

ELECTION 2008

As candidates focus sights on Indiana, these students are taking sides as

CAMPAIGN LEADERS



Photo provided by Laurent Wrzesinski

Laurent Wrzesinski, in the blue sweatshirt, campaigns with Purdue Students for Barack Obama.



Kristen Johnson | Features Editor

Matt Lunsford, a sophomore in the School of Management, shakes hands with Ross McMullin, the chairman of College Republicans.



Photo provided by Amanda Morris

Amanda Morris, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts, poses with former President Bill Clinton.

Graduate student backs Obama for his 'work ethic'

By Kristen Johnson
Features Editor

Laurent Wrzesinski's passion for politics was ignited through his disagreement with President Bush's Sept. 11 reactions.

"The first thing that ever really bothered me about George Bush was when he was cracking a joke on television about not reading the newspaper," said Wrzesinski, a graduate student studying political science and the field coordinator for Purdue Students for Barack Obama. "I felt George Bush's response to Sept. 11 gave me and my whole generation a reason to be cynical."

On the day the Twin Towers were attacked, Wrzesinski was living in Brooklyn, a 20-minute subway ride from the World Trade Center. His friend called him at the time of the tragedy, and instead of looking to the TV, Wrzesinski stepped out onto his front porch and looked to the horizon.

"I was just standing there with my jaw wide open," he said. "The thick gray smoke, as big as buildings."

At the time, he was working at Coliseum Books, a mile north of Times Square.

"I drove right by it that day. I'll never forget the looks on the faces, the blank stares," he said. "People were coming into the store just to be close to other people."

In response to his disagreement to Bush's actions, Wrzesinski wanted to learn as much as he could about the political system, its problems, and how citizens could have better communication with their representatives. He sees an opening in the system for someone like Obama.

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Republican agrees with McCain on biggest issues

By Kristen Johnson
Features Editor

A high school government teacher inspired the soon-to-be Students for John McCain president's interest in politics.

Matt Lunsford, a sophomore in the School of Management, said his high school government teacher held a discussion-based class, allowing students to realize on their own what they believe in.

"I got a lot of facts to back my beliefs, and it made it easy and interesting to follow," he said. "I now understand more about myself and my values in politics."

Lunsford is the marketing director for Purdue College Republicans, and he is in the ending stages of finalizing the creation of Students for John McCain. His passion for McCain extends through the relationship of his own values and beliefs to his platform.

He strongly agrees with McCain's stance on the Iraq war and said that it would be irresponsible for the United States to leave Iraq now, without finishing the job and continuing to help those who view the American soldiers as good samaritans.

"I heard a pastor speak from Iraq, and he was so grateful that the American government was there protecting him because he was afraid for him and his family's life," Lunsford said, "and just last week I heard there were insurgents in the area with direct plans to take his and his family's life. We're in Iraq protecting people who can't protect themselves. Sen. McCain wants to continue to

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Student places future goals in Clinton nomination

By Kristen Johnson
Features Editor

Amanda Morris is the reason Indiana residents are able to vote for Hillary Clinton in the 2008 primaries.

Or at least, part of the reason. Morris, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts, handed in the official petition for Clinton to be on the ballot in Indiana. According to Morris, for each candidate to be on a state's ballot, 500 signatures from each congressional county in the state need to be collected and then filed. Even though she played a small role in the overall process, she still helped make it a reality.

"I had to say, 'I am here to file the petition for Hillary Clinton to be on the May primary ballot,'" Morris said. "But it was only possible with a lot of help from the people who actually collected the signatures. They are the reasons she was on there."

Morris is the president of Purdue Students for Hillary. In this role, she makes trips to the Clinton headquarters in Lafayette to call different groups of people in different states, depending on where voting is currently taking place for the primaries, to ensure they have voted.

"Now our focus is to make sure the people in Lafayette know they can vote. We just ask them if Hillary has their support, and if yes, 'Did you know that you can vote early?'" she said. "If they don't know who they're voting for yet, we encourage them to check out the Hillary Clinton Web site and check out the issues that are really big for this campaign."

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PSG VOTING

Attorneys discuss flier resolution

From Staff Reports

An attorney representing the individual who copied 2,000 fliers that violated the Purdue Exponent's copyright and trademark has been in contact with the Exponent's legal counsel.

On Monday, attorney David Hatfield from Evansville called the Exponent's attorney, Cy Gerde, to discuss a resolution to the Exponent's complaint that an individual who printed fliers promoting a rally did not have permission to use the Exponent's logo. The call came a few days after Steve Akers, executive associate dean of students, forwarded a letter to the person involved that indicated the Exponent would pursue legal action if the individual did not identify himself by 5 p.m. Monday.

Although the individual's attorney did contact the Exponent's lawyer by the deadline, the attorneys have not yet reached an agreement on the next course of action.

Due to University policy, administrators are not able to release the name of the individual who ordered or paid for the copies. On several occasions, disqualified Purdue Student Government presidential candidate Ryan Hatfield has denied any involvement in the printing or distribution of the fliers.

"While the University disciplinary process has been helpful in holding a perpetrator to our copyright and trademark infringement accountable, it has not led to the

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2008 presidential candidates and B.A.P.	Purdue Schools / Colleges												
	Total	AG	E	GR	PNH	SLA	UD	CFS	EDU	M	S	T	VM
B.A.P - yes	4,748	441	948	340	401	776	157	297	177	374	365	462	10
B.A.P - no	5,288	353	1,041	721	374	912	157	233	147	379	455	507	9
McMains	1,800	67	352	-	234	343	49	119	163	135	140	194	4
Cox	1,622	80	360	-	131	410	54	105	31	109	175	167	0
Hatfield	2,567	121	503	-	220	522	111	160	71	318	241	296	4
Barnard	2,601	507	616	-	174	363	95	144	59	177	198	256	12

Luke Boly | Graphic Artist

Cumulative totals of PSG, B.A.P voting results sorted by school or college.

Elections yield varying opinions

By Nadine Mahasneh
Assistant Campus Editor

This year's Purdue Student Government election did not affect just students, but its effects reached faculty members and alumni.

A flood of e-mails hit members of the Office of the Dean of Students when controversy regarding the Boiler Advancement Program and PSG elections surfaced.

Earlier this month, the Exponent submitted a public request to obtain any e-mail communication related to the Purdue Student Government and the Boiler Advancement Program between the Office of the Dean of Students and any Purdue Student Government representative for the period beginning

March 24 and ending at 4 p.m. March 28, 2008.

One Purdue alumnus, Gary Eppenbaugh, wrote to Tony Hawkins, dean of students, "The reasons that (candidates from Ticket No. 3) were disqualified by the PSG Court seem kind of a stretch."

Eppenbaugh went into further details on the grievances and expressed his opinion on the matter.

Other e-mails received by the various members in the Office of the Dean of Students involved clearing up issues with the rally held by ticket No. 3, Hawkins' reactions to the petition of no confidence, and an individual voicing his opinion on the possibility of a new election.

The e-mail included one individual stating that he and a colleague did not support a new election.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

This is the Exponent's final regular edition of the semester. Next week, the Exponent will print three special editions. Monday's newspaper will be the Literary Edition, Tuesday's will be Semester in Review and Wednesday's edition will be the Graduation Issue. For breaking news, including election results, visit www.purdueexponent.org.

QuickREAD

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

Purdue Police seek info about stolen wire

Purdue police are looking for information about the theft of approximately \$44,000 worth of insulated copper wire from a construction storage area on campus. A Purdue employee informed police that approximately 2,800 feet of stranded copper wire was taken at some point after April 4. The insulated copper wire was taken from a construction storage area near the Physical Facilities service building, said Lt. Fred Davis.

Davis said the wire may have been stripped of its plastic coating and then sold to a salvage company. The person or people responsible for the theft may have had to make multiple trips to haul the copper wire away since such a large amount was taken, Davis said. Anyone with information related to the case is asked to call the Purdue Police Department at 494-8221 or the anonymous crime tip line at 496-3784.

Lewis Black will come to Purdue next autumn

Stand-up comedian Lewis Black will offer students a chance to escape the back-to-school routine this fall as part of his Comedy Central Live, "Let Them Eat Cake" tour.

Black has captured national attention as an author, comedian and actor, known for his trademark dry sarcasm and screaming rants. Black will be performing at 8 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Elliott Hall of Music in a show sponsored by the Student Concert Committee.

Tickets for Lewis Black are \$42.50 for the general public and \$30 for Purdue and Ivy Tech students and children under age 19. Tickets can be purchased beginning June 6 through TicketMaster or at Purdue box office locations. The show will have a language advisory.

CLARIFICATION

In Wednesday's edition of the Exponent, in the story titled "Professor files lawsuit against two peers," an attorney for professors Lefteri Tsoukalas and Tatjana Jevremovic said an Exponent report was in error.

Roger Bennett, the attorney for the two professors, said the accusations against Jevremovic is not racial discrimination as was printed in the Wednesday edition of the Exponent.

"Since my remarks about the implausibility of the incendiary racial charges referred only to the implausibility of Dr. Tsoukalas saying such things," Bennett said in an e-mail. "I am concerned that my silence about Dr. Jevremovic would falsely imply that she very well might say such things, whereas she was not even alleged to have done so."

Source: Staff Reports

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