

IU reverses decision to stop printing student paper as fired director sues university

CHARLIE STAPLETON | PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR

The statue of Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent and Indiana Daily Student alum Ernie Pyle holds a copy of The Purdue Exponent's IDS solidarity edition.

BY OLIVIA MAPES

Editor-In-Chief

Indiana University reversed course Thursday to once again let the "Indiana Daily Student" print special editions of the newspaper. The decision came just hours after Jim Rodenbush, the former director of the paper, who was fired because he allegedly refused to censor the paper, filed a lawsuit against the university for wrongful termination.

Rodenbush, who had been the media director for eight years, filed a lawsuit in the Southern District of Indiana that seeks reinstatement to his job and monetary damages after he was fired Oct. 14.

"In a direct assault on the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, IU fired James Rodenbush when he refused the directive to censor student work in the campus newspaper and print only fluff pieces about the upcoming homecoming festivities," the complaint reads.

As the student media director of the IDS, Rodenbush said his job was often as a go-between for the media school and the student editors. Normally these conversations were built around advice or ideas, until the university sent him a directive to not put news in the upcoming Homecoming special edition and future printed editions.

"Nothing ever felt like an order until this one," Rodenbush said.

He said there were no specific articles he could think of that would lead the university to want to censor the paper. He did have a feeling something more was coming, but he thought the university would pressure him, not fully fire him.

"They went right for the nuclear option," Rodenbush said. "I was shocked but not surprised."

The university asked for the IDS to create two versions of the homecoming edition — one without any news that would be distributed on campus and one with news that could be distributed

around Bloomington.

The decision didn't make sense financially since printing multiple versions would mean the printing press would have to do two separate runs, doubling the price, Rodenbush said.

The university then cut the IDS' print entirely, framing it as a cost-saving measure similar to its decision to stop having weekly print last year.

"IU is within their rights to make budget decisions, but that decision has to be content neutral," Rodenbush said.

IDS now to be printed

The editors of the IDS found out they could print again in a letter from IU Chancellor Dave Reingold.

"(I have) authorized the financial office to allow the IDS, under the supervision of The Media School, to use their established budget through June 30, 2026, as the editors see fit—so long as they remain true to their budgetary parameters," the letter read.

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University Hall Rededication

Newly renovated University Hall opens its doors to students and faculty again. The building now includes classrooms, student commons, and study rooms for students to freely use.

SARAH WIEDERKEHR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The newly renovated doors to University Hall will welcome Purdue students into the College of Liberal Arts' primary space.

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Green Week

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Purdue soccer unfortunately misses qualifying for the Big Ten Women's Soccer Tournament and ends its 2025 season early. The Boilermakers hope to step up for the future and to continue to grow the soccer program.

'I love you?'

Column

A look into the evolving relationships between humans and 'AI girlfriends.'

BY ELIJAH GUISON-DOWDY

Columnist

On my YouTube feed, I occasionally get recommended videos of people describing their relationships with their artificial intelligence girlfriends. I go into these videos hoping to get a good chuckle at mentally deranged, talking-to-yourself, and tipping-a-fedora kind of individuals. But to my complete surprise, I find normal people? Financially stable, socially adept, and even married people, nonchalantly discussing their loving, supposedly stable relationships with an AI girlfriend. One striking video I came across by "CBS Mornings" reported a man with an AI girlfriend, a real life girlfriend, and a kid. The man was unsure if he would stop his AI relationship if his real life girlfriend asked.

The way people like this casually embrace and talk about their AI companions almost makes me forget how insane it is that people are literally choosing non-living, and even anim -like figures over real life people. And yet living in complete dissonance, people accept and relish this choice. What's even scarier is that these aren't one off instances either. AI relationship platforms are exploding, with websites like "CharacterAI" and "CandyAI" accruing tens of millions of monthly users.

But while AI relationships are often absurd and desperate, I nonetheless somewhat sympathize with some users.

Don't get me wrong, a chatbot can't be your friend. A friend is someone you do things with, someone conscious, someone who wants to be with you, someone who is human and real. At an even more intimate level, AI most definitely can't be your girlfriend. Girlfriends must choose to love you. AI has no cognition of you, can't consent to loving you, or believe in its affectionate statements. It's a commodification of love. It's an algorithmic yesman simulating love for profit. An AI girlfriend is the equivalent of running a program that prints "I love you."

But what about an AI user who is aware of its facade and just fulfilling their need for validation, substantive conversations, and social interaction? What if they are completely happy with this simulation? Even though you can't be in a relationship with an AI, for some they can satisfy social needs.

MIT Media Lab's "A Computational Analysis of Human-AI Companionship in Reddit's AI Community" found that in online posts where people dis-

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Amidst national fears, Purdue international students find a home away from home

BY ALFREDO DI PALMA

Staff Reporter

Across many college campuses in the United States, fears of deportation and silencing have run rampant among international students during President Trump's administration. News of deportation, travel restrictions, and uncertainty have clouded the experience of being an international student.

But at Purdue, the atmosphere feels different.

"It has been great. I came here for BGRI. (It was a) great experience. I like chatting with all our international students," said Henry Rivera, an international freshman in mechanical engineering.

"So far, there have been no bad experiences really."

Rivera said Purdue creates a welcoming environment for international students, and that he has not felt like an outsider.

"I definitely feel American here, (and) I can only say I've had positive experiences really," Rivera said.

Students who have seen the climate shift around being an international student from the Biden administration to the Trump administration also seem to echo Rivera's sentiment.

"I wouldn't say my experience has changed. Campus, culture, friendships, everything has remained the same, and I have not faced any racism or xenophobia because of (the administration change) or any stigma because I'm an international (student)," said a senior who asked to remain anonymous for reasons relating to being identified back home. "I always fit in here, and I still feel totally safe on campus. No worries, no self-consciousness of being international or different, I fit in perfectly."

Purdue saw a decline in the number of international undergraduate students compared to last year, going from around 11,000 down to 4,000 this year.

"Over half couldn't make it because they didn't get their visa or opted not to come, but I'm glad those who came did, because the experience is really worth it," said the anonymous student.

Some international students at Purdue have had their visas revoked, and Purdue has taken action to prevent such occurrences.

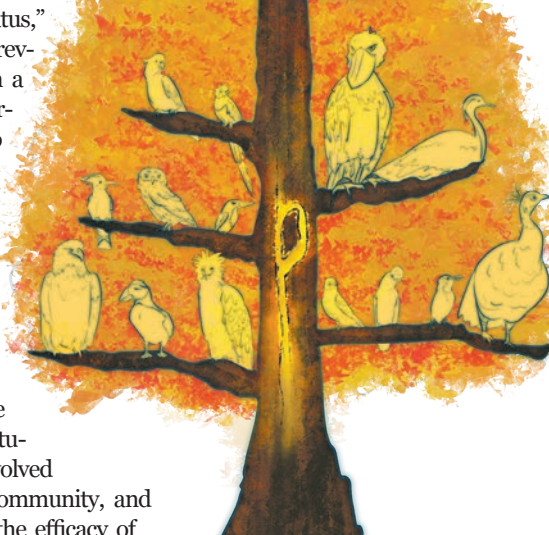
"As is the case with universities across the country, Purdue has been in contact with any individual who has been impacted by a change

in their visa status," spokesperson Trevor Peters said in a statement. "Purdue continues to provide support to those impacted, consistent with our responsibilities as a host institution."

The same anonymous student is very involved in the Purdue community, and commented on the efficacy of Purdue International Students & Scholars.

"I have heard stories of Purdue ISS assisting students last-minute if they need it, and they usually help you with any documents you need really quickly," the student said. "ISS has workshops, so you can always ask them."

Student perspective is important. Purdue can say that they protect their students, but what their students feel is the real measure of said protection. Just as important as feeling protected, guidance is always welcome, and the senior in-



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ternational student has words of advice.

"Stay focused on your studies, join clubs, and participate as normal because the Purdue campus and West Lafayette are very friendly to foreign students. You should not be concerned to be yourself, be out there."

International students are not just an important part of the vividly diverse United States population, but also a cornerstone of the Boilermaker community.

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One brick higher: University Hall renovation complete

BY BRAETON LAMBRIGHT
Staff Reporter

The renovation of University Hall, the oldest building on campus, has finally been completed and is now open for all students.

The project cost about \$26 million and took almost two years to complete. A rededication ceremony was held in the morning Oct. 25.

University Hall is the only remaining building of Purdue's six original buildings.

Construction on University Hall began in 1874 just north of State Street, and ended in 1877 when it opened its doors for the first time.

"Can you imagine, as a young student coming up the street, the excitement and thrill you must've felt to see this building and the other four original buildings of the campus?" said Joel Ebarb, the interim dean of Liberal Arts.

The original University Hall held the school's first library, some classrooms, the chapel, and the president's office.

"Building all that we do at Purdue one brick higher has been the mantra of my university ever since," said John Norberg, who was representing John Purdue.

Before John Purdue died in 1876, he requested to be buried in front of University Hall, and his wish was fulfilled. Today, students can visit the grave of John Purdue just outside Memorial Mall.

University Hall had two earlier



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"John Purdue," a speaker at the event, reflects on the legacy of University Hall and shares that, however long it stands, the building will honor Purdue's history.

renovations, one in 1923 and one in 1961.

In 1923, the grand staircase within University Hall was filled in to make more usable space. In 1961, it received a touch-up to the structural support, the utilities were modernized, and the original brick on the ex-

terior of the hall was preserved.

In September 2023, the third renovation and restoration of University Hall began. This time, the construction team aimed to preserve as much of University Hall as possible, such as the wood of the attic, which they have turned into bookmarks.

The construction team was able to salvage some of the cast-iron columns that held up University Hall.

Two of the original cast-iron columns would be reinstalled on the first floor, another two on the third floor, and another two in the south stairwell.

On top of preserving the cast iron columns, an original piece of the wooden support beams was preserved and refinished. From 1871, the piece was placed into a bookcase-themed wall, symbolizing the past of Purdue and the future generations to come.

Marcel Sassola III, the CEO of GeneTx360 and a Purdue alum, would donate \$5 million to the renovation project. Now, the new student commons within University Hall is dedi-



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A banner displayed on the third floor of University Hall showcases the impact the newly renovated building will make for Boilermakers.

cated to him for his generous donation.

"The building holds such a deep history for Purdue and will now be the starting point for every new student's journey on campus tour," Sassola said. "To know that my name will be recognized here in such a meaningful place is most humbling and inspiring."

Along with Sassola, many others contributed to the renovation project.

"The University Hall renovation

project is a rededication of our support to the study of humanities, the arts, and social sciences at Purdue, where our faculty, staff, and students continue to carry out top-notch research and learning in these areas essential to our university," according to a blurb from Mung Chiang in the ceremony's pamphlet.

With University Hall opening its doors once more, the College of Liberal Arts will be moving into the building in the coming weeks as staff settle into their new offices.



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Marcel Sassola III, a 1983 Purdue pharmacy graduate, stands in front of his dedication sign in University Hall.

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Degas collection
Are you interested in learning more about art history? You can stop by the Degas gallery located on the 2nd floor of the Purdue Memorial Union, which is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The address is 101 Grant St., West Lafayette.

TUESDAY

Concert at People's Brewing Company
Musical artist The Circle City Deacons are back to perform a live ska show at People's Brewing Company & Taproom. A \$10 advance payment is required to attend the show which goes from 5-8 p.m. The show is located at 2006 N. 9th St., Lafayette.

Purdue Men's basketball
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WEDNESDAY

Mad Mushroom Open Mic Wednesday
Perform a poetry reading, solo acoustic set, stand-up, and more while enjoying a fresh pizza at Mad Mushroom's Open Mic night. The event is from 7-9 p.m., free for all, and located at 320 W. State St., West Lafayette.

Jazz jams
Join Purdue Bands & Orchestras at the Purdue Memorial Union Hail Purdue Stage for an evening of Jazz Jams! The event kicks off from 7-9 p.m. at Purdue Memorial Union. The address is 101 Grant St., West Lafayette. This open mic event features Purdue's jazz combos and student bands.

ONGOING

Euchre Monday
Mad Mushroom hosts a euchre game night every Monday from 7-9 p.m. Games take place in 25 minute increments and must be finished within that time frame. The event is free for all and is located at 320 W. State St., West Lafayette.

Jake's Trivia
Jake's Restaurant hosts a weekly Wednesday night trivia event along with some tasty half-priced wings all day. Trivia begins at 8 p.m. and is free for all to join. Jake's is located at Jake's 122 N. 3rd St., Lafayette.



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A game of euchre can be played with either 24, 27, or 32 cards, typically with four players.

UPCOMING

Purdue football game
Purdue football faces Ohio State at Ross-Ade Stadium on Saturday Nov. 8. The game's start time is still to be determined and tickets are available for purchase on the Purdue Sports Event website. Prices start at \$71 and the game is located at 850 Beering Drive, West Lafayette.

Arts gallery open reception
Artists So Young Song will be presenting their exhibition "Welcome to Thistopia" in the the Wabash National Gallery, Loren Olsen's exhibition, "Installation: What A Time To Be Alive" in the Robert B. & Patricia Peyton Truitt Gallery, and Tippecanoe County Community Corrections' exhibition, "Reimagined" in the Mary Ellen Lovell Gallery. The event is free for the public and refreshments will be available. The event is from 6-8 p.m. and is located at 638 N. St., Lafayette.



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BY KENNEDI THOMAS
Graphics Artist

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New insecurities may arise as you face situations you have never encountered before. Acknowledge them and work to overcome them.



TAURUS: April 21-May 21
You have been putting off some much-needed changes. Acknowledge your independence and ability to make decisions on your own.



SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Clear up confusion in relationships and address conversations that have been avoided. Let others be sincere about their feelings.



GEMINI: May 22-June 21
Coincidences and temporary feelings may become more permanent. Make adjustments where necessary.



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CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20
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LEO: July 23-Aug. 23
Stress your own feelings and boundaries rather than quickly looking for compromise. Do not let this conflict weigh on you.



AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Understand that what you say to others may have more impact than you realize. Make sure it is coming from the right place.



VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Be more aware of what leads to conflict in your relationships. Recognize what is in your control and what needs to be addressed.



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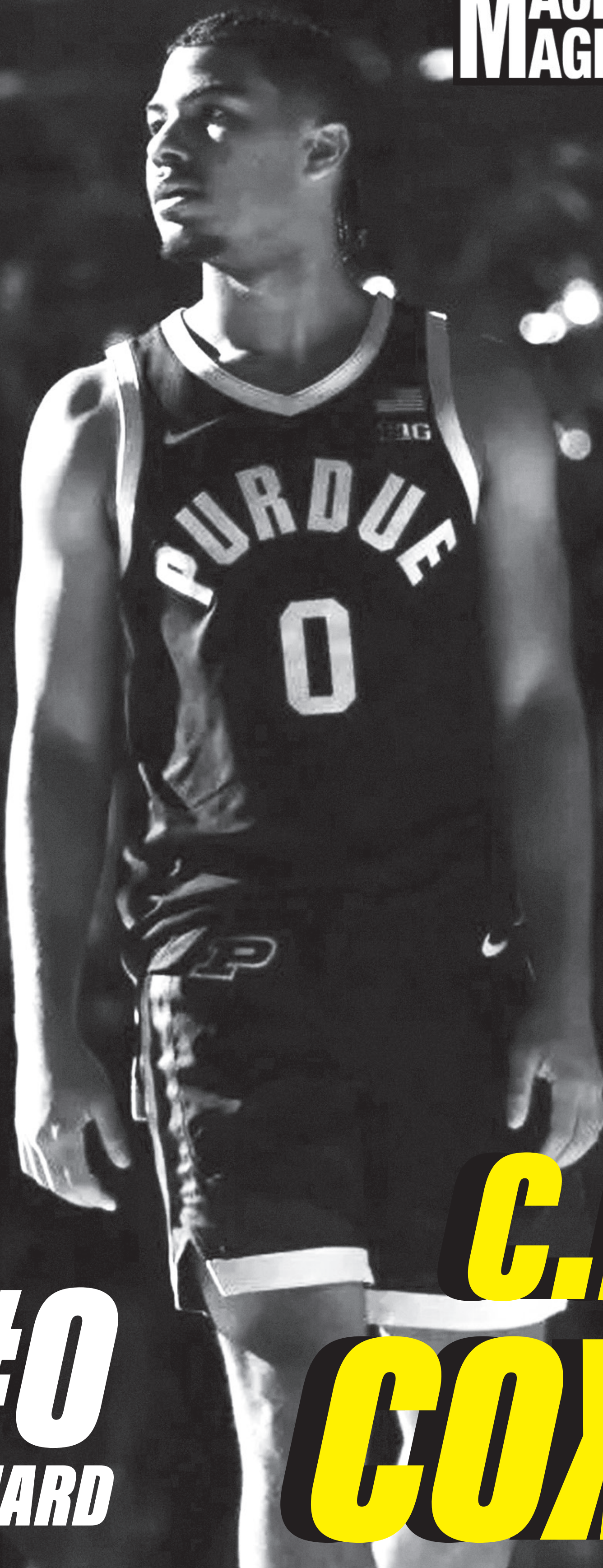


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Purdue students test their puzzle-solving skills against wild west escape room



ANNA CIRACI | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Purdue Escape Room Project Team gather outside of their debut escape room while the first group of students test it out.

BY ADDISON WALTER
Staff Reporter

Purdue students took a trip to the Wild West Saturday afternoon in a student-built “Western Jail” escape room, an interactive experience designed, constructed, and operated entirely by the Purdue Escape Room Project Team.

Teams of participants were challenged to solve a series of puzzles and clues to “break out” of a makeshift jail cell within a set time limit of 20 minutes. The event marked PERPT’s first large-scale attempt at creating a fully themed escape room on campus.

“It definitely exceeded my expectations,” said Maya Narsinghani, a sophomore in nursing. “My friend has been working on it for a long time, and I was really excited to do it now that it’s ready.”

Erin Chapmond, a junior in biological engineering, said she was surprised by the level of detail in the setup. “There (were) so many more props and puzzles to figure out than

I thought there were going to be,” she said. “It was very impressive.”

Participants rated the experience highly, with several calling it a creative and challenging take on the traditional escape room format. “We had a slow start, which was kind of our fault,” Chapmond said, laughing. “But I’d give it a four out of five.”

Other students agreed that the limited time made the experience more intense. “I wish I had a little more time — another five minutes to figure out that last puzzle would’ve been nice,” said Josh Vandeburg, a junior in wildlife. “Still, I’d rate it between a seven and an eight out of 10.”

The escape room was created by a small team of students who handled everything from budgeting to construction.

“We kept thinking, ‘How is this going to turn out? Are we going to make the timeline?’” Zera Utnage, a junior in construction engineering and the project’s budgeting and structures lead said. “I’m very

proud of what we’ve accomplished and how it looks.”

According to Amalia Daniell, a senior in biomedical engineering and the project’s scheduling and theme team lead, the event drew strong interest from students. “We had all of our sign-ups filled,” Daniell said. “It’s really cool seeing it all put together and having people enjoy the room — even if they can’t escape.”

The team intentionally designed the puzzles to be challenging, aiming for about half of the groups to finish. “We kind of expected not everyone to escape,” Daniell said. “We’re still figuring out how many hints to give and how to make the clues clear enough.”

With a small team and limited time, the students said the biggest challenge was balancing ambition with resources. “We were a very small group,” Utnage said. “On build days, only a few people could show up. We kept having to push some tasks back because we just didn’t have enough people to get everything done.”

The process, they said, offered valuable real-world experience in project planning and teamwork. “Think ahead, plan ahead, communicate a lot,” Utnage said. “This has been great practice for what

it’ll be like when we have full-time jobs managing real projects.”

Encouraged by the strong turnout and positive feedback, the team plans to continue developing new themes.

“Longer rooms, more difficult puzzles, and more elaborate themes,” Utnage said of the group’s future goals. “We’ve learned a lot from this one, and we’re excited to make the next one even better.”



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Megan Maxton, a junior in environmental and natural resources engineering, attempts to break free of the jail cell using a key her team found solving one of the clues.

Students share thoughts on learning communities



EXPONENT FILE PHOTO

Anna Li, a freshman in WISP, talks about the positive aspects of being in a learning community like networking and learning during events.

BY NEHA SAJJA
Staff Reporter

Anna Li, a freshman in the Women in Science and Programming learning community, said she felt not alone after attending a social event about safety held by the learning community. The event was about personal safety and providing sup-

port to others.

Learning communities, like WISP, are spaces where students grow together, collaborate, inspire one another, and explore their academic passions throughout their college careers, Li said.

There are many different learning communities for students with a focus on various areas of study at

Purdue. From learning communities in business, like the Integrated Business and Engineering Residential Program, to communities focused on service like The Engineering Projects in Community Service.

Incoming students can apply to a learning community online. First, the student has to indicate what

learning community they would like to get into on their housing application; then, they will have to fill out a separate form, according to a Purdue website.

These communities provide opportunities to make connections, meet with faculty who can provide guidance, and offer projects and assignments that differ from what students typically encounter in a college course.

Learning communities provide an additional layer of support that enhances a student’s standing in a competitive environment. Additionally, they facilitate a smoother transition into college and bridge academic pursuits with real-world interests.

Li, who is also in the Data Mine, said being part of a learning community helped her adapt to the college rigor.

“I appreciate the opportunity to be heard and share opinions, fostering a give-and-take experience within the community,” Li said.

Being part of a learning community means being part of something bigger, where students can foster collaboration among students, learn and grow, hear new perspectives, and engage in conversations that may not have been possible before, Li said.

Learning communities offer a variety of social events, including community socials and inviting different speakers and faculty to engage in conversation.

Li said having these events makes people overcome their initial introversion and become more social by participating in events and sharing personal experiences.

Events like the safety event provide students with something to discuss, build their networking skills, and give them the confidence to en-

ter the real world, Li said.

Students work collaboratively with upperclassmen, team members, classmates, and faculty to gain insights and perspectives beyond traditional classroom learning.

Learning communities offer students participating in their program opportunities for academic growth and personal development. They can expand their social circle, building connections and a support system.

“My initial decision to join Vertically Integrated Projects was because of the program’s potential impact on the future world,” said Deepti Rao, a freshman in first-year engineering and a student in VIP.

Rao said her decision was also influenced by her wanting to contribute to professors’ projects. Being involved in a project helps students gain practical experience, she said.

Both Rao and Li said learning communities have helped broaden their perspectives, enabling them to see things differently, and they are more confident in their abilities after joining the learning community.

Rao said VIP has helped her understand electrical engineering and provided her with expertise on what she would have to do in her future to advance her career.

“We learn advanced technical concepts like SystemVerilog that aren’t typically taught in undergraduate classes, often at a graduate-level depth,” Rao said. “They also have professionals from companies like Intel and AMD to explain real-world technologies, helping students understand industry applications.”

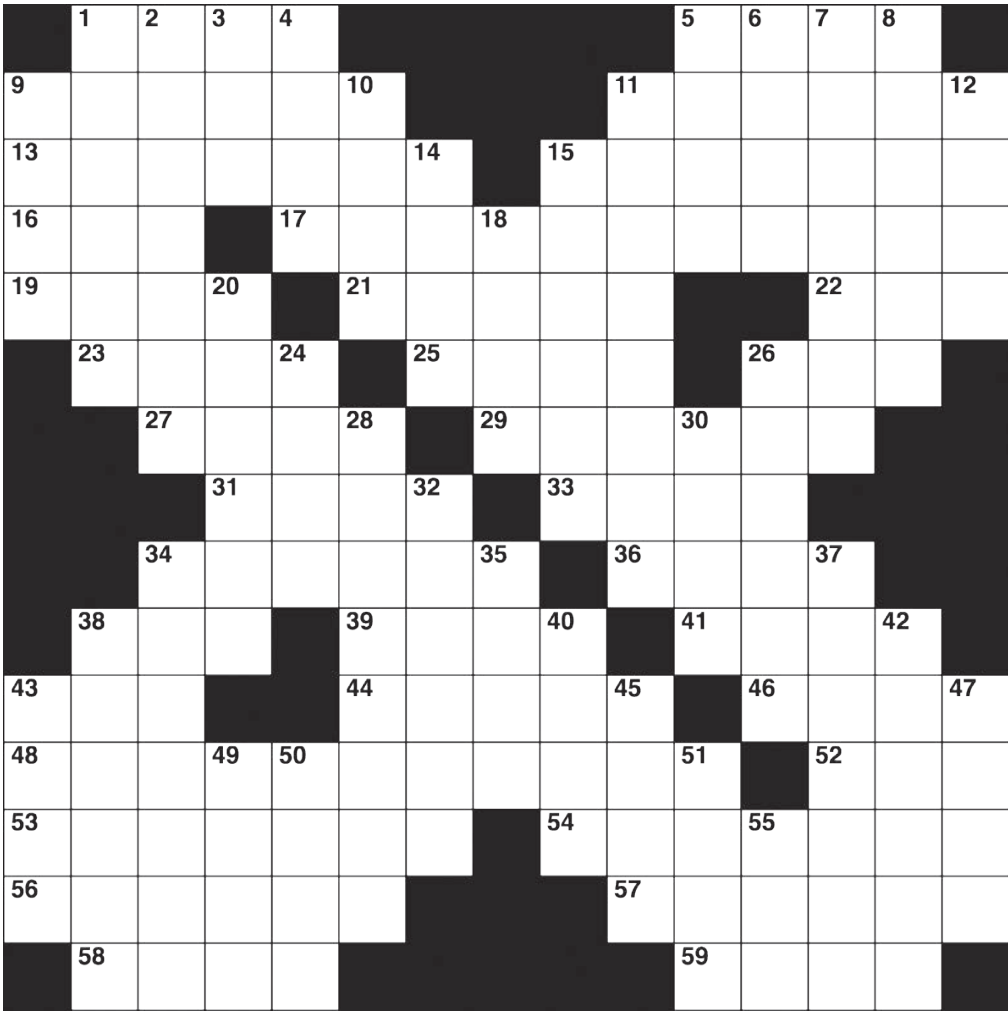
Rao likes that learning communities give students the opportunity to work on practical projects that simulate real-world engineering challenges to develop skills directly applicable to future careers.

PUZZLES

If you have any feedback as we develop our student-created puzzles, you can contact us at puzzles@purdueexponent.org.

CROSSWORD

From Metro Creative Connections



ACROSS

- 1 Difficult
5 Coarsely ground corn
9 World collection?
11 Loved Romeo
13 Sticky situation
15 Pelvic areas
16 An informal debt instrument
17 Cannot be repaired surgically
- 19 A device attached to a workbench
21 Related on the mother's side
22 Sound unit
23 Astronomer Sagan
25 Utah city
26 A disappointing effort
27 Steal goods during a riot
29 Wakes up
- 31 Hair salon service
33 Serenaded
34 Looked intensely
36 Expert of the U.S. Air Force, Robert F. ____
38 A type of cast
39 One's duty
41 Where golfers begin
43 Make a mistake
44 Semitic sun god
46 Ancient Greek city

DOWN

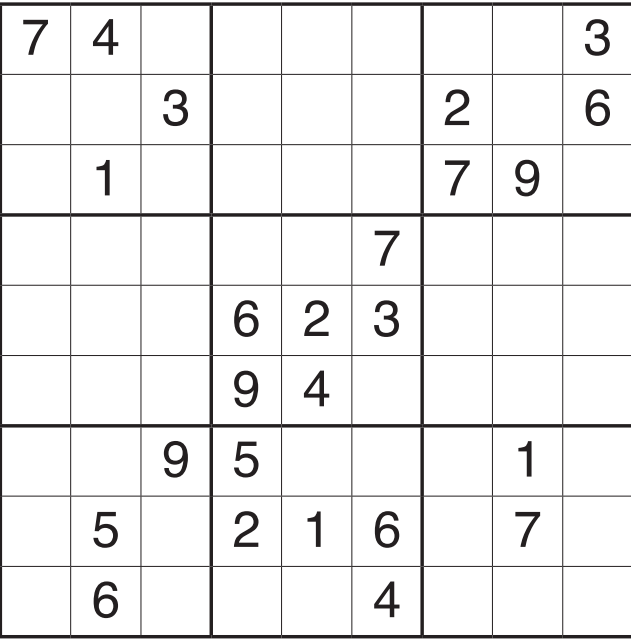
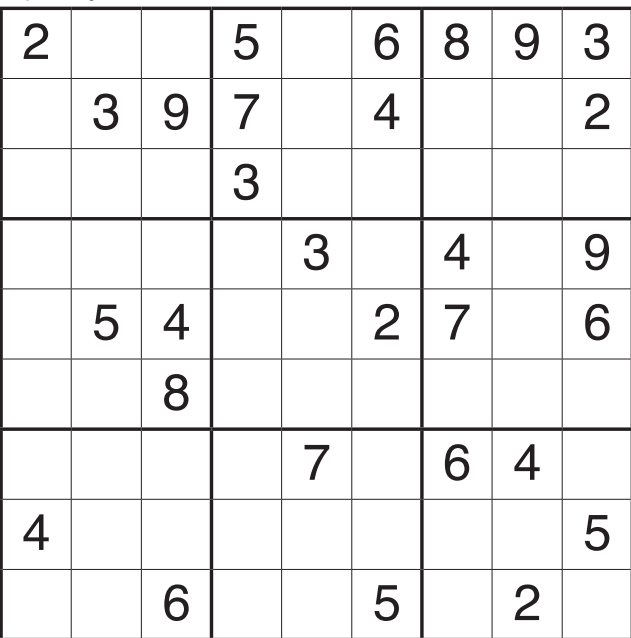
- 1 Brave
2 Act of awakening
3 Jest at
4 Sandwich store
5 Chapter of the Quran
6 Dismounted
7 Small vehicle
8 Irrked
9 One who earns by disreputable dealings
10 Monetary unit of Samoa
11 Long, mournful lamentation
12 Weight unit
14 Prefix meaning single
15 Decreases
18 Indicates beside
20 Worn away by exposure to the weather
24 A body of traditions
26 College students' ultimate goal
28 Amino acid
30 Nasal mucus
32 U.S. government entity
34 Swinish
35 Legislative body in Russia
37 Grant an exemption to
38 Put in advance
40 Satisfy
42 Felt
43 Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45 Witnesses
47 Picnic invaders
49 Gasteyer and de Armas, for example
50 Ancient person of Scotland
51 Cheerless
55 Unwell

SUDOKU

By Annalise DeMange

Top: Easy

Bottom: Hard



Fill in the blanks with the numbers 1 through 9 so that every row, column and bold 3x3 box holds every number only once. The diagonals do not count.

NEWS QUIZ

By Sawyer Rebennack

Answers can be found within the edition previous to this one.

What was the topic of the special session called by Gov. Braun?

- a. Election campaigns
- b. SNAP benefits
- c. State budgets
- d. Redistricting

CRYPTO CODE

By Annalise DeMange

Each letter stands in for another. If A = B, every given A is truly a B. Solve through trial and error, recognizing short words and guessing the phrase.

KNFNID - MLPM'Y XD KPXG.
KNFNID - YN XD XNMLGT PKI
OPMLGT UPVV XG.

Quote by NIDYGSY. Helpful clues: X = M, N = O, Y = S

MIX 'EM UP

By Sawyer Rebennack

Rearrange the letters in each line to form a phrase matching the theme.

1. TLRAGOLAI _____
2. NHTOPY _____
3. NUIAAG _____
4. OITSETOR _____
5. LRICEODOC _____
6. TXOLALO _____
7. ODOMOK _____
8. DOANANCA _____
9. TRIMONO _____
10. INCAMA _____

Theme: REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

BUILDING BLOCKS

By Sawyer Rebennack

Find seven answers and match each to a clue. Words are made from connecting any blocks in any order. Blocks can only be used once. The number in the parentheses indicates word length.

1. It takes two to ____ (5)
2. You should only do this when the "Walk" sign is on (5)
3. Athletes who scale mountains or rock walls (8)
4. Moveable fasteners often found on clothes or bags (7)
5. A popular number puzzle that doesn't use math (6)
6. The most powerful pieces on a chess board (6)
7. A sharp location? (8)

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BIG OL' WORD SEARCH

By Annalise DeMange

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ATHENA
CALYPSO
CHARYBDIS
CIRCE
HERMES
ITHACA
LAESTRYGONIANS
NESTOR
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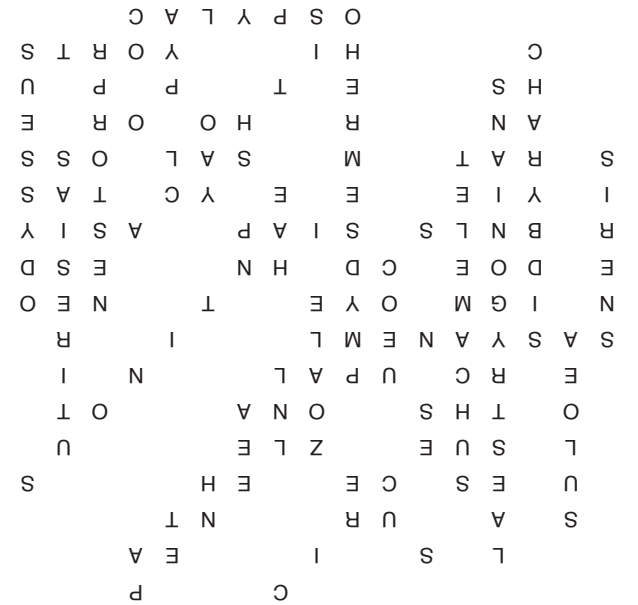
By Eddie Culbertson

Fill in the blanks with the numbers 1 through 6 so that every row and column has every number only once. Numbers within bolded areas must combine together using the mathematical operation to make the number in the top-left corner. Solve by noting all possible numbers in each box. Some bolded areas have only a few combinations that satisfy the math. Eliminate possibilities through trial and error if needed.

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+11				x6	-5
-3		x4			

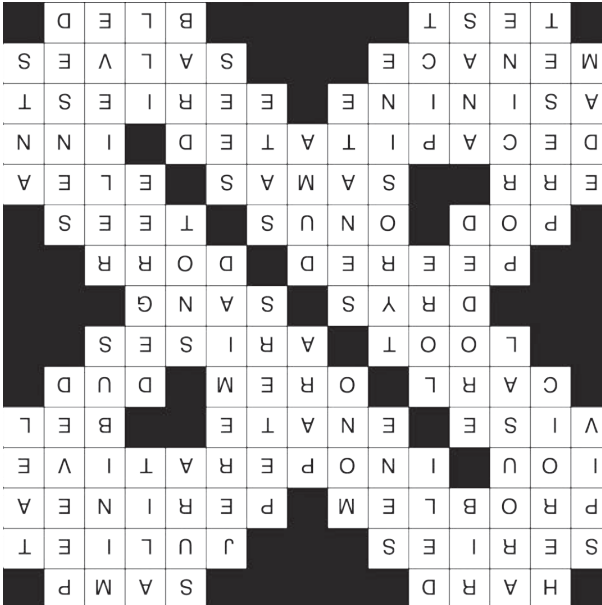
ANSWERS UPSIDE DOWN

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9	6	8	3	4	5	7	2	3	1	4	9
4	7	2	8	6	3	9	1	5	3	5	8
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6	3	1	2	4	5
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Building Blocks: 1. Tango 2. Cross
Climbing 4. Zippers 5. Sudoku
6. Queens 7. Pinpoint
News Quiz: D
Crypto Code: Nobody - that's my name: Nobody - so my mother and father call me. (Odysseus)
Mix 'Em Up: 1. Alligator 2. Python
3. Iguana 4. Tortoise 5. Crocodile
6. Axolotl 7. Komodo 8. Anaconda
9. Monitor 10. Caiman



Michigan mauls Purdue in the rushing game

BY GABE FRYLING
Staff Reporter

Purdue suffered yet another close loss this weekend, losing its third game this season by a margin of seven or less.

On Saturday, Purdue (2-7, 0-6 Big Ten) lost 21-16 to No. 21 Michigan (7-2, 5-1) after fighting hard and keeping the game close on the road, but never being able to pull in front and steal the win.

The Boilermakers were without one of their biggest weapons, senior running back Devin Mockobee who was listed out hours before the matchup with an ankle injury.

“Anytime you lose a four-year starter, that’s a captain, that’s a leader of the team, there’s a void of him not being there,” head coach Barry Odom said. “I do think that Malachi (Thomas), Antonio (Harris) Ryan (Browne), and (Malachi) Singleton stepped up and tried to fill that void.”

Mockobee’s injury listing came as a surprise to many after practicing this week and not carrying any injury listing into the matchup. When asked about Mockobee’s availability for the rest of the season postgame, Odom was not able to give a clear answer.

This left the Boilermakers with running backs senior Malachi Thomas and sophomore Antonio Harris against the Wolverines rush defense that ranks in the top 20 nationally.

Purdue’s rushing attack was productive on Saturday, rushing 138 total yards. The workload was a near even split between Harris and Thomas, with Harris getting

the favorable margin in carries while Harris was the only one to find the endzone in the rushing game.

Harris’ touchdown came on a 19-play, 75-yard drive that lasted over nine minutes. Of these plays, 11 of them were rushes, as the Boilermakers methodically moved their way down the field.

This long drive was an example of what Purdue’s offense can look like when it takes care of the ball and converts on third downs, both things it has struggled with this year.

“Moving the sticks is extremely important for an offense, and that’s something that we can still get better at,” sophomore quarterback Ryan Browne said. “You can see when we are successful on third down, how much that changes the game, how much that changes how we move the ball, so that’s something we need to keep working on.”

After rushing for 85 yards in the first half, Purdue’s rushing attack died off in the second, totaling only 53 rushing yards on 16 attempts in the second. Their lack of second half rushing production was a large reason why the Boilermakers were only able to total 16 points against a tough Michigan defense.

On the other side of the ball, Michigan’s rushing attack killed Purdue late despite the Wolverines top rusher not receiving any carries due to injury. Wolverine sophomore running back Jordan Marshall took over the game, rushing for 185 yards and three touchdowns.

Marshall’s most impor-



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Michigan freshman quarterback Bryce Underwood throws a pass.

tant snap on the day came on Michigan’s final drive after a Purdue touchdown, cutting Michigan’s lead down to five with six minutes left in the game.

Relying on the strong legs of Marshall, the Wolverines were able to total nine-straight rushes that not only burned the clock, but also picked up repetitive first downs that kept Purdue’s de-

fense on the field and buried any chances of a late Boiler comeback.

Marshall himself had seven of these carries, following his offensive line that won time and time again at the line of scrimmage late in the game.

“They’re damn good up front with really good runners, and sometimes one guy is going to beat the next guy,

and we don’t get off the block and make the tackle,” Odom said. “They have rushed the ball for a lot of success this year. I’m frustrated that we couldn’t get a stop there at the end, they made plays.”

Michigan’s rushing attack fueled by Marshall proved to be too much for Purdue on the defensive side of the ball, and the Boilermaker rushing attack without Mockobee

wasn’t able to make up for this offense.

With the future unknown for Mockobee, Purdue will have to rely on Thomas and Harris in the future against multiple of the best rush defenses in the country. Losing its senior captain is not ideal for Purdue, but both of the men waiting in line have shown they can be productive when given the chance.

Purdue shows resilience, completes third reverse sweep of the year



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The Purdue Boilermakers celebrate avoiding a three-set sweep.

BY WILL DOWTON
Asst. Sports Editor

ANN ARBOR, Michigan — After a 3-2 Halloween victory over Michigan State, Purdue continued its tour of Michigan in Ann Arbor. There they went up against a strong Michigan team coming off a 3-2 win of their own over No. 19 Penn State.

The No. 10 Purdue Boilermakers (19-3, 9-2 Big Ten) took on the Michigan Wolverines (15-7, 5-6) on Sunday in Cliff Keen Arena. The Boilers

would fall down two sets in the match and were on the brink of being swept for the first time this season. Purdue, however, dug its heels and rallied to reverse sweep the Wolverines 3-2.

“This team of ours has this mindset that they can, they can rebound, that they’re gonna pull together and they’re gonna get some things figured out, and that’s a great thing,” head coach Dave Shondell said after the game. “That’s the third reverse sweep we’ve had this year. We’ve never had three in one year in the history of Pur-

due volleyball, and we got three in one year. That’s an indication of just the mental toughness of a team.”

The Boilermakers started off shaky dropping the first three points of the first set and falling down 10-5.

Despite this the Boilers kept fighting and took a 19-18 point lead late in the set. It would prove to be too little too late for Purdue as Michigan would go on a four-point run late in the set and win the set 25-22.

The Boilermakers started off slow again in the second set and found themselves trailing 5-1 early.

Late in the set Michigan would go on another five-point-scoring run and lead 22-14. The Wolverines would close out the set with little difficulty winning the second set 25-17.

After the first two sets the Boilers were hitting a dismal hitting percentage of 0.137 and committed 17 attacking errors. The Wolverines only committed four attacking errors and had a dominant hitting percentage of 0.418.

A dominant attacking performance combined with five aces gave Michigan all the momentum going into the third set.

“Well, we ran into a red hot team,” Shondell said. “No matter what sport you’re involved in, you can do that. You’ll just run into a team that’s playing at a level that if you’re not at top of your game, you’re gonna look pretty silly. And for two sets, they just beat the crap out of us.”

Purdue was the team to come out

hot in the third set storming to a 13-8 lead. After a Michigan timeout the Wolverines scored two quick points pulling within three points of the Boilers.

Michigan’s late surge would not be enough and the Boilers avoided the sweep winning the set 25-19.

The fourth set was back and forth throughout with both teams struggling to pull away. With the set tied at 19, the Boilers went on a 5-0 run leaving the Wolverines in the dust. Purdue put the set away shortly after, winning 25-20 and forcing a deciding fifth set.

The Boilermakers have plenty of experience in a deciding fifth set as this was the sixth fifth set for the Boilers this season.

The experience showed as Purdue pulled ahead 14-10. A kill by junior outside hitter Kenna Wollard completed the Boilers comeback and topped the Wolverines.

Redshirt sophomore Grace Heaney was on fire for the Boilers. The 6-foot-2 opposite hitter from Omaha, Neb. led the Boilermakers with 19 kills.

“She’s left handed and she’s long, and she’s got great vision,” said Shondell. “So, you know, some hitters just go up and they’ve got a shot they want to hit. They just hit it. She goes up and she sees where the block is and then, and she can also get a feel for where the back court defenders are, and she hits the ball whether or not, and she gets it high, and the right side player

gets a lot of good looks.”

Heaney combined with the attacking power of Wollard and senior Akasha Anderson led the Boilers down the stretch.

Purdue had to overcome adversity to complete the reverse sweep and some of that adversity came from the officials who made multiple questionable calls throughout the match.

“We’ve been on the road for eight out of our last 10 matches, and we haven’t lost any of them,” Shondell said. “The only match we lost during that 10 stretch we lost to Nebraska at home. Who’s the best team in America? Okay? So, no, you have to be prepared for everything. You know, sometimes I get caught up too much in the officials, and I need to do a better job, but at 67 years old, I’m not sure I’m gonna change a whole lot at this point.”

The Boilermakers return home on Friday to take on the defending National Champions No. 18 Penn State Nittany Lions.

“It’s a team that won a national championship last year, and they lost their center, they left the team, and it’s been hard to replace her,” Shondell said. “She was the best set in the country. It’s like Braden Smith leaving the program. ... We’re gonna play very, very well. We got to start better than we started today against them (Michigan).”

Purdue soccer adapts following the end of its 2025 season

BY ISABELLA AVILES
Staff Reporter

Purdue Women’s soccer 2025 has ended, and while it may not have been as successful as hoped, the Boilermakers are ready to grow into next season.

Purdue ended its season with an overall 6-10-3 record and 3-7-1 in the Big Ten conference.

They had some good games, such as the upset against Wisconsin (at the time No. 23, now No. 12) in a 2-1 win and their strong defensive showing to tie IU 0-0.

Unfortunately, the Boilermakers did not qualify for the 2025 Women’s Soccer Big Ten Tournament. Their season has ended early, despite the opening rounds and quarterfinals taking place at Folk Field.

Although the outcome was

not as expected, Purdue still managed to achieve impressive statistics, with 47.2% shots on target, which placed the team at fourth in the Big Ten conference.

Purdue will be losing senior forward Chiara Singarella.

“Chiara is going to be surely missed. She’s a great player. She’s hard to replace because she’s unpredictable with the football, she’s great at what she does,” head coach Richard Moodie said.

Singarella transferred to Purdue in 2024 as a junior and finished up her last two years of college soccer in West Lafayette.

“The first thing I noticed about Purdue is the quality and how much they care about their athletes. They have great facilities and attention to their athletes in every aspect you can think of,” Singarella said in rel-

evance to her time as a Boilermaker. “It really made me think back and say ‘I made it this far. I’m so proud of myself and really grateful to be here.’ What I take from these two years is just the sense of being resilient and learning.”

There will be gaps in the positioning from the departing senior, especially in the forward position which will require younger players and potential transfers to step up into bigger roles.

“We’ve got players like Lily Bane and Cherry Yu that are here and I feel they can step into that void,” Moodie said about the coaching plan. “I think we can get more out of Irene Campo, more out of Megan Santa Cruz. That’s a big part of our job. Recruiting is one piece but developing the players when they

get here is the other.”

Junior midfielder Irene Campo was a class act on the field, and with 6 goals this season, tied for second in the Big Ten conference. It will be exciting to see her progress into her senior year next season.

“Growing more as a team, getting more confident with everybody, and trying to get into the tournament for next year,” Campo said about what she is hoping for in the 2026 season.

Junior defender Lauren Adam has stayed loyal to Purdue for the past three years and has seen the program grow. Adam also experienced the updated Boilermaker soccer program with the change in coaching staff after her freshman year.

“Moodie puts a lot of emphasis on culture and making sure that we are all fighting and



ALEXIS GLEIM | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The women’s soccer team runs to the sidelines after Lilly Bane scores the third goal of the game on Thursday night at Folk Field.

working and putting in our all to help the program. Just knowing that the coaches are putting in that much time to help us succeed just helps (the program),” Adam said about the coaching

changes.

With the 2025 season only being Moodie’s second year at Purdue, there is still a lot of time and space to grow and thrive. After all, Rome wasn’t built in a day.

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