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Definition of cheating

JULIET JIMENEZ | GRAPHICS EDITOR

ME professor says he was pressured to flunk Asian students after investigation

BY CREIGHTON SUTER Staff Writer

Rhitankar Roy was a senior last spring, counting on graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering and moving on to a research position at a graduate school in Michigan.

Instead, the international student found himself facing expulsion when he and 23 other international mechanical engineering students were caught up in a cheating scandal. He and another student entangled in the situation began to record various meetings with professors and administrators who would control his future.

Roy and two others, all from India, were expelled, despite successful grade appeals that reversed the F's they'd been given.

On one recording, at least one professor whose course was involved said he considered acquiring legal representation because he was being pressured to fail the students during the grade-appeal

he reviewed. What he did find aligned with what summer while he was overseas that the investigahe would expect from two lab partners.

Still, the pressure persisted.

"Whoever made the decision on that, they want to stick to it," he said in the recording. "They don't want us to get involved. I said, 'No, this is not legal."

Zhang spoke with ME administrators about his rights in this situation and ultimately discussed the issue with Trent Klingerman, a lawyer in Purdue's Office of Legal Council. Klingerman advised Zhang to process the appeal as he would in any other situation, according to the recording.

Klingerman denied comment for this story, he said, because the conversation he had with Zhang was privileged.

Zhang also denied comment.

"The way I treated you is the way I treat other students," he assured Roy in the recorded conversation.

tion had concluded. Investigators recommended the students receive failing grades.

He agreed, but would later call it his biggest mistake in the entire ordeal.

The first and last offense

In the instance that started it all, students Pranav Mhaskar and a student who declined comment for this story, returned from Spring Break without having completed the necessary work to finish an assigned lab.

So they looked to the internet, Mhaskar said, and modeled their work after a virtual instrument they found online. Their TA noted the consistencies in their work and met with two students to discuss the problem.

Mhaskar said he and his lab partner were told that if they admitted to cheating on that particular lab assignment, they would be given an F for the one assignment and not be reported to the dean of students.

ALL THINGS PURDUE

New year brings change to bar scene **BY RYAN CHEN City Editor**

As students enter Purdue's campus to start a new chapter in life, a chapter in Chauncey Hill Mall comes to a close with the previously reported closing of Jake's Roadhouse.

"All you had to do to get a free hot dog was say please," said former Jake's co-owner Ethan Brown. "We gave out over two million over 21 vears!"

But now the game has changed with Trinitas Ventures' announcement that Chauncey Mall will be torn down by the end of 2019.

"Over the summer when they announced that they were going to tear Chauncey Mall down, it had a really big effect on our business," Brown said. "I think there's going to be more retail shops coming which will affect the retail shops already in the area. All in all, it's a good thing for the area because it'll bring more people. ... But for the local businesses that are already here it'll be hard."

The initial social media reaction to reports of Jake's closure was negative, with one alumna feeling that

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PUPD advises patience during move-in week **BY RYAN CHEN**

City Editor

As summer draws to an end and students, new and returning, start to move in, the Purdue University Police Department advises families to be patient during the process.

"Expect heavy foot and vehicle traffic all over campus," said PUPD captain Sony Kang. "Stay hydrated and be patient."

The average high temperature for the end of the week is about 82 degrees with possible bouts of rain throughout.

In a press release, the University lists the areas projected to be the most affected by move-in traffic: "State Street from Grant Street to Airport Road; Stadium Avenue between Northwestern Avenue and McCormick Road; Martin Jischke Drive from State Street to Stadium Avenue; and all side roads near residence halls." The release also notes that motorists should use caution on and around campus and seek alternate parking locations. A representative from the West Lafayette Department of Engineering stated traffic because of construction should be at a minimum, announcing the completion of the Stadium Avenue construction by the end of Saturday — a day earlier than previously scheduled. Purdue also advised in the release that families can park in "the R lot north of Ross-Ade Stadium, Purdue Airport lots between the Niswonger Aviation Technology Building and U.S. 231, and the Discovery Lot at Martin Jischke Drive and Harrison Street."

process.

The recordings given to The Exponent suggest there was a dispute among instructors and administrators about the severity of the alleged cheating. That friction became apparent when the students appealed the F's they received following the investigation.

Under pressure

Mechanical engineering professor Song Zhang told Roy in one of the recorded conversations that he faced pressure and resistance from administrators when he tried to process Roy's appeal.

Upon reviewing documents associated with the appeal, Zhang told Roy that, in his opinion, the alleged offenses did not warrant the F.

But upper-level administrators, he said in the recording, "came to my office to force me to fail all of you guys."

The work being scrutinized involved only lab reports, and Zhang told Roy he didn't see an abnormal amount of collaboration in the documents

The investigation

The top-down investigation, reported by The Exponent in July, was led by the associate head of the mechanical engineering department, James Jones, and a teaching assistant who caught the first alleged offense of two students - or, as was the case, the students' last offense at Purdue.

The TA tapped to do the legwork inspected much of the students' current coursework in mechanical engineering classes. As the investigation progressed, the timeline in question lengthened, eventually involving courses the students took in the spring of 2017.

Instructors of courses in which the students allegedly cheated were told about the investigation at the end of the spring semester, according to one professor who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the ongoing Office of Institutional Equity investigation.

But that was reportedly the extent of their involvement.

That professor said he was informed over the

The two agreed.

Not long after that meeting, Mhaskar and his lab partner noticed all of their previously completed and graded lab assignments were turned into F's.

A full investigation ensued, during which the students provided information about a GroupMe chat involving more than 100 people that contained assignment answers and pointed to a widely known "Purdue Bible" as examples of resources other students might use to cheat.

Jones acknowledged the existence of those resources in one of the recorded conversations but said it is difficult to determine who is using them and where they are.

"You and I both know the Purdue Bible, drop boxes are floating around," he told the student. "They're all out there somewhere, but none of us can see that."

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Off-campus living comes with contrasting concerns

BY CHRISTIAN CAMBRON Asst. Campus Editor

Each year, Purdue students opt to live in an apartment or a house as opposed to standard dormitories. They sign a legally binding lease with their landlords and owners, which may be concerning to students who are living in apartments for the first time.

Both West Lafayette's and Lafayette's municipal codes contain language about housing inspections - Chapter 117 for the former and Chapter 13.03 for the latter. West Lafayette "has an established rental housing inspection program in order to safeguard the interests of property owners and the character of neighborhoods, and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of individuals living in the city," according to the city webpage.

Dale Dixon, the director of the rental certification program for West Lafayette, believes the first thing students new to the apartment scene should be aware of is safety.

"They should check their smoke detectors, test them



teries," Dixon said. "Make sure there are two ways out of a room, in case of an emergency. Obviously, there's the door to the room, but there should be another way out. If there is a window, it should be big enough for anyone to climb out of it."

The West Lafayette city code also addresses "converted residences," meaning old homes around the city that have been converted to spaces in which multiple tenants can live. The code states these residences contribute to over-occupancy, which in turn contributes to traffic, parking demand and noise in the city.

was a movement to ... cut those houses up into multiple units," Dixon said.

He explained these converted residences are sometimes referred to as grandfather properties, because they existed before the unified zoning ordinance of the 1990s. It would have been impractical to have the owners turn them back into single-residence structures.

Dixon also gave advice for

and make sure they have bat- tenants' communication with their landlords.

"Try to work with your landlords if you're having some issues," Dixon said. "Always reach out to your landlord first. Sometimes our office receives complaints about landlords before they hear anything from their tenants."

While the city handles compliance to the municipal code, Dixon clarified that disagreements over the signed lease fall into state jurisdiction.

Leslie Charters, the director of Purdue Student Legal Services, explained how her division can help students resolve lease disagreements.

"Our office assists students "Forty or 50 years ago there with lease reviews before they sign," Charters said. "And when issues arise, we give students legal advice about how they might handle the situation with the landlord."

Students living off-campus need to be just as friendly as those living in the dorms, according to Dixon.

"It really just comes back to being a good neighbor to everyone around you," Dixon said.

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Editorial: President's rhetoric damaging to democratic society

BY CREIGHTON SUTER Editor-in-Chief

The chants are nothing new at this point. Go to a grocery store, basketball game or poitical rally and you're bound to, at some point, near a version of the same line: "fake news."

LeBron is going to Philadelphia 76ers? Fake news. The world is warming? Fake news.

One of our reporters spent the summer covering Major League Baseball, and even he, while writing about America's pastime, wasn't spared the occasional "fake news" jab.

The phrase has penetrated nearly every corner of our society. Sometimes it's used ironically — the new "'Murica" if you will. But when the president of the U.S. throws his weight behind a phrase or ideology with such wide cording to reporting by the Baltimore Sun. implications, a real danger is created for those working in the media and those simply trying to function as well-informed citizens of a democratic society.

At an Aug. 2 rally in Pennsylvania, President Donald Trump ramped up the rhetoric, calling the media "the enemy of the American people." From a strategic perspective, the tactic might effectively energize his base. But beyond the immediate boon to his already fervent support, the rhetoric has tangible consequences.

That became horrifically evident in June when the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland, was attacked by an enraged assailant who had held a grudge against the newspaper since 2011, leaving five dead, ac-

One reporter on the scene described the site, an American newsroom, as a "war zone." The incident was tragic, but it produced a bonding experience for journalists across the nation, all of whom face criticism as they grind through their workdays.

Whether the problem is looked at through a local or national lens, the impact is the same. Operating without a widely recognized foundation of facts on a daily basis muddles discourse, further dividing already diverse and polarized communities.

Yes, the internet has made it easier to distribute content absent the normal standard of quality present in traditional news publications. Yes, there is such a thing as fake news.

book.

chuckled.

After spending time reading

the books with his 6-year-old

son and trying to convince him

to break some kind of record,

the professor realized he could

take the chance to become a

After he set the record and

record-breaker himself.

And yes, inaccurate reporting is in itself harmful to discourse. But publications with integrity have long strived for accuracy, transparency and accountability in their reporting. When mistakes are made, they are owned up to and corrected.

Directing targeted attacks toward institutions once heralded as the Fourth Estate serves no end. Government transparency is a staple of democratic societies. For that ideal to be upheld, dedicated journalists have to ask tough questions and hold public officials accountable.

Sometimes, that might not reflect well on public servants, but that is the cost of doing business in the public sector.

In the words of the Boston Globe, the "dirty war against the free press" has to end.

Engineering professor sets Guinness World Record for periodic table assembly

BY ALEXANDRA WELIEVER, CHRISTIAN CAMBRON Campus Editor, Asst. Campus Editor

One chemical engineering professor has decided to motivate his students with a little help from Guinness World Records.

Professor Vilas Pol attempted to set the base world record for fastest time to assemble a periodic table early Wednesday morning. Pol has been practicing for about three weeks, using tiles he and a postdoctoral helper created using material from Menards.

After two botched attempts because of mistakes in the table. Pol achieved the record on the third try in eight minutes

and 36.25 seconds. Michael Empric, the adju-Records, was happy to see the

professor achieve his goal. what really matters."

lot of time to set up.

"Guinness World Records allowed us to use a grid," Pol said, gesturing to the three ment, or other subtle clues. cardboard sheets leaning against a corner of his office. Hand-drawn lines crisscross the boards, which give the professor a standardized background onto which he can place the tiles, each la-

of each element The strict rules of GWR

dicator for Guinness World dictate exactly how Pol is allowed to attempt this record, from start to finish. The hand-"There is a lot of pressure to drawn grid must be perfectly do it in 10 minutes," Empric standardized, as small impersaid. "He did it, and that's fections could contain hints as to where each element lies. The record attempt took a Similarly, the tiles cannot be store-bought, as many commercially sold ones contain the atomic number of the ele-

> Though Pol is setting the base record, he is allowed only three attempts, with a maximum of 10 minutes per attempt.

What inspired Pol to spend the last few weeks practicing beled with the atomic symbol arranging the periodic table

on a cardboard sheet in his the Guinness World Records was awarded a framed cerfree time?

His students, Pol said.

"You need to know a lot of chemical properties," he said, referencing how important knowing the difference between types of solutions can be during labs.

Pol thought setting a world record would be an appropriate way to educate his students, as well as celebrate Purdue's - and, coincidentally, the periodic table's - 150th birthday.

"I was thinking this was exactly fitting to 1869," he said.

Pol isn't a stranger to world records. Every Christmas, he says his wife gifts him and his children the newest edition of

tificate from Guinness World "She expects us to read," Pol Records, Pol approached the podium for a few final words.

"My students and postdocs have been with me the whole time," Pol said.

Find coverage of the Boiler Gold Rush worldrecord attempt at purdueexponent.org.



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Letter from the president: Exciting anniversary ahead

Dear Boilermakers,

Welcome to the start of what is sure to be the most exciting year yet for Purdue.

You are a part of Purdue's largest student body ever, surrounded by some 42,000 fellow Boilermakers who call our beautiful campus home, including our largest freshman class to date. We are excited to have each of you here.

This year is particularly special, as we will spend an entire calendar year — from Homecoming 2018 to Homecoming 2019 — celebrating Purdue's 150th anniversary and looking forward to the next century and a half that Boilermakers will help shape.

The theme of our sesquicentennial celebration is "Giant ter on four themes: Leaps" in honor of the many contributions to knowledge made by Purdue scholars over

complishments of individual Balancing Humanity Boilermakers across every field of endeavor - from engineering and agriculture to the humanities and veterinary medicine – and recalling the and Planet: Innovate Today unforgettable words of Purdue alumnus and space pioneer Neil Armstrong, whose giant leap for mankind has gone

down in history. The centerpiece of the Giant Leaps celebration will be an Ideas Festival that that world-renowned connects speakers and Purdue expertise in an ongoing conversation on the most critical problems and opportunities facing our world.

The Ideas Festival will cen-

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2. Artificial Intelligence,

the years, and the great life ac- Algorithms and Automation: and Technology

3. Health, Longevity and Quality of Life

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The outcomes of these discussions will be archived and used to shape recommendations that will guide Purdue's next 150 years.

You can find anniversary events and read more about our sesquicentennial celebration at www.purdue.edu/GiantLeaps.

I encourage you to not only keep an eye out for opportunities to attend these discussions and events, but also to get involved with the planning through your clubs and organizations or with faculty from your academic area. After all, it's only with your

Mitch Daniels

generation's contributions to Purdue now and to the world after you graduate that Boilermakers will continue to take the Giant Leaps that move the world forward

On behalf of the entire campus community, welcome or, welcome back – to Purdue. Boiler Up!

- Mitch Daniels, president

Student sports fan fighting cancer: 'Live in the mo portantly, beat Indiana Uni- going to enter the stadium in the Paint Crew should be

BY TYLER TRENT Staff Reporter

Editor's note: Tyler

Bucket. This season should be even

versity to claim the Old Oaken with a bag, it needs to be com- aware of things called "Boardpletely clear.

ing Pass Rewards." You can Bags that follow the new earn reward points by going to various sporting events all around campus and using the Boarding Pass Rewards app to check in. You should know that student tickets for Purdue basketball have a cap. In the event that more students request tickets than are available, you may not get a ticket to the game.



joined the Exponent as a sports writer in January. *He underwent treatment* for the bone cancer that recurred over the summer, but his enthusiasm for Purdue sports has not waned. *He has returned to campus* to start his sophomore year.

Here are his tips for becoming a diehard fan.

Dear freshmen,

As you start your classes and become quickly overwhelmed by the whirlwind that is college, I am here to help walk you through everything you need to know to get the most out of Purdue Athletics.

Football

The 2017-18 football season was a really exciting one for Purdue. The team was able to achieve a winning record, something that had not been done since 2011. Not only that, but the team also won the Foster Farms Bowl and, most imball. We are scheduled to have two games under the lights and play some big-time opponents like Ohio State and Wisconsin at Ross-Ade Stadium. So, how can you get the

most out of attending Purdue football games?

First, you will want to make sure that you have purchased the Board Pass from the Purdue ticket office. This will guarantee that you have tickets to every single home football game, and trust me, tickets will not be easy to get when teams like Ohio State come to town.

Additionally, if you're like me, you want to get to as close as the football field as possible. Students who join the Ross-Ade Brigade are allowed to enter the stadium 15 minutes before the general public. Every season, those who are in the Brigade will also have the opportunity to travel to an not be able to reap the benefits away game.

Last year, Ross-Ade Stadium adopted the clear bag policy. This means if you are



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more exciting for Purdue foot- guidelines can be purchased on Amazon or in the Purdue Team Store at the north side of Ross-Ade Stadium. Having a bag allows you to bring in empty water bottles to fill up at water fountains, bring in various snacks and pretty much anything else you can fit in the bag.

Basketball

Last season may have ended in disappointment for a lot of Purdue basketball fans, but it was an exciting season nevertheless. The 2018-19 Purdue team is shaping up to be another that may be able to make a solid run when March Madness comes around.

You won't want to miss any home basketball games. Mackey Arena has been nicknamed the "concrete dungeon of noise" for a reason.

Sadly, most freshmen will of being in the Paint Crew. If you are a freshman and did get into the Paint Crew, consider yourself extremely lucky. You will want to find a group of other students in the Paint Crew.

The way the Paint Crew works is every group of students (capped at 10) will show up to Mackey Arena at a certain time before the game. Depending on the order in which people signed up, the group will be assigned a number.

The Paint Crew officers will then determine the order in which the groups will enter Mackey by using a bingo cage to randomize all the groups' numbers. Depending on the size of the groups, the first few called will get the best seats in the lower bowl.

For the majority of you who did not get in the Paint Crew, know that the lower bowl of Mackey Arena is reserved for Paint Crew members. Everyone else will sit in the upper bowl.

All freshmen who are not

However, you can guarantee that you will get a ticket by having more than 1,000 points in your rewards account. Tickets will be randomly given out to those with fewer than 1,000 points.

You should also be paying attention to the ticket request window. The ticket office will send out an email telling you to request basketball tickets by a certain date.

You miss that date, and you won't be able to request a ticket. I know several people who missed out on basketball games last year because they missed the date to request tickets.

Other sports on campus

The Boarding Pass will also give you access to request tickets to Purdue women's basketball and volleyball games. All of that can be done through the Purdue ticket website, and you will almost always be able to get tickets to those events.

The Purdue baseball season will start up during your second semester at Purdue. Tickets for games do cost money, but the baseball team will regularly run promos where you can get into the game for free by showing your student ID.

Most importantly ...

Embrace what it means to become a Boilermaker. Show up to support your fellow Boilers. Learn the Purdue fight song and various chants.

Live in the moment and enjoy the games. College will be some of the best years of your life. Welcome to Purdue!





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Purdue may be losing its unique charm. "I am concerned that it is just going to look like any

other campus with the same chain restaurants and stores," said Anna McDonald via Facebook. "As an alum, I find it disheartening."

Brown still remembers the early days of Jake's, when the line would be out the door every day of the week.

"We were very fortunate that we were the first bar that students went to (during bar crawls)," Brown said. "I would say that they (now) go to Harry's ... but for a very long time Jake's was the number one bar on campus."

But the announcement over Brown felt was unfair to local businesses and bars.

"I don't think they did any of the tenants justice by coming out that early and making a statement by it," Brown said.

As he looks forward to new ventures, Brown thanked the loyal customers at Jake's for a great 21 years.

you to our local customer base over our 21 years at Purdue," Brown said. "Everyone at Purdue has become like family to us."

Jake's isn't the only bar in the area to go through changes. According to reporting that is always going to be for by the Journal and Courier,

308 on State was acquired by Lafayette bar owner Robert the summer was one that Turner, who did not respond to the Exponent's request for comment. Turner also owns Pete's Diner and Bobby T's.

Turner has implemented a series of changes to the bar, including adding "vodka-infused drinks," barbecue, and a section for those aged 18 to 20."

It all depends on what events "We just wanna say thank are going on, but we can utilize three-fourths of this space on the Bobby T's Campus level for 18 years and older," Turner said to the Journal and Courier. "The left-hand side when vou walk in, where alcohol is served and the pool tables are, 21 and over."

Local groups donate supplies to immigrant children

BY RYAN CHEN City Editor

As young children remain separated from their parents in youth detention centers around the country, religious groups in the Greater Lafayette area have worked together to send toys and toiletries to them.

"I think that speaks volumes about the community," said the organizer of the toy drive, rabbi Mike Harvey of Temple Israel West Lafavette. Donations to the drive will be sent to Temple Emanuel in McAllen, Texas, where one of the largest youth immigrant shelters is.

"So one of the synagogue temples in (McAllen) had started a drive for toys and toiletries to be given to children," Harvey said. "So in other words, we have a lifeline - someone we can partner with who can take that extra step and actually reach those children."

Temple Emanuel published a memo on its website stating the temple had already received \$12,000 in donations as well as "truckloads of diapers, personal hygiene items, toys, blankets and other necessities" by July 13.

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"(All of these) have been ineligible to be reunited. donated to the Humanitarian Respite Center (run by the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley) in McAllen," wrote Mike Blum, social action chair of Temple Emanuel. According to a report by the Brownsville Herald, children in detention facilities are released to respite centers once U.S. Border Patrol Immigration agents verify there is a family member of or sponsor for the child in the U.S.

On June 26, U.S. District Judge Dan Sabraw ordered that families separated at the border be reunited by July 10. Six days after the deadline, the Trump administration released a press release stating all eligible children under the age of 5 had been reunited with their families. According to the release, a child is deemed ineligible if there are "safety concerns posed by the adults in question" or there are concerns "due to circumstances of the adults in question."

Of the 103 children under the age of 5 held in youth immigrant shelters, 57 were deemed eligible and reunited with their families, while the remaining 46 were deemed

Starting in early July, Harvey has spread the news about the drive in his sermons, local newsletters and to the Interfaith Leaders of Greater Lafayette.

"Some of my colleagues, including Bradley Pace of St. John's Episcopal Church in Lafayette and Reverend Lisa Hood of the Lutheran Urban Ministry, wanted to help," Harvey said. "So I told them, 'Bring them here, bring the stuff here and we'll send it all together.' And we will pay for shipping.'

According to Harvey, estimates for shipping are in the ballpark of \$400 and above.

"We have a fund set aside within our social action committee to pay for it," Harvey said. "(Whether it's) \$500 or it's \$300, we'll pay it."

Harvey also said he is interested in working with a local shipping company to transport the supplies down south.

Temple Israel is joined by its governing bodies and related organizations in opposition to the separation of families at the American-Mexican border.

"We view it as a crime against humanity," Harvey said.

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I wanted to study (cybersecurity) and I really liked the campus and features.

Why did you choose your major?

I've always been interested in computers, but I also looked at metrics such as starting salary and job security.

What's your favorite dining court?

I enjoyed the layout of Earhart.

What's the biggest difference between your hometown and Purdue? I'm from Knoxville, Tennessee, so Purdue has more of a mid-

western vibe.







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It's likely, Jones said in the recording, that other students also used the resource. But he said time and personnel limit the number of cases he can look into.

South Asian students in the which heard the case. investigation, however, led Mhaskar to believe there was mendation of expulsion to the a level of racial bias at play.

When the investigation Sermersheim. came to a close, Jones and Board in the Office of Student earlier this week.

The inclusion of solely Rights and Responsibilities,

The CSB provided a recomdean of students, Katherine

Sermersheim upheld that the TA directed their findings recommendation. She did not to the Community Standards return a request for comment

The grade appeal

Before the OSRR hearing, Jones sent the students an email informing them they would be given final grades of F's in the affected courses. They were also told they could appeal those grades through the pre-established process.

vised the students to disregard ly myself)," Jones wrote in the the first two, informal steps of email. "You can forgo these the process, which entails an two steps as I can attest that informal discussion with instructors.

"Also, typically the first two steps of the appeal process involves speaking directly with your instructor and then to the





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However, Jones further ad- Head (or his designee, typicalthese mediation steps won't resolve your concerns."

> Jones cautioned the students that the grade appeal process likely would not be completed until this fall because of faculty availability a point of concern for the international students who worried about their immigration statuses.

> A policy created under the guidance of President Donald Trump invalidates a person's visa the day after the first violation of their status. That policy went into effect Aug. 9. Previously, a person with a student visa would not accrue unlawful presence until they were formally notified by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service.

> Because the first violation the University cited was from January 2017, the student's visa could be considered invalid under the policy dating back to that point.

> The students have since left the country, which Mhaskar said has only made things more complicated.

> "All of our Purdue accounts have been deactivated," he said in a Facebook message from India. "Our email is no longer active. Neither is Purdue Blackboard. ... Explaining everything to the family and friends back here has been a draining and stressful process because, according to them, THIS NEVER HAPPENS AT SUCH A BIG UNIVERSITY."

> All of the students' grade appeals were completed this summer, and not one of them received a single F after the appeals were processed.

Jones declined comment for this story after being asked about the recording, saying he was bound by a confidentiality requirement.

The preliminary report being produced by the OIE investigation was supposed to be released this week, according to Mhaskar. But he said he received notification this week that the report's release had been pushed back to Sept. 5.

Instructors uneasy

Multiple instructors who spoke with The Exponent expressed reservations about the investigation.

The instructor who received notification about the conclusion of the investigation while he was overseas was concerned that instructors weren't involved with the initial review of past coursework.

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"Each individual instructor handles situations differently," he said.

Instructors ultimately have the final say in the outcome of individual cases, Jones told another involved student in a recorded conversation provided to The Exponent. But because he wasn't involved in the initial probe, the instructor was forced to evaluate hundreds of documents at once when the grade appeals were filed this summer.

"It's a huge headache for me," he said, and the abundance of extra paperwork prevented him from working on research.

After the grade appeals were processed, each of the students' F's was reverted. Many have all the credits they need to graduate, but their expulsion prevents them from being granted a degree.

"That's what I'm really mad about," one instructor said.

Jeffery Stefancic, associate dean of students in the OSRR, said in an email that the credits a student earns are separate from sanctions rendered by the OSRR and the dean of students.

Once Zhang was able to see the scope of the investigation and the severity of the alleged offenses, the instructor said in the recording he was deeply disappointed in how things unfolded.

"If my kids were treated the way you guys were treated," Zhang told Roy in the recording, "I would not be happy."

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Letter to the Editor: Purdue picks profit over people

I wonder if Purdue investigated ridership numbers before forcing VeoRide off campus, or whether Purdue just took an exclusive contract with Zagster as an opportunity to profit.

I signed up for Zagster as soon as it was available on campus, but despite many attempts to use the service, I was never once able to use the service I'd paid for. Zagster bikes were improperly maintained, the app wouldn't unlock the bike, and so on. I tried dozens of times to use Zagster, but ultimately, VeoRide provided a better product when it showed up on campus years later: an app that is easy to use, and well-maintained bikes.

I frequently observed peo- that in excluding VeoRide

saw the bikes distributed all over town in patterns demonstrative of frequent use. The Zagster rack outside my apartment has had the same bikes on it for days now, and the one time, weeks ago, I saw anyone riding these bikes, there were problems with what are clearly poorly-maintained bikes.

According to AmericasHealthRankings.org, Indiana ranks poorly for physical activity, obesity, and overall health outcomes. There is an abundance of research (ex., https://doi.org/10.1136/ bmj.j1456) demonstrating that biking to work improves health outcomes.

ple riding VeoRide bikes and from campus, Purdue put profit before due diligence by failing to compare ridership between the two services, disregarded the health and welfare of the university community, and thwarted its very own alumni.

One would think (hope?) that Purdue would support a successful business started by its own alumni, but the facts of this case speak for themselves. Profit before anything else is a philosophy that benefits a few individuals – conveniently, those making the decisions at the expense of the rest of us.

– Ruthie Arieti, gradu-I think it is safe to presume ate student in the College of Science





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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others might act like jack-in-theboxes. Your feeling that you need to strap on your seatbelt might not be wrong. Your instincts will guide you through any emotional minefields. Know that those around you are also dealing with emotional stuff. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Prepare to agree or be docile if objecting. You could run into a group of touchy, arrogant people, and might not like their style or agree with their words. Still, you will want to avoid a collision. Plan on being calm and unruffled by what you hear. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ The morning could flow more easily than the afternoon. You will need to buckle down and have a very serious chat with an associate. This person could help you cut the complaining and effectively complete a project. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: Pressure builds around you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might need to have a slow morning, because you could be out of sorts. By the afternoon, a problem will not appear as big, and you will feel as if it can be solved. Your sense of humor returns later in the day. You feel better than you have in a while. Tonight: Accept an offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Use the morning for important calls. Despite some uproar, your sense of humor peaks through. Understand what is happening around you. Recognize your options rather than the blockages that have been created. Time could be your ally. Tonight: Entertain at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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 $\star \star \star \star$ Get your finances in order. You will have a lot of ground to cover in the next few days, whether you want to or not. Loosen up in the afternoon. You

TRIVIA 2

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(a) Clucking (b) Mooing (c) Bellowing

(a) San Francisco (b) Philadelphia (c) Miami

3. In England and Australia what is a tuck shop?

(a) Kuwait (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Canada

(a) Egg-timer (b) Volcano (c) Fountain

Where did ice cream originate?

(a) Japan (b) Mexico (c) Italy

(a) Korea (b) Russia (c) China

How many stars are on the Australian flag?

Where did the idea for lava lamps come from?

Where was the first key-operated lock found?

Random Trivia

1. What sound does a mother giraffe make to attract her young?

In the world of architecture, the Painted Ladies are houses in

(a) Dress-making business (b) Food-selling retailer (c) Gym

could be amazed by what you hear, and may end up disconcerted by someone's response. Just let it go. Tonight: Return a call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Your upbeat personality could make the morning easier, but by the afternoon, you could be wading in murky waters. Be careful when dealing with the afternoon and the choices you make. A family member or a domestic issue could drag you down. Tonight: Stay relaxed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You perk up in the afternoon. Spending some time with a friend could be necessary. This person helps you relax. You feel as if pursuing an even course might be impossible, as you see potholes everywhere. A discussion will help eliminate a problem. Tonight: Let the games begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ The morning opens up a new possibility. By the afternoon, you once again see restrictions. The solution might not be instantaneous. A close friend or family member could be full of information. Ask guestions, if need be. Distance yourself if you have to. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be slow in creating more of what you want. Someone's temper could cost you a pretty penny. The unexpected is likely to slow you down or create a blockage. Don't worry so much. Relax, and you'll find the right answer. Tonight: At a favorite place with favorite people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You bounce from one topic to another. So much is going through your mind that to others, you might appear fragmented. Open up discussions and honor your feelings. A friend understands you and helps you sort through different issues. Tonight: Could be a late night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might be looking at a situation differently from how others are. Getting a mutual agreement could be difficult if various parties are not on the same page. Eye what is similar rather than different. Consider detaching from the situation for a bit. Tonight: Follow the music.

TRIVIA 3

Trivia Array

1. The word planet comes from the Greek word meaning what?

TRIVIA 1

Music Trivia

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- 1. Home on the Range is the state song of (a) Montana (b) Kansas (c) Nebraska
- Who sang the theme song from Love Story?
- (a) Perry Como (b) Tony Bennett (c) Andy Williams Who Let the Dogs Out in song? 3
- (a) Baha Men (b) Weird Al (c) Ray Stevens 4 How many instruments did George Harrison play?
- (a) 26 (b) 17 (c) 11 5. According to the 2002 Guinness World Records what was the best-selling album ever up to that time? (a) The Wall Pink Floyd (b) Thriller Michael Jackson (c) Double
- Live Garth Brooks
- 6. How many strings does a violin have? (a) 6 (b) 5 (c) 4
- What was the first Number 1 song that Quincy Jones produced?
- (a) This Diamond Ring (b) It's My Party (c) Billy Jean 8 In what year was John Lennon shot?
- (a) 1980 (b) 1985 (c) 1990
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- Ian Mackaye was the founder of what band? (a) Soundgarden (b) Alice in Chains (c) Fugazi Who co-wrote *We Are the World* with Michael Jackson? 10. (a) Neil Diamond (b) Lionel Richie (c) Michael Bolton

CRYPTOQUIP 1

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals B

CRYPTOQUIP 2

In 2002, what country's children were most adopted by U.S.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals C

CRYPTOQUIP 3

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals Y

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(a) Jerry Seinfeld (b) Justin Timberlake (c) George Clooney (a) Canton, China (b) Khorsabad, Assyria (c) Tenochtitlan,

- - 10. Who was the highest paid entertainer in the 60s and 70s?

- In 2006 what country exported the most oil and energy to the (a) France (b) United States (c) Germany What is the most common family of insects? 4 (a) Ants (b) Beetles (c) Bees 5. What is Barbie doll's middle name?
- What celebrity's french toast sold on Ebay for over \$3000?

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- (a) Margaret (b) Monica (c) Millicent6. In Mexico, when a child loses a tooth who comes to collect it?

(a) Wanderer (b) Star (c) Sphere

(a) 321 (b) 613 (c) 429

2. How many commandments are in the Torah?

(a) On computers (b) On prescription bottles (c) On Zippers

- 9
- (a) Mouse (b) Rabbit (c) Ferret
- At what age does an elephant reach maturity?
- (a) 10 years (b) 30 years (c) 20 years
- 8. Where would you commonly find the initials YKK?

What painting dramatizes that spilling salt is unlucky? (a) The Last Judgement (b) The Last Supper (c) Transfiguration

- - (a) Liberace (b) Elton John (c) Wayne Newton

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Opinion: Gov't 'transparency' has gone too far

BY MITCH DANIELS For The Washington Post

Dave Eggers's 2013 novel "The Circle" depicts a world where demands for "openness" annihilate privacy and personal autonomy, creating a dystopian nightmare. Public officials in the tale try to outdo each other in going "clear" by wearing body cameras and microphones every waking moment. For most readers, the book is farfetched science fiction, but for those active in public life, Eggers's conception doesn't seem all that implausible.

It's hard to determine when too much of a good thing becomes truly too much. And the more laudable the goal, the harder it generally is to reel in the excess, because any suggested retrenchment is viewed as an abandonment of the goal itself. At the risk of being misconstrued, I venture the heretical thought that we have overshot in the pursuit of governmental "openness" and "transparency."

There's no question that American government at all levels is better off for the open-door and open-record reforms of the past half-century. Knowing that the public is watching, public officials generally behave more responsibly in the conduct of their duties.

I'm a true believer. As the director of the Office of Management and Budget in the early 2000s, I worked in perhaps surprising collaboration with Ralph Nader to open the federal government's contracting process to broader public inspection. During my service in Indiana as governor from 2005 to 2013, we made similar changes as a part of wider ethics reforms.

But even water has a fatal dosage level. Too much exercise can be unhealthy. Attempts to eliminate almost all forms of confidential interaction in government come with downsides.

We've seen the unintended consequences of overzealous reform

Wildcat Creek



before. Badly needed civil service and procurement reforms initially worked, but they expanded over time until they paralyzed the federal government to a comical degree. Federal employees are in greater danger from a lightning strike than termination for lousy performance, and the procedures for buying, say, a new computer are so byzantine that the machines are outdated by the time they arrive.

The current obsession with transparency is starting to take a similar toll. In a host of ways, government has been rendered less nimble, less talented and less effective.

Honest people are now compelled to become scofflaws in the goodfaith pursuit of their duties. Under 'open meeting" requirements forbidding members of governing bodies to confer privately, the result is furtive hallway conversations or "executive committee" meetings where the discussion might not technically fall into the category of exemptions that permit such meetings.

Open-records laws have had the same effect. Government took a serious wrong turn at the dawn of the email era when somebody decided these online exchanges are "documents." Every emailer knows that, perhaps apart from attachments, they are conversations.

I'm rarely on a conference call with other public university presidents that doesn't include someone reminding the group: "No emails!" Even the most deliberative of discussions is vulnerable to later being spread across a newspaper front page.

In sarcastic moments, I some-

times point out the gaping loophole in our public-records laws: Public officials are talking on the phone, and we don't know what they're saying! Clearly, we need a wiretap on every government line and, while we're at it, their home and cellphones. And we'll need surveillance cameras because, next thing you know, they'll switch to speaking in person!

Overall capability in government suffers, too. The excessive background checks and disclosure demands of today's federal employment discourage countless talented people from serving. I watched the number and quality of aspirants to Indiana state judgeships decline over the years. Like many other states, Indiana requires the immediate public identification of interested judicial candidates, and far too many outstanding lawyers, worried about angering their law firms, clients or employers, stay on the sidelines.

Maybe the worst net negative effect of the openness obsession is on the spirit of compromise – a spirit that is prized, ironically, by many transparency advocates. There is a reason the Constitutional Convention of 1787 was held privately and no official minutes were kept. Men who argued fiercely against certain provisions preserved their ability to accept second-best outcomes, and to go home and advocate ratification of the overall agreement.

None of this is to suggest a major rollback; we are better off for the sunshine. But for the best of reasons, "transparency" has risen to sacred status, and even moderate change will be difficult. A news media accustomed to rummaging through email records and visitor logs may be especially unsympathetic. Still, it's time for us all to consider broadening the definitions of what communications should remain confidential and to grant more leeway for the kinds of meetings that are often essential to producing workable compromises.

I hope I've made myself \dots clear.

Discovery Park gains new director

BY ALEXANDRA WELIEVER Campus Editor

The new director of the Discovery Park District isn't that new to the \$1.2 billion dollar project.

Jeremy Slater, now director of the entire district, worked previously as the associate director and project manager for the Purdue Research Foundation.

"He knows the project, the people and the stakeholders," PRF Vice President and Chief Facilities Officer Rich Michal said in a phone interview. "He's got over 10 years in experience in planning."

One of Slater's projects includes the atrium he, PRF and over 100 other companies work in every day. The Purdue Railyard resembles an old-fashioned train station, housing a common workspace, in addition to private nearby offices, for all employees near a small cafe.

While designing the Railyard, Slater took the opportunity to add a few creative touches to make the workspace reflect the history of the Schenectady, the first locomotive brought to Purdue in the late 1800's for testing purposes.

Cavernous blue and gray boxcars fill the workspace, each with an icon of a phone or numeral spray-painted on the sliding doors that dictate the purpose of the space. Slater specifically hired a graffiti artist to decorate the boxcar conference rooms, to enhance the vibe of working in a railvard.

Another themed feature of the Railyard is the lofty water tower nestled in the corner of the workspace. At the base of the tower is a small table made from a Pennsylvania Railroad company manhole cover, available to work on along with other premium seats for all paying members of the workspace. When thirsty, workers can simply refill their water bottles at a fountain built into one of the legs of the water tower. That attention to detail is precisely



ALEXANDRA WELIEVER | CAMPUS EDITOR Jeremy Slater sits at the Purdue Railyard, a workspace he designed.

what Slater has to offer to the DPD as director.

"My hope is 20 years from now," Slater said, "students, faculty, the community, they can just look back and the Discovery Park District is really just a key piece of the community."

Currently the district is divided into six sub-districts, each with a different purpose and theme.

The Aerospace and District Core districts will give people a place to work and innovate near the alreadystanding Purdue airport and Maurice J. Zucrow Laboratories. The Residential Village and Commons will provide housing, health and daycare facilities for those living in the DPD. To maintain a fun, social atmosphere, the Main Street and Greenbelt districts are planned to accommodate retail space, pavilions, parks and more.

This project won't be finished overnight, of course, but Slater said he actually enjoys the extended timeline.

"The master plan itself is a 20- to 30-year plan," Slater said. "The great thing about a master plan is it's not set in stone, so it's a road map."

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'Green space' emphasized in Chauncey input session

What will happen to one of the most iconic locations in West Lafayette?

BY ALEXANDRA WELIEVER Campus Editor

Originally published July 12

Chauncey Hill Mall is set to be demolished in about a year, and West Lafayette residents and business owners have something to say about

"We've invited everybody in," Trinitas Ventures employee Mark Becker said at one of the public sessions held at Chauncey Hill's closed University Spirit store.

After a kickoff public presentation July 9, workshops open to all residents and the general public generated suggestions as to the best use of Chauncey's three acres of land. Pastries, coffee and fruit greeted those who enter the workshops, and the developers have created several avenues for public input.

Interested members of the public can go to University Spirit to speak with developers in person, leave messages on sticky notes around maps of Chauncey Hill or write their ideas down on huge sheets of poster paper provided. For those unable to come in person, a website link



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See CHAUNCEY | Page 15 Notes with input from community members stick to a planning board detailing plans for the Chauncey area.

Students' auxiliary housing experiences a mixed bag

BY ALEXANDRA WELIEVER Campus Editor

Originally published July 19

Surging student interest in rooming on campus has led Purdue, bound by its housing contracts, to

keep excess students in temporary housing until more permanent residences are found.

This temporary housing can be found in a number of forms, from rooms in the Union Club Hotel to apartments in Purdue Village or at Blackbird Farms.

Purdue spokesman Jim Bush said iliary housing before, as Purdue routhat 300 students with contracts will be given rooms over the course of the summer.

"They will have an on-campus space when Boiler Gold Rush opens," Bush said via email.

Students have been placed in aux-

tinely accepts more students than it can house to account for those who drop out before the school year begins.

One sophomore in the College

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(courb.co/chauncey) allows for public comments and suggestions, and also gives several prompts to help those struggling to share their opinion.

One of the trends Becker has noticed is an outpouring of support for more green space and meeting areas.

Many comments on the given website reflect these wants, and also confirm the continued support for historic favorites, like the Discount Den, to remain in the new space.

Andrew Evans, a senior in the College of Engineering, was one of the few students who came to July 11's public presentation.

He'd like to see "a place for students to gather" and a downtown for West Lafayette. But he also wants the local favorites to stick around.

"(Discount Den) adds a lot to the character," Evans said.

The company overseeing the entire development project, Trinitas Ventures, hopes to start construction by the end of 2019, according to its senior vice president, Aaron Bartels, who also recognizes the importance of stores like the Discount Den.

"That's near and dear, isn't it," he chuckled before the presentation.

Beyond support for local retail, Bartels has also heard many residents asking for open space.

"I think the one thing that stands out is open space," he said, adding that grocery stores are also a frequent request.

and online comments stream versity has only its 2008 masinto the makeshift development office in University Spirit, Bartels and his team have watched the responses and recorded the ideas suggested by residents.

Principal Neal Payton leads create sketches based upon those initial wants.

"They give us hopes and dreams," he said before the in Lafayette. presentation. "What we do is interpret that."

While the themes of having an open, green, public-use space are achievable, other desires are less so, according to Pavton.

"We can't say absolutely there will be a grocery store,' he said.

What his group of architects, Torti Gallas + Partners, can do, however, is provide a space usable for grocers, with the dimensions necessary to run a local grocery store.

in to give their input on the foot traffic - about 43,000 Chauncey Hill renovations have varied in desire, origin and method of communication. Some leave notes, some talk to the developers for a while, and one gentleman, Payton said during the presentation, even came in with homemade plans.

cluding Purdue, have been Payton made a special point reached out to, and Payton emphasized the importance of working with the University.

"We want to be a good neighbor," he said, and they are making a "strong effort to review (Purdue's) masterplan."

As discussions, sticky notes plan, however, is that the Uni- worker, Joe Antunovich, and

ter plan to offer, and is still in the process of updating the withheld 2018 master plan.

Still, Payton asked, how can you not talk to the entity next door with 42,000 residents?

During the presentation, the master planning efforts to Payton laid out why this project is so important to Trinitas - the company overlooking every step of the way is based

> "It is literally across the river," he joked in the relaxed at-

mosphere of the presentation. The renovation of Chauncey Hill will fall back on a few basic themes that have shown to increase public safety and health, according to Payton.

"Neighborhoods that are walkable are healthier," he said, further saying that "place-making," or a feeling of belonging somewhere, is vitally important to projects like this one.

The walkability of Chauncey The people who have come is especially crucial whenever pedestrians a week - is considered.

That number towers over the only other Big Ten school measured by this team, Iowa, clocking in 20,000 pedestrians around the urban edges of campus.

When the ubiquitous theme Several stakeholders, in- of open space came up again, to poke fun at one of his coworkers during a comedically relevant slide that displayed residents watching a soccer game on a publicly accessible television.

'Was ... was there a soccer game today?" Payton asked, The problem with Purdue's gesturing to his Croatian co-



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Community members discuss plans for Chauncey Hill posted on the wall at the now-closed University Spirit store.

referencing Croatia's win in one of the busiest and most of gateway," Payton said, is the FIFA World Cup.

ued, he stressed the fact that West Lafayette itself. Chauncey Hill is, essentially,

iconic entrances to Purdue's As the presentation contin- campus, and into the city of imperative to the future of

"The importance of the idea Chauncey Hill.



Changes to come: The future of wireless internet on Purdue's academic campus

BY ALEXANDRA WELIEVER Campus Editor

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Information Technology at Purdue has encountered many students having technology issues with their own devices, but some problems are due to their fellow classmates, as well.

Beyond PAL outages, ITaP has found problems with students in class using bandwidth for non-studying activities. Purdue President Mitch Daniels has noted that many of the websites visited by students in class are non-academic, a problem that may be solved via data-throttling. "I'm delighted for Purdue other," according to Sonstein. to provide this free service for anything even remotely academic," Daniels said in a Journal & Courier article. "But when it's purely recreational, especially during class hours, I think it raises some questions." Purdue's executive director of IT infrastructure services. Mark Sonstein, doesn't believe any throttling would occur in residential campus. There, students aren't expected to be constantly studying, and should have the luxuries of home.



By manually replacing outdated servers, ITaP employees are able to prepare for future PAL 3.0 outages.

Classrooms are an entirely different, affair, however.

"When we start to talk about academic spaces, I think that's where we start to run into where there could be some thoughts about how we control or manage that space," he said. "There's a cost point to it, but there's more of a larger issue. If you're sitting in a classroom with 400 of your closest friends, and you're streaming a 4k movie, you're consuming all of the bandwidth that's available — 399 people can't do what they need to do.

"You cost me money because you're consuming that 4k ... but in the bigger scheme of things that really is not as big of an impact as your neighbor can't turn in her homework because the bandwidth isn't available to connect to turn it in.

"That's where we start to look at what's the right balance between activities that have to be done, the academic activities, but balance out the freedom of being able to do other things."

Classrooms have limited bandwidth due in part to the number of access points that can be placed in every room. Adding more access points doesn't automatically increase the bandwidth available, as at a certain point Wi-Fi signals "talk over on top of one an- between building materials

"They use the radio frequency spectrum," he said. "At some point there's no more radio spectrum, there's no more channels available. It's no longer a limiting factor on what we can provide, it's a limiting factor on the communication wirelessly between your device and the access point."

These access points interact with each other differently depending on where and on what kind of material they are installed. For example, Sonstein said the access points in concrete buildings, like the Wilmeth Active Learning Center, work without interfering with one another as much, as the concrete walls and ceilings keep signals from talking over each other.

Buildings made of thinner materials, like drywall, allow signals to pass through, and increase the chances of overlapping and causing connectivity issues.

"It's really a contention issue where as you move with your phone, your phone jumps from access point to access point," Sonstein said. "Every time it jumps to a new access point, it's doing a whole lot of negotiations in the background, it's saying 'here's who I am, here's my password, am I allowed on the network,' all of those things the first time you connect to the network.

"Imagine that on the scale of 40,000 students, all of that traffic is going across those access points, all of the time."

This jumping phenomena is what causes the occasionally spotty Wi-Fi in WALC, Sonstein said. In certain places where a student may be studying exactly between multiple access points, their phone or laptop may be constantly switching from one access point to the other.

Due to the relationship

and the capacity of wireless access points, ITaP gets involved when new buildings are constructed on campus. The department develops a plan for the deployment of access points and wireless internet based on the way buildings are made, and survey the sites throughout construction to ensure the plans are being carried out.

"The construction of WALC is not the issue," Kline said. "It's more the walking between access points and probably the number of people in there using it."

"It's a massive amount of people in there," Sonstein agreed. "WALC is a very popular place, and it could be just that you're in a spot where everything is being consumed at that point.'

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Purdue Global netted \$20 million at closing of final deal

BY CREIGHTON SUTER Editor-in-Chief

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Details behind Purdue's acquisition of Kaplan University, including a \$20 million down payment to the newly formed Purdue University Global, have come to light after months of controversy Graham Holdings Co. shrouded the unprecedented deal.

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As a public corporation, Graham Holdings is re-Purdue negotiated the quired to disclose informadeal with Kaplan Higher tion about its financial deal-Education, which was the ings to investors to remain direct owner and operator of in compliance with the Se-Kaplan University. Kaplan curities and Exchange Com-

Questions about the ar-

ally at the outset because former state Sen. Brandt Hershman slipped an amendment into an unrelated bill during the last hours of 2017's Indiana General Assembly session, meaning it lacked public input. The law shielded details of the Purdue-Kaplan deal from becoming public, beyond the \$1 official sales price.

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Other critics worried due Global. about taxpayers footing the bill for Kaplan's liabilities Kaplan's revenues are atafter the Washington Post tributable to revenues it reacquired a letter from the ceives under its agreement Department of Education expressly telling Purdue it May 21 filing read, "which must cover all debts and liabilities accrued by Kaplan before and after the deal.

Purdue President Mitch Daniels has consistently denied that taxpayers will be responsible for any costs associated with Purdue Global, but he has declined to provide concrete details of the purchase, even after the sale closed in March.

In May, Graham Holdings filed a document to the SEC detailing Purdue's acquisition.

At closing, Purdue paid just \$1 to Kaplan Higher Education. But according to the filing, that wasn't the only money exchanged on March 22, closing day.

The May 2 SEC documents from Graham Holdings indicate it paid Purdue \$20 million at closing, representing two of five \$10 million priority payments guaranteed to Purdue during Purdue Global's first five years of operation, regardless of the operation's success.

If revenue generated by Purdue Global is sufficient to cover the guaranteed \$10 million annual payment to Purdue Global, KHE will not be responsible for producing that money.

According to the report, Purdue used the annual payment as an example to illustrate its focus on protecting Purdue's financial standing when designing the deal while maintaining upside. But KHE, too, expects the deal to be profitable.

According to the May 2 SEC filing, Kaplan will assist PUG in areas including admissions support, technology support, marketing services and international and domestic student recruitment. The filing does not cite expected costs of those services, but according to a fact-finding team from the Higher Learning Commission, Purdue representatives estimated the cost of KHE's "back-office services" to be for both parties if returns about \$200 million in addition to an estimated \$100 million to be spent on marketing. The Higher Learning Commission's report was total losses of more than \$75 published earlier this year.

pects those services to be prof- nate the deal.

"A substantial portion of with Purdue (the TOSA)," a are dependent upon revenues generated by Purdue Global and upon Purdue Global's eligibility to participate in the Title IV federal student aid program."

Title IV regulations require educational institutions to refund federal financial aid if a student withdraws before completing 60 percent of a semester.

The May 21 SEC documents revealed that the institution has experienced problems doing just that. In the fourth quarter of 2017, Kaplan officials discovered a "procedural change" that resulted in \$8.4 million in Title IV funds not being refunded to the government. It self-reported the failure to the U.S. Department of Education.

The filing claims steps have been taken to mitigate those organizational shortcomings: "Although the Company expects the above described remediation to be completed during 2018, there can be no assurance that management's remediation measures will be sufficient to remedy the material weakness or that additional material weaknesses or other control or significant deficiencies will not be identified in the future."

Purdue's chief legal counsel, Steve Schultz, said in an email the University was aware of KHE's Title IV deficiencies at the time of the deal's closing. He directed The Exponent to Graham Holdings for further information about details in the filing.

Provided that the institution is financially successful, KHE will receive 12.5 percent of PUG's revenue in exchange for its support services. That fee, according to the SEC filing, increases to 13 percent in 2023 before it returns to 12.5 percent in 2028.

The deal provides an exit fail to meet expectations. If PUG's operations produce \$25 million in losses for three consecutive years, or million at any point, either The for-profit company ex- Purdue or KHE can termi-The new nonprofit universion its ability to comply with ty officially launched on April federal requirements in dis- 2, and its first graduates were

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Schnatter's name to be removed from Purdue

STAFF REPORTS

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John H. Schnatter's name will be removed from Purdue's economic research center.

The former Papa Johns CEO, who resigned in January 2018 after using a racial slur in a May conference call, will no longer have his name on the John H. Schnatter Center for Economic Research at Purdue. The decision was made at the Purdue Board of Trustees meeting Aug. 3 to revert the name back to the original Purdue University Research Center in Economics effective immediately, according to Mike Berghoff, chairman of the board.

In April, Schnatter's foundation donated \$8 million toward the project in exchange for naming rights.

The board is offering to return the \$8 million donation back to Schnatter's charity.

The Board of Trustees released a statement regarding the decision.

action is necessary to avoid distraction from the center's work, counterproductive division on the campus, and any inference of any deviation from the university's often stated stance on tolerance and racial relations," the statement reads.

Purdue has made state- 13, the donation had not ments in the past regarding been returned to Schnatter.



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO John "Papa John" Schnatter founder and CEO of Papa John's Pizza

tolerance and racial relations, the most recent one coming from President Daniels and Provost Akridge after the incident in Charlottesville in August 2017.

"Racism, anti-semitism, bigotry, and violence like that demonstrated in Charlottesville are the antithesis of those values and have no place on our campus," the statement read.

Schnatter made a similar donation to Ball State University in 2016. But according to reporting today by the Ball State Daily News, the university decided to retain Schnatter's donation and name on the John H. Schnatter Insti-"The board believes this tute for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise.

His apology, Ball State's board president Rick Hall said, denounced racism and reaffirmed that his views align with the university, according to the Ball State Daily News.

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An empty bed and desk stand ready for one new student in a temporary housing unit in Shreve Residence Hall.

HOUSING

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of Science, Ian Ostermann, found his temporary housing at Blackbird Farms less than satisfactory during his freshman year.

"They were new, but sloppily built," Ostermann said via Reddit direct message. "Mine didn't have paint, only primer and drywall. I learned this when trying to remove a scuff from the wall from a bike tire and the wall dissolved."

Though Ostermann was assigned to auxiliary housing for his freshman year, he couldn't move in until several days after he arrived for band camp. This was because the apartments weren't finished when he came to Purdue.

"It was quite literally a construction zone," he said. "So I was placed in First Street (Suites) for three days until my unit was ready to move in. This would be fine except I had to move alone at 1 a.m. Wednesday night of band camp in a Prius."

distance The between Blackbird Farms and the campus made socializing difficult for Ostermann. Even with a car he found traveling to and from residential campus harder in the winter months, when the roads weren't plowed or salted after a heavy, evening snow.

"Thankfully I had a car," he said, "but many of those placed there did not, and my roommate walked to and from campus many times.

"We had to pay for the bus for the first few weeks until they got everything ironed out.'

Another student, a junior in the College of Engineering, Nathan Pang, requested placement in Wiley or Owen Residence halls, but ended up in Purdue Village.

"It was overall enjoyable," Pang said via Reddit DM. "There were definitely times where I felt like the freshman experience was out of reach because the freshmen at Purdue Village were basically their own small community."

Pang noted that RAs and their supervisors worked to bring social events to those freshmen placed in Purdue Village. Occasionally RAs placed in the Village would bring their residents along for floor dinners at dining courts with dormitory RAs.

As Purdue Village was traditionally used as housing for families or international students, Purdue's AirLink internet connection didn't cover the apartment units, leaving freshmen without reliable internet at home.

"Most of us got used to it and would stay over at other dorms/libraries to study/socialize," Pang said.

"There would be 'town hall meetings' between faculty and students living at Purdue Village, discussing whether or not they should extend PAL 3.0 out to Purdue Village. Later (they) decided that getting new routers as well as a newer service would fit our needs and hopefully let us have internet access after a month of no access."



arge courses may soon overflow

BY ALISA REYNYA Staff Writer

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As student enrollment continues to increase and Purdue prepares to admit its largest freshman class in history, core-requirement, entry-level courses like those of Chemistry 115 and Physics 172 face strain as they attempt to accommodate the students they already have.

In recent years, first-year engineering students have made up a significant portion of Purdue's incoming classes.

Lab space lacking?

According to general chemistry course coordinator Marybeth Miller, the chemistry labs currently run 7:30 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Chemistry professor Suzanne Bart, who teaches Chemistry 115 every fall, said the increased number of students in recent years has created the need for Saturday labs, which have only been in practice for two years. More students may mean the addition of afternoon labs on Saturdays or night labs throughout the week.

Lab prep and storeroom workers who supervise labs on Saturdays must be paid overtime. The chemistry department has also added a storeroom worker because of the extra labs, Miller said.

Director of general chemistry Marcy Towns said the new STEM lab building between Schlemann Hall and the Purdue Armory will alleviate some of the strain the chemistry department currently faces when holding labs. However, its expected completion date is in August 2020.

Miller said she expects the general chemistry courses will again lack enough teaching assistants.

To accommodate the extra students, the chemistry department has hired professor of practice Jonathan Rienstra-Kiracofe, who was previously a professor of chemistry at Northpark University and will focus mostly on teaching.

"People that are hired into professor of practice positions, it's often the case that you are bringing them in to help you teach," Towns said. "That's what they are there to help you do and they are supposed to be outstanding teachers, and that's what you want."



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Room 114 in the Physics building is a lecture hall often used for Physics 172, a class that some worry is in danger of overflowing due to increasingly large freshman classes.

teaches Physics 172 classes.

Because the class is so large. like Elliott Hall of Music to acone sitting. If enrollment were to increase in Physics 172, Hirsch said there would not be enough space. Elliott, already the largest hall on campus, is at full capacity during exams.

Elliott is also poorly lit even with lights fully on, especially in the corners of the room and up in the second and third balconies.

If the University decides to cancel evening exams in Loeb Playhouse and Elliott, as Hirsch said the University is considering, he believes a "logistical nightmare" would result.

Exams and students are far easier to track when all students are taking exams in the same room, and Hirsch does not want to burden teaching assistants by asking them to oversee exams.

"I think you cannot just send graduate TAs to handle a room like that. Things happen. Students have medical emergencies. I don't want to put that burden on a student," Hirsch said.

Hirsch also believes labs his students use in the Physics building are too small to accommodate more students.

According to Hirsch, several physics faculty members retired recently, and the search for new faculty members has proved difficult. run by the Center for Instruc-Teaching Physics 172 also requires a slightly different approach than higher-level physics classes.

"It may be easy for a new faculty member to step in and teach a graduate course in their specialty, but teaching an introductory course is a different beast," he said. "That takes some degree of Davis said through a spokesknowledge of the content, not just the physics but a real un- on which additional "key arderstanding of how we teach it and what the objectives are. and understanding the nature of incoming freshmen and

their preparation."

Regardless of GPAs or test exams require a large space scores, Hirsch said incoming freshmen often have a parcommodate the entire class in ticular view of physics, and that view often focuses on equations rather than understanding the principles behind them.

For this reason, Hirsch said that even if enrollment were to increase, the department would not accept AP scores less than 5.

"AP Physics is fine," he said. "But I don't think a student is well-served by passing on because the AP courses can reallv varv."

Releasing the pressure

Both chemistry and physics lecturers try to achieve consistency across classes by collaborating among themselves and with their TAs.

Both Hirsch and Bart, however, say they believe the key to success in large, entry-level classes lies in students engaging with the material outside the classroom. In such large classes, professors are unable to check in with individual students unless students have approached them.

Frank Dooley, senior vice provost for teaching and learning, said both TA and faculty hiring plans are in place for the coming year.

The University has several resources in place to ensure TA teaching quality.

"We have support programs tional Excellence aimed at the graduate student instructors," Dooley said in an email. "Around 500 participate each year. Also, our grad TAs are good at what they do, and giving graduate students an opportunity to teach is part of their career development."

Vice provost Kristina Wong woman she had no comment eas" mentioned in the Universitv's press release might expect the hiring of more faculty or TAs.

lesting the limits?

Other entry-level courses, like Physics 172, face similar problems because of large class sizes, said physics professor Andrew Hirsch, who

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Greek, co-op undergraduate GPAs higher than University average during spring semester

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Once again this spring, the composite all-Greek and all-cooperative grade point average has exceeded the allundergraduate average in statistics released this week.

The combined GPA from all fraternity, sorority and cooperative members was 3.12 for the spring semester, while the all-undergraduate average was 3.03. It marked the ninth consecutive semester that the Greek and cooperative community grades exceeded the campus average.

Among the four groups that represent 6,639 undergraduate students in the Greek system – 21.3 percent of the total

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undergraduate population - nity service hours and raised sororities led the way with a 3.26 average.

The four groups fall in the following governing councils: • Interfraternity Council, 3.00 average GPA, with an average chapter size of 86 members from 40 groups.

• Multicultural Greek Council, 3.02 GPA, 13 average membership from 10 chapters.

• National Pan-Hellenic Council, 2.69 GPA, nine average membership from nine chapters.

• Panhellenic Association, 3.26 GPA, 125 average membership from 21 chapters.

The fraternity, sorority and cooperative system also contributed 46,536 commu-

\$355,049 for philanthropic GPA, 23 members causes, according to the report. For the school year, the 3.18 GPA, 34 members system raised \$1.16 million for charitable causes.

And the Purdue fraternity, sorority and cooperative community has 92 organization members, more than any other Big Ten university.

Individual leaders:

• Alpha Chi Omega, 851 David Ross Road, had the highest GPA among community members with a 3.45 average from 129 members.

• Zeta Tau Alpha, 118 Waldron St., raised the most philanthropic money with \$108,480.

• Zeta Beta Tau, 900 David Ross Road, had the most service hours with 2,741.

· Zeta Beta Tau had the most members with 182.

Top grade, service hours and dollars rankings among the four governing groups were:

Interfraternity Council: 3,421 members, 40 chapters

• Farmhouse, 3.20 GPA, 99 members

• Theta Tau, 3.19 GPA, 69 members

• Beta Theta Pi, 3.15 GPA, 145 members

• Zeta Beta Tau, 3.14 GPA, 182 members

• Pi Kappa Phi, 3.13 GPA, 159 members

• Sigma Tau Gamma, 3.13, 141 members

Service hours:

- Zeta Beta Tau, 2,741 hours, 182 members
- Farmhouse, 1,262 hours,
- 99 members • Sigma Tau Gamma, 1,249 hours, 141 members

Philanthropic dollars raised:

Sigma Tau Gamma, \$37,786, 141 members

• Zeta Beta Tau, \$27,811, 182 members

• Sigma Chi, \$20,235, 109 members

Multicultural Greek Council: 126 members, 10 chapters

• Gamma Rho Lambda, 3.30 GPA, 13 members

• Delta Phi Lambda, 3.23

• Alpha Kappa Delta Phi,

Service hours:

• Delta Phi Mu, 258 hours, 9 members

Philanthropic dollars raised:

· Gamma Rho Lambda, \$563, 13 members

National **Pan-Hellenic** Council: 82 members, nine chapters

• Alpha Kappa Alpha, 2.99 GPA, 12 members

• Delta Sigma Theta, 2.95 GPA, 21 members

· Zeta Phi Beta, 2.93 GPA, four members

Service hours:

• Alpha Kappa Alpha, 537 hours, 12 members Philanthropic dollars

raised: • Alpha Phi Alpha, \$1,710,

61 members

Panhellenic Association, 2,630 members: 32 chapters

• Alpha Chi Omega, 3.45 GPA, 129 members

• Phi Beta Chi, 3.41, 21 members

• Kappa Alpha Theta, 3.40, 159 members

• Kappa Kappa Gamma, 3.37 GPA, 143 members

• Phi Mu, 3.36 GPA, 145 members

Service hours:

• Kappa Kappa Gamma, 2,492 hours, 143 members Sigma Kappa, 2,319 hours,

141 members

• Alpha Gamma Delta, 1,876 hours, 136 members

Philanthropic dollars raised:

 Zeta Tau Alpha, \$108,480, 130 members

• Phi Sigma Rho, \$25,068, 133 members

Purdue Cooperative Council: 380 members, 12 organizations

• Stewart, 3.41 GPA, 33 members

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Athletes, daily fantasy sites seek clarity in high court

BY CREIGHTON SUTER Staff Writer

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The Indiana Supreme Court could send waves through the young but booming world of legal sports betting when it issues a ruling on a lawsuit involving two daily fantasy sites.

The sports gambling industry is seeing quick growth after a recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to allow states to take the wheel in legislating the field.

Indiana's high court recently heard arguments in a case involving athletes who are seeking compensation from FanDuel and DraftKings, prominent players in online public statistics like any othsports gambling, for the use of er.

their name, pictures and statistics.

attention to nationally.

Former Indiana University filed the suit in conjunction with two other former college football players.

The newsworthiness of the statistics daily fantasy sites use to set player values was the primary source of discussion at Thursday's hearing.

law allows people to regulate the commercial use of their names. Ian Gershengorn argued in front of the court on he believes is not met. behalf of FanDuel and Draft-Kings that the fantasy games the outcome of a particular are a form of debate about fantasy game except the two

It is an entertaining way to debate, he said, "just as sports the individual," McLawhorn The case could have wide fans have done around dinner implications and is being paid tables and water coolers for vears."

The manipulation of stafootball player Nick Stoner tistics to fit into the games' formats only enhances the newsworthiness of the fantasy competitions, Gershengorn argued, because it encourages participants to engage with and attain a better understanding of them.

Todd McLawhorn, repre-An exception in Indiana senting Stoner and the other athletes, however, argues that the games themselves have to be newsworthy - a standard

> No one cares, he said, about people partaking in the competition.

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"No one else cares beyond said.

The outcome of the case could set a precedent affecting the national sports betting industry and all of professional sports. Boxers were brought up as possible benefactors by Justice Mark Massa.

He asked whether a boxer fighting in Indiana would be entitled to compensation if a betting company was taking bets on the fight, assuming the court was to rule in favor of the athletes.

"They possibly could," said William Clifton Holmes, who is also representing the play-

Sports betting, in the traditional sense, is not currently legal in Indiana.

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Upcoming film documents Neil Armstrong's life post-Purdue

BY ALEXANDRA WELIEVER Campus Editor

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Though his time on campus won't be a major plot point, one of Purdue's most famous alumni will be featured in a movie on the famed Apollo 11 space expedition in October.

The first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, will be played by Ryan Gosling in "First Man," which focuses on the astronaut's NASA career. The movie highlights 1961 to 1969 and is based off a biography of the same name, written by James Hansen.

"I was surprised he gave me as much leeway as he did," Hansen said in a phone interview last week.

After teaching aerospace history for more than 20 years, the Auburn University professor became interested in writing the legend's biography. Persuading Armstrong was no easy feat, as the man became more private after his mission due to the sheer amount of attention he received every single day.

"Armstrong was the one no one had gotten to yet," Hansen said.

Finally, Hansen became the retired astronaut's authorized biographer. After 55 hours of taped interviews, more than a year of research and lunches provided by Armstrong's wife, Carol, "First Man" was pub-

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EXPONENT FILE PHOTO Neil Armstrong (statue outside Armstrong Hall of Engineering)

lished in 2005.

Though the movie only shows eight years of Armstrong's life, Hansen's book describes his life in its entirety, including the time spent as a student at Purdue. While interviewing him for the book, Hansen had the chance to visit campus, both alone and with a reminiscent Armstrong.

"He was quite a sports fan," Hansen said, and he joked about the rivalry between his home campus and Indiana University "in a teasing way."

"Purdue was very dear to his heart," Hansen said.

Armstrong's fondness of Purdue dated back to his undergraduate days, when he participated in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and played the baritone in the university's military band.

Materials that document Armstrong's life, both per-

sonal and professional, can "excellent" in descriptive gebe found in Purdue University Libraries Archives and Special Collections and viewed in through good handwriting The Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center on the fourth floor of the library in Stewart Center.

Tracy Grimm said.

Students can find the program of that play in one of the more than 450 boxes of folders of papers Armstrong kept. The papers were donated to the University after his death in 2012 and are available for anyone to view.

According to Grimm, most people who come into the archives to read through Armstrong's papers usually enjoy looking through the documents of his youth, from fraternity pictures to report cards to a notebook of Calculus I class notes.

One grade report shows a young Armstrong passing all of his classes and scoring an

ometry. His calculus notes show meticulous thinking and spaced-out lines, though some of the backs of pages reveal more messy sketches of certain problems.

Evervone thumb can "He was co-director of a through the Armstrong Paplay for Purdue," archivist pers, though all requests to view the documents must be made a day in advance. The Archives and Special Collections enforce policies to ensure the safety and care of their materials, like storing all outside items in lockers and never using flash photography.

When Hansen was writing the biography, though, these documents weren't kept at Purdue. Armstrong still owned everything and kept boxes in his home.

This collection of old notes, papers and brochures wasn't due to young Armstrong believing he would be worldfamous one day, according to Hansen.

"There wasn't any ego in and there's so much more." him," Hansen said, saying that he probably believed the materials would be useful for some "knowledge or insight" later in his life.

Armstrong even "kept flying magazines," showing his everlasting interest in flight and exploring the skies.

By talking with Armstrong and poring over all kinds of documents, Hansen was able to write the first authorized biography of the first man on the moon and serve as a coproducer for the upcoming film.

"I was there most every day of filming," Hansen said. "I reviewed every version of the script."

Though the movie only covers a small slice of Armstrong's life, it still works to tell the story of humanity's journey to space.

"It's a terrific film," Hansen said. "I would like ... the movie to cover a greater span of years. The movie pretty much stops after the moon landing,

Post-Apollo 11, Armstrong lived to 82 and found his fame somewhat overwhelming. At times, he employed one to two secretaries to triage his fan mail, which arrived until he died.

"He would freely give his autograph into the early 90s," Hansen said, until the retired astronaut discovered that some would sell his signature for high prices, and that forgeries of his autograph were produced to make money.

"He decided he couldn't tell the honest requests" from the fake ones, Hansen said, and he stopped signing letters and replies to fan mail.

Hansen will publish a collection of about 80,000 pieces of Armstrong's fan mail next year, along with a movie edition of "First Man" that includes bonus features.

"A book is more like a photograph," Hansen said, while "a movie is more like a portrait."

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Purdue pays \$75,000 in ex-PUPD officers' employment lawsuits

BY CREIGHTON SUTER Staff Writer

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Purdue paid \$75,000 to settle two lawsuits alleging racist actions within its police department.

Ryan Pyle and Tenecia Waddell, two former police officers of the Purdue University Police Department, first filed suit against the University in November 2016, claiming they were unfairly subjected to an internal investigation into their relationship.

Waddell, who has since married Pyle and taken his name, is a black woman. She and Pyle began a friendly relationship in 2015 that grew more serious with time, eventually becoming romantic in nature.

The relationship violated a PUPD policy that prohibited intra-departmental relationships. The two contended, however, that similar relationships had been built by other non-black officers in the past without drawing the same criticisms that their relation-

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ship did. Their problems first arose when Pyle, who is white, submitted an incident report about a possible instance of weapon tampering that affected a black male officer, the lawsuits allege. Pyle, at the time, served as the department's armorer, which placed him in command of officers' weapons training and certifications.

An investigation into Pyle and Tenecia Pyle's relationship was started soon after. The two were ultimately fired in June 2016.

Tenecia Pyle's June termination was not her first time being let go from the department, though. She was previously fired for failing to pass her firearm qualifications, an outcome that was later connected to misaligned sights a situation similar to the one Pyle reported in 2016.

Purdue's grievance committee overturned her termination and reinstated her, a decision one officer said in a deposition was not welcomed by Chief John Cox.

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In May, Tenecia and Ryan Pyle agreed to settle the lawsuit. On Wednesday, The Exponent received those details as part of a records request submitted at the time of the settlement.

Though it agreed to resolve the lawsuits, the University accepted no guilt.

"Defendant denies the allegations in the Lawsuits and enter into this Agreement solely to avoid the additional expense of continued litigation," the settlement reads.

Tenecia and Ryan Pyle each received roughly \$20,765.21 in total. That lump sum was divided into two payments: \$10,382.60 of Tenecia Pyle's payment is to be reported on Form 1099 for tax purposes. The other \$10,382.61 is to be reported on a W-2 form. The same was true for Ryan Pyle.

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"So just generally as a matter of practice in employment to past wages be reported as relate to damages incurred by in Lafayette, said he couldn't cases of all types, most of the employment income, which a plaintiff.

comment on the case spe- time when you see payments would be noted on a W-2 form. cifically. But he noted that in paid out in employment casemployment law, generally es," he said, "you typically find 1099 is non-wage income, speaking, payments are sepa- some portion of it as W-2 and Ramsland said. Independent

> The IRS, he said, would require anything that might rea- employment lawsuit, funds sonably be assumed to relate reported on a Form 1099 often

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Income reported on a Form contractors might use the form to report income. In an

Purdue professor and wife indicted for fraud

STAFF REPORTS

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A Purdue professor and his wife were indicted by the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for allegedly defrauding the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Qingyou Han, a professor of mechanical engineering technology and the director of the Purdue Center for Materials Processing Research, and his wife, Lu Shao, allegedly used NSF grant money to pay off their mortgage and purchase a second home, among other allegations.

According to a press release from the United States Attorney's Office, Han and Shao used a company they founded called Hans Tech to attain over \$1.3 million in grants from the NSF.

the funds to purchase a house located at

3120 Bowfield Way in West Lafayette in tant for the research project, court docu-October 2007. Shao purchased the house ments say. in her name for \$116,000, according to court documents, and signed a lease with herself for \$3,000 per month.

It was later revealed that over \$150,000 of the NSF grants they received was used to pay "office rent" at the location of the Bowfield home, the court documents allege.

Han and Shao did not inform the NSF that Shao owned the home.

"Had that information been revealed to NSF, rental payments for the property would not have been allowed," the indictment reads.

The house was sold in January 2017 for \$125,500.

Han and Shao are also accused of paying their 10- and 15-year-old children Han and his wife are accused of using salaries of \$24,000 for their supposed roles as a secretary and technical assis-

The case is a product of a NSF investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jill Koster and NSF Office of Inspector General Investigative Attorney Sonia Khanzode.

A Purdue spokesman said in a written statement that the University just learned of the indictment today.

"This indictment, which Purdue learned about today through the U.S. attorney's announcement, relates to a faculty member's personal outside business activity," the statement reads. "The university is looking into the matter. To the extent we have any information relevant to the case, we will, of course, provide it to the authorities.'

According to salary data obtained by The Exponent, Han was paid \$171,466.43 by the University in 2017.



The rest of the settlement, more than \$33,000, covered plaint. the pair's attorney fees. The pair's attorney, Jason

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