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Hello there, If you're wondering how we got your address, it's because we're journalists. Pulling public information from Purdue is what we do.

But we're not just journalists, either. We're also graphics artists, photographers, editors, designers, content managers, etc. If you can think up a job that would help news get out and stories be told, it exists here. We at The Exponent are a staff 101 strong as of last semester, putting us among the largest organizations on campus. And our office isn't that big - though it's big enough, as you'll see at the callout - so you'll get to know the people inside. We're super nice, promise.



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Have the time of your life at Purdue: What's inside

This edition is primarily published to help freshmen familiarize themselves with our lovely campus and get ready to navigate the highs and lows of that famed "college experience" they've been told so much about.

But there's also stuff in here for any Boilermaker, like advice on making grades or staying in the bounds of the law. Here's where to find it:

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Alumni answer: what advice would you give your freshman self?

BY MAREN LOGAN Staff Reporter

Ishita Agarwal, a 2024 graduate in marketing

"(I'd tell myself) To stretch myself a little more and be involved in one more memorable club, conference, course or event."

Madison Haynes, a 2021 graduate in hotel and tourism management

"Relax and enjoy your time on campus. Go to more sporting events, get involved as much as you can and just know that everything will work out for you."

Haynes recalled panicking about her career choice and what she would do with her major after graduation.

"Less than 3 years later I am fully utilizing my major as a recently promoted director of sales for two hotels in Lafayette," she said. "I was going through a lot while at Purdue financially, emotionally, mentally... always worrying about the future. I can confidently say I feel the complete opposite today. I wouldn't be where I am if it wasn't for my experiences at Purdue."

Allie Bransky, a 2024 graduate in environmental and ecological engineering

"Cherish the fact that you are surrounded by peers who are in the exact same place in life as you! Help each other out. Find community!"

Bansky's favorite memory was running around in the rain as a study break, she said.

"Helped us stay sane," Bansky said.

Robert Painter, a 1973 graduate in veterinary medicine

"Have more fun and study less. Make more friends."

Anthony Scott, a 2024 graduate in industrial engineering

"Take it slow. It will go by in the blink of an eye. Stress is inevitable, but learning how to manage it and work around it is the key to success and happiness during college."



MASON SANTOS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The procession of graduating students enter Hovde Hall intending to walk across its bridge to Elliott Hall, where friends, family and faculty await the beginning of the spring commencement ceremony Friday.

Vicky Qiu, a 2024 graduate in general management and marketing

"There's a sea of people out there. Don't think it's the end of the world just because one friendship doesn't work out. Put yourself out there and make new friends and put some effort into hanging out with them."

Prachi Sharma, a 2022 graduate in economics

"Have patience and everything will work out and don't overload yourself with credit hours."

Emma Zaicow, a 2023 graduate in animal sciences

"Even if you can't find a friend to join you, go to any club callouts that are interesting to you! It's great to have friends in multiple places. Try not to keep your circle small, especially for your first year."

Kent Vansickle, a 1984 graduate in accounting

"Find yourself. Don't try to force yourself into a major you don't enjoy."

Andrew Pranger, a 2024 graduate in neurobiology and physiology

"Deciding what you want to do for the rest of your life at 18 is a near impossible task. The world is so much larger than one major and it needs exploring. Take classes not related to your intended major,

join clubs for fun, and remember that it's completely okay to switch the path you're on."

Sydney Hartman, a 2023 graduate in materials science and engineering

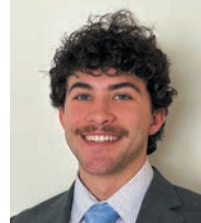
"Chill and be willing to work hard without getting emotional about how hard it is or how much you're afraid of failure."

When asked about their favorite memories, Hartman said living with their best friend, finding professors they adore and more.

"Losing who I thought I was and then finding myself, cliché, I know," Hartman said, "getting drunk at Cactus while on a terrible date and then slipping and falling on some spilled beer, walking around and graduating finally."

Max Otterbacher, a 2023 graduate in neurobiology

"College is an extraordinary opportunity to learn things that you may never have the chance to learn again. Take interesting classes, ask questions, and don't put grades above everything else," Otterbacher said. "It is also just as important to learn outside of the classroom as well. Be social, go to parties, join clubs, and learn how to talk to people. Learning to overcome the discomfort of stepping outside of your comfort zone is a skill that will open more doors for you than you can ever imagine."



ISRAEL SCHUMAN

One thing we're proud of is that we aren't like other papers, like that one about 90 miles south as the crow flies, because we, the students alone, are responsible for providing news to Purdue. There's no journalism school here, which makes us de facto guardians of the free press on campus. We don't take a dime from the university, haven't since 1969, and in exchange have no content restrictions. We print what we think is news.

It's that approach that has helped us be one of the most successful college outlets in the country since we made our newspapers free in 1975. We were the first student rag in history to have our own building, the one we currently occupy, built and paid for with our own money in 1989. We're one of the last two (the other is Harvard) to own a printing press.

And we're still doing great journalism, all these years later. Our staff won 24 awards at the Indiana College Publication Association Awards last year, in categories from page design, to photography to the value of the pieces we published. We investigated a landlord who taught for Purdue and spotlighted the failures of the system around a student who died of suicide. We covered the best basketball team at Purdue in decades more closely than any outlet in the country, and came up with some damn iconic front page designs to put our stories behind. Our social media accounts (drop us a follow on Instagram!) are some of the most-followed in the Big Ten for good reason.

And that's where you come in. We can't keep doing all this good work without new blood. We're always hiring, and you'll see us with a table at the B-Involved fair during BGR. There we can meet you, give you yet another paper for your collection and answer all your questions. One question I'll answer ahead of time: we do get paid, which is actually a really funny joke you'll learn if you come work here (we're happy, but poor).

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International students make a home away from home

Students share their experiences attending college far from home

BY MAREN LOGAN
Staff Reporter

The first thing Hamza Ahmed Lone noticed, stepping off the plane from Lahore to West Lafayette, was the sky.

“How clear the sky was,” he said, pausing briefly. “I feel like there’s always a haze on top of the city I live in. When I got there the first thing I noticed was just how clear the skies were.”

For many international students, starting freshman year means leaving behind the food, history and culture they’ve known in exchange for Midwest, USA. Navigating the culture shock can be scary, but also exciting.

Finding community

Since he was little, Lone, born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan, knew he wanted to study abroad if given the opportunity. He maintained good grades, applied to Purdue and now studies biomedical engineering.

“I knew a few people that got to go to Purdue before, and I was able to talk to them about the overall experience,” Lone said. “What it’s like, what to expect and I thought it would be a good fit for me.”

Lone felt these conversations prepared him to study at Purdue. One culture shock he did note was punctuality in the U.S. versus Pakistan. In Pakistan, if something begins at 8:30, people show up around 8:45.

“I was always late for everything,” he said with a laugh.

But hearing about Purdue was not the same as experiencing Purdue. Lone recalled moving into his room in Tarkington by himself.

“Initially (that) was probably the scariest thing,” he said.

Tarkington would soon become a home to many of his favorite memories. Especially during the beginning weeks, many people in Tarkington would leave their doors open and people could just come in and talk, he said.

“I definitely felt there were different periods of homesickness. When I first got there, in the first month or so, I was pretty homesick,” Lone said. “The main (thing) that helped me was the people that lived across from me my freshman year. They ended up becoming two of my best friends.”

He recalled sharing his love of cricket with the new friends he made.

“I would be up at 4-5 a.m. and watching the games. They would watch me, and I would explain to them what was happening,” Lone said. “I feel like I kind of got a couple of people, like three people (to start) enjoying it.”

Lone joined a cricket club and made many of his friends there.

“The U.S. actually beat Pakistan recently, and I got a lot of messages about that,” he said.

When asked what advice he’d give other international students, Lone said, “Don’t be scared. Just go up and talk to people.”

Although it may feel intimidating at first, many people don’t know anyone and are looking to make new friends, he said. Joining clubs and other organizations is a good way to meet people.

“Even if you don’t find your best friends at clubs, I think it’s fine because it still gives you a sort of community at Purdue, within the 40,000 undergraduates,” Lone said.

“And if you’re working part time, know that you do have to file your tax returns,” he added.

‘Be where your feet are’

Alessandra Licetti left her hometown of Lima, Peru, for West Lafayette in fall 2021 to study business administration and English literature at Purdue.

“My hometown, Lima, is a beautiful, exotic amazing place. It’s by the sea, so it’s a coastal city, and it’s full of amazing seafood and nature,” Licetti said. “I love surfing, I love the beach I love the ocean ... Lima really is the perfect place.”

Before choosing Purdue, she had also looked at schools in California, New York and Boston. After visiting Purdue’s campus, she said she just “felt a vibe.”

“I just felt like I fit right in, and I said, ‘I want to be here.’ It was the best decision ever,” Licetti said. “The community in Purdue is so vibrant, so energetic and it has such a beautiful energy. It’s the people, the teachers, the campus itself the academics ... I’m in love with Purdue.”

Licetti said she loves the midwest for everything it is: the good, the bad and the cold.

“I had never experienced fall or spring, like orange leaves as soon as October or blossom flowers in April. I think that’s beautiful, and that really surprised me. But also the cold,” she said, beginning to laugh. “My Latino body is not made for the cold at all.”

Another thing that surprised Licetti about Indiana was the how friendly strangers were.

“I feel like everyone is very approachable, everyone wants to get to know you,” she said.

The midwest is also easy to romanticize, she said with a smile. It reminds her of *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess* by Chappell Roan.

“(The Midwest) is good, but people may have a negative connotation about it. I’m a Midwest defender. I think it’s charming and that people are kind. I love that there’s animals, there’s nature, good people, hard-working people. I love the Midwest. I will not tolerate Midwest slander.”

As for homesickness, Licetti said she doesn’t let it bring her down. She noted missing her house, her family and food, but when she’s home she also misses Purdue.

“There’s a phrase I really like and I live by. It’s like, ‘be where your feet are,’” Licetti said.

Her advice for international students feeling homesick is to be present in the moment, get involved and make new friends.

She was able to find other international students easily, she said. Many people from her high school also attended Purdue.

“But you also meet people from everywhere,” she said. “I love that Purdue has such an international community and is such an international university, because honestly, meeting people



Licetti graduated spring 2025, one year early. She’s unsure of future plans, but is interested in working in the U.S., Europe or back home in Peru, she said.

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Lone smiling in Lahore, Pakistan.

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from other places different than your own opens your eyes in so many ways.”

Licetti’s boyfriend is an international student from Brazil. Both countries are in South America and share some food and customs, she said, but the two countries have one big cultural difference: the language.

Because her boyfriend speaks Portuguese, not Spanish, the two communicate in English. But Licetti speaks Spanish with a majority of her friends.

“We’re just hanging out at my apartment, and we’re all speaking Spanish and he’s like, ‘Uh, we need to switch to English,’” she said laughing.

Licetti said she’d recommend studying abroad to everyone.

“We’re not from here, living in a country where English is our second or third language,” she said. “Everything is unknown, and everything isn’t what we’re used to, but it’s also a fantastic experience.”

West Lafayette’s New York Athletic Club?

BY JACOB GUTWEIN
Staff Reporter

If you didn’t know already: Purdue has a sprawling recreation center suited for all of your exercise needs.

Known among students as the CoRec, it was originally built in 1958, but then completely gutted, renovated and expanded in 2012, and named after Purdue President France A. Cordova, who served as university president from 2007 to 2012.

It is 394,171 square feet, and features three and half floors. There are locker rooms for men and women, along with saunas for each.

“Everytime I go to the gym somewhere else I’m thinking, ‘Man I wish I was at the CoRec right now,’” a comment from Purdue’s Reddit said.

The basement is the weightlifting area. Last year, one gym was renovated and 20 new squat racks were added, alongside a new powerlifting and dumbbell area with machines. There is also an extensive rock-climbing gym.

Aerobic gyms, running treadmills, ellipticals and bikes occupy the second floor. There are also eight full-length basketball courts that can also be used for badminton and pickleball.

The third floor has an atrium track and is stocked full of different machines.

“You have virtually anything you want to do there,” another comment from Reddit said.

There are studio rooms for yoga and dancing among others and just outside of the building are basketball courts and tennis courts open late.

The Cordova center is attached to the Morgan J. Burke Aquatic Center.

“In the 24 years since I left Purdue I’ve only been to one gym nicer than the CoRec: the New York Athletic Club,” another comment from Purdue’s Reddit said.

Throughout the school year, normal hours for the CoRec are 6 a.m. to midnight.

Among the features of Purdue’s Recreation and Wellness app is a “live occupancy counts” view so you can see how much space in each facility on every floor is filled, shown as a per-

centage of capacity.

The Intramural Fields are just behind the CoRec, and include some small baseball fields, soccer fields and an outdoor gym outside Pickett Park. This is where you’ll be if you join Intramural sports.

Just announced this summer is an esports gaming lounge; Purdue worked with Dell Technologies to outfit a space in the CoRec basement with brand-new Alienware gaming equipment.

The CoRec is one of the most walkable locations on campus from the dorms – no longer than 10 minutes on foot for most. Parking is limited to hours that typically fall in the early morning to dusk; inside those times, only A, B or C university parking pass holders can take



The CoRec

the majority of spots (without a \$35 ticket, that is).

Purdue automatically tacks on a \$117 “Fitness and Wellness” fee every semester you pay tuition, all you have to do is swipe your student ID and you’re in.

Things no one warns you about Purdue

BY SELIN KEMIKTARAK
Staff Reporter

Boilermaker Special and Purdue Pete

Ranked number one by CBS Broadcasting Inc. for being the scariest mascot in college football, Purdue Pete is a strange entity you’ll run into one way or another during your college career here. His gear consists of a hat to (allegedly) keep grease out of his hair and a mallet for molding steel. A fun fact about this character is that his hat comes off. I’m unsure whether this is a recent upgrade to Pete, but don’t be shocked if you witness this.

While not as scary, but just as concerning is the Boilermaker Special, Purdue’s official mascot. Holding the title of the world’s fastest, heaviest and loudest college mascot, the Boilermaker special is a Victorian-era locomotive. This noise polluter of a mascot will go around campus honking its horn. If you ever run into this train, make sure to get the conductor’s attention to make it honk at you.

Endless construction

Just like how you can’t avoid Pete, random construction is something you can’t escape at Purdue. There seems to always be a construction project going on in this school. While



9:47 a.m.: Purdue Pete sits on the Boilermaker Special while the Purdue football team arrives at Ross Ade.

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this might not sound too concerning, when your favorite dining court closes in the middle of the year for construction, you might be tempted to stage a one-person protest.

Not everyone wants to be your friend

Imagine it’s your first week in the dorms, and a kind stranger

asks about your day in the elevator. The two of you make small talk and, by the end of the conversation, you ask for this person’s phone number in an effort to make friends. While you probably thought this person wanted to be your friend, this might not have been the case. In Midwestern culture, talking to the strangers around you or at least smiling at them is very typical. So, the next time a stranger smiles at you, maybe don’t introduce yourself.

Invest in a bike lock

One thing about Purdue students is they will have no remorse when it comes to unlocked bikes. Victims of the bike tradition will find their bikes hung up in trees by other students. Now, how do students put bikes on trees? I wouldn’t be able to tell you.

Clapping circles

As you are walking around campus, you may be surprised to see people randomly clapping to themselves. I can assure you that we have not lost our minds. Certain spots on campus are ‘clapping circles,’ meaning they will make an interesting echo when someone claps in the middle. The most famous clapping circle is at the Memorial Union’s back entrance, while certain fountains will have a similar effect, too.

'It was so hard to make a life decision at the age of 18'

Exploratory studies helps students questioning their major

BY MAREN LOGAN
Staff Reporter

Some students know exactly what they want to do when they grow up. Others spend hours taking online "What career is right for you?" quizzes. Here's the good news: all students have time and options.

Whether coming in undecided or switching majors one semester in, Purdue's exploratory studies program is there for you.

Linda Gregory, executive director of exploratory studies, said around 1200-1800 students enroll in the program each year.

"Over 70% of our students choose to begin with us, and it's usually because they're so bright they can do anything," she said.

The major's only requirement is an academic career planning class, EDPS 105 and meetings with the advising team. In class, students reflect on their strengths, interests and values, Gregory said.

"I always describe it as being a Venn diagram," she said. "They learn more about themselves, about the outside world of work and Purdue majors. Where those three things intersect is really going to be that best fit for you."

Purdue offers around 227 majors, and the exploratory studies advisors are versed in all of them. According to a study by Purdue, 24.8% of exploratory students end up in the college of health and human sciences, 18.2% in the polytechnic institute, 15.7% in engineering, 12.0% in businesses, 11.8% in liberal arts and the others following close behind.

"(Students) can only stay with us a maximum of four semesters, and most will leave after just one," she said.



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Young Hall is located on 155 S. Grant St., south of the Krannert School of Management. Exploratory studies office is on the 6th floor.

Some programs, like engineering, require students to meet requirements before switching over from exploratory studies.

"Except for that handful of majors, the students go when they're ready," Gregory said.

Gregory, who attended Purdue for her undergraduate degree, went into her freshman year for math education and later switched to French education. She knew she wanted to go into education, but couldn't find a job for her niche degree. She ended up working an entry level position as a pension consultant for Aetna.

"I loved that job. Had I gotten a teaching job, I would probably still be a French teacher

somewhere," she said. "I would have never had that corporate experience and see what that was like and liked that. I don't think I'd be in my position now."

Gregory said the department gets some students switching over the summer. Last year, they had about 100 students switch in. Exploratory studies is an open program, meaning they are always accepting new students.

Not all exploratory students are freshmen, Gregory said. Some students switch in after a few semesters in another major. While she can't promise a perfect four-year plan in that scenario, Gregory said students will learn the skills to read and write a plan of study and

meet program requirements.

"I'll use engineering as an example, where they've probably completed 30-35 credit hours of coursework. They say, 'You know what, I think I want to go into accounting,'" she said. "Well, okay, we've already got the calculus, chances are you already have oral written communication a lot of classes you need...you have 40% of your degree already."

Degree planning tools can also be found on the updated myPurdue page.

Ivy Wooster, a senior studying psychology and brain and behavioral sciences, came from her home state California to Purdue specifically for its exploratory studies program.

"It's actually one of the best programs in the country for exploratory studies," Wooster said. "I'm actually an ambassador because of how amazing their program was. From day one, (they) were the most caring and energetic, positive group of professors and teachers."

Wooster decided to pursue psychology, then switched to brain and behavioral, then added psychology back.

"I had so many ideas of what I wanted to do. It felt like it was so hard to make a life decision at the age of 18 coming right out of high school where you have all these classes predetermined for you," she said.

After graduation, she wants to become an occupational therapist.

"I think there's a lot of stigma around (being undecided)," Wooster said. "You're in an undecided major, like 'You can't get your life together,' but I truly felt like every person that helped me throughout the exploratory study journey was trying to figure out what and where I could excel."

Tips and tricks to registration: getting the classes you want

BY MASON SANTOS
Staff Reporter

Classes start on Aug. 19, which means if you still haven't registered for class, you still have plenty of time. But, that doesn't mean you should wait until the last minute. We spoke with an academic advisor to explain the ins and outs of the registration process.

As of right now, new undergraduate students are expected to fill out a Course Request Form by July 9.

"Typically, advisors will reach out to students and say, 'Hey, you need to schedule a meeting with me to talk about registration,'" academic advisor Courtney Wilson said. "We usually give students a month or two to do that."

An academic advisor from your college will reach out to you via your Purdue email for pre-registration.

"The process of meeting with your advisor, filling out the Course Request Form and submitting that by the deadline is called pre-registration," Wilson said.

A common misconception is that the earlier you complete pre-registration, the more likely you are to get first priority for the classes you need.

"The Office of Registrar says it does not matter when you submit a CRF, as long as it's done by the deadline," Wilson said. "But I always encourage students to do it earlier than later."

Once students complete the pre-registration process, they will be guaranteed to get a schedule once the registrar goes through the process of registering students.

You might be wondering, how do I prepare for my registration meeting?

"Definitely look at the degree planning tool on the myPurdue website," Wilson said.

On the academics page of the myPurdue website, there is a box titled Degree Planning and Audit. In this box, you will find a link to myPurduePlan. This is your hub to track your progress on your degree.

"Students should look at that prior to coming to a registration meeting to see if they have any questions about it," Wilson said.

"From there, they should get an idea of the classes their advisor will recommend if you have space for electives. Prepare ahead of time and figure out what electives you'd want to take or get a general idea of what kind of subjects you're interested in. Then, at the meeting, an advisor can walk you through some course options."

Just because you submit a CRF to get a class schedule, that doesn't mean you will get into the courses you selected as your first priority.

"I know in the algorithm that the Registrar's Office has for registering students, student classification is one important aspect," Wilson said. Students with more credits and thus a higher classification are more likely to be prioritized.

Honors students and student-athletes also get priority registration over their peers, she said.

Other issues could result in you not getting your preferred classes as well. There are a certain amount of seats that fit within each classroom. If that class is high in demand, there might be more students applying for that class than seats can fit.

Some majors have more sequential curriculums and less flexibility for the classes you can take that still offer you credit toward requirements for your degree, she said.

"Now, if students don't get into certain classes after pre-registration, or don't get a full schedule, then an advisor can show them their options," Wilson said.

Students can either waitlist classes or look for substitute classes that may count for other degree-fulfilling requirements.

"If the class you really want has a waitlist, add yourself to it as soon as possible," she said. "When open registration begins again on July 22 for the fall, students will have another opportunity to get higher on the waitlist."

Open registration is from July 22 — Oct. 22. This is a period of time in which students can add or drop classes in their schedule.

"By then, your options will be limited to whatever courses have space," she said. "They are probably not going to be your first choice, though. Your choices may just be leftover electives."

During open registration, you can begin to waitlist filled classes in case a student registered for the class drops it from their schedule.

You still have another option to get into a class that is full.

"If you want to get into a class that is full, students would just have to talk to the professor and get their permission to be let into the class," Wilson said. "Then, the professor can work on getting an override for that student specifically to add themselves to that class."

Some full classes won't have a waitlist, forcing you to check frequently for a seat in the class to open up.

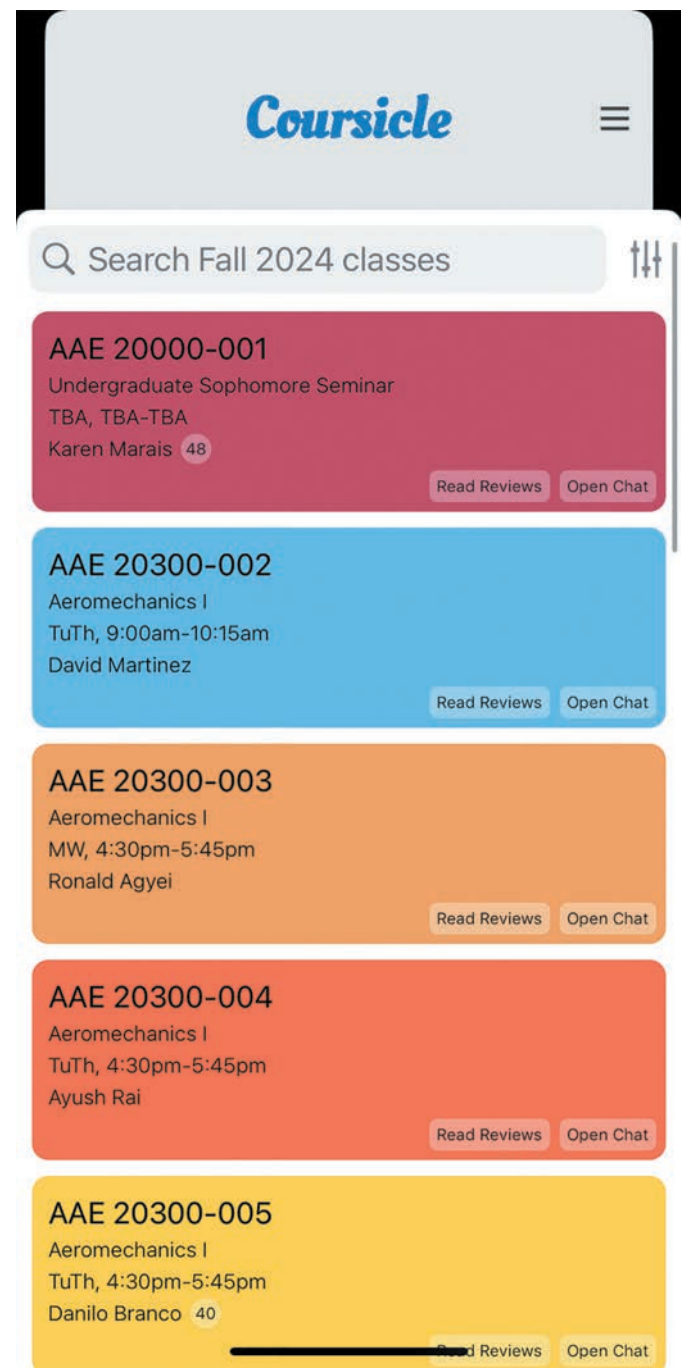
There are apps, such as Coursicle, you can get on a smartphone. These apps will notify you when a course you're interested in has an available seat so you are less likely to miss an opening.

Once you have your course schedule, you should still often check for emails from your academic advisor. They reach out frequently to remind you you have important deadlines.

Deadlines include the last day to register for classes without

a fee, the last day to cancel a course assignment without it appearing on record and the last day to withdraw a course with a grade of W or to add or modify a course with an instructor and advisor signature.

Withdrawing from a class would replace the grade on a transcript with a W, and doesn't take a toll on a student's GPA.



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From an app such as Coursicle, a student can search for classes within Purdue's majors, be notified when a full class gains an open seat, and read reviews of a class.

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It's not too soon to weigh housing options

BY JAMES KLING

Although freshmen generally live in student dorms their first year, most students will move off campus at some point during their college career, some earlier than others.

The process for moving off campus is different from the contract process for living in the dorms. If you want to move off campus for your sophomore or junior year, there are some important things to note.

With Purdue's growing student body, the need for housing has increased. So apartments are filling up faster than ever. "The housing search timeline has increasingly gotten earlier each year over the past few years," Ashley Darnell, Purdue's assistant director of off-campus student services, said in an email. "Based on our tracking, current students should try to secure a lease by February if they need a lease starting in August."

Darnell has been in his position for more than 11 years and has noticed large changes in availability trends. "When I arrived at Purdue, housing supply was greater than demand," he said. "Landlords had to compete to fill up their units. When factoring in both West Lafayette and Lafayette, supply and demand are similar now. Students will still find something to rent, but it may not meet all their preferred criteria."

For a lot of apartments in the area, leasing opens up near the beginning of the school year. West Lafayette apartments, particularly, such as Launch Apartments on South River Road, will often open leases to the public in September. For Launch, people start applying right away, and they will begin increasing prices soon after. "You'll get a cheaper price if you book early," said Ben Hartley, a community assistant at Launch. "I know other places that do it the same way, too." He said they'll generally increase prices about once a month after they open, but how much depends on availability. If it fills up quicker, prices will rise more.

Another apartment complex that has a similar change in leasing prices is Granite Student Living. "Pricing on available units can fluctuate throughout the year depending on the market demand," Bryan Koleff, Granite assistant director of marketing and sales, said in an email.

Launch Apartments have been around for a while, Hartley said, since at least the 1970s or '80s. But it used to be called Williamsburg on the Wabash. "This place has been around so long that I've literally had tours where the parents said, 'I used to live here,'" he said. Most tours happen in the fall when units begin to open up to people looking to live off campus the following year.

"Many landlords in West Lafayette

will post their available units in October of the year prior to the lease start date," Darnell said. "This means students searching for August 2024 should start their housing search in October of this year."

The Exponent will host a housing fair on campus in October and April that brings apartment representatives to answer questions. The October date will be announced toward the beginning of the semester. Another of the larger apartment management companies, Granite, opens its leases to the public toward the end of September and beginning of October, Koleff said. It opens renewal leases for tenants in mid-September.

Other resources include Purdue's off-campus student services, which Darnell is partly in charge of running. The department has an online housing guide with local options at offcampushousing.purdue.edu, to help students find roommates. It offers individual meetings with students who are looking for specific criteria. "We also encourage students to have their leases reviewed, either by our office or Purdue's Student Legal Services office," Darnell said.

Darnell also said his office educates students on market trends and why some things affect pricing and accessibility. "Apartments farther from campus tend to be a little cheaper than those within walking



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

Thousands of students flock to the Exponent Housing Fair to learn more from off-campus housing vendors.

distance, whether that be in West Lafayette or Lafayette," he said. "A student looking for the best value may find these options desirable after initially wanting to be close to campus."

BK Management and Evergreen Rentals declined to be interviewed.

Hartley, who is a senior at Purdue studying physics, said the leasing process at Launch is pretty generic and similar to others in the area. "If they're interested, then they'll have to fill out an application, and after that, they'll have to either have a guarantor or, if they're an international student, we take I-20s, too," Hartley said. An I-20 is a document for international students to legally prove they are enrolled.

The general advice from the man-

agement officials includes having a strong idea of what you want before signing a lease. "The more information you can get us, the better we will be at helping you find your perfect fit," Koleff said. "Apartments tend to fill up quickly, so the sooner you can make a decision, the more likely you will be to secure a unit at the property you are specifically wanting."

Questions and concerns still come up after students find places they know they want. In those cases, Darnell suggests using some of the resources on campus. "Do a lease review with Off Campus Student Services or Student Legal Services if you have any questions about the lease," he said. "Make sure to get everything in writing."

The foodie's guide to local restaurants and cuisines of Greater Lafayette

BY JACOB GUTWEIN

The town of West Lafayette, Purdue, and downtown Lafayette are home to some great local restaurants. Of course, we have many chain stores on campus and around town, but we wanted to highlight some of the best categorized choices so you can know what's on your radar.

Bru Burger Bar: Specialty burgers in downtown Lafayette at 01 Main St. Suite 100.



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Triple XXX is famous for its peanut butter "Purvis" burger and trademark root beer.

Mexican Cuisine

Fiesta: One of the best quesadillas on campus at 102 N. Chauncey Ave.

The Guac Box: Get a Big Box of nachos, and authentic tacos at 308 W. State St.

Dos Amigos Mexican Restaurant: Classic

Mexican restaurant with chips and salsa, large menu with drinks at 360 Brown St.

Nom Nom Tacos and Tequila: Very distinct, highly rated Mexican restaurant at 102 N. 3rd St.

Middle Eastern

Baklava Plus: Middle Eastern grocer and dessert shop at 102 N. Chauncey Ave.

Sushi

Maru Sushi: Local campus spot, very consistent, great sushi, miso soup included at 102 N. Chauncey Ave.

Sakanaya Izakaya: New spot in West Lafayette, wide selection, top notch service/seating at 2060 Sagamore Pkwy W.

Maje Sushi: Great selection of sushi, very

fresh ingredients at 204 South St.

Poke Hibachi: Fantastic Poke at 112 Andrew Pl.

Katana: artisan sushi at 1048 Sagamore Parkway W.

Chinese

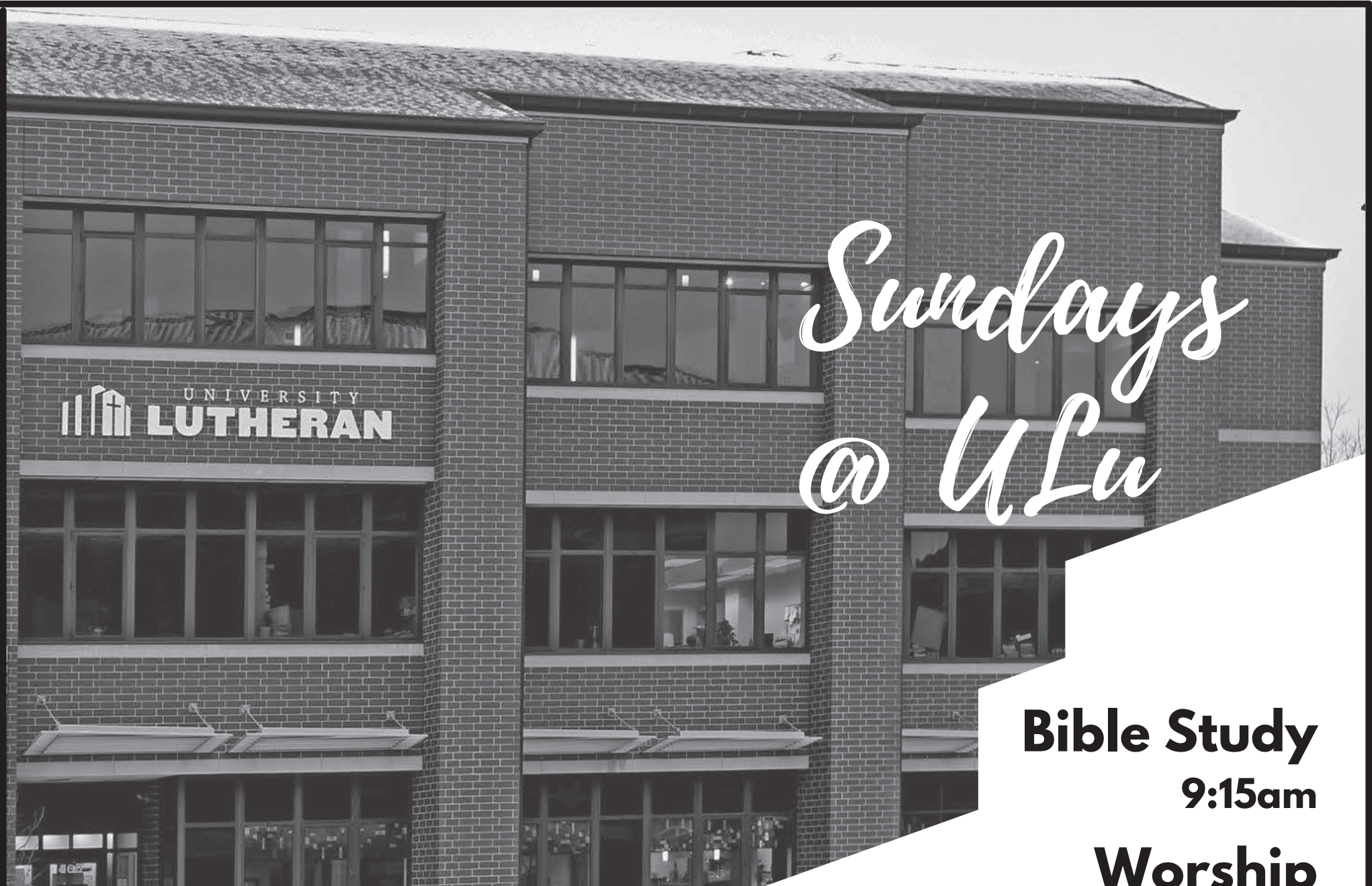
Lin's Wok: Classic Chinese takeout at 1044 Sagamore Pkwy.

Peppercorn's Chicken: Flavorful Chinese grill at 360 E. State St.

O-Ishi: Shabu Shabu, noodles, Chinese grill. at 213 E. State St.

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Grading 101: basics of credit hours and GPA



An anxious Purdue student who didn't go to the Academic Success Center waits miserably for final grades to be released.

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BY ALEX HADDON

Editor's note: this story was originally published in 2023

I always end up hunched over my laptop in my parents' kitchen the Tuesday after final exams, obsessively refreshing the myPurdue webpage.

Professors are supposed to submit grades at 5 p.m. After a few semesters, I learned grades won't appear for two to 48 hours after they're submitted, but that doesn't stop me from repeatedly smacking F5 like a conditioned lab rat.

I am comforted by numbers like grade percentages and credit hours. They offer certainty and stability in a chaotic world. As an incoming freshman, I would have liked an article that wrapped the Purdue grading system and some helpful advice into a neat little package, so I wrote one.

You'll decide how many courses to take soon before you start obsessing over your grades. Christina King, associate director of University Undergraduate Academic Advising, said the average student takes about 15 credits each semester.

Fifteen credits is 15 hours of in-class time a week, about three to five courses. King said advisers evaluate whether freshmen should take a different number of credits on a case-by-case basis.

"It really depends on the major and how many credits you came in with," King said. "Did you come in with English composition and Calc 2? Are you extending graduation so we can take less? Are you taking summer courses?"

Occasionally, students build their schedules so they have eight hours of class time a day, like they did in high school. King said she wouldn't recommend that.

"College is very different from high school," King said. "For those back-to-back courses, that is a lot of information input into your brain in a day, and not even just the material, it's also the assignments all due on that day as well."

King said students should plan on studying two to three hours for one hour of class every week. Studying refers to completing homework assignments, projects, reviewing notes and practice problems.

In my experience, three hours isn't always enough. I am an art major, so I spend most of my out-of-class time making stuff. It's not hitting the books, but it's a big time commitment. If you are taking 15 credits, and you study for three hours for every credit hour, that's 60 hours of academics a week. You need the rest of your time for jobs, extracurriculars, eating and sleeping.

"Build that time into your day and say, 'Here's when I'm going to study for calculus, here's when I'm going to study for English,'" King said.

Once you have your classes and personal studying hours scheduled, consider seeking extra help before it becomes an emergency. Professors and teaching assistants have office hours, and most of them are willing to help you understand difficult concepts.

There are loads of academic resources, like

Supplemental Instruction, tutoring, and help rooms and there's no shame in asking for help. When your future employers examine your flawless transcript, there won't be a line of fine print that says, "This dummy only got an A in physics because they got tutored."

"The Academic Success Center is a great resource to go to," King said. "Even if you don't need it, just go to the space so it's not as daunting when you do need it."

The Academic Success Center is in Wiley Residence Hall and is home to Supplemental Instruction, a program that gives students extra help with some of Purdue's most difficult STEM classes. King said students should ask their advisers, the dean of students' office or professors if they need help.

"There are many people here to support students. Reach out, you're not alone," King said. "We can connect students to different resources they might not know about. ... We don't expect students to have all that knowledge."

Uh-oh, I'm failing a class. Life happens, and despite your best efforts, your grades might slip. You might get sick, have financial problems or you might've just missed too many assignments.

"Talk to your adviser! Be upfront and honest," said Jeff Myers, senior academic adviser in first-year engineering. "I cannot tell you how many times students will stretch the truth."

"I'll ask, 'How did you do on this exam?' and they'll say, 'Well, it was OK. Could be a little bit better, but I'm confident I can pull the nose up, as it were,'" Myers said. "But then, at the end of the semester, you can tell that nothing has changed, because at that point, I can actually see the grades."

Both King and Myers stressed students should reach out for help as soon as they're struggling. Myers said advisers cannot see grades until they are published on transcripts at the end of the semester. Unless a concerned professor reaches out to them, they won't know a student is failing.

"Now, we're scrambling to make a plan," Myers said. "Communicate with me, because if I don't hear from you, I'm going to think everything is fine. Communicate with your professor, go to the office hours."

King said there are options if students are having financial difficulties. "Is it something that changed in your family finances and you need to see if you are eligible for a different financial aid?" King said. "You can go to the dean of students office for emergency loans."

If all hope is lost, you can withdraw from a class before Oct. 24. Withdrawal will leave a "W" on your transcript instead of a letter grade but won't affect your GPA.

"Withdrawal is a good way to, not save your GPA, but prevent it from getting a little bit worse," Myers said. "You've got to weigh it out, is this a good decision for you?"

Myers said there are situations where a student can't withdraw. Some scholarships won't accept "W" grades.

"The biggest issue that's going to come up is that you cannot attempt a class more than three times, and a withdrawal counts as an attempt," Myers said. "If you run out of three attempts, you have to go through a very strenuous appeal process to take it a fourth time. That doesn't

happen, hardly ever."

If you switch a class to "pass/fail," another way to avoid the letter grade, a "pass" will not affect your GPA.

"Pass/Fail is not a good idea in engineering," Myers said. "A lot of programs do not accept pass/fail. You need to have a real grade."

You can withdraw or switch a course to pass/fail in myPurdue's Scheduling Assistant. If you're failing a class because you're missing a lot of assignments, you may be able to talk your professor into giving you an "incomplete," which appears on your transcript as an "I." After that, you have one year after the completion of the class to finish your coursework, and hopefully pass.

Grades came out, and you did great!

Finally, after two to 48 hours of pacing and nail-biting, your final grades will appear on your unofficial transcript along with your semester and cumulative grade point averages. Your semester GPA is the sum of your grade values, each multiplied by the number of credit hours per course all divided by the sum of your credit hours.

Because you're a great student, your transcript will probably be labeled "Semester Honors" or "Dean's List." To achieve Semester Honors, you need a semester GPA of at least 3.5, a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and you must have taken at least six credits that semester. To achieve Dean's List, you need a semester GPA of at least 3.0, a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, at least six credit hours in the past semester, and at least 12 credit hours in the cumulative GPA. Your first semester, your cu-

mulative and semester GPAs will be the same.

Grades came out, and you didn't do so great

If either your cumulative or semester GPA is below a 2.0, you'll be on "academic notice." Don't panic. Apart from your parents' disappointment, there aren't any penalties.

"It's not a catastrophe, it's more, OK, something didn't go right," King said. "What in my life may have led to that? Was it the academics themselves that were the issue, and I need to go seek assistance in the coursework, or was there something in life going on?"

"It's pretty simple to get off of (notice), if both semester and cumulative GPA are above a 2," Myers said. "Students can be on (notice) for multiple semesters."

If both your semester and cumulative GPA drop below a 2.0, and you were already on notice, you will be "academically separated" from the university, meaning they kick you out. You cannot be academically separated at the end of your first semester, because you haven't been on a full semester of notice yet.

Academic notice and separation were, until recently, called "academic probation" and "drop." You will probably hear people talking about being on probation; it is the same thing as being on notice.

When asked what happens to students who return to Purdue after academic separation, Myers said they tend to do OK. "It's like a realization they have to change their ways," Myers said. "Rarely do I see a student who has come back into first-year engineering, been my student again and then just had another bad semester."

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Strings: Ramen Purdue's Ramen spot at 103 N. Chauncey Ave.
Yatagarasu: Downtown Lafayette's Ramen spot at 533 Main St., Lafayette.

Pizza

Mad Mushroom Pizza: Campus icon. Great prices, wide selection, late night at 320 W. State St.
Pizza Uncommon: A new form of pizza, awesome combinations and gelato at 103 W State Street and 1522 Win Hentschel Blvd.
Arni's: Lafayette icon. Great salads at 2323 Wallace Ave., Lafayette.
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Food at the Purdue Memorial Union (101 Grant St.)

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Miss Sugar Amazing desserts at 107 N Chauncey Ave.
Kung Fu Tea The "fearless" world of

bubble tea at 135 S. Chauncey Ave.

Latea "Family recipe bubble tea" at 358 E State St.

Mango Mango "Bubble tea and desserts" at 139 Northwestern Ave.

Ohana Mochido Desserts "Mochi Donuts" at 620 W. Stadium Ave.

Indian

Taste of India: Purdue icon at 111 S. River Road.

Dashkin: Another solid location at 138 S. River Road.

Hyderabad House: New takeout spot at 117 Northwestern Ave #2.

Sit-down dining of Greater Lafayette

8Eleven Modern Bistro: Fine dining at the Union, American kitchen at 201 S. Grant St.
Red Seven: Renowned Downtown Lafayette restaurant at 200 Main St.

LaScala Italian Restaurant: Finest Italian restaurant in Downtown Lafayette at 312 Main St.

Bistro 501: Best French diner, amazing crème brûlée at 501 Main St.

The Bryant: Awesome casual dinner at 1820 Sagamore Pkwy W.

East End Grill: Great Downtown Lafayette casual dinner at 1016 Main St.

McGraws: Great Steakhouse on the Wash at 2707 S. River Road.

Nine Irish Brothers: A whole Irish experience at 119 Howard Ave.

Revolution Barbeque: Modern take on classic barbecue at 721 Main St., Lafayette.

Walt's Pub & Grill: Very casual grill, great atmosphere at 1050 Kalberer Road.

Coffee

Greyhouse Coffee & Supply: In house donuts, great study atmosphere at 100 Northwestern Ave.

Vienna Espresso Bar and Bakery: Your classic coffee shop feel with a bakery at 208 South St.

Fuel Coffee Shop: American grill and espresso bar at 460 Northwestern Ave.

Lavazza: Italian coffeehouse at 27 University St.

A thousand ways to get around campus

BY JACOB GUTWEIN
Staff Reporter

Going to live in a new place, probably for the first time, is scary enough. It's even scarier when you have to go as mile and a half away for class without a car.

But there are some best practices to adhere to.

One thing to notice first is the CityBus schedules. There are Silver, Gold and Black loops are almost constantly going in a square around campus. This makes going to class on a short notice easier, or getting from one side of the campus to another not a problem.

Download the CityBus app once you arrive on campus and you can get a better idea of these loops. There are also loops that branch out to Lafayette and West Lafayette, as well as service to the Lark Apartments.

Beside many dorms and classroom buildings are bike racks. Purdue has awesome bike paths throughout campus, so both riding and parking is very accessible. We do, however, strongly recommend you bring a bike lock and keep your seat fastened – you wouldn't want anything to end up stolen, or worse, as part of some ex-high school football player's feat of strength when it gets tossed up into a tree. Happens all the time here.

Another bike-related option are boards: long, skate and penny, among plenty of other variants, are commonplace here. If you're riding one of these you'll be able to share most paths with bikers, but will be limited on bumpier routes. The long thoroughfares on the sides of Mitch Daniels Boulevard will be your friend. And once the snow falls in December, no more boarding, amigo.
VEO scooters are another mainstay of Purdue, those

bright neon green standup scooters and moped bikes that cost a few bucks a trip, but are extremely reliable. They go around 15 to 20 miles per hour, and you're going to want to use these on the bike line. If you whip one on the road, you'll be honked at and look dumb. They are a lot of fun.

"Most motorists are good at sharing the roadway," West Lafayette police Capt. Adam Ferguson said, "but the problem we run into especially when alcohol is involved, is that people are a lot more likely to violate the rules of the road in traffic laws."

If your bike happens to be stolen, you'll want to take it up with the Purdue Police Department. If you're ever feeling unsafe, campus has plenty of emergency kiosks.

But don't fear! Purdue has consistently ranked one of the safest campuses in America, and in 2024 was ranked #1 by Academic Influence.

"Purdue is committed to providing a safe campus environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors," Jay Wasson, vice president for physical facilities and public safety said.

If any of these options don't sound appealing to you, another option of course, is walking. Preferably my favorite form of transportation, and a good way to understand what is around you. Of course, the entire campus is extremely walkable, and we have pedestrian friendly crosswalks.

If you are bringing a car to campus or are living off campus, be wary of parking. If you don't have a parking pass with your residence, parking is going to be very costly. There are a few parking garages on campus that aren't horribly overpriced, and some parking spots near campus that are free for a day, like Airport Road, Pickett Park in a pinch, or alongside some of the neighborhoods near Chauncey. Oth-



EXPOONENT FILE PHOTO
President Chiang asks questions to co-founder Candice Xie about the operation of the Veo bikes and how they would work in a college context.

ers may pop up this fall; you never know how campus will change from year to year.

An important and related note: Purdue parking is notorious for ticketing. It might be considered a rite of passage for some on a parking-squeezed campus, but if you can avoid it, you don't want to get your car towed or wheel locked.

Good luck if that happens.

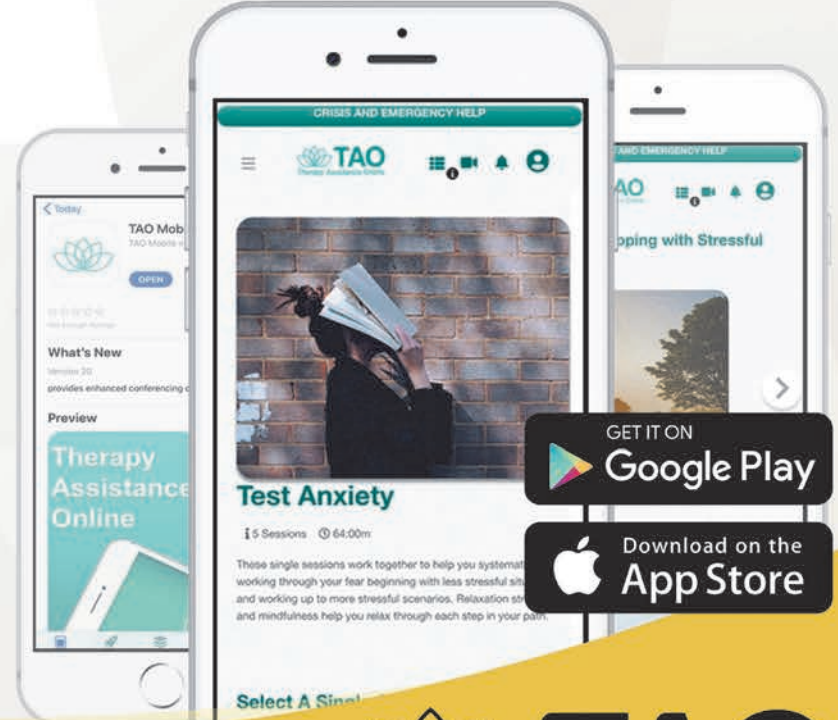
Getting around campus can be overwhelming at first, but once you get a solid idea of where things BGR, and where you're classes are and living situation, you will be able to navigate it fine.

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Things to Do

Aug.

Boiler Gold Rush

Students will be able to move in for Boiler Gold Rush (BGR) from Aug. 11-13. The event takes place Aug. 13-17. The deadline for new students to register on the myPurdue portal is July 31 with a fee of \$375. BGR is Purdue's welcome week orientation program for new undergraduate students and is an opportunity to make friends through a series of group activities and learn basic Purdue traditions.



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A Boiler Gold Rush group walks down Third Street, heading back to dorms after Welcome Ceremony in Elliot Hall of Music.

Meet FSCL Fair

Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life will host a tabling event on Aug. 18 for new undergraduate students interested in Greek life. Attendees will meet representatives of Purdue's fraternities, sororities and cooperatives.

Boilermaker B-Involved Fair

The B-Involved Fair will be a tabling event with a tentative date of Aug. 17 from noon to 3 p.m. Over 550 student organizations and clubs come together so new students can learn how to get involved in social and academic life on campus. This event is known for free swag so be sure to bring a bag.

OUTfest

OUTfest is Pride Lafayette's annual pride festival on Aug. 17 in downtown Lafayette at 640 Main St., Lafayette from 4 p.m. to midnight. Celebrate pride with live entertainment, food, beer gardens, drag shows, vendors and family activities.



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Members of Blue Grass, Ethan Batan and Luke Lovejoy, laugh with one another while performing at the Columbian Park.

Ouibache Music Festival

The sixth annual Ouibache Music Festival is on Aug. 24, from 5-10 p.m. at the Columbian Park Amphitheater at 1915 Scott St., Lafayette. Discover pure roots music with this year's theme Americana in the Park. Performers include Americana roots rock band Ferdinand the Bull, jazz legend Brent Laidler Experience and modern country band The Levi Riggs Band. Admission is free.

Beers Across the Wabash

Beers Across the Wabash on Aug. 24 is a craft beer-tasting event that features breweries from all throughout Indiana on the John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge at 200 N. 2nd St., Lafayette. Tickets and the time of the event have not been announced yet.

Mosey Down Main Street

The last installment of this year's Mosey Down Main Street series in downtown Lafayette is on Aug. 31 from 6-11 p.m. The event features food, drink and clothing vendors, artists and live music.

Sept.

St. Boniface GermanFest

St. Boniface Catholic Church's annual Germanfest on Sept. 9 is from 5:15-11 p.m. at 318 N. Ninth St. Road, Lafayette. General admission tickets are \$5; food and drink tickets are \$1 each to try traditional German dishes such as brötchen, currywurst and schnitzel. Live music, local beer and games are included in this experience. Tickets are available online.



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Young dancers opening the Tippecanoe Latino Festival prepare to take the stage.

Tippecanoe Latino Festival

The Tippecanoe Latino Festival is a free annual event on Sept. 14, tentatively from noon to 5 p.m. in the Columbian Park at 1915 Scott St., Lafayette, featuring a variety of food and artisanal vendors, organizations, businesses and live entertainment from the Latino community. It is an event for showcasing a diverse and vibrant culture and traditions.

Art on the Wabash

The Art Museum of Greater Lafayette is transforming Tapawingo Park at 100 Tapawingo Drive, West Lafayette, into an open-air art gallery on Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery will feature regional artists with live music, food trucks, beverages and children's activities. Admission is free.

Global Fest

Global Fest on Sept. 21 at 222 N. Chauncey Ave., West Lafayette,

ette, is an event featuring cultural entertainment, food, and art from Africa, the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Other forms of entertainment include music, dance, crafts and cultural displays. Admission is free.

Oct.



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Crowd gathers to learn about and inspect the canoes used on the Wabash River. Groups paddle in on canoes every morning during the Feast of the Hunters' Moon. There are also canoe races on the Wabash on Saturday and Sunday of the event.

Feast of the Hunter's Moon

The 57th annual feast of the Hunter's Moon on Oct. 5-6 is a historic reenactment of 18th-century life at Fort Ouiatenon on 3129 S. River Road, West Lafayette. It is a recreation of an annual fall gathering of French and Native Americans at the fur trading outpost complete with French and Native American music and dance, fife and drum corps performances, military drills, games and contests. An adult one-day pass is \$12-15 and available for purchase their website.

Starry Night Festival

The Starry Night Festival is on Oct. 12 down State St., West Lafayette. This event is an annual street festival that draws thousands of people with a unique blend of live music, a variety of merchants and delicious food. Admission is free.

Exploration Acres

Exploration Acres' corn maze and pumpkin patch from Sep. 13 to Oct. 27 at 6042 Newcastle Road, Lafayette, holds northwest Indiana's largest corn maze. Activities offered by the acres include hayrides, straw mound jumps, corn hole, firing a corn cannon and using a gem mine. Snacks sold include bear claws, soft pretzels and cheese, custom pizza, BBQ pork sandwiches and kettle corn.

-Compiled by Mason Santos, staff reporter



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Attendees of the Starry Night festival shop browse at one of the art booths outside Greyhouse Coffee on Sept. 30.

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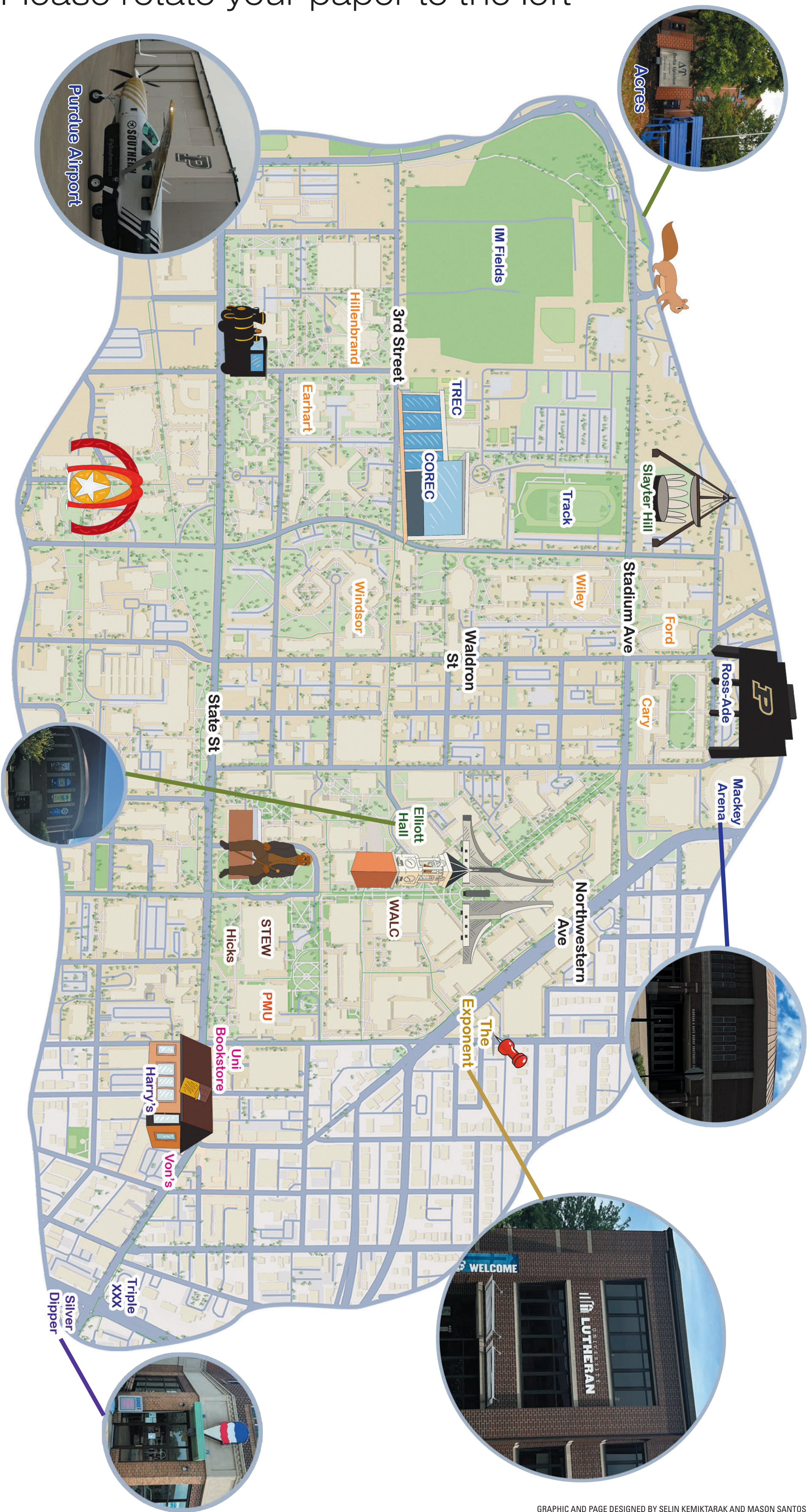


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Freshmen, be glad you're not in the class of 1913

Ritual brawling between freshmen and sophomores ended poorly

BY ANDY CRAIG
Staff Reporter

Today's freshmen and sophomores will probably never get the chance to brawl each other in a field for rights to graffiti a water tank, but Purdue students at the turn of the 20th century didn't have much of a choice.

More than a century ago, incoming freshmen were pitted against the sophomores in a contest, called the Tank Scrap, which ended when the entirety of one class was subdued and subsequently chained together. Attendance was mandatory, and roll call was taken at class meetings before the fight.

"Any member of these two classes who fails to answer (roll call) will be held responsible for his actions and will be summarily dealt with by his classmates," The Exponent reported in 1913. Classmates "usually find an adequate way of punishing any man who shows the 'yellow streak' and tries to dodge the fight."

The winning team would then paint their class graduation year in big numerals on the water tank one mile north of campus on present-day Salisbury Street, along with their signatures, where they remained until next year's scrap.

Afterward, the losing team would be covered in paint, presumably with the leftovers, and paraded to the Tippecanoe County Courthouse, where they were forced to "sing and perform stunts," according to 1922 Exponent reporting.

The tradition ended in 1913 after a student was killed during the fight.

Faculty loathed the event, but every year it was held, the number of participants and spectators reportedly grew.

Former professor Emma Montgomery McRae told The Exponent in 1906 that "one of the participants had stated to her after the scrap that 'his side would never have won had they not choked the men when they threw them to the ground.' McRae believes the scrap has gone beyond sane bounds when it comes to treating the men with such cruelty."

In February 1908, it was reported that the faculty were finally putting an end to the annual scrap.

"The abolition of the Tank Scrap was received by the student body with mingled feelings of thankfulness and injustice," The Exponent reported in 1908.

The upperclassmen responded by forming

the Tank Scrap Committee, composed of three representatives from each class to determine governing rules in an attempt to appease the staff.

It was decided in June, just before students went home for the summer, that the Tank Scrap would resume but with a series of seven rules, elaborating on who would incur the cost.

The biggest change was that the ordeal would kick off at Stuart Field, where Purdue football played until 1924, and would correspond with the first home game, serving as a pep rally.

When students returned to campus that September, the football coach urged players on the still-helmetless football team not to participate in the scrap as to avoid "running risk of injury to limbs."

Later that month, a concerned parent wrote a letter to the editor of the Exponent: "(Our children) are thrown into the bedlam of a Tank Scrap, where in one short night they hear enough rough language to sear their souls and their bodies, if not returned lifeless, perhaps rendered useless — maimed for life."

In its infancy, the Tank Scrap usually kicked off the first week of classes, and in later years, it happened the week of the first home football game. The exact origins of the tradition are unknown, although a 1913 Exponent account of an 1887 Purdue alumnus' speech at Fowler Hall indicates early forms of organized class "scraps."

That alumnus was George Ade, immortalized by Purdue Athletics in 1924 with the naming of today's home of Boilermaker football. The Exponent's account is vague, but Ade reportedly credited former classmate and namesake of the westmost dorms, John McCutcheon, with "indirectly starting the 'Tank Scrap' customs."

What appears to be the infamous tank now reads "Indiana American Water" in blue and red letters over a rusty white paint coat. But 129 years ago, Purdue students used the unblemished steel tank as a blank canvas to display their class graduation years. The landscape was nearly treeless at the time and the tank sits at one of the highest points in West Lafayette, so those numbers could be seen all the way from campus.

"The Tank Scrap has done more for Purdue than all her football or track victories, and it is largely responsible for whatever spirit she possesses," The Exponent reported in 1904.



EXPONENT FILE GRAPHIC/

This Exponent comic depicts the 1913 Tank Scrap. The artist, presumably Harold Gray, was the art editor of The Debris and created comics and drawings for The Exponent and Lafayette Morning Journal. Both papers published the graphic the week of the scrap.

"Above all it is her own. It is unique, and persons who ought to know have pronounced it the most fiercely contested of class (scraps in the nation)."

In 1904, two freshmen climbed into the apparently lid-less reservoir and hid until their team had lost. When they revealed their position and that, in fact, the scrap was not over, the sophomores responded by "bribing the water company \$10 to flood the tank," according to 1904 Exponent reporting.

This forced the two students inside to retreat down the ladder and join their tied-up classmates, wherein they were forced to stand in a circle around the water tank as it overflowed and soaked them all.

In 1910, it was reported that the women of Purdue had "an auxiliary scrap" on the third floor of Ladies Hall, one of the three original campus buildings. That same year, the student band was photographed playing at the Tank Scrap and can be seen in parade photos.

The sophomores won the event 15 times out of 20, with three of their losses coming con-

secutively in the scrap's final years. By the last one, in 1913, it had been repeatedly reported that the sophomores found themselves unable to compete against the ever-increasing freshman class sizes.

The final scrap was the shortest on record, lasting just 14 minutes as 500 freshmen made quick work of 300 sophomores. As they were chaining up the last of the sophomores, it was noticed that one sophomore, Francis Obenchain, was lying unresponsive.

The Exponent erroneously reported he died from a heart attack based on reports from the Tippecanoe County coroner that night. It was learned the next day his neck had been snapped during the scrap. A meeting was called at Fowler Hall that ultimately abolished the Tank Scrap with the unanimous support of the student body.

The main headline on the front page of The Exponent the next day read: "TANK SCRAP CUSTOM DIES: Lower Class Encounter Has Out-Grown Its Usefulness — Incoming Classes Too Large."

Column: College opportunities rarely knock

BEN THERE, DONE THAT



Ben Goldman
Former Columnist

When I came to Purdue, I was scared.

I was shipped to The Middle of Nowhere, Indiana, after coming from an Indiana University feeder high

school. I had no friends. I thought these four years would be the worst.

Yet, in time, I realized college is what you make of it. Because the 2020-21 school year didn't really exist, I didn't realize this until my sophomore year.

Then, on Aug. 25, 2021, I received a simple email. The salutation was "Hi, Gentlemen of Cary" and my spiral into Purdue involvement commenced. Although I didn't realize it at the time, I was about to become the wearer of many hats.

The email was trying to fill the last few board positions of Cary Club, which is the residence hall club in charge of Cary Quadrangle Residence Hall. Intrigued by

helping the residence hall I dearly loved, I decided to throw my proverbial hat into the ring.

I applied for and became the Residence Hall Association representative. I was hoping the position would allow me to make friends from other halls. Little did I know, my response started a domino effect which made my college career more enjoyable.

After becoming a Cary Club member, I got swept in with a friend's presidential campaign for Purdue Student Government. It was a great way to make connections and network, but I became disillusioned with the whole process and how it was reported in the Exponent.

So, I channeled my inner old man and decided to write a letter to the editor. I told the Exponent it was a shell of its former self. To my surprise, they published it in the paper. So, I wrote another one complaining about PSG. That was published too. So, I decided to get creative.

In the next letter I decided to complain (sense a theme?) about how those "lovable" squirrels are actually just freeloading rodents who need to start paying room and board, and then another about how the Boilermaker Special is the greatest alarm clock. I thought there was no way in hell they would make the paper, but they did.

It was shortly after I penned those letters that I was contacted by the incoming editor-in-chief at the time about becoming a columnist for the Exponent. I don't know what she was thinking ... I was everything a newspaper tries to avoid: opinionated, illiterate and unwilling to talk to people.

Still, it was a fun idea. The only stipulation was that I had to change my name to Been.

It was a small price to pay to write for the student newspaper I had criticized just a month or so prior.

It turned out the spring semester of 2022 held a lot of opportunities for me. I became the president of Cary Club, a satirist for the Expo-

ment and a course development associate for Purdue. I still am all those things.

I guess it's kind of sad I haven't joined anything since then, but responding to that one email on a whim exposed me to many opportunities that I likely never would have had if I chose to ignore the communication.

I have made lifelong friends, battled gnomes, became a squirrel for a day and took out a poor kid while sledding, all because I decided to go out of my way and respond to an email. Now, if only finding a post-grad job was that easy, I would be set for life.

I'm still kind of peeved the editor-in-chief never responded to my letters.

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Joe's declassified Purdue police survival guide

Here's what you need to know about Purdue's legal systems

BY JOE DUHOWNIK

Editor's note: This story was originally published in 2022.

What happens if I get busted for alcohol/drugs in my dorm?

It's Friday night, and your friends just got to your dorm. It's your first weekend in college, and you want to make it one to remember. Just as you pull that sweet \$7 vodka from your free Purdue string bag, you hear a knock on your door.

It's your R.A.

Purdue has a strict policy against drugs and alcohol in residence halls and other Purdue property. If a student is caught on campus with drugs or alcohol, they are subject to discipline from the Office of the Dean of Students regardless of their age. For alcohol and minor drugs like marijuana, students with no history of misconduct most often receive a disciplinary warning or probation, according to previous Exponent reporting. Those students are also enrolled in mandatory drug education classes.

Students who are repeat offenders can face more extreme punishments up to and including expulsion, according to Purdue's website.

Exceptions to these rules, given an individual is 21 or older, are as follows:

- Family apartments and single graduate residences in Purdue Village
- Registered occupants of guest rooms in the Union Club
- Sporting events in specially designated areas
- Purdue Memorial Union 1869 Tap Room
- Members of fraternities, sororities and cooperative housing who are 21 or older can possess and consume alcohol given the following conditions:
 - Under no circumstances may alcoholic beverages be sold.
 - Alcoholic beverages may not be available at any event where an admission fee is charged.
 - Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed outside the house.
 - Alcoholic beverages and containers for alcoholic beverages may not be displayed outside the house.
 - Alcoholic beverages may not be provided or consumed at an open event.

Purdue also reserves the right to refer students to police whenever there is an incident.

Great, now the cops are involved.

Your R.A. just finished pouring your vodka down the sink and told you to expect to hear from ODOS soon. Now paranoid, your friends decide to go home. You and your roommate are sharing a bag of Doritos on the futon when another knock comes from the door. Your roommate gets up and checks the peephole.

"Shit," he says under his breath.

"It's the cops."

Purdue police might give you a warning for alcohol or weed on occasion, but most of the time you'll end up with a citation. Keep in mind that a citation is still an arrest. The only difference is that you aren't booked into the jail. Usually police don't like to book people for things like alcohol or marijuana. If you get a citation, you still need to show up to your court date and pay a fine. If you fail to do so, a judge will issue a warrant for your arrest.

If you're convicted of a drug-related crime, not only could you see anything from fines to probation to jail time, but you may also lose eligibility for federal student loans.

Read more about what happens if you're arrested for possession of marijuana here.

Good Samaritan/Lifeline laws

If you only take one lesson from this story, let this be it:

If you're with someone who's having a medical emergency, are a victim of sexual assault or are actively witnessing a crime, CALL 911!

If you're afraid your friend might have been experiencing alcohol poisoning or overdosing on something, *pick up the phone and dial*. If you've just been sexually assaulted, battered or harassed in any way, *pick up the phone and dial*. If you happen to be drunk at the Lafayette City Bank (hey, I don't judge), *pick up the phone and dial*.

Police will not prosecute you for being drunk or high if any of these conditions are at play.

We can just walk home, it'll be fine.

It's been two weeks since you were cited for underage drinking. You attended your court date and the judge let you off with a warning. To celebrate, you and your roommate go to a frat party. When you get to the house, you park your car along the street.

"The sign says no parking," your roommate says.

"It's fine," you reply. "They never give out tickets on the weekends."

After a long night of partying, you decide it's time to hit the hay. You're too drunk to drive home, but you can't afford an Uber, so you decide to walk. You and your roommate are stumbling wildly along Northwestern Avenue when you see police lights.

"Oh, not again," you say.

Similar to drugs and alcohol, public intoxication could land you with another citation, but you're just as likely to get booked into the jail for a night.

But here's the tricky part:

Drunk people like to be difficult. If you don't comply with everything the police do, they'll slap you with a resisting arrest charge faster than you can say beer pong.

If you are booked, have fun calling Mom and Dad to bail you out.



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A car parked with a ticket in the windshield wiper

Once again, keep in mind, *don't miss your court date!*

I knew I shouldn't have parked there.

After verbally berating you over the phone for an hour, your parents finally agree to bail you out of jail. You catch an Uber back to the frat house to retrieve your car, and your heart skips a beat.

A small yellow envelope shines in the sun from under your window wiper.

Campus parking passes will vary in price depending on their location and access, but most passes will range from \$50 to \$100. Depending on your residence hall, or if you live off campus, you'll be given different spots you can park in. If you get a ticket, you have two options.

The first option is just paying the \$35 ticket. You do that through the Purdue parking portal online. If you don't want to fork over 35 bucks, you can appeal the ticket using that same portal. I've received about seven or eight parking tickets in my time at Purdue, and only two of my appeals have ever been denied, so take that how you will.

If your appeal is denied, you can take it a step further to student court, which is literally just a Zoom meeting with a bunch of random students in their dorms. You tune in, explain why you parked where you did and beg them not to make you pay the ticket then they deliberate and decide your fate.

If you're trying to avoid more tickets, just save

the ticket you got and leave it on your car every time you park illegally. That way, police will assume someone already gave a ticket and will leave your car alone. (No promises that this works.)

Dude, don't tell anyone I was arrested.

EVERYONE CAN ALREADY SEE YOU GOT ARRESTED, YOU BIG DUMMY.

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What do I do if I feel unsafe on campus?

If you are ever in immediate danger for any reason, don't hesitate to dial 911. Campus police are here to help you first and foremost. If your issue isn't an emergency, you can call PUPD at 765-494-8221.

If you're uncomfortable walking home from class alone late at night, call 765-494-7233, and someone will be sent to walk you home free of charge.

If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis, dial 765-495-4357 for emergency counseling and psychological services.

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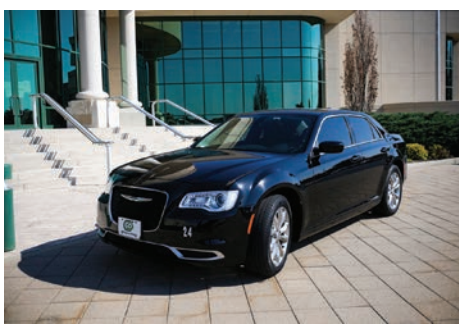
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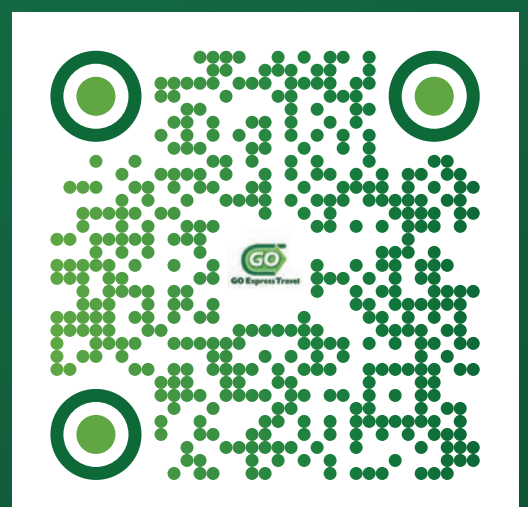
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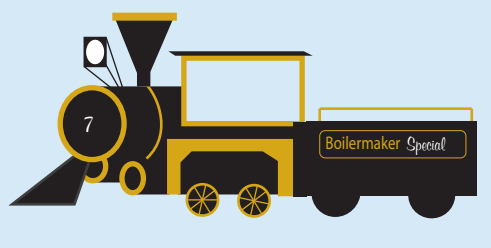
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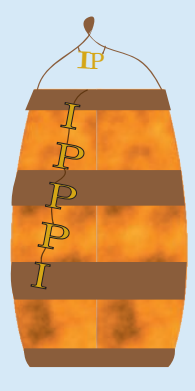
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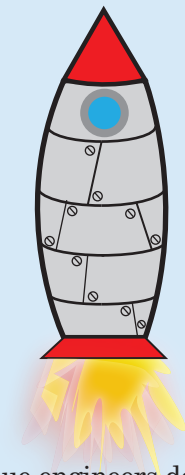
Purdue's official mascot, the Boilermaker Special will drive you to greatness and help you rock out to "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne. Be sure never to call it the Boilermaker "Express," or a member of the Reamer Club will emerge from the shadows to correct you.



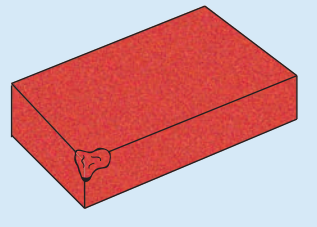
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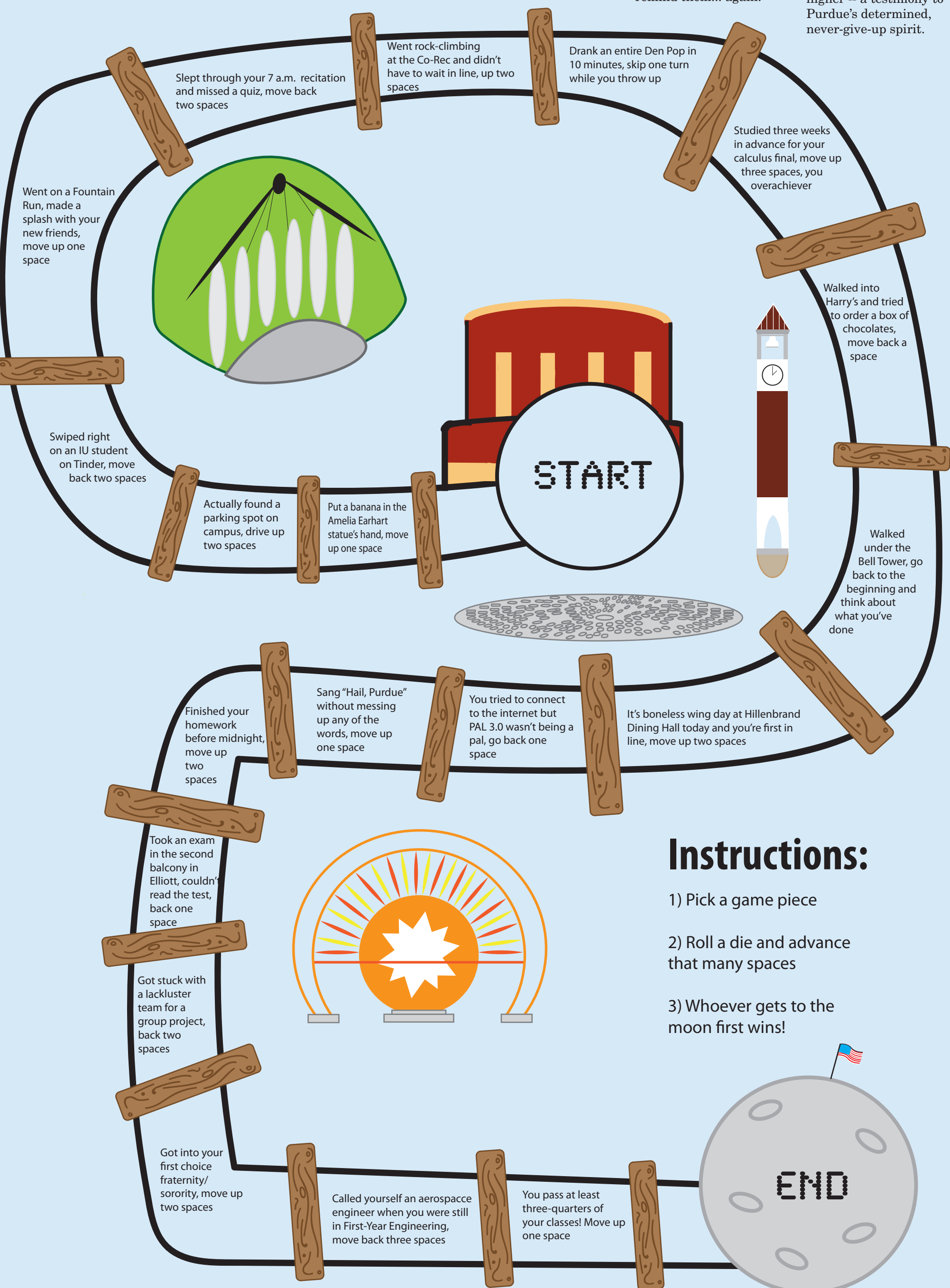
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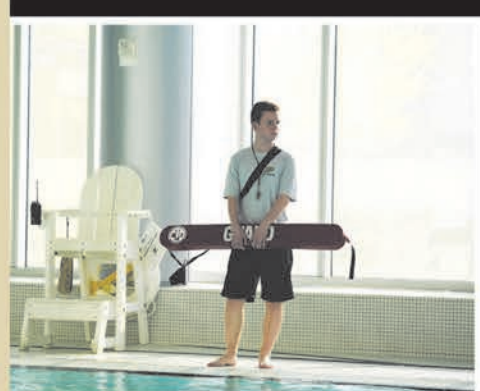
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