



THEY CALL HIM SHOELACE

He's an enigma and a prodigy, but for his family and former coaches in Deerfield Beach, Fla., Denard Robinson is simply *Shoelace*.

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## Game days a boost for restaurants

Football Saturdays bring crowds, big tips to Ann Arbor eateries

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Football Saturdays bring to town rowdy tailgates, pregame parties and for many local restaurants, an extra day to cash in.

Though owners and employees of many eateries around town say Football Saturdays don't make or break their business, they're quick to point out that the crowds mean big tips and a volume of service unmatched by any other day of the year.

Ryan Halsey, a full time server at Conor O'Neill's on Main Street, said he notices a change in both the restaurant's atmosphere and sales on game days. People  
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ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL

## A<sup>2</sup> to install pedestrian controlled street light

Button activated by pedestrian turns lights on at crosswalk

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The City of Ann Arbor is introducing a new kind of crosswalk system — one entirely controlled by pedestrians.

The city's first High-intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) is slated to debut Nov. 17 at the intersection of Huron Street and Third Street, about two blocks west of downtown Ann Arbor. The HAWK features an overhead lighting system in which all lights remain off unless activated by a pedestrian-controlled button on the sidewalk.

In a presentation to the Ann Arbor City Council last night, two officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation — Traffic Engineer Wendy Ramirez and Region Planner Kari Martin — said the roughly \$70,000 project came out of a series of requests from pedestrians and residents for safer crosswalks.

"The community wanted to see some  
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# NCAA EXTENDS PROBATION FOR 'MAJOR VIOLATIONS'

## Charge for Rodriguez lessened by cmte.

By KYLE SWANSON  
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The National Collegiate Athletic Association has announced that it has placed the Michigan football program on a three-year probation.

During a conference call yesterday with University officials and members of the media, Paul Dee, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, said the penalties from the NCAA also include a public scolding and censure of the University and a stipulation that Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez must attend the 2011 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar. Additionally, University officials imposed reductions to the amount of time the Michigan football team can practice — 130 hours in total through the end of the 2011-2012 academic year.

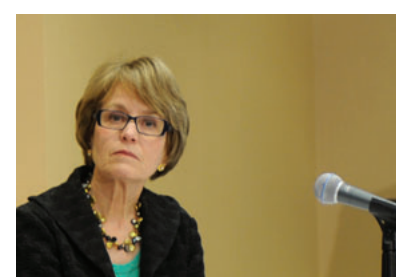
Experts interviewed by The Michigan Daily said the additional one year of probation on top of what the University had self-imposed did not seem out of line for the nature of the case. They also said it was important to note that the NCAA had downgraded the charge against Rodriguez from a charge that he had failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance to the finding that he failed to adequately monitor his program.

The initial allegation against Rodriguez that he had failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance, Dee said, was changed to a violation of NCAA Constitution 2.8.1 because the committee felt that Rodriguez failed to properly oversee the program, not that he failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance.

Asked during the call about what level of responsibility should be placed on Rodriguez, Dee compared Rodriguez to the captain of a ship.

"The coach is ultimately responsible, but that doesn't mean that the coach is involved in all of the activities," Dee said. "Consequently some of the things that did occur did not get all the way to the coach."

At a University press conference following the NCAA conference call, University President Mary Sue Coleman said the University had taken the invest-  
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TOP: Athletic Director David Brandon, Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez and University President Mary Sue Coleman address the media after the NCAA announced its imposed penalties. BOTTOM: Rodriguez, Brandon and Coleman at yesterday's press conference.

## After ruling, AD will wait until end of season to evaluate coach

### Rodriguez: 'I'm glad this process is over and we can move on'

By TIM ROHAN  
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The book was finally closed yesterday on the Michigan football program's first black mark in its history.

There were no surprises in the NCAA's investigation's ultimate findings regarding major violations. Back in May, Michigan responded to allegations made by the NCAA and proposed self-imposed sanctions. The final penalties weren't too far off.

"I'm glad the process is over so it can no longer be used as a thing that's hanging over the program from a negative recruiting standpoint," Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez said. "That's why I'm glad this process is over and we can move on."

While the punishment has been determined, questions regarding Rodriguez's job security still persist. Michigan Athletic Director David Brandon reiterated his support of Rodriguez again on Thursday. But his job will be assessed at the end of the season, Brandon said, just like every other coach.

"I have said ad nauseam that I have a process for all of our coaches and all of our sports," Brandon said. "And at the end of the season, we sit down and review an enormous amount of information that is at my disposal that pertains to all aspects of the programs. And at that point, obviously I have decisions to make as it relates to who coaches any of our sports and our coaches have a decision to make as to whether they want to continue to coach at Michigan."

"The situation with our football program is no different than our other 26 sports in that regard. And that's what I'll do at the end of this season and the season after that and the season after that." The rumblings calling for Rodriguez's

job grew louder last Saturday after Michigan's 41-31 loss against Penn State. Now in the middle of a three-game losing streak, the Wolverines' 2010 season draws comparisons to 2009's downfall, which included seven Big Ten losses in a row.

Rodriguez and his players have had to answer questions since early September about avoiding what happened last year. The unfortunate reality for Rodriguez is that despite his fast starts these past two seasons, he still just has four Big Ten wins and a 13-19 record overall.

Given that situation, committing major NCAA violations under Rodriguez's watch only creates more negative media attention and groaning from fans.

Brandon boiled down Michigan's violations to a misunderstanding regarding the rules of practice time and members of the quality control staff, who were "overzealous" and acted as coaches. Additionally, there was the issue of the University and the football staff failing  
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Carl Mack, executive director of NSBE, discusses minority retention rates in engineering last night.

## NSBE director tells students progress still to be made on minority retention

### In order to boost retention rates, Mack says minorities must mentor one another

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Dr. Carl Mack, executive director of the National Society of Black Engineers, told a crowd of about 150 students gathered in the Cheshbrough Auditorium last night that he wasn't there to give a feel-good speech. No, he was there to discuss

the necessity of retaining minority students in engineering programs.

According to Engineering senior Sean Preston, president of the University's chapter of NSBE, the event called, "From Surviving to Thriving: A College-wide Forum for Examining Student Achievement and Success" was organized to examine the issue of retention among minority groups in the College of Engineering.

The event was sponsored by the University's Center for Engineering Diversity and Outreach, which formally launched this weekend. The center aims to bring more collaboration between the Multicultural Engineering Programs Office,

the Women in Science and Engineering Program and the Office of Engineering Outreach and Engagement and develop the three "into a single, cohesive unit," a flier for the event states.

Preston opened the presentation by citing a statistic which shows that the retention of minorities in engineering schools is much lower than the general student body.

"It's a very important issue, especially among minority communities, especially in the black community," Preston said. "The turnover rate from enrolled students to matriculation is only about 60 to 70 percent."

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