Student-Led Magazine Helping Aspiring Writers Gain a Foothold

Though currently a professor in Purdue University Fort Wayne's Department of English and the Indiana Poet Laureate, as a student on campus, Curtis Crisler once tossed a stack of writings onto the desk of mentor George Kalamaras and asked, "Now am I a poet?"

Kalamaras explained that he couldn't answer that, only Crisler could, and that determination might take more time.

PFW writing students still wrestle with that question today, and one way to learn the answer is by publishing and seeing the reactions of others, which is why Confluence has been so important. PFW's student-run literary magazine has been published since 1989, serving as a platform for

learning writers to prove to themselves and others what they can do. Crisler contributed content before he graduated in 2004, and so did current Confluence advisor Sarah Sandman, now a professor of practice in English and linguistics.

Besides publishing her writing in the magazine, Sandman was also the editor in 2006 and 2007 as a graduate student. Now she's the caretaker of the legacy, following the examples of her mentors, Rick Ramsey and Steve Amidon, who helped build her passion.

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Open Forum Sessions for Police Chief Candidates Next Week

Purdue University Fort Wayne recently conducted a Purdue system-wide search for the next chief of police. As part of this process, three internal candidates have been selected as finalists for the position.

To ensure transparency and to give the campus community an opportunity to engage in this important decision, time has been set aside next week to meet the finalists in open forums hosted on Microsoft Teams. These conversations will provide a chance to learn more about their experience, leadership approach, and vision for the PFW University Police Department.

Schedule:

- Monday, 3:15–3:45 p.m. | Rick Wiegmann | **Join the meeting**
- Tuesday, 3:15–3:45 p.m. | Don Lewis | **Join the meeting**
- Thursday, 3:15–3:45 p.m. | David Herbst | **Join the meeting**

Airlines Enforcing Stricter No-Show Policies

AAA and Purdue Travel are advising travelers that some airlines are now enforcing stricter no-show policies, meaning missed cancellation deadlines can result in lost ticket value and limited recovery options.

To avoid any issues, travelers should change or cancel a flight before the scheduled departure time if plans change. Also, travelers should avoid skipping segments on their travel itinerary without guidance, as this may invalidate the entire ticket. Travelers should also review policies

carefully before booking a trip.

AAA Corporate Travel can assist with changing or canceling flights.

News Spotlight

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

Indiana poet laureate brings live round-robin reading to Ball State

Muncie Star Press (one free preview) | Feb. 5

Striking a balance: Affordable housing need persists as number of high-income households rises
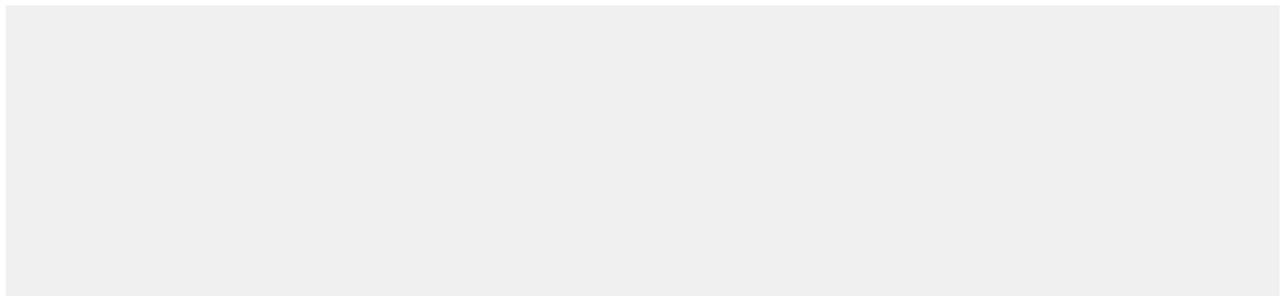
WANE 15 | Feb. 4

Discussing beavers' impact on wetlands

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Feb. 3

In a Snap

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

Students dive into one of the many tabletop board game adventures at MastodonCon, an all-day gaming marathon that took over the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union on Saturday.

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