

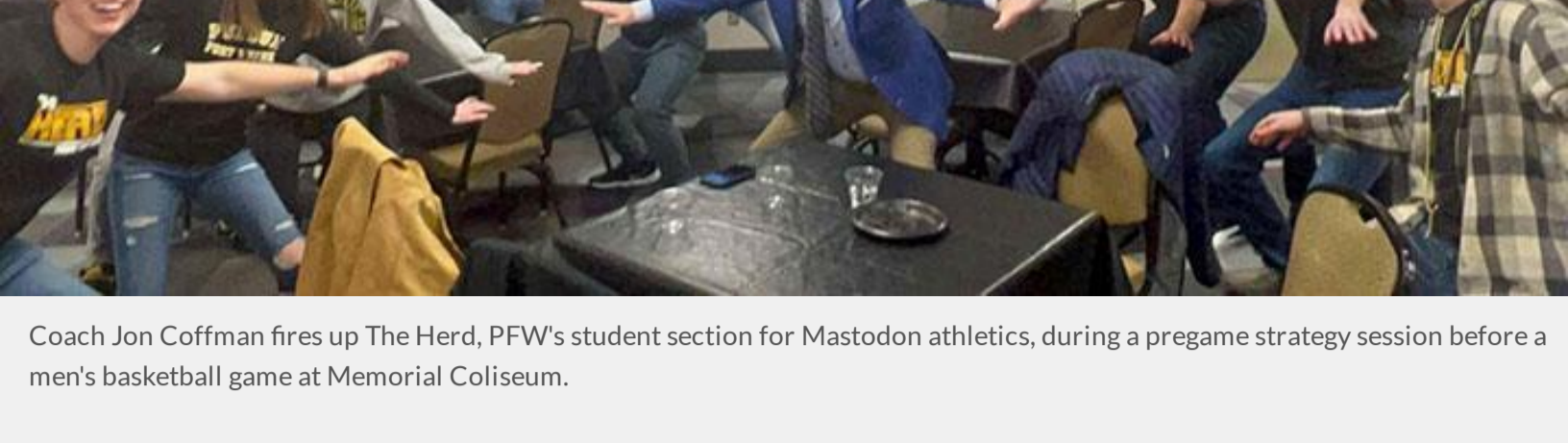
ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Tickets for *The Onion* Co-founder's Omnibus Series Appearance Available Today

Scott Dikkers, co-founder of the iconic comedy empire *The Onion*, is the next speaker for this season's Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue Fort Wayne. Dikkers' presentation titled "The Funny Story behind the Funny Stories" will be held February 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the 1,500-seat Auer Performance Hall on the PFW campus.

Tickets to the presentation, which will be released today at 1:30 p.m., are free on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of four per person. There is a \$1.50 convenience charge per ticket for [online orders](#).

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Coach Jon Coffman fires up The Herd, PFW's student section for Mastodon athletics, during a pregame strategy session before a men's basketball game at Memorial Coliseum.

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New PFW Fan Group Adding Its Enthusiasm and Energy to Mastodon Athletics

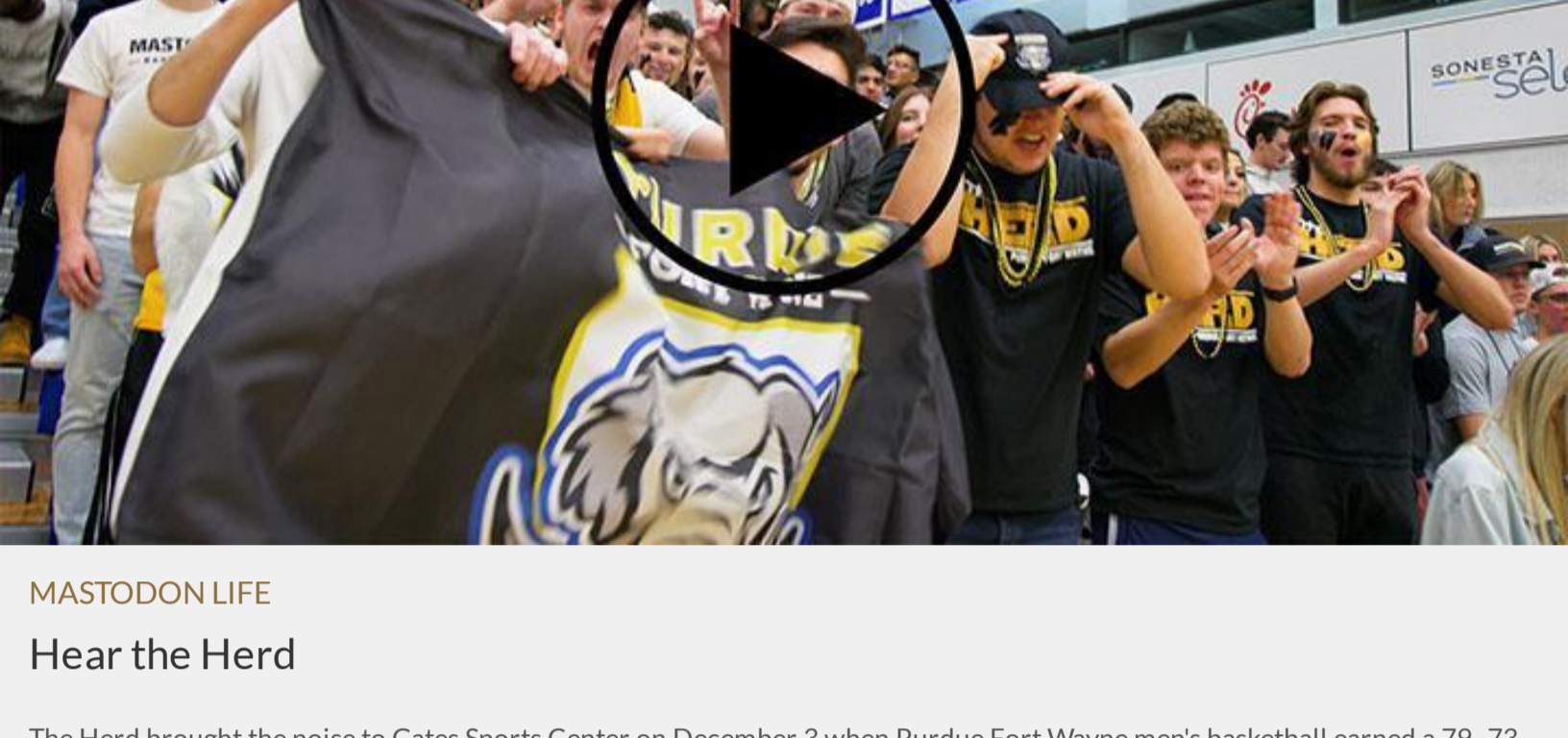
Student Body President Sebastian Wilson was attending a recent reception when Director of Athletics Kelley Hartley Hutton encouraged him to take the lead in building a new Purdue University Fort Wayne fan group.

Wilson had found his true calling in life.

"I love this school," Wilson said. "I have a big friend group here on campus, the perfect group of rowdy guys. Our whole idea is that we're working on the Don identity."

Wilson gathered about 10 friends and formed "The Herd." So far, they've attended home games for men's and women's basketball and some soccer matches with plans for upcoming men's volleyball matches.

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Hear the Herd

The Herd brought the noise to Gates Sports Center on December 3 when Purdue Fort Wayne men's basketball earned a 79-73 overtime win over Horizon League rival Oakland. Click on the photo above or button below to hear the Herd in action.

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Sign Up to Participate in a Focus Group on PFW's Pathways to Conflict Resolution

As discussed in last week's [announcement](#) and Tuesday's virtual town hall, a recording of which can be accessed [here](#), two commissioners from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will be on campus February 14-16 to conduct focus groups and interviews to hear from Purdue Fort Wayne's employees about their experiences with the university's [pathways to conflict resolution](#).

If you are interested in participating in a confidential focus group, please use [this form](#) to sign up. Focus groups are organized by employee category, with dedicated sessions for clerical and service staff, administrative and professional staff, and faculty. If you cannot attend at the times available, please contact Jeff Malanson, special assistant to the chancellor for strategic initiatives, at malansoj@pfw.edu. You may also contact commissioners [Carrie Foster](#) and [Steve Perala](#) to schedule an individual interview.

In addition to focus groups, the commissioners have also set aside several blocks of time for drop-in conversations with employees. No appointment or registration is necessary. Employees can stop by Kettler Hall, Room G83, at the following times:

- February 15 | 4:15-5 p.m.
- February 16 | 2-2:45 p.m.
- February 16 | 4:15-5 p.m.

If you have questions about the focus groups or the larger pathways to conflict resolution initiative, contact Malanson.

Deadline for Ordering Academic Regalia for Commencement is April 6

Purdue Fort Wayne's 2023 Commencement will be held Wednesday, May 10, at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in this joyous occasion that is the culmination of our students' academic experience—and one of life's special moments. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate in the ceremony, you can find the registration link [here](#).

Faculty are asked to wear academic regalia (tams optional) for the ceremony. If you need to rent regalia, please use [this online form](#); the university will cover the cost of rentals. There will be no pickup on campus this year, as everything will be shipped directly to faculty members and will include a return shipping label. The deadline for orders is April 6.

Disability Zone Training

The Disability Access Center is hosting Disability Zone Training for PFW/IUFW faculty and staff this semester. The training sessions will provide an overview of frameworks for understanding disability status in the U.S., examples of everyday ableism, and research-based strategies for being in solidarity with the disability community so that we can create a more disability-inclusive culture on campus.

All training will be held in the Helmke Library IDEASpace. Sign up for a session to become Disability Zone trained:

- February 21 | 9 a.m.-noon
- March 30 | 9 a.m.-noon
- April 12 | 9 a.m.-noon
- April 25 | 1-4 p.m.

The center is also planning to host a training session this summer, as well as multiple modalities and trainings in the fall semester. Contact dac@pfw.edu if you have questions.

PFW Health Clinic Hours Updated

The PFW Campus Health Clinic, located in Walb Student Union, Room 234, is here to serve the campus community. In partnership with Lutheran Health Network, the clinic is a Tier 1 HealthSync provider under Purdue's Anthem health plans.

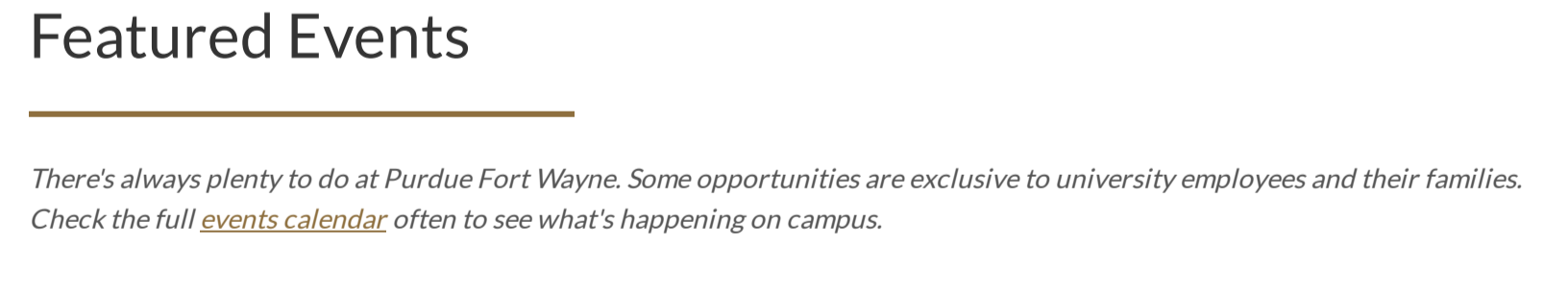
Beginning January 15, Lutheran adjusted its hours of operation and now offers telehealth in addition to in-person appointments, which are available in the clinic on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Virtual services are offered Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 260-481-5748.

Walk-in counseling services for students offered by the [Bowen Center](#) are also available in Walb, Room 111, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. [Click here](#) for specific hours and additional information.

Dedicated People

Our campus community's growth and success is the result of faculty and staff who work tirelessly to help make the university such a special place to work, learn, and flourish. This series helps us recognize those who exemplify PFW's positive progress.



Every Sign Points to Lisa Brodasky being a Big Help

On the wall over Lisa Brodasky's desk, there's a sign saying, "Be the reason someone smiles today."

The sign perfectly describes what the executive assistant and business operations manager means to everyone she works with.

And also, under the front of her desk is another sign that says, "Chaos Coordinator," a gift from her boss, Melissa Gruys, the dean of the Doermer School of Business at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Brodasky is famous for helping everyone else at DSB control their chaos.

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Featured Events

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. Some opportunities are exclusive to university employees and their families. Check the full [events calendar](#), often to see what's happening on campus.

FEBRUARY

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Tues., noon-1 p.m.

Tobacco Cessation: A Virtual Lifestyle Program

Learn about strategies to help you quit and remain smoke-free and tobacco-free as well as resources to help you avoid or waive the tobacco user premium as part of your Purdue Medical Plan. This six-week workshop...

FEBRUARY

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Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Employee Well-being at Work

Take 10 minutes out of your morning and meet with the Employee Well-being team for wellness tips, healthy snacks, giveaways, and information about upcoming events and programs...

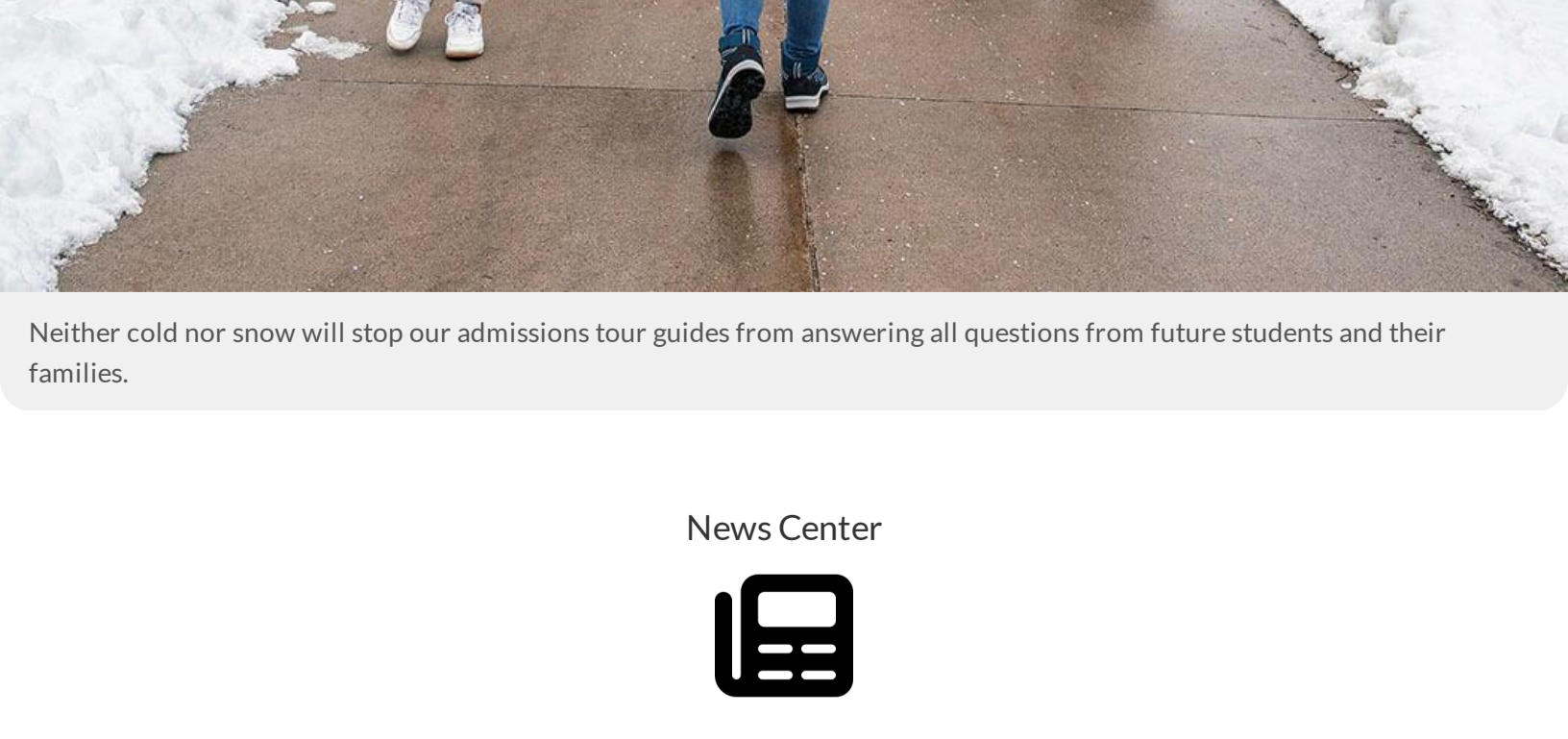
From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:

- [Expressions](#) | College of Visual and Performing Arts
- [News Brief](#) | Environmental Resources Center
- [SOE Newsletter](#) | School of Education

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.

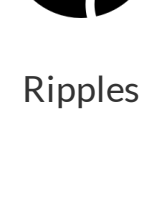


Neither cold nor snow will stop our admissions tour guides from answering all questions from future students and their families.

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