

# Leaving the NEST



## Boiler up, Purdue parents

A parent's guide to Purdue traditions and other oddities

BY RICHARD JOHNSON  
Summer Reporter

Purdue's more than 150 years of operations has seen the coming and going of many traditions, some 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 is not shown in the proper way "IV."

There is a lot of speculation as to why the

number appears as "IIII," rather than "IV."

One theory says that "IV" very closely resembles IU, the abbreviation of Purdue's rival school, and Purdue doesn't want to be associated with its rival. However, this is purely speculation. Another theory lies in aesthetics and horology, the study of time.

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

### Fountain Runs

There are six fountains across Purdue's campus, but the most famous can be found from Hovde Hall down to Beering Hall.



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The Loeb Fountain near Beering Hall is a popular fountain for people to play in.

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## An open letter to the parents of a former Purdue freshman

### Dear Mom and Dad,

I can't imagine what it was like to watch your only child leave the nest.

Packing up the car till it was too full to see out the rearview mirrors, making the journey to a different state, dropping me off and trying to save the tears from my view because you knew I would get embarrassed if I saw you cry. You didn't have to, but you always thought of me first. I never told you how, as you walked away from my dorm room that very first day, I was wip-

ing away my own tears, too.

Out of our state, out of your sight, I'm sorry I pushed to go further away than you wanted. I made you pay more for an out-of-state college when it would force you to cut every other extra cost in your lives for the next four years. I did it because I wanted independence and change. Leaving our small town allowed me to spread my wings in more ways I could ever explain — but I'm sorry if I scared you along the way.

I know you lay awake worrying about

me some nights. Tossing and turning and checking my location that I let you keep on your phone — after a few objections from me because I didn't understand. I know I don't make it any easier on you — does any kid, really? I'm not that good at remembering to call, either. But I do know you make sacrifices everyday to keep me here. I see them all. I'm sorry I don't always acknowledge them the way I should.

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# LETTER

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I don't say this as much as I should, either, but thank you. I don't have much of an excuse other than I'm a college student and I get really busy, and sometimes I forget to be grateful that you chose to let me follow my dreams. I was just a little girl who wanted to go to a big city and make it as a writer, and you never once shut me down. Instead, you encouraged my dreams. My wildest aspirations. I probably won't be a famous writer, but if I come anywhere close it will be because of you.

Looking back now, I think I can speak for a lot of students when I say we don't have bad intentions when we tell you that we are "too busy to talk right now." College challenges us. It changes us too. But remember, on those nights when you're up late worrying that we got home safe, that you gave us the tools we needed to get here. Trust in that, because sometimes that's all you can do.

We don't mean to hurt your feelings, some of us just take a little longer to learn that this new life we're adjusting to is hard on you, too.

I love you Mom and Dad.

- Natalie Fedor, Summer Reporter.

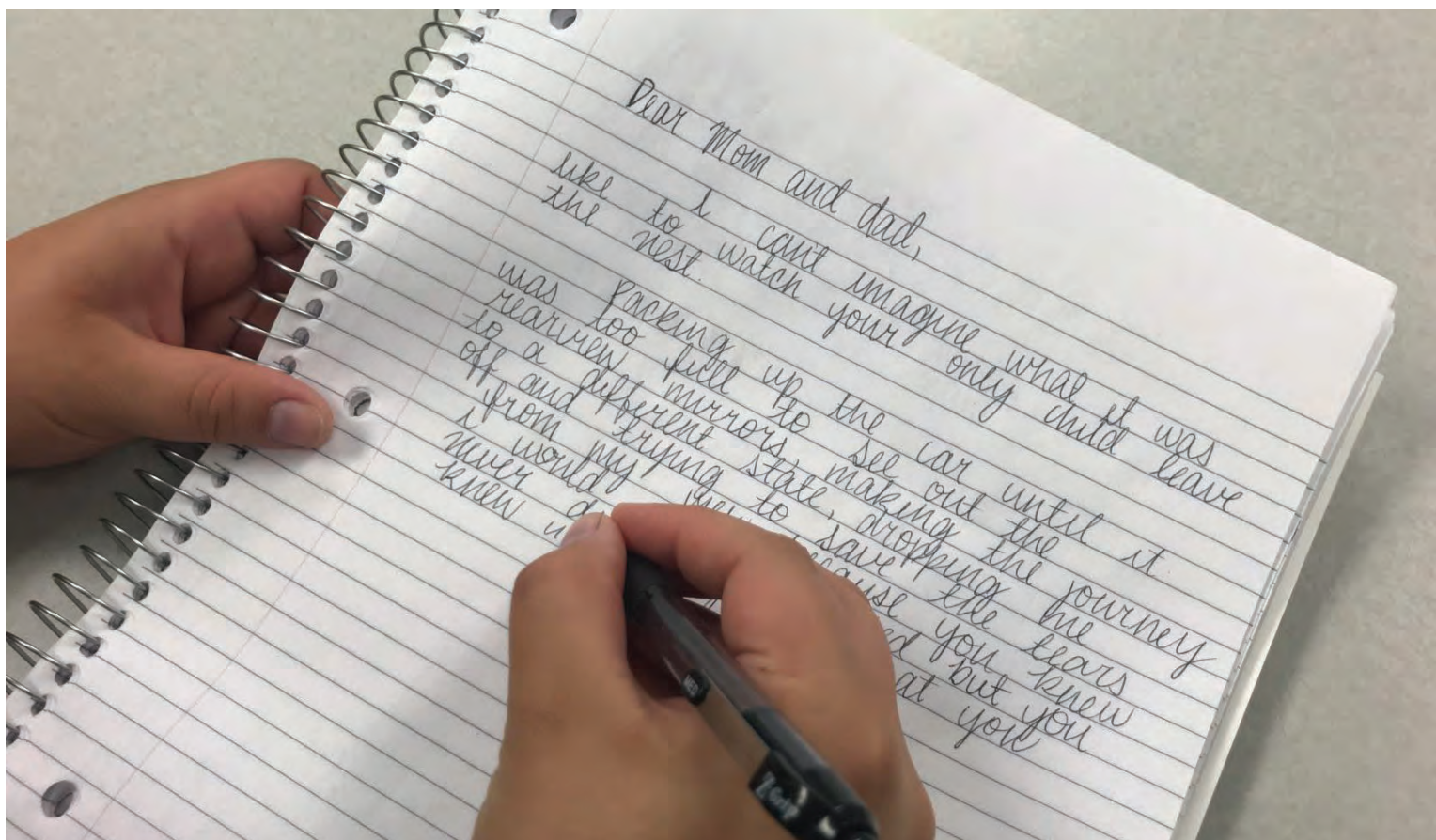


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Incoming senior Natalie Fedor writes a letter to her parents, reflecting on her experience leaving home and beginning her life at Purdue.



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# Repurposed residences

## Officials say to give the redesigned spaces a shot

BY NATALIE FEDOR  
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*Editor's note: This story was originally published online on July 14.*

University Residence officials led a group of local media through Tarkington Hall Wednesday afternoon to show off some of the new reconfigured housing spaces, hoping to ease some nerves of incoming freshmen and their parents.

Despite meeting the housing contract deadline, 2,365 freshmen in Purdue's record-breaking class will be placed into residence housing spaces outside of traditional dorms.

While giving a tour of reconfigured spaces Wednesday, Assistant Vice Provost for Student Life Barb Frazee said University Residences is encouraging people to "give it a shot," attributing the misconceptions to how many students were not able to visit the campus in person due to COVID-19. She said that while UR has received more than 1,000 emails and 500 calls in the past days from parents, she believes students will have a great experience once they're here.

ture has been added to existing rooms.

The limited term auxiliary rooms rate is set at University Residence's lowest double room rate. However, once the student moves to a permanent space, their housing rate will be adjusted accordingly, per the auxiliary housing website.

Each room has the same safety measures as traditional rooms, McCuskey said, and the rooms have been inspected by the fire marshal to ensure the spaces are safe and spread out enough.

Every student will still receive a desk and dresser, and Frazee said the only thing that "may be seen as an inconvenience" is that some of the reconfigured triples (formerly doubles) will have to share two closets. Reconfigured triples will be in Wiley, Tarkington and Owen, she said.

"We've heard from lots of students that they really don't bring a lot on hangers and we know they don't bring a lot of dress clothes, so we feel like that will be a doable solution," Frazee said. There is also additional storage space under the beds, she said.

Other reconfigured spaces that have been converted into rooms include former study

within our residence halls (like study areas, for example) into student rooms," it continued. "These spaces have the same security measures, furniture, and amenities of our traditional student rooms."

Unlike previous years, those placed in reconfigured housing or apartments will be given some choice in where they will be placed. The automated email also included a survey. Due to the room/apartment types varying by style and location, UR asked students to rank their preferences before they are manually assigned to a space.

According to the UR email, final housing assignments will be sent out to the students on July 23.

Most students in auxiliary spaces are expected to be reassigned by October Break, or at the latest by semester break, according to an auxiliary housing website. University Residences employs a housing transition coordinator for the students initially assigned to limited term auxiliary housing.

"Based on availability, some students may begin the semester in temporary limited term auxiliary housing, but will receive a permanent assignment as soon as one is available," the auxiliary housing website says. "It is anticipated that about 50 students may begin in limited term housing. University Residences staff will assist students in moving their personal belongings to the new space."

More than 120 students were placed in Purdue temporary housing in 2018, followed by fewer than 60 students living in auxiliary spaces in 2019, according to previous Exponent reporting.

### Student and parent concerns

Olive Marangoni is one of the incoming freshman who will be placed into auxiliary housing. She posted information that she received about the temporary housing situation from the University Residences office on an online page for new students.

Marangoni, who will be in first-year engineering in the fall, responded to a message Monday, giving more insight into the survey.

"The survey asked us to rank how we'd prefer to be placed, between apartments in certain areas outside campus (East, Southeast, Northwest) and the different types of reconfigured student rooms – a triple, quad, or quad plus (quad plus being like nine people in one room)," she said. The quad pluses are the "limited term" spaces.

An email sent under the alias "The parents of the 2,500" – a rounded-up version of the official number – said their main concern was for the safety of the students who, despite signing their housing contract on time, may end up in housing "below a minimum threshold of quality and safety."

"The problem is simply one of not preparing adequately, knowing those challenges are on the table," the letter read, "as well as a problem of depth and exponentially, and lastly, withholding this massive oversight from the students and parents until after they are able to alter their college plans."

A parent who responded to an attempt for comment did not provide more information.

A Purdue News release said the incoming freshman class includes more than 10,000 students, topping last fall's record-breaking class by more than 1,200.

According to the Auxiliary Housing page on the University Residences website, all students who signed housing contract by May 5 are guaranteed some type of living space through University Residences.

"Due to the continued popularity of living on campus with returning students and a large freshman class, we utilize auxiliary and limited term housing spaces," the website says. "To meet housing commitments, University Residences provides auxiliary space for students with signed housing contracts. In addition, a few spaces are designated as limited term housing where a student will be prioritized for placement into a permanent assignment."

The Exponent published photos of some of the limited term spaces, which received



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**Assistant Vice Provost for Student Life Barb Frazee says University Residences now has up to 15,100 beds available for student use this year.**

national attention, in 2018. Marangoni said they suspected that the "quad pluses" may look similar to what it was in previous years.

Buzzfeed News used photos from The Exponent in 2018 of the converted rooms, reporting on the unexpected student living conditions.

"I'm annoyed because of the size of this class in general," Marangoni wrote in her original post. "They shouldn't accept more people than they have housing for ... especially since this has happened in the past and it blew up back then too."

Marangoni told The Exponent she first found the situation humorous, thinking, "Well, go figure."

"It was only afterward that I really started to get a little concerned, like, we haven't even started our year and they already have to take steps like this," she said, "and it makes me worried for what they'll do for this class later, since it's so big."

Marangoni said she worries for classes, that this situation may foreshadow GPA cut-offs or weed-out classes and program admission.

"It's like they're making our housing weed-out, too."

Madeline Tiedt, another incoming freshman in FYE, said she signed her housing contract on April 15, well before the May 5 deadline for guaranteed housing, but will still be stuck in one of the alternative housing options.

"I was just really kind of upset because I had pretty much planned (everything) out," Tiedt said. "What I was planning on bringing, and how I was gonna loft my bed or not, and all of that kind of went out the window because I didn't really know what exactly was happening. I still don't know where I'm going to be."

As soon as she got the email with the survey last week she jumped to fill it out, she said, because she'd been late to signing up for move-in times and had to wait as the website reportedly crashed for multiple days.

"Basically for my first three (priorities), I put for the reconfigured spaces," Tiedt said. "Because it's not ideal, like none of this I guess is really ideal, but it's cheaper than the apartments. Like some of the apartments are really expensive, and they're not on campus, and as a freshman I'd like to be on campus."

She said she was still unsure about the details of the reconfigured spaces vs. the auxiliary housing, and didn't understand which one was permanent and which was temporary, saying, "The whole thing's still really confusing." But despite the situation being less than ideal, she said she is still really excited to go to Purdue, she only wished the situation was different and she didn't have to deal with this.

"I guess whatever I get stuck with, I will figure it out," she said. "I'll make it work – because I have to."



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**A reconfigured study space in Tarkington hall has been redesigned to house three student beds. The beds are separated by interior walls, and share one exterior door that locks like a typical room would.**

"We are thrilled that so many people want to come to Purdue, and we are working hard to give them great experiences," Vice Provost for Student Life Beth McCuskey, who also joined in on the tour, said.

There will be a bed for everyone who met their respective deadline, Frazee said. The number of permanent beds available is 15,107. This year more than 1,000 were built in-house, and more were added through master leases with nearby apartment complexes.

Those who missed the deadline for signing a housing contract may have been on the wait list of about 1,000 people, though Frazee said UR had to recently inform the people on the wait list that there would not be a space for them through UR.

spaces. In Tarkington, one of the former study rooms that's been converted into a triple has the space for three sets of beds, desks, dressers and new stand alone wire closets. Each bed is separated by interior privacy walls.

During a Wednesday tour of some of the reconfigured spaces, McCuskey shared her fondness for one of the reconfigured triples in Tarkington.

"These were old study carrels were people would tuck away, so it's almost like having an apartment in your room," McCuskey said.

McCuskey said UR is reaching out to families who may be unhappy to line up students with their highest priority choices on the survey.

Frazee said UR has stayed connected with some students who have lived in spaces similar to these in previous years, and those they have been in contact with who once lived in such rooms had positive memories.

"We are encouraging people to give it a shot," McCuskey said. "We think it's a good product, in the apartments, even in living with three other people, we think these students are going to have great experiences and meet friends and just get connected into the Purdue experiences – and we're here to support them."

The Exponent obtained the email which was to by UR to incoming freshman last week informing them that they would be in one of the reconfigured spaces.

"Purdue University will welcome its largest incoming class in history this fall and the demand for on-campus housing is high," the UR email reads. "So high, in fact, that we have entered into master-lease agreements with nearby apartment communities that meet our housing standards. This is not new for University Residences. We have entered into these agreements in the past and they have been successful for students."

"In addition, we have reconfigured spaces



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**Room 212 in Tarkington Hall was formerly a double, but has been reconfigured into a triple for the academic year.**

The reconfigured spaces are permanent assignments for the academic year. These include doubles that may be turned into triples, or triples that may be turned into quads. There are also some reconfigured spaces which were formerly study rooms or conference rooms but have been redesigned to function as a permanent dorm room.

In addition to the reconfigured spaces, auxiliary housing will be used again, but is expected to only be for about 50 students on a temporary basis. Auxiliary housing is a space where another room in a residence hall has been converted into rooms, or where additional furni-

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# TRADITIONS

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Perhaps one of Purdue's most famous traditions is the fountain run, which is exactly what it sounds like. Students start at the Engineering Fountain outside Hovde Hall, run along a set route on campus, and finish where they started.

Most often, students begin at the engineering fountain and work their way over to Loeb fountain, which is in front of Beering Hall. Stops on the way include Sinninger Fountain in front of the famed 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 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.

## Reoccurring campus oddities

Students with free time on Fridays may see the Morphsuit Guys dancing around campus with speakers blaring.

These upbeat students get together every Friday in colorful morphsuits with clothes worn on top, and dance around campus for sometimes an hour at a time.

If your student doesn't have a bike lock, get one now. Purdue students are known to take unlocked bikes from and put them in 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 for students. Before kickoff, students will take out their keys and shake them. Sometimes students will also use their shoe instead of keys if they don't have any. This was originally done to honor Leroy Keys, the decorated Purdue football player and coach.

Breakfast club was a tradition put on hold this past year but is likely to return. 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.

## Campus buildings

If you stay at the Purdue Memorial Union hotel, check out the famous campus model. It's a 1 inch to 100 foot scale model of the entirety of Purdue's campus.

The model is periodically updated to keep up with changes made to campus.

You may also notice statues of every former president of the university, as well as Abraham Lincoln.

This was done to commemorate Lincoln's contributions to establishing Purdue, and many students believe that rubbing the statue's 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.



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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.

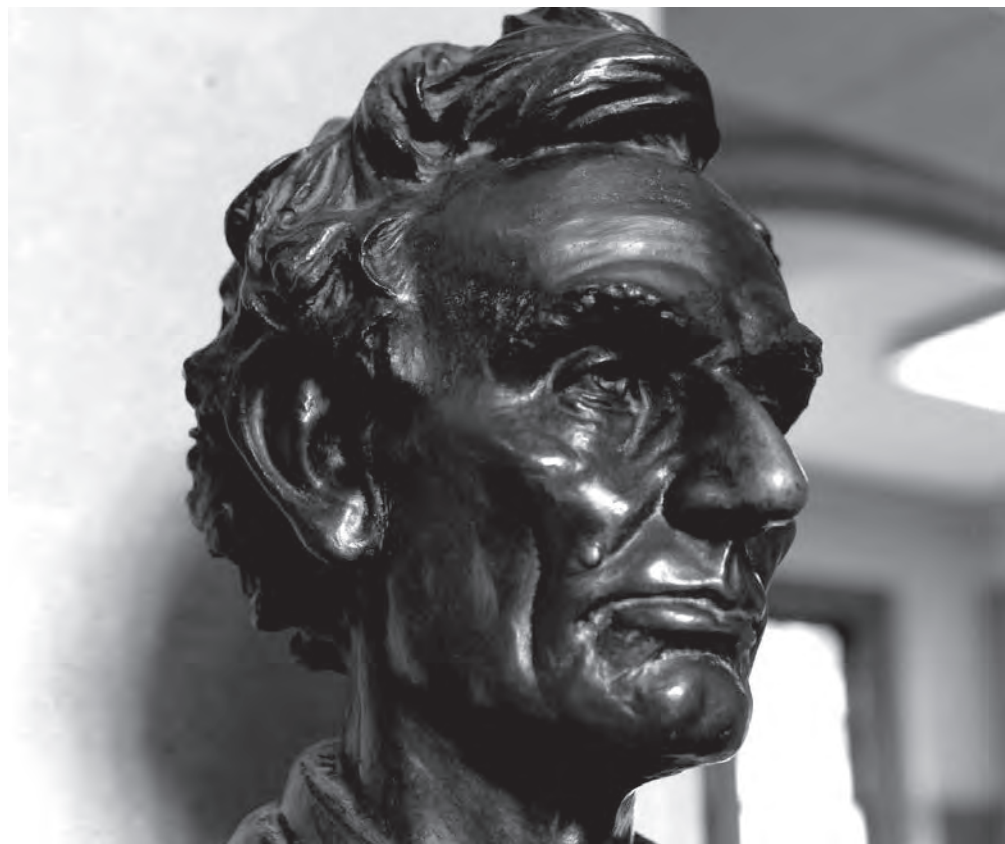
## Nuclear reactor

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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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.



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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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Although technically not a fountain, Sinninger Pond is next to the bell tower, and can be a nice spot to sit and relax.



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

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# Things to do around campus

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The Greater Lafayette area is home to many great places for entertainment in addition to typical campus attractions such as sports games or dining.

If you're looking for stuff to do while visiting your kids at school, look no further.

## Outdoors

Many outdoor areas around Purdue are ideal for the late summer and early fall. There are several parks around campus that are perfect for a short trip or a weekend-long camping event.

Parks around campus:

- Happy Hollow Park 1301 Happy Hollow Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906
- Celery Bog 1620 Lindberg Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906
- North of campus, Celery Bog is

a great place to wander through nature. The bog was originally a farm that supplied produce for more than 80 grocers in the area. However, today, more than 120 species call it home. The Lilly Nature Center can also be found at the bog and hosts many events for people to engage in.

- Wabash Heritage Trail, Next to Launch Apartments
- Along the Wabash River, there are many trails to walk along. One of these can be found next to Launch Apartments, and it will take you along the river.

Another outdoor attraction is the West Lafayette Farmers Market at Cumberland Park.

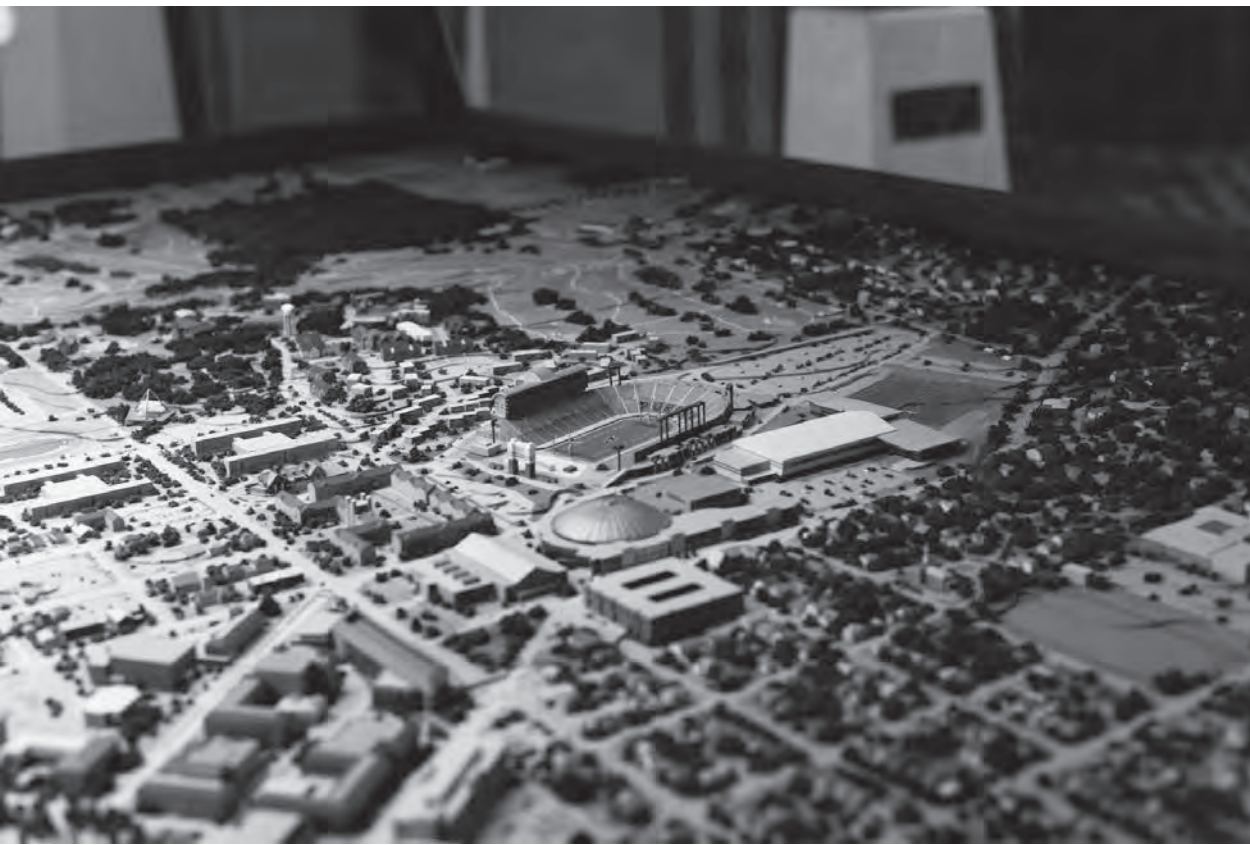
Local vendors with produce, crafts and baked goods fill the park up every Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. until October. Cumberland Park is at 3101 N Salisbury St, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Students can also spend time



The Union Rack and Roll is in the basement of the Union and has enough lanes to accommodate a small gathering or a large group.

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The model in the Union is a 1:100 scale model of Purdue's campus and features Purdue landmarks with remarkable detail. Ross-Ade can be seen prominently at the north end of the campus next to Mackey's signature gold dome.

outdoors on Third Street in front of Krach Leadership center. Lawn chairs, fire pits and games are paced outside for students to spend time with friends.

## Indoors

One of the Purdue Memorial Union's best kept secrets is the Union Rack and Roll. Just head down the stairs, and you will find the blacklight-lit basement with arcade machines, a multi-lane bowling alley and more

It's a popular location for students because of its affordable prices and frequent promotions during the school year. Bowling and billiards are currently by appointment only and can be scheduled through the Rack and Roll website.

Across the Wabash River, people can stop by The Spinning Axe, Lafayette's first axe throwing venue.

Axe throwing has become a popular activity in recent years, with locations slowly opening up in multiple cities in the Midwest and along the east coast.

Visitors can compete in games by the hour where the objective is simple: throw an axe over your head, as close to the center of the target as possible.

The Greater Lafayette area is home to many historical sites and museums.

On Purdue's campus, The Ringel Gallery in Stewart Center and the Rueff Galleries in Pao hall are always open during the academic year.

Across the river in Lafayette, the 112-year-old Art Museum of Greater Lafayette displays Indiana art in a traditional gallery style. The Haan museum is more unconventional because it is a mansion that contains paintings, sculptures, ceramics and other pieces of art.



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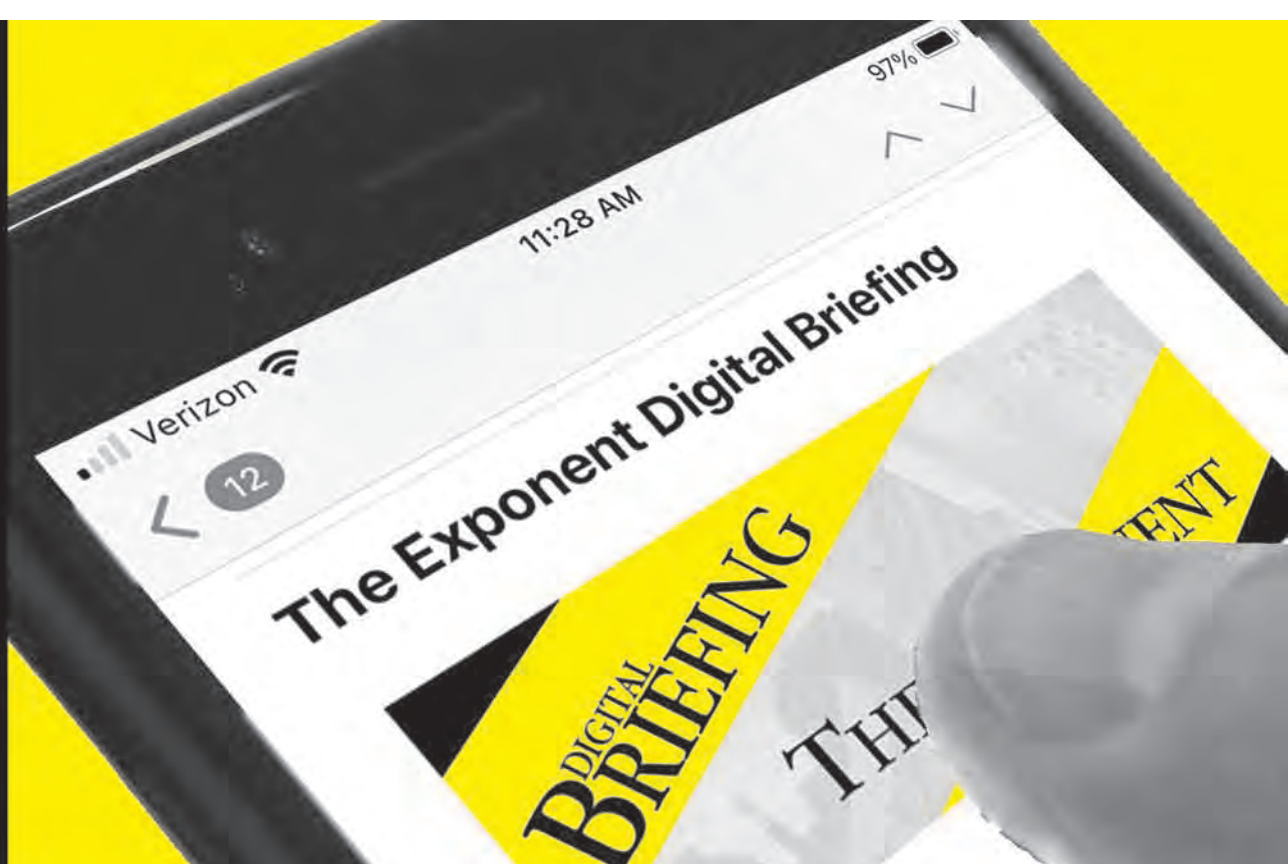
Seen above is the entrance of the Celery bog trails, the map displaying long and short trails that one can take.



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Landmarks such as the bell tower and the engineering fountain are represented on the model. They provide scale for how large the campus truly is as the modeled bell tower is no larger than 2 centimeters.

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# Places to stay during family weekend and beyond

BY ALEX SABRI  
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One of the biggest troubles for any Purdue parent is finding a comfortable and affordable place to stay while visiting their students. Whether it be parents weekend, homecoming, any of the six home football games or graduation, the swarm of early-bird lodging reservations can leave parents scrambling for a place to stay over some of the most important days of the school year.

West Lafayette and Lafayette are home to over 20 hotel and inn options, all suited for Purdue parents should they find any open rooms. From Marriott chains to local inns, bed and breakfasts or even campsites, it would take a huge event for Purdue's lodging options to run thin.

Since the dates for the annual family weekend were first announced on June 14, a flood of calls for reservations left over 25 hotels in West Lafayette and Lafayette overbooked for family weekend, according to the front desks of those hotels. The Double Tree hotel in Lafayette reported being sold out of rooms within eight minutes of Purdue releasing its parents weekend dates three weeks ago. At least two hotels reported being overbooked for homecoming, while at least three say they are full for graduation.

The Campus Inn in West Lafayette front desk said it still has

availabilities for homecoming despite almost being sold out. The Quality Inn in West Lafayette is sold out for the whole weekend.

Parents looking to book now will likely have to look at options outside of the Greater-Lafayette area for a place to stay. Hotels around the two cities recommend the Union Club hotel, West Lafayette's Campus Inn, or the Courtyard or Two Bridge suites in Lafayette for on-campus options.

Among locations left overbooked are the Union Club hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, the Campus Inn in West Lafayette, the Econo-lodge and Economy Inn.

A Purdue staple, the Union Club, which has been open for over a decade, hosts some of the finest dining and lodging options on campus. Rooms can include 55-inch LCD flat screen TVs, coffee makers, mini fridges, free wifi, and room service among other amenities, according to their website. The Union Club can also provide dining options for every occasion; it's home to the 8eleven Modern Bistro for dinner, the Boiler Up Bar, and Leaps Coffee and Artisanal Pastries for the morning.

The Greater Lafayette Convention and Visitors Bureau can provide parents with more information on open lodging availabilities for major weekends, according to a Purdue FAQ. They can be reached at 800-872-6648 or 765-447-9999.



The front lobby of the Purdue Union Club Hotel.



Purdue Union Club Hotel's lobby



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For this special parent's edition of The Exponent, let's take a look back at two separate events in 1956 that showed mom and dad some love.

The Student Union sponsored the Dad's Day Dance in November, which was part of a weekend long program called, "Starring Dad." Along with the program included events such as a Friday night dinner, where the fathers of the football team ate with their sons and were featured in the halftime program during a Saturday football game.

In May, mothers around campus were celebrated in a Mother's Day edition of The Exponent. Students planned a weekend of events to celebrate their mothers, such as the University Sing, the Galacade Watershow and the crowning of the May Queen.

Purdue plans to celebrate parents this year on parents' weekend from Oct. 22-24.

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# What to know about campus safety

BY HANNAH MITCHELL  
Summer Reporter

Purdue has several features in place to maintain a safe campus environment. A police and fire station are located on campus near the residence halls, and emergency buttons can be found all across campus.

The buttons are illuminated by a bright blue light and each of the 300 are placed in a different spot on campus. Pressing the button immediately calls 911 so anyone can report an emergency.

PUPD has 45 officers that responds to calls on campus and in some of the surrounding areas. West Lafayette is also covered by the West Lafayette police department and some areas are covered by the Tippecanoe County sheriff's department.

Capt. Song Kang said the biggest thing students can do to protect themselves is to remain aware of their surroundings. He recommends students travel in groups, let people know where they are going or call someone while walking to keep them updated on their location.

PUPD offers a service called Safe Walk, where students, faculty and staff can call the department 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and request an escort to and from campus buildings if they don't feel safe walking alone.



**If students are outside and feel unsafe, they can access police via the emergency call boxes: yellow boxes with blue lights placed around campus.**

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A trained member of the Purdue Student Security Patrol or a PUPD officer will escort the caller to their destination.

Kang said the most commonly reported crime on campus is theft.

"It's a crime of opportunity," he said. "Bike theft or theft of personal or university property," are very common.

Purdue is the only school in the Big Ten to have an on-campus fire department. It responds to about 3,000 calls a year.

Firefighter and paramedic Derek Hughes said most calls are for EMS.

"We're pretty general around campus with medical calls and stuff like that," Hughes said.

As electric skateboards and scooters become more common on campus, Hughes said the fire department has seen more injuries coming from accidents. He recommended students wear helmets to avoid injury.

He also advised people to control their driving and avoid tampering with residence hall smoke detectors.

Students can sign up for text alerts about campus safety through the [purdue.edu/emergency](http://purdue.edu/emergency). Purdue emergency also posts safety alerts on its Twitter account. Emergency phone numbers are located on the back of a students' PUIDs and can also be found online.



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**The Purdue Police Department is located on S. Martin Jischke Dr., situated within Discovery Park.**



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# Views from Purdue



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The statue of Neil Armstrong sits right in front of the Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering. It's common for students to sit beside the statue and take photos.



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Forney Hall of Chemical Engineering is one of many buildings that make up the engineering mall, a collection of buildings dedicated to the many different kinds of engineering majors that Purdue has to offer.



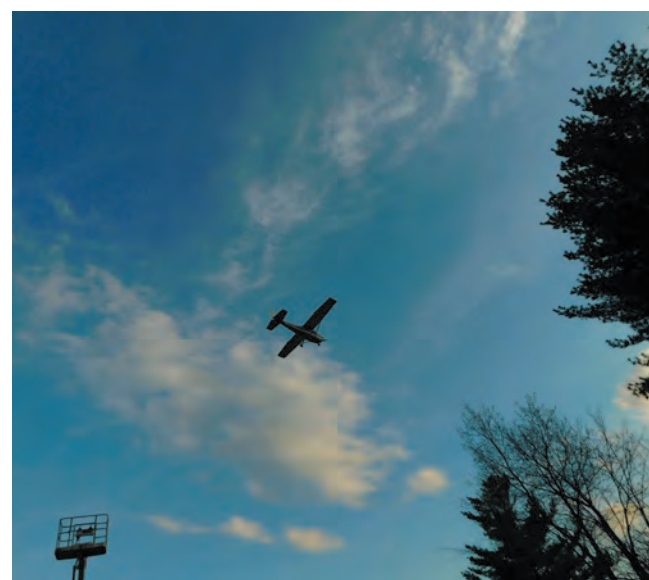
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State street comes to life as the sun begins to set. You can usually find students roaming Chauncey Avenue, looking for fun nighttime opportunities.



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A clock outside of Krannert School of Management tells passersby the time.



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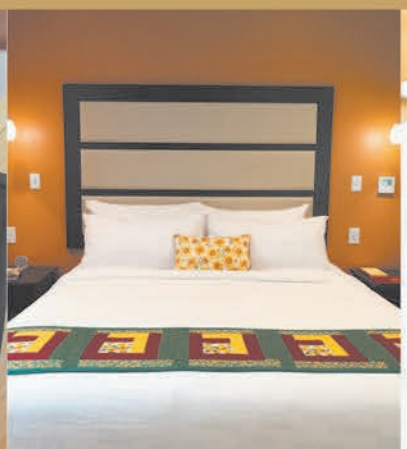
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# Where to get care

## Hospitals and medical providers closest to campus

**BY KEAGAN SLOCUM**  
Summer Reporter

Your child is on the verge of leaving for college, and it's the first time they won't be under your supervision. And while independence will be fun, it's also going to come with some questions that have usually been answered for them, like where to receive medical care.

They may find themselves with symptoms of an illness and not know where to get checked out, or do something stupid like fall off a skateboard and break their collarbone without the knowledge of where the closest emergency room is.

But don't fret. Purdue and the Greater Lafayette area is home to a number of hospitals that you can access within a 10 minute drive.

### Purdue University Student Health Center (PUSH)

PUSH is located at Stadium Mall Drive, in the heart of campus. It's the primary health care site on campus and provides many of the same medical opportunities as regular hospitals and services that are important among college students.

PUSH provides care for patients suffering a variety of illnesses, whether they are serious, chronic or minor. There are also services that care for students experiencing disordered eating or who need physical therapy and an allergy, and immunization clinic.

Sexual and reproductive health is another medical service that PUSH provides. Sexual assault care, well-women exams and STI treatment is available within this department along with contraception.

Students are eligible to receive the care that PUSH provides for free, but services such as diagnos-



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**Purdue University Health Center is a medical center on campus that provides for students and staff. Outside of standard medical care they also provide services that cater more to the college aged demographic.**



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**The CVS Pharmacy at Northwestern Avenue provides a MinuteClinic where students can come in and get treatment for minor illnesses and injuries.**

tic testing, medications, immunizations and allergy shots come with fees, according to PUSH's website.

PUSH is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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**Franciscan Health Lafayette East is about a 15 minute drive from campus.**

on weekdays, with the last available appointment slot being 4:30. The office is open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and is closed on Sundays.

### CVS Pharmacy

Though CVS is just your typical pharmacy, it's still good to know that

the university has one on Northwestern Avenue. There, they provide vaccinations — including the COVID-19 vaccine — and a minute clinic, which aids in minor illnesses and injuries.

Another thing to note with CVS is that you can transfer the pickup location of prescription medication. So

if your child's regular provider is too far away from campus when it comes to getting refills, you can go online to the CVS website and switch locations to the CVS on campus to make medication access easier.

### IU Health Arnett

IU Health Arnett is about a seven minute drive off campus, and also caters to more serious injuries. Both the hospital and the emergency room are open 24 hours. There, it provides services such as family medicine, internal care, sports medicine, women's health, mental health services and urgent care.

IU Health Arnett also provides virtual screenings to test for COVID-19 symptoms. In addition to the virtual screenings, there are virtual visits, so students wouldn't have to leave campus in order to be assessed at by a health care professional.

### Franciscan

Franciscan Health Lafayette East is located on South Creasy Lane in Lafayette — about a 15 minute drive from campus. Like IU Health Arnett, Franciscan's hospital and emergency room is open 24 hours.

Franciscan's medical services include, but are not limited to, behavioral and mental health services, OBGYN, children's health, family medicine, diet and nutritional services and surgical care. And these services are also provided in their other locations that may be a closer drive from campus.

Franciscan's Expresscare clinic is located at Sagamore Parkway in West Lafayette and focuses on urgent care. The clinic takes care of conditions like influenza, ear infections and sprains and strains. Its office is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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# To embarrass, or not to embarrass

A parents' guide to interacting with your kid on campus

BY KEAGAN SLOCUM AND RICHARD JOHNSON  
Summer Reporters

While bringing your incoming freshman to campus this fall, you'll have a great opportunity to do one of two things: make your mark as a cool parent, or embarrass the hell out of your kid.

If you're looking to do the latter, we've got some tips for you. But if you think you're a cool parent, stay tuned, because we've got some tips for you as well.

## Do you even realize you're being embarrassing?

A lot of times, parents will think they're being fun or affectionate, when in reality they're doing the exact opposite.

## Take photos at every landmark

Look, I get it. You want to capture every moment you can and that's good. Great even. Life is meant to be a collage of the memories you



A freshman keeps her cool talking to a new friend while her mother embarrasses her.

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A mother struggles to take a photo of her daughter, who poses next to her favorite Purdue landmark.

hold fondest. But do you really need to take a family picture at every notable landmark on campus? Do you really need your child standing next to various old buildings, squinting in the sun and forcing their best smile in 30 different locations?



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A Purdue student points out the bell tower to her mother, who's visiting for Family Weekend

You do not. Go take a picture at the Neil Armstrong statue like everybody else. Your kid has the next four years to spend on this campus; let them explore every landmark and take the photos then.

## Ask if every friend is their significant other

This move is a sure fire way to either play matchmaker or make a new friendship awkward for the rest of its existence: the "are you together?" question.

It's a seemingly lighthearted way to poke fun of your child making friends of the opposite sex. Yeah, your kid's been out of your oversight for a little bit of time, so obviously the first thing they did was find the nearest person and ask for their hand in marriage. Sorry, parents, but chances are this didn't happen. Let the kids just be kids, and if they smooch a little on the side, more power to them.

## Go to frat parties with them

I won't lie. Spending quality time with family is great, but sometimes quality time can turn sour. Sure, I love it when my mom and I go to the park with a packed lunch and catch up on our daily lives before heading to the mall. And yeah, I love going to Cincinnati with my dad and watching the Reds play.

But do I want to watch my own mother, the woman who birthed me, crack open a case of Truly's with Kyle and Connor at Alpha Sigma Chi and see who can shotgun them the quickest? Do I want to watch my peers hold my father by his legs as he tries to become the 'keg king'? No. I don't need my parents showing me

up on my own party scene.

## Hey, you're actually pretty cool.

If you can avoid all the above mentioned things, you're already ahead. Here are a few more ways you can prove that you're a cool parent.

## Pass down Purdue apparel

Whether your kid knows it or not, they want to be the coolest kid on the block. And to be the coolest kid on the block, they must possess one thing: old Purdue merch. As a parent, and especially former Purdue graduates, this is right up your alley. Thrifting is in, and surely, your kid would adore the old sweatshirts you have from your college days.

Apparel designs change with yearly trends, and sometimes, what's new and trendy can't compete with older designs. Coming from personal experience, I always get compliments on my second-hand Purdue gear more than my recently bought merch. Not to say one is better than the other, though. If you're repping the gold and black, you're automatically cool.

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

If you want to be a cool parent, this step is especially important. This is a new chapter in

your kid's life, and they want nothing more than to show you what they've been able to find and love on their own.

Maybe they found a coffee shop on campus that serves the best latté, or maybe they want you to see how Krach Lawn comes to life as the evening nears. For as long as your kid has been alive, you've shown them the things that mean the most to you, whether it was your favorite John Mellencamp song or the woods your parents took you to go explore. And now, it's time for them to return the favor.

## Help them find where their classes are before the semester starts

Getting lost sucks — especially when it's three minutes before your 7:30 a.m. class.

One fun thing to do that lets you explore the campus and help your child figure out where their classes are.

This can be one of the most important things to do before classes, start because Purdue's campus is pretty big. Almost everybody on campus can recall a time when they had a schedule so poorly made that they were late to all of their classes.

This can help you notice any commutes that take too long, and if possible change course sections; after all, registration doesn't end until after the semester begins.



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A mom spies on her freshman daughter as she attempts to make a new friend at Purdue

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# Where to take your kids out to dinner

BY NATALIE FEDOR  
Summer Reporter

If you're like my family, you like going out to a nice dinner, and even more so on special occasions. While you're moving your kid into Purdue and preparing for those hard goodbyes, here are some dining options to consider:

*Disclaimer: This is not a complete list, but some of the nearby favorites in different price ranges to give you some ideas.*

## Triple XXX

As you drive up State Street toward campus, you'll see a quaint, orange-and-black striped building. That would be Triple XXX, a local staple that's been featured on the Food Network show "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" for its signature burgers.

One of the most well-known menu items at Triple XXX, for its uniqueness, is the "Duane Purvis." This hamburger is just like any other burger, only it comes topped with a glob of peanut butter. While it may not have been Guy Fieri's favorite, it's recommended every Boiler tries it at least once.

Burgers aren't the only thing on the menu; Triple XXX also has breakfast options starting at 7 a.m. that go all day long, so there's sure to be something for everyone!

Triple XXX also offers outdoor seating at picnic-style tables. This past year, it installed white tents around each outdoor table to provide extra caution against COVID-19 and the elements.

## Big Woods

Located across Northwestern Avenue from the Physics building is the "craft food, beer and spirits" restaurant Big Woods.

This restaurant started in Nashville, Indiana, as a brewpub, according to its website.

Big Woods offers everything from craft pizzas to sandwiches to salads at fair prices. Reservations can be made on its website.

## La Hacienda

Down the hill in Wabash Landing is the beloved Mexican restaurant La Hacienda.

La Hacienda has plenty of options to satisfy your food craving. From quesadillas to fajitas to tostaguac, your food will be made fresh and fast — and come served with chips and salsa.

I'm pretty basic, so I usually stick with tacos, but you can't go wrong with anything there!

## Bru Burger

Just a quick walk over the pedestrian bridge into Lafayette you'll find one of my personal favorite burger spots: Bru Burger.



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Haley Garrity, Sous Chef at East End Grill, cooks for the dinner rush at the popular downtown Lafayette, Indiana eatery.

The burgers cost around \$10 to 15, but they definitely make it worth your money with quality cooking and unique options.

My friends enjoy the Mexicali BBQ burger that comes with white queso, pickled jalapeño, guacamole, fried onion, house chipotle BBQ sauce, lettuce and tomato. I prefer to keep it simple with the garlic-three cheese burger, with, you guessed it, three cheeses and garlic, paired with a truffle aioli.

## East End Grill

Situated in the midst of downtown Lafayette is East End Grill, which opened in 2016 to offer food made from fresh, local, quality ingredients, according to its website.

"We offer a welcoming, modern yet casual space, which is perfect for anything from a business meeting to date night to a casual bite with friends before the game," its page says.

The dinner prices may lean toward the higher end, but with options like Filet Mignon and pan roasted Faroe island salmon, it's worth the price.

## Puccini's Pizza and Pasta

Founded in Indianapolis, Puccini's has been making Italian-fare for over 30 years.

The Puccini's menu is expansive, including everything from pizza and Italian chicken dinners to calzones and sandwiches. It also offer 50 gluten-free dishes and vegan cheese and sausage, according to its website.

One pizza option there, coined the "campfire" was awarded "best classic pizza in America," according to the website.

The campfire comes with smoked sausage, sweet onion marmalade, gorgonzola and fresh rosemary.

## Nine Irish Brothers

If you've never tried Irish food, or don't know what that would entail, I highly recommend you head down State Street to Nine Irish Brothers.

This restaurant, started 30 years ago, is an authentic Irish pub serving "traditional Irish fare, Guinness by the pint and featuring live music and the friendly, upbeat atmosphere typical of Irish pubs world-wide," per its website.

From fish and chips to shepherds pie, the food is comforting and the atmosphere is warm. Mid-range prices allow a great night for the whole family.

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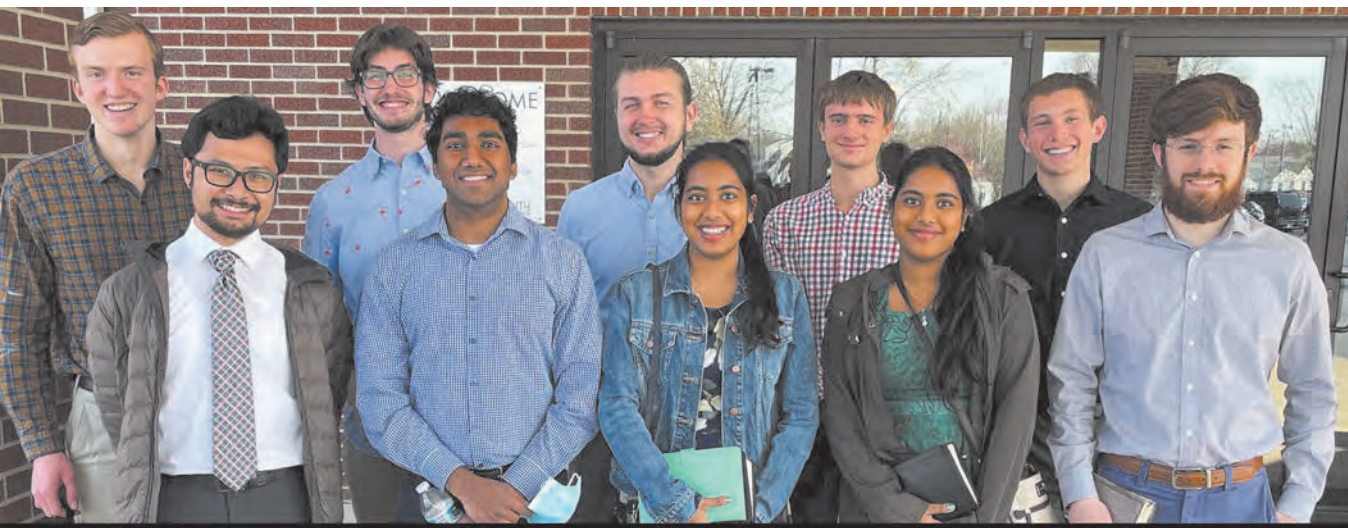
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# What to expect for family weekend

BY ALEX SABRI  
Summer Reporter

Family weekend is back. After its events were either canceled or done held virtually in 2020 due to the virus, parents will once again have an opportunity to spend time with their college kids during the three-day event.

To participate in events, parents must register through Purdue Today. In 2019, registration opened at noon on Sept. 11th and closed at noon on Oct. 23. Promo codes were also available for discount football tickets that year. Registration for 2021 has not been announced yet. A Purdue FAQ said ticket promos would be available in mid-June.

Parents and students alike will have no shortage of entertainment with a wide variety of games, events, and parties to be scheduled over the three days. One of its largest events, is the home football game at Ross-Ade Stadium.

This year, family weekend will intersect Purdue's match-



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**Purdue fans enjoy a women's basketball game during the 2017 Family Weekend.**

up with the Wisconsin Badgers on Oct. 23. The Badgers could feature a lineup that includes up to 15 senior starters, including eight on offense and four on the offensive line, according to Ourlads, a football scouting website.

The game will be the first over parents weekend since Purdue pushed through mud and rain in a game against the Illinois Fighting Illini. Illinois

took the Cannon Trophy after winning a battle in the trenches, rushing for 243 yards to Purdue's 135.

The dates for the annual weekend-long event were first announced on June 14 via a Purdue press release and an email sent to Purdue parents. Events for the weekend are yet to be announced, but will be posted to the front page of the parents and family connections website and facebook page when events are finalized.

Joshua Gregory, the president of Purdue's National Pan-Hellenic Council, said the fraternities and sororities with the NPHC will not be hosting events of their own. Gregory said NPHC members and their parents mostly thought of parents weekend as a time to casually spend time together without preplanned activities.

Friday and Saturday classes will not be cancelled over parents weekend.

If parents cannot make it during that weekend, the The Greater Lafayette Convention and Visitors Bureau has a calendar of other important events that can be found on their website.



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**A Purdue player clutches the chain of "I" and "P" links attached to the Old Oaken Bucket trophy.**

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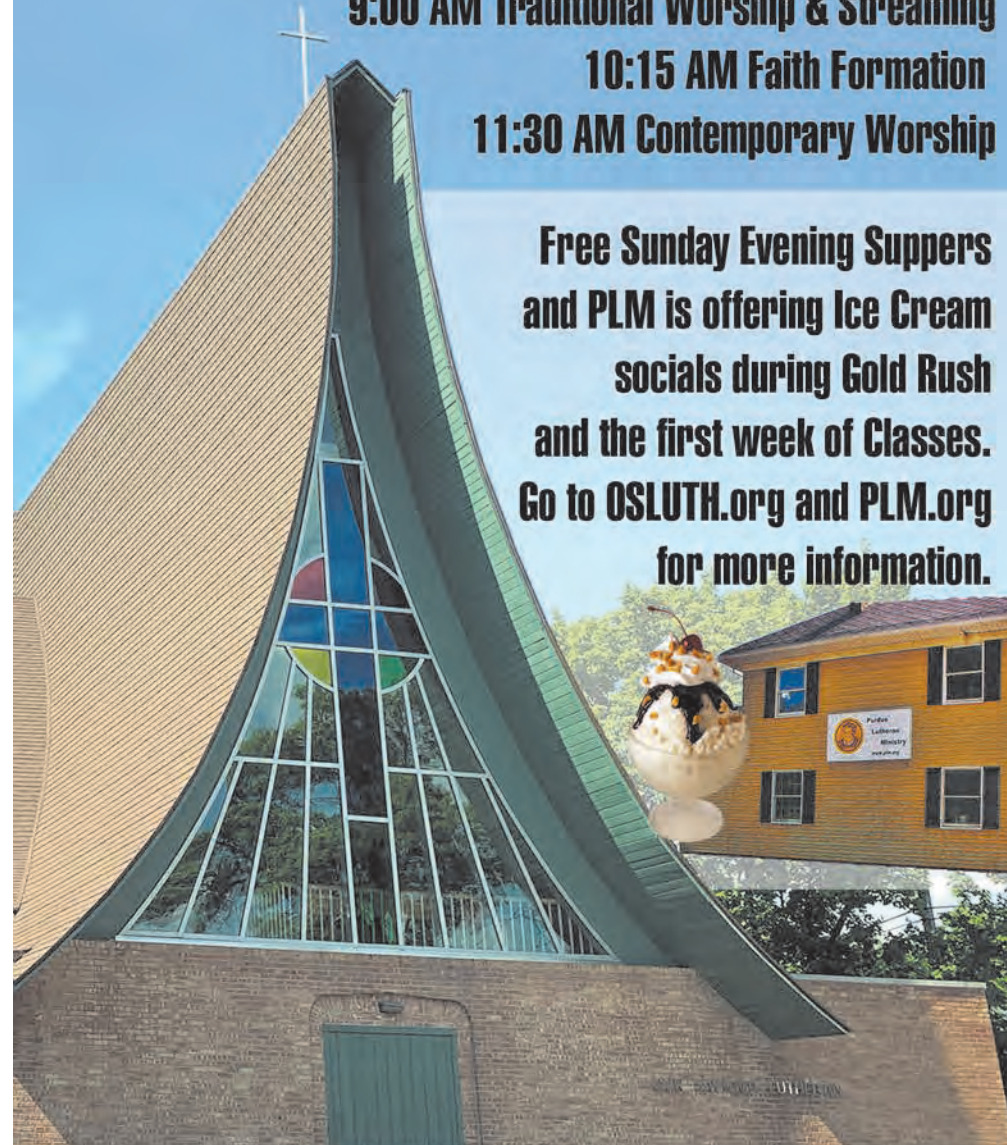
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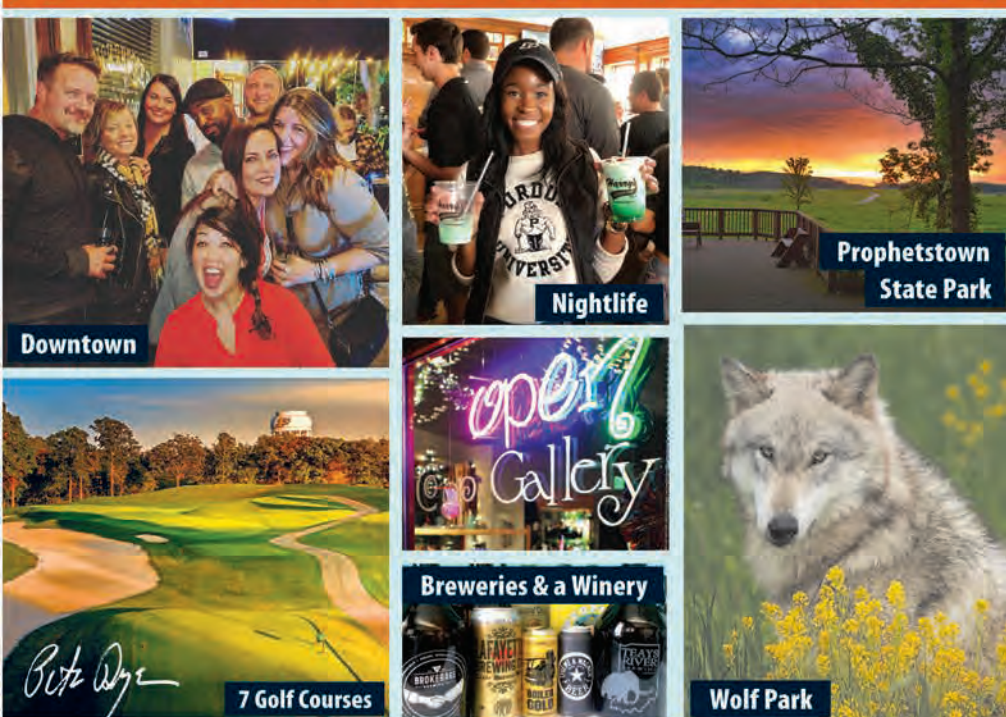
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# What to expect from Protect Purdue

BY KEAGAN SLOCUM  
Summer Reporter

Purdue expects to return to normal going into the 2021-2022 year. As the fall semester nears, the university is easing up on the restrictions that were in place last year.

“One of the first universities to commit to reopening in 2020, Purdue operated on the premise that having as many students safely on campus as possible was critical to delivering the full Boilermaker educational experience,” a Protect Purdue press release states, “Through collective commitment, Purdue remained open and in-session for all who chose to be here on campus.”

Face masks are not required to be worn outside or inside non-instructional spaces for vaccinated individuals. The decision for whether masks will be used in a classroom setting has yet to be made, but will be announced closer to the start of the semester, according to the press release.

The university also plans on re-densifying their spaces. Last year, buildings on campus limited spaces to make way for social distancing, and found ways to adapt to students’ needs.

The Frances E. Cordova Recreational Center set a limit on how many patrons



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**Purdue athletic events will return to full capacity for the 2021-2022 school year.**

could utilize their resources at a time by requiring students to choose an allotted time slots for their workouts, for example. And instead of buffet style serving, the dining courts adapted into a cafeteria-style of serving, and students waited in their respective lines, choosing from a limited selection of food and receiving it in a take out container.

The CoRec and dining courts reverted to their pre pandemic operations earlier this summer. But carryout options will remain for students who are more comfortable with getting their meals to go.

The re-densifying of spaces also means that in-person classes are making their return this year, along with athletic venues returning full capacity during events. And with in-person classes returning, as will classroom attendance policies.

“Instructors should try to accommodate students by excusing the student or allowing the student to make up work, when possible,” the press release states. “Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are not guaranteed remote access to all course activities, materials, and assignments or support from academic case managers.”

And as for vaccination efforts, Purdue is not mandating that students receive the vaccine. In an email sent to the student body on May 11, Provost Jay Akridge said

that students who decline to take the vaccine will be subject to frequent, mandatory surveillance testing.

“Students may choose to decline the COVID-19 vaccination for medical or religious reasons. For those declining, failure to comply with frequent, mandatory testing on campus will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion,” the email read.

Vaccinated students who wish to not participate in the surveillance testing must submit valid proof of vaccination by Aug. 13.



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**After a year of adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic, Purdue is planning on returning to normal this fall.**

MESSAGE FROM

## DR. BETH MCCUSKEY,

VICE PROVOST FOR STUDENT LIFE

*Dear Boilermaker Parents & 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 their home away from home on campus. In Student Life, we bring together all the pieces of Purdue - housing, activities, arts, people, programs and more!

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 campus engagement as well as resources and support for the growth of students. To share just a few examples, the Office of the Dean of Students offers staff who specialize in student support, students will find opportunities to promote their physical health and overall well-being through Recreation & Wellness, and our Counseling and Psychological Services team offers a variety of professional services. Students can also connect to the vibrancy of campus and begin to build their networks through various opportunities by getting involved in a student organization (we have more than 1,000!), participating in Purdue Bands and Orchestras or Purdue Musical Organizations, joining a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative chapter, or securing student employment right here on campus.

As the parent of a college graduate, I know how strong your impact on your student has been and how you will continue to be part of your Boilermaker’s network. Recognizing one’s impact and building a network are two of the values we work to develop in every Purdue student through our Steps to Leaps initiative. Steps to Leaps features learning pillars that also include well-being, leadership and grit. 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, provide opportunities for engagement and fulfillment, and foster growth as they learn and develop during their time 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 in this exciting journey with each student and family.

*Boiler Up!*  
**Dr. Beth McCuskey**  
Vice Provost for Student Life

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# What is The Exponent?

A brief description and history of The Purdue Exponent

Printing for the first time on Dec. 15, 1889, The Exponent's journey is a long and winding tale. The newspaper struggled through the first several years of its existence, as it profited only by operating revenues and was forced to rent space from the university. It went through a period of alternately making and losing money, though student staff members were all volunteers at the time.

The Exponent existed as a Purdue entity until 1968, when then-Editor-in-Chief Bill Smoot challenged the university and the question of who controlled the paper became all the more important.

A column was published on October 23, 1968, which criticized then-president Frederick L. Hovde for allowing the CIA to recruit students for the Vietnam conflict, among other things. Hovde was angered by the column, so he removed Smoot as Editor-in-Chief. However, the 16 editors at the time refused to accept the decision, instead printing "We Will Still Publish" across the front page of the next edition, and "Smoot Will Continue: Staff" across the next.

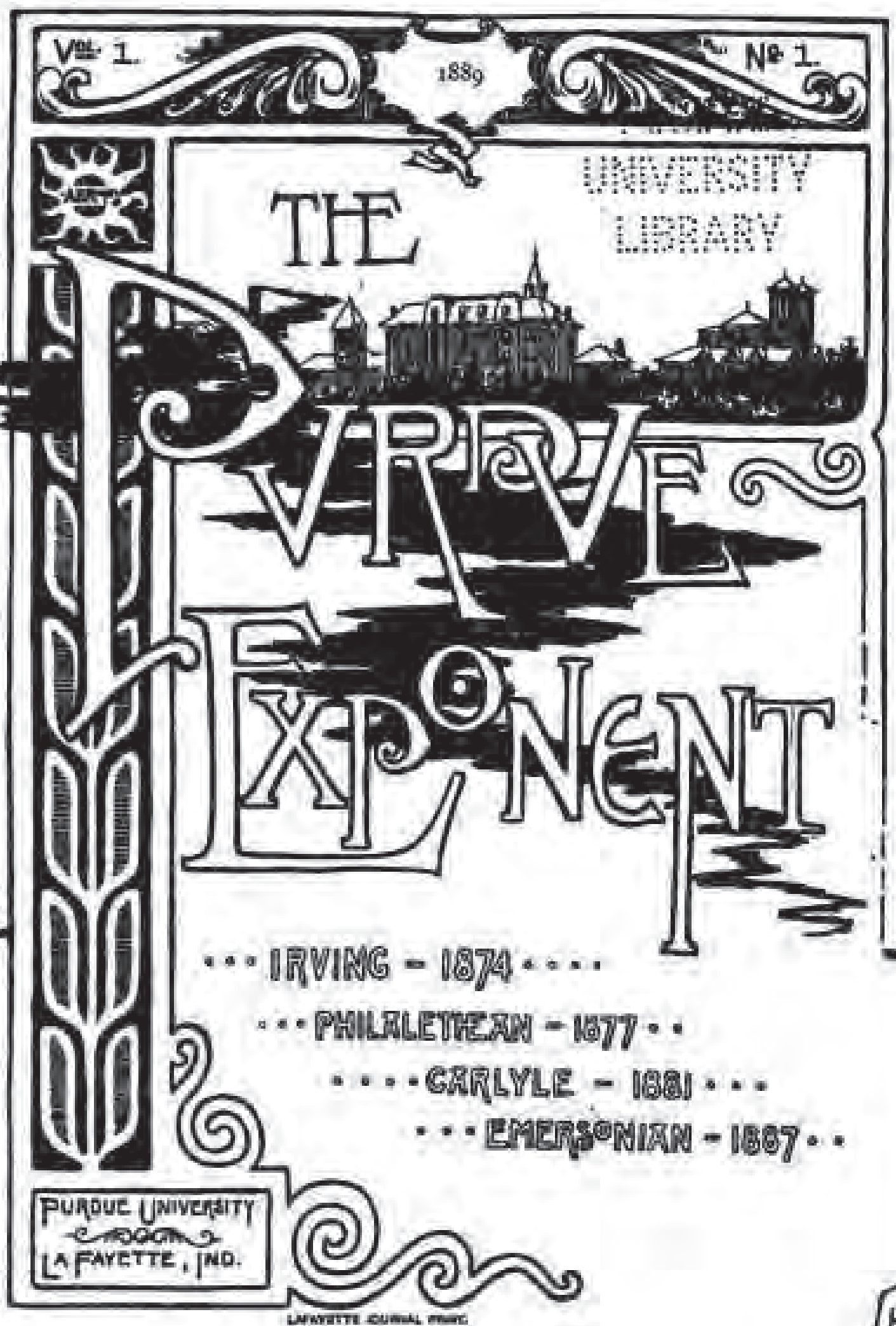
The firing of the editor led to a decision by a faculty-student-administrator committee called the Exponent Review Board that the university didn't follow due process, so Smoot was allowed to stay. The same committee later decided that The Exponent would be come an independent non-profit, headed by the Purdue Student Publishing Foundation, rather than the university itself.

The Exponent used a windowless room in the basement of the Union hotel rent-free since 1933, but was required to pay rent to the university until it bought its own building on 460 Northwestern Avenue in 1989. The Exponent sold that building in 2017 to University Lutheran Church, but still operates there today.

In the same year, The Exponent switched to a twice-weekly printing schedule. The web edition ([www.purdueexponent.org](http://www.purdueexponent.org)) was started in 1996. It was the first college newspaper in the country to build its own building and is one of two college newspapers in the country — along with the Harvard Crimson — that owns and operates its own printing press.

Today, the newspaper distributes 9,000 copies twice-weekly during the school year, and 6,000 during the summer. The summer staff consists of the summer editor as well as 6 full time student reporters, advised by Virginia Black, an award winning reporter and editor from the South Bend Tribune.

During the school year, The Exponent is operated by the editor-in-chief and nine to 10 other desk editors. It has almost 80 reporters covering everything from local news to athletics, photographers, graphic artists, composers and copy editors, and is one of the largest newsrooms in northern Indiana.



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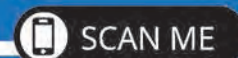


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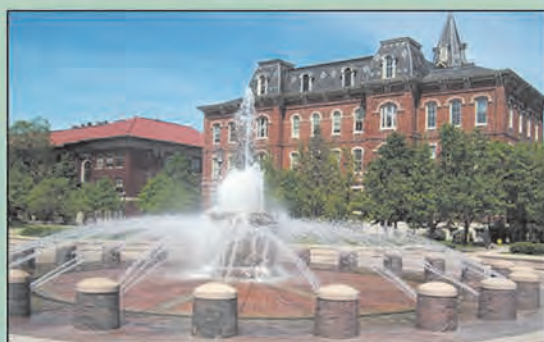
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