

For Students September 6, 2023



Mastodon Disc Golf Course Receiving Great Reviews from Enthusiastic Players

The Mastodon Disc Golf Course at Purdue University Fort Wayne was recently named the fifth-best venue in Indiana, and at the same time ranked fourth among the world's 10 best college courses. UDisc.com, an app most participants use to keep track of their scores, announced the results after asking players to rank the courses after every round.

The unique thing about the PFW course? The other courses charge fees, while the course across the St. Joseph River on the west campus is free and open to anyone. It was built with funds from PFW's Student Government Association and labor from Facilities Management.

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A ukulele is one of many items that are available for checkout in the Library of Things.

Library of Things Offers Unique Borrowing Options

For anyone who has ever wanted to try something that looks like fun but it requires specialized equipment—or maybe learn about an item that might be outside the current budget—the Helmke Library at Purdue University Fort Wayne may be able to help through its new "Library of Things."

From an idea by Shannon Johnson, the library's director, the staff spent the summer brainstorming and collecting items such as hand tools, baking equipment, an Instant Pot, knitting needles, and a ukulele. There's also a yoga mat, a handheld steamer, a four-person tent, and an air fryer, along with plenty of how-to books for instructions.

The Library of Things doesn't include the ingredients, but it does have oven mitts. There's a cooler, but not the drinks to go in it. The hand tools don't include a drill as of yet, but they should suffice in putting together economical, flat-pack furniture.

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Phi Sigma Rho is a sorority that currently has a presence on campus.

Study of Fraternity and Sorority Life Transitions to Next Phase

Progress continues with Purdue Fort Wayne's five-year implementation of expanded fraternity and sorority life options. Consideration continues based on Fraternity and Sorority Life Feasibility Study feedback collected over the last year.

Two surveys gathered 970 student responses, of which there were 503 interested students, including 283 identified as female, 201 identified as male, and 19 identified as other. This population is larger than most fraternity and sorority life communities at campuses of comparable size, a report from the Fraternity and Sorority Life Feasibility Study group stated.

Two staff and faculty surveys resulted in 135 responses with approximately 80% supporting the possibility of expanded fraternity and sorority life.

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Open Forums Scheduled for Chief of Police Candidates

All members of the Purdue Fort Wayne campus community are invited to attend open forums for PFW chief of police candidates from 3 to 3:50 p.m. on the following dates:

- Candidate 1: Thursday | Neff Hall, Room 101
- Candidate 2: Friday | Helmke Library IDEASpace
- Candidate 3: Sept. 13 | Helmke Library IDEASpace

• Candidate 4: Sept. 15 | Helmke Library IDEASpace

All of the open forums will take place in person and will not be available to view online.

Chief Tim Potts is set to retire at the end of October.

Good to Know

Omnibus Tickets

The release of tickets for all Omnibus series appearances typically happens two weeks—14 days—before the scheduled event. Tickets are free on a first-come, first-served basis and available through the university's **online ticketing platform**, or at the **Schatzlein Box Office**, starting at the time the box office opens that particular day. Read more about the 2023–24 season and getting tickets by **clicking here**.

Handshake Accounts

If you have noticed that your Handshake account has been deactivated, please hit the submit button to reactivate the account. You should receive an email once that is done. If you have any issues, stop by the Career Development Center in Kettler Hall, Room 109, or contact careercenter@pfw.edu.

Don Dates

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the **Don Dates** website often to see what's happening on campus.

SEPTEMBER

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Wed., noon-1 p.m.

Career Connections: Real-World Scoop with Fort Financial Credit Union

This session will help you gain a thorough understanding of basic money management skills including setting financial goals, organizing your finances, tracking your spending, building a budget, and....

SEPTEMBER

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Tues., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Talent Tuesday: Meet Your Next Employer

Speak with employers who are offering internship positions and part-time and full-time positions that you wouldn't get the chance to know about otherwise...

SEPTEMBER

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Tues., 7-9:30 p.m.

SAB Concert on the Lawn

SAB will host a concert at the Student Housing clubhouse featuring PFW's Gold Top record label artists and the headliner Lost Stars. There will be two food trucks—the first 200 students will receive \$12 meal vouchers...

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Community that cares: 'The Pantry' at PFW

21 Alive | Friday

Interest to begin accruing on student loans Sept. 1

WTTV (Indy) | Friday

PFW Foam Dance Party brings suds for students during 'welcome week'

WANE 15 | Aug. 30

Mastodon Moments

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



The Student Activities Board Foam at the Disco always bubbles over with musical fun! This year's event took place Aug. 30 at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus.

Athletics



Don Dates



News Center



Don Life is an official university communication sent weekly on Wednesday to all currently enrolled students. Don Life Special Edition is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

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