

## QuickREAD

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

### University names new interim vice president

Purdue announced Wednesday that effective immediately Purdue comptroller John Shipley has been named interim vice president for business services and assistant treasurer.

The appointment comes after the previous interim vice president, James Almond, stepped down.

"I've worked closely with John for about 12 years," Almond said. "I have a lot of confidence in him and he will do a great job in this interim role."

Shipley began working at Purdue in 1984 and has been comptroller since 1998, during which time his responsibilities included administrative and operational activities involving Purdue's finances. He has also served as academic business administrator for the department of chemistry and assistant comptroller for costing and risk management.

"John is bright, energetic and has developed a national reputation for his knowledge and background in the area of cost accounting," Almond said. "(In his new role) John will experience a broader range of responsibilities to manage in providing business services support to the University community. In addition to the comptroller area that he is familiar with, he will oversee budget and fiscal planning, departmental business affairs, sponsored program services, human resources services, business services computing and procurement."

### Committee forms to begin candidate search

A committee has been formed in order to search for a candidate to take on the role of vice provost for diversity and chief diversity officer. The role of vice provost for diversity and chief diversity officer was newly created as part of the New Synergies strategic plan. Margaret Rowe, professor of English, will be the chair of the search committee.

### Iraqi leaders confident of no hasty U.S. withdrawal

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they don't expect Barack Obama to withdraw U.S. troops hastily from Iraq because he told them last summer that he wouldn't make a decision without consulting them and U.S. commanders on the ground.

With violence down and the economy No. 1 on American voters' minds, the Iraqis said they believe the new president will take his time before fulfilling his promise to end the war in Iraq, which costs U.S. taxpayers \$12 billion a month at a time of financial crisis back home.

Exit polls Tuesday showed that only one in 10 American voters considered Iraq their main concern in choosing a president, suggesting that Obama will focus more on the economy when he takes office Jan. 20.

Source: Staff Reports and Associated Press

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## Did You Know?

Your daily Purdue fact.

In 1997, Purdue students excavated remains of a 2,000-year-old American Indian village near Monticello, Ind.

### Weather

<b>Today</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Showers	Mostly cloudy
74/44	55/35

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"I liked both candidates for different things. It is a needed change. I do think McCain could have been better in some aspects. It'll be exciting to see what Obama does. **It's definitely a groundbreaking election. It's a big change and a lot of times that means progression. We need to try new things and take risks in making things better for us and for the rest of the world.**"

— Robert Morgan, Sophomore, College of Engineering

"I think it's so great. It's meant to be. I believe in what (Obama) stood for. My heart was just in it. I believe his heart is in it."

— Levitia Randolph, Sophomore, College of Science



AP Photo

# BARACK OBAMA

What people are saying about this historic election

"I am hoping he will address the economy. I think he can **bring together black and white**, just like Dr. King. It's not going to happen overnight but in time."

— David Outlaw, Sophomore, College of Liberal Arts

"The first thing he should address is the economy because it's in a crisis right now. I hope he follows through with his tax plan and gives tax breaks to middle class and the poor. The war in Iraq, oil and health care are all big issues. I watched the election (Tuesday) night. We had a big event in Armstrong and everybody was ecstatic."

— Miles Cheshier, Sophomore, College of Technology

"I'm hoping he does something with the energy crisis and something with alternative sources; that's a big concern of mine. I'm pretty worried about the economy. I didn't vote for Obama so I'm kind of nervous."

— Emily Johnson, Freshman, College of Engineering

## Obama prevails within Indiana college counties

By Scott Mawhorter  
City Editor

Despite a geographical majority of Indiana voting for Sen. John McCain, the state was still projected for president-elect Barack Obama.

Of Indiana's 92 counties, only 15 were called for Obama, including Lake and Tippecanoe counties.

Bert Rockman, the head of the department of political science, said this was because the demographics of highly populated areas tend to favor Democrats.

"Democrats generally win geographically small parts of the state, but that's just where people tend to live," Rockman said.

"You generally get a large swath of red across the country, but where the highest population density is generally goes blue ... Most of the counties vote Republican, but the biggest ones vote Democrat."

Another trend occurred in counties with a large college population. In addition to Tippecanoe County, Obama also won Monroe, St. Joseph and Delaware counties, the locations

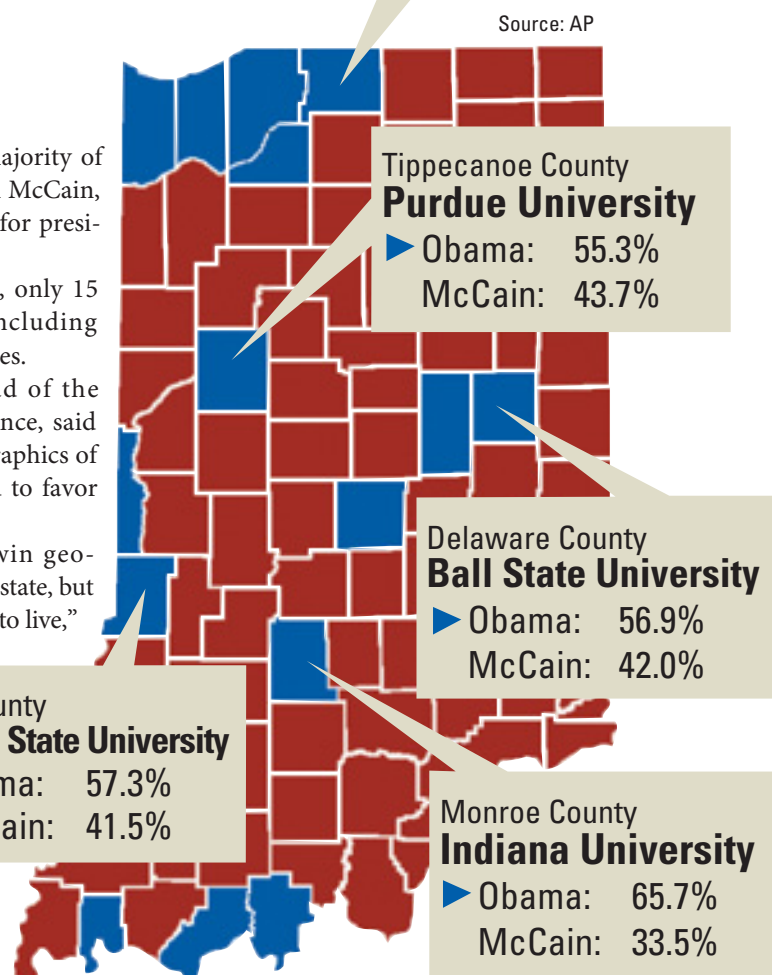
St. Joseph County  
**University of Notre Dame**  
▶ Obama: 58.1%  
McCain: 41.0%

Tippecanoe County  
**Purdue University**  
▶ Obama: 55.3%  
McCain: 43.7%

Delaware County  
**Ball State University**  
▶ Obama: 56.9%  
McCain: 42.0%

Vigo County  
**Indiana State University**  
▶ Obama: 57.3%  
McCain: 41.5%

Monroe County  
**Indiana University**  
▶ Obama: 65.7%  
McCain: 33.5%



of Indiana University, Notre Dame and Ball State, respectively.

"College campuses tend to be pretty heavily focused on a kind of left of center politics,"

## Victory sets precedent for future generations

By Nadine Mahasneh  
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Bynum

Sen. Barack Obama's move to the White House may prove to be influential to more than his voters.

Cornelius Bynum, an assistant professor in the department of history, said he thinks of his 4-year-old son and the impact of growing up with a president of the same race.

"His racial baggage will be different than the racial baggage I carry," he said. "I think about it in the context of my son and the life he will lead — he can realistically aspire to what perhaps seemed unattainable to me."

Bynum is not the only person who sees this impact on future Americans. Sloane Bowman, a freshman in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences, said Obama will affect her younger sister more than herself, as she will grow up witnessing someone of her race leading the country.

"Younger people have played a huge role in the election," Bowman said. "Our generation's slogan is change."

Jeremy Straughn, an assistant professor of sociology, said now that Obama has been elected into office, people from various backgrounds have someone they can look up to.

"There's a role model there," he said. "(Obama) makes an impression on both minorities and white young people nationwide."

Although Obama's presidency has proved to many that anything is possible, it still has not registered in the minds of some.

"I am ambivalent," Bynum said. "I am not sure how to feel; how do you celebrate something you didn't believe would happen?"

Bowman didn't believe it would happen either.