

## 'Man on the Street' interview

**Question:** After Hurricane Katrina's effects on Louisiana and Mississippi, how do you feel about the government's ability to protect citizens from a terrorist attack and help them after an attack?



**Josh Rosen, Junior**

"After watching the federal response to Hurricane Katrina I have an extreme lack of confidence in the government's ability to manage natural or human created disasters."



**Dr. Ralph Hamlet, Associate Professor**

"I never felt confident that the government could do anything to adequately protect me against a terrorist attack, so the actions of the government after Hurricane Katrina do not change my opinion. They only confirm my opinion that they aren't prepared. They knew Hurricane Katrina was coming and afterwards they stood by with a mouthful of regrets and accusations towards the other fellow."



**Aaron Whitmire, Junior**

"Never being a big fan of large government, I've always figured that a larger government is going to move slowly. I've noticed a lot of conflicts of interest built within the government itself. Based upon the recent events of Katrina, you can only assume that an attack on U.S. soil will bring this form of response. Although if there is an attack on the government itself, then it will most likely be quicker to protect its own interests."

## On the Record ...

"The real question is in the four years since 9/11, you have to ask yourself, has the government's advancements, procedures, etc. made us safer, given us more comfort that they will have an effective, or more effective response to catastrophic events? And I think it's very clear the answer is: 'Oh sh.., we're in trouble.'"

—The Daily Show's Jon Stewart, on the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

"We appear before the Supreme Court. Who in their right mind would want to poke their finger in the eye of the next chief justice?"

—Theodore M. Shaw, general counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, on the nomination hearings of Judge John Roberts.

"When the wholesale price of gas went up by 60 cents almost overnight, oil companies were obviously using the most devastating natural disaster in our nation's history to reap a windfall at the expense of American consumers"

—from a letter sent to President Bush and Congress, by Gov. James E. Doyle of Wisconsin and signed by governors from Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

"There is no international guarantee that governments would provide us with nuclear fuel. We cannot lay the fate of this nation in the hands of other governments."

—Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, after stating Iran would resume enriching uranium and restrict United Nations inspectors if the U.S. and allies referred Iran to the U.N. Security Council

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## Correction

In an article in last issue's Arts & Life section, Director of the Academic Enrichment Center, Shirley Arnold was incorrectly quoted.

The correct quote reads,  
"These courses are meant to make students think critically, and the lack of developing this skill is detrimental to college students."

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