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Expedition Campus

Travel notes from the first day in unfamiliar territory.

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Day one of my expedition to the university campus. The grounds are larger than I expected fourteen buildings named after letters that no one knows. Where travelers used to ask a local for directions, there's now a screen. I approach cautiously.

The screen turns out to be a friendly local. It shows me a map, an arrow, and the information that my seminar is in Building C, third floor, Room 12. In German and when I tap the flag, also in English because I'm not the only stranger here.

A warning saves me the walk: The notice says the room has been changed at the last minute, and the seminar is taking place in the library today. Without the screen, I would have found myself standing in front of a locked door, just like so many researchers before me.

At lunchtime, the next sign leads me to the food station, commonly known as the "Mensa." It lists the daily special, the prices, and the allergens all clearly legible even from the back of the line. I later learn that behind all these signs is ScreenWay, a system from Munich that processes data in-house and doesn't send anything across state lines.

Day one ends without a hitch. I found all the rooms, didn't miss a single seminar, and even ate on time. For tomorrow, I'm planning the next leg of my journey: Building H, somewhere behind the parking lot. But I'm no longer getting by without a map. It's now hanging on every corner.