



2008-09 Purdue Women's Basketball Information Guide

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Nov. 9	OGBR-EXHIBITION	2 p.m.
Nov. 16	IUPUI	2 p.m.
Nov. 20	PORTLAND	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	OAKLAND	2 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. Stanford [^]	1 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Hawaii [^]	3:15 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Prairie View A&M [^]	1 p.m.
Dec. 4	MARYLAND~ (BTN)	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	at Notre Dame	2 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Valparaiso	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	IONA	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	at Illinois*	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Iowa*	2 p.m.
Jan. 1	MICHIGAN STATE* (BTN)	1 p.m.
Jan. 5	TEXAS (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	IOWA* (BTN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Northwestern*	2 p.m.
Jan. 15	PENN STATE*	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Indiana* (BTN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	MINNESOTA* (BTN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	OHIO STATE* (ESPN2)	5 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Wisconsin*	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	NORTHWESTERN	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Ohio State	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	WISCONSIN (BTN)	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Minnesota (BTN)	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	ILLINOIS (ESPN2)	1 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Penn State	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	MICHIGAN	TBD
Mar. 1	at Michigan State	TBD
March 5-8	Big Ten Tournament (BTN & ESPN2) (Indianapolis, Ind.)	

[^] Waikiki Beach Marriott Classic (Honolulu, Hawaii)

~ ACC/Big Ten Challenge

* Big Ten Conference game

All times local to site and subject to change.

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MACKEY ARENA RENOVATIONS



When the Mackey Arena renovation project is completed, it will enhance the experience of virtually all 500 Purdue student-athletes. Among the features of the new facility, scheduled to be completed in 2011, are a new basketball practice court, new locker rooms and a state-of-the-art weight room. Also figuring prominently into the picture is the Drew and Brittany Brees Student-Athlete Academic Center. Boilermaker fans will not be left out of the mix, as the project will include a new ticket office, expanded concourse in Mackey Arena, more bathrooms, new concession stands and new club space.

The scope of the Mackey Arena Complex project is the most comprehensive and significant facility undertaking in the university's athletics history, said Morgan J. Burke, director of intercollegiate athletics. It will bring a 40-year-old campus landmark into the 21st century while preserving its rich history and tradition.

A three-level structure is planned north of Mackey. Its highlights include:

- A sports medicine facility approximately three and a half to four times larger than the current area in Mackey.
- A strength and weight training facility approximately four times larger than the existing Intercollegiate Athletic Facility weight room.
- An oversized basketball practice facility with a full-size court and three breakout shooting areas.

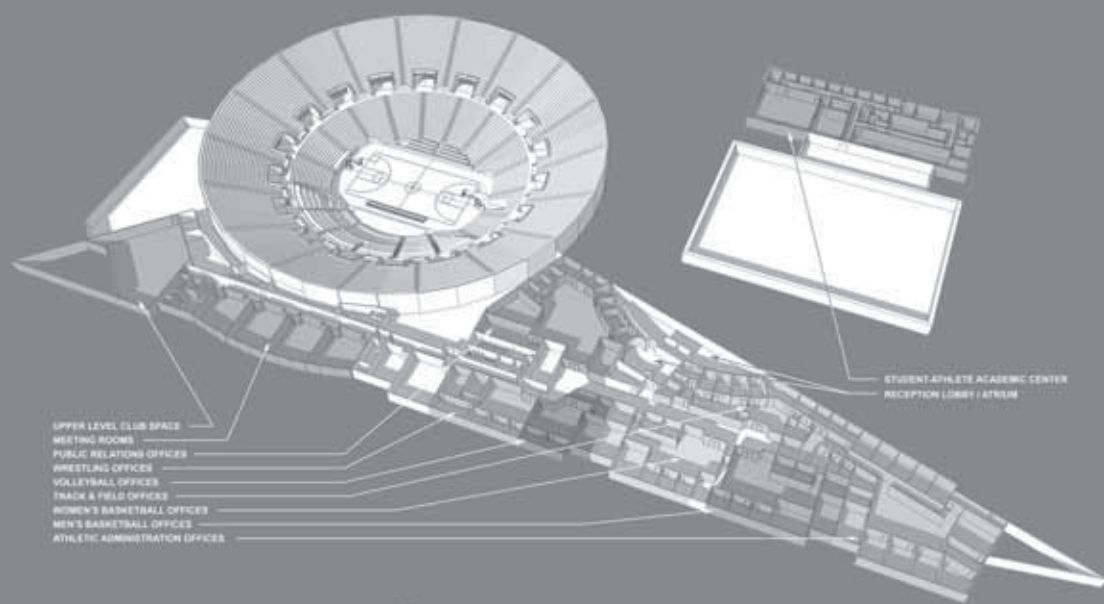
With a price tag of approximately \$100 million, the Mackey Arena Complex project will significantly enhance the overall experience at Purdue games. The concourse width will be approximately doubled, concessions will increase four times (from 12 to 48 points of sale) and restrooms will increase three times for women and by 35 percent for men. Two club spaces will be created, one for general fans on the west side and a premium club to the east.



The lower seating sections on the east side will be modified to allow for premium seats, with club seats (fixed padded stadium chairs) and loge seats (office-style chairs on casters) provided. A limited number of premium courtside seats will also be available. Accessible seating will increase approximately six times.

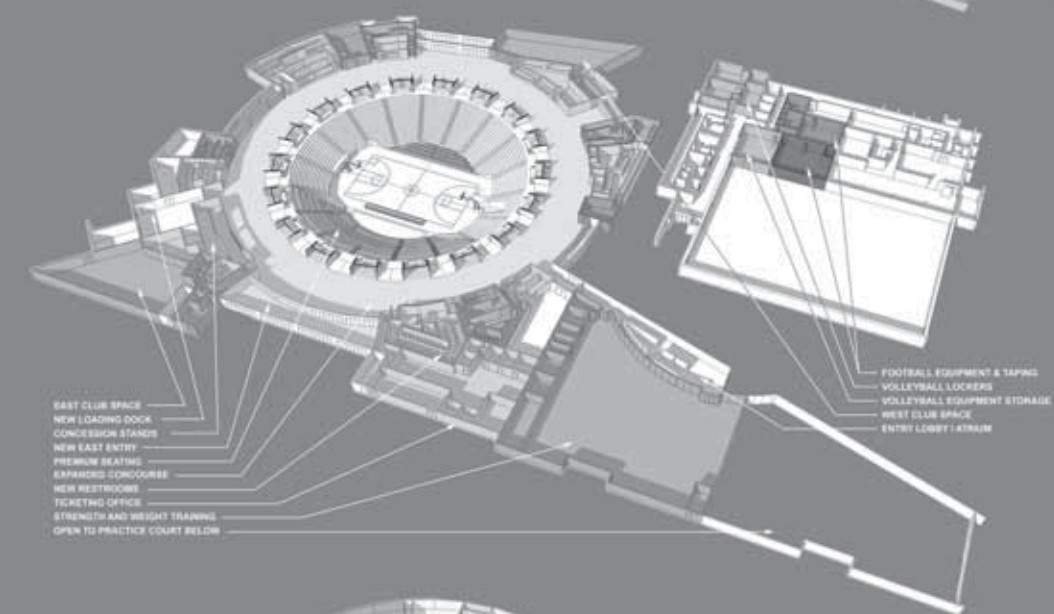
Other upgrades will include new locker rooms and lounges, meeting rooms, offices, laundry facilities and equipment storage. A new ticket office will be created in Mackey that is approximately twice the size of the existing one in the Intercollegiate Athletic Facility. The current ticket office will be converted to a locker room for volleyball. The entire upper level of the IAF will be transformed into the Drew and Brittany Brees Student-Athlete Center, spanning approximately 10,000 square feet.

Since it opened in 1967, Mackey, named for late Purdue athletics director Guy "Red" Mackey, has earned a reputation as one of the premium basketball arenas in the nation. The men's program tops all Big Ten schools with 21 conference championships, while the women's program has won seven regular-season titles and seven postseason tournament crowns, all since 1991.



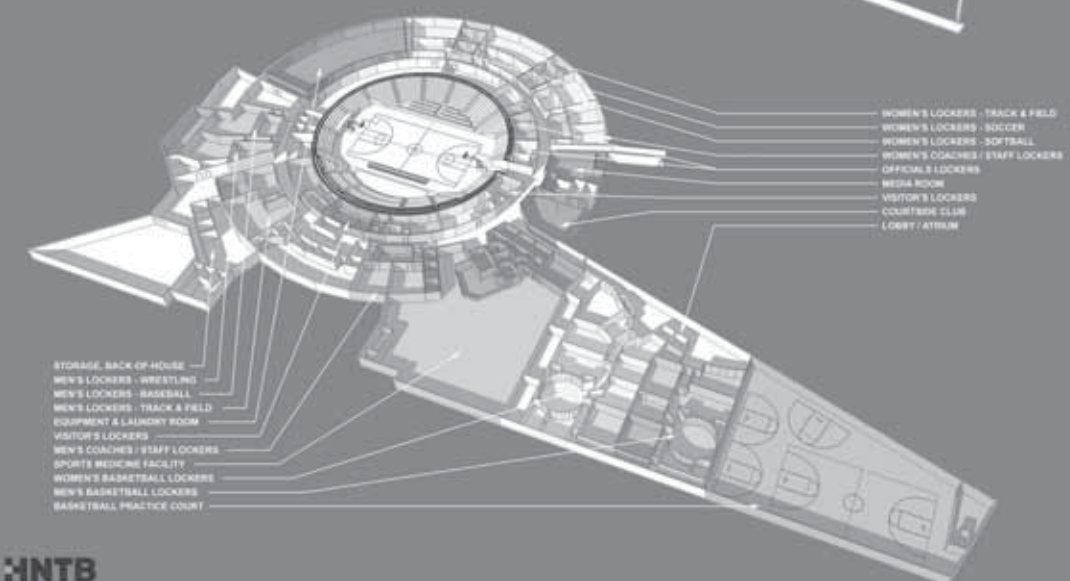
- UPPER LEVEL CLUB SPACE
- MEETING ROOMS
- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICES
- WRESTLING OFFICES
- VOLLEYBALL OFFICES
- TRACK & FIELD OFFICES
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- MEN'S BASKETBALL OFFICES
- ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER
RECEPTION LOBBY / ATRIUM



- EAST CLUB SPACE
- NEW LOADING DOCK
- CONCESSION STANDS
- NEW EAST ENTRY
- PREMIUM SEATING
- EXPANDED CONCOURSE
- NEW RESTROOMS
- TICKETING OFFICE
- STRENGTH AND WEIGHT TRAINING
- OPEN TO PRACTICE COURT BELOW

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT & TAPING
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- MEN'S COACHES / STAFF LOCKERS
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UPPER LEVEL CONCOURSE LEVEL LOWER LEVEL MACKEY ARENA RENOVATION





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INTERVIEWS

All interviews with coaches and players must be arranged through Purdue's Sports Information Office. Please contact Sara White with your request, allowing at least 24 hours to coordinate the interview. No interviews will be conducted on game days prior to tipoff.

CREDENTIALS

All credential requests (media and photo) should be forwarded to Sara White. Credentials are limited to professionals working in the print or electronic media, and their issuance is at the discretion of the SID. On game days, credentials will be left in the SID Office, which can be accessed by an outer door near Gate A on the west side of Mackey Arena. Persons picking up credentials will be required to furnish identification upon request.

PRESS ROW

Purdue utilizes its lower and upper press rows for media seating. The lower press row is reserved for radio and TV, and will be filled in with print media at the discretion of the SID.

RADIO

Visiting radio will have complimentary phone lines (two ISDN, two analog) at its seats on lower press row. If a second radio station from a visiting school intends to broadcast, the station should contact Sara White in order to make arrangements.

MEDIA WORKROOM

At the conclusion of each home game, reporters and photographers are invited to file their stories and send their photos from the media workroom, located in the basement of Mackey Arena. The workroom is equipped with power and phone and ethernet lines. To find the workroom, exit the playing floor through the tunnel at the north end of Mackey Arena and turn right, following the bend to Room B33.

GAME DAY SERVICES

Game programs, notes and media guides will be available to all members of the working media prior to tipoff. In-game statistics will be delivered to press row at halftime. Final statistics will be delivered to the media workroom. Approximately 10 minutes following the conclusion of the game, postgame press conferences will begin in the media workroom. The visiting coach, Purdue head coach Sharon Versyp and the two or three most-requested Purdue players will all appear. Requested visiting players will be available outside the visitors' locker room.

TELEPHONE LINES

Should a member of the media wish to order a phone line for press row, the order must be placed at least 10 days in advance of the game needed. Orders should be placed through Verizon. The business accounts phone number is 765-423-3535.

WEEKLY TELECONFERENCES

The Big Ten women's basketball coaches' teleconference will take place on Jan. 6, Feb. 3 and March 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon EST. To find out the schedule and participate, call the Big Ten Conference office at 847-696-1010.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

Practices are closed to the media, but access may be granted by coach Versyp. Any media members interested in attending practice and/or conducting interviews before or after practice should contact Sara White at least 24 hours in advance.

E-MAIL LIST

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PURDUESPORTS.COM

Updated information on Purdue women's basketball can be found at purduesports.com. Purdue athletics' official Web site is refreshed with results, player features, game stories, box scores, game notes and statistics.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Location _____ West Lafayette, Ind.
 Enrollment _____ 40,090
 Founded _____ 1869
 Colors _____ Old Gold & Black
 Nickname _____ Boilermakers
 Conference _____ Big Ten
 Arena (Capacity) _____ Mackey Arena (14,123)

HISTORY/RECORDS

First Year _____ 1975-76
 All-Time Record _____ 636-340
 Big Ten Record (since 1982-83) _____ 298-144
 Big Ten Tournament Record _____ 28-7
 NCAA Tournament Record _____ 39-18
 Home Record (Big Ten) _____ 330-102 (170-51)
 Road Record (Big Ten) _____ 207-181 (128-93)
 Neutral Site Record _____ 99-57

TRADITION

Big Ten Titles _____ 7 (last 2002)
 Big Ten Tournament Titles _____ 7 (last 2008)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances _____ 19 (last 2008)
 Consecutive NCAA Tournaments _____ 15
 NCAA Titles _____ 1 (last 1999)

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach _____ Sharon Versyp, 3rd year
 Alma Mater _____ Purdue '89
 Overall Record (Big Ten) _____ 167-86 (34-16)
 School Record (Big Ten) _____ 50-21 (25-9)
 Assistant Coaches
 Jody Benner _____ Maine '92
 Martin Clapp _____ Murray State '89
 Nadine Morgan _____ James Madison '03

BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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 Team Doctors _____ Greg Rowdon, Alayne Sundstrom
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 Promotions Director _____ Erin Kraebber
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 Equipment Manager _____ Barb Hack
 Game Manager _____ Marilyn McFatridge

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RADIO INFORMATION

Home Station _____ WBPE-FM, 95.3 FM
 Play-By-Play Announcer
 _____ Tim Newton, 19th year
 Color Commentator (Home)
 _____ Jane (Calhoun) Schott, 11th year
 Color Commentator (Road)
 _____ Sara White, 3rd year

VIDEO INFORMATION

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2007-08 REVIEW

Record _____ 19-15 (11-7 Big Ten, T3rd)
 Home _____ 12-4
 Road _____ 4-8
 Neutral _____ 3-3
 Postseason Record _____ 4-1
 Big Ten _____ 3-0
 NCAA _____ 1-1 (Second Round)
 Final AP Ranking _____ ARV
 Final USA Today/ESPN Ranking _____ ARV
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost _____ 11/2
 Starters Returning/Lost _____ 6/1

2008-09 PREVIEW

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	3FG%	FT%
Starters Returning											
00	Jodi Howell**	R-Jr.	G	5-11	37-36	6.8	2.7	1.3	.466	.406	.826
3	Natasha Bogdanova	R-Sr.	F	6-4	34-31	6.4	5.3	0.8	.324	.344	.685
15	Danielle Campbell	Sr.	C	6-4	34-34	12.2	7.2	1.8	.440	.200	.797
20	FahKara Malone	Jr.	PG	5-3	33-32	10.0	2.1	3.8	.341	.295	.626
24	Lakisha Freeman	R-Sr.	F	6-1	34-33	11.9	5.9	1.8	.444	.348	.771
32	Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton**	R-Sr.	F	6-2	37-37	14.8	8.2	1.9	.559	.167	.647

** 2006-07 statistics; medical redshirt taken in 2007-08.

Other Letterwinners Returning

11	Lauren Mioton	Sr.	G	5-9	32-4	1.1	1.1	0.4	.210	.263	.500
13	Michelle Clark	So.	G	5-8	12-0	0.8	0.6	0.5	.364	.000	1.000
23	Keshia Mosley	So.	F	6-1	29-1	6.7	3.2	0.1	.497	—	.577
54	Samantha Woods	So.	F	6-3	26-2	2.9	1.9	0.2	.369	.111	.571
55	Laura Garriga	Jr.	F	6-0	13-0	0.2	0.5	0.1	.000	—	.500

Letterwinners Lost

14	Brittany Dildine	G	5-9	30-0	1.1	0.8	0.2	.325	.000	.600
45	Kalika France*	G	5-9	34-33	8.4	5.4	2.4	.360	.269	.679

* denotes starter in 2007-08.

Newcomers

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
5	Brittany Rayburn	Fr.	G	6-0	Attica, Ind. (Attica)
40	Chelsea Jones	Fr.	C	6-4	Fort Smith, Ark. (Southside)
41	Alex Guyton	Fr.	F	6-3	Bloomington, Ind. (North)
43	Chantel Poston	Fr.	G	5-10	Milan, Tenn. (Milan)



By Number

No.	Name	El./Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
00	Jodi Howell**	Jr./Sr.	G	5-11	Alexandria, Ind. (Alexandria-Monroe)
3	Natasha Bogdanova***	Sr./5th	F	6-4	St. Petersburg, Russia (Charlotte Christian, N.C.)
5	Brittany Rayburn	Fr./Fr.	G	6-0	Attica, Ind. (Attica)
11	Lauren Mioton***	Sr./Sr.	G	5-9	New Orleans, La. (Isidore Newman)
13	Michelle Clark*	So./So.	G	5-8	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
15	Danielle Campbell***	Sr./Sr.	C	6-4	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young)
20	FahKara Malone**	Jr./Jr.	G	5-3	Evansville, Ind. (Memorial)
23	Keshia Mosley*	So./So.	F	6-1	Detroit, Mich. (Detroit Community)
24	Lakisha Freeman***	Sr./5th	F	6-1	Saginaw, Mich. (Arthur Hill)
32	Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton***	Sr./5th	F	6-2	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
40	Chelsea Jones	Fr./Fr.	C	6-4	Fort Smith, Ark. (Southside)
41	Alex Guyton	Fr./Fr.	F	6-3	Bloomington, Ind. (North)
43	Chantel Poston	Fr./Fr.	G	5-10	Milan, Tenn. (Milan)
54	Samantha Woods*	So./So.	F	6-3	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
55	Laura Garriga**	Jr./Jr.	F	6-0	Barcelona, Spain (les Joaquin Blume Esplugues)

* denotes letters earned.

Head Coach: Sharon Versyp (Purdue '89), third season

Assistant Coach: Jody Benner (Maine '92), third season

Assistant Coach: Martin Clapp (Murray State '89), third season

Assistant Coach: Nadine Morgan (James Madison '03), third season

Director of Basketball Operations: Terry Kix

Graduate Assistant/Video Coordinator: Kim Corbitt

Athletic Trainer: Jessica Lipsett

Senior Student Athletic Trainer: Maura Flynn

Team Physicians: Greg Rowdon, Alayne Sundstrom

By Last Name

Name	No.
Bogdanova, Natasha	3
Campbell, Danielle	15
Clark, Michelle	13
Freeman, Lakisha	24
Garriga, Laura	55
Guyton, Alex	41
Howell, Jodi	00
Jones, Chelsea	40
Malone, FahKara	20
Mioton, Lauren	11
Mosley, Keshia	23
Poston, Chantel	43
Rayburn, Brittany	5
Wisdom-Hylton, Lindsay	32
Woods, Samantha	54

By Class

Seniors (5) _____ Bogdanova, Campbell, Freeman, Mioton, Wisdom-Hylton

Juniors (3) _____ Garriga, Howell, Malone

Sophomores (3) _____ Clark, Mosley, Woods

Freshmen (4) _____ Guyton, Jones, Poston, Rayburn

By Position

Guards (6) _____ Clark, Howell, Malone, Mioton, Poston, Rayburn

Forwards (7) _____ Bogdanova, Freeman, Garriga, Guyton, Mosley, Wisdom-Hylton, Woods

Centers (2) _____ Campbell, Jones

By Height*

6-4 (3)	Bogdanova, Campbell, Jones
6-3 (2)	Guyton, Woods
6-2 (1)	Wisdom-Hylton
6-1 (2)	Freeman, Mosley
6-0 (2)	Garriga, Rayburn
5-11 (1)	Howell
5-10 (1)	Poston
5-9 (1)	Mioton
5-8 (1)	Clark
5-3 (1)	Malone

* average height: 6-0

Pronunciation Guide

Natasha Bogdanova	bahg-DAH-nah-vah
Lakisha Freeman	lah-KEE-shah
Laura Garriga	gar-EE-gah
FahKara Malone	fah-CAR-ah
Lauren Mioton	MEE-ah-tahn
Keshia Mosley	KEE-shah MOSE-lee
Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton	HILL-ton
Chantel Poston	SHAN-tell POSE-ton

Sharon Versyp _____ VRR-sup
Jessica Lipsett _____ LIP-set



Brittany Rayburn, Alex Guyton, Chelsea Jones and Chantel Poston.



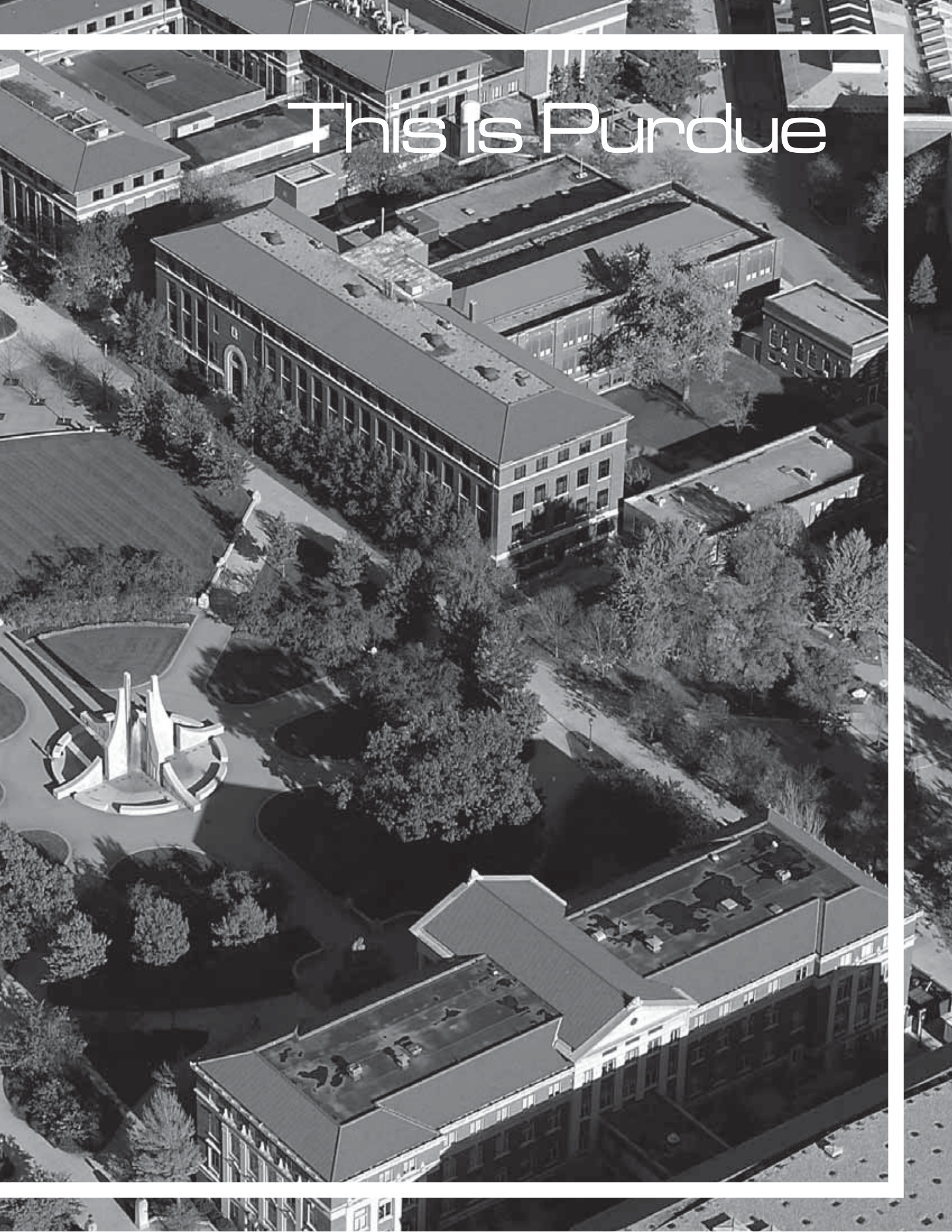
Front Row: Holly Fiock (manager), Brittany Rayburn, Chantel Poston, Lauren Mioton, FahKara Malone, Head Coach Sharon Versyp, Michelle Clark, Jodi Howell, Lakisha Freeman, Laura Garriga and Laura Schmitt (manager).
Back Row: Dan Reinhardt (manager), Kim Corbitt (graduate assistant), Nadine Morgan (assistant coach), Martin Clapp (assistant coach), Alex Guyton, Chelsea Jones, Natasha Bogdanova, Danielle Campbell, Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, Samantha Woods, Keshia Mosley, Jessica Lipsett (athletics trainer), Jody Benner (assistant coach), Terry Kix (director of operations) and Stacy Hall (manager).



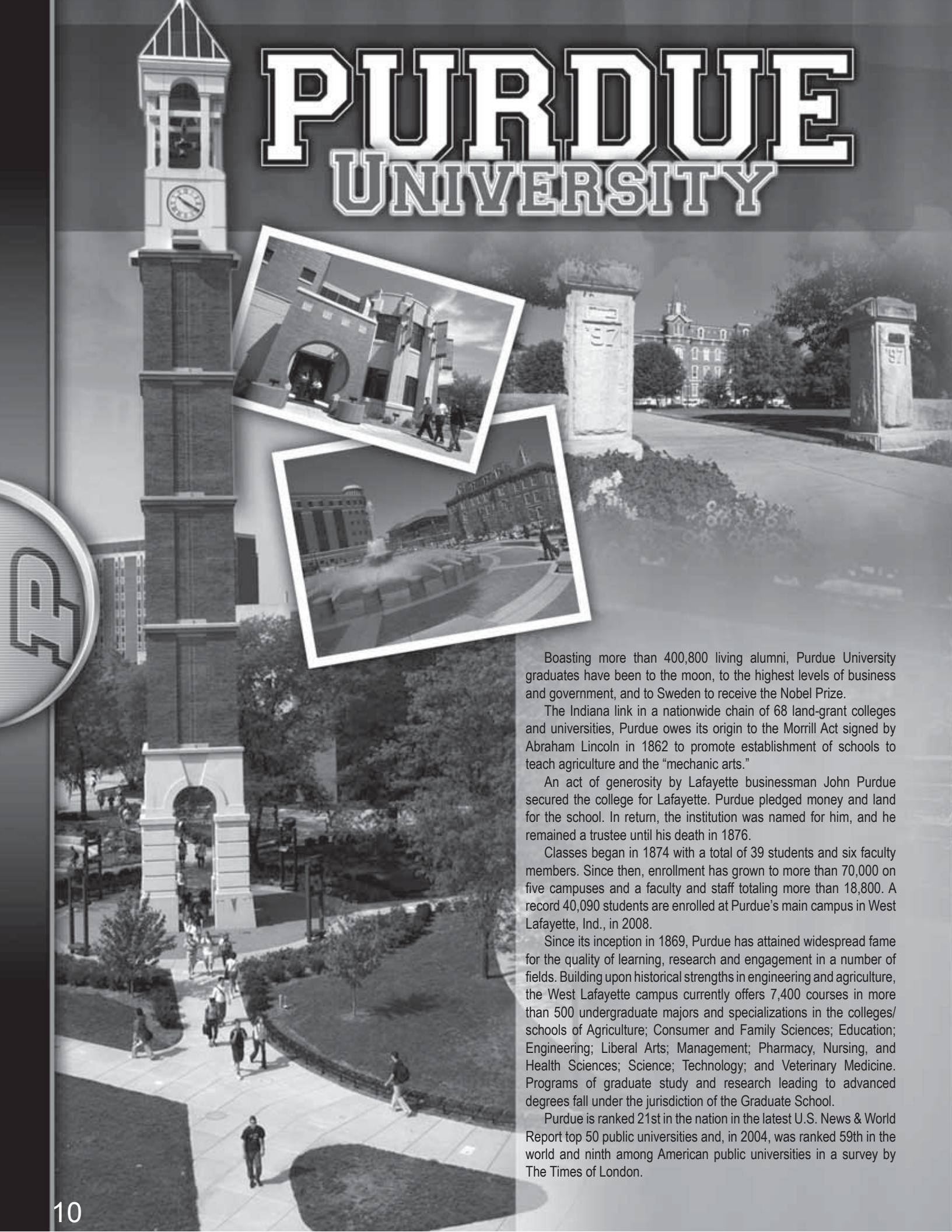
Purdue student support staff: Chase Caldwell, Maura Flynn (athletic trainer), Ashley Hudson, Sara Hinck, Stacy Hall, Laura Schmitt, Holly Fiock and Dan Reinhardt.



This is Purdue



PURDUE UNIVERSITY



Boasting more than 400,800 living alumni, Purdue University graduates have been to the moon, to the highest levels of business and government, and to Sweden to receive the Nobel Prize.

The Indiana link in a nationwide chain of 68 land-grant colleges and universities, Purdue owes its origin to the Morrill Act signed by Abraham Lincoln in 1862 to promote establishment of schools to teach agriculture and the "mechanic arts."

An act of generosity by Lafayette businessman John Purdue secured the college for Lafayette. Purdue pledged money and land for the school. In return, the institution was named for him, and he remained a trustee until his death in 1876.

Classes began in 1874 with a total of 39 students and six faculty members. Since then, enrollment has grown to more than 70,000 on five campuses and a faculty and staff totaling more than 18,800. A record 40,090 students are enrolled at Purdue's main campus in West Lafayette, Ind., in 2008.

Since its inception in 1869, Purdue has attained widespread fame for the quality of learning, research and engagement in a number of fields. Building upon historical strengths in engineering and agriculture, the West Lafayette campus currently offers 7,400 courses in more than 500 undergraduate majors and specializations in the colleges/schools of Agriculture; Consumer and Family Sciences; Education; Engineering; Liberal Arts; Management; Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Sciences; Science; Technology; and Veterinary Medicine. Programs of graduate study and research leading to advanced degrees fall under the jurisdiction of the Graduate School.

Purdue is ranked 21st in the nation in the latest U.S. News & World Report top 50 public universities and, in 2004, was ranked 59th in the world and ninth among American public universities in a survey by The Times of London.

France A. Córdoba
Purdue University President

In addition to charting new paths through its instruction, Purdue also pushes back the frontiers of research, from unraveling the molecular structure of viruses to designing a self-supporting food system for space colonies to genetically engineering crops and plants for feeding an ever-increasing global population.

As one of the 25 largest colleges and universities in the United States, Purdue leaves its mark on the world – and beyond – on a daily basis. Long known as the “mother of astronauts,” the University boasts 22 graduates – 20 men and two women – who have been selected to participate in the NASA space program. From the 1960s to today, from the Mercury Program to today’s fleet of space shuttles, Purdue alumni have flown on more than one-third of all manned U.S. space flights. Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon, and Gene Cernan, the last person to leave it, both call Purdue alma mater. In addition to the astronauts, scores of scientists, engineers and other personnel who help support the space program have graduated from Purdue.

From the steam era to the space age, Purdue has forged a proud tradition of education, research and service to the state, the United States and the world – a tradition that gets stronger every day.

Purdue University Quick Facts

Location	West Lafayette, Indiana 47907
Founded	1869
Enrollment	40,090
Acres	17,582 (14,517 for agriculture)
Buildings	387
Market Value of Endowment.....	\$1.8 billion
Living Alumni	More than 400,800
President	France A. Córdoba
Provost	William R. “Randy” Woodson
Faculty Representatives	Jeffrey T. Bolin Christie L. Sahley
Athletics Director	Morgan J. Burke
Nickname	Boilermakers
Colors	Old Gold and Black
Mascot	Boilermaker Special
Song	Hail Purdue
National Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference	Big Ten

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY

LAFAYETTE WEST LAFAYETTE



West Lafayette, the location of Purdue University's main campus, is the twin city of Lafayette, the county seat of Tippecanoe County. On the banks of the Wabash River, surrounded by rich, green farmlands, the cities are located 60 miles northwest of Indianapolis and 120 miles southeast of Chicago.

With a population of more than 150,000, Tippecanoe County is one of the largest communities in northwestern Indiana, accessible from Interstate 65; U.S. Highways 52 and 231; and State Roads 25, 26, 38 and 43. Major bus lines and Amtrak trains stop daily. The Purdue Airport opened in 1930 as the first university-owned airport in the nation.

Lafayette-West Lafayette is a regional hub for restaurants, shops, museums and entertainment. The community offers three movie theaters with 25 screens, daily and weekly newspapers, 12 radio stations, a television station and cable system, 150 churches of all major denominations, an art museum, a historical museum, 2,100 acres of public parks and more than 30 miles of trails.

Nearby points of historic and scenic interest include Fort Ouiatenon, on the National Register of Historic Places; Battle Ground, where William Henry Harrison fought the Battle of Tippecanoe; and the Museum at Prophetstown and Prophetstown State Park, dedicated to the preservation of Woodland Native American agricultural and environmental heritage.

Lafayette also is home to the Long Center for the Performing Arts, Clegg Botanical Garden and Columbian Park Zoo. Located on the eastern side of the Wabash River, Lafayette shares the 13-mile long Wabash Heritage Trail with West Lafayette. Nearby Battle Ground, located northwest of West Lafayette, boasts Wolf Park, where people can see live wolves, coyotes and foxes in their natural habitat.

Not only are there places to go in Lafayette-West Lafayette, but there also are plenty of things to do. The area serves as host to numerous community events throughout the year, including the Taste of Tippecanoe, 'Round the Fountain Art Fair, Dancing in the Streets, Global Fest, Feast of the Hunters' Moon, Christmas Parade, Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Colt World Series and Trails of Tippecanoe Bike Tour.

West Lafayette has experienced a recent renaissance of sorts in an area called "the levee," located just across the John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge from Riehle Plaza and downtown Lafayette. More than \$100 million worth of construction has gone into developing Wabash Landing. The result is numerous restaurants, shops and apartments that have made the location a new focal point for locals and students alike.

A diverse mixture of night spots, shopping centers, art museums and restaurants give Lafayette-West Lafayette a distinct and unique flavor. Boasting the convenience of a modern city and friendly "down-home" residents, Lafayette-West Lafayette is one of America's most-livable communities.

Distance From West Lafayette To Midwestern Cities

Indianapolis, Ind.	60 miles
Fort Wayne, Ind.	114 miles
Chicago, Ill.	120 miles
Louisville, Ky.	175 miles
Cincinnati, Ohio	181 miles
Milwaukee, Wis.	199 miles
Columbus, Ohio	236 miles
St. Louis, Mo.	265 miles
Davenport, Iowa	267 miles
Madison, Wis.	273 miles
Detroit, Mich.	330 miles
Cleveland, Ohio	337 miles

INDIANA

THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA

Indiana, "The Crossroads of America," has something for everyone. Whether you are in search of work, recreation or relaxation, the Hoosier State most likely will satisfy your needs.

Located in the heart of the Midwest, Indiana is welcoming to a variety of people because of its rich history, cultural opportunities and fertile landscape, not to mention its place as one of the major sports metropolises and industrial centers in the nation and world.

In the northwest corner of the state, one can traverse Indiana's 41-mile Lake Michigan waterfront. This area, which boasts the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, is good for work and play. It is home to industries that turn out iron, steel, oil, automobile parts and accessories, truck and bus bodies, aircraft engines and pharmaceuticals. Indiana gives to the world from factory to field. The state is a leader in agriculture, with corn as its main crop.

Beneath much of Indiana's rich soil is limestone. A large amount of the building limestone used in the U.S. is quarried in Indiana.

Those looking for a little adventure in Indiana can access more than 1.1 million acres of land available for outdoor recreation. Some of that land can be found in southern Indiana, where Wyandotte Cave, one of the largest caverns in the U.S., is located.

One can work and play in Indiana. But when it comes to sports spectating, Indiana is second to none. Everything starts in Indianapolis, home of the NFL Colts, NBA Pacers and WNBA Fever. The Indians, a Triple-A baseball team, play at Victory Field, while Indianapolis also is home to the Indiana Ice hockey team. During the summer, the city plays host to the Indianapolis Tennis Championships, a precursor to the U.S. Open. The summer starts with the Indianapolis 500, followed by the U.S. Grand Prix Formula One and draws to a close with the Brickyard 400, car races run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Indianapolis has hosted one women's basketball and five men's basketball NCAA Final Fours. The men's finals return in 2010 and the women in 2011. Additionally the city has conducted at least one Olympic Trials each year since 1984, including those for swimming and diving, synchronized swimming, track and field and wrestling.

Whatever your pleasure is, you are sure to find it somewhere in the state of Indiana.



QUICK FACTS

- 19th state, granted statehood on Dec. 11, 1816
- Indiana means "the land of the Indians"
- State motto is "The Crossroads of America"
- State capital is Indianapolis
- Indiana has 36,291 square miles of land
- Indiana has 92 counties
- State population in 2000 Census was 6,080,485
- 51 percent of the state population is female
- Median age is 35.2
- Five largest cities are Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Evansville, South Bend and Gary

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

At Purdue University, we place value in the intercollegiate athletics experience of our student-athletes. The athletics department supports the educational mission of our institution in its pursuit of academic achievement and graduation. Through participation in our athletics programs, students learn self-discipline, build self-confidence, and develop competitive skills. Our student-athletes learn practical life lessons such as teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing, and hard work. Through the Drew and Brittany Brees Student-Athlete Center, you will find the resources necessary to excel as a student, a student-athlete, and as a well-rounded individual.

Former Boilermaker All-America quarterback and current starter for the New Orleans Saints, Drew Brees and his wife Brittany, donated \$2 million in the fall of 2007 to further enhance the academic support services of Purdue University's intercollegiate athletics program. The learning center has been named after them and the majority of the funds will be used for the total renovation of the academic center as part of the Mackey Arena Project.

Academic Learning Center

The facilities in the Drew and Brittany Brees Student-Athlete Center and the staff in academic support services are available to help all of our student-athletes reach their academic goals. The Drew and Brittany Brees Student-Athlete Center is located on the second floor of the Holloway Gymnasium and offers a range of academic support services for our student-athletes. Services available include: monitored study tables; individual and group tutoring; 74-station computer lab; walk-in tutoring for math, chemistry and physics; supplemental instruction; laptop computers for traveling; and note-takers.

Tutorial Program

Tutorial Services are offered to all student-athletes free of charge. Our tutorial staff consists of undergraduate and graduate students, instructors from campus, professionals from the community, and retired Purdue faculty. Our objective is to cover every academic discipline to ensure our student-athletes have assistance in all coursework.

Academic Mentor Program

The Academic Mentor Program was developed to provide our student-athletes with even greater support in meeting their individual academic needs. Every student-athlete presents a different academic need, and our staff wants to ensure all are receiving the necessary academic resources to succeed academically at Purdue. Mentors are individually selected to assist the program and are educated to ensure our mission of academic integrity.





CHAMPS/Life Skills Program

Purdue is committed to providing the support necessary to make its student-athletes as successful as possible in the five commitment areas. The Purdue CHAMPS/Life Skills program is designed to help student-athletes realize their full personal, academic and athletic potential. Our staff is dedicated to providing the resources necessary to help all

Purdue student-athletes realize their goals.

Commitment to Academic Excellence

To support the academic progress of the student-athlete toward intellectual development and graduation.

Commitment to Service

To engage the student-athlete in service to his or her campus and surrounding communities.

Commitment to Athletic Excellence

To build philosophical foundations for the development of athletic programs that are broad-based, equitable and dedicated to the well-being of all student-athletes.

Program Of Excellence

Purdue was a 2004 recipient of the "Program of Excellence" Award. The award is given to universities whose CHAMPS programs have established student-athlete welfare as the cornerstone of their operating principles.



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NCAA CHAMPIONS



PURDUE 62, DUKE 45

San Jose, California
March 28, 1999
San Jose Arena



1999 NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
NATIONAL CHAMPION



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



2008



2000



2003



2007



1999



2004



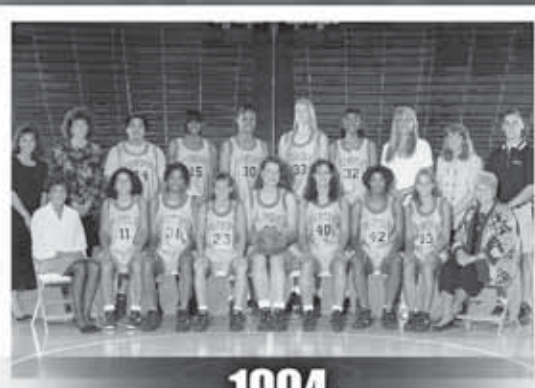
1998



TOURNAMENT TITLES



1991



1994



1995



1997

Purdue has collected a conference-best seven Big Ten Tournament titles, including back-to-back tournament championships under head coach Sharon Versyp. No other Big Ten team has won more than twice over the event's 14-year history. The Boilermakers have appeared in the championship game in 10 of the 14 tournaments, winning seven.

Since 1991, Purdue has won seven Big Ten regular-season championships, more than any conference opponent. The Boilermakers are consistently challenging for the title. In the last 21 seasons, Purdue has finished in the top three in the conference a remarkable 18 times. The lowest finish in that time period was sixth in 1992-93. The Boilermakers turned it around the following year, winning the regular-season title and landing Purdue's first trip to the NCAA Women's Final Four.



1999



2001



2002

ALL-AMERICANS

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS



ASSOCIATED PRESS
1999 - Stephanie White
2001 - Katie Douglas



KODAK/WBCA
1991 - Joy Holmes
1992 - MaChelle Joseph
1995 - Stacey Lovelace
1999 - Stephanie White
2000 - Katie Douglas
2001 - Katie Douglas



U.S. BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOC.
1992 - MaChelle Joseph
1999 - Stephanie White
2000 - Katie Douglas
2001 - Katie Douglas



WOODEN ALL-AMERICAN
2004 - Shereka Wright



Shereka Wright — 2004
F, 5-10, Copperas Cove, Texas

MaChelle Joseph — 1992
G, 5-8, Auburn, Ind.

Stacey Lovelace — 1995
F/C, 6-4, Detroit, Mich.

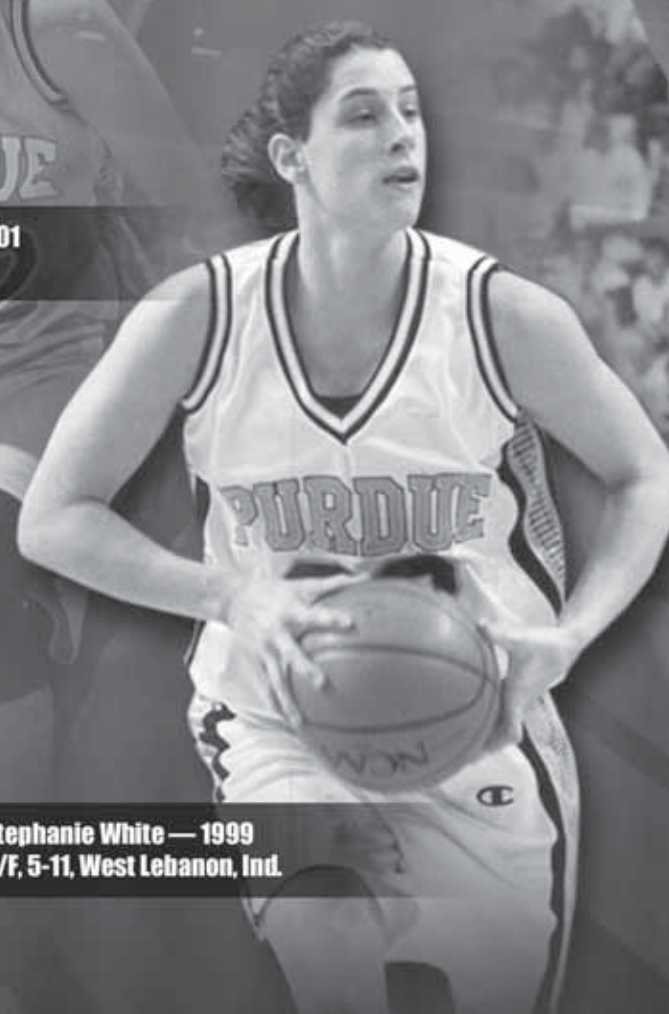
At the start of the 2003-04 season, fans entering Mackey Arena noticed something new; retired jersey banners honoring Purdue's men's and women's basketball All-Americans. The first six women's honorees were Joy Holmes, MaChelle Joseph, Stacey Lovelace, Stephanie White, Katie Douglas and Shereka Wright. Retired jersey banners are awarded to players who are named first team All-American by Kodak, Wooden, or first, second or third team All-American by Associated Press. In 2007, another banner was hung in the rafters, honoring Katie Gearlds. Gearlds was named third team AP All-American following a stellar senior season that concluded in the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight.



Katie Gearlds — 2007 (AP Third Team)
G/F, 6-1, Beech Grove, Ind.



Katie Douglas — 2000, 2001
G/F, 6-1, Indianapolis, Ind.

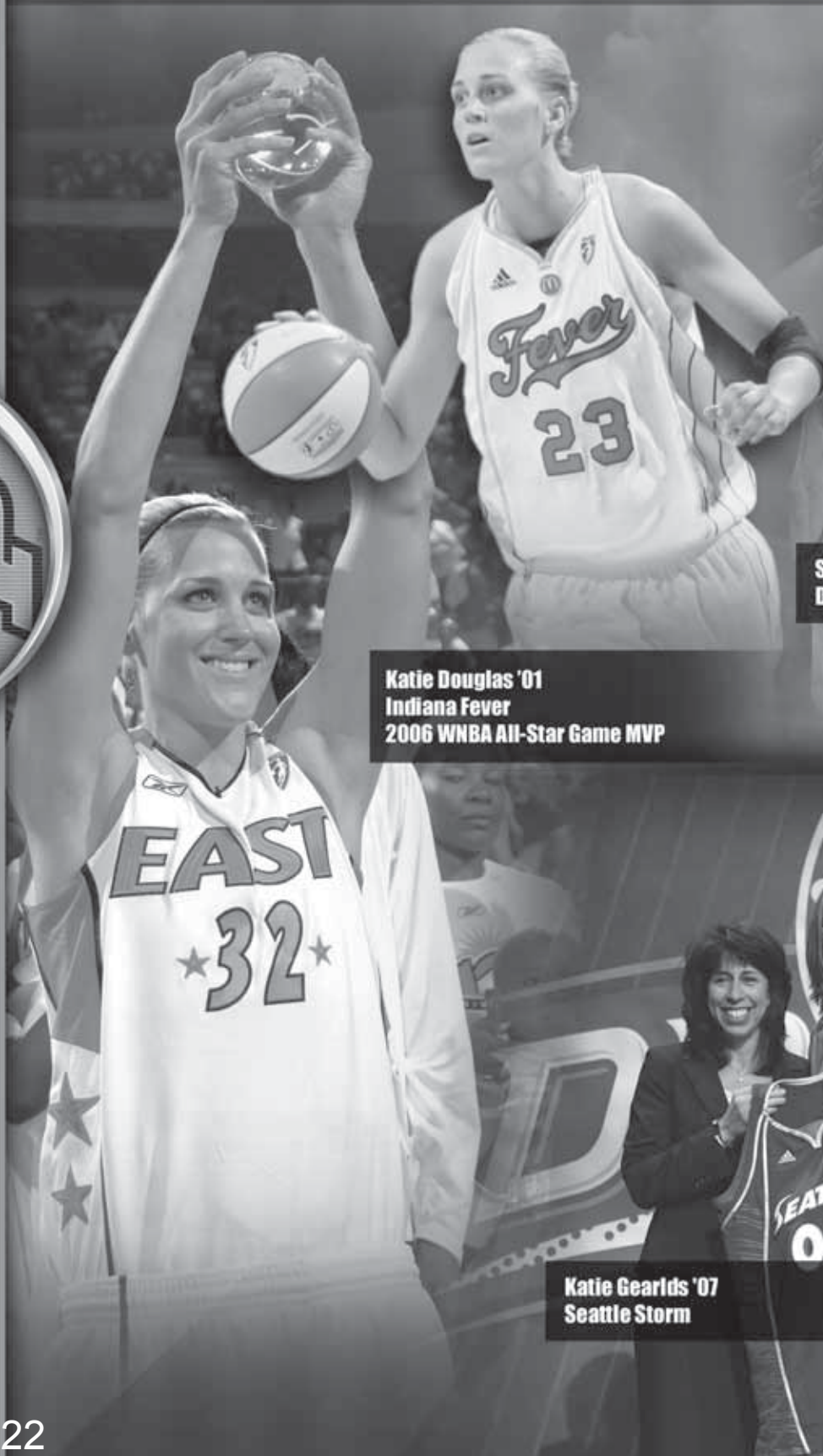


Stephanie White — 1999
G/F, 5-11, West Lebanon, Ind.

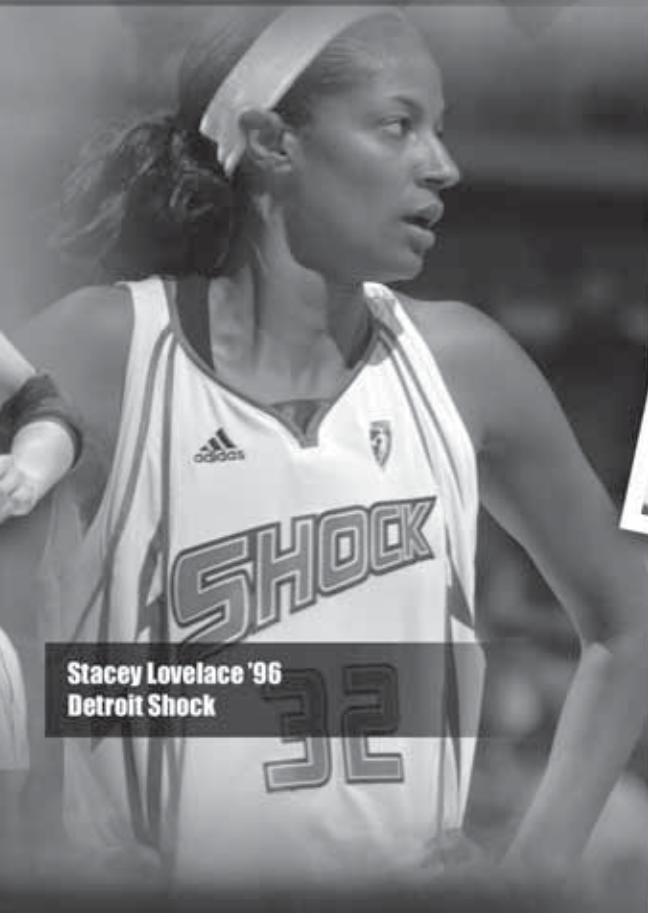


Joy Holmes — 1991
G/F, 5-10, Mansfield, Ohio

BOILERMAKERS IN THE PROS



Katie Douglas '01
Indiana Fever
2006 WNBA All-Star Game MVP



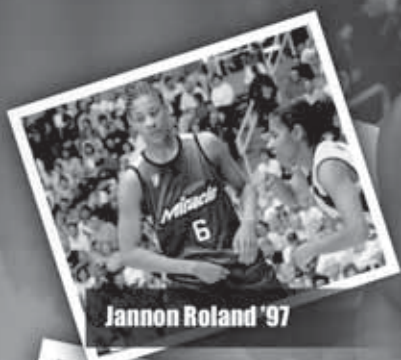
Stacey Lovelace '96
Detroit Shock



Katie Gearlds '07
Seattle Storm



FROM PURDUE TO PROFESSIONAL



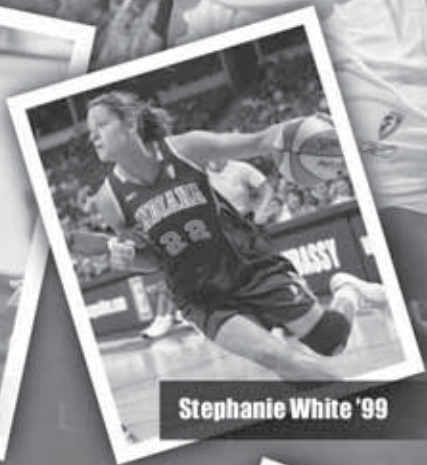
Jannon Roland '97



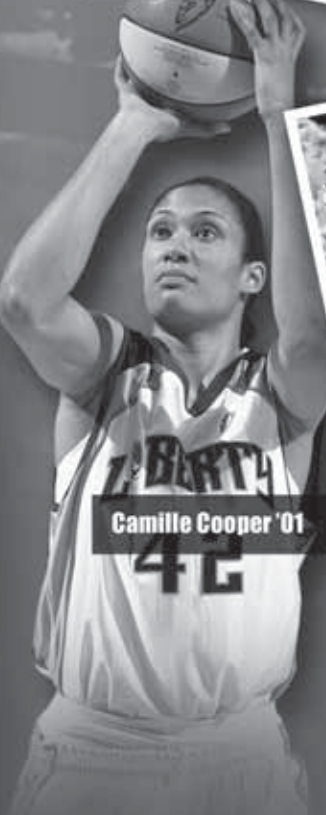
Shereka Wright '04



Corissa Yasen '97



Stephanie White '99



Camille Cooper '01














Joy Holmes '91



Jennifer Jacoby '95



-  **Camille Cooper**
Los Angeles Sparks, WNBA (2001)
New York Liberty, WNBA (2001-02)
-  **Katie Douglas**
Orlando Miracle, WNBA (2001-02)
Connecticut Sun, WNBA (2003-2007)
Indiana Fever, WNBA (2008-present)
-  **Ukari Figgs**
Los Angeles Sparks, WNBA (1999-2001)
Portland Fire, WNBA (2002)
Houston Comets, WNBA (2003)
-  **Katie Gearlds**
Seattle Storm, WNBA (2007-Present)
-  **Joy Holmes**
Seattle Reign, ABL (1997-98)
Nashville Noise, ABL (1998-99)
Detroit Shock, WNBA (2000)
-  **Jennifer Jacoby**
Portland Power, ABL (1996-98)
-  **Stacey Lovelace**
Atlanta Glory, ABL (1996-98)
New England Blizzard, ABL (1998-99)
Seattle Storm, WNBA (2000-01)
Minnesota Lynx, WNBA (2004-05)
Chicago Sky, WNBA (2006)
Washington Mystics, WNBA (2007)
Atlanta Glory, WNBA (2008)
Detroit Shock, WNBA (2008)
-  **Jannon Roland**
Columbus Quest, ABL (1997-98)
New England Blizzard, ABL (1997-99)
Orlando Miracle, WNBA (2000)
-  **Stephanie White**
Charlotte Sting, WNBA (1999)
Indiana Fever, WNBA (2000-04)
-  **Shereka Wright**
Phoenix Mercury, WNBA (2004-06)
-  **Corissa Yasen**
Sacramento Monarchs, WNBA (1997)

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

USA BASKETBALL

Purdue has a rich history with USA Basketball, the national governing body for men's and women's basketball in the United States. USA Basketball is responsible for the selection, training and fielding of U.S. teams that compete in International Basketball Federation (FIBA) sponsored international basketball competitions.

USA Basketball also is involved in the sanctioning of U.S. basketball team tours of foreign countries, foreign basketball team tours of the U.S., as well as overseeing the certification of FIBA and USA Basketball officials and the assignment of certified FIBA and USA Basketball officials to international competitions.

USA Basketball teams participate in numerous competitions, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan-American Games and World University Games. In addition, USA Basketball fields Junior National teams to compete in FIBA Junior World Championships and Select teams to tour foreign countries for international tournaments.

Numerous Purdue players and coaches have participated in USA Basketball, including former Boilermaker coach Nell Fortner. Fortner guided the USA Basketball Women's National Team to the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

In August 2006, Purdue's Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton became the 10th Boilermaker to represent the U.S. when she was selected as a member of the USA Basketball U20 National Team that won the gold in the FIBA Americas U20 Championship for Women in Mexico City, Mexico.

Wisdom-Hylton won a second gold medal in 2007 as a member of the USA Basketball U21 World Championship Team.



MaChelle Joseph
1989 Junior Nationals
1990 Junior Nationals
1992 Jones Cup (G)



Jennifer Jacoby
1995 Jones Cup (B)



Stacey Lovelace
1995 Jones Cup (B)



Jannon Roland
1995 Jones Cup (B)
1997 Jones Cup (S)



Stephanie White
1996 Select Team
1997 Jones Cup (S)



Ukari Figgs
1998 Select Team



Katie Douglas
1998 Select Team
1999 World University Games (S)



Camille Cooper
1999 World University Games (S)
2000 Jones Cup (G)



Shereka Wright
2001 World University Games (G)



Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton
2006 FIBA Americas U20 Championship (G)
2007 U21 World Championship (G)



PURDUE HALL OF FAME

The Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame currently consists of 90 inductees, with an additional nine scheduled for induction in the fall. An 11-person committee consisting of six former athletes and five administrators selects each class from nominations solicited from fans, athletes and coaches. There is a five-year waiting period from the time a former athlete, coach or administrator leaves Purdue before he or she may be selected. A permanent outdoor display area for the Hall of Fame, located near the message board on the northeast side of Mackey Arena, opened in September of 1995.

Class of 1994

Keith Carter
Terry Dischinger
Ray Ewry
W.P. "Dutch" Fehring
Bob Gries
Leroy Keyes
Ward "Piggy" Lambert
Guy J. "Red" Mackey
Jack Mollenkopf
Rick Mount
Jane (Neff) Myers
Arnold Plaza
John Wooden

13 inductees

Swimming
Basketball, Baseball
Track and Field
Football, Basketball, Baseball
Football, Basketball
Football
Basketball, Baseball
Football, Administration
Football
Basketball
Volleyball
Wrestling
Basketball

Class of 1995

Joe Barry Carroll
Lamar Lundy
Orval Martin
Charles "Stretch" Murphy
Mike Phipps
Chris Schenkel
James Smart
Sam Voinoff
Carol (Emanuel) Young

9 inductees

Basketball
Football, Basketball
Cross Country, Track and Field
Basketball
Football
Honorary
Administration
Football, Golf
Basketball

Class of 1996

Lawrence Burton
Len Dawson
John DeCamp
Fred Hovde
William "Pinky" Newell
Dave Schellhase
Bill Skowron
Hank Stram

8 inductees

Football, Track and Field
Football
Honorary
Administration
Administration
Men's Basketball
Football, Baseball
Football, Baseball

Class of 1997

Otis Armstrong
Dr. Loyal "Bill" Combs
Joy (Holmes) Harris
Mark Herrmann
Elmer Oliphant
Fred Wampler

6 inductees

Football
Football, Administration
Basketball
Football
Football, Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball
Golf

Class of 1998

Tim Foley
Noble Kizer
Duane Purvis
Dave Rankin

7 inductees

Football
Football, Administration
Football, Track and Field
Football, Track and Field

The Purdue Hall of Fame Class of 2006

Back row (L to R):
Stephanie White, Keena Turner, Glenn Robinson,
Mike Alstott.

Front row (L to R):
Ms. Doris Gilliam, Leo Sugar, Carol Taylor,
Steven C. Beering, Kim Morstadt.

Cathey Tyree
Jeanne (Wilson) Vaughan
Jewell Young

Basketball, Track and Field
Honorary
Basketball, Baseball

Class of 1999

Bernie Allen
Bob DeMoss
Jim Everett
Paul Hoffman
Marianne (Smith) Orr
Joe Patacsil

6 inductees

Football, Baseball
Football, Administration
Football
Basketball, Baseball
Volleyball
Wrestling

Class of 2000

Adam Abele
Tom Bettis
Andrea Marek
Claude Reeke
Joe Rudolph
Joe Sexson
Elmer Sleight

7 inductees

Tennis
Football
Track and Field
Wrestling
Honorary
Basketball, Baseball
Football

Class of 2001

Joe Campbell
Sybil (Perry) Caruthers
Edward Elliott
Cecil Isbell
Bob King
George King
Dale Samuels
Fred Wilt

8 inductees

Basketball, Golf
Track and Field
Administration
Football
Basketball, Administration
Basketball, Administration
Football, Administration
Cross Country, Track and Field

Class of 2003

Carol Dewey
Bernie Flowers
Charles Jones
John Konsek
Ralph "Pest" Welch
Debbie (McDonald) West
Rod Woodson
Corissa Yasen

8 inductees

Volleyball
Football
Wrestling
Golf
Football
Volleyball
Football, Track and Field
Track and Field, Basketball

Class of 2004

Jim Beirne
Dave Butz
Casey Fredericks
Becky (Cotta) Kirsinkas
Amy Ruley
Darryl Stingley
Harry Szulborski
Jim Young

8 inductees

Football
Football
Wrestling
Cross Country, Track and Field
Basketball, Field Hockey (Honorary)
Football
Football
Football, Administration

Class of 2006

Mike Alstott
Dr. Steven C. Beering
Herm Gilliam
Kim (Fritsch) Morstadt
Dick Papenguth
Glenn Robinson
Leo Sugar
Carol (Pence) Taylor
Keena Turner
Stephanie White

10 inductees

Football
Honorary
Basketball
Swimming
Swimming
Basketball
Football
Honorary
Football
Basketball

Class of 2007

Don Albert
Darrell "Pete" Brewster
Ray Eddy
Ukari Figgs
Billy Keller
Bob Kessler
Ed Langford
Felix Mackiewicz
Ned Maloney

9 inductees

Golf
Football, Basketball
Basketball, Administration
Basketball
Basketball
Basketball
Track and Field
Baseball, Football
Football, Administration



SPIRIT & TRADITION



From nicknames to mascots to school colors, Purdue boasts a rich and storied athletics tradition. Details on Purdue's history of school spirit follows.

BOILERMAKERS

The year was 1891, and a little-known school that prided itself on educating men and women for productive, utilitarian careers was just beginning to experience success in football. DePauw, Wabash and Butler were the football powers of Indiana in those days. Purdue was late to the game, fielding its first team in 1887 and losing its only game to Butler 48 to 6.

By 1891, Purdue had hired two coaches from eastern power Princeton and was on the verge of an era of total domination of opponents. In the 1891 season opener, Purdue traveled to Wabash College in nearby Crawfordsville. Besides coming away with a 44-0 victory, the Purdue "eleven," as football teams were known back then, headed back to West Lafayette with a new nickname.

In the 1890s, hometown newspapers were considerably more protective of college teams than they are today. After the 44-0 drubbing, one Crawfordsville newspaper lashed out at the "Herculean wearers of the black and old gold." Beneath the headline "Slaughter of Innocents," the paper told of the injustice visited upon the "light though plucky" Wabash squad.

By the next week, the Lafayette papers were returning the taunts: "As everyone knows, Purdue went down to Wabash last Saturday and defeated their eleven. The Crawfordsville papers have not yet gotten over it. The only recourse they have is to claim that we beat their 'scientific' men by brute force. Our players are characterized as 'coal heavers,' 'boiler makers' and 'stevedores,'" wrote a reporter for the *Lafayette Sunday Times* of Nov. 1, 1891.

The nickname stemmed from the nature of a Purdue education. As a land-grant institution, the college, since its founding in 1869 had schooled the sons and daughters of the working class for work that was considered beneath the high-born who attended liberal arts colleges such as Wabash.

That same fall of 1891, Purdue had acquired a working railroad engine to mount in a newly established locomotive laboratory. It was one more step in the development of Purdue as one of the world's leaders in engineering teaching and research. For athletic adversaries and their boosters, this specialty in engineering education — and the other founding concentration, agriculture — served as fodder for name-calling.



Over the years, Purdue teams had been called grangers, pumpkin-shuckers, railsplitters, cornfield sailors, blacksmiths, foundry hands and, finally, boilermakers. That last one stuck.

OLD GOLD AND BLACK

Members of Purdue's first football team in 1887 felt that the squad should be distinguished by certain colors, and since Princeton was at the time the most successful gridiron unit, its colors were considered. Though actually orange and black, the Princeton colors were known by many as yellow and black. Purdue gridders opted for old gold over yellow, kept the black, and began flying the colors that endure today.

BOILERMAKER SPECIAL

The official mascot of the Boilermakers is a replica of a Victorian-era locomotive. Conceived by a Purdue student in the 1930s to exemplify the engineering and agrarian heritage of Purdue, the first Special was provided by a group of alumni working in executive positions in the rail and automotive industries. Boilermaker Special I made its debut on the first day of classes in 1940. Then-President Edward Elliott assigned an existing spirit group, the Reamer Club, to maintain and operate "the train," as Reamers have always called the Special.

Alumni, students, faculty and staff have raised funds to replace the Special as it has worn out — in 1953, 1960 and, most recently, in 1993. Boilermaker Special V was unveiled on Sept. 25, 1993 at the Purdue-Notre Dame game. Lafayette semi-trailer manufacturer Wabash National took the lead in providing materials and labor to build the newest Special. The "V" is appropriate because Special IV, known as the X-tra Special, was actually the fourth faux locomotive produced.

Although each version of the full-size Special has been a total remake, elements of V came from I, including the bell, light and whistle. Built to be roadworthy in each of its four incarnations, the Special appears at all games in Ross-Ade Stadium, travels to away football games and is a favorite at events ranging from parades to birthday parties. The Special made the trip to Pasadena to accompany the Boilermakers to the 2001 Rose Bowl, although it was shipped the 2,100 miles to southern California.

BOILERMAKER X-TRA SPECIAL

Built on a golf cart frame, the X-tra Special goes to all the athletics events that the Boilermaker Special can't, including those in Mackey Arena and Lambert Fieldhouse. The body for the X-tra

Special was fabricated in a Department of Aviation Technology lab on the West Lafayette campus.

PURDUE PETE

A boilermaker if ever there was one, Purdue Pete first took the field to cheer on the Boilermakers in 1956. Initially, students were chosen to portray Pete because of tumbling ability. In those days, Pete had a papier mache head and a bit of padding but was expected to tumble along with the cheerleaders. Today, Pete's head is crafted in the same aviation technology lab that produced the locomotive body of the X-tra Special. In addition to the head, the four students who portray Pete wear shoulder pads and carry a hammer.

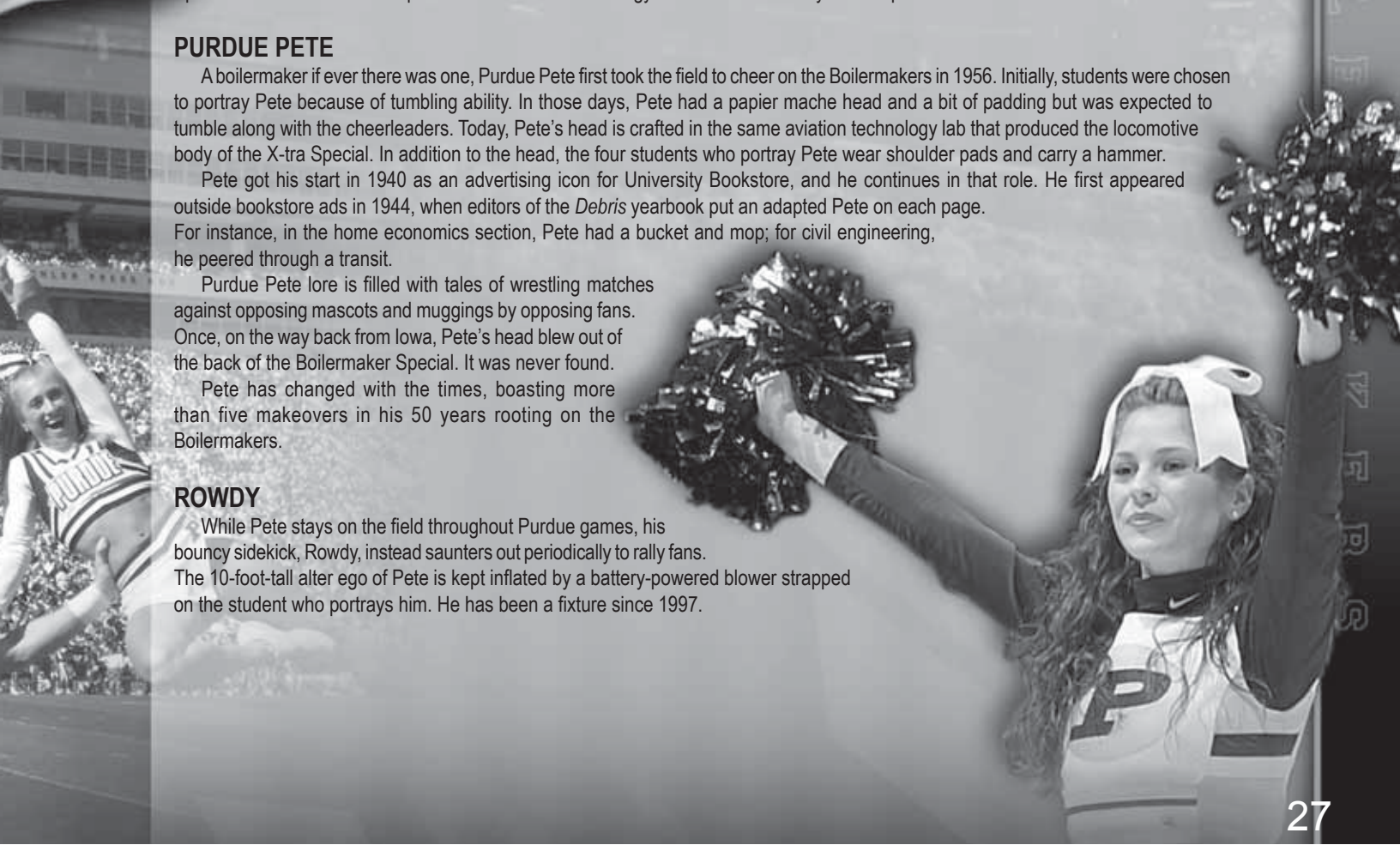
Pete got his start in 1940 as an advertising icon for University Bookstore, and he continues in that role. He first appeared outside bookstore ads in 1944, when editors of the *Debris* yearbook put an adapted Pete on each page. For instance, in the home economics section, Pete had a bucket and mop; for civil engineering, he peered through a transit.

Purdue Pete lore is filled with tales of wrestling matches against opposing mascots and muggings by opposing fans. Once, on the way back from Iowa, Pete's head blew out of the back of the Boilermaker Special. It was never found.

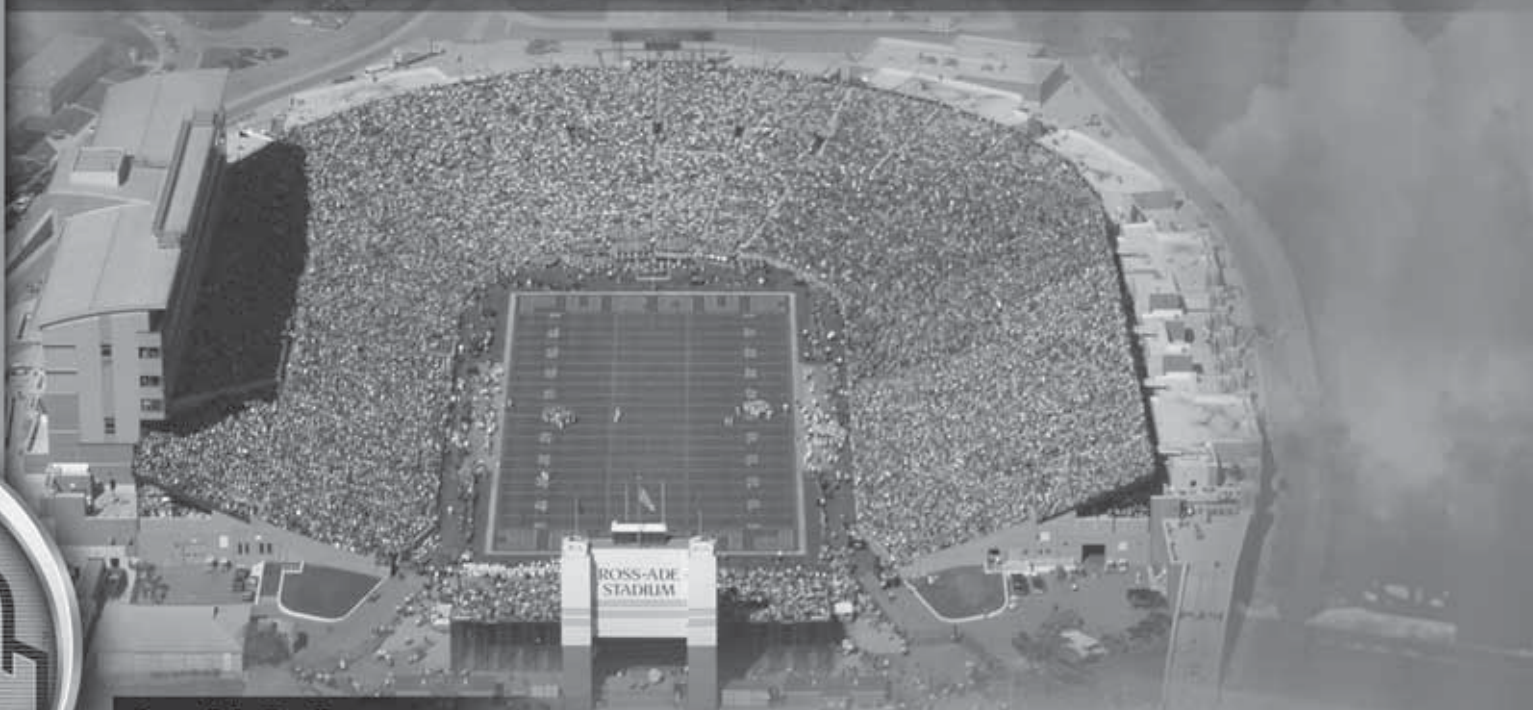
Pete has changed with the times, boasting more than five makeovers in his 50 years rooting on the Boilermakers.

ROWDY

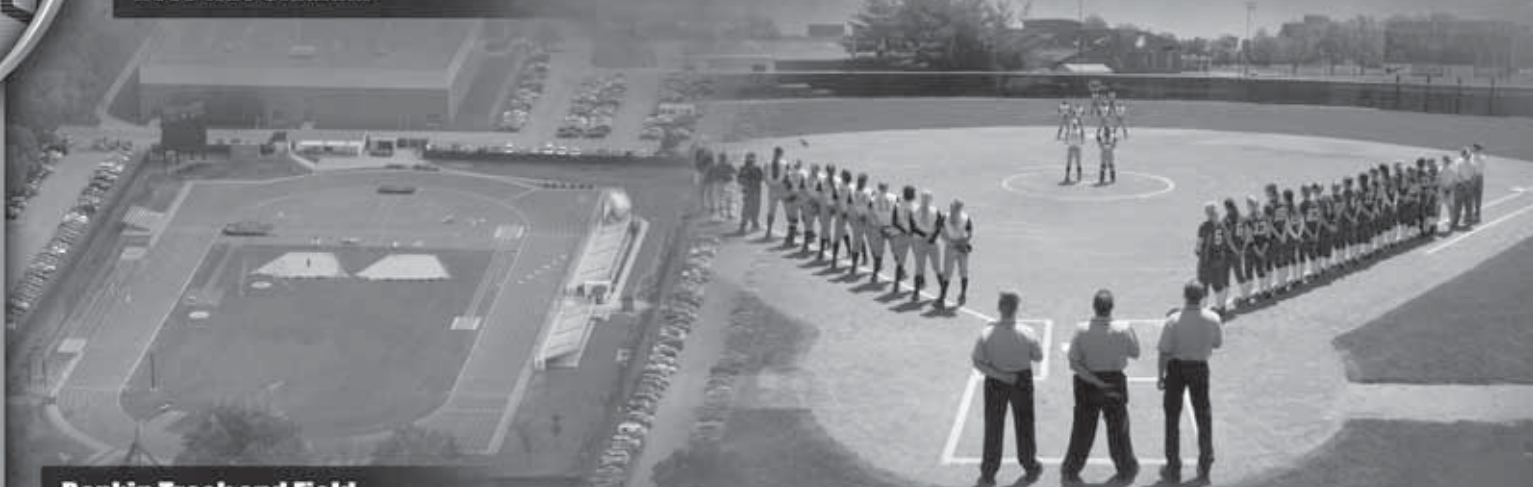
While Pete stays on the field throughout Purdue games, his bouncy sidekick, Rowdy, instead saunters out periodically to rally fans. The 10-foot-tall alter ego of Pete is kept inflated by a battery-powered blower strapped on the student who portrays him. He has been a fixture since 1997.



ATHLETIC FACILITIES



Ross-Ade Stadium



Rankin Track and Field

Varsity Softball Complex



Mollenkopf Athletic Center

Lambert Fieldhouse



Lambert Field



Schwartz Tennis Center



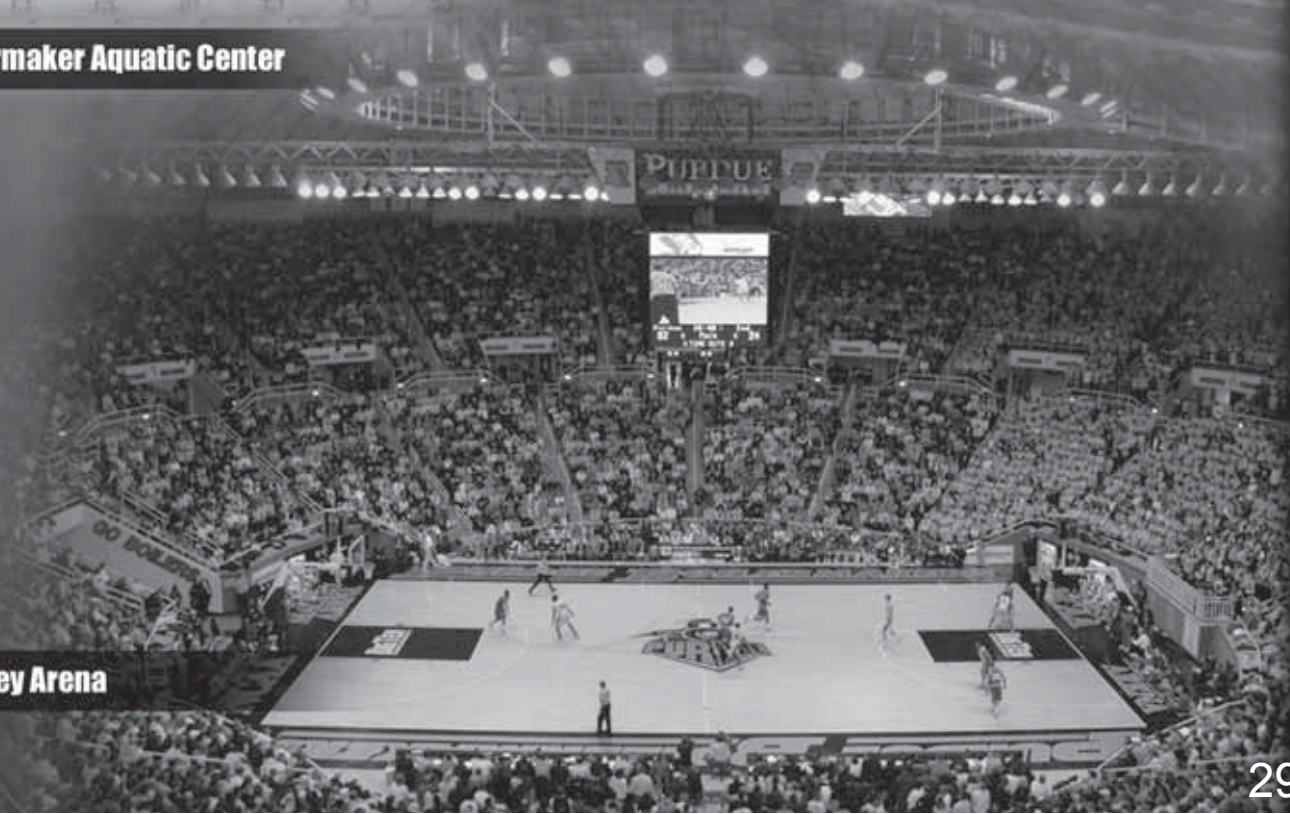
**Belin Court
in the Holloway Gymnasium**



Boilermaker Aquatic Center



Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex



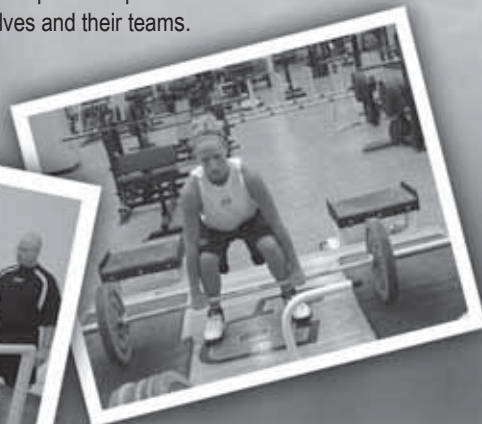
Mackey Arena

SPEED, STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

An effective speed, strength and conditioning program is essential to success in athletics today. Purdue's program is specialized for each sport and has two primary goals: performance enhancement — to enable the student-athlete to better perform in her sport by developing greater speed, strength, explosive power, agility and work capacity (conditioning) and injury prevention — to reduce the likelihood of injury by better conditioning the body to withstand the rigors of sport. This is achieved through effective use of core strength exercises to provide muscular balance as well as plyometric exercises and conditioning drills to ensure the fitness of athletes, allowing them to perform at a high level over the course of their competitions. The developmental process occurs over an effective year-round, sport-specific speed, strength and conditioning program.

The Purdue speed, strength and conditioning program addresses those specific concerns by providing an effective training environment for Purdue athletics' greatest assets, its student-athletes. The environment is created for women's basketball by Ron Thomson, a certified strength and conditioning specialist who is in his third year with the women's team. Ron has over 30 years experience in the field and works daily with the women's players to develop a training program designed to enhance the physical characteristics necessary to compete and excel in Big Ten and national competition.

Paramount in creating a training environment that will breed physical excellence is Purdue's qualified and highly motivated staff, which provides daily "hands-on" instruction in the techniques, skills and mental approach necessary to allow all student-athletes to excel in their physical training. The positive interaction between the student-athletes and speed, strength and conditioning coaches ensures that highly motivated athletes will receive the best experience possible and allow them to achieve their goals for themselves and their teams.



**Championship Teams
Strive for Perfection.
In Every Detail, Everyday!**



ATHLETIC TRAINING

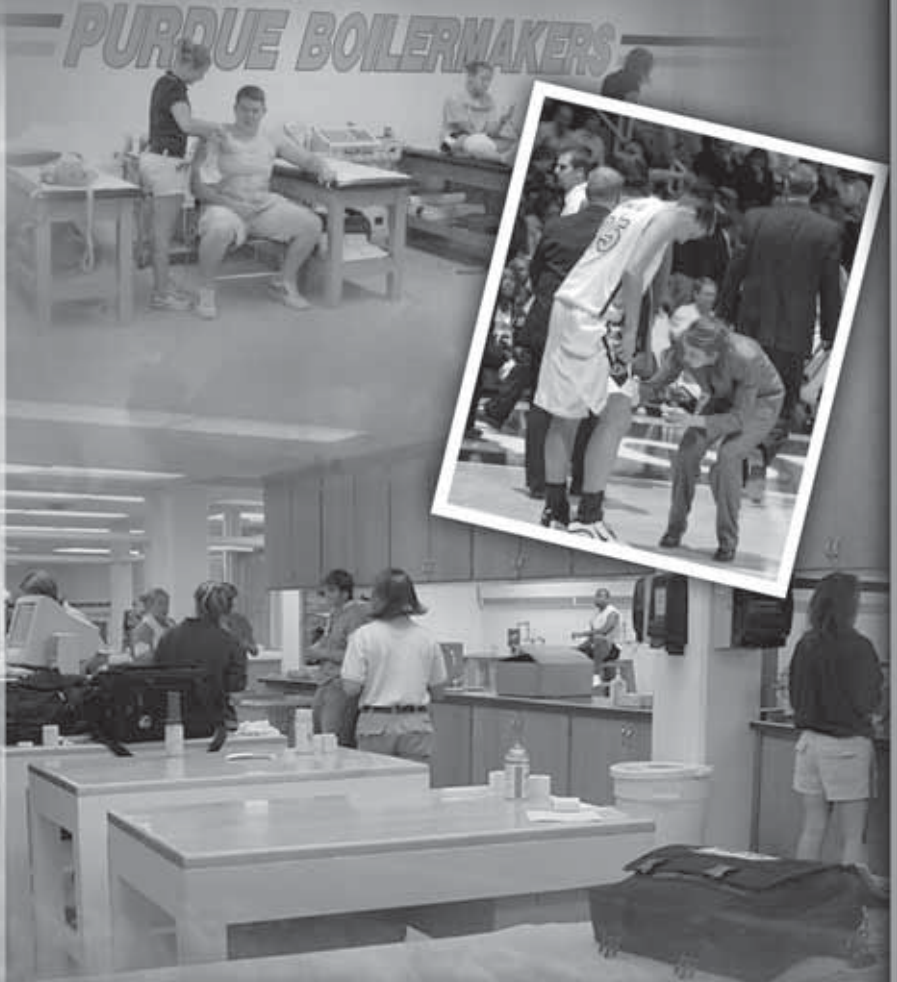
Purdue University has a long and rich history in health care for the student-athlete. William E. "Pinky" Newell was the Purdue athletic trainer from 1949 to 1976. He was a founding father of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and was a leader in the development of formal educational programs in athletic training. His foresight and commitment to the profession and to Purdue student-athletes places Purdue among the leaders in the care of athletes and the education of athletic trainers.

Purdue University Sports Medicine utilizes on-site daily care by the athletic training staff and team physicians, as well as consultants in orthopedics, dentistry, ophthalmology, neurology and other medical specialists in Lafayette/West Lafayette and Indianapolis. With a staff of nine athletic trainers and more than 20 physicians and other health science professionals, the Purdue student-athlete's health is well cared for.

Purdue attracts some of the finest athletic trainers in the country. The athletic trainers on the Purdue staff were drawn here by the reputation of the athletic training program. Every athletic trainer at Purdue is highly qualified; each has a master's degree, a physical therapy degree or PhD. Most athletic trainers on the Purdue staff also teach courses in the athletic training education program.

Every Purdue sport has its own staff athletic trainer, along with a complement of athletic training students, to care for Boilermaker student-athletes.

The reputation of Purdue's athletic training education program reaches nationwide. Graduates of the program are head and assistant athletic trainers in the NFL, the NBA, the Big Ten and the Pac-10, as well as other conferences across the country. They serve in high schools and clinics in all parts of the United States.



Dr. Greg Rowdon



Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne



Dr. Alayne Sundstrom



Denny Miller



Larry Leverenz



Jessica Lipsett



Alice Wilcoxson



Kara Kessans



Salvador Vallejo



Jeff Stein



Craig Voll



Casey Kohr

MEDIA EXPOSURE





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As a perennially top-ranked team, the Purdue Boilermakers receive substantial media exposure both locally and nationally. Newspapers, radio, television stations, photographers and bloggers all cover Purdue.

All of Purdue's games are broadcast live on the radio by WBPE-95.7 FM in Lafayette. Fans outside the listening area can pick up the live feed at purduesports.com. Handling play-by-play duties for the 19th year is Tim Newton, "the voice of Purdue women's basketball." He is joined on the air by former Boilermaker Jane (Calhoun) Schott and Associate Sports Information Director Sara White.

Newton also is host of WBPE's "Sharon Versyp's Coach's Show" that airs live each Monday throughout the season. Fans can call in with questions for the coach, or ask them in person while the show is produced in front of an audience.

Beginning this season, Versyp will also have a 14-episode coaches television show that will air on the Big Ten Network.

Purdue plays on ESPN2 three times this season (home games against Texas, Ohio State and Illinois) and the Boilermakers have at least seven regular-season games on the Big Ten Network. Last year, 18 of Purdue's 34 games were televised, including a return to network television when the Boilermakers took on Connecticut on CBS.

Purdue gets additional exposure through the Big Ten Network, which broadcasts over 50 league games during the regular season and select games during the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis.

This season, the Big Ten Network is enhancing its coverage of women's basketball by offering live webstreaming free of charge on bigtennetwork.com. The Boilermakers have eight games that will be featured on the Big Ten Network's website.

Printwise, the Purdue program and players have been featured in national publications such as *Sports Illustrated*, *Sports Illustrated for Women* and *Slam*, among others.

Information on the Purdue women's basketball team can be found by visiting purduesports.com, the Boilermakers' official Web site. The site contains results, box scores, news releases, game notes, game stories, statistics, photos and features, and is refreshed constantly from the beginning of the season to its end. Additionally, any home game not broadcast on television or on bigtennetwork.com will be available through webstreaming on the Purdue website. The radio broadcasts of all Purdue games are available on the site also.

All this attention ensures that no matter where you are, you will have no trouble following the Boilermakers.

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IN THE COMMUNITY



Purdue is very active in the Greater Lafayette community. The Boilermakers speak at schools and camps, visit the Indiana Veterans' home, film public service announcements, participate in fundraisers and numerous other activities. They have helped "Detrash the Wabash", volunteered at the Feast of the Hunter's Moon and visited nursing homes. Additionally, head coach Sharon Versyp is committed to helping various local causes, and is especially involved in cancer fundraising and awareness programs. Besides numerous speaking engagements she has assisted with Lafayette Habitat for Humanity.

The past two years, the Boilermakers have hosted a free pancake breakfast, sponsored by Wal-Mart, in conjunction with an open practice. The event, called Breakfast with the Boilers, gives fans an opportunity to meet the team and coaches, get autographs and watch the team in action.



FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL

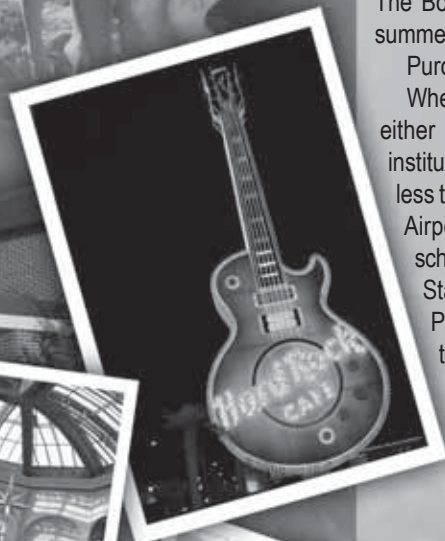
Purdue players have the opportunity to experience the continent and beyond during their playing careers. The Boilermakers visit major U.S. cities, U.S. territories and foreign countries in search of the best competition. Purdue has played in 33 of the 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. The Boilermakers will return to the Aloha state in November to compete in the Waikiki Beach Marriott Classic hosted by the University of Hawaii.

Purdue has little aversion to traveling on a grand scale. Recently, the Boilermakers traveled to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Las Vegas and the Bahamas for the Grand Bahama Junkanoo Jam in Freeport. The Boilermakers have been south of the border to play in the Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol and have played in the San Juan Shootout in Puerto Rico.

In addition to travel in North and Central America, Purdue has taken the opportunity to travel across the Atlantic Ocean. The Boilermakers competed in France and Switzerland in the summers of 1998 and 2005, posting 5-0 records on both trips.

Purdue plans on making another trip overseas in 2010.

Wherever the Boilermakers go, they travel well. Purdue goes either by plane or bus, depending on distance. Unlike many institutions, Purdue boasts its own airport on campus, located less than two miles away from Mackey Arena. From the Purdue Airport, the Boilermakers board charter planes to Big Ten schools out of driving range, such as Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin. Purdue typically travels on one of its own University buses to Illinois, Indiana and Northwestern. For select trips during the season, Purdue will travel through Indianapolis on major commercial airlines.



PURDUE UNIVERSITY AIRPORT
SERVING GREATER LAFAYETTE



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Long known as the "mother of astronauts" and a world leader in engineering, science and agricultural education and research, Purdue University also sends its sons and daughters to make a difference around the world and at home in business, government and even entertainment.

Of the more than 392,100 living Purdue alumni, 44 percent reside in Indiana. More than 19,000 call California home, and nearly 12,000 reside in Texas; the Hawaiian Islands are home to 714, and 350 live in Alaska.

Purdue graduates are pioneers and achievers in occupations as diverse as being elected to the Australian Parliament, serving as director of the National Science Foundation and head of Disney Studios. Others have become underwater explorers, traveled the country and world as relief workers with American Red Cross, founded support groups for cancer survivors and operated the largest duckling farm in the United States.

Robert Charles, who graduated in 1958 with a mechanical engineering degree, holds the distinction of being the first and only U.S.-born member of the Australian Parliament.

Rita Colwell earned bachelor's and master's degrees in 1956 and 1958. A molecular biologist, she is credited with devising a scheme that will drastically curtail the spread of cholera in Africa.

A Purdue alumnus led the team that produced an icon of shopping that ranks with the shopping cart and cash register in its ubiquity: the Universal Product Code or bar code. While employed at IBM in the early 1970s, Paul McEnroe and his team came up with a way to track inventory and record purchases at the same time.

She advises millions of people each evening on whether to cancel picnics, water their lawns and gas up their snowblowers. Sharon Resultan, who graduated with a degree in earth and atmospheric sciences in 1987, is prime time anchor and forecaster on The Weather Channel.

A father-daughter alumni team carries on the Purdue tradition in the wild blue yonder and beyond. Jerry Ross and Amy Ross hail from Crown Point, Ind. Both earned bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering before joining the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Jerry, a member of the Class of 1970, holds the record for most minutes spacewalking; he has played an integral role in the construction of the International Space Station and boasts seven flights aboard the space shuttle. On Earth, Amy, a member of the Class of 1994, designs gloves for use in spacewalks.

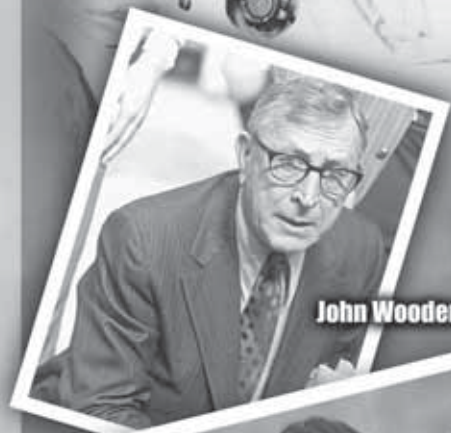
Nearly two-dozen members of the astronaut corps studied at Purdue. Notable among them are Neil Armstrong, Class of 1955, and Eugene Cernan, Class of 1956. Armstrong made history in 1969 as the first man to land a craft and step on the moon; Cernan was the last to leave it in 1972.

Accomplished Alumni

- ▶ **Ted Allen**, a food and wine connoisseur and Fab Five member of Bravo TV's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."
- ▶ Astronauts **Neil Armstrong** and **Eugene Cernan**, the first to walk on the moon and the last to leave it.
- ▶ Former U.S. Senator **Birch Bayh**, father of former Indiana governor and current U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh.
- ▶ Tellabs chairman and Purdue trustee **Michael Birk**.
- ▶ New Orleans Saints quarterback **Drew Brees**.
- ▶ **Beth Millard Brooke**, former women's basketball player, current global vice chairman for Ernst & Young, and a member of the *Forbes Magazine* 100 Most Powerful Women list.
- ▶ **Dr. Rita Colwell**, environmental microbiologist and scientific administrator.
- ▶ Former presidential speechwriter and former U.S. ambassador to Belize **Carolyn Curiel**.
- ▶ Hall of Fame quarterbacks **Len Dawson** and **Bob Griese**.
- ▶ WNBA All-Star and two-time All-American, **Katie Douglas**.
- ▶ **Pam Biggs Faerber**, founder of national support group for survivors of ovarian cancer.
- ▶ **Callie Khouri**, writer of the Oscar-winning movie *Thelma and Louise*. She also wrote the movie adaptation of *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*.
- ▶ **Brian Lamb**, founder and chairman of the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network or C-SPAN.
- ▶ **Marge Wagner**, senior executive vice president with Citigroup's global consumer group.
- ▶ **Elwood Mead**, who oversaw the construction of the Hoover Dam.
- ▶ Former Indianapolis mayor **Bart Peterson**.
- ▶ The late popcorn king **Orville Redenbacher**.
- ▶ **Faith Smith**, president of the only university to be founded and operated by American Indians.
- ▶ **Rick Smith**, became the NFL's youngest general manager when hired by the Houston Texans on June 5, 2006.
- ▶ **Dr. Janice Voss**, NASA astronaut and science director for the Kepler spacecraft.
- ▶ Hall of Fame basketball coach and All-American **John Wooden**.



Neil Armstrong



John Wooden



Dr. Janice Voss



Dr. Rita Colwell



Beth Brooke



Rick Smith

JOHN PURDUE CLUB



Since its inception in 1959, the John Purdue Club has been the home for Purdue's most loyal and devoted fans. Today, the Club is still true to the ideal first envisioned by Fred Hovde and Guy "Red" Mackey: a group of fans who share a passion for the Old Gold and Black and a commitment to providing a Purdue education for student-athletes.

Because the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics receives no funding from the state or University budgets, the success of the John Purdue Club is critical to the overall mission of the department. Each year, more than 9,000 Club members generate nearly \$6 million to underwrite the scholarship and academic support costs for student-athletes at Purdue.

John Purdue Club members provide the foundation for success — in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in life after graduation. And Club members provide that foundation for Boilermaker Athletics by demonstrating through their generosity that cheers alone will not support Purdue's student-athletes.

Although all 9,000 John Purdue Club members are essential to Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics, Life Champion members continue to lead the way as those who have chosen to make a lasting impact in perpetuity by fully endowing a scholarship.

Today, Purdue's Groben Society boasts 90 endowed scholarships. Five of those are designated for women's basketball and two more rotate between men's and women's basketball and football.

The newest faction of the John Purdue Club is the Varsity P Club. Membership is available to anyone that lettered in a varsity sport at Purdue. It allows Purdue's letterwinners the opportunity to re-connect with the elite group of people that have a shared student-athlete experience.

The goal of the Varsity P Club is to pull together a community of Boilermaker letter-winners. Through events, newsletters and the website, members will find opportunities to share memories, communicate news of their life and family and keep up with the happenings of those who played beside them at Purdue.

For more information on the John Purdue Club call 800-213-2239.

Groben Society Endowed Scholarships

Football

Anonymous
Carl Bimel
Al Birchler & Molly Thomas
Gregory & Mauna Brickler
Bill & Betty Christenson
Dick & Sandy Dauch
Paul DeNuccio
Daniel C. Deufel
Forest & Rosalyn Farmer
Robert "Bob" Griese
Richard & Jeanne Groben
Nicholas A. Hardwick
Bill & Ginny Hingst
John & Hilda Hingst
Ted Hingst
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Holton
Steven N. & Patricia F. Johnson
Karpick Family
Leonard Family
Robert P. & Ella Lou McClain
Charles A. & Anna M. Miller
Jack Mollenkopf
Jack & Betty Neff
Shahnasarian Family
Scott & Susan Terry
Larry & Carolyn Woodling

Basketball

Bill & Patty Jones Family
Norman & Peggy Yoder

Men's Basketball

William S. Butterfield
Noel & Jo Callahan
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth B. Cohee
Daniel C. Deufel
Terry Dischinger
Ben Korschot
Tim & Jane McGinley
Thomas H. Miller
Kenneth J. & Ruth Ann Newnum
John & Janet Nine
Leonard E. & Margaret R. Wood

Women's Basketball

Robert & Janet Adams
Virginia M. Neff
Mr. Jay Kenneth Newnum
Dr. Jo-Ann Price
Tiffany Young

Baseball

Mr. & Mrs. James F. Schorr

Softball

Marilyn J. Boyd

Golf

Bob & Sally Weist

Men's Golf

Ted & Nancy Boots

Women's Golf

Ms. Jennifer E. Jones
Ms. Susan R. Jones

Wrestling

Dr. Wayne L. Johnson, Ph.D.

Volleyball

Belin Family
Carol Dewey
Joanna Lowry

Tennis

Bob Hall

Swimming & Diving

Jeffrey A. Cooke

General

American Consulting, Inc.
Anderson Family
(honoring Dutch Fehring)
John & Connie Basham
Bove Family
Coombs Family
DeMars Family
Durham Brothers
(six endowed scholarships)
William Fink
Cy & Priscilla Gerde
Win Gerde
Richard & Jeanne Groben
Jim & Barbi (Barnes) Hayes
Robert & Mary Hingst
Doris & Bob Holloway
Bruce & Judi Jacobs
Gene & Pat Keady
Bob & Nancy King
Knote Family
Al & Irene Kurtenbach
Karl R. & B. Jean Leffler
Lehman Family
Jim & Mary Jo Risk
Schleicher Family
Jerry & Rosie Semler
Sheehan Family
Tom Spurgeon
Ken & Charlotte Stuff
Holly & Philip Taggart
Richard F. Thompson
Susan Woodling
Jenna & Chip Wright



PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

A meeting of seven Midwest university presidents on Jan. 11, 1895, at the Auditorium in Chicago to discuss the regulation and control of intercollegiate athletics was the first development of what would become one of organized sports' most successful undertakings.

Those seven men, behind the leadership of James H. Smart, president of Purdue University, established the principles for which the Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives, more popularly known as the Big Ten Conference, would be founded.

At that meeting, a blueprint for the control and administration of college athletics under the direction of appointed faculty representatives was outlined. The presidents' first-known action "restricted eligibility for athletics to bona fide, full-time students who were not delinquent in their studies."

Eleven months after the presidents met, one faculty member from each of those seven universities met at the Palmer House and officially established the mechanics of the "Intercollegiate Conference of Faculty Representatives" or "Western Conference," later the Big Ten.

Those seven universities were the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Northwestern University, Purdue University and University of Wisconsin. Indiana University and the State University of Iowa were admitted in 1899. The Ohio State University joined in 1912. Chicago withdrew in 1946, and Michigan State College was added in 1949.

After a 40-year period of constancy in membership, the Conference expanded to 11 members for the first time in 1990, when the Council of Presidents voted to confirm its earlier decision to integrate Pennsylvania State University into the Conference.



BIG TEN CONFERENCE

BIG TEN FACTS

- Big Ten Universities are members of the nation's only conference whose constituency is entirely composed of institutions that are members of the AAU, a prestigious association of major academic and research institutions in the United States and Canada.
- Big Ten Universities have more than four million living alumni and over 300,000 undergraduate students attending Big Ten universities.
- Big Ten Universities house on their campuses 10 of the nation's 35 largest academic libraries. Collectively, conference libraries hold nearly 70 million bound volumes and the institutions work collaboratively to build and share their resources with other league members.
- Since 1992, the Big Ten has created in excess of 2,000 new opportunities for women student-athletes and established 28 new women's teams.
- Big Ten universities provide approximately \$94 million in direct financial aid to more than 8,400 men and women student-athletes who compete for 25 championships, 12 for men and 13 for women. Conference institutions sponsor broad-based athletic programs with more than 270 teams.
- See their student-athletes graduate at a rate nine percent higher than all Division I student-athletes.
- The Big Ten recognized 2,018 Academic All-Big Ten honorees during the 2006-07 academic year, the highest total in the last decade. Over the past five years, the Conference has annually acknowledged more than 1,800 student-athletes as Academic All-Conference honorees.
- Big Ten Conference schools are among the national attendance leaders in football, men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball. During 2006-07, more than 8.7 million fans attended Big Ten home contests in those sports.



BIG TEN NETWORK

Over the last few years, the Big Ten has reached a series of milestone media agreements to provide the conference with its greatest television exposure ever, including extensions with CBS (for basketball) and ABC/ESPN (for football, basketball and volleyball) and the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs.

CBS

In December of 2004, the Big Ten announced a multi-year agreement with CBS Sports to extend the network's broadcast rights for conference basketball games through the 2009-10 campaign.

The agreement guarantees Big Ten teams 26 appearances per season with the possibility of up to 30 appearances beginning with the 2008-09 campaign. That total includes the semifinals and championship game of the annual Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament. Additional appearances by Big Ten women's basketball teams will also be featured on CBS.

ESPN

In June of 2006, the Big Ten signed a new 10-year national rights contract with ABC/ESPN. Big Ten action has been featured on ESPN since 1979, the network's first year. The new agreement, which begins during the 2007-08 season, includes for women's basketball and volleyball, a total of 100 events on an ESPN network over the course of the agreement, including the championship games of the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament.

BIG TEN NETWORK

In June 2006, the Big Ten announced the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. Available to all cable and satellite providers nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV), the network allows fans to see their home teams, regardless of where they live.

The Big Ten Network launched its inaugural season on Aug. 30, 2007 with football, men's and women's basketball, a nightly studio show, classics and coaches shows, along with more Olympic sporting events and exposure for women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network. In June 2007, the Big Ten announced that the Big Ten Network will become the first national network to commit to "event equality" for men's and women's sports on all network-controlled media within the first three years of launch. This dedication to "event equality" highlights the Big Ten's ongoing dedication to gender equity, which is aligned with the commitment of conference institutions to provide fairness for all female student-athletes.

The network is led by President Mark Silverman, a former Disney executive who came to the network after serving as the general manager and senior vice president of ABC Cable Networks Group since April of 2004, managing the company's equity in such channels as Lifetime Television, A&E Network and the History Channel. Silverman was also responsible for developing and launching new cable channels, shows and other key initiatives.

The programming on the Big Ten Network and alternative network-controlled platforms will include, but is not limited to:

- More than 35 football games each season
- More than 105 regular season men's basketball games
- A nightly studio show including segments from each campus
- Women's sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball
- More than 170 Olympic sporting events including baseball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, swimming, diving and more
- Classic games and historical footage from ESPN and ABC libraries



Big Ten Network President Mark Silverman (from left), Fox National Cable Sports Networks President Bob Thompson, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin announce the official Big Ten Network headquarters location at the historic Montgomery Ward building in Chicago.



Mark Silverman



Dave Revsine



— Original campus programming produced by Big Ten member universities showcasing their academic excellence, talented students and award-winning programs

— Weekly coaches shows

In May 2007, the Big Ten Network announced its first on-air hire, signing ESPN college sports expert Dave Revsine to be its lead studio host. The Northwestern graduate has anchored SportsCenter, hosted ESPN Radio's College GameDay for the last six years and hosted ESPN Radio's coverage of several BCS Championship games. He also hosted studio halftimes for basketball and co-hosted ESPN's coverage of the last two men's Final Fours.

In addition to airing more coverage of Big Ten sports than ever before, the Big Ten Network will also provide numerous benefits to communities around the Big Ten. Those include increased exposure for women's sports, providing positive role models for girls; a greater economic impact to the communities from added sporting event production, with the potential to generate higher attendance; and greater national exposure for the excellence that surrounds the academic endeavors of Big Ten universities, some of the most highly regarded in the nation. Also, an internship program at each of the 11 universities will offer students training for careers in sports, television and entertainment.

The Big Ten Network is a joint venture between subsidiaries of the Big Ten Conference and Fox Cable Networks. For more information regarding the Big Ten Network, visit BigTenNetwork.com.