Welcome to Purdue! Boiler up and don’t forget your water bottle.

A survival guide to crowds, food and style

BY KAYLA CORSICH Staff Reporter

I first came to Purdue as a Thromp- son family start student in early July years. The five-week-long program with more than 2,000 students had me convinced I had con- quered Purdue.

But nothing could have prepared me for the first day of classes.

I was a big school, but that was all of the reasons I chose to come here, af- ter all. But having to push through throngs of students to get to class freaked me out a little. Everyone I looked, there were people I didn’t recognize. Everyone I looked, peo- ple were walking through the crowd, know- ing where they were going. Everywhere I looked, there were just people, people and more people.

Looking back, I remember feeling so small. I met up with some friends from my Think Summer group, and all we could talk about was how crowded it was. During the summer, campus had been practically des- erted. Now it felt as if it was overflowing.

Even going to Butler Gold Card wasn’t a good indicator of what was to come. Don’t get me wrong. Being packed into Ross-Ade Stadium with 8,000 other freshmen was an eye-opening experience, but that’s still a fraction of the actual student population.

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I was an awkward dork whose few friends and I thought, I was too strange and look, there. Map out your class route the day be- fore.

Earhart and Meredith to the main academic buildings. The one thing the summer did prepare me for was the dining court experience.

Because so few people were on campus during the summer, only two dining courts were open: Wylie and Earhart. It was always crowded, and it was impossible to find a ta- ble for our entire group unless we got there right when the dining courts opened.

At the same time, there were several high school summer campers who would eat at the dining courts at the same time. Let’s just say, robotic ordering at the dining court. It had the most consistent food of all dining courts.

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Join a club
My primary extracurricular is the Exponent, where I was able to meet other energetic people who were passionate about reading, writing and art. If you were an athlete in high school, join a club sport. If you actually enjoyed robotics, join one of Purdue’s 10,000 robotics organizations.

“Just make as many clubs as you can,” Shrivani said. “I was putting myself out there and being open to new experiences.”

“Social event clubs are great,” Phan added. “That’s what I did when I first came to college. People are really open to talk to you. They really want to make friends.”

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Dahye Lee, a graduate student in food science, and Hailey Arreola and Li Xin Lim, both graduate students in psychology, said they bonded over their love of food. They strength- ened their relationship by cooking together, going out to eat and attending an aqua-aerobics class.

On their picnic table was a colorful spread of pesto pasta, fruit, a blue sea bowl and barbecue sauce. They bought the food from multiple different restaurants to prepare for their picnic.

“We should really be called The Foodies,” Arreola said. “We drew each other photos of the food we’re covering and we’re like, oh man.”

“And then we make it, or just go get it,” Lee said.

“Make friends in class
The most straightforward way to make friends is to bond with the students suffering the same assignments as you.

“Allow yourself to ask for help from your fellow classmates or have a study group,” Shrivani said. “That really helped me make my friends within my major.”

“Taylor May, 22, was sitting on the grass of Purdue Mall with her friend Chunmei Chapman, 22. The pair both work at Purdue Student Health.

May is studying for a master’s in behavioral analysis at Pur- due Global, but she received her medical assistant degree in extracurriculars. The group of four realized they all knew

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Not only will break up, no matter how many times you’re being held hands in the dining hall. It will probably be held on both sides, and then you will be back without a friend group.

2) Sitting by yourself and waiting for someone to notice how interesting you are

No matter how mysterious you think they look, this does not happen in real life. If you are sitting alone, people will assume you don’t want to be approached. Unfortunately, to make friends, you have to engage with the public.

If there’s someone in your class you have a rapport with, ask them to study with you or grab lunch. The worst thing they can do is say yes.

“Be open to being the first person to reach out because, I feel, often you are like, ‘Oh, maybe they don’t want to hang out with me.” Shrivani said. “Maybe they probably would be think- ing the same things. If they don’t respond, that’s fine, but more likely than not people will be willing to hang out in.”

3) Lowering your standards
Once I actually had the confidence to ask people to eat lunch with me, I found myself hanging out with everyone who said ‘yes’. I had no discretion whatsoever.

In the worst cases, I would hang out with people who encour- aged me to make harmful choices, but most of the time, I just ended up hanging out with people I found annoying.

Often, I would lie about my interests to seem more platoni- dally desirable. For example, I have pretended to like chess, more than once, to get someone who actually liked chess to be my friend.

My desire for social interaction outweighed common sense.

“Don’t force a relationship. You have to be yourself with peo- ple in order to form a connection,” Phan said. “If it doesn’t work out, don’t be upset about it.”

Don’t bring unnecessary grief into the world. It’s better to have a few friends you love the bunch of friends you can endureably tolerate.

At a big school, it doesn’t matter how unusual your interests are, people who want to be friends with you are out there. You have to go look for them.

You might get lucky right away, or you might be lonely for a while, always joining clubs, talking to your classmates, or even making conversation at the coffee shop down the street.

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Dahye Lee, a graduate student in food science, and Hailey Arreola and Li Xin Lim, both graduate students in psychology, said the food in West Lafayette isn’t good, so they seek out the best restaurants in town.

“Just go find another person,” Phan said. “We have so many thousands of people on campus, you’ve got to find one.”
Op-ed: Graduate school serves our students

BY JAMES KUNG

Although freshmen generally begin graduate school as full-time students in their first year, most students will move to part-time status to accommodate their college career, some even sooner.

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Academic separation (flunking out)

Results in a grade of ‘W’

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Academic Warning

If both your semester and cumulative GPA are above a 2, “W” grades will not affect your GPA.

If you switch a class to “pass/fail,” another way to avoid the letter grade, a “pass” will appear on your transcript along with your semester and cumulative grade point averages.

You cannot be academically separated at the end of your first semester. If both your semester and cumulative GPA are below a 2, you may not be admitted to another term at Purdue.

If your grades are below a B and you are a Purdue student, your GPA will be recalculated to determine if you meet the minimum academic standards.
Between rolling Starship robots parting seas of students down Third Street, to blue-and-black VEO scooters zooming in the bike lane, pedestrians have never had more alternate travel and delivery options on campus. But they also have a lot more to think about.

With the introduction of VEO scooters last spring, the 15-mph motorized vehicles have hit the streets and sidewalks and caused some issues for pedestrians and police, especially adding to bicycles and skateboards. "When you run a red light on one of those little scooters and somebody’s car has a green light going the other direction?" West Lafayette police Capt. Adam Furgason asked. "That’s going to be a problem when there’s a collision."

Last month, four people were arrested in one night for riding the scooters while under the influence. While the scooters cap out at 15 mph, they count as motorized vehicles and must be ridden on the street. Riding bikes, scooters and skateboards on the sidewalks is prohibited and could result in being ticketed, according to university policy.

The same goes for walking in bike lanes; pedestrians may not use the areas designated for bikes. Although they can’t be ticketed for it, it puts them in a dangerous situation when some motorized vehicles go beyond 15 mph.

As road vehicles, scooters and bikes are subject to the same laws cars are. "Most motorists are good at sharing the roadway," Ferguson said, "but the problem that we run into, especially when alcohol is involved, is that people are a lot more likely to violate the rules of the road in the traffic laws."

Bikes and scooters must also be parked in the correct designated areas. Leaving them in the middle of walkways or tied to undesignated areas could result in them being impounded, or in the case of VEO scooters, could result in users losing access to the app.

For personal bikes and scooters, it’s important to properly secure them. The first month of every new semester is filled with bikes hanging from trees after an upperclassman decides to be funny. To be able to find your bike if it’s stolen, register it with the Purdue Police Department. This allows officers to potentially track and return your bike if it’s stolen.

Getting around campus for the first time can be overwhelming, and bikes and scooters zooming past can make it even more overwhelming. Stay on the designated areas and stay aware, and you’ll master walking Purdue’s streets.

"Do’s and don’ts of getting around campus

BY MARCO RIVERO LUNA
Staff Reporter

Motorized scooters add to already chaotic streets

President Mung Chiang rides a Veo bike at the company’s official campus launch. As part of the celebrations, a small “race” was held to demonstrate the capabilities of Veo bikes.

Students walk to and from classes on one of the few sunny days this winter.

A student bikes past a campus bus.

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Half a foot of snow piles up on the ground outside Wiley Residence Hall and now keeps falling. It’s my freshman year and my first winter on campus. I’m getting ready for my class, but it wasn’t my only problem that day. My shoes and socks became soggy from trudging through campus in the snow that quickly turned to slush in the foot traffic. Overall, the day could have been better.

But it made me aware of some of the things I should have brought to campus to make my life easier, such as a pair of shoes good for snow and a winter jacket. Even though winter can be cumbersome to those not used to it, Purdue is also a fairly large campus, and walking even when there isn’t snow on the ground can get tiring.

“Invest in comfortable shoes,” Jeffery Stefancic, associate dean of students rights and responsibilities, said in a statement from the student support team. “Purdue is a very walkable campus, but it is a large one. Good shoes are a must and will be needed once the winter months hit.”

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Windsor Hall under a sheet of snow after the snowfall in early February.
IU: You know we don’t like them, right?

Top hits from longtime Purdue-IU rivalry

BY KAITA GORSUCH

Senior guard Eric Hunter Jr. brings the ball up court during the Jan. 27, 2023, game in Assembly Hall in Bloomington.

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The Exponent's front page from its Feb. 25, 1985, edition after the Purdue men's basketball team beat Indiana University. A "highlight" of that game was IU Head Basketball Coach Bob Knight

The gold and black won that game 72-63.

What to know about student tickets

STAFF REPORTS

For Keto, students have the opportunity to see every home football game and will have access to men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball games.

Unfortunately, Boarding Passes, which give students priority access to tickets, sold out for the 2022-23 season in March. Freshmen are still able to buy single-game tickets upon availability.

Although tickets are available for purchase through apps such as StubHub and Ticketmaster, the best way to get tickets is through a student account on the Purdue Athletics website.

For account setup, students need to know their 10-digit Purdue ERN number and a password which was Purdue Head Basketball Coach Matt Painter said he wanted to play "pressure-packed" after the loss in February.

"Anytime the Boilers put up less-than-desirable shooting figures, it always the same message after the game: These guys can shoot. They're taking the right shots, and eventually they'll go in," an Exponent sportswriter wrote last year.

According to the Purdue sports website, since 1995, Purdue has won 23 wins and 21 losses against IU. The largest victory margin for the Boilers was by 47.
Ben there, done that: Crash course for campus living

The college experience is different for everyone. For some, it involves being chased by Purdue Pete at midnight on Hulman Street; for others, it consists of becoming an engineer and never seeing the sun (five, yes five, days! in one semester! in four years! Purdue lore has it that students who study and leave the dorm are the ones you will meet the next two semesters. So it is important to make it cozy and homely. Just remember that keeping its children for as long as possible.

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Purdue traditions and other oddities

The bell tower

No matter what happens in the next four years, make sure your incoming freshman avoids walking under the bell tower at all costs. A common superstition on campus says that if a student walks under the tower, they won’t graduate for four years. Despite the threat of a delayed graduation, many optimistic students have seen it as an opportunity to graduate in three years.

The discoloration

If you’re feeling thirsty on a hot summer’s day, need a hot drink, head over to the Discount Den. People around Earhart Hall may notice that decorations are occasionally added to the statue of Amelia Earhart by patrons of the Discount Den who want to leave a small tip. While inside the electrical engineering building, you’ll receive a slightly greater dosage of radiation than anywhere else on campus. But don’t worry, it’s harmless.

Nuclear reactor

PUR-1, the only nuclear reactor in the state of Indiana, can be found in the basement of EE. It’s a research reactor for nuclear engineering students and cannot be used to make electricity. And even if it could, it can only produce 10,000 watts of heat, which even with a direct conversion to energy couldn’t power a toaster.

The morning of every home football game is a time for students to dress up in costumes and go to the bars before the game starts, called Breakfast Club.

As tradition goes, before exams, students drink the water from each of the four mouths on the Lions Head Fountain. It is said that doing so is good luck, and it means you will pass your next exam. And yes, the water is safe to drink; the fountain was renovated in 2000.

A bust of Abraham Lincoln is featured alongside the busts of former Purdue presidents. It is said that rubbing Lincoln’s nose brings good luck, hence the denomination.

Recurring campus oddities

Students with free time on Friday may see the morph suit-clad students running around campus to lively music played on their speakers. If your student doesn’t have a morph suit, you can get one now. Purdue students are known to take unlocked bike locks, get one now. Purdue students are known to take unlocked bike locks, toss them into trees.

A banner that reads “IV” rather than “IV”...

One theory says that “IV” very closely resembles “IIII,” the abbreviation for the numeral 4. If you look closely at a clock’s dial, you will pass your next exam. And yes, the water is safe to drink; the fountain was renovated in 2000.

The bell tower

One of Purdue’s most famous traditions is the bell tower, which is exactly what it sounds like. Students begin by running through the Engineering Fountain and end at Lash Fountain in front of Birck Bell Hall. The bell tower, the Lions Head Fountain in front of Stanley Coulter Hall and the Memorial Fountain by John Purdue’s statue.

The Lions Head Fountain in particular has been the subject of much speculation. As tradition goes, before exams, students drink the water from each of the four mouths on the Lions Head Fountain. It is said that doing so is good luck, and it means you will pass your next exam. And yes, the water is safe to drink; the fountain was renovated in 2000.
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DO clean up after yourself

DON'T leave spilled milk in the fridge for 2 weeks

DO tell your roommate if you're having people over

DON'T kick your roommate out to cheat on your girlfriend with someone you just met in lab

DO wear headphones if your roommate is sleeping

DON'T set 15 alarms within 1 minute of each other

BY ALEX HADDON | STAFF REPORTER
Your Purdue journey begins
Can you make it to the end of the year?

Choose a piece!

Your path forward is up to you, but here's how to get started:

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2. Roll a die and advance that many spaces.
3. Whoever gets to the moon first wins!
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**Marco Rivero Luna**
Name: Senior, political science and law and society
Hometown: Naperville, Illinois
Advice for new students: Don’t be afraid of change.
What makes me happy: Writing.
Marco will be editor in chief in the fall.

**Alex Haddon**
Name: Senior, in-tegrated studio arts
Hometown: Rochester, Minnesota
Advice for new students: Whenever possible, do not give Purdue your money.
What makes me happy: Dates at McDonald’s (colloquially known as McDates).

**Seth Nelson**
Name: Sophomore, communications
Hometown: South Bend, Indiana
Advice for new students: Find things YOU want to do, not things you think you should do. Not just academically, though, find hobbies you like and want to do. Also, be clean. Clean your dorm and yourself; it makes a difference for you and everyone around you (disregard is a must in a crowded freshman lacerbary).
What makes me happy: Dancing almost every day. I love to play music and write stories. My dog is the fluffiest in the world; she’s 11 years old and fabulous. My friends are always wonderful and I’m happy when I get to drive with the windows down while music.

**Kaita Gorsuch**
Name: Sophomore, English literature and creative writing
Hometown: Noblesville, Indiana
Advice for new students: Create a routine and stick with it.
What makes me happy: When I finish my readings for class and can finally read a non-school related book.

**James Kling**
Name: Senior, political science and history
Hometown: I was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, but I came here from a smallish town called Camas, Washington.
Advice for new students: Find things you enjoy doing.
What makes me happy: When I have a good book to read or when I can dance on my own.

Our staff members were freshmen, not long ago.

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**OUR STAFF**

**Marco Rivero Luna** is always thoughtful.
**Seth Nelson** is a distinguished, handsome fellow.
**James Kling** is a veteran reporter.
**Alex Haddon** is a classy writer.
**Kaita Gorsuch** is often confused with a student reporter.

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By Mary Rose Hokanson
Staff Reporter

Maybe you've been watching football on Saturdays, or maybe, just maybe, you're ready to buckle up and ride or die for the Boilermakers all season long. Whatever your case may be, the upcoming season of Purdue football will be an exciting one, and you don't want to miss it.

On the Ross-Ade renovation, a new coach and expectations

The Boilermakers finished 8-4 in their conference, coming out on top after defeating Indiana University in the Old Tyme Bucket vi
tory game Thanksgiving weekend, and they qualified for the Big Ten Title Game, a first in program history.

A new precedent has been set, and expectations will be high.

Purdue would have to finish the regular season at .500 or higher to win the Big Ten West to return to the Big Ten Championship this year. If Purdue cannot retain its title in the Big Ten West, the goal would be to make the six

regional playoff games, which means every game counts to improve or worsen the final number of wins and losses that go to the team's record at the end of the season.

The 2023 season opener will un
veil the south end zone as a com
petitor for the best end zone in the Big Ten West. The new south end zone will give the fans a better view of the field, a more enjoyable atmosphere, and a new experience for the Boilermakers.

Purdue's new 2023 season opener
will also be the highly anticipated entrance from the team out of the new Tiller Tunnel.

The team's entrance onto the field is led by the Boilermaker Spe
cial, the official mascot of Purdue. It is a custom-made bright gold and black locomotive, weighing about 2 tons, and it claims to be the world's fastest, hairiest and longest col
legiate mascot. It is cared for and maintained by the Reamer Club.

You can take a ride on the Boilermaker Special Boilermaker for free on Boilermaker Free Ride Fridays. Pickups will be in front of Strode Center and drop-offs at Memorial Stadium. Running every 15 minutes, typically from noon until 4 p.m. on the Friday before game days.

Game days also present the op
portunity to witness the incred
ible performance of the Purdue All-American Marching Band, which features over a wide range of musical genres, as it energizes the crowd and leads the student section's first-down chants, the famous "IU SUCKS" chant, the Liedy Brothers "Shout" between the third and fourth quarters, and more.

The All-American Marching Band also boasts the big band drum, known as "the world's larg
er drum," which stands six feet tall. Its halftime performances always improve alongside Purdue's Golden Girl and Silver Tuxen (human tuxen)

ters, and the rest of the color guard.

Key on up for Purdue Pete, the cheerleaders and the Golden
diggers, Purdue's dance team, on the sideline and ascending the ranks of the personal to the summit of his profession as Purdue's defensive coordinator. Walters is considered one of the best young defensive coordinators in the nation and the staff behind him all have their own accolades and creden
tials. But one of the strengths of this coaching staff is the schemes they have been able to install for the Boilermakers, including the air

t style offense being installed by Graham Harrell and the Walters defense he calls the "air strike." As far as talent and names to man 100-card games.

Mockobee cuts backs and tackles with his running style. He can slip through the most narrow of gaps. Cutback, breaking tackles, stiff arms, twisting and contorting and outwitting the defense is his

mock. Purdue's defense will be on display all season, alongside

Freshman running back Devion Mockobee cuts back on his run as he dodges Indiana defenders. Mockobee led the Boilermakers with 30 rushing yards during their 30-16 win against Indiana last season.

Walters' is considered one of the top units in the nation in only two
years. But typically, most people wear Purdue spirit wear, and the win

A new coach

Head coach Ryan Walters said his first action was to award redshirt freshman Devion Mockobee, previously a walk-on, with a scholarship. The ran

ning back helped lead Purdue's offense in the 2022 season, averaging over

40 plays and sack QBs all season long.

Mockobee's run after his break down the left sideline for a 47-yard touchdown.

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