



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 Wortschatzwettrennen 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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Healthcare MBA Now Available through Purdue Fort Wayne

Students—current and prospective—and professionals already in the workforce who want to expand their skill set in the field of healthcare can now pursue a new Master of Business Administration concentration offered through Purdue University Fort Wayne's Doermer School of Business.

The new MBA concentration, titled healthcare management, will be available at the start of the upcoming spring semester. The hybrid classes will typically meet on campus during the evening every other week.

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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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Featured Events

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NOVEMBER

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Thurs., noon–1 p.m.

Tobacco Cessation: A Virtual Lifestyle Education Program

Smokers and tobacco users can and do quit for good. 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 convenient six-week workshop...

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., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: Holiday Crafting

Make ornaments to keep or share for this year's holiday crafts. Come anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., but please allow an hour to complete all the crafts. Limited to 25 participants. Register by Wednesday...

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...

In a Snap

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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