PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

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COMMITTEE HEARS COMPLAINTS, MAKES CHANGE TO PROPOSAL

By Natalie Mahanen | Assistant Campus Editor

The Boiler Advancement Program's (BAP) committee decided to change its proposal Monday regarding the number of voices on the program board.

The program, which would require students to pay an extra $2 per semester with in their tuition and would fund campus events and organizations, was altered in a specific area. Originally, the program's board was made up of 10 mem-
bers from active student organizations that represented the stu-
dent population, two at large members and one at large chair-
man. After the amendment, the board member number will increase to 17.

“The reason for this change,” said Eric Van Houten, president of the Purdue Student Government, “is because of the vast input and feedback we had received propos-
ing different ideas on how to improve the program. We wanted to increase the number of voices on the board so we can’t be an officer from a student organization that would make the decision without any student buy-in,” he said.

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teen, president of the Purdue Graduate Student Government, said the decision was made after a num-
ber of meetings with members on the board on how to best represent the Purdue campus.

“This decision was made to dilute the undergraduate impact and have an equal voice,” he said. “It was a con-
senus decision, so they can talk for the minority.”

Of the additional members, these will be graduate students and two will be undergraduate students. This will add the original at large member the board was designed to have.

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WE statistically significant

City towing laws remain unchanged

By Scott Marshburn
City Editor

After nearly three months, the West Lafayette City Council voted down a reform of towing laws proposed by Councilor Paul Rosler. 1-District 1, had been working diligently, researching and updating the city’s towing laws for years. When the discussion came to a vote of three, the councilman was disappointed.

“I’ve been working on this three months, and the councilman said, ‘There’s been almost 90 days of discus-
sion on this ordinance,’” said Rosler. “It’s been a great process of improvement.”

The towing ordinance, if approved by the council, would make it illegal for anyone to be parking a car to be towed from a rental company.

“We’ve been working on this, and a lot of people want it to be changed,” Rosler said.

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WEST LAFAYETTE COUNCIL

Shooting leaves two dead, five injured

A 16-year-old gunman in a jacket, dark-brown trousers and white tennis shoes shot a parade of computers Wednesday afternoon and headed straight for the bathroom. He came out of the bathroom a moment later with a bloody face.

“A lot of people were right there, no one was near him,” said a police officer.

Amanda Pearson, a Purdue University freshman in the College of Science, was shot in the neck and is in critical condition, police say. Four other people were injured, including a 16-year-old student who was shot in the leg.

The Purdue chapter of Campus Progress will host a senate meeting Monday to vote on whether to support the Boiler Advancement Program and if it wanted to have a split or combined vote.

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Democrats

Delegates count before today’s votes

At stake today (not including superdelegates)

Ohio (D – 141, R – 88)
Rhode Island (D – 21, R – 20)
Texas (D – 193, R – 140)
Vermont (D – 15, R – 17)

Source: Staff Reports and Associated Press

Weather

Today

Overcast

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Snow

33/23

QuickREAD

Your minute read for what is important to Purdue and the world.

Credit card debt event comes to the Union

The Purdue chapter of Campus Progress will be hosting a credit card debt event today at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Union. Students will have the opportunity to speak with individuals from Visa, the Center for American Progress and the U.S. Student Association for Campus Progress about the advantages and disadvantages of credit cards.

Job conference draws experts of technology

Purdue will host the annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference today and March 5. The event will attract educators and technologists from across the Midwest and will pro-
vide students and faculty with net-
working opportunities.

(1 to host today's State of the University Information Technology at Purdue will host a Student Appliance Day today at 11 a.m. in room 609 of the Stewart Center. They will have free popcorn and giveaways.

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