

MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## MCCSC coaches lose pay for 2010-11 academic year

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Very few things seem to send IU coach Tom Crean into a rage. Bad calls rarely send him off the bench, even during closely contested games, but mention cutting extracurricular activities and he responds with technical-deserving behavior.

However, Crean is not alone. He is one of many who responded with shock and fury about the recent teacher contract changes at the Monroe County Community School Corporation. The agreement will cut stipends for extracurricular activities, which includes sports, music and all other after-school activities. The

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## Community forums open referendum discussions

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The auditorium of Bloomington High School North turned into a quasi-game show Thursday, complete with questions and clickers. The Monroe County Community School Corporation hosted its second community forum on the school budget referendum Thursday night.

A group of about 55 concerned citizens dotted the room, not sure what to expect as MCC-SC superintendent J.T. Coopman welcomed the crowd and introduced four representatives from MGT of America, Inc. The firm was hired by the school board to gather information about community members' concerns and

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TRACK & FIELD

## 9 IU athletes aim to become NCAA champs

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After strong indoor and outdoor seasons and two Great Lakes Region Athletes of the Year, national championship time has come for IU track and field.

Nine athletes head to Eugene, Ore., to represent the Hoosiers in the 2010 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships June 9-12.

"We always want more, but the nine that are going, they all can be players at the national level," IU coach Ron Helmer said. "The nine who got through are all capable of performing at a very high level once they get there, and that's the positive piece."

Leading the nine Hoosiers into Eugene are the Great Lakes Region honorees, sophomore Derek Drouin and senior Molly Beckwith.

Drouin, who qualified for the NCAA championships as a freshman in 2009, claimed the indoor national and outdoor Big Ten titles in the high jump.

Beckwith, who will close out her career at IU at the Outdoor Championships, charges in after winning her East Prelim quarterfinal heat in the 800-meter event with a time of 2:03.02.

The senior said she is the most ready that she has ever felt. "I think going into last year, my goal was just to make it as far as I could, but this year it's past that," Beckwith said. "It's almost getting to the national championship and placing in the top three or four would be my goal."

"I don't really have many expectations for myself because that puts limitations on things, and I don't want any limitations going into this meet."

The seven other Hoosiers competing in the national championship meet are Kelsie Ahbe, Faith Sherrill, Sarah Pease, Jeff Coover, Andrew Poore, Ben Hubers and De'Sean Turner.

Eight of the nine national finalists have earned All-America honors as well.

Turner might have gained momentum heading into nationals by winning his 3,000-meter steeplechase heat with a time of 8:47.22.

"Going in there and winning my heat, it's a confidence booster," Turner said. "Knowing some of the guys that are going to be in the meet, it makes me feel pretty good about the race. I'm 13th going in right now, so I think all I have to do is beat one of those guys and I'm in the final. I think I'm capable of doing that."

"I'd say I'm pretty ready. We've been

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# Greece's 'Odyssey' continues



**A** Greek man asks for money Friday outside a Golden Cup beach volleyball competition near Syntagma Square in Athens. The Greek economy has suffered from debt crises and what analysts have called "creative accounting," and prime minister George Papandreou asked that austerity measures be passed in order to qualify for billions of euros in aid.

For the complete story, see page 4.

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Two Greek children walk down a street Friday near the Acropolis in Athens. Many children approached open-air restaurants to play toy accordions for the patrons and ask for money.



Two men beg for money Friday in a plaza near ancient Greek ruins in Athens.

## QUICKIES

Happening headlines

### Woman collects mail, gets trapped for 4 hours

Who knew picking up mail could be such a hassle?

A woman who went to her local post office box in Detroit on Thursday headed in to grab her mail, only to be locked inside. She was stuck in the post office for four hours before another woman saw her inside the office and called 911.

Postal Service spokeswoman Shannon LaBruyere said the "unfortunate fluke" was the result of a mechanical failure in the door system.



### 'Street View' creates more problems for Google

Australia has become the second country to officially look into Google's "Street View" mapping service. The country launched a police investigation Sunday to look into the Internet superpower's collection of information. Officials said they are seeking information as to whether Google illegally collected private information from wireless networks.

## Ferguson to leave board of trustees at month's end

FROM IDS REPORTS

IU board of trustees member Stephen Ferguson will be leaving the board after 12 years of service due to recurring health issues.

A little more than two years ago, blood clots moved from Ferguson's left leg to his lung, he said, making it hard for him to sit for long periods of time. He said his physician recently suggested stepping down from the position.

"In May there was a trustees meeting and graduation," he said. "I can't keep blood circulation going sitting for that long."

Before being appointed to the board, Ferguson served on a higher education commission for nearly five years.

"I've been in higher education a long time," he said. "Nearly 17 years in higher education."

Ferguson said he grew up around IU and attended the IU Maurer School of Law.

"It's a wonderful institution," he said. "It's an extremely important institution to the state and the Bloomington community. I wanted to help benefit the University."

Though there are still things Ferguson would like the board to accomplish, he said a lot of

progress has been made in the last 12 years.

"There are further things I would have liked to see accomplished or participated in," he said. "I will always be involved with IU in one way or another."

At the end of Ferguson's term on June 30, Gov. Mitch Daniels will appoint a new member to the board of trustees to take Ferguson's place.

"It's my understanding that Jack Gill may be leaving too, due to health problems," Ferguson said, "so there will be a few appointed and one elected."

— Bailey Loosemore

## OIL SPILL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steve Gardner of Mobile scrapes oil from the sand along a 700-yard long strip of oil that washed up Friday, June 4 on the beach in Gulf Shores, Ala. Oil from the Deepwater Horizon disaster has started washing ashore on the Alabama and Florida coast beaches.

## BP ads pledge solution, face public criticism

BY JENNIFER KAY  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — An apologetic advertising campaign by BP for causing the biggest oil spill in U.S. history has earned the company more criticism than sympathy as the pollution spreads across the Gulf Coast from Louisiana into Alabama and Florida.

The new radio, TV, online and print ads feature BP CEO Tony Hayward pledging to fix the damage caused by a gusher of crude oil unleashed by an April 20 drilling rig explosion that killed 11 people. He says the company will honor claims and “do everything we can so this never happens again.”

The ads, which began appearing last week, have been criticized by President Barack Obama, who said the money should be spent on cleanup efforts and on compensating fishermen and small business owners who have lost their jobs because of the spill, as well as to help residents and visitors of the Gulf Coast, where some beaches have been blackened by the oil and others remain threatened.

“Their best advertising is if they get this cap (in place) and they get everything cleaned up. All you’ve got to do is do your job, and that’s going to be plenty of good advertising,” said Grover Robinson IV, chairman of the Escambia County Commission in the Florida Panhandle. He was referring to BP’s efforts to place a cap over the gushing pipe to capture some of the flow of oil.

BP PLC spokesman Robert Wine said in an e-mail Saturday that “not a cent” has been diverted from the oil spill response to pay for the ad campaign. He said he didn’t know its cost.

“All available resources are being deployed and efforts continue at full strength,” he wrote. BP estimates that it will spend about \$84 million through June to compensate for lost wages and profits caused by the spill. The company has promised to pay all legitimate claims, and no claim has yet been rejected, Wine said.

Shortly after the one-minute television and online version of the ad begins, Hayward speaks to the camera, saying “The Gulf spill is a tragedy that never should have happened.”

Hayward then narrates over

images of boom laid in clear water before uncontaminated marshes and healthy pelicans. Cleanup crews walk with trash bags on white sand beaches as he touts the oil giant’s response efforts: more than 2 million feet of boom, 30 planes and more than 1,300 boats deployed, along with thousands of workers at no cost to taxpayers.

The ad’s imagery clashes with disturbing news photographs published recently of pelicans coated in oil, some immobilized by the gunk, others struggling with crude dripping from their beaks and wings.

“To those affected and your families, I’m deeply sorry,” Hayward says in the ad.

As the ad fades out to show BP’s website and volunteer hotline, he says, “We will get this done. We will make this right.”

In the Florida Panhandle, the ads have been received about as well as the sticky tar balls and rust-colored froth that began washing ashore Friday.

Picking up tar Saturday with her parents on Pensacola Beach, 13-year-old Annie Landrum of Birmingham, Ala., called Hayward’s apology a joke.

“It’s a lame attempt a month and half after the disaster. It’s too late,” she said.

On Sunday, Hayward told BBC television that he had the “absolute intention of seeing this through to the end.”

He said he believed the cap is likely to capture “the majority, probably the vast majority” of the oil gushing from the well. Hayward also told the BBC his company had been left devastated by the disaster and conceded that safety standards must dramatically improve.

Public-relations experts said BP’s ad blitz seems premature and a little shallow. BP missed an opportunity to shift focus away from criticism of the company and toward BP’s strategy for cleaning up the spill, said Gene Grabowski, a senior vice president with Levick Strategic Communications.

“The one element they seem to be missing is laying out a plan for what they’re going to do. Usually in ads like these you apologize; he’s doing that in the ad. You talk about your resolve to fix the situation; that’s also included. But what’s missing is a concrete plan or vision for what they plan to do next,” he said.

For my first trip outside Spain this summer, I chose a place I’ve wanted to see since I first mispronounced Hippocrates: Athens. I booked my ticket to the home of western democracy in March,

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taking for granted that everything would be perfect. Then came the Greek austerity measures, used to help the country secure aid from other members of the European Union and prevent the growth of a debt crisis in Greece. Their introduction here by Prime Minister George Papandreou ended up in burned banks and lost lives, most particularly on May 5, when rioters set fire to Marfin Egnatia Bank, resulting in three deaths.

With this and similar news, a few parents and study-abroad

organizers were unsure about students traveling there. But plans weren’t cancelled, and my trip for June 3 and 4 with three friends went ahead.

We flew into a strike. A public transport and newspaper strike, to be exact. The first group protested Papandreou’s austerity measures, while the second decried the cuts to social security programs and salary reductions. The word “strike” (both in English and in Greek) ran down the computer screen bus schedules, and we relied on help from an English-speaking Greek named Vasilis to get a taxi to our hostel.

But despite the lack of buses and trams the first day, Athens seemed not to be the city I had grown to expect from photos of protesters and plumes of smoke. By every obvious measure, the

city was working. Transit was back up the next day, the Acropolis was still open and free for students from European Union schools, and the generous blocks of feta cheese with dinner were well-priced. There was even an ethnic dance show at the university downtown. I saw no students protesting, although another friend who was in Athens the day after I was ran into a peaceful one outside a Metro stop.

The small details showed that Greece was still suffering, even after loans from the International Monetary Fund and the European Union.

I never saw one used, but I saw a police officer pass a riot shield to another officer outside the door of a building across from the university.

Beggars roamed the streets, as they do in any large city. The

Athens variety, though, were not trying to sell the lighters and gimmick sunglasses I know from Madrid, but travel packets of tissues.

While eating in an open-air restaurant by the Acropolis, a few girls approached us and asked for money after playing some notes on their toy accordions. They couldn’t have been more than 8 years old. The waiters shooed them away from the tables.

It’s easy to view the country’s troubles and play armchair economics when you’re watching the news at home. And from a normal tourist perspective, the city doesn’t seem in such dire economic straits, and its rich history shines through.

But once you hear a too-young Greek accent asking for spare change, things aren’t so clear and easy.

## ATHENS, GREECE

## Athens still works, but...



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Two dancers perform Friday outside the Propylaea of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The ceremony in front of the main hall of the university contrasted with the riots and protests that dominated the area throughout the month of May.

## HAITI

## NYC architects produce housing for homeless

BY KAREN MATTHEWS  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A team of New York architects is flying to Haiti this week with prototypes of an octagonal vinyl structure they hope will help house some of the 1.5 million Haitians still homeless because of the Jan. 12 earthquake.

The first of the aluminum-and-steel octagonal structures will be built in Jacmel in southern Haiti under an arrangement with the nonprofit group Rural Haiti Project. Each has 166 square feet of space and is designed to with-

stand wind, hurricanes and earthquakes.

Haiti’s housing shortage is acute, with homeless camps growing instead of shrinking as even more people leave standing homes in search of aid or are unable to pay rent. Others are afraid to return to the thousands of homes rated safe to enter, unsure of whether another quake will come.

The HaitiSOFTHOUSE can be clustered for extended families or for use as a school or clinic. The units can be assembled in one day and, weighing about 400 pounds, can be picked up

and moved by hand. They are designed to last up to five years.

Architect Lonn Combs said the octagonal shape is “inherently more rigid against lateral forces” than a square.

Combs said there is no one solution to Haiti’s housing crisis.

“What makes us unique is that we have access to a site in Jacmel right now,” he said. “We will be able to provide 20 units next month in a kind of field test.”

The United Nations’ envoy to the Haitian reconstruction committee, Edmond Mulet, told the group at its meeting Wednesday

that Haiti’s struggling democracy is in jeopardy if earthquake survivors’ lives are not improved.

“The longer that the victims continue living in precarious conditions, the more they will have reason to be discontent,” Mulet said at the meeting in the Dominican resort of Punta Cana. “That discontent can be manipulated for political ends.”

The problem, aid workers told Mulet, is finding landowners willing to turn over property. Those could easily become new shantytowns, with no plans for new tenants to pay rent or become property owners themselves.

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