





## FISH

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to eat Taco Bell in the basement. It gets better.

### 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.

"Join as many clubs as you can," Shivani said. "I was putting myself out there and being open to new experiences."

"Social event clubs are great," Phan said. "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."

"Make sure to follow up a lot of the time," Phan added. "We know a lot of people but then we don't follow up with them. Make sure to keep that connection by hanging out. After a



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**Dahye Lee, left, 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.**

while, it's going to get natural."

Dahye Lee, a graduate student in food science, and Hailey Arreola and Li Xin Lim, both graduate students in psychology, are a trio who bonded over their love of food. They strengthened 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 açai bowl and brownies. They bought the food from multiple different restaurants to prepare for their picnic.

"We should really be called The Foodies," Arreola said. "We show each other photos of the food we're craving 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," Shivani 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 Candice Chapman, 37. The pair both work at Purdue University Student Health.

May is studying for a master's in behavioral analysis at Purdue Global, but she received her medical assistant degree in person at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette.

"I made friends with the people in my class study groups, those were the people I hung out with the most," May said.

May met her college best friend by hanging out with her before their pharmacology class to share notes.

"She looked at me as the smart kid in the class and I looked at her as the smart kid in the class," May said. "I wouldn't have graduated without her by my side. Go for the nerds!"

### Bad strategies

Because I didn't have a helpful article in the New Student Edition to guide me, I learned how to make friends through trial and error. Here are some strategies I tried that didn't work:

- 1) Piggy-backing off a significant other's friend group
- I thought a romantic partner would be the answer to my loneliness. It was a great idea in theory. You get an instant best friend with a few extra buddies to pad your trips to BoilerCon. But there is a 99% chance you and your freshman-year part-



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**Cindy Phan, left, a junior in pharmacy, and Shivani Pranatharthi Haran and Smrithi Pranatharthi Haran, both recent graduates in mechanical engineering, met many of their friends in extracurriculars. The group of four realized they all knew each other over the social media BeReal.**

ner will break up, no matter how many times you've lovingly held hands in the dining hall. It will probably be brutal 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 you look, this does not happen in real life. If you are sitting alone, people will assume you don't want to be bothered. Unfortunately, to make friends, you will 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 no.

"Be open to being the first person to reach out because, I feel like, often you're like 'Oh, maybe they don't want to hang out with me,'" Shivani said. "Maybe they probably would be thinking the same things. If they don't respond, that's fine, but more likely than not most people will be willing to hang out."

- 3) Lowering your standards
- Once I actually had the confidence to ask people to eat lunch with me, I found myself hanging out with every person who'd say "yes." I had no discretion whatsoever.

In the worst cases, I would hang out with people who encouraged 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 platonically 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 people 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 than a bunch of friends you can barely 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. Keep joining clubs, talking to your classmates, or even making conversation at the coffee shop down the street.

"Freshman year, you're going to meet tons of people, and then you'll see whether you keep in touch or not," Shivani said.

"Just go find another person," Phan said. "We have so many thousands of people on campus, you've got to find one."

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# Apartment leases fill up quickly near campus

## It's not too soon to weigh housing options

BY JAMES KLING  
Staff Reporter

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



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

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 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 management officials include having a strong idea of what you want before signing a lease.

"The more information you can get us, the better we will be able 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."

### POLICE BEAT

### PURDUE

#### Wednesday

A bike that was reportedly stolen on May 30 from the 400 block of Central Drive was reported about 2:45 p.m.

A sinkhole was reported in the parking lot at 1301 3rd St. Cones have been set up around it, according to police logs.

#### Thursday

After investigations of a reported burglary in Mackey Arena on June 8, which PUPD Capt. Song Kang said resulted in the theft of miscellaneous electronic and athletic equipment, a juvenile was issued a one-year ban from campus.

### WEST LAFAYETTE

#### Wednesday

A West Lafayette man reported identity deception after someone reportedly opened a utility account in his name in Texas.

After a shoplifting was reported at the Walmart on Northwestern Avenue, police allegedly found 51-year-old Dustin Proctor attempting to flee the scene with about

\$250 worth of miscellaneous items, police logs read. He was searched and arrested on preliminary charges of theft, resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana and methamphetamine.

A wallet was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1300 block of Happy Hollow Road while the owner was hiking in Happy Hollow Park.

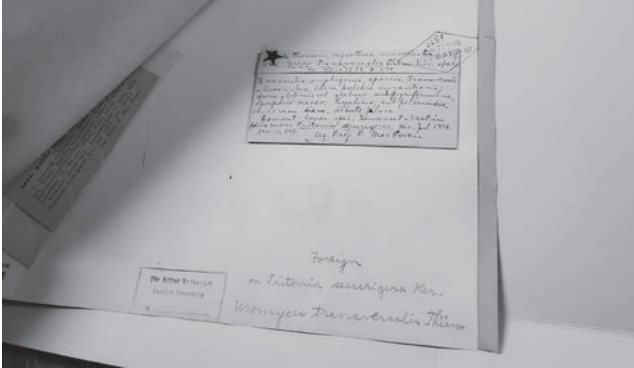
#### Thursday

After a woman was allegedly acting "erratically" in a parking lot in the 1900 block of Northwestern Avenue, according to police logs, 25-year-old Cortney Cooper was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine and a hypodermic needle. Her male companion, 39-year-old Thane Adams, also appeared to be under the influence of illegal drugs and, after a search, was arrested on a preliminary charge of possession of methamphetamine.

A bike was reported stolen from the 200 block of Northwestern Avenue.

Jeremy Garcia, 27, was arrested near the intersection of Sheetz and West Wood streets on a preliminary charge of driving without financial responsibility.

## Letter to the editor



KAITA GORSUCH | STAFF REPORTER

All the herbaria specimens in the Purdue Herbarium are labeled with cursive handwriting. Rabern Simmons said cursive is part of the daily examination and management of these materials.

## A Purdue curator's appreciation of cursive

I fully appreciate your June 8 article "Can you read this?" and the fact that the dismissal of cursive has led to students suffering from a lack of preparation, with one less tool in their hands.

In my role as curator of over 200,000 specimens of plants, fungi, etc., some of which predate Purdue University, cursive is part of the daily examination and management of these materials. Labels are recorded in magnificent calligraphy and are like individual fingerprints assigned by the collectors to their own curatorial works.

These aesthetics are so synonymous with herbaria collections that recently a colleague, looking for imaged specimens for a presentation, rejected non-cursive specimens as "not looking like they came from an herbarium."

For newly mounted specimens on herbarium sheets to be deposited in the Herbaria, both the label of their identity and state or country of origin have traditionally been inscribed by hand in cursive, with further information compiled in digital databases, printed and attached to the sheets, along with barcodes for rapid identification. When I recently asked some students to generate new specimen sheets

with identities and origins in cursive, they stated that they simply could not accomplish this.

Further, as part of continuing digitalization efforts, we are transcribing the herbarium sheets of older specimens not yet in our digital database. These efforts are in risk of major hurdles in projected, budgeted timelines, due to the assistance needed by student workers to properly replicate records recorded in cursive handwriting. How will these records be interpreted in 50 years, if not digitally transcribed in full before that time? Will it become commonplace for cursive, a skill I learned at the age of 7, to be a prerequisite for herbaria curation?

Again, I thank you for shining a light on the disservice being done to the student body. I only wish that this article was published during the school year and more students had the time to reflect on this deficiency, and perhaps take this as an opportunity to refocus their efforts and reclaim this skill in their academic toolbox.

- Rabern Simmons, curator of fungi in the Purdue University Herbaria in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology

## Op-ed: Graduate school serves our students

**Note: This op-ed was written in response to recent news of upcoming changes to Purdue's graduate school organization.**

I am writing to bring awareness to an unfortunate gap in the narrative surrounding the reorganization of the Graduate School.

Namely, under Dean Linda Mason's leadership, she, her cabinet and her staff have sought to inform, equip and empower our graduate students in a manner that is certainly exceptional and deserving of recognition from all levels of the university. Please accept this message in the positive spirit intended.

I am former president, vice president of public relations and senator for the Purdue Graduate Student Government. I have graduate degrees in three different academic departments in three different colleges at Purdue.

It is an unsettling observation that when graduate student leaders gather to discuss graduate education, predominant themes such as poor mental health, exploitation and abuse, and limited access to resources overshadow almost anything positive. I do not claim that Purdue is free from examples of each of these, but I con-

fidently assert that the graduate school administration could not have advocated for the success and well-being of our graduate students better than they have over the past five years.

As examples, more safeguards have been implemented to protect graduate students with open support of projects like the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, there has been a demonstrable commitment to connecting students with professional development to support their post-academic careers, and graduate students have never had as overt a place in the Purdue narrative as now.

Lest we simply accept the status quo of the culture of graduate education, it is important that we all — especially students but inclusive of faculty, administrators, and student-supporting staff — overtly recognize the successful improvements thereto.

As a soon-to-be PGSG president, I attended my first National Association of Graduate and Professional Students meeting where I had the opportunity to engage with some truly inspiring graduate student leaders from around the Midwest. During a roundtable discussion

identifying potential topics for actionable goals, it was politely, and in jest, recommended that I stop talking after providing a third example of a resource that our graduate school already provided that none other in attendance could claim (professional development being a major area of interest).

While there is certainly always work left to do to make Purdue graduate education the best that it can be, it would be unconscionable not to congratulate the graduate school for what their work has accomplished to the benefit of our graduate students. I invite everyone to join me in doing so.

Dean Mason: Thank you for all your efforts and guiding such an incredible team!

I do not presume to know the motivations behind nor the directions of any potential changes, nor what their overall impact might be. Nevertheless, I strongly urge the graduate student body and the PGSG to make sure, no matter the direction taken, that the needs of ALL graduate students are recognized and of central importance.

- Taylor Bailey

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## FRESHMEN

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pretty stupid, but if you look beforehand it should be fine. Perhaps your biggest question is whether eating in class is allowed. My answer: I couldn't tell you. It depends on the professor and size of class, but for big 200-person lecture halls, you can get away with a Starbucks refresher and some Chick-fil-A fries. In your 15-person English class where you sit in the front row? Not so much. Again, it depends on what's in the syllabus and how laid-back your professor is, but I tend to err on the side of caution and stick with water. The same thing goes for being on your phone in class. While I'm a goodie-two-shoes and recommend you pay attention in all of your classes, I would tend to play Solitaire on my laptop during my EAPS 105 class (sorry, Professor Freed). It all depends on class size and if your professor is cool. Some will let you if there's an emergency and you

tell them, some won't care, and some may embarrass you in front of the whole class if caught – even though we're all adults. What I wish someone told me before my first day is to dress for comfort, not for style. I'm the type of person who gets up an hour early to curl my hair when I have a presentation, and I felt kind of stupid getting all dressed up for my first day of classes just to see everyone else in basketball shorts. That's not to say don't dress how you want. Everyone has their own style, which is one of the things I love about going to Purdue. But don't stress too much, and wear what you want. All I will say is, please wear shower shoes in the dorm showers. My last piece of advice: Find a good study spot and stick to it. Because of all the people on campus, it can be almost impossible to snag a table at the libraries like the Wilmeth Active Learning Center or the Hicks Undergraduate Library.

If you're anything like me, it's difficult to study in super quiet places like that with so many people and distractions around you. I tend to stick to my room to study, but for a change of scenery, I'll go to the lobby of my dorm or study outside if the weather is permitting. When I had large gaps between classes, I would stay at whatever academic building my class was in and knock out some studying while passing the time. You want to find what works best for you early on and stick with it, so you're not scrambling during finals to cram and not have any options other than your dorm while your roommate takes a recovery nap. It is easier on the weekends to grab a table at WALC or Hicks, so if you have a huge test on Monday and all of your friends are going to a party Saturday night, maybe use the day studying before getting ready to go with them. Remember: College can be really scary. A lot of things are going to change, mainly for the better, and you've got this. Take a deep breath, you'll be fine. Welcome to Purdue!

# Purdue grading 101

## Your guide to the basics of credit hours and GPA

BY ALEX HADDON  
Staff Reporter

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



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**This smart, happy student went to the Academic Success Center and is passing all his classes.**



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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 up front 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.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ALEX HADDON

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

"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 cumulative and semester GPAs will be the same.

Purdue grading cheat-sheet	
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<b>Academic separation (flunking out):</b>	Already on notice, Cumulative GPA and Semester GPA below 2.0
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	Results in a grade of 'W' on your transcript, does not affect your GPA
	Last day to withdraw in fall 2023: Oct. 24
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### 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."

## MESSAGE

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life. I was city editor that day. I woke up to 20 messages from our news adviser and editor-in-chief. That day was spent reaching out to police and university leadership for information, with on-the-ground reporting and grappling with the fact this had happened here. I hope nothing to that scale happens in your time at Purdue. The main take-

away is not to be afraid of any imminent danger, but rather to be inspired by how quickly campus rallied to celebrate the victim's life. Being with the Exponent not only helped me find what I wanted to do in life, but it also helped me find myself. If it weren't for the people and the experiences I've had on this staff so far, I don't think I would've become as confident in myself as I am now. I've met some lifelong friends thanks

to the Exponent and have made some lifelong memories as well. Whether you decide to join us or not, use your time at Purdue to the fullest. Don't be afraid to try new things and meet new people. These next two semesters will probably generate just as much news. Through it all, the Exponent will be here, as it has in its 134-year history. I look forward to working with you to get your stories out there, too.



# Do's and don'ts of getting around campus

Motorized scooters add to already chaotic streets

**BY MARCO RIVERO LUNA**  
Staff Reporter

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 Ferguson asked. “That’s going to be a problem when there’s a



**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.**

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 des-

ignated 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, as well.



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



**A student bikes past a campus bus.**

Riding a bike or scooter while under the influence could lead to a criminal charge of operating while intoxicated.

“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.

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# So you're moving to campus

## What should you bring with you?

BY JAMES KLING  
Staff Reporter

Half a foot of snow piles up on the ground outside Wiley Residence Hall and more keeps falling.

It's my freshman year and first winter on campus. I am getting ready for my class,

which is egregiously not canceled because of inclement weather, when I realize something: I don't have a winter coat.

Luckily, wearing about five layers prevented hyperthermia in the 15-degree weather, 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."

West Lafayette has more than just winter weather. During move-in and move-out times, the temperatures can reach upward of 80 or 90 degrees.

Unfortunately, many dorms, such as Wiley and Owen halls, don't have air conditioning units in the rooms.

Though heating is provided, you may need to find your own solutions to too much heat. Most students will bring large box fans to help cool their rooms during hot days in August and September.

I spent a few nights without a blanket or even a bedsheet before I thought of buying a box fan to cool me off.

Most items often forgotten, at least by me and some of my friends, are the everyday things that you had routines for when living at home, such as laundry and dishes.

If you're living in the dorms, you likely won't need to do dishes very often because you'll mostly eat from



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

Windsor Hall under a sheet of snow after the snowfall in early February.

the dining halls.

But if you do want to cook or bake, most dorms will have a small kitchenette you can use as long as you bring your own supplies, such as baking sheets and ingredients.

Laundry is usually done on just one floor for the dorm, or the wing of the dorm, so having a laundry basket or hamper that's easy to carry up and down stairs makes the chore easier.

The laundry machines used in most dorms often don't have compartments for detergent and fabric softener, so make sure you've got pods or measuring equipment that makes using the soap easier.

"Once you get to campus, though, most of the little stuff it takes to live in a dorm room is pretty easy to find at places like Target or 3rd Street Market.

When asked what new students should bring to campus, most members of the student support team recommended more metaphorical things.

"Bring an open mind to be able fully appreciate new experiences, interacting with people from all over the world and navigating challenges for success both academically, professionally and



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The entrance to Owen is built from limestone while the rest is brick.

personally," associate dean of students Zenephia Evans said.

Sometimes, it's impossible to try to prepare for everything that will happen while you're on campus, especially because everything is so focused on academics.

Much advice from the student support team included not only bringing things to campus, but knowing what to get once you get to West Lafayette, whether it's reaching out when academic help was needed or finding out who is best to help with a certain problem.

"You are not in this alone. There are so many resources available to you, but you have to communicate with those around you when you are having challenges," student support specialist Dallas Howard said. "Nobody can help you with a problem they don't know exists."

"There are so many wonderful organizations and resources here for you," student support specialist Tracy Kalbaugh said. "Learn what is available so you can get involved, connect with others, and find support when you need it."



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# ‘Ben there, done that’: Crash course for campus living

The college experience is different for everyone.

For some, it involves being chased around by Purdue Pete at midnight on Halloween night, while for others, it consists of becoming an engineer and never seeing the sun in five years. (No one graduates in four years; Purdue loves keeping its children for as long as possible.)

With the wisdom I have gained in my three wonderful years at Purdue, I thought I would share some tips and tricks on how to navigate the new unfamiliar life you are about to experience in the fall.

## BEN THERE, DONE THAT



BY BEN GOLDMAN  
Columnist

agreement seriously. It creates guidelines for all kinds of situations including guest policies, conflict management and sleeping schedules.

After figuring out personalities and creating a roommate agreement that works for everyone, you will want to meet your floormates.

In the best dorms — those without air conditioning — there exists the open door policy. If the door is open, feel free to knock and introduce yourself. With a number of the dorms being freshman-only this school year, odds are in your favor that everyone on your floor is a freshman also looking for friends.

If you find yourself living in one of the lame air conditioned dorms, you will find you may need to pound on your floormates’ doors as if you are the ATF executing a search warrant, as everyone loves chilling in their rooms with the doors shut.

### Clubs

Join clubs that interest you. I can’t put it any blunter. The monotony of classes will burn you out if you don’t find a club to partake in.

There are academic clubs as well as social, religious and cultural clubs.

I’m currently involved in Cary Club, Polish Student Organization, and Cru, which is a Christian club.

Just to give you some ideas of events and activities these clubs do, I’ve eaten pancakes at midnight while giving away 5 grand in Lego sets, played Super Smash Brothers on a giant inflatable screen in the courtyard of Cary, and watched a poor sod pound a milkshake and run between dorms. These were in the span of a few months last year.

You can even write a letter to the editor telling them how much the Exponent sucks and then get offered a position as a columnist. But that was not part of any club. I just got bored one day.

Purdue is full of opportunities, both professionally and socially. Although maybe the milkshake chugging can help secure an internship at a Fortune 500 company.

### Residence hall clubs

One type of club is called residence hall clubs. These are the clubs that are associated with your residence hall. I know, it’s well named.

The residence hall clubs are fantastic for putting together events such as free outdoor concerts or charity 5Ks.

Involvement in these clubs is more relaxed than others, as you are considered a member just for living in the hall.

Leadership positions are also available for those looking to pad their resumes.

The first week of classes is when many of the hall clubs have their callouts, so be on the lookout for any flyers around your hall. If



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

Underground tunnels connect each of the Cary buildings.

you’re living in Cary, that callout is Aug. 25. And the Exponent callout will be Aug. 29.

But enough shilling on my part; let’s discuss dorm etiquette and general advice.

### General dorm life

You don’t need to bring your entire house with you when you move in. First, it won’t fit, and second, you won’t use most of the stuff anyway. I still have an unopened pack of colored pencils that I brought freshman year that I have not touched.

Even if you loft your bed, which you definitely should, the rooms aren’t that big. So bring the necessities, like hygiene products (especially important if you are a computer science major), bedding, laptop and other electronics, and leave the rest at home.

Communal bathrooms are just that: communal. Shower shoes are a must. The sights I have seen in those bathrooms were what Lovecraft would call horrors beyond human comprehension.

You definitely don’t want to step in it. Because it is a communal bathroom, be wary of your floor mates. Make sure to clean up the sink area after yourself and don’t blare music in the showers. Trust me. It happens more times than not.

Life in the dorms includes much more than

what I have mentioned in this brief column, but I hope the advice I have given so far is enough make the transition to dorm living a bit smoother.

*Ben Goldman is an Exponent humor columnist.*



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Drag queen Andromeda dances during the Rainbow Callout Tuesday. They also performed at last year’s callout.

## CRYPTOQUIP 1

VZAO FQRAIQHX UZJAV UZA IQQP

“UZA SMUSZAJ CO UZA JXA,” HCH UZMU  
RMPA UZAR M FMYCOTAJ FYCOTAJ?

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals H

## CRYPTOQUIP 2

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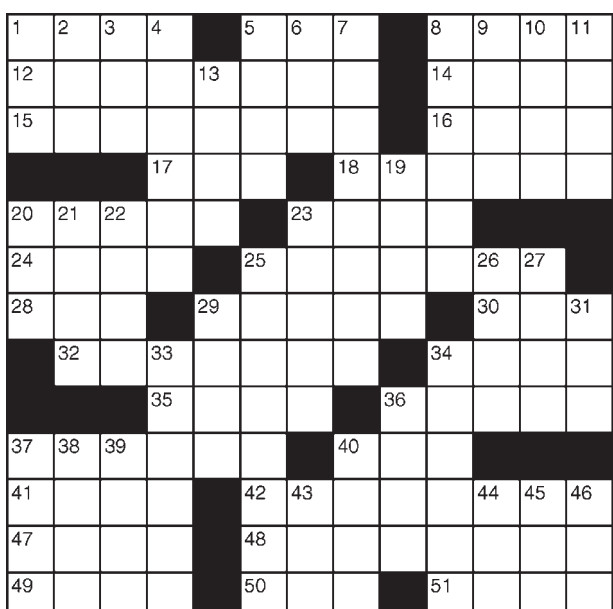
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ZJPAQAT UPZPA?

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

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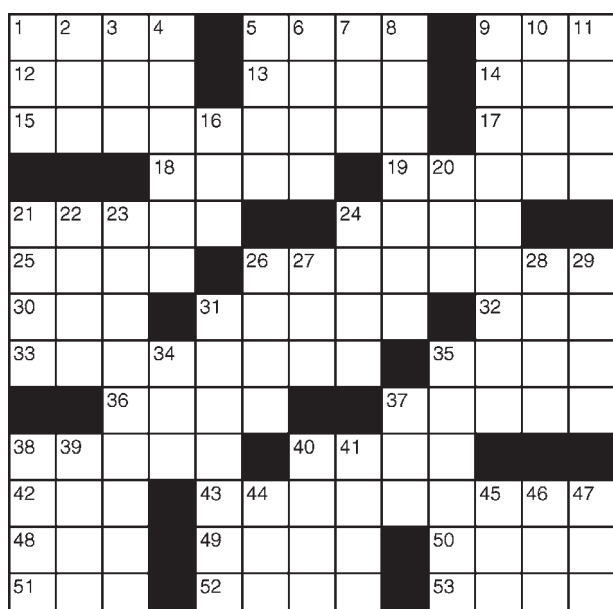
### ACROSS

- Social activist Lee, who helped make Juneteenth a federal holiday
- TV spots
- Olympic skater Midori
- Ritz
- Traveler’s digression
- Athletic shoe brand
- Composition writer
- Camp shelter
- Hosp. workers
- Cake enhancements
- Star’s bit part
- “Let’s go!”
- “Star Wars” actor El-Masry
- “In a Free State” author V.S. —
- Young fellow
- nova
- Showbiz job
- Meghan and Harry’s daughter
- Tart fruit
- “The — of March”
- Actor/director Eastwood
- Be amazed (at)
- Resort
- Bassoon’s kin
- Visionary
- Authentic
- Experienced
- Whirlpool
- Hamilton bill
- Gym pads

### DOWN

- Sugary suffix
- Math ratios
- Front-runner
- Spring flower
- McCourt memoir
- “Glass half full” type
- Film on metal
- Roasting spot
- Audition for “The Voice”
- Millinery
- Beginner
- Nightclub of song
- Baseball’s Ripken
- Human rights lawyer Clooney
- Calf-length
- Social worker’s load
- Barack Obama, in 2009
- Hybrid fruit
- King of the jungle
- Wait
- Retrieve
- Full of pep
- Zigzag in snow
- Tax prep pros
- “Encore!”
- Sleeping
- Map line
- Playwright O’Casey
- Ruby of “A Simple Wish”
- Chef Garten
- Wimbledon division
- QB stats

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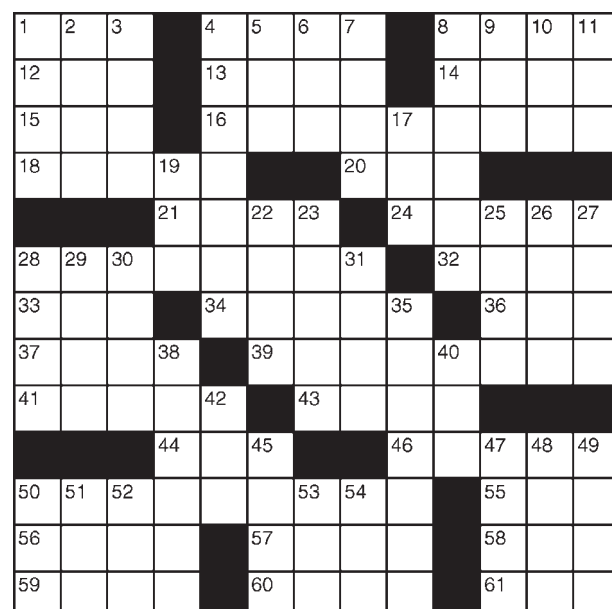
### ACROSS

- Compass point
- Male of “Bohemian Rhapsody”
- Dean’s list stat
- Opera house solo
- Comedian Sandler
- Be sick
- Chickpeas
- Hwy.
- Ore deposit
- Roman robes
- Roll with a hole
- Mystique
- Pencil filler
- Big snake
- Hockey’s Bobby
- On — (just for fun)
- Towboat
- Online platform for raising money
- Litigant
- Golden Rule word
- Florida city
- Asian capital
- Staffer
- Deluge refuge
- Fragrant flowers
- Land in la mer
- Desire
- Showy flower
- Texter’s guffaw
- Old Testament book
- Mustangs and Jaguars

### DOWN

- Jokester
- Geological period
- Lancelot
- Postponed
- McNally partner
- Wood-shaping tool
- Chairman of China
- Puzzle solver’s lament
- Rabelais’ giant
- Pocket bread
- Pub orders
- Pioneering ISP
- Acapulco gold
- Web journal
- Aviation prefix
- Simon’s singing partner
- Bern’s river
- Designer Gucci
- ‘60s war zone
- Face-off
- Taj Mahal site
- Caribbean cruise stop
- Colorful card game
- Picturesque
- Verse by Neruda
- Greet
- Guthrie of folk
- Golden Fleece ship
- “The — of March”
- Upper limb
- A Gershwin brother
- Balloon filler
- Sound from a hot wok

## CROSSWORD 3



### ACROSS

- Society newcomer
- transit (public transportation)
- Spill the beans
- Hwy.
- “Garfield” dog
- TV host Kelly
- Santa — winds
- City in British Columbia
- Hosiery shade
- Prefix with athlete
- Cold War initials
- Garden figurine
- City in Manitoba
- Trudge
- out a living
- Scruffs
- Crime lab evidence
- Bartlett, for one
- City in Quebec
- Seer’s deck
- Char
- Guitar’s kin
- “Bye Bye Bye” band
- City in Ontario
- Fair hirer, in ads
- Predicament
- Seize
- Ruckus
- Barracks beds
- Screen star Lamarr
- “— My Guy” by Sarah Vaughan

### DOWN

- “Phooey!”
- Sicilian volcano
- Boyfriend

- Gets closer
- Nabokov novel
- Do wrong
- Denomination
- Boston NHL team
- Actress Tyler
- Chest-beating beast
- Rail
- Assoc.
- Bit of wit
- Junk email
- Seized vehicles
- Shope descriptor
- “— Lisa”
- Alike (Fr.)
- Sobbed
- Sofa brand
- Close
- Chromosome part
- Wait
- Bout segments
- B&O and others (Abbr.)
- B’way show purchase
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- Central point
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- Vein yield
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TRIVIA 1

Trivia Mania

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1. What is an ingredient for making dynamite?  
(a) Chocolate (b) Popcorn (c) Peanuts

2. The African country of Nyasaland is now known as what?  
(a) Cameroon (b) Malawi (c) Gabon

3. What is actor Mel Gibson's middle name?  
(a) Xavier (b) Marwood (c) Columicille

4. What city dresses all its professional sports teams in the same colors?  
(a) Chicago (b) Pittsburgh (c) Houston

5. Which president was rendered partially deaf after being close to a gun being fired?  
(a) Ronald Reagan (b) Dwight D Eisenhower (c) George Washington

6. What currency is used in Chad?  
(a) Central African Franc (b) North African Pound (c) Chadian Dinar

7. On the back of a dollar bill, what do the words Annuit Cortpis mean?  
(a) Out of many one (b) He has favored our undertaking (c) In God we trust

8. On average how long is a small intestine?  
(a) 9-12 feet (b) 13-19 feet (c) 20-23 feet

9. Where can you find amberggris?  
(a) Stomach of a sperm whale (b) In mushrooms (c) In a swamp

10. What is the average elevation of the U.S.?  
(a) 3290 feet (b) 2500 feet (c) 1985 feet

TRIVIA 2

TV Trivia

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1. What TV show was inspired by a series of videos on the YouTube channel *College Humor*?  
(a) Adam Ruins Everything (b) Impractical Jokes (c) Hack My Life

2. What was Sam Malone's baseball nickname on *Cheers*?  
(a) Moonshot (b) My oh my (c) Mayday

3. What TV western character lived in a hotel in San Francisco?  
(a) Maverick (b) Paladin (c) Bat Masterson

4. According to Homer Simpson, what is the cause of, and solution to all of life's problems?  
(a) Alcohol (b) Sleep (c) Men

5. What was Maxwell Smart's agent number on *Get Smart*?  
(a) 88 (b) 86 (c) 82

6. What is the dog's name on *7th Heaven*?  
(a) Westie (b) Scrappy (c) Happy

7. What was the name of Steven's boss on *That 70s Show*?  
(a) Bob (b) Ron (c) Leo

8. What TV personality is called The Naked Chef?  
(a) Gordon Elliot (b) Jamie Oliver (c) Bobby Flay

9. In what year did *Friends* premiere?  
(a) 1992 (b) 1999 (c) 1994

10. In what soap did Ricky Martin act for 2 years?  
(a) General Hospital (b) All My Children (c) The Young and the Restless

TRIVIA 3

Miscellaneous

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1. Who invented the match?  
(a) John Walker (b) Benjamin Franklin (c) Edmund Cartwright

2. From what language do we get the word 'cannibalism'?  
(a) French (b) German (c) Spanish

3. When was the first blood bank opened in the U.S.?  
(a) 1922 (b) 1937 (c) 1908

4. What is the highest rank in the British peerage system?  
(a) Duke (b) Earl (c) Viscount

5. What is the common name of the fish known in Latin as acipenseridae?  
(a) Sea perch (b) Sturgeon (c) Trout

6. When was the YMCA founded?  
(a) 1897 (b) 1844 (c) 1910

7. Who was the first actress to reach a ten million dollars salary for a single film?  
(a) Julia Roberts (b) Meryl Streep (c) Demi Moore

8. What car was the first to have seatbelts as standard equipment?  
(a) 1959 Volvo (b) 1963 Lincoln (c) 1969 Toyota

9. What was the name given to Richard Ramirez who was guilty of multiple murders in 1989?  
(a) The Night Caller (b) The Night Stalker (c) The Night Demon

10. What does the Viking word 'beck' mean in English?  
(a) Valley (b) Beach (c) Stream

WORD SEARCH 1

College Mascots

O Z Z I E F K Y U N A C P U S H G G  
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WORD SEARCH 2

European Capitals

M X A J V O L R C J W A Z F V A G T  
A B E L P E C S D H O M D A H E H F  
G R U O B M E X U L W E M Z G W H K  
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Z T D M Z N H O Z P Y O B B E L G B  
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H P Z V A N B A K U Q F J N N B M B  
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E O E D O M U O N E K A G D T F M X  
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K B E F G B V T B G N G I D C S U K  
Q X R B N A I Z E H I C J S E T E Z  
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WORD SEARCH 3

In the Newspaper

F I N A N C E I L O L H E Q X L Z D  
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SUDOKU 1

King Classic Sudoku

9  
3  
5  
8  
1  
6  
4  
7  
2  
5  
1  
8  
3  
5  
1  
7

Difficulty: ★

6/19

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku is indicated with stars one star being the easiest.

SUDOKU 2

King Classic Sudoku

2  
6  
4  
8  
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1  
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4  
7  
8  
1

Difficulty: ★★

6/20

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SUDOKU 3

King Classic Sudoku

1  
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8  
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2

Difficulty: ★★★

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Answers for Today's Puzzles

WORDSEARCH 1

WORDSEARCH 2

WORDSEARCH 3

TRIVIA 1

TRIVIA 2

TRIVIA 3

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CRYPTOQUIP 2

CRYPTOQUIP 3

CROSSWORD 1

CROSSWORD 2

CROSSWORD 3

SUDOKU 1

SUDOKU 2

SUDOKU 3





The engineering fountain is synonymous with Purdue and runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m every day of the week during the summer.

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# Purdue traditions and other oddities

## STAFF REPORTS

Purdue’s more than 150 years of operations has established many traditions, many of which are still continued by students today. Below are some of Purdue’s most prominent traditions and notable facts.

### 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 in four years. Despite the threat of a delayed graduation, many optimistic students have seen it as an opportunity to graduate in three years.



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**Clocks around campus feature the “IIII” version of the number four in addition to the bell tower. These can be found in the Union.**

For those curious about the plaque at the bottom of the bell tower, it serves as the lid to a time capsule set to be opened in 2095. Have you ever looked closely at the bell tower’s face? If so, you may notice something odd. The roman numeral 4 appears as “IIII,” rather than “IV.”

One theory says that “IV” very closely resembles IU, the abbreviation of Purdue’s rival school Indiana University, and Purdue

doesn’t want to be associated with its rival. However, this is purely speculation.

Another theory lies in aesthetics and horology, the study of time. When looking at a clock’s dial, having IIII instead of IV simply looks more aesthetically pleasing, according to the theory, and it’s also easier to read.

### Fountain runs

One of Purdue’s most famous traditions is the fountain run, which is exactly what it sounds like. Students begin by running through the Engineering Fountain and end at Loeb Fountain in front of Beering Hall. Stops on the way include a jump in Sinninger Fountain by the bell tower, the Lions Head Fountain in front of Stanley Coulter Hall and the Memorial Fountain by John Purdue’s statue.

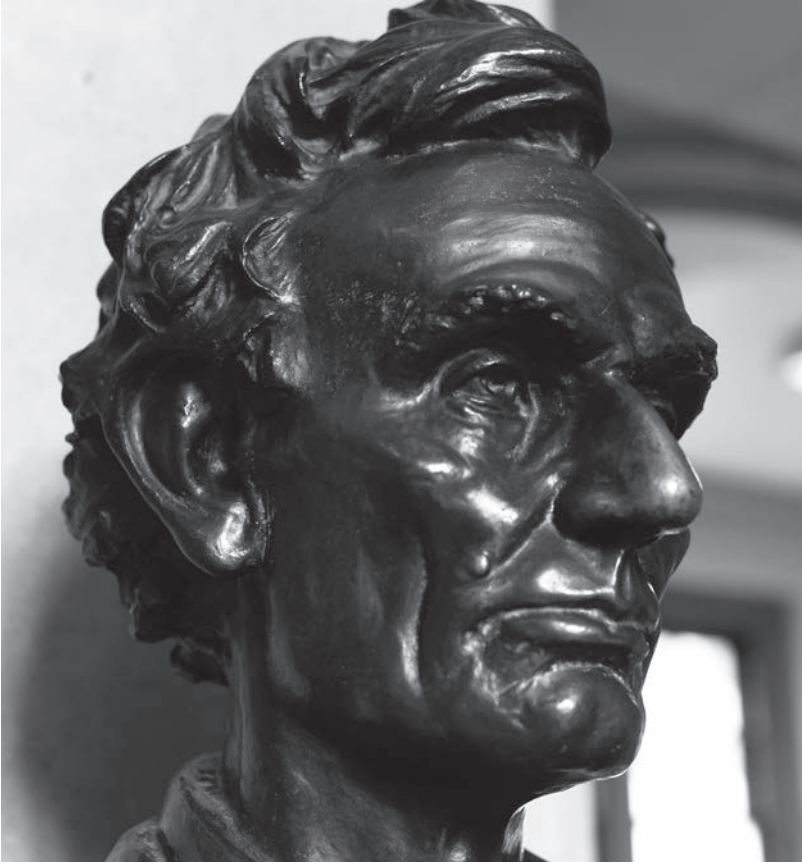
The Lions Head Fountain in particular has been the subject of many superstitions.

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



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

**The Lion Head Fountain has four faces that spit out water. It is officially the only outdoor drinking fountain on Purdue’s campus.**



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**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 discoloration.**

with the intention of making it a drinking fountain.

### Den Pops

If you’re feeling thirsty on a hot summer’s day, need something fun to do with friends or just want something to drink, head over the Discount Den on the corner of Northwestern and Stadium avenues. There you will find a soda machine with more than 20 different beverages, and dozens of drink combination ideas on the wall behind it. Try one of the Discount Den’s classic flavors, or create your own. But don’t steal anything unless you want your picture posted on the wall of shoplifters.

### Recurring campus oddities

Students with free time on Fridays may see the morph suit squad dancing around campus with speakers blaring. These upbeat students get together every Friday in colorful morph suits with clothes worn on top and dance around campus to lively music played on their speakers.

If your student doesn’t have a bike lock, get one now. Purdue students are known to take unlocked bikes and toss them into trees.

People around Earhart Hall may notice that decorations are occasionally added to the statue of Amelia Earhart by patrons of the dining court. Students will even take bananas from the dining court and place it in the statue’s hand.

Football games at Purdue are full of traditions. Before kickoff, students will take out their keys

and shake them. Sometimes students will also use their shoes instead of keys. This is done to honor Leroy Keyes, the decorated Purdue football player and coach.

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.

### Campus buildings

In the Purdue Memorial Union, check out the famous campus model. It’s a model of the entirety of Purdue’s campus. The model is periodically updated to keep up with changes.

You may also notice statues of every former president of the university, as well as of Abraham Lincoln. This was done to commemorate Lincoln’s contributions to establishing Purdue, and many students believe that rubbing his nose will bring them good luck.

Located inside of Wetherill Hall is a display honoring two Purdue professors that were awarded as Nobel laureates, along with a replica Nobel Prize. Herbert Brown and Ei-ichi Negishi both received the prize in chemistry.

### Nuclear reactor

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.

PUR-1, the only nuclear reactor in the state of Indiana, can be found in the basement of EE.


It’s purely 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 more than a few toasters.

Students may schedule a tour through the School of Nuclear Engineering by filling out a form on Purdue’s engineering webpage.

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# DOS and DON'TS of dorm living

**DO knock before entering**



**DON'T leave hair on the shower walls**



**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**

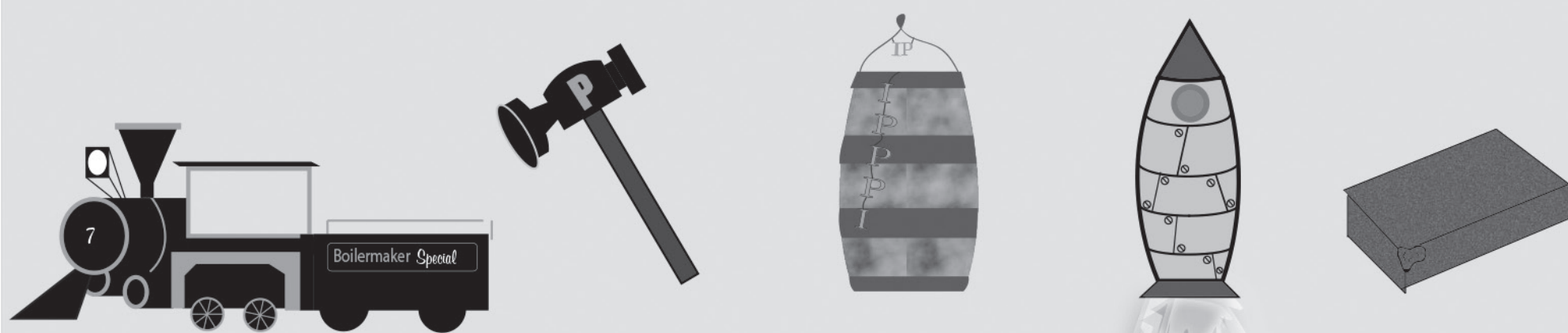




# Your Purdue journey begins

## Can you make it to the end of the year?

### Choose a piece!



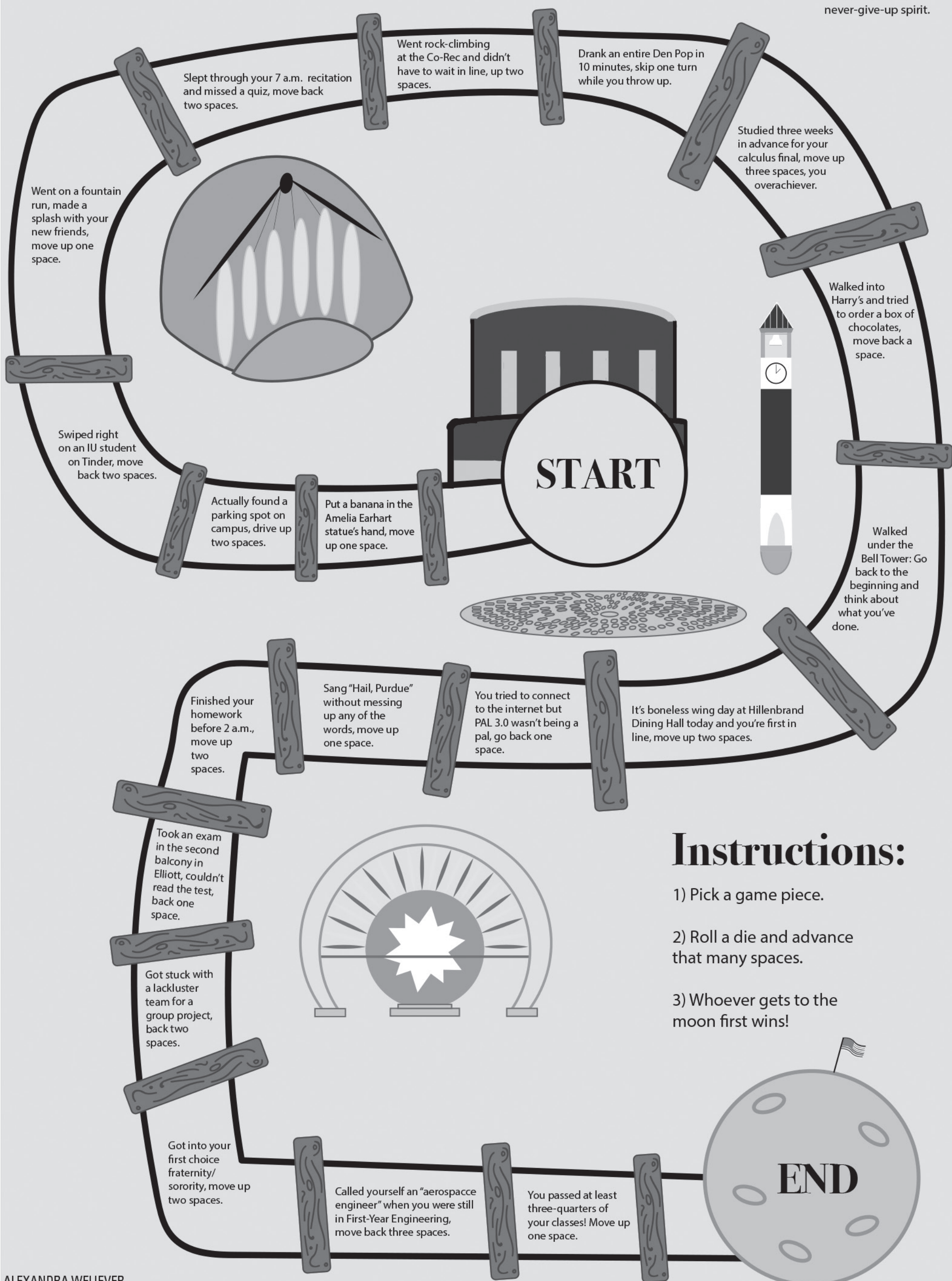
Purdue's official mascot — the Boilermaker Special — will drive you to greatness and help you rock out to "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Osbourne. Be sure never to call it the Boilermaker "Express," or a member of the Reamer Club will emerge from the shadows to correct you.

Purdue Pete's tool of choice, reminding us of our beginnings as the "Burly Boilermakers." As long as you remember that Pete and his hammer are the athletic mascots and the Special is the school's mascot, you're (Old) golden.

Three syllables:  
**IU  
SUCKS**

Purdue engineers design, build and fly rockets all the time -- just ask any of the 27 Boilermakers who became astronauts. Be ready to inform everyone around you that Neil Armstrong is a Purdue alum, but prepare to face rolled eyes when you remind them... again.

Four days after Heavilon Hall was originally built, it was destroyed in a fire. President James Smart announced that the new building would be "one brick higher." The final structure was actually nine bricks higher — a testimony to Purdue's determined, never-give-up spirit.



### Instructions:

- 1) Pick a game piece.
- 2) Roll a die and advance that many spaces.
- 3) Whoever gets to the moon first wins!



# Our staff members were freshmen, not long ago



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**Seth Nelson, Esq.,** is an extremely distinguished, handsome fellow.

## Marco Rivero Luna

**Year/major:** Senior, political science and law and society  
**Hometown:** Naperville, Illinois  
**Advice for new students:** Don't be afraid of change.  
**What makes me happy:** Cliché as it is, writing.  
*Marco will be editor in chief in the fall.*

## Alex Haddon

**Year/Major:** Senior, integrated studio arts  
**Hometown:** Rochester, Minnesota  
**Advice for new students:** Do your homework. Don't skip class. Join the Exponent.  
**What makes me happy:** Popping a melatonin and going to bed early.  
*Alex will be managing editor in the fall.*

## Seth Nelson

**Year/Major:** Sophomore, communications  
**Hometown:** South Bend, Indiana  
**Advice for new students:** Whenever possible, do not give Purdue your money.  
**What makes me happy:** Dates at McDonald's (colloquially known as McDates).

## Kaita Gorsuch

**Year/Major:** Sophomore, English literature and creative writing



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**Marco Rivero Luna** is always thoughtful.

**Hometown:** Noblesville, Indiana  
**Advice for new students:** Create a routine and stick with it. Be yourself.  
**What makes me happy:** When I finish my readings for class and can finally read a non-school-related book.

## James Kling

**Year/Major:** Senior, political science and history  
**Hometown:** I was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, but I came here from a small(ish) town called Camas, Washington.  
**Advice to 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 (deodorant is a must in crowded



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**During the school year,** Kaita Gorsuch often is confused with staff reporter Katie Walling.



SETH NELSON | STAFF REPORTER  
**James Kling, also known as JT,** technically passes a majority of his classes.

11 years old and fabulous. My friends are always wonderful and I'm happy when I get to drive with the windows down and listen to music.

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# Haven't registered for Boiler Gold Rush yet? Here's why you should!

By Purdue Orientation Programs for The Exponent

The most memorable parts of Boiler Gold Rush (BGR) may not be what you'd expect. For Student Orientation Committee members Abby Huesca and Noah Frank, Purdue University's official welcome week orientation program is more than what you see in pictures and videos. "I was anxious coming to Purdue," says Huesca. "But BGR helped me get used to campus and start meeting people who would later become my best friends. The last few years wouldn't have been the same without it." For Frank, BGR was the first time he stepped onto Purdue's campus. "I found a sense of belong-



ing and comfort because of BGR," he says. "It made me feel at home despite being thousands of miles away from my family back in California." These orientation leaders also say BGR 2023 has something in store for everyone.

Here are their three top reasons to attend this fall:

- 1. The confidence**  
In addition to arriving on campus a week early, BGR participants also get early

access to academic resources, cultural centers and opportunities to connect with other students. These connections often lead to greater success throughout students' Purdue journeys.

- 2. The energy**  
For many, the energy of BGR is unmatched. "I still remember walking into Elliott Hall of Music for the opening ceremonies," Huesca recalls. "The lights, the energy... It was unbelievable!"
- 3. The affordability**  
Students can participate in BGR for only \$320, which covers housing and meals for the week. Fee waivers are also available for those who may need financial assistance. In 2022 alone, Orientation



Programs provided over \$170,000 in fee waivers for students to attend at a reduced cost or at no cost at all.

**How to register**  
The benefits of BGR don't stop there. Every student's experience is unique and filled with endless possibilities and lifelong memories.

So, what will yours be? The deadline to register for BGR and apply for a fee waiver is July 31. Sign up today through the New Student Task List in myPurdue. You can also learn more about what to expect at BGR by visiting [purdue.edu/orientation](https://purdue.edu/orientation).



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

## Everything you should know about Purdue football

**BY MARY ROSE HOKANSON**  
Staff Reporter

Maybe you've been watching football since before you could walk (like me).

Maybe you were never interested, and you've never even gone to a game. Maybe stepping foot into the beast of Ross-Ade Stadium sounds like the last thing you want to do at your new school. Maybe you're used to the Friday night lights instead of 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.

Unlike in years past, Purdue is coming off a season defined by its success. The upcoming 2023 season is no longer a reclamation project, rebuilding or trying to prove Purdue football as a winning program.

The reigning Big Ten West champions are riding the momentum of an outstanding season last year. The Boilermakers finished 8-4 in their conference, coming out on top after defeating Indiana University in the Old Oaken Bucket rivalry game Thanksgiving weekend, and they qualified for the Big Ten Championship, a first in program history.

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

Purdue's football team, known as the Purdue Boilermakers, competes in the Big Ten Conference, one of the most competitive conferences in the country.

The regular season games are all about bolstering the team's record, which means every game counts to improve or worsen the final number of wins and losses that will be on the team's record at the end of the regular season.

Purdue would have to finish the regular season with the best record in the Big Ten West to return to the Big Ten Championship this year. If Purdue cannot retain its title as the reigning Big Ten West Champions, the goal would be to reach the six victory plateau to qualify for a bowl game.

Every team's schedule in college football will feature games both home and away, and the iconic home for Boilermaker football is Ross Ade Stadium. It's the place where you'll experience the thrill of college football and become part of the rich tradition and spirit of Purdue athletics, which has a long and storied history.

The 2023 season opener will unveil the south end zone as a complete bowl, a long-awaited addition to the stadium, which has been under construction since the conclusion of the 2022 season. This game



**Freshman running back Devin Mockobee cuts back on his run as he dodges Indiana defenders. Mockobee led the Boilermakers with 99 rushing yards during their 30-16 win against Indiana last season.**

DAVID HICKEY | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

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 Special, the official mascot of Purdue. It is a custom-made bright gold and black locomotive, it weighs about 5 tons, and it claims to be the world's fastest, heaviest and loudest collegiate 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 Stewart Center and drop-offs at Memorial Mall, running every 15 minutes, typically from noon until 4 p.m. on the Friday before game days.

Game days also present the opportunity to witness the incredible performances of the Purdue All-American Marching Band firsthand. Its repertoire covers 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 Isley Brothers "Shout" between the third and fourth quarters, and more.

The All-American Marching Band also boasts the big bass drum, known as "the world's largest drum," which stands 10 feet tall. Its halftime performances always impress alongside Purdue's Golden Girl and Silver Twins (baton twirl-

ers), and the rest of the color guard.

Keep an eye out for Purdue Pete, the cheerleaders and the Golddusters, Purdue's dance team, on the sidelines as well.

According to Purdue Athletics, single-game tickets for the 2023 season will be on sale through its website at a later date, so be sure to keep checking that page and use a student login if you want to buy tickets in the student section.

Student tickets are also available to buy in person at the Hayes Family Athletics Ticket Office inside Mackey Arena.

There is no re-entry into Ross-Ade, so once your ticket is scanned you cannot use it again to come back in once you've left.

There's also a clear bag policy; clear bags or fanny packs for game day are available at Discount Den, several stores all across campus, or even on Amazon. Any bag larger than a wallet/clutch the size of your hand will not be allowed.

Ross-Ade is packed with fans from all over the country on game day. Last year, the average attendance for a home game was 57,129. That's the highest average attendance since 2007 and 99.7% full.

It's a very spirited atmosphere where you'll be surrounded by students, alumni and fans proudly wearing the old gold and black.

Sometimes there are themes, such as the Penn State blackout game last season, and some older students will be dressed in costumes from Breakfast Club, a fun tradition where students wear a costume and wake up early to do a bar crawl the morning of game day.

But typically, most people wear Purdue spirit wear, and as the season goes on and weather gets colder, you'll have to bundle up.

The Boilermakers will be piloted by their new head coach, Ryan Walters. Walters is marching into his first season as a head coach.

Coming off a successful stint as defensive coordinator at Illinois, Walters took his unit to Top 10 national rankings in 17 defensive categories, elevating them from the bottom of the barrel to one of the top units in the nation in only two seasons and ascending the ranks to the summit of his profession as head coach at only 36.

Walters' is considered one of the top defensive minds in the nation, and the staff behind him all have

their own accolades and credentials. But one of the strengths of this coaching staff is the schemes they have been able to install for the Boilermakers, including the air-raid-style offense being installed by Graham Harrell and the Walters defense he calls the "air strike."

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**Head coach Ryan Walters said his first action was to award redshirt freshman Devin Mockobee, previously a walk-on, with a scholarship. The running back helped lead Purdue's offense in the 2022 season, averaging nearly 98 yards per game in rushing and receiving.**

known, No.1 quarterback Hudson Card is set to hard-launch his first season with the Boilermakers this year. The former Texan was a four-star recruit out of Lake Travis High in Austin, Texas.

After a few years staying home with the Longhorns, Card made the switch to Purdue after the 2022 season. Card maintains his poise in the pocket, he can sling it deep across the field, he's remarkably accurate, and he's mobile. Card's ability to run is what characterizes him as a dual-threat quarterback.

Running back Devin Mockobee will also return after his breakout season last year. Known for his story as an anonymous walk-on to Big Ten rising star, Mockobee gained national attention and became a fan favorite as the Boilermakers' leading rusher last season. Mockobee broke the record for single-season rushing yards by any Purdue freshman in history and broke an additional record for most fresh-

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**The Ross-Ade sign stands at the head of the stadium. Construction on Ross-Ade will start in 2023 and more stands will be added below the jumbotron.**

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