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cheese and knick-knacks. Its menu is fairly short. Notable items include a salad bar, biscuits and gravy and The Breakfast Griller — a hefty sandwich that uses cinnamon rolls as bread. Pretzels, cinnamon rolls and grilled cheese are vegetarian.

You order at the counter. Located at 1550 Win Hentschel Blvd., The Homestead is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and is closed on Sundays. It has five stars on Yelp.

One reviewer wrote she wished she knew about The Homestead before she graduated from Purdue.

“Amazing salad bar and food!” Pace wrote. “The inside is very cozy and the staff is super friendly.”



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Hunter's Pub

This is a sports pub with a large menu of American classics including fish and chips, steak, hamburgers and waffle fries. Vegetarians can order mac and cheese, pasta primavera, veggie wraps and a variety of deep-fried sides.

Hunter's Pub is located at 1092 Sagamore Pkwy between a U-Haul and a tire shop. The hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, and until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. It has four stars on Yelp.

“They have a fairly diverse menu compared to the average bar and drink specials every day,” a reviewer wrote. “All the food, so far, has been good. The brussel sprouts are the stand-out here.”

Klondike Pub

This is more of a bar that serves food than a restaurant. If you're hungry, over 21 and don't

mind smoking indoors, this may be the place for you. It offers pork tenderloin sandwiches and The Mendo Burger — topped with bacon, pulled pork, an onion ring and two types of cheese.

Vegetarian options include fried pickles, mozzarella sticks, salad and a slot machine.

Klondike Pub is located at 2801 Klondike Road, Its open from 11 to 3 a.m. all week except Sundays, when it opens at noon. It has a 3.5 Yelp rating.

One reviewer wrote Klondike Pub offers dollar margaritas and tacos from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays.

“Free pool. Wonderful atmosphere. Very courteous wait staff,” they said.

La Aldea

Highlights from this Mexican restaurant's menu include chilaquiles rancheros — a breakfast dish of scrambled eggs, chicken, cheese, chips and ranchero sauce. They also offer nachos, burritos, tacos and fajitas. There are vegetarian options in every category. Sides like refried beans and rice can be ordered a la carte. Tres leches cake and flan are available for dessert.

The restaurant is located at 2801 Klondike Road and is open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. every day. It has a 3.5 star rating on Yelp.

One Google reviewer recommended the horchata, a rice milk beverage.

“The food was amazing! As a Mexican student at Purdue, I was so happy to find a place that gave me a little piece of home,” They wrote. “Remember to put lime on your tacos for an extra bit of freshness and juiciness!”

Walt's Pub and Grill

This restaurant puts tri-color pasta in all of their salads. Menu highlights include pepperjack cheese curds, cheese-stuffed breadstick bites, wings, beefy flatbreads and burgers. Most of the vegetarian options are sides like mac and cheese, rice and asparagus.

Walt's Pub and Grill is located at 1050 Kalberer Road. It's open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. all days except Fridays, when it's open until 11 p.m. It has three stars on Yelp.

One reviewer wrote the wait was “minimal” the night of a Purdue Basketball game and her waitress had “a pep in her step.”

“My son had the ribeye sandwich and it was literally gone before I could look up and ask him how it was,” the review read. “All was superb. We definitely will return to try some of the other items on the menu. Also the bathrooms were clean and stocked with a unique design.”

Free birds

Watching a child leave for college is nerve-racking

BY ALEX HADDON
Staff Reporter

On her first day at Purdue, Natalie Tribble was attempting to keep track of her classes and deal with a broken foot in a cast. In the midst of the chaos, she left her laptop on the bus, noticing just as the bus started to drive away. Running after it in a panic, she called her father, Brad Tribble.

“She's on the phone with us like ‘What do I do? What do I do?’” Tribble recalls. “And I'm like, ‘Well, I have no idea. I hope the bus stops.’ She didn't get it back.”

Tribble is an administrator of the “100% UNOFFICIAL Parents of Purdue” Facebook group, a page dedicated to parents with what Tribble calls “hands-off” styles of parenting. Although Natalie graduated recently with a degree in elementary education, Tribble continues to be an active member of the group.

“100% UNOFFICIAL Parents of Purdue” has a tongue-in-cheek tone that some readers might find insulting, but Tribble says the group has raised thousands of dollars for underprivileged students and has even bought Purdue staff lunch.

Tribble said it barely felt different when Natalie went off to college, because she called her parents every day, whether it was to seek advice for a lost laptop or express her joy at seeing the Starship food delivery robots for the first time.

For many parents, however, sending their child off to college can be an emotional time. In addition to the endless tasks that must be completed, parents and their children must be prepared for what may be their first extended period apart.

“For many (parents), the biggest adjustment is not having their student under the same roof each night where they can easily detect if something is up with them,” said Jennifer Wetli, assistant director of Purdue's Parent and Family Connections office.

Stacey Kelley said her son, Harrison, was prepared when he began his Purdue engineering degree two years ago. Kelley is an admin of a different, similarly named Facebook group, the “UNOFFICIAL” 2020 Purdue Parents Page,” which was formed by parents from the Purdue-sponsored 2020 parent group.

Despite his preparedness, Kelley said she still felt “trepidation and sadness” at the thought of Harrison leaving for school. She admits there was headbutting between them as the move-in date approached, but there were a lot of “moments of joy.”

“You ask yourself all these questions,” Kelley said. “Are they as prepared as I think they are? Do they know how to use everything? The doctor? The bus?”

Kelley said the process is “hectic.” They had only two hours to move his stuff into his room in Shreve Hall. There was little time to be emotional.

“We put the stuff in the blue tub, dropped it off,” Tribble said. “I put a foam noodle over her bed frame to stop her roommate from hitting her head, then we went to go get a pizza.”

Planning ahead

Tribble said students' dorm rooms will be smaller than they think. He said Natalie insisted on bringing a cabinet full of makeup. The cabinet is now filled with teaching supplies for her job as a kindergarten teacher.

“Don't buy too much stuff,” Kelley said. “You can always buy it later and it's harder to carry it there.”

Kelley said students should consider buying vacuum bags to store their winter clothes so that they take up less space.

“College is a time for personal growth,” Wetli said. “Let their student take the lead on how to resolve their challenges and allow them the space to make mistakes.”

Potential problems

“It's always in the back of your mind that something could hap-

pen,” Tribble said. “You just have to have faith that it won't.”

When it comes to academics, Wetli said many students think that the way they studied in high school will be sufficient to pass college courses. Many students struggle on their first exam. Wetli said students should use academic resources such as tutoring early on in the semester.

“Academics are very student-dependent,” Kelley said. “(Harrison) is an open book, but he did not share his grades.”

Harrison ultimately did well in his first year, completing first year engineering and moving on to mechanical engineering.

“At the end of the day, he's an adult,” Kelley said.

“If you're smart in high school, you may not be that smart in college, and if you're bad at high school, you might do great in college,” Tribble said.

“My daughter was incredibly average in high school,” Tribble said. “But she got into Purdue.”

Tribble said receiving bad grades and making mistakes will help college students grow.

“Let your kids fail,” Tribble said.

In addition to earning a degree, Kelley said students are in college to make lifelong connections.

Kelley said Harrison, a “social guy,” made his “good group” of friends through his learning community based in his dorm.

Natalie made friends in her sorority. Among college students, alcohol might be used to turn a good time with friends into a great time with friends. Kelley said she doesn't broach the topic often with Harrison.

“He's surrounded himself with people who don't get knocked up,” Kelley said.

“If you're old enough to fight for your country, you're old enough to have a beer, as long as you use your head,” Tribble said.

Tribble said Natalie is a goody-two-shoes, so he doesn't worry about her drinking too much.

Kelley isn't an empty-nester, or a “free bird,” as she prefers to call it, but she will be soon. Her youngest daughter will leave for college this fall. She and her husband, both retired, are planning on traveling as much as possible when they are free birds.

Tribble has a 14-year-old daughter, so it will be a while before he and his wife have the house to themselves.

Jerilyn Jones Kind said in a Facebook post that parents should also be mindful of younger children struggling with their siblings moving away.

Growth spurts

The best way to catch up with your student is in person, and many parents come to Purdue for sports games or Parents' Weekend. For those events, it can be virtually impossible to travel through West Lafayette by car.

When asked for any advice for parking during Parents' Weekend, Kelley said, “Walk.”

“Plan a visit in October or so, but maybe not during Parents'



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The Whittaker Kitchen

This higher-end restaurant is located in the Whittaker Inn, a private hotel about 15 minutes away from campus. They have a rotating dinner menu that includes artichoke chicken, charcuterie boards and baby potatoes. Vegetarians can order the tomato and zucchini risotto.

The Whittaker Kitchen is located at 702 West 500 N. It's open from 4 to 8 p.m. and closed Mondays and Tuesdays. There are no Google reviews, and all the reviews on Yelp (five stars) are positive.

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Gaza Korean Grill

This is one of the few Korean restaurants in West Lafayette. They have an all-you-can eat buffet and you can cook your barbecue on a miniature grill at your table. Menu highlights include Kung Pao dishes, bulgogi (grilled, thinly-sliced, marinated beef), pan-fried dumplings and lemon cream shrimp. Vegetarian options include tofu and veggie omelets.

Gaza Korean Grill is closed on Tuesdays and open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It has three stars on Yelp. It are located at 3457 Bethel Dr.

One Google user wrote that your entire table has to get unlimited barbecue if one person orders it.

“Service was pretty good, but the prices are sort of high,” the user wrote.

Weekend when it's crazy,” Karen Hickey said in a Facebook post.

“Parents' Weekend shows that Purdue has a great, strong family environment,” Tribble said. “Pick a different weekend.”

Whether parents first see their student again during an official weekend or when their student comes home for break, they may find they are “not the same student.”

“They have run their own schedule and may have their own idea on how they want to spend their break,” Wetli said. “Have an open conversation on expectations while they are home.”

Wetli says many students spend their breaks sleeping and catching up with high school friends.

Kelley said the passage of time was more obvious when she didn't see Harrison for extended periods.

“You realize they're changing, their faces change,” Kelley said. “That's shocking.”

Tribble said college made Natalie mature quickly.

“It was really fun to watch her grow up,” Tribble said.

“I try to give grace,” Kelley said. “Parenting is the long haul and I'm not walking a mile in their shoes.”

Back in 2020, when Kelley had just finished helping Harrison move into his dorm, she had tears in her eyes as they said goodbye. After their last hug, Kelley watched him walk away.

He didn't look back.

“That's how I knew he was ready, how I knew he was going to be OK,” Kelley said.

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Purdue Convocations announces its 2023-2024 season

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For its 121st season, Purdue Convocations announced over 20 events.

All tickets are available for purchase online at convocations.org/tickets or by phone at 765-494-3933. Tickets are also available at the Stewart Center Box Office at 128 Memorial Mall, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer.

Donors to Purdue Convos are given the title “Friends of Convocations,” and receive priority seating, early access to ticket sales, priority points and website recognition at the entry level.

Other donation levels receive more benefits, including entry to the pre-show club, parking passes for events, invitation to a meet-the-artist event and more.

28th annual West Lafayette Global Fest

The 28th annual West Lafayette Global Fest takes place in Chauncey Plaza on Sept. 16 from 3 to 10:30 p.m. Featuring dozens of booths and multiple performance areas, this diverse celebration is free.

Main stage performers include Arabic flamenco jazz artist Farah Siraj and Cuban hip-hop act Telmary. Other performances include, the Purdue Chinese Performing Arts Troupe, Okinawa Yuyukai, Black Voices of Inspiration, Dance 2XS Purdue, McGovern Irish Dancers and more announced soon.

Grandmaster Flash

This audiovisual lecture/demonstration for the 50th anniversary of hip-hop is an educational and interactive experience with one of the “founding fathers” of hip-hop, Grandmaster Flash. He will be at Purdue on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

As the architect of the quick mix theory, Flash will demonstrate how he used his knowledge of electronic repair as a teenager to experiment with different styles and techniques to bridge the gap between musical genres.

Tickets for the event at Loeb Playhouse are free with limited availability.



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Briscoe

Brisco, a folk rock duo, after opening for Noah Kahan in the spring at Elliott Hall of Music, will return to Loeb Playhouse on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Student tickets are \$15 each, and adult tickets are \$20 each.

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse Live in Concert

Experience the Marvel Spider-Verse live with a screening of the Academy Award-winning animated film paired with a live orchestra, band and turntables on stage.

Tickets cost between \$25 and \$50 depending on location and ticket type. The show is Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at Elliott Hall of Music.

Mean Girls

“From comedian and playwright Tina Fey, Mean Girls tells the story of a naïve newbie named Cady, who falls prey to a trio of high school frenemies, as she adjusts to the suburban life of a teenage girl.”

Tickets for this event at Elliott Hall of Music are between \$35 and \$80. Watch the musical on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Humans 2.0 by Circa

Circa, an Australian circus company, is coming to Purdue on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. In its new show, Humans 2.0, performers climb and catch each other during a series of stunts that “must be seen to be believed.” Tickets are between \$22 and \$36 at Loeb Playhouse.

Las Cafeteras present Hasta la Muerte: A Day of the Dead Show

Las Cafeteras, an East Los Angeles band, will be performing its Hasta la Muerte show at Loeb Playhouse to celebrate Día de Muertos on Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event cost between \$24 and \$32 depending on location and ticket type.

Kronos Quartet: Five Decades Project

As part of its farewell tour, Kronos Quartet returns to Purdue to perform its Five Decades Project. The quartet’s performance at Loeb Playhouse, on Nov. 9 at



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7:30 p.m., will cost between \$24 and \$32 to see.

Johnny Cash: The Official Concert Experience

Johnny Cash’s music has been lifted from archival concert footage and recordings, allowing him to perform his biggest hits with a live band again at Loeb Playhouse. For \$30 to \$42, audience members can hear Cash once again on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

Emmet Cohen Trio & Friends

Jazz pianist Emmet Cohen returns to Loeb Playhouse on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. after recording a live album at Purdue in 2022. Tickets to see him live are between \$24 and \$32.

Call of the Wild

Jack London’s tale Call of the Wild is coming to Loeb Playhouse as a multimedia story told with projected illustrations. The production, on Nov. 19 at 3 p.m., uses 180-degree projection that surrounds the performer and provides scenic, artistic and historical context to the show. Tickets to see Buck’s story cost between \$15 and \$20.

Dance Theatre of Harlem

Each year, Purdue celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through a commemorative event that honors his civil rights and social justice work. This year, at Elliott Hall of Music, the Dance Theatre of Harlem will elevate this annual event with their performance. This free event is on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

Lakecia Benjamin and Phoenix

On Jan. 19 at 8 p.m., jazz saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin will be coming to Loeb Playhouse to perform songs from her latest album, “Phoenix.” Her music pulls from jazz, soul and funk, and her performance at Purdue will kick off the 34th Purdue Jazz Festival. Tickets for this event cost between \$24 and \$32.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Actors From The London Stage will come to Fowler Hall on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3 to recreate Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Five actors don multiple roles, with minimal props and costumes, on stage to interpret the text as a blueprint for a performance. Both shows begin at 8 p.m., and tickets cost between \$24 and \$32.

Counterpoint

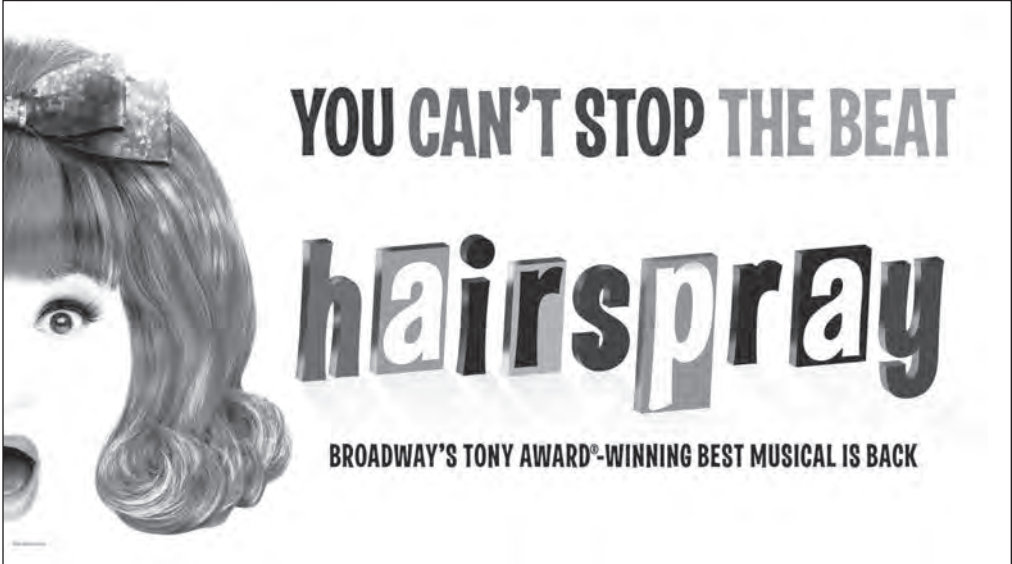
The duo of classical pianist Conrad Tao and dancer/choreographer Caleb Teicher bring their interpretation of Bach, Mozart, Brahms and Gershwin to Loeb Playhouse on Feb. 8. Counterpoint threads together stylistically varied, landmark pieces in this event at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost between \$24 and \$32.

Hairspray

Broadway’s Tony Award-winning musical comedy is coming to Elliott Hall of Music on Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.



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Follow Tracy Turnblad in 1960s Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV’s most popular show, The Corny Collins Show. Tickets for this show cost between \$35 and \$80.

TEDxPurdueU: Recurrence

TEDxPurdueU will explore how recurrence influences our lives at a deeper level on Feb. 17 beginning at noon. Experts from Purdue and beyond present their work in presentations that are 18 minutes or less. Tickets for this event at Loeb Playhouse cost between \$12 and \$17.

Melissa White, violin and Pallavi Mahidhara, piano

Violinist Melissa White made history in 2022 as concertmaster of Recollective Orchestra, the first all-Black orchestra to perform at the Hollywood Bowl. Now, White makes her first visit to Purdue with pianist Pallavi Mahidhara on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the musicians’ performance at Loeb Playhouse cost between \$15 and \$20.

The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System

Ms. Frizzle and her students get lost on their way to the planetarium and end up in space in “The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System.” The performance offers a thrilling and educational experience for the whole family on Feb. 25 at Loeb Playhouse. Tickets for the event, which begins at 3 p.m., cost between \$15 and \$20.

Come From Away

After 9/11, a small town in Newfoundland welcomed



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Italian Pianist Beatrice Rana performed to a crowd of around 300 people.



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Ethan Lipton performs a scene in “The Outer Space.”

7,000 stranded travelers. During that week, cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but this musical tells the real story as uneasiness turned into trust and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Watch “Come From Away” at Elliott Hall of Music on April

3 at 8 p.m. for \$35 to \$80.

Shrek the Musical

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks animated film, the Tony Award-winning musical is coming to Elliott Hall of Music on April 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets cost between \$35 and \$80.

You can't stop your kid from breaking rules

How they're fooling Find My iPhone, faking grades, and drinking cheap beer without your knowledge

BY ALEX HADDON
Staff Reporter

I was 14 years old, sitting pretty in my 9:30 a.m. AP United States History class when the classroom phone unexpectedly rang. My teacher paused her lecture, answered, and stared at me while the person on the other end spoke. “Yes, she’s here,” the teacher said awkwardly. “Do you need me to put her on the phone?” As it turns out, my mother had called the school, worried I was skipping class because her Find My iPhone app had glitched and showed my phone off in some field. To my utter humiliation, the teacher announced this to the entire class. At that point in my life, I was a well-behaved kid. I got straight As, kept it above the collarbone when I dated, and never drank. Yet, my parents thought I was spending every unsupervised moment smoking illegal substances behind a dumpster with my six boyfriends. They lived in a constant state of fear. After a while, I realized I couldn’t convince my parents of my innocence, so I might as well have some fun.

How I got around Find My iPhone and requests for selfies

The Find My iPhone app should have been a fool-proof way to see where I was at all times. My first year of college, my mother tracked where I was according to my class schedule, calling me if she suspected I was in the wrong building.

The easiest way to get around this was to turn my phone’s location services off. This didn’t work for very long. My mom eventually saw through my fibs that the WiFi wasn’t working and insisted location services be kept on at all times.

So, I started hiding my phone in the correct buildings, location services on, and went about my merry way. Alternatively, I would leave my phone with a friend who had strict instructions on how to respond to texts from my parents.

Inevitably, while I was out getting McDonald’s instead of going to the chemistry lab, whoever I was with would receive the dreaded text from the friend guarding my phone: “Alex’s mom wants a selfie.”

Here’s the thing: selfies can be pre-loaded. I had a few stock selfies of me in my dorm, me in lecture, etc. I even kept a few of me with two fingers up, me with three fingers up and me

balancing a pencil on my head, just in case my parents asked for a specific look.

When all else failed, I ignored all texts and attempts to call until I was back where I was supposed to be. I would tell them I was taking a nap or studying so hard I forgot to check my phone.

Five years have passed and my parents almost never check my location. I wish they would. When I head out to bars, I send my mother the address and text her when I am home, because it’s nice to know that someone who loves you is making sure you get home safe.

But I didn’t feel that way at 18.

Photoshop fakes

Unlike high school, parents can’t see grades unless their kids grant them permission in the Purdue system.

Luckily for me, my parents either didn’t realize this or trusted me enough not to demand access. So, at the end of every semester, I just sent my parents a screenshot of my grades.

The first time I absolutely biffed my classes, I spent about half an hour carefully photoshopping my F in math into a C minus.

My parents bought it, but I had a new problem. I had to retake math over the summer without my parents finding out. When I shared my schedule with them, I edited out the math class completely.

I then proceeded to work my part-time job while taking full-time classes, and avoided questions like “I thought Purdue is only letting you work 10 hours a week? Where were you this morning?”

The stress wore me down quickly, and I came clean within a month. But I maintain if I had kept my wits about me, I could have kept the lie going for a while.

Because my parents know that I can use photoshop now, I just wait to get home to show them my transcript on the actual Purdue website. I don’t have anything to hide on it anymore.

How to hang out with the ‘bad crowd’

One of the most exciting things about college, for me, was unlimited social time. At home, extracurriculars and school always took priority over everything else. Friends weren’t allowed over without a parent in our house, and we definitely weren’t allowed at other people’s houses unless they had passed the parent-vetting process.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ALEX HADON

A Purdue student ponders how he is going to escape the watchful eyes of Find My iPhone.

While it was relatively simple to sneak myself out or sneak people in, this problem vanished in college, except for that sneaky Find My iPhone.

I still took my phone with me a lot of the time. If I was somewhere my parents wouldn’t like with someone my parents wouldn’t like, I would come up with a convenient lie that matched the approximate area.

Residential neighborhood? I’m studying with my heterosexual female friend who doesn’t live on campus. Downtown Lafayette? Going out to have a quiet dinner with my engineering group. Roaming around campus? Oh, we’re just walking home.

If my mom started asking for selfies with the people I had said I was with, unless I had a back-up image, the only solution was to ignore the text for fourteen minutes, rush home, and hopefully get the selfie.

Hiding cheap beer

If you’re asking yourself, “Is my child drinking in college?” the answer is probably yes. I have met almost zero college students who don’t drink. Even the most uptight, well-behaved kids usually indulge a sip by the second semester.

When your child comes home for breaks, sleeps in unusually late and wakes up with a puffy face, there’s a significant chance they’re hungover. (Or they might just be exhausted from the rigors of Purdue classes.)

If they suddenly come down with a debilitating stomach flu, but insist they don’t want to go to the hospital, they might have drank too much. (Or they might actually have stomach flu.)

There are a lot of things you can do to hide the smell of alcohol. Bread and water, I have discovered, masks the smell on your breath

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The union hotel’s 182 rooms are sold out usually for about two weeks overall during the summer, about 2.5 to three weeks in August, and September through November is often sold out most weekends and several times throughout the week.

Workers for other hotels in West Lafayette, including Hilton Garden Inn Wabash Landing and Hampton Inn and Suites, declined to interview. The manager at Holiday Inn Lafayette City Center, the only large hotel in downtown Lafayette, did not respond to two weekly phone calls.

Just under a 20 minute drive from campus, the DoubleTree by Hilton Lafayette East has 128 rooms which fill up fairly often, but usually only on the day of.

“If we have 30 rooms, there’s no doubt in my mind we’re selling out (that night),” said Jody Wainscott, the assistant general manager at the DoubleTree.

But that doesn’t mean they don’t sell out ahead of time. For large event weekends, such as parent’s weekend, it and all the hotels near it are already sold out.

The DoubleTree is located where I-65 meets South Street in Lafayette, in an area with many other hotels including a Holiday Inn Express and Suites and a Comfort Inn among others.

Though visitors are allowed to stay in dorm rooms with students, they aren’t allowed to stay for more than three consecutive nights, according to the university residence’s guest policy, and no more than two guests can stay in one room at a time.

It might be free to stay in a dorm while visiting, but there are some drawbacks.

If the room is in a dorm with a community bathroom and shower, opposite gender bathrooms might be harder to get to. In single-gender dorms, such as Wiley, an opposite gender bathroom might be on only the first floor or basement.

Parking is also limited while staying in a dorm. Without a permit, parking on campus would be nearly impossible. Read more



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Hampton Inn and Suites on the intersection of State Street and Tapawingo Drive.

on parking permits in the Exponent’s Parent’s Guide.

Hotels in the area try to make it easier for visitors to book rooms.

“Now, with being a part of their Marriott (Autograph) collection, you can go on marriott.com,” Wicks said. “And now travel agents can now book us, you can book through Expedia and other air avenues ... So the ease has gone up significantly. We have call centers that are open 24 hours a day.”

The Marriott Autograph collection is a group of unique hotels that are ultimately managed by Marriott and available through their reservation systems.

But Marriott employees the ones who run the union club hotel.

“We are the only autograph hotel in the world that’s run primarily by students,” Wicks said. “So over 80% of our staff is going to be students, typically from Purdue University. There might be a few thrown in there from other places.”

Purdue’s hospitality majors take classes on hotel management and get real-life experience from helping run the hotel in the PMU.

“They love the fact that there are students coming in, and they’re studying engineering and they want to know, where the buildings are, where the classes are,” Wicks said. “Our associates really have a unique perspective that they can share with them, and show them where to go and

‘oh, you’re gonna want to stay here and do this.’”

Other options include AirBnB, which aren’t as common in the Greater Lafayette area as other larger cities, such as Indianapolis or Chicago.

Part of the reason for this is a 2017 ordinance passed by Tippecanoe County and Lafayette which required temporary rental owners to go through an extra inspection, register with the city and be approved by the local zoning board before being allowed to put the property on the market.

This was criticized at the time saying it would make visitor housing more scarce and hard to increase, according to a WBAA report.

West Lafayette adopted the same ordinance in November.

The city declined to enact an ordinance to give Airbnbs a chance, Chad Spitznagle, the city’s building commissioner, said in 2017.

“After a period of time we realized there are still residents in the town, in the city, that would like the ability to know what is going on next door to them,” he said to WBAA reporters.

As of Thursday morning, there are about two dozen AirBnBs available on its website in West Lafayette and downtown Lafayette that have availability on and off throughout the fall semester.

Their prices range from about \$100 to \$200 per night, some exceptions include \$600+ rooms as well.

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A Hoosier’s advice about Indiana

The state your kid will call home for the next four years

BY KEAGAN SLOCUM
Summer Reporter

So you’re an out-of-stater. The most exposure you’ve ever had toward Indiana has probably been through college sports and the Indianapolis 500.

And you’re coming here in the fall for your first semester of college, away from your hometown, your friends, your parents and into the unknown.

As a native Hoosier, I have the privilege of living close to Purdue and knowing Indiana’s quirks like the back of my hand. Which is why I’m writing this guide for you, out-of-staters, so you have a preview of what to expect from Indiana, the state you’ll call home in just a couple of months.

The weather

Indiana has average weather at best, but always prepare for the extremes. When summer is at its peak, temperatures can reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit. As you walk along to class, the heat will pour down your back and suddenly your quick trek turned into a slow motion struggle to make it on time.

And the humidity is another creature entirely. I’ve lived here all my life and there’s nothing I can do to prevent the humidity from ruining my hair and making me sweat constantly; it’s like walking through an invisible fog of heat. And if it’s your first time experiencing both the heat and humidity in one setting, I am so sorry.

When it comes to the winter, expect the opposite. In the past few years, our winters have varied from warm to an arctic wonderland, and from a wintry desert to a state blanketed in snow.

The last few years have seen record-breaking temperatures, going double digits in the negatives, and the cold is bone-chilling. I definitely recommend a good coat and a pair of snow boots. They will be your best friends from December to March.

But when the weather is good, it’s good. I’d say the best time to be in Indiana is the autumn. It’s when the average temperature is around 60 to 70 degrees. It’s still the beginning of the semester, so your responsibilities haven’t taken flight just yet and you can enjoy the longer days. It’s when fall sports are active, and there’s always something to do on the weekends.

The life

Indiana is in the heart of the Midwest and has a large rural community, so don’t be surprised to find out some of our favorite things to do have a very farm-y feel to them. For one, a favorite thing on the weekends is to have a bonfire.



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Indiana is largely a rural state whose top crops are corn and soybeans, so don’t be surprised to see endless rows of these plants as you make your way to campus.

Whether it’s a small campfire in someone’s back yard or an open flame large enough to throw a couch in, there will always be a bonfire on the weekends. It’s a good time to decompress the week’s events and talk to your friends while eating fire-charred food.

Be prepared for someone to ask you if you want to go to Walmart or Target, not to particularly buy anything, but to just go. This happens a lot in the smaller Indiana towns, where there are not a lot of fun hang-out options, but even then, I find myself going to the Target in Chauncey or driving to Walmart, just to ease my boredom. Old habits die hard, I guess.

If you come from a more urban area and have never seen corn or livestock, your world is about to be rocked. Indiana’s top crops are corn and soybeans, so as you come here in the fall, you’ll see combines in the fields, mowing down stalks of these crops. And if you have never seen a cow before, that’s about to change very quickly.

In the fall, as Halloween draws near, local farms and apple orchards will take advantage of these corn stalks and make mazes with them, and though I am notoriously bad at mazes, it’s an experience one must try at least once. The nearest corn maze from campus would be Exploration Acres.

The sights

You’re new to Indiana. You don’t know what to expect here. All you know that there’s a ton of corn, beans and cows. And though you’re right about that, Indiana is also home to a plethora of places worthy of visiting.

The most obvious tourist attraction is the

Indianapolis 500. The race is on Memorial Day weekend every year, and during a normal year, attracts nearly 400,000 people. However, if you leave Indiana before the race occurs, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is open for visitors to tour the track and the museums.

If you’re a nature lover, there are plenty of state parks that are home to different ecosystems. In the Greater Lafayette area is Prophetstown State Park, which hosts about three miles of trails, camping and a variety of activities throughout the week.

And, of course, one of the main things you must know about Indiana is the sports. We take our sports seriously here, with Indianapolis being home to the Colts, the Pacers, the Fever and the 500.

Especially basketball. Basketball is to Indiana as water is to fish. It’s a way of life, a reason for a Hoosier’s existence. There are high school basketball gymnasiums that can hold thousands of people, because Hoosiers are that in love with the sport. As you drive across the city, you will almost always find a small gathering of kids at a basketball court, playing until the sun sets.

The end

So here it is, a preview of Indiana, the Hoosier State. Though there’s more to tell you about Indiana, this will get you started.

The key to getting to know something is to explore it. This has been my home for 19 years, and I hope you make it yours for the next four.

This article was originally published in 2021.

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ter all, you only get to drop little Maurice off at college once. You don’t want to miss out on having a picture of you two together.

Ask if every friend is their significant other

Dating at Purdue is more challenging than thermodynamics is for most students. So if little Maurice ends up making a “friend” of the opposite sex, there is a strong chance he is dating her.

Make sure you ask him about her everyday so he does not get consumed in his math homework and accidentally lose his shot at learning to socialize properly with people outside his major.

All too often I see parents not checking to see if the friend their child is talking to is their significant other. They all end up the same: unable to talk to others about anything outside of how bad they did on their last exam. It is a sad sight to behold.

Go to frat parties with them

There is nothing that strengthens a parent-child bond like having them attend a frat party with you after the first week of classes.

Crack open a case of Stroh’s or Schlitz with Brayden and Hunter at Phi Psi Chi and see who can shotgun them the quickest. My bet is since those beers have a lower alcohol content than water, you can probably beat the rest of the brothers. If you are brave enough or looking for a challenge, have one of the brothers hold you by your legs and see if you can become the “keg king.”

The healthy competition will show your child that you are there if they need any support in their college life.

Don’t pass down Purdue apparel

Whether little Maurice knows it or not, he wants to be the coolest kid on the block – a difficult feat in a school of STEM majors.

And to be the coolest kid on the block, he can’t be dressed like everyone else. No, he will be lost in a sea of black and gold. Instead, as a parent, make sure you send little Maurice down with the freshest of crimson and cream.

Fashion changes with yearly trends. Sometimes, what’s hip and trendy is unable to compete with older designs such as frosted tips and popped collars.

Coming from my own experience, I always get compliments on my Indiana University gear more than my recently bought Purdue merch.

If you’re repping the crimson and cream, you’re automatically cool and people will want to be you.

Ask to see the spots around campus that are important to them

Campus has changed drastically and grown, so if you are a Purdue alumnus, there is certainly something new or different on campus that your kid might have discovered.

Maybe they found a couch in the Wilmeth Active Learning Center that has managed to go undefined, or maybe even a conference room in Forney Hall of Chemical Engineering that looks like a Jackson Pollock painting under the blacklights.

Your child might even want to share an intimate meal at one of campus’ many fine dining locations, like Ford Dining Court.

Regardless, make sure you listen to what your child finds important on campus so that you can tell them how campus was better when you were there.



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Purdue traditions and other oddities

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

The bell tower

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

For those curious about the plaque at the bottom of the bell tower, it serves as the lid to a time capsule set to be opened in 2095.

Have you ever looked closely at the bell tower's face? If so, you may notice something odd. The roman numeral 4 appears as "IIII," rather than "IV."

One theory says that "IV" very closely resembles IU, the abbreviation of Purdue's rival school Indiana University, and Purdue doesn't want to be associated with its rival. However, this is purely speculation.



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

speculation.

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

Fountain runs

One of Purdue's most famous traditions is the fountain run, which is exactly what it sounds like. Students begin by running through the Engineering Fountain and end at Loeb Fountain in front

of Beering Hall. Stops on the way include a jump in Sinninger Fountain by the bell tower, the Lions Head Fountain in front of Stanley Coulter Hall and the Memorial Fountain by John Purdue's statue.

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

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

Den Pops

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

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

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Recurring campus oddities

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

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

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

Football games at Purdue are full of traditions. Before kickoff, students will take out their keys and shake them. Sometimes students will also use their shoes instead of keys. This is done to honor Leroy Keyes, the decorated Purdue football player and coach.

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

Campus buildings

In the Purdue Memorial Union, check out the famous campus



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

model. It's a model of the entirety of Purdue's campus. The model is periodically updated to keep up with changes.

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

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

Nuclear reactor

While inside the electrical engineering building, you'll receive a

slightly greater dosage of radiation than anywhere else on campus. But don't worry, it's harmless.

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

It's purely a research reactor for nuclear engineering students and cannot be used to make electricity. And even if it could, it can only produce 10,000 watts of heat, which even with a direct conversion to energy couldn't power more than a few toasters.

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

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

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Parking can be scarce around campus

BY JAMES KLING
Staff Reporter

When 50,000 students rush to campus in the fall, car after car will be seen anywhere on campus. And more often than not they'll be looking for a place to park. While driving around West Lafayette, it can take upward of 15 to 20 minutes just to find a place to park.

There are two main types of parking enforcement and spaces around campus, West Lafayette and Purdue parking.

Purdue parking and transportation covers parking lots affiliated with Purdue buildings and garages, such as the lot behind Ross-Ade Stadium or University Street Parking Garage.

Purdue also monitors several streets of metered parking throughout campus.

Parking through the city is majority free, one- or two-hour spaces.

During the day, Purdue parking is enforced by different types of permits, including hourly, daily and year-long permits.

Anyone needing a permit can purchase them through the Purdue parking portal found on the Purdue parking website.

"In most cases, parking is based off a state-issued license plate or a Purdue front plate that is registered to a single, digital parking permit through the online parking portal," senior manager of parking Steven Carn said via email. "Enforcement staff use license plate recognition technology to scan plates and match it to a permit to determine parking eligibility."

A visitor day permit costs \$5, according to the parking portal. All other permit prices are announced as they are available,

which won't happen until later in the summer. Last year, the price of a student commuter permit was \$100 for the year.

The visitor day permit allows the user to park in any "A," "B" or "C" parking space between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a weekday.

Grant Street and Harrison Street parking garages have hourly visitor parking as well, according to Purdue parking's website. Up to 30 minutes is \$1, from 30 to 60 minutes is \$3 and each additional hour is \$1. The maximum for one day in a visitor parking garage is \$10.

But buying a permit can be difficult. They generally aren't allowed for people living on campus, unless they can prove they need one regularly, and they have a staggered availability based on priority.

Garage permits became available to undergraduate seniors to buy at 9 a.m. July 7, but when an Exponent reporter tried to buy one at exactly 9 a.m., faculty, staff and graduate students, who had been able to buy permits the day before, had already filled all but one garage.

Metered parking is also available throughout campus, and will be increasing in the fall semester, Carn said. A parking map should be available on Purdue's website before the end of the year.

"There are currently around 150 metered spaces on campus, and that is expected to increase to 400 to 500 spaces," Carn said. "Spaces will be added in parking garages and surface lots to better accommodate visitors and those with short-term campus needs based on feedback we have received."

"A" and "B" parking permits are generally reserved for faculty


and staff, and "C" permits are for students who live off campus who need to commute to class.

Students can request an exemption to have a parking permit while living on campus if they need to make regular trips off campus. Those exemptions need to be filed in the parking portal after permits become available.



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Parking lots on campus are often full, and are hard to find parking in.




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DR. BETH MCCUSKEY

VICE PROVOST FOR STUDENT LIFE

Dear Boilermaker Parents and Families,

On behalf of the Purdue community and Student Life, I am thrilled to welcome you and your student to the Purdue family! Congratulations to your family as you embark upon such an exciting time. The division of Student Life is excited to lead the way in helping your student find a home on campus by creating a dynamic out-of-classroom experience to help them find their footing and make the University their own. At the root of this experience - which includes housing, activities, arts, people, programs and more - is the idea that students need an environment where they can thrive and be well.

As you imagine the various aspects of your student's Purdue experience, we know that it is essential to see your student finding support, opportunities and resources. Student Life is a hub for these programs and services. To share just a few examples, the Office of the Dean of Students offers programs and services that specialize in student support. Students will find opportunities to develop their minds and bodies through Recreation & Wellness. Our Counseling and Psychological Services team offers a variety of professional services. Students can also connect to the vibrancy of campus and develop their networks by choosing to get involved in any of our nearly 1,000 student organizations, participating in Purdue Bands & Orchestras or Purdue Musical Organizations, securing student employment on campus or joining a fraternity, sorority or cooperative chapter.

As the parent of a college graduate, I know how strong your impact on your student has been and how your continued involvement as part of your student's network will impact their well-being. Creating an environment where our students can develop a holistic sense of well-being is at the root of our work through the Steps to Leaps initiative. Steps to Leaps focuses on the key pillar areas of well-being, leadership, impact, building networks and grit/persistence. As I reflect on my own experiences, I can see how these pillars have manifested in overcoming obstacles to achieve success. The opportunity to watch students develop and flourish in these areas is one of the greatest joys of my role here at Purdue.

The Student Life team is excited to welcome your student and be part of their success at Purdue. I encourage you to learn more about the Steps to Leaps pillars and applications using the QR code below. Here at Purdue, we see family members as some of our most significant partners in student success. We look forward to embarking on this exciting journey with each student and family.

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Everything to know about Purdue tickets

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For \$160, students have the opportunity to see every home football game and will have access to men's basketball, women's basketball and volleyball games, too.

Unfortunately, Boarding Passes, which give students priority access to tickets, sold out for the 2023-24 season in March. Freshmen are still able to buy single-game tickets upon availability.

Boarding Passes give access to student section seating with the purchase of an additional student group membership. Cost ranges from \$10 to \$20, depending on the sport, and can include early entry to sporting events, student section shirts and guaranteed tickets.

To buy a Boarding Pass, go to www.purduesports.com and select "Student Ticket Information" under the "Tickets" tab.

Students can buy tickets at the event, but it costs an extra \$5 at the gate, and spots are not always guaranteed, so Purdue Athletics recommends buying online.

Purdue students get in free with their PUID to all home, regular season soccer, cross country, swimming & diving, wrestling, track & field, tennis, golf, softball and baseball events.

For non-students, to purchase tickets go to www.purduesports.com and select the "Buy Tickets" button. Here, you can choose what sport you buy tickets for.

Purdue Athletics has transitioned to mobile-only ticketing and parking. Once tickets are purchased through the Purdue Athletics website, they are non-refundable. If you are unable to attend

a game you bought tickets for, SeatGeek is the "official 'fan to fan ticket marketplace' of the Boilermakers."

Football tickets go on sale on July 18. Fans can buy single game tickets, or a "Flex Plan" bundle which allows the purchase of either tickets to the Ohio State and Minnesota games plus one of their choosing, or tickets to the Indiana University game plus two others.

Men's basketball tickets go on sale on July 18 as well for single game tickets. Another option is paying \$100 to join the season ticket waitlist. This \$100 deposit will be applied to the cost of season tickets once secured. The deposit is non-refundable.

Currently on sale are women's basketball season tickets. Availability is low, but tickets do range between \$57 and \$165 depending on seat placement. There is no option for single game ticket purchase as of July 13.

There are links on the Purdue Athletics ticket website for volleyball and baseball tickets, but as of July 13 those links are inactive.

Also available for purchase is a yearly membership to the John Purdue Club, where members can help pay student athlete scholarships in exchange for priority seating and parking at games.

Memberships range from the First Team level to the Brees level, based on annual giving amounts. Annual costs range from \$200 to \$43,790. Members can set up monthly payments by calling the JPC office at 765-494-2582.

JPC membership runs from May 1 to April 30 every year in order to align with ticket and parking allocation, according to the JPC website.



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Three years ago, Mackey hosted a packed crowd of students and fans to watch Purdue take on Indiana.

Don't miss the excitement of BGR 2023!

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Boiler Gold Rush (BGR), Purdue University's official orientation program, is an exciting opportunity for incoming first-year students. Throughout this welcome week, participants get to know campus while also enjoying social activities, sporting events and all kinds of Purdue traditions.

Opening ceremony excitement

The BGR opening ceremony will be held in Elliott Hall of Music this year and feature music, speakers, live entertainment and more.

Student Orientation committee member Noah Frank recalls last year's atmosphere as being unbelievable.

"As soon as you walk in the door, you feel like you've



officially joined the Purdue family," Frank says. "Everyone feels welcome and free to be themselves."

Fountain Run, Traditions Walk and more

According to Abby Huesca, another Student Orientation committee member and previous BGR participant, activities like the Fountain Run and Traditions Tour help students

bond and learn more about their campus community.

"The Fountain Run is so many people's favorite first memory at Purdue," shares Huesca. "Running together through the water, laughing and forgetting about the stress of being new to campus is so refreshing."

BGR is also a time when first-year students can learn the layout of campus and

understand where landmarks are and the history behind them.

"The Traditions Tour is great for new students because it goes beyond the usual campus tour and really dives into what it means to be a Boilermaker," Huesca says.

Accessibility

All events at BGR aim to provide first-year Purdue students with a sense of community, and that means accessibility is a top priority.

For students with neurodiverse needs, a sensory guide is available to help navigate BGR. It breaks down the event schedule with icons that indicate whether an activity includes large groups, physical activity, visual stimulation or auditory stimulation.

There are also alterna-

tive activities if students are unable to attend BGR for medical reasons or are simply more comfortable with an alternate activity. These include virtual viewings and smaller group events.

helps students from all over the world have a sense of belonging and bond over this shared experience."

The deadline to register for BGR 2023 is July 31. Sign up today through the New Student Task List in myPurdue.

Why BGR?

"BGR is a time to start building your community at Purdue," shares Frank. "It



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Student of concern report: What it is, how it works and what to do

BY SETH NELSON
Staff Reporter

No one likes to think about it, but there are members of the Purdue community who need help.

The stresses of college can take a toll, and it's important to watch out for warning signs that someone's burden is too heavy.

Purdue's solution to this is the student of concern program, where members of the Purdue community, whether parent, student, faculty or staff, can report abnormal or concerning behavior to the university.

"A student of concern is any student who displays behaviors that may interfere with the student's ability to be successful or function well in the living, learning, or work environment," according to the Office of the Dean of Student's website.

To report a student of concern, you can fill out a student of concern report on ODOS's website. The report can be made anonymously if you choose, and will ask for information such as specifics about an incident and what you know about the student.

If you think someone is a student of concern, ODOS recommends looking out for the following behaviors:

- Disruptive physical, verbal or written behaviors in the classroom, off campus and/or online
- Threatening words or behavior toward self or others

- Self-abuse such as cuts, burns or even extreme thinness
- Suicidal ideas, threats, gestures or known suicide attempts
- Relationship violence
- Stalking
- Aggressive acts or threats toward a specific group
- Weapon possession, infatuation with fire, firearms, bombs, ammunition or weaponry
- Paranoia or delusions
- Flat affect or extreme lack of responsiveness
- Excessive class absenteeism
- Uncharacteristically poor academic performance
- Substance abuse

After you submit a student of concern report, ODOS, Counseling and Psychological Services or the Center for Advocacy, Response and Education may reach out to you to learn more information.

When submitting a student of concern report, ODOS recommends you be as specific as possible about the reasons for the concern, so that Purdue administration can pursue the report as accurately as possible.

"To ensure the Purdue Community can have resources readily available, the Office of the Dean of Students has created a Student of Concern Reporting Guide," ODOS' website says. That guide can be accessed through the website, and will be attached to the form when submitting a student of concern report.



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A student walks next to the honors college residence hall.

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Wolf Park offers howl nights, tours

There's much to do near campus if you're coming to visit

STAFF REPORTS

If you're coming to visit your student and you want to do something besides watch football or volleyball, there are plenty of options to check out.

West Lafayette is not the only city in the area with things to do.

Wolf Park is in Battle Ground, Indiana: about a 20 minute drive from campus.

The park, which was founded in 1972 by former Purdue ethology professor Eric Klinghammer, promotes research as well as educational outreach programs.

It has eight wolves total. There's a main pack of three consisting of wolves Khewa, Máni and Aspen. Khewa is a female and the other two are males. Another pack of two includes wolves Timber and Sparrow, which are both female. Niko, a male wolf, goes between the packs but will often be with Timber and Sparrow.

Clay and Cricket are the park's newest wolf pups. They are about 10 weeks old and haven't decided whether they want to join one of the existing packs yet.

If the pups express interest in joining one of the packs when they're old enough, they can, park volunteer Christopher Lile said recently. But they would be happy as a pack with just the two of them.

Although it's called Wolf Park, it hosts plenty of other animals. It has two red foxes, two gray foxes, 11 bison and an eastern box turtle called Clementine.

The turtle garden, which is situated between the main wolf enclosure and the gray fox Kestrel's enclosure, only came to the park within the last year, Rawlings said. Her enclosure has entirely edible plants and pollinators so she can eat the bugs as well.

The park does all sorts of tours, including wolf, fox and bison tours each week, informa-

tional sessions and field trips. The park is also available for private tours and birthday parties.

Each Saturday at 7 p.m. is howl night. A worker or volunteer will give a short lecture about wolves' howls and let audience members attempt to howl at the wolves so they howl back.

On July 8's howl night, the main pack was right in front of the crowd, greeting their handlers when the crowd howled about 7:30 p.m. Afterward, Khewa, Máni and Aspen looked unimpressed. But the other three wolves, which were in a separate enclosure across the park, howled back a greeting.

The park also hosts seasonal events, including Pumpkin Party on Oct. 21, Howl-O-Ween on Oct. 28 and Turkey Toss on Nov. 25. The Pumpkin Party is \$25, Howl-O-Ween is \$18 and Turkey Toss is \$15. Tickets are available online at wolfpark.org/events.

Other options

Battle Ground has other options, too, including the Battlefield Museum.

The museum features exhibits from local history dating to before European settlers arrived. Much of the museum focuses on the Battle of Tippecanoe which was led by William Henry Harrison in November 1811 before he was president.

If hiking is a favorite pastime of yours, Prophetstown State Park has several trails in varying length and difficulty to try out.

The park offers plenty of programs and educational opportunities as well, such as phenology Fridays which show birds, mammals and plants from the park's observation deck, which are usually free with park admission. Park admission is \$8 per vehicle with an Indiana license plate and \$10 for out-of-state plates.

A little closer to campus, Horticulture Park



JAMES KLING | STAFF REPORTER

Khewa the wolf comes up to the feeding tubes in her enclosure toward the back of the park near the bison heard.

has other trails to wander. More than 35 acres of landscaped and wooded land is open year round during daylight hours.

If hiking is a little too much walking, but you still want to stay active, Exploration Acres is another option. Its corn maze and pumpkin patch opens Sept. 15 this year, which is the day before Parents Weekend begins and stays open until Oct. 29.

The maze's theme this year is Jurassic Park. Admission for people ages 13 and older is \$15, and it's \$11 for everyone younger.

If you want to find something indoors, Downtown Lafayette has plenty of activities available including ax throwing at the Spinning Axe, an escape room at Rugged Xscape and a rage room at Outrage Smash Therapy.

The Tippecanoe County Mall also hosts Mal-



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The entrance to the museum is at 200 Battleground Ave., Battle Ground. The road leading to the museum is under construction, but directions to bypass it are on <https://tippecanoehistory.org>.

ibu Jack's, an indoor theme park.

Other major events and things to do are posted on The Exponent's things to do page, published on campus throughout the semester, and <https://www.homeofpurdue.com/things-to-do/>.



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