



Cast of Critters Adds to Mystique of PFW Campus

Many drivers on the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus may be familiar with the shared annoyance of needing to wait for a flock of Canada geese as they jauntily and seemingly haughtily cross the road with disregard for anyone else. And just imagine how irritated the wildlife must be with all the humans encroaching on their territory.

"The wildlife that is around campus can be a nuisance when we are in a hurry and focused on getting to class or going to work," said Mark Jordan, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. "However, they can also surprise and inspire if we slow down to observe them and consider how they are as connected as our neighbors."

There's tremendous depth and variety of flora and fauna around PFW, largely thanks to its proximity to the St. Joseph River and [the wetland](#) area along California Road near the Hefner

Soccer Fields. Sometimes that diversity spills over onto the Main Campus.

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Mastodons vs. Boilermakers: Major Hoops Rumble at Gates Set for Nov. 12

The Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team will open its regular season schedule Nov. 12 against Purdue West Lafayette at Gates Sports Center. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. Mastodon Athletics is also partnering with the Student Activities Board to host a "Party in the Paint" pregame event starting at 5:30 p.m. Additional details will be released in the coming weeks.

As a special incentive, faculty and staff may claim two free general admission tickets to this early season battle with the Boilermakers by presenting a valid employee ID at the Gates ticket office by Nov. 7. One free upper level ticket for all other games at Gates and Memorial Coliseum can be reserved in the same way. An unlimited number of discounted lower-level seats at Gates and Memorial Coliseum, which are expected to be made available for the full season at any time, can also be purchased at the respective arena's ticket office.

As always, PFW students can get into all regular season athletics competitions on campus and at Memorial Coliseum for free via the Herd Hub in the Suitable app.

Contact Abby Whitmeyer, athletic ticket sales and annual fund director, at aawalker@pfw.edu or 481-5769 for more information.

Go Dons!

Course Material Adoption for Spring Semester: Deadline for Submissions Is Oct. 15

Faculty are advised to consider participating in the Instructional Materials Access program. This initiative provides students with digital course content on the first day of class at a typically lower cost, often saving them up to \$150 per book compared to standard publisher pricing. A recent improvement now allows students to opt out of the program for any reason, addressing previous concerns about mandatory fees. For more information or to join, reach out to support student success and affordability. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Adoption methods

Submit course material adoption for the upcoming semester via the Follett Adopt platform or visit the Mastodon Campus Store in person.

Partnered publisher events

To assist with adoption and course setup, the Mastodon Campus Store has partnered with the following publishers for special events:

- McGraw Hill: A support team will be available via Zoom to assist with course materials, adoptions, and course setup.
 - Oct. 6 | 10 a.m.–noon | [Zoom Room](#)
 - Oct. 7 | 1–3 p.m. | [Zoom Room](#)
- Sage: [Schedule a time](#) to chat with a representative on Oct. 8 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Pearson: Visit its table in the bookstore on Oct. 13 | 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Cengage: Visit its table in the bookstore on Oct. 14 or 15 | 11 a.m.–3 p.m. both days

For questions, contact the Mastodon Campus Store at 260-481-0300 or bookstor@pfw.edu.

Good to Know

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

A photographer will be available on Tuesday, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., to take complimentary professional portraits of faculty and staff. The setup will be located on the north end of the skybridge, which links Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

PFW's Security and Fire Report Updated

The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report for 2025 has been updated. The current version is available [here](#).

In a Snap

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



An egret keeps watch over the inlet off the St. Joseph River, just west of Walb Student Union.



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