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SEEKING SAFETY

Elemental Sexual Assault Protection Program teaches students techniques against attack

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Elemental self-defense instructor Mellisa Holtzman hits Matt Feffelfinger in the face during a sexual assault self-defense class. The students were given the chance to practice self defense moves on "creepers," or assistants in padding.

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The Pineshelf room of the L.A. Pittenger Student Center burst into applause as freshman international business major Jesse Taskovic threw a padded male volunteer to the ground during the Elemental Sexual Assault Protection Program.

Taskovic allowed himself a small smile as he walked to the back of the line of students waiting to defend themselves against a simulated attacker attempting to remove their clothes.

The Elemental program that runs through Sept. 15, is seven and a half hours of To-Shin Do inspired self-defense training.

Participants learn different responses to threats of sexual assault ranging from a stranger on the street to a boyfriend or girlfriend on a bed.

"I've done other sexual assault programs through churches and stuff. With those other ones, it was mostly just pamphlets and handouts. This was completely hands on. You walk in and the first things you see are two mattresses and people in padded suits. It's like 'wow, this is going to get real,'" Taskovic, who attended the Aug. 25 session, said.

Chad Menning, an associate professor of sociology, was the original visionary of the Elemental program. He noticed through his 26 years of martial arts training that the tendency was to teach both male and females the same kind of defense.

With help from about 15 Ball State students and the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry, Menning created this program with the hopes of encouraging diversity of defensive responses as well as diversity of members.

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ELEMENTAL SEXUAL ASSULT PROTECTION PROGRAM

SESSION 5:
Tuesday, Sept. 11
and Thursday, Sept. 13
7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SESSION 6:
Saturday, Sept. 15
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

« Rape really sees no gender. It really doesn't. And now I couldn't feel more equipped. »

JESSE TASKOVIC, freshman international business major

USING THE ELEMENTS

The ninja often speak of 4 protection strategies, each of which is characterized by an element. These strategies give people response choices based on how they are feeling at any given moment and based on what the situation itself might dictate. According to Elemental co-director and instructor Mellisa Holtzman.

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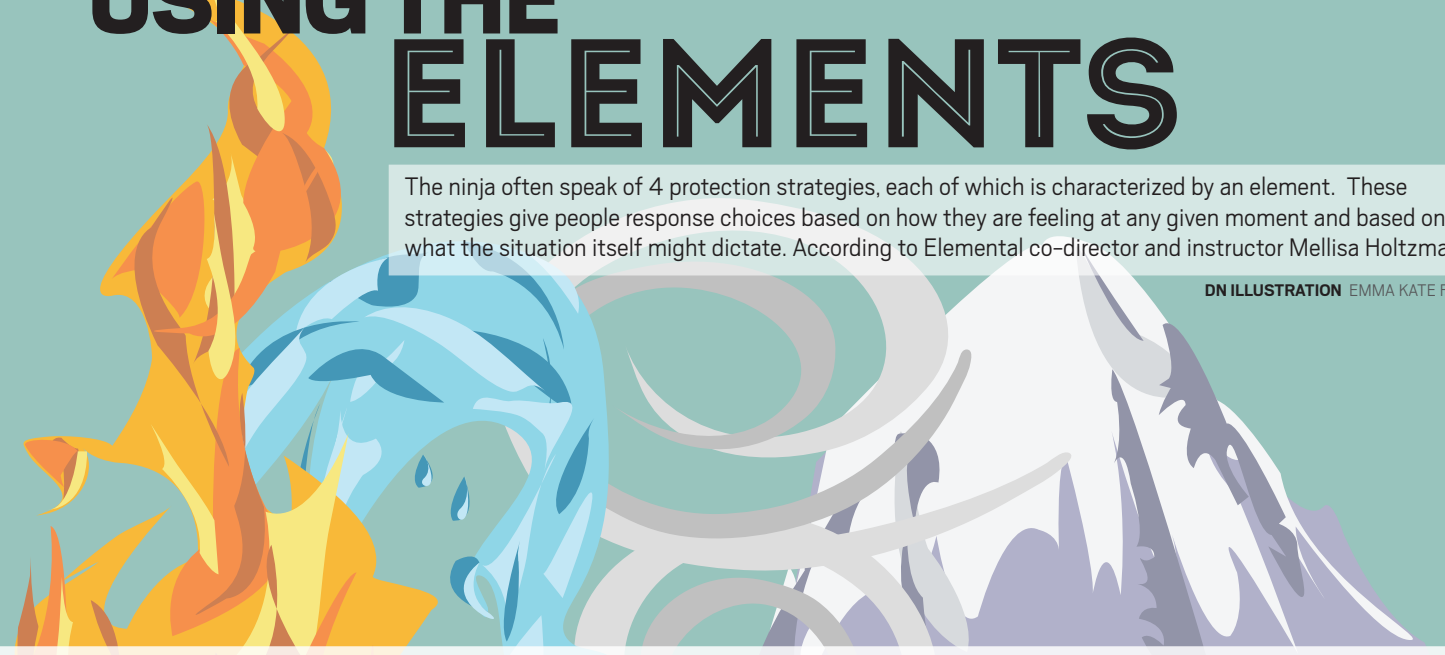

FIRE

"If a person is feeling really connected to a situation such that they can anticipate what is coming next they are in the fire element. Fire is characterized by the consumption of space and forward motion, much like a fire consumes objects in its path."

WATER

"If a person is feeling surprised or a little taken off guard by a situation they are operating in the Water element. Water is characterized by an initial reaction that involves giving up space and then a follow up reaction that involves moving back in, like waves recede and then crash back onto a beach."

WIND

"If a person is feeling like they just want to leave a situation entirely they are in the Wind element. Wind is characterized by circular motion that enables a person to give up space entirely by leaving, much like wind might blow leaves about in the fall until they disappear from sight."

EARTH

"If a person is feeling confident and commanding we would say they are operating in the Earth element. Earth is also characterized by an unwillingness to give up space – a person stands their ground and are immovable, much like a mountain is immovable."

For more scenarios, **see page 3**

Educators, peers work to inform

Victim advocates, university staff hope to keep students aware of 'Red Zone' dangers

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The first six weeks of the Fall Semester is a time when sexual assaults are especially high on college campuses throughout the U.S.

This time of year is termed "red zone."

"We see an increase in alcohol consumption as students are coming back to school or coming to college for the first time," Julie Sturek, a health educator at Ball State, said. "Along with that, we also see an increase in sexual assault."

Christine Hurst, a junior women's studies major and a peer victim advocate, knows how numbers rise during the start of the school year, although so far this year, she hasn't had any calls. Last year, she had some by this time.

All students are at risk, but the number of sexual assaults is greatest among freshmen students. Many of them are away from home for the first time and try new things such as alcohol that they haven't had before, not knowing their limits.

"People do things when they're intoxicated that they wouldn't necessarily do when they're sober," Sturek said.

The beginning of the academic year sees high numbers of students attending parties.

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Mourdock speaks to Republicans

Senate candidate urges students to learn about issues

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Ball State students and Muncie community members from various political backgrounds gathered to hear Republican U.S. Senate candidate Richard Mourdock speak at the Ball State College Republicans meeting that was held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Mourdock will be competing for the senate seat against Democrat Joe Donnelly.

During Mourdock's speech he focused on his plan to improve the economy and helping America move forward in a positive way, by challenging the Obama-Donnelly way of politics.

"In Indiana our way to improve the economy is to pay off debt and mortgage, now we have a triple credit rating which is higher than the United States of America," Mourdock said.

The crowd of listeners gained more knowledge toward Mourdock's politics and improvements on health care and paying off debt.

HOW WILL THE CANDIDATES HELP COLLEGE STUDENTS?

DONNELLY
Voted to cut the interest rate in half on subsidized loans, increase the maximum Pell Grant by 27 percent and keep need-based federal student loan rates at 3.4 percent which will save more than 200,000 Hoosier students an overage of $1,000.

MOURDOCK
As treasurer, he re-launched Indiana's 529 College Savings Plan with lower fees and increased investment options. The plan has helped over 165,000 Hoosiers save for college while also earning a 20 percent credit on their Indiana income taxes.

SOURCE: http://www.richardmourdock.com/record-indianas-state-treasurer
http://donnelly.house.gov/issues/education.shtml

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Republican Senate candidate Richard Mourdock speaks to members of the College Republicans during a group meeting on Tuesday. Mourdock spoke about the importance of a well-run budget and how Washington should adopt the "Indiana way."

Kayleigh Mohler, the chairman of the College Republicans, said it was great to have Mourdock come to campus for another year and to form a connection with students.

"Since a lot of us haven't had a chance to vote in the presidential election he brought awareness to students to learn more about politics and to get out there and vote," Mohler said.

Mourdock also spoke about the national debt four years ago increasing from 10 trillion dollars to now 16 trillion dollars this week.

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AP|BRIEF

BRAIN-EATING AMOEBA KILLS IND. MAN

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An autopsy report shows a parasite known as the "brain-eating amoeba" killed a southwestern Indiana man.

State and federal officials haven't yet confirmed 30-year-old Waylon Abel of Loogootee died of a rare infection known as primary amebic meningoencephalitis, but the autopsy report released Friday lists it as his primary cause of death.

He died Aug. 7, just more than three weeks after a family outing at West Boggs Lake, about 80 miles northeast of Evansville. The beach there was ordered closed Friday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has three confirmed cases of the disease this year in Minnesota, Oklahoma and South Carolina. A CDC spokeswoman said it expects to receive and test samples of the suspected Indiana case later this week.

The parasite thrives in warm, stagnant freshwater.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

MIDDLE BLOCKER, OUTSIDE HITTER GETTING HEALTHIER

Ball State's Marshall making return from knee injury, Hopkins returning from foot fracture to help give team needed depth

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Wednesday

@bsudailynews The student body turnout Thursday was fantastic. Well done! The "towny" turnout in the west stands? Pathetic. Wins=attendance!
bearcatsvoice

I could pile on some more in support of @bsudailynews over @Tom101010 but I've got bigger squirrels to chase. bit.ly/NaXVNl
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IN RESPONSE TO: OUR VIEW: It takes time and trust to build a Ball State football fan base

Tuesday

A few things to consider here. Fans come to see their team win games. It really is that simple. If any program had two years of terrible football their attendance records would alter. Maybe not quite as drastically as Ball States, but fans would simply stop shelling out cash to go see a losing team play football. All Ball State has to do is win games. They win the games, the fans will attend.

Brad Young

IN RESPONSE TO: POZ'S POINTS: Ball State fans fail to support Lembo's efforts

Tuesday

Wow did you ever actually hear about this thing they call "academics". If I have homework and studying to do, then some MAC football game is at the back of my priority list.

Soph Student

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LCD SOUNDSYSTEM FILM REVIEW

Read columnist Michelle Johnson's review of "Shut Up and Play the Hits," a documentary of the band's final show. The film was shown in Bracken Library as part of the Co-Op Film Series.

PURDUE STUDENT DEATH

A Purdue student fell to his death early Monday morning after losing his grip on the fifth story of a building near the IUPUI campus. Keep checking online for updates.

DN OOPS!

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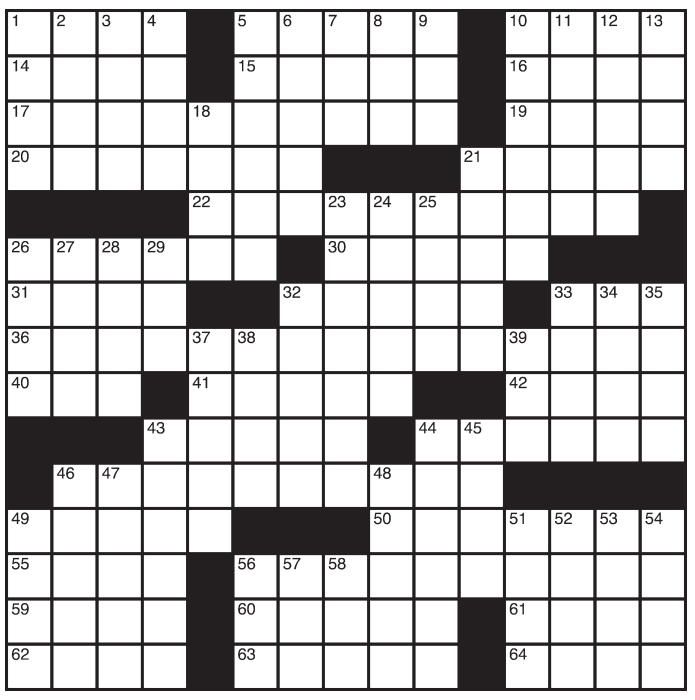

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Sudoku

By Michael Mepham

Level: Medium

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Solution for Tuesday.

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8	2	3	1	9	7	4	5	6
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Pick up the paper Monday-Thursday!

ELEMENTAL: Instructor tries to keep mood light

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"We wanted to do something that was practical for situations that most students would face. We wanted a program that would give people choice," Menning said. "We also noticed that at the time we were developing this, there were no sexual assault protection programs that dealt with the needs of the [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer] population, especially gay men ... So we decided to address that need as well."

Each scenario is introduced using a video made by Ball State students. As it plays out, members discuss the "uh-oh" moments with the instructors and are then shown different verbal and physical responses.

Following To-Shin Do ideology, the varieties of responses are categorized into earth, fire, water and wind emotions and personalities.

Mellisa Holtzman, co-director and instructor of Elemental, said earth represents confidence, fire is connected, wind is vanishing and water is surprise.

Participants then are given the opportunity to practice their responses with each other or on padded martial arts volunteers, referred to as "creepers," while the instructors share tips.

DN PHOTO BOBBY ELLIS

Freshman Nicole Terwildiger is "assaulted" by a "creeper," or assistant, during the Elemental self-defense session. The defense technique taught by Elemental is called To-Shin Do.

"The fact that this one really has people who will act out the situations with you that are men that are comfortable doing it with the other male participants really gave me a real life scenario to work with," Taskovic said. "Rape really sees no gender, it really doesn't. Part of the reason I am in this program ... is that there was prior experience with sexual assault. And now I couldn't feel more equipped."

Holtzman, also an associate professor of sociology, tries to make participants comfortable by keeping the potentially heavy material light.

"There's lots of cheering and laughing, they're very proud of themselves. This one girl goes 'I'm a badass!' You see a lot of change in their attitude." Holtzman said. "They don't have to have 25 years of experience to be able to protect themselves."

For Taskovic, the program made him feel more comfortable on campus.

"I feel your confidence, your self-esteem and your self worth, all lumped together, really does increase." Taskovic said. "Go out in pursuit of your own safety and reach out to programs like this, no matter who you are."

Let's assume an acquaintance is trying to kiss you, but you aren't interested in that:

You would likely pick up on the cues suggesting the person was about to kiss you. Because you are connected with the situation, you can stop it almost as it starts by placing your hand against the person's chest while saying something like "Hey, I'm flattered but I'm not interested."	You would likely be surprised by the attempted kiss and thus step back a bit at an angle or, if sitting, slide your butt at an angle away from the person and say something like "Whoa. Karen, what are you doing? I don't think this is a good idea. Let's go play some video games."	You turn and then walk away from the situation while saying something like "Oh, I need to go find Liz because she owes me money."	You would put your hand up in front of your face, between your mouth and theirs and you would say something like "Mike, I can't do this."

If someone approached you from behind, spun you around, and grabbed you by both wrists:

You recognize the threat before the person spins you around. Yell "Hey! No!" as you throw an elbow back into the person's ribs. This will move them backwards and gives you space to now elbow again while you step back placing your own leg in between theirs to consume space. Repeat the elbows with your movement backward toward them until you have driven them back enough that you feel you have the space to spin around, pushing their head back as you do, and then striking them in the throat with the web of your hand.	Yell, "Whoa! What do you want? What do you want?" then step to the side with one foot while bending that knee and while punching down at an angle toward that foot with the opposite hand. This motion will off-balance your attacker and allow you to free one wrist from his/her grasp. You can then come back in with elbow strikes to the face or ribs.	As they begin to spin you around, go with it and use that energy to help you circle back on them, grab them by the back of the neck, and throw them into the car/wall/couch/floor, etc. while yelling "No! Leave me alone!" Deploy a knee to their quad muscle to take out their base.	Yell "Stop it!" as you step back slightly with one leg and sink your weight by bending your knees (like a mini-squat). Turn your palms toward yourself to line up the attacker's thumbs, and then smash them together several times to break their thumbs. Cross your hands in front of you and then make a circular motion downward with your hands so you can break the person's grasp on your wrists. Finish up with a hit to the face using the heel of the palm of your hand against the attacker's chin or side of face.

RED ZONE: One in four college women are assaulted

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"I think there is a lot of partying going on and a lot of people adjusting to a new environment, and I think that kind of makes the breeding ground for assaults to happen," Hurst said.

Sturek said students need to be aware of the red zone and not be naïve. One in four college women will be sexually assaulted during their college career, and one in 11 males will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, she said.

"It just helps people, especially women, to be aware that they are at increased risk and to know that sexual assault on college campuses isn't a myth or anything," Hurst said. "It really does happen. I think that's a really big part of the awareness."

Students can take preventative measures to protect themselves during this six-week period and throughout the remainder of the academic year.

"Knowing their limits for alcohol, having a plan of action for the night and going with someone they trust and know is important," Sturek said.

> « They don't have to have 25 years of experience to be able to protect themselves. »
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> **MELLISA HOLTZMAN,** co-director and instructor of Elemental

To help students become more aware of the red-zone period, Sturek is in her third year of giving presentations in the residence halls for the highest risk students: freshmen. She focuses on the elements of consent in Indiana.

"Consent must be verbal and you must hear a verbal yes, must be sober and must be a mutual decision," she said. "We also talk about communicating consent, partying smart and alcohol consumption."

Sturek speaks to the physical fitness and wellness classes, a criminal justice class and a journalism class in addition to the residence halls.

Ball State's campus saw three reports of forcible sex offenses (including forcible rape) in 2010, up from one in 2008 and 2009, according to Ball State's website. The website showed no non-forcible sex offenses reported in all three years. Data is not listed for 2011.

Hurst encourages students to be smart and get help if sexually assaulted.

"If you are assaulted, definitely go to the emergency room," she said. "Also, make sure to look out for your friends, watch your drinks [and] don't leave a friend alone at a party."

It is important for students to attend these presentations to prevent being another statistic.

"We want them to have fun and enjoy their time at Ball State, but we also want them to be safe," Sturek said.

For students who will not be seeing the presentations in the residence halls or select classrooms, a table educating about red zone will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Atrium.

Jury deliberation of Peterson trial will start today

Former police officer accused of killing his estranged third wife

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOLIET, Ill. — Defense attorneys told jurors at Drew Peterson's murder trial Tuesday that the state's case against him is "garbage evidence." Prosecutors said it's just common sense that the former suburban Chicago police officer killed his third wife.

Jurors were expected to begin deliberating the case Wednesday, a day after both sides presented their closing arguments.

Prosecutors contend Peterson killed his third wife, Kathleen Savio, because he feared a pending divorce settlement would wipe him out financially. Savio's death was initially deemed an accident, but it was later ruled a homicide after her body was exhumed following the 2007 disappearance of Peterson's fourth wife, Stacy Peterson.

> « The framers of the Constitution would barf on this evidence. »
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> **JOEL LOPEZ,** defense attorney

The heart of the state's case is testimony from friends, relatives and acquaintances of the two women about things they allegedly told them about Drew Peterson. Such testimony, called hearsay, isn't usually allowed in court, but Illinois passed a law in 2008, dubbed "Drew's Law," that allowed it to be introduced at trials under rare circumstances.

In his more-than-hourlong closing, prosecutor Chris Koch went through more than half a dozen hearsay statements, including witnesses who testified Savio told them her husband repeatedly warned her he could kill her and make her death look accidental.

As he began his remarks Koch walked up to the defense table, pointed his finger at Peterson and boomed, "It is clear this man killed Kathleen Savio."

Punching his fist into his palm for emphasis, Koch said Peterson slipped into his estranged wife's suburban Chicago home — just a few blocks from his new house — in the early morning hours before March 1, 2004.

"He went into that house, pushed her down, held her down until she inhaled fluid and drowned," Koch said.

In the recurring mantra of his closing, Koch told jurors to use common sense in assessing Peterson's alleged threats and suspicious behavior in the days after Savio's death. Peterson, he said, went to Savio's house the day after her body was found there to wash blood from the tub.

"Are you kidding me?!" Koch said. "What in the world is he doing there? Murderers sometimes go back to the crime scene."

Defense attorney Joel Lopez countered that the state had presented "garbage evidence" during its five-week presentation of more than 30 witnesses.

Lopez told jurors that when they deliberate, they are required to hear a voice whispering to each of them that Peterson is innocent. He said they can't conclude Peterson is guilty unless the evidence is overwhelming and compelling.

"You have to find he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt — not maybe, not probably [he did it]," he said. "Are we going to convict someone on speculation? ... This is America!"

Lopez constantly doubled back to his central argument: The state hadn't even proved Savio's death was a murder.

"The framers of the Constitution would barf on this evidence," Lopez said.

But Koch told jurors it would be impossible for Savio to have received the gash on the back of her head and 14 bruises on the front of her body unless someone had attacked her.

"How can you get [all those wounds] in one fall?" he asked. "You can't."

Peterson, 58, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder. If convicted, he faces a maximum 60-year prison sentence.

Judge Edward Burmila decided to send jurors home for the night after closing arguments ran longer than expected. Burmila said he would read instructions to the jury first thing Wednesday morning. The seven men and five women will then withdraw to a jury room to begin their deliberations.

Peterson is suspected but hasn't been charged in Stacy Peterson's disappearance, and prosecutors were barred from mentioning or hinting that she is presumed dead and that her husband is the lone suspect in her disappearance.

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Drew Peterson is escorted out of the Will County Courthouse in Joliet, Illinois. Peterson is accused of the 2004 murder of Kathleen Savio, his estranged wife. Savio's death was originally ruled an accident, but was ruled a homicide after her body was exhumed in 2007, following the disappearance of Peterson's fourth wife.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

DNC protesters continue march after standoff

No violence, significant damage occured despite hundreds protesting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Protesters blocked an intersection near the Democratic National Convention for about two hours on Tuesday, attracting hundreds of police officers, in the tensest demonstration yet outside either political convention.

Officers took two protesters away in handcuffs, other demonstrators got into shouting matches with delegates and their standoff blocked a route used by delegate buses. Still, no violence or significant damage occurred even after the protesters were eventually allowed to march into the heart of Charlotte's central business district.

The demonstration started when half a dozen veterans protesting the incarceration of a soldier accused of leaking documents to the WikiLeaks website were joined in an unauthorized march by dozens of members of the Occupy movement.

The demonstrators' stated goal had been to talk to convention delegates, and the two groups came close to each other at the edge of the convention center. Some were seen shouting at each other through a line of police officers who were separating them with mountain bikes.

At one point, a group of delegates shouted, "Four more years!" The marchers responded: "No more years!"

As the march continued, protesters turned onto the main thoroughfare of N. Tryon St. toward the headquarters of Bank of America. Still, the path police were allowing them to take kept them at least two blocks away from Time Warner Arena, which is serving as the convention hall this week.

After the group marched all the way to the other end of downtown, they stopped on a street corner and one of the protesters called out for what to do next. Everyone raised their hand to vote to return to the park where they'd been gathering.

They then headed back the way they came, no longer chanting loudly.

The demonstration began around 12:30 p.m. when 200 protesters began marching outside of designated routes and without the necessary permit. They had only made it a few blocks from their home base at the park when hundreds of officers began arriving.

Officers made a barricade of mountain bikes to stop the march, surrounded the group and attempted to corral them into an area designated for protester speeches.

A protester who tried to cross the barricade was put in handcuffs by officers. The protester had identified himself to a reporter as a veteran named John Penley earlier in the march.

About 50 protesters sat in the intersection and were surrounded by officers. After a while, protesters unfurled and set up a domed tent in the middle of the street.

The intersection was along a route used by buses ferrying delegates around the city's central business district. At least some buses had been running and were forced to stop.

A second protester was put in handcuffs after the group left the intersection. It wasn't immediately clear why police stopped the man, who was wearing a mask and combat boots.

Two other people had been arrested during a protest march on Sunday.

Oklahoma delegate David Ratcliff, 43, said he'd been waiting for a bus but found out that it wasn't running so he walked over to see what was happening. Ratcliff said while he doesn't agree with some protesters' views on Obama, he was encouraged to see people expressing themselves.

The group of protesters was led by Penley and about a half-dozen other veterans. Many of the others appeared to be part of the Occupy movement. Penley, of Asheville, said he and the other former service members wanted to raise awareness of veterans' issues and talk to delegates.

They were also protesting the incarceration of a soldier accused of giving classified documents to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.

Pfc. Bradley Manning, chanting: "Free Bradley, arrest Barack."

MCT PHOTO

Protesters march Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, in Charlotte, N.C., before the start of the Democratic National Convention. The convention is scheduled to run until Sept. 6th.

QUAD TALK

DO YOU THINK THAT THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTIONS MATTER TO PEOPLE?

« I don't follow politics very well. I haven't been following, but I've been wanting to kind of get into it. I don't even really know what goes on. It should make a difference. It should matter, but I mean personally since I'm not involved, I can't really say for sure. »

ABBY HEIMANN, freshman theatre major

« Some yes, some no. With some people that are into politics, [they] obviously really care. But somebody like me, that doesn't really care about anything political, I'm not really going to pay attention to them. »

JARED BEABOUT, freshman social work major

« I think it does matter. I just think it needs to be something where they reach out more if they want to affect our age group. »

NICOLE STOUDER, senior social work major

MOURDOCK: Politician says he hopes for there to be bipartisanship in future

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"The unemployment rate has now been above eight percent for 42 straight months, the longest period, even longer than the Great Depression," Mourdock said.

A big issue for many of the audience members was his plan for health care and whether or not it will help the American people.

Mohler said that Obama's health care plan is a great idea for everyone to have health insurance.

"But I believe that by having a free market will allow it to be more cost efficient for everyone," Mohler said. "If you have one provider, which is the government, it is going to limit everything."

Mourdock also addressed that he will bring a needed understanding of free enterprise and sound fiscal policies to the Senate.

"I liked his discussion on fiscal matters, [and] I know he is going to be a good physical hawk when he gets to the senate," Stuart Kennan, audience member, said. "I appreciate that because I think that our spending is getting out of control. "

Mourdock addressed the issues that many voters wanted to hear.

"I thought he was a great speaker, [and] it is nice to hear candidates speak at Ball State that actually care about our votes," Keenan said.

DN PHOTO BOBBY ELLIS

Richard Mourdock, Republican candidate for Senate, gives a speech to members of the College Republicans on Tuesday. During questions Mourdock stated that he wished for bipartisanship but not bad policy.

For Kelsea Neal, public relations chair, she said it was a great opportunity to have a nice bipartisan discussion.

"The youth vote is often overlooked," Neal said. "Mourdock's position on energy was very awesome, it is really important for the future of America and our energy policies, which has a lot of potential."

Mourdock encouraged students to keep learning, and to never let themselves be limited by their educational background.

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COMMONS DECISION COULD BE REACHED

ON TWITTER

Follow the Board of Trustees meeting with the hashtag #BSUBOT today at 11 a.m.

A Muncie business owner whose property near campus has been in the eyes of the administration said he'll be at a Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow as the board discusses a possible real estate transaction.

At 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, the Board of Trustees will discuss four major topics, one of which is identified only as a "discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase of real property by Ball State University."

Asked if the trustees' discussion Wednesday concerned property for the hotel, university senior media relations manager Vic Caleca would only say, "You can draw your own conclusions."

Hiatt Printing, 506 N. McKinley Ave., has been named as part of the future site of a new university-owned hotel and convention center.

In an earlier Daily News story, university spokesman Tony Proudfoot said Ball State had offered $400,000 to Chris Hiatt, owner of the printing business.

In a Facebook comment on that story, Hiatt said the university had "offered [him] absolutely nothing."

Reached Tuesday, Hiatt said he has been left in the dark for most of the discussion about his property.

Hiatt requested a copy of the university's 2012-13 budget on May 14, 2012, according to email obtained in a public records request. He also acknowledged the university's $400,000 offer in that email, but did not accept nor deny the proposal.

Hiatt also discussed "formally engaging legal counsel" in the email. The document sent by the BSUBOT also references the "discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation which is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing."

It is unknown, however, if these two are related. The executive session planned for 8:30 a.m. is a closed meeting, but an open session is scheduled for 11 p.m. Wednesday.

On the agenda for that meeting: "Proposed acquisition of property" and "proposed McKinley Commons, Living/Learning Laboratory," two items that will likely pique Hiatt's interest.

— BENJAMIN DASHLEY

SGA TO HOLD MEETING ON THE QUAD

With hopes to involve more students, the Student Government Association will host its senate meeting on the Quad today, instead of in the L.A. Pittenger Student Center.

The "traveling senate" is one of its platform points, and SGA has different locations planned almost once a month throughout the year.

Senate meetings are normally held in the Student Center's Cardinal Hall B, where there is a gallery of students who can ask questions and bring up issues.

"All of our meetings are actually open meetings," SGA President Chris Wilkey said. "It's just they're not very well publicized in Cardinal Hall B in the Student Center, so we wanted to do something where people get a little excited."

The meeting will be from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., but students are welcome to join the meeting as long as SGA is still present on the Quad.

"I think we're going to have a few more students at least stop and wonder what's going on and at least come up and approach the gallery that's sitting there watching and ask a few questions," Wilkey said. "So we think there may be a little more interaction than a secluded room in the Student Center."

SGA is going to update its Facebook page and Twitter account with the locations of the meetings throughout the year.

"I think it's going to be good for the student government to get their organizational meetings out there," Jacob Kluth, SGA's press secretary, said. "A lot of the times students don't know where and when they take place. When they're being more visible, they're going to generate more students to come out and see what they're talking about and get more students involved."

If rain prevents the senate from meeting on the Quad, it will meet in Cardinal Hall B.

— RACHEL STENGER

Early voting will begin Thursday

Millions will have the chance to cast their ballot before Nov. 6

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heard enough from the presidential candidates? Here's an answer: Vote now and put the election behind you.

Early voting in the presidential race begins Thursday, and in the weeks to come millions of people in key states will cast ballots that could prove decisive on Election Day. They did in 2008, when President Barack Obama's margin of victory relied to a great degree on early votes cast in such crucial states as Florida, Colorado, North Carolina and Iowa.

These days, a call to vote early is a standard plea in Obama's campaign speeches.

"Because in Iowa, you don't have to wait till Nov. 6 to vote," Obama told supporters Saturday in Urbandale, Iowa. "You can be among the very first to vote in this election, starting Sept. 27."

Republican challenger Mitt Romney is looking to build up that early vote as well, eager to erect a better firewall than John McCain did four years ago. But early voting has favored Democrats, drawing heavily from the African-American community, and this year Republican legislatures have tried to limit early voting in states such as Ohio and Florida.

If votes cast on Election Day decided the 2008 election, McCain would have won in Florida, Colorado, North Carolina and Iowa.

This time, putting votes in the bank is even more crucial for Obama. Amid a fragile economic recovery and a persistently weak job market, every voter who decides early is a voter who can't change his mind later, if unemployment worsens.

"The key for Obama is getting the best votes out of their lowest propensity voter," Romney political director Rich Beeson said. "With an intensity gap, that's the first problem they are going to have."

Obama campaign manager Jim Messina said his team is pushing a "commit to vote" program as the Democratic National Convention unfolds that encourages supporters to vote early.

He said their organizing efforts have far surpassed Romney's.

Early voting begins in North Carolina on Thursday, just as the Democratic National Convention ends. Indiana and Kentucky are next on Sept. 17, followed by Wisconsin on Sept. 20.

In all, 32 states and the District of Columbia allow voters to cast early ballots, by mail or in person, without having to give a reason.

In Ohio, another election battleground, the Obama campaign sued over a Republican-backed state law cutting off early voting for most people on the weekend and Monday before Election Day. A federal judge on Friday agreed to restore the voting days, although Ohio's Republican attorney general, Mike DeWine, plans to appeal the ruling. Early voting in both states begins Oct. 2.

But whether this election can match or exceed the 2008 early vote is an open question.

"We're not dealing with a candidate who's running for the first time; we're not dealing with the establishment of an historic change, and we have an economic downturn," observed Kareem Crayton, a political scientist at the University of North Carolina who specializes in voting rights.

Paul Gronke, director of the Early Voting Information Center at Reed College in Portland, Ore., said that without the level of enthusiasm and excitement that existed in 2008 the early voting patterns might build up more slowly. He also noted, however, that Romney, unlike McCain, has embraced some of the same social media techniques that Obama used in 2008 to motivate his early voters.

"For that alone, Obama has a bigger challenge," he said.

From Anchorage to Miami, state-specific mailers are ready to go to each candidate's supporters, informing them when voting offices are open or how to request early ballots. Volunteers are ready to call supporters — culled from email lists, voter files and even magazine subscriptions — to remind them to get their votes counted.

Ohio is "going to be close, but we have 35 days to have our supporters vote early," said Aaron Pickrell, Obama's senior adviser in the state.

Obama has been asking crowds to visit a website run by his campaign, gottavote.com.

All of this means that today's presidential campaign looks much different from those of old, when massive get-out-the-vote operations were confined mostly to the final weekend and Monday before the election. Now, voter turnout is becoming a two-month slog. That is why the airwaves are already clogged with television ads, mailboxes are cluttered with political mailings and people are picking sides even before the first presidential debates take place.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY Read about Coach Lembo's thoughts as he returns to the Carolinas for Saturday's game in Clemson.

FRIDAY Soccer plays its first game in the state of Hawaii during the Outrigger Invitational at 7 p.m. local time.

SATURDAY Women's golf opens its fall season at the Redbird Invitational, hosted by Illinois State in Normal, Ill.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Role players pushing for return to court

Hopkins, Marshall will bring depth to team's blocking

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The loss of two bench players normally wouldn't be a problem for Ball State, but coach Steve Shondell didn't expect his team's blocking to struggle so much early on.

Ball State has been without both redshirt freshman middle blocker Kelly Hopkins and redshirt freshman outside hitter Marquita Marshall this season.

But Ball State is slowly getting healthier.

Marshall returned to practice this week after sitting out for four weeks because of a knee injury that she received during the first week of preseason practices, Shondell said.

"It's good to have her back in practice, and she is making progress," Shondell said. "She's really excited to be back in practice. As soon as we can get her back in shape and put her in some game situations in practice to see what she can do."

Hopkins has missed significant time because of a foot fracture and had been in a walking boot so far this season. At Tuesday's practice, she was working out slowly without a boot.

Shondell said the report from the doctor was encouraging, and her timetable for her return is still on schedule.

"They feel like the fracture is healed, so that was great to hear," he said. "We hope to have her back in uniform by the first of October."

With Marshall on the way back soon and Hopkins making progress, Shondell could soon have the team he expected to have for the 2012 season.

Shondell said he is still planning to take it slow before throwing either of them into the fire, especially with Hopkins.

"It's hard for me to determine at this time. How long is it going to take Kelly Hopkins to come back after she's been out for six months?" Shondell said. "I can't get overly excited. I know that for a few points she will be able to come in and block some balls but how long she can stay out on the court, that's still yet to be determined."

Shondell couldn't say when Marshall will be ready to play until she gets closer to the physical conditioning she needs for volleyball. But he does know when both Hopkins and Marshall return, they will be a big boost defensively for a team that has struggled at the net.

"Kelly Hopkins was our best blocker last year even though she is a redshirt. She blocked more balls in practice a year ago than anyone on our roster," Shondell said. "Marquita [Marshall's] best skill has always been her blocking and she's going to be able to really help us with the slide [rotation]."

The Ball State front row has struggled to block balls at the same rate as last season despite Shondell saying in preseason that he thought this year's team would be a better blocking team. Ball State has been out blocked by opponents 2.2 to 1.5 in 2012. In 2011, they averaged 1.9 blocks per game.

Shondell said part of the problem has been a focus early in the season on offense. Blocking was something he had more confidence in, but that has changed after seven games. And with the new addition of senior middle blocker Lisa Scott to the fold, it's been an adjustment to find a consistent force defensively.

"I would've thought our blocking would be a little bit better than last year because our middles are quicker," he said. "We've just really started focusing on our blocking here in the last week."

KELLY HOPKINS
Redshirt freshman middle blocker

MARQUITA MARSHALL
Redshirt freshman outside hitter

Shondell will be able to rest easy when his depth and blocking reappears in the front row as the team

DN FILE PHOTO DYLAN BUELL

Sophomore Willie Snead heads up-field during the first half against West Point last year. Snead's longest catch of his four during the game was for 10 yards.

TEAM PREPARING FOR BIG CORNERBACKS

Average height of Ball State receivers is 5 feet 10 inches

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If the lack of size at the wide receiver position wasn't a big enough problem, dealing with tall cornerbacks makes the problem worse.

That's exactly what Ball State's challenge will be when it takes on No. 12 Clemson on Saturday afternoon.

Among Clemson's cornerbacks in Darius Robinson, Bashaud Breeland, Garry Peters and Cortez Davis, the average height is just more than 6 feet. For Ball State's wide receivers, the average height is 5 feet and 10 inches. The average is surely affected by wide receiver Jamill Smith and his 5-foot-8-inch structure.

With the size differential, the Cardinals will need to be precise with game preparation for Saturday.

"[Clemson] brings back a majority of their secondary," wide receivers coach Keith Gaither said. "They've got two experienced corners with good size and good speed. We've got to have a much better practice on Wednesday and get better on Thursday. By Friday, we should be polished up, and that should give us the best chance to have a chance against Clemson."

Because of the size and speed the Clemson cornerbacks possess, coach Pete Lembo said he expects the Tigers to play more man coverage against his wide receivers, but admitted he didn't know for sure.

If Clemson does stick to man coverage, especially on the outside receivers in Connor Ryan and Willie Snead, the key will be creating separation for deep plays. Ryan and Snead aren't as fast as Smith or wide receiver Jack Tomlinson, but Gaither said it'll still come down to speed to create the separation.

"They've got to be fast and they've got to be quick," he said. "We have some down-the-field separation techniques that we teach every day. If they do the daily fundamentals, it gives them a chance to get open. But it basically comes down to quickness and speed."

The Clemson secondary limited Auburn's Kiehl Frazier to 194 passing yards in the team's 26-19 at the Georgia Dome on Saturday. If Ball State wants to keep pace with its 267 yards that quarterback Keith Wenning threw for in the win over Eastern Michigan, he'll need his receivers to be open.

"We just have to have our technique down," Snead said. "They're really fast and we just have to make sure we're polished up."

From the game film he's watched, Snead was reminded of the cornerbacks he faced against South Florida and Oklahoma last season. He said he thinks the defense he lined up against in Tampa, Fla., and Norman, Okla., were probably better than what he will see Saturday, but that doesn't mean he can let up in his preparations.

"They're good corners, I just don't think they're as good as the Oklahoma corners," Snead said. "They're still good and we still have to respect them and come with our 'A' game."

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