chamber, and a mythical monster inside. Soon, everybody believes the bespectacled wizard is the one behind the attacks, and it is up to Harry and friends to solve the mystery and hopefully save the students and school from being closed.

The movie is available on either 2.35:1 wide-screen or fullscreen. The picture, as with the first movie’s DVD, is clear, without any digital grain. The audio is excellent, with everything from whispers, whispers and screams easily heard.

The most anticipated feature on this DVD is the 19 deleted and extended scenes. While the extended scenes are nothing magical, the deleted scenes are a real treat for Potter fans. Most of these additions are events or scenes that occurred in the novel, but had to be cut due to time constraints on the film. One very nice feature for the deleted and extended scenes is that their audio and video quality is the same as the rest of the movie, which is rare on DVDs.

The next big feature on the Secret disc is an interview with the author of the books, Rowling herself and the screenwriter Steve Kloves. They discuss the work involved in bringing a popular novel to the big screen, what should and should not be changed from the book to the movie, their favorite scenes, what they were worried would have trouble translating onto the big screen, among other things.

The set also includes very short interviews with many of the cast members. They discuss how their characters have grown since the first movie, what their friends think and their favorite scenes.

As with the Stone DVD, there are tours of the scenes. As with the movie, what their friends think and their favorite scenes.

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