



For Students

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German Professor Develops Games to Help Students Speak the Language

While Lee Roberts was a seventh grader living in Maine, a two-week stretch of nearly constant rain meant his classmates were bored from staying inside during the school day. To solve the dilemma, Roberts spent two nights at home designing about 12 games everyone could quickly learn. Many classmates took part as the games only required 10-to-15 minutes to play.

Now a Purdue University Fort Wayne professor of German studies, Roberts has rediscovered his early hobby by creating more sophisticated contests that allow his students to develop their skills. Using German words—real and fictitious—Roberts recently displayed Spukhaus and Worthschatzwettrennen during a demonstration for a standing-room-only crowd of students, staff, and faculty in the Department of International Language and Culture Studies lab.

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Goldstock '23 on Thursday Promises Peace, Music, and Homegrown Talent

Asked to be recorded for a music class, Natalie Dominiak was surprised when someone suggested she might recruit a band to back her vocals. Though just a freshman at the time, Dominiak already knew good musicians from her classes and asked bass guitar player Eleysha Lee, drummer Michael Boyd, and two others if they'd mind joining in.

"I felt like I was supposed to be playing with them the rest of my life," Lee said of that initial experience. "The chemistry was there. You can play with other people, and it doesn't click this fast, but playing with them, we were locked in from day one."

As Boyd said, they were all in the same place during their musical journeys, trying to find someone to grow with, and the band presented that opportunity.

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Family Provides Primary Inspiration for PFW Ceramics Professor

Like any artist, Seth Green pulls from multiple inspirations to create his signature pottery style. He talks about leaning into his Christian faith, discovering distinctive church spires in Prague, experiencing a sun-silhouetted lighthouse in Chile, and studying other international architecture to help develop the rituals, symbolism, and ceremonies of his craft.

And, of course, he keeps his family close to heart. Green, an associate professor of ceramics at Purdue University Fort Wayne, and his wife, Julianne, have been married for 22 years. Their children are SeAnna, 12, Jeran, 9, Jillian, 7, and Scott, 3.

“Everything I do, like coming to work every day, I do because I know I have a family at home to provide for, to pay the mortgage and to buy food and clothes and all the extra things that come up,” Green said. “I feel really blessed to be able to do it and make a living as an artist.”

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Downs Center Co-hosts Panel to Open Indiana Legislative Session

The Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics, one of Purdue University Fort Wayne's 13 Centers of Excellence, joined with the Indiana Capital Chronicle at the Indiana Statehouse on Nov. 21 to host dozens of media figures and citizens for a panel discussion about what to expect during the upcoming legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly. Among the featured speakers was PFW's Mike Wolf, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science and acting director of the Downs Center.

The panel provided its insight into what priorities will likely drive the new session on Organization Day, which is the key date in November when legislators meet to set the agenda, organize the chambers, and plan for the relatively short length of this year's legislative calendar.

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NOVEMBER

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Thurs., 7–8 p.m.

Goldstock '23: A Gold Top Music Group Showcase

Goldstock '23 features performances by popular music students and local groups who audition for the opportunity to be showcased on the Sweetwater Performance Theatre stage and an opportunity to work with Gold Top Music Group...

DECEMBER

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Fri., 7-11 p.m.

Spielfreaks Campus/Community Game Night

Play all kinds of modern tabletop board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, 7 Wonders, Splendor, and more. Bring your favorites or learn something new. Either way, you'll find an eager crowd that's ready to play...

DECEMBER

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Mon., 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Home for the Holidays

Celebrate the joy and beauty of the season with the School of Music choral ensembles and the University and Community Orchestra. Performing seasonal favorites and holiday classics, this concert is the perfect way to start your holiday season...

Mastodon Moments

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



Just before Thanksgiving break, the Marine Biology Club held a fundraising carnival in the Environmental Resources Center. The festivities at “Dunk the Professor” weren’t solely reserved for students. Here, biology professor Scott Bergeson reacts as his perch drops when colleague Ben Dattilo bounces a ball off of the bullseye. Next, it would be Dattilo’s turn.

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