

NEARLY NAKED MILE

BOILER UP, STRIP DOWN



Participants run along Grant Street on Wednesday night for the Nearly Naked Mile.



Participants get pumped up before the second annual Nearly Naked Mile, hosted by PASE.



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Students bare nearly all for charity

By Frances Bridges
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On Wednesday night, cars honked, students whooped and bystanders gaped as 300 half-naked Purdue students ran down Northwestern Avenue.

The Purdue Alumni Student Experience's Second Annual Nearly Naked Mile had students run from Class of 1950 Lecture Hall to the Dauch Alumni Center for charity. The event, a clothing drive, benefits Lafayette Transition Housing.

Students lived up to this year's motto, "Boiler Up, Strip Down," by wearing the bare minimum.

"It's the Nearly Naked Mile, right?" said Cameron Holman, a junior in the College of Technology who sported dark blue, Speedo-like running gear. "I'm wearing the minimum. If I could wear less, I absolutely would."

Holman's friend wasn't any more clothed, wearing a pair of briefs his brother gave him for Christmas. "I thought it would be a good time to show them off," said Nick Klosterman, a graduate student. A large cartoon elephant surrounded by smaller, colorful elephants was front and center on the briefs, cloth

ears attached.

Students participated in the run for various reasons, including for charity, fun or simply spring cleaning.

"It's a good cause," Holman said. "I wanted to do my part and give back."

"I did it for fun," Klosterman said. "I had a lot of clothes I had to clean out, so it was a good time to do it."

The event comprises a trivia game, a costume contest and the race.

The costume contest categories were most creative, best group, most spirited and celebrity look-alike. The winners were a SpongeBob and Patrick pair, a group of ducks, a man with a Purdue flag around him, a "Party Boy" who looked like a Chippendale's employee and two Chris Kramer look-alikes.

The three judges for the costume contest were West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis, Arni's restaurant vice president Brad Cohen and first gentleman Chris Foster.

Dennis also ran, but fully clothed.

President Córdova attended the event to watch the mayor and the half-naked students, but didn't run herself.

"I'm here to support my husband and the students," said Córdova.

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QuickREAD

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

Fire alarm forces students to evacuate Forney Hall

Forney Hall of Chemical Engineering was evacuated Wednesday afternoon due to the fire alarm sounding.

Jim Heisel, an assistant chief for Purdue Fire Department, said their systems showed a sprinkler on the first floor was activated. Upon entering the building, the fire department found there was no water being released from the sprinkler.

There was construction going on around the building, but there was no definite link between the two.

Notre Dame students criticize Obama invitation

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Several politically and socially conservative student groups criticized the University of Notre Dame for inviting President Obama to speak on campus and receive an honorary degree when some of his policies run counter to Roman Catholic teaching.

A coalition of 11 organizations issued a joint statement Wednesday in which they said the invitation to Obama to deliver the May 17 commencement address placed them in a moral dilemma over whether to attend their own graduation ceremony.

"Many pro-life seniors, along with their families, are conflicted about whether to participate in the commencement ceremony," said the statement. Those signing it included two Right to Life groups, the Notre Dame College Republicans and the Federalist Society at the Notre Dame Law School.

ECONOMY

Purdue offers free finance tool

By Tiffany Teegarden
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In an economic time where every nickel and dime counts, Purdue is offering to the community a free financial management curriculum.

The curriculum, "Focus on Financial Management," is designed to help people, especially middle income families, in managing their finances correctly and efficiently.

Elizabeth Kiss, the Purdue Extension Specialist, said the program is a basic money management curriculum.

"It's for people who know how to pay bills and who save a little bit of their money and want to use their money more efficiently," Kiss said.

All of the material is online in the format of worksheets in forms, but the curriculum also offers different workshops.

"It is a planning tool to see where you are at and where you are going," she said.

In some units the curriculum focuses are on credit cards, organization and money personalities. Each unit gives a

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Speech focuses on mentor importance

By Martin Bobcek
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"Find a mentor," said Purdue's Women's History Month keynote speaker.

Julie Burkhard, chairwoman of the National Panhellenic Conference, gave a speech about the importance of mentors Wednesday night.

"Women in history have paved the way for others to advance," Burkhard said. "This is your time to pave the way."

Burkhard had been the mentor for Shelby Barrett, a sophomore in the

College of Liberal Arts.

"She was my facilitator at Undergraduate Intramural Fraternity Institute," Barrett said. "I owe a lot of what I accomplished to her."

Barrett found a mentor, which is the first step.

"Don't be afraid to take a risk and find a mentor," Burkhard said. "A good mentor is someone with a common thread for you to trust, respect and value. If you ask them, most people will be flattered."

Susie Holtsclaw, a junior in the School of Management and

Panhellenic vice president of operations at Purdue, attended the speech representing the sororities at Purdue.

"Her speech was very relevant to, and could help, our 21 sororities at Purdue," Holtsclaw said.

Mentors aren't just needed at college. They are helpful everywhere.

"Being in college makes having a mentor important," Burkhard said. "But the world today makes mentors important. When values are in question, it's important to have someone to talk to about uncertainty in the future."

ENTERTAINMENT

Korean Cultural Club hosts festival

By Andrea Hammer
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A student organization is reaching out to other students through a festival celebrating Korean heritage.

The Purdue Korean Cultural Club is hosting a culture festival, which will begin at 7 tonight in Beering Hall, Room 2290. The movies "Seven Days" and "Radio Head" will be shown in English subtitles free of charge.

The organization will also be hosting another event on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at University Church. There will be Korean food, a martial arts

performance and a percussion performance. This is the third year for the film festival, but Saturday's event with food and entertainment is a new addition.

"We began working on a rough idea for the cultural festival 10 months ago," said Hwon Park, a graduate student and the president of the organization.

The funding and food for the event came from Korean organizations and local businesses.

"The Korea Foundation, along with the Korea International Trade Association and the Korea Tourism Organization support this festival. We were awarded with a grant," said Hwon.

"Local restaurants, Korean students and residents help us for the festival."

The Korean Cultural Club is hoping to reach out to other students on campus, regardless of where they are from, to embrace diversity and celebrate Korean culture, said Won Park, the public relations representative for the club and a junior in the School of Management.

"Korean culture is one of the biggest minorities here," Won said. "A lot of students here aren't taking advantage of the diversity. This is a good opportunity to reach out and show other students what we have to offer."



EU presidency: U.S. stimulus is 'the road to hell'

BRUSSELS – The head of the European Union slammed President Barack Obama's plan to spend nearly \$2 trillion to push the U.S. economy out of recession as "the road to hell" that EU governments must avoid.

The blunt comments by Czech Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek to the European Parliament on Wednesday highlighted simmering European differences with Washington ahead of a key summit next week on fixing the world economy.

It was the strongest pushback yet from a European leader as the 27-nation bloc bristles from U.S. criticism that it is not spending enough to stimulate demand.

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