

FOOTBALL

Evening game contributes to increased police enforcement

By Jon Nyatawa
Sports Editor

Purdue police officers will make a concerted effort to monitor patrons as they enter Ross-Ade Stadium Saturday night, hoping to suppress the amount of intoxicated fans in an expectedly rowdy crowd.

There won't be a substantial increase of police presence at Saturday's nationally televised football game between No. 23 Purdue and No. 4 Ohio State, according to Purdue Police Capt. Tim Potts.

But because of the game's 8:12 p.m.

start time, the latest in more than 11 years, Potts said it's logical to expect an increase of intoxicated individuals.

And police would like to keep those people away from Ross-Ade for the safety and convenience of everyone else.

"We want to take care of them before they come in and ruin the atmosphere for the other fans," Potts said. "We know that we're going to deal with that person sooner or later."

In the minds of some fans, too many alcohol-related incidences occurred after Purdue's last night game, a 6:47 p.m. start against Notre Dame in 2005.

The Athletic Department received a number of complaints in the days following a 49-28 Purdue loss, according to Steve Simmerman, assistant athletic director for facilities.

Most of the concern related to a lack of perceived safety.

"We had people call in saying they sat near fans who obviously had too much to drink and these patrons did not feel safe," Simmerman said.

"There were fans who got caught up in the excitement and maybe they were standing for an entire quarter. But

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Ken Ko | Exponent Photographer
Matt Lamb and Jeff Lamb, both Purdue alumni, tailgate with their family prior to the Notre Dame football game. As opposed to last weekend, most parking lots won't open until noon Saturday due to the 8:12 p.m. start time.

HOT DOGS WITH TOP DOGS



Brent Forgues | Senior Photographer

John Strickroot, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts and state relations director for Purdue Student Government, prepares a hot dog as Cindy Nakatsu, interim dean of the graduate school, offers a hot dog to passers-by Wednesday afternoon on the Memorial Mall. Hosted by PSG, Hot Dogs with the Top Dogs gave members of the Purdue community a chance to speak with administrators about student and faculty issues. For a story and slideshow from the event, visit www.purdueexponent.org.

STRATEGIC PLAN

University will continue fundraising

By Kaye Maloney
Staff Reporter

Purdue president France Córdova said the University will continue to be in fundraising mode, even though Purdue's former strategic plan concluded with a raised sum of \$1.7 billion dollars.

"This is a good time to have a shorter, smaller, 'mini' campaign or two focused in special areas," Córdova wrote in an e-mail. "I have short- and long-term ideas for our fundraising."

Córdova said she will present her strategic plan to the Board of Trustees in May. Before she can

produce a draft for the strategic plan, however, the president will select people for a strategic plan committee.

"I will select members based on their expertise and enthusiasm, with input from faculty, student, staff, alumni and community leaders," Córdova said.

Purdue's first strategic plan was finalized in November 2001, about a year after former Purdue president Martin Jischke began his term. President Emeritus Steven Beering, who served for 17 years, stepped down in 2000 before the Board of Trustees launched a search for a new president.

The search for Beering's successor

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JENA SIX

Forum opens discussion of racism

By Emily Fata
Staff Reporter

Tempers flared in Beering Hall Wednesday night as more than 50 students gathered to voice their opinions about recent race-related scandals.

The forum – dubbed "Where Do You Stand?" – was hosted by five members of the Zeta Sigma Chi multicultural sorority and attracted students of varying races and ethnic backgrounds. The dialogue began with an overview of prominent news stories, focusing predominately on the arrest and trial of the Jena Six.

The Jena Six scandal occurred nearly a year ago when white high school students in Jena, La., were briefly suspended after hanging nooses on a tree on the school's campus.

The event has gained much media attention in recent weeks. The nation is in an uproar, debating whether the retaliation of six black students who assaulted a white classmate was justified.

Purdue students eagerly voiced their opinions at this forum, openly discussing whether they believed the initial charges of attempted murder and conspiracy against these six students were because of a racist jury and prosecution.

"I think once someone gets hit, they're allowed to hit back," said Tanyè Tyler, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts. "The hanging of the



AP Photo

Protesters walk outside the U.S. Justice Department Tuesday in Washington, D.C., to demand all charges be dropped against the Jena Six.

nooses was a hit."

Some students expressed views that physical retaliation is never an effective means of communication.

"You can't jump out at everyone who calls you a name," said Liz Sexton, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts, "or otherwise you'll forever be fighting."

The majority of students seemed to agree that racism is still prevalent

in American society, even on the Purdue's campus.

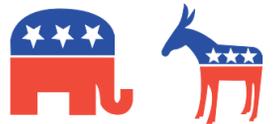
Loren Cobbs, a freshman in the College of Science, was praised by the audience when she addressed the unequal treatment of blacks in today's modern society.

"Why do African Americans always have to be held to a higher standard?" she asked. "We're always expected to just turn our heads."

QuickREAD

Your minute read for what is important to Purdue and the world.

Who are you voting for in the 2008 presidential election?



>> For a breakdown of some of the front runners, see Page 2.

Student with brain injury released from hospital

The Purdue student who suffered bleeding in his brain after falling from a Taser shock last weekend was released from the hospital Wednesday.



Freeze

Matthew Freeze, a junior in the College of Technology, was arrested early Saturday morning for driving while intoxicated. He became uncooperative and began fighting with police when he was taken to the Tippecanoe County Jail. Due to concern of self-injury, officers tried to move Freeze from a padded cell into a restraining chair, but Freeze charged the door when it was opened. An officer with the Lafayette Police Department shocked Freeze with a Taser. Freeze's momentum carried him forward and his head hit a cement wall, causing bleeding in his brain. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Purdue deactivates student organizations this week

More than 100 student organizations have been deactivated this week because of outdated reports.

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City has issued no tickets for shitty ordinance

Do you pick up your dog's poop? If you don't, West Lafayette law says you could receive a \$35 fine.

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Workers remain trapped in South African gold mine

CARLETONVILLE, South Africa – Some 3,000 gold miners were trapped deep underground Wednesday when a burst water pipe apparently damaged the elevator shaft, but the company expected to get them out safely over the next 24 hours, officials said.

There were no reports of injuries at Harmony Gold Mining Company's Elandsrand Mine outside Carletonville, located near Johannesburg.

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