Term ‘Wuhan virus’ creates division in construction course

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It was years in the making.

From head coach Matt Painter’s being in 2004, to the 2021 NCAA tournament run to the Elite Eight led by then-junior guard Jaden Ivey, the Purdue men’s basketball program had no shortage of success during the last 17 seasons. The Associated Press Poll ranks the Purdue Boilermakers as the No. 1 team in the country.

The Purdue men’s basketball social media accounts posted a collage of images on Monday after the poll was released. The image was a collage of the team, with Painter’s energetic face at the top. Most notably, the far-right picture a bold, bright and shining number one painted in Boilermaker gold. Next to it, the phrase “for the first time in school history.”

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The post spread like wildfire. It flooded social media with images of the Boilermakers being ranked No. 1.

“The door was wide open for the Boilers, and everyone knew it,” Arty Avetissian, a freshman in the Polytechnic Institute, said. “It’s insane, it’s such a great time to be a Boilermaker.”

The Big Ten Network compiled a video of former Boilers re-enacting the moment. “#1,” Edwards tweeted.

“Everyone started chanting, ‘for the first time in school history.’” Edwards said. “It was a really thrilling, exciting moment.”

Said Karallas, a senior in the Polytechnic Institute. “It was years in the making. It was on the class homepage for two, three weeks before anyone noticed. He attributed it is doing and how fun games are visually. Must have been a fan that likes basketball, but she has gotten a lot more into this. This leads special to be able to root for a team that is new to the fan in the last. If you have a friend who is new to basketball, I would like to chat about it too,” she said.

The prestigious ranking didn’t impress Jaden Ivey, a graduate student from Georgia, who wrote to his class. “If young people are over-valued and respected enough to study, and since naming the Wuhan virus neither harms nor was meant to harm anyone, I will change the wording in associate professor Randy Rupp’s Construction Management 250 syllabus. The student will be referred to by his middle initial, ‘R.’”

“I was on the class homepage for two, three months before anyone noticed,” said Ivey. “I don’t think they still change it for a good 20 days.”

Another student who spoke out was Dimitri Konstantinou, an English student.

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