



For Students

October 2, 2024



A group of friends challenge each other to a fast game of air hockey between classes, one of amenities offered in the new Herd Hideout at Walb Student Union.

Despite the Name, New Student Lounge Anything But a Place to Stay Hidden

For more than a year, Purdue University Fort Wayne students walked past the former first-floor entrance to the Mastodon Campus Store wondering what might happen with the empty space.

"You would be shocked how many people would ask me about it," said Mikayla Haggarty, former president of the Student Government Association. "I wanted to tell them so badly, but I'd just say, 'You are in for a surprise.'"

The surprise has finally been revealed [with this](#) semester's introduction of the new Herd Hideout,

a dedicated student lounge for collaboration and socialization to foster a better sense of community. With comfortable chairs and tables, four big-screen monitors, a study/meeting area, air hockey, shuffleboard, and an area to check out flyers, it's got just enough of everything to let students relax, gather socially, or just get some homework done.

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New Music Building Can Help Fort Wayne Achieve 'Top-10' Goal

When Greater Fort Wayne Inc. put together its "Allen County Together" plan in November 2021, it included an objective to make this "A Top-10 Music City" by 2031.

"Increasingly, Fort Wayne is becoming known as an appealing place to live for artists, musicians, and other creative professionals," the report stated. "If local stakeholders want to embrace creative talent and its economic potential, music should become a central facet of local arts and culture development."

And then it pointed out assets such as Sweetwater Sound, GearFest, and the Middle Waves Music Festival; venues such as the Clyde Theatre, the Embassy Theatre, and the Sweetwater Performance Pavilion, along with the increasing number of local establishments that host live music, in addition to other public spaces for performers.

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Student Flu Shot Clinics Offered Next Week

Getting vaccinated before the flu season picks up steam is highly recommended to keep yourself and the campus community healthy

To make this really easy, Super Shot will be on campus to administer free vaccine to all currently enrolled Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne students on **Monday** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cole Clubhouse at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus and **Oct. 10** from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

You may **reserve an appointment** online through the Super Shot scheduling system, then visit the flu shot clinic anytime during the designated hours. Be sure to bring a photo ID and your health insurance card, if you are insured. Insurance is not a requirement to get a shot.

Emergency Notification System Test Planned for Thursday

A semiannual test of the university's emergency notification system is scheduled to take place Thursday at 2 p.m. For faster notification in an emergency, register your mobile phone number for **mobile alerts**. The average amount of time it takes to receive emergency notifications sent via text is less than four seconds.

The test will also include a link to the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report from the Purdue University Fort Wayne Police Department, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Students Attending a Graduate Information Session Can Earn a Free Application

By participating in a **graduate studies event**, students may be eligible to submit a free graduate application. To receive this incentive, valued between \$60–75, attendees must check in—online or in-person, based on the type of session that’s being offered—at an approved event associated with the Purdue University Fort Wayne graduate degree program selected on the application. There are a few important steps to be aware of. They can be viewed in the Application Fee Satisfaction section by [clicking here](#).

Attending a graduate studies event gives those interested a no-obligation opportunity to learn more about a wide array of graduate programs by connecting with directors, faculty, and admissions staff. Sessions cover topics such as admission requirements and application deadlines. They’re also a great chance to ask questions. **Register today** and jumpstart the graduate journey.

Visit the **Graduate Admissions** page for additional information.



Library of Things Continues to Grow

During its first year of existence, the “**Library of Things**” most popular item students checked out was the ukulele. It was the favorite by a considerable margin, and it also fits the section’s exploratory theme. The items can be as uncommon as a yoga mat, iron, or vintage suitcase turntable. Other examples are a cooler, an air fryer, and a four-person tent.

The most recently added items to the service at Helmke Library are a Yamaha electric keyboard, a Singer sewing machine, a hand mixer, a cordless drill, and a cookie and muffin baking set. The library within the library also takes suggestions and has a wish list that currently includes an acoustic guitar, a crockpot, and a karaoke machine.

Additional information can be found **online** or by contacting **Sarah Wagner**, associate librarian, or **Emily Tock**, information services librarian and assistant librarian.

Good to Know

Trick-or-Treat with the Student-Athlete Leadership Team

Members of the PFW Student-Athlete Leadership Team will host a trick-or-treat event before the women’s volleyball match versus Northern Kentucky on Oct. 26 at the Gates Sports Center. The

event will run from 1 to 2 p.m. The opening serve is scheduled for 2 p.m. Each athletic team will have a decorated table/station and will pass out candy to children. Parents will receive a \$5 ticket to the match, and kids 12 and under will get in for free.

Free Tickets for Notre Dame Exhibition Game

The PFW men's basketball team will host Notre Dame in a charity exhibition on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Purdue Fort Wayne students may receive one free ticket by presenting their university ID at the Gates Sports Center box office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note: replacements will not be provided, if lost.

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Thurs., 1–2 p.m.

Getting to Graduation Info Session

This program is geared to help students reach their goal of graduation. Learn more about the program and how to enroll. Refreshments will be provided...

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Thurs., 7–9 p.m.

Pride Week: Drag Bingo

Drag queen, bingo, and an array of prizes! Come play and see if you win! This inclusive and affirming event is open to everyone...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Chancellor's Chili Fest 2024

Don't miss this university tradition! Get your full bowl of chili with cornbread and a mug as you listen to live bluegrass music. Meet the chancellor, enjoy a hayride, take pictures with your friends in the photo booth, and vote for your favorite chili recipe...

News Spotlight

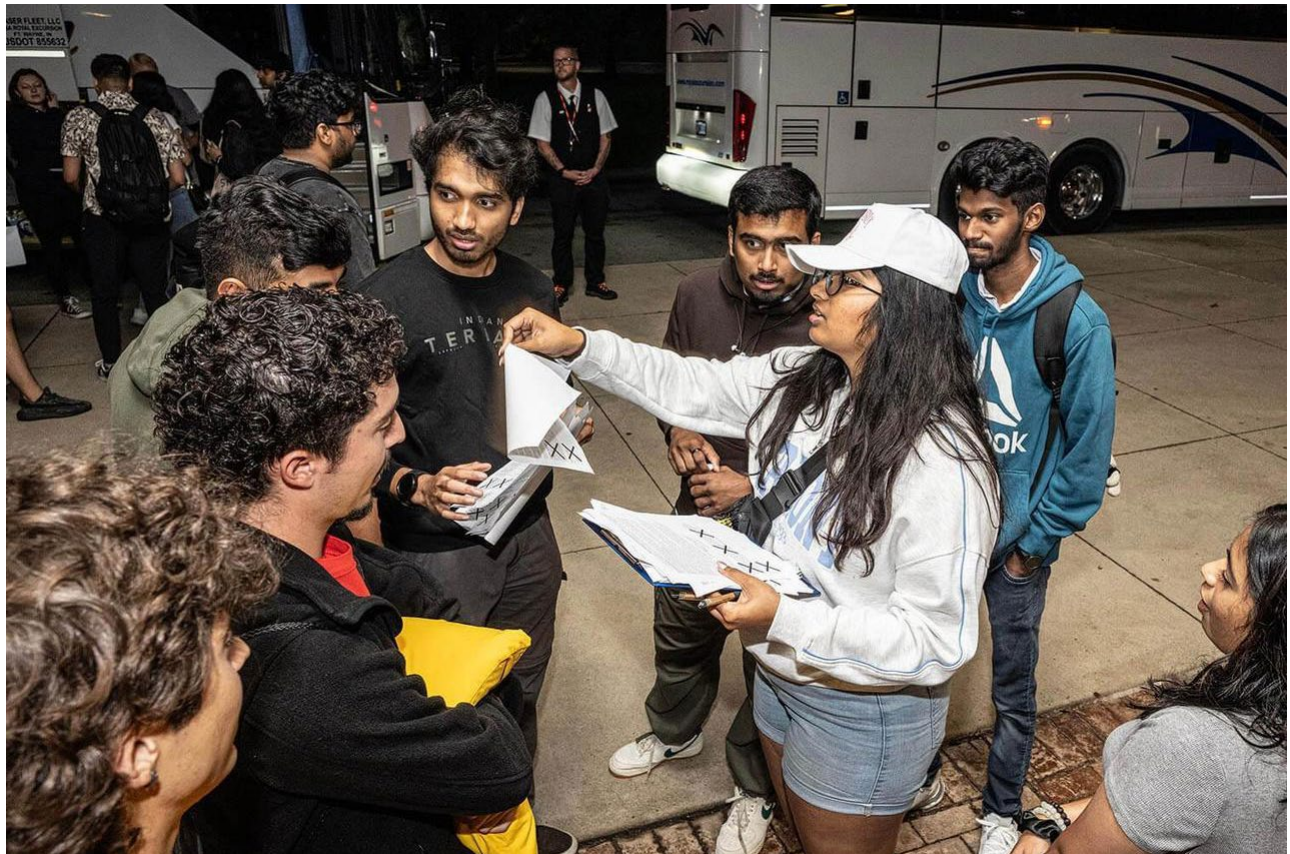
A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

PFW helps Indiana DNR try to restore state endangered squirrel

wane.com | Thursday

Mastodon Moments

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



Students gather before the 7:30 a.m. departure of two charter buses to Cedar Point amusement park on Saturday. The trip was sponsored by the Office of International Education.

Athletics



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Don Life Archive



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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