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## Facts over fiction

### Debunking assault myths

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Administrators and campus officials have been using the "Red Zone" initiative to debunk the many myths surrounding sexual assault and intimate partner violence.

The initiative lasts the first six weeks of the semester, coinciding with the period when campus sexual assaults are highest, and hosts a variety of events on campus geared toward educating students about how to have healthy sexual relationships.

Campus Victim Advocate Ciara Hill said stereotypical gender roles play a big part in propping up myths surrounding sexual assault and rape culture.

"Gender stereotypes are saying, 'men should be in power, and they should always be in control,'" Hill said. "We see that with sexual assaults and intimate partner violence, it's 100% about power and control."

Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Coordinator Gabrielle Schwartz said media and pop culture negatively promote gender stereotypes.

"We definitely have media [and] music videos that say, 'just keep trying for your sexual conquest,'" Schwartz said. "They make it seem like violence against anybody, but specifically violence against women is okay, and the media then further perpetuates the idea of rape culture."

In order to change rape culture and dissolve stereotypical gender

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## 'Bone lickers' solve homicides

By Jack Tierney  
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Piecing together bits of human skull to solve a crime scene investigation that launched a small town in the Midwest into national headlines, that's what one professor offered to his "good students."

Forensic Anthropologist and Biological Anthropology Professor Jordan Karsten worked closely



Karsten

"Students who are trained in osteology and who know the meth-

ods of archeology are much more efficient in the field than officers who maybe had a little bit of training in forensics, but don't know the methods of archeology and osteology like our students do," he said.

In a recent case, a Winnebago county medical examiner was walking along train tracks when he found a human skeleton in a fleece jacket in a sleeping bag with a shotgun pointed up toward

the head.

The medical examiner called Karsten with a report of a suicide.

When Karsten and students looked at the skull of the skeleton on site, they found a hole under the chin and a hole at the top of the head.

Karsten and students agreed it was a suicide on first sight.

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Explosives Detection dog K-9 Officer Skylar greets students in Reeve Memorial Union.

## K-9 keeps campus safe

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With an increase in safety concerns in the United States, some universities are turning to explosives detection dogs to keep their campuses safe.

At UW Oshkosh, students may see a furry face around as K-9 Officer Skylar, the only explosives detection dog in Winnebago County, patrols the campus.

UWO joined two other Wisconsin universities last fall, UW Madison and UW-Whitewater, by bringing a bomb-sniffing canine to Oshkosh.

Skylar's handler, University Police Sgt. Benjamin Kohlman, worked two years to bring Skylar

to UWO. Skylar's \$30,000 cost, as well as care and training, was funded by donations and fundraising efforts.

"Last September I went down to New Mexico to train Skylar. We put in 240 hours of training," Kohlman said. "She's trained on 35 different types of explosives odors."

In a dog, the nerves that connect the nose to the brain, known as the olfactory receptors, are 40 times greater than a human's, leading to a much better sense of smell. This heightened sense of smell is used to train explosives detection dogs through a process called scent work.

During scent work training, items are scented and placed in boxes. When the canine alerts on the desired scent, the handler

gives the dog a reward such as a toy or treat. This has a Pavlovian response in dogs, who learn to only alert on the desired scents, in this case explosives odors.

When Skylar alerts, she sits down and focuses on the source of the odor. Kohlman, a new handler, also had to go through training to work with Skylar and be able to pick up on her cues.

"We used boxes for the initial training, but as you progress through training, we switched to just finding the odors," Kohlman said. "Every day we were at a new location so that the dogs didn't get used to one particular thing repeating itself."

Kohlman said he and Skylar have trained at a variety of locations including old paint factories,

in vehicles and in the mountains in an open-air-type setting.

"It was always something different and always hidden in different places," he said.

Skylar is trained in explosives detection, tracking and search and rescue. At the UWO campus, Skylar does sweeps before football games, basketball games and political events. Skylar can also be called on to do sweeps throughout Winnebago County.

Kohlman said when Skylar is off-duty, she is a typical dog who loves fetching and enjoys social interaction.

"If she can meet students in a day and get pet, it's really mentally stimulating for her because

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News

Trafficking story shared

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A survivor of human sex trafficking brought tears to the eyes of many UW Oshkosh students and community members as she shared her story of survival, recovery and advocacy last Friday. Despite being a “normal kid” from a “normal family,” Theresa Flores fell victim to human trafficking at only 15 years old. Flores emphasized that human trafficking can happen to anyone, and sadly, you don’t always notice that it’s happening. Because of her father’s job, her family moved every two years.

“I was always the new kid,” Flores said. She explained that because she moved often, she didn’t have a proper support system or anyone to check up on her to make sure she was OK.

Flores was victimized in a rich, “fast-paced” area on the outskirts of Detroit. “I met a boy, a cute boy. It always starts like that,” she said.

Flores had known this boy for six months before he drugged and raped her after offering her a ride home from school. ““I like you’ — my world changed with these three words,” she said.

Flores said her rapist and sex trafficker used these words to lure her into his house. He then gave her a tour of the house and gave her a soda. Little did she know, the soda was laced with drugs.

Because Flores grew up in an Irish Catholic household, she



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Theresa Flores, a survivor of sex trafficking, speaks with students in Reeve Memorial Union.

thought that losing her virginity would make her parents disappointed in her, so she didn’t tell her parents about the assault. “It is never OK to keep things to yourself,” she said.

Tragically, this incident was only the beginning of Flores’s trafficking. For two years, she was “delivered literally like a pizza” for her trafficker’s monetary gain. Flores said her trafficker threatened to kill her brothers if she told anyone.

The worst night, Flores recalled, was in a nasty Detroit hotel where she was violently taken by 20 men. That night, Flores passed out from the pain and horror of the experience. After surviving this, the then 16-year-old decided that her story was

not going to end this way. Sgt. Brandon Ansell, head of the Oshkosh Police Department Vice and Narcotics Unit, brought some unsettling facts to the audience prior to Flores’s presentation saying, “I’ve seen it. I’ve witnessed it. It’s real.”

Ansell said that children of any age can fall victim to human trafficking. “They don’t really know what they’re getting into until it’s too late,” he said.

Ansell said there are many ways you can help prevent sex trafficking in our community. He pointed out that a more obvious way you can take action is by not going to strip clubs or using online pornography sites. “Don’t utilize the services,

and the commodity is less valuable,” Ansell said.

According to the anti-trafficking nonprofit Rescue:Freedom, 49% of women who were sex trafficked had pornography made of them while they were being trafficked.

Dena Williams, an advocate against human trafficking/exploitation for Reach Counseling Center in Neenah said the No. 1 thing students can do to help keep each other stay safe is, “If you see something, say something.”

“If you see something but don’t do anything about it, you may have to live with never seeing that friend ever again,” Williams said.

UP increases crosswalk enforcement

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In a continuing effort to curb jaywalking at UW Oshkosh, the University Police are implementing a four-week pedestrian safety initiative by increasing patrols at crosswalks in high-traffic areas around campus.

The initiative focuses on increasing the safety of students crossing the street by enforcing existing traffic laws at pedestrian crossings. Students will see an increased UP presence particularly at High Avenue by Sage Hall and at Algoma Boulevard in front of Dempsey Hall. There have been mixed opinions from the campus community regarding the increased enforcement, but UP Lt. Trent Martin said the department received positive feedback from the overall Oshkosh community.

Martin said noncompliant pedestrians often cross intersections around campus regardless of having the right of way as provided by a traffic light, which causes congestion and the potential for an accident to occur.

According to traffic safety laws, pedestrians only have the right of way when crossing signals indicate, and when the right of way signals are not indicating and pedestrians cross, they are in

violation. That violation could cost up to \$300 for repeat offenders with the first violation being a stop and ID. During a stop and ID, the pedestrian’s information is recorded, and pedestrians could face a citation for continued offenses.

“Please push the buttons at controlled intersections and wait for the signal to legally cross the street.”

— Lt. Trent Martin, University Police

Martin said the initiative is in response to requests made to police for crosswalk safety enforcement.

“We see on a daily basis where pedestrians are following the people in front of them, oftentimes not paying attention to what the crosswalk displays are reading and presuming they always have the right of way,” Martin said.

Martin said the initiative will also help drivers who aren’t entirely sure of what to do when they drive through campus.

“Our department is working on educating those drivers, along with the pedestrians, to help educate on who does have the right of way in those situations,” he said. “Vehicle traffic can also be confused as they see pedestrians stopped at an intersection; the

natural instinct is to stop and let the pedestrians cross, even if the pedestrian has a no-cross signal at the crosswalk.”

Martin said it’s important for pedestrians to note that even when a car waves you on and you cross, without the signal, you are in violation and could be subject

to a citation.

UWO sophomore Jonny Samp said he doesn’t agree with fining students for jaywalking because students need to cross the street to get to classes on campus.

“I think if a person is really in a rush to get to work, they should take an alternate route around campus, which there are plenty,” Samp said. “There are only two one-way streets that run through campus.”

UWO sophomore Will Cochrane is a commuter student who has to drive around campus regularly.

“It is nice not needing to worry about pedestrians not paying attention to lights,” he said.

UWO sophomore Andrew Haese said when he was living on campus, he did not see the need

for crosswalk enforcement, but when he became a commuter, the need became more apparent.

“It’s extremely terrifying when people jaywalk,” he said. “It’s only been a week and a half of class, and I’ve already had to slam on the brakes for numerous people not crossing at a crosswalk.”

The pedestrian safety initiative will be enacted the first four weeks of every semester, but Martin said crosswalk enforcement will continue throughout the year.

“We are dealing with a new population of students each year, so it will be important that everyone is familiar with the laws to prevent the need to issue citations and prevent the potential of anyone being involved in a serious or fatal accident,” he said.

If students are unsure of traffic laws, they should feel free to ask UP officers for clarification on exactly when they have the right of way, Martin noted.

“Please push the buttons at controlled intersections and wait for the signal to legally cross the street,” Martin said. “It’s a pretty simple concept that takes a little bit of patience but can ultimately save your life and save you from the potential of receiving a citation.”



# Holocaust horrors displayed at Reeve

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The Gail F. Steinhilber Gallery on the third floor of Reeve Union will host an Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi German Concentration and Extermination Camp exhibit through Sept. 27.

Associate Professor of History Karl Loewenstein helped put together the exhibit and said he was approached by the Polish Heritage Society of Northeast Wisconsin about it this summer.

“The exhibit has been displayed in several places around the state recently and was available for UW Oshkosh to display,” Loewenstein said.

The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum in Poland loaned the exhibit to the university.

Art Gallery Attendant Claire Clough said the Holocaust is an important time in history people need to know about, especially since some individuals still deny its existence.

“It’s terrible because it’s this huge persecution of people,” Clough said. “This exhibit does a really good job of highlighting a different group of people. It’s a good perspective that needs to be brought to the table and talked about as well.”

According to the UWO department of history, the exhibit consists of 31 panels all documenting the development of Nazism, the beginnings of the Holocaust and the camp itself.

Loewenstein said he reached out to many interested people and discovered the gallery was open, and the chancellor’s office willingly stepped forward to support the exhibit’s display financially.

“I worked with Dr. Mouton



TOP: Reeve Union Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi German Concentration and Extermination Camp exhibit.  
BOTTOM LEFT: Karl Loewenstein presents during “Nazism, Racism and the Holocaust” panel discussion.  
BOTTOM RIGHT: An Auschwitz poster panel part of the display documenting the development of Nazism.

to arrange the presentations and the coordinator of the Steinhilber Gallery, Emmet Sandberg, to display the exhibit,” Loewenstein said.

A panel discussion on Sept. 11

was entitled “Nazism, Racism and the Holocaust.” Loewenstein and history professor Michelle Mouton, who also helped with the exhibit, were panelists.

Clough said the Holocaust and

the 1940s in general were a very interesting time.

“So many terrible things happened, and you never cease to be amazed by how awful people can be to each other,” Clough

said. “I think the photos in this exhibit really are insane photos that were taken and give a good insight on the time that this is happening.”

For Loewenstein, Auschwitz represents the worst of humanity.

He said Auschwitz was part of a long process of dehumanization and demonization of Jewish people and anyone else the Nazis deemed inferior.

“The exhibit examines that process from its beginning, with the hate and prejudice that was part of Nazi ideology,” Loewenstein said. “This is something that could happen again and we need to be constantly vigilant.”

A Holocaust survivor is also involved in the exhibit. Eva Zaret, a Wisconsin resident, held a talk on Sept. 18.

Also that day was a discussion on how to teach the Holocaust in American schools with Director of Education for Holocaust Education Resource Center of Milwaukee Dan Haumschild speaking.

UWO History Movie Club will be showing “The Pianist” based on the story of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a well-known Polish-Jewish pianist.

On Sept. 25, look forward to a panel discussion at 4 p.m. in Reeve Union Theatre, “Genocide and Hatred in the Modern World.” Political science professor Mike Jasinski, English professor Cary Henson, and geography professor Heike Alberts will be the panelists.

Hours for the gallery are Monday and Wednesday 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-6 p.m., Friday 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and closed Saturday and Sunday.

## OSA launches UWO Go

### Van transportation system offers rides on demand

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Oshkosh Student Association is offering a free van transportation system, UWO Go, to provide safe rides for students on or near campus starting in mid- to late October.

“This service will function very similar to Uber where an app that we’ve partnered with called TapRide will be incorporated into the UWO Mobile app,” OSA President Jacob Banfield said. “Students will log in with their NetIDs to then request a ride in a zoned area.”

OSA Speaker of Assembly Zackary DeBroux said this service will be beneficial to UWO because of how the program is set up.

“The individual driving the vehicles will be community service officers,” DeBroux said. “The CSOs are students, so the passengers will have peers that will safely drive them to their de-



sired destination in the UWO Go boundaries.”

Banfield said UWO Go will be useful because students won’t have to wait for alternative forms of transportation.

“Students will be able to get rides on demand within the hours of operation in the designated areas,” Banfield said.

UWO Go will be operating Sunday and Monday from 4 p.m. to midnight and Tuesday through Saturday from 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Banfield said inclement weather might affect hours of transportation.

“Weather in Wisconsin is unpredictable and we try to work through all weather,” Banfield

said. “As a general rule, if the university closes due to weather, UWO Go will usually be closed.”

Banfield said the initiative for this service is to provide a more efficient transportation system for students, staff and faculty members.

“This has been a process that OSA’s been working since the day [OSA Vice President Ian McDonald] and I took office,” Banfield said. “I look forward to seeing students be able to utilize a great service that they can use on a day-to-day basis.”

McDonald said this system is practical and modern.

“I’m excited about UWO Go because the students will finally have a 21st-century transportation system that is convenient and cost-effective,” McDonald said.

OSA adviser Jean Kwaterski said she gives Banfield and McDonald a lot of credit for trying to save students money with this idea.

“The old Titan Transit service wasn’t being utilized that much,” Kwaterski said. “UWO Go will cost quite a bit less than Titan Transit, and I think students will find it more useful.”

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# ‘Bone lickers’: UWO professor, students help solve cold cases

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further, he found a hole in the back of the skull.

With more research, Karsten reported to officers that the skeleton found alongside the railroad tracks was a staged suicide, actually homicide, “because it doesn’t make much sense that a person would pull the trigger of a shotgun, re-orient the gun and take another shot.”

Karsten gets a handful of those opportunities a year. The most high-profile cases can make or break a courtroom decision.

His job in that situation, he said, is to be an expert scientist who provides facts to the courtroom

audience.

And from the forensic lens of research, Karsten can tell officers, judges and jurors the race, height and relative age of a skeleton and if that person was choked, stabbed or shot.

In another case, he concluded that bones found after a house fire that were presumed to be from two brothers were not human remains, but were the bones of a cat.

“The brothers were served an eviction notice and left a note saying they were going to burn the place down,” Karsten explained. “That kind of thing happens. But it can also be an excuse for one brother to kill the other. Or for both the brothers to kill some-

one else. It is important for our research to determine the sequence of events, which help piece together the information of the crime scene and achieve justice.”

Other opportunities for research came in northern Wisconsin, where organized crime members stored bodies in large open fields, Karsten said.

A case in southern Wisconsin “was all the students,” he said. “I sat back as they found a bullet hole in the head. That helped us piece together the evidence of the case and help those who were involved.”

Karsten began inviting his students along to his case work in 2015 when he was hired at UWO.

Within the first six months he received a phone call and the field courses began.

Now, he said he receives a phone call every two to three weeks about random bones being found.

“Usually somebody will be walking through a trail in the woods and they will see a skeleton,” he said. “They will report it to the cops or to an examiner, and the examiner or officer will report it to me. Most the time the bones end up being animal bones, but when I get the phone call with no caller ID, I know it is an investigation and a new opportunity to help criminal justice.”

Karsten received his master’s

degree and doctorate from the State University of New York at Albany. His research focuses on the consequences of the transition to agriculture in prehistory. His research is done in Verteba Cave, Ukraine, where he examines skeletons that date back to the Neolithic period.

Karsten said the work osteologists do has earned them a unique title.

“We’re (osteologists) known as bone lickers in the scientific community,” he said. “Because human bones have a feel that trained experts can instantly identify.”

# Red Zone: Sexual assault & dating violence myths debunked

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roles, Hill said society needs to confront the myths surrounding sexual assault and interpersonal violence.

One of the myths most impacted by gender stereotypes is the idea that men don’t get sexually assaulted.

by gender stereotypes is that men don’t get sexually assaulted. In

fact, one in 16 men are sexually assaulted in their lifetime, according to Peer Wellness Educator Maysee Lao.

“Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault,” Lao said. “[About] 68% of sexual assault crimes are unreported, and that includes sexual assault cases involving men as the victim.”

One of the most damaging myths about sexual assault is that someone can consent to sexual activities while intoxicated.

“The legal definition of consent says that you cannot consent if you are incapacitated, meaning intoxicated,” Schwartz said.

Hill added many college students don’t know their alcohol tolerance and aren’t properly educated about consent.

“If you do meet this person out at a party or a bar, if they’re really truly interested in you, they will get your number and wait until the next day to communicate with you,” Hill said.

Schwartz suggests students keep alcohol and sex separate.

“You don’t need to mix the two, especially with people that you don’t know very well,” Schwartz

said.

Students always need to make sure their partners are consenting to sexual activities, Lao added.

“Perpetrators often use alcohol as a method to take advantage of others,” Lao said. “A victim is never to blame, even if alcohol is involved.”

Another myth surrounding sexual assault and interpersonal violence is the idea that if a relationship isn’t physically abusive, then it’s devoid of abuse.

Scars left from emotional and psychological abuse can be just as deep as those left from a physically abusive relationship, Hill added.

“A lot of the students that I see that are victims of intimate partner violence and domestic abuse are struggling a lot with being able to even concentrate in class, [and] being able to open up to healthy relationships after that unhealthy relationship,” Hill said.

Lao encouraged students to get out of a relationship if they feel forced to do anything they don’t want to do, especially if the partner is making them feel unsafe and not asking for consent.

Schwartz said friends can often see that a relationship is unhealthy before a victim does, adding that her office is always open to students who need guidance navigating an unhealthy relationship.

Best practices for students engaging in sex include using contraceptives and protection, such as condoms, to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, as well as disclosing disease and infection status with partners, Lao said.

She added it’s important for students to know their partners and understand where to find emergency contraception on campus, if needed.

People must start believing victims, Hill said, if we are to change rape culture and fully debunk the myths surrounding sexual assault and intimate partner violences.

“We need to start by believing [victims] and saying, ‘I don’t know everything that happened, but I’m here for you,’” Hill said. “That alone goes a long way with someone who has been through a traumatic event.”



Hannah Preissner / Advance-Titan  
K-9 Officer Skylar is an explosives detection dog at UWO

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she is such a fit and active dog, so sometimes it’s her brain that needs exercise more than her body,” he said.

Students are allowed to approach and pet K-9 Officer Skylar as long as they ask her handler for permission. However, if Skylar is wearing her special vest, it indicates she is working, and students are asked not to approach her.

Kohlman said Officer Skylar brings additional security to the UWO campus as the UP wants to be proactive rather than reactive to any potential threats.

“We haven’t had issues on campus yet, but at the same time, you can’t rule out those risks and they exist and that’s why we have a dog like this,” he said. “We would rather be safe than sorry.”

Skylar spends about 40 hours a week on the UWO campus, and Kohlman says her presence has increased morale among students.

“The campus community, they

really seem to enjoy it. A lot of the campus community has dogs at home and they miss them, so being able to see Skylar and pet Skylar, it really calms them down and gives a high point to their day,” he said. “People are much more likely to approach me with issues or problems they have because they have her as an icebreaker.”

Anyone interested in getting Skylar involved around campus or in helping with donations and fundraising for Skylar’s continued care should contact the UP, Kohlman added. The UP also gives away a stuffed K-9 Skylar replica with a \$20 donation to the K-9 fund.

Kohlman said Skylar amazes him every day with her skills and abilities.

“To do the kind of work that she does, to clear a stadium or building, it would take us many, many police officers to go through every nook and cranny,” he said. “Whereas, if she gets in the area of something, she is going to be able to smell it out and let us know it’s there.”

# Service dogs, therapy dogs, and working dogs, oh my!

By Bethanie Gengler  
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No longer are dogs just a pet used only for companionship. Nowadays, dogs perform all kinds of tasks. That includes drug sniffing, guiding the blind, search and rescue, item retrieval, bed bug searching and more.

Read on to learn about the different types of tasks these dogs perform as well as rules for approaching these dogs.

## Service dog

A service dog has received specific training to help individuals with disabilities. These dogs are certified and protected through the Americans with Disabilities Act and are allowed entrance to places that companion dogs are not allowed.

Service dogs include guide dogs, psychiatric service dogs, hearing dogs, mobility assistance dogs, diabetic alert dogs, seizure detection dogs and more.

Because a service dog has a task

to perform, it can be distracting to have a stranger approach and pet a service dog. While you may ask to pet a service dog, it is generally frowned upon and you must be respectful if the owner declines.

## Therapy dog

A therapy dog visits people in certain settings such as at schools, nursing homes and hospitals.

Therapy dogs are used for companionship and have a much different skillset than service dogs. They have a psychological and physiological effect on the people they visit.

Generally, the owners of therapy dogs are volunteers who bring them to different places specifically to allow people to pet them. You should always ask for permission to pet a therapy dog, but it’s often encouraged.

## Working dog

A working dog is a dog that has been specifically bred to perform a job that helps humans.

Examples of working dogs include police dogs, explosives detection dogs, search and rescue dogs, cancer detection dogs and bed-bug sniffing dogs.

If a working dog is wearing a vest, it indicates they are working and you are asked not to approach the dog as they have a job to perform. If a working dog is not wearing a vest, you can ask its handler if you may pet the dog as this varies depending on its temperament.

## All dogs

You should always ask for permission to pet any dog. The best way to approach a dog is to first put your hand out for the dog to sniff. Pet the dog on the top of the head and down the back as these are the least sensitive areas. Just remember, some dogs have a job to do, and no matter how much you’d like to snuggle them, sometimes it’s better to let them perform their job.



# Teachers’ workloads to increase

By **Jelissa Burns**  
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UW Oshkosh professors in the College of Letters and Science are expected to increase their workload, teaching three classes the first semester and four classes the second semester.

Due to cuts in state funding for higher education and frozen tuition rates, the university is attempting to cut about \$8 million from their

budget over the next two years. This proposal was made as an effort to reduce the university’s payroll by about \$1 million.

Miles Maguire, professor of journalism, is among a number of professors who are affected by the workload increase.

“If you think about it, a university is not like a factory that’s running 24/7, 365,” Maguire said. “Someone might say, ‘Well, it’s just another class,’ but in that 14-

week semester, it’s a 33-and-a-third-percent increase. It would be like if someone told you, ‘You have to take another class; it won’t count towards graduation, but you have to take it.’”

Maguire said that this change for professors could affect the learning experience for students during class.

“If you hand in something in a reporting class, I could edit it for hours and hours, and I would,”

Maguire said, “but if I’m teaching more and I have more students, I can’t. I think the university would like to say that this won’t affect the student experience, but I don’t see how you can avoid that.”

History professor Stephen Kercher said that this could even have an effect on teaching.

“You become a better teacher when you are engaged, and deeply engaged, in your own work,” Kercher said, “so when the balance

is tipped away from that good balance of teaching and research and more towards teaching, I do think that over time [the quality of teaching] will suffer.”

The United Faculty and Staff of Oshkosh stated on Facebook that this increased workload for professors is not a good solution.

“Good working conditions for faculty and staff are things that benefit our students and the state.”

## Student’s dorm door vandalized ‘Welcome’ to UW-Eau Claire

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Sunday afternoon at 1:14 p.m., a photo surfaced on Twitter showing a UW-Eau Claire student’s dorm room door vandalized with racist slurs.

“go back to the rez RED N\*\*\*\*r” is what was written on junior Kayde Langer’s door.

According to The Daily Cardinal, Langer’s ethnic background is Red Lake Ojibwe, and this isn’t the first incident she’s had to deal with.

Similar incidents were reported in the past, but no disciplinary actions were taken. Langer told The Daily Cardinal that administrators “ignore us” and feel that there are “no consequences to being racist.”

UWEC Chancellor James Schmidt replied to Langer’s tweet stating there is “no place for hate speech.”



Kayde Langer/ Twitter  
**UWEC student posts the vandalism done to her dorm room.**

Schmidt has called on multiple departments within the university to investigate the matter including the Bias Incident Response Team, Office of Multicultural Affairs and Housing and Residence Life.

Since the incident, the chancellor made a thread on Twitter encouraging those who may have information to reach out.

“This kind of racist slur is simply antithetical to who we are as a university that values equity, diversity, and inclusion,” Schmidt wrote. “When a member of our Blugold Family is targeted, we are all impacted and called to speak with one voice against bigotry, discrimination, and intolerance.”

No responsible party has been found, and the investigation continues.

Langer told The Daily Cardinal that an ideal course of action would be to hold whoever is responsible accountable for their actions. She believes the incident is past the point of educating individuals since the incident was intentional.



Allison Russotto/ Advance-Titan  
**A student on campus stops in front of Polk Library to pick growing tomatoes.**

## Upcoming Fox Cities and Fond du Lac events

- Sept. 23**  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Street Magic @ Fox located at UWO-Fox Cities campus throughout the hallways.
- Sept. 25**  
Noon-4 p.m. Career on the Fox networking opportunity with over 150 employers at UWO Kolf gym.
- Sept. 25**  
4:30 p.m. UWO-Fox Cities soccer vs. UWSP at Wausau at Fox soccer field.
- Sept. 25**  
5 p.m.-8 p.m. UW Fond du Lac Scholar & Donor Reception at the UWO Fond du Lac Campus.

- Sept. 28**  
1 p.m. UWO Fox Cities Soccer vs UW-M at Washington at Fox soccer field.
- Sept. 30**  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 4-H Open House at UWO-FDL.
- Oct. 1**  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. YPF Lunch ‘n Learn: Leadership Stretch and Rebuilding at the UWO-FDL campus; tickets are \$15.
- Oct. 5**  
1 p.m. Oshkosh Mighty Pigs at Fond du Lac Wolfpac play rugby football at UWO-FDL.

- Oct. 7**  
5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Contractor CE – A “Think Safe” Jobsite, a course held teaching work site safety.
- Oct. 10**  
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Nat Turner in Jerusalem located at UW Fond du Lac Prairie Theater.
- Oct. 22**  
4 p.m. UWO-FDL Campus Tour and Reception
- Nov. 23**  
at 6:45am-7 p.m. Fort for a Day: The Fireside Theatre (A Christmas Story: the musical) and Jones Dairy Farm.

## Fruits and vegetables planted on campus not by accident

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Students, staff and visitors to the UWO campus may have noticed fruits and vegetables planted among the flowers around campus. That’s because grounds manager Lisa Mick started planting fruits and vegetables in the flower beds three years ago and received requests from the campus community to continue planting them.

The fruits and vegetables require fewer chemicals for their maintenance than flowers and have the added benefit of fresh nutrients, aligning with the campus mission of sustainability. The number of gardens around campus have increased with the Polk Library garden being a veggie harvest hotspot. The gardens are available to everyone on campus, but Mick has asked for people to treat them respectfully, as if they were their own.

## UW System campus briefs

**UW-La Crosse students respond to sexual misconduct allegation**

A student accused an art professor of sexual misconduct and said the university’s human resource department did nothing about it. Her story was published in the campus newspaper and students responded.

Senior Kendra Elise Whelan protested at the Hoeschler clock tower on campus and encouraged other students to join her. Whelan held a sign reading “UWL pro-

tests predatory professors.”

The student who reported the sexual misconduct said the professor took her into a paper room, asked her to pose for him and began removing her clothing. The student said she felt embarrassed and uncomfortable and said “luckily” the door was being unlocked as the professor’s actions peaked. The student said that unquestionably the professor has done this with other students.

Source: The Raquet Press

**UW Milwaukee raises record \$251 million**

A multi-year fundraiser, Made in Milwaukee, Shaping the World: The Campaign for UW-M, raised \$251,466,444 for the benefit of students, research and community engagement for years to come, UW-M Chancellor Mark Mone said at the Sept. 12 announcement party.

Mone thanked sponsors for helping surpass by 25% their \$200 million goal set in 2017.

Throughout the campaign, UW-M opened the Kenwood In-

terdisciplinary Research Complex as well as the Luber Entrepreneurship Center and UW-M Welcome Center, with an addition to the Klotsche Center.

Source: UWM Post

**UW-La Crosse adds gender inclusive restrooms**

A new policy requiring UW-La Crosse to have gender-inclusive restrooms in new and renovated buildings, coupled with a response from student and faculty requests, led UWL to announce

their plan to increase the amount of gender-inclusive restrooms.

The chancellor’s office was not charged with the task force of students and faculty members that led the initiative, but said they supported the idea.

One student said more gender-inclusive restrooms are needed because going to the bathroom is fundamental and “people shouldn’t have to pull out their phone (to use an app) and find the nearest restroom they feel comfortable in.”

Source: The Badger Herald



# The Time Theater keeps on ticking

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An old-fashioned marquee and box office, nestled within downtown Oshkosh, houses a theater with a century-old tradition of screening films for the community without the bombastic nature of the corporate-owned multiplex.

The Time Community Theater has been a staple of the Oshkosh community for over a century, offering people of all ages a nostalgic space to enjoy movie magic.

After 100 years of changing names and ownership, the Time has finally gained stability over the past decade, providing a space for the community to enjoy classic movies in early 1900s fashion.

However, because it depends on volunteers to keep itself running, the theater requires a consistent moviegoing audience to keep the classic sense of wonder alive.

### A brief history of the Time

UW Oshkosh Director of Radio Services Randall Davidson has done extensive research into the history of movie theaters in Oshkosh.

According to Davidson, downtown Oshkosh used to be packed with movie theaters in the early 1900s. He listed 11 different addresses on Main Street alone that, at one time, housed a movie theater.

In 1908, what is now known as the Time Community Theater opened as the Superba only to be renamed the Rex in 1911, before becoming the New People's Theater for a brief stint in 1914.

The Rex returned in 1915, until the theater was renamed the Palace in 1917.

It once again became the Rex in 1919, this time referred to as the "New" Rex by the locals, and had on-and-off success until 1939 when it was renamed the Time.

The Time became the Time Cinema in 1980, but closed in 1991 and remained vacant until it was reopened in 2008 as the theater it is today.

Davidson believes the Time is a valuable asset to Oshkosh's downtown that attracts people from all over the state.

"If I won the Mega Millions, I would pour a bundle into restoring it," he said. "I think it's such a nice thing to have downtown. People are even driving up from Madison to attend because there's nothing like it anywhere else."

### The Time in modern day

Volunteers have run the Time in its entirety since 2007. Operated by a nonprofit organization, the 439-seat theater screens second run, public domain films and cult classics such as "Plan 9 from Outer Space" and "The Goonies."

The theater's lobby is bright and covered in movie posters from the past century.

Concessions are part of the moviegoing experience. To help the theater remain afloat, the Time offers popcorn, candy and even beer to its audience.

Along with the movie screen, the Time also features a stage where it occasionally hosts live events like their annual "Rocky Horror Picture Show" screening, seances and magic shows.

The experience of seeing a film at the Time is unlike watching a movie at a multiplex. When certain movies considered so-



Photo courtesy of the Time Community Theater

The Time Theater advertises a showing of "Hooper," starring Burt Reynolds, released in July 1978.

bad-they're-good are screened, the audience is encouraged to shout out jokes and enjoy themselves in ways that are unacceptable at most theaters.

### Movies shown at the Time

Philip Krause, president of the nonprofit board that runs the Time, said in the beginning, the theater mainly focused on the Friday Fright Night horror movie series, but in recent years, the theater has grown in popularity and now also shows movies almost every Saturday night.

The organization's board selects films and seriously considers the many requests made by theater visitors.

For films not in the public domain, the Time pays a screening fee to a releasing company, usually around \$300, and some films are simply off limits for various legal reasons, Krause said.

While Friday Fright Night

remains a staple of the Time's lineup because of Oshkosh's robust horror fanbase, Krause said movies that generally receive the most attention are comedies and action films from the '80s and '90s as well as childrens movies.

"If you loved it as a kid and now you have kids and you get to bring them to see it on the big screen, that's kind of where we're aiming," he said.

Even though the R-rated "Rocky" show is the theater's biggest attraction, Krause tries to keep the movie selections mostly PG or PG-13 to build a family-friendly environment. Prices are kept low and affordable, too. Friday and Saturday movies are usually \$4 at the door.

The community appreciates the experience the Time Community Theater offers to the public and families.

"I just love the nostalgia," Oshkosh resident David Saunders

said. "The price is amazing. I love that it's nonprofit; it's just a fun time for everybody."

### The future of the the Time

Krause has big plans for the future of the Time, including more live events and renovations. But with only a couple dozen volunteers on rotation, he's always looking for more people to participate.

The Time's longest-running volunteer, Lee Marohn, said he has enjoyed donating his time to the theater for eight years. He said even cleaning up after the show can be fun because the volunteers are so great.

"We're always looking for people to come watch movies," Marohn said. "It's a great family thing and it's great for college students who are theater or film fans."

## 'Rocky Horror' returning to the Time Theater this Saturday

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Each year, hundreds fill the Time Community Theater in a scene with nostalgia-fueled self expression that's "unapologetically sexual in nature."

The Time's biggest show every year is the R-rated 1975 cult classic, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

"Rocky," as it's often referred to by fans, returns Sept. 21 to downtown Oshkosh. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and covers preshow entertainment and the feature film.

Philip Krause, president of the nonprofit board that runs the Time, located at 445 N. Main St., said "Rocky" brings in about 320 people on a slow year. One year, 411 people attended the event, nearly selling out the theater.

For the uninitiated, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is famous for being screened around



Photo courtesy of the Time Community Theater

Eric Egan (left, kneeling) and Phil Krause (rear, in tuxedo) in 2015.

the country, inviting fans to dress up in kinky outfits, sing along, generally mess around and have a good time.

Volunteer Eric Egan has hosted "Rocky" for the past four years and describes the movie and the event as "unapologetically sexual in its nature."

"I think there's just something

very pure and fun about that kind of old throwback sci-fi, that you just get a warm feeling watching it," he said. "And then to combine it with a bunch of attractive people running around in their underwear and singing fun songs, it leads to a great time for everybody."



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## Kings of campus

The conservation group Monarch Watch has designated the UW Oshkosh campus as a Monarch waystation since 2015. This is because UWO's campus grows large amounts of milkweed, a plant crucial to the livelihood of Monarchs.

The Monarch has several broods each summer in Wisconsin, the last of which is typically headed south by October, creating a spike in their presence from August to October as they prepare for their long journey south to Mexico.



Opinion

Jaywalking into fines: When did crossing the street get so complicated?

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“Make sure to look both ways before crossing the street!”

Nearly all of us heard this from our parents as kids. The University Police at UW Oshkosh have been taking this idea one step further by cracking down on pedestrian violations at the crosswalks in front of Dempsey and Sage Hall (Algoma Boulevard and High Avenue, respectively) with a “crosswalk safety initiative.”

According to the UP’s interpretation of Wisconsin state statute 346.38 (2), “No pedestrian, bicyclist or person on any device can cross if there is a ‘Don’t Walk’ sign or signal.” The fine for violating this law is \$150.10 for the first offense and \$175.30 for a second offense within a year.

“This initiative was completely focused around the safety of our students and staff that cross within our campus, so it’s all about the safety of our campus community,” UP Lt. Trent Martin said.

Although I appreciate UP looking out for the safety of students and drivers, this effort to focus on this virtually unenforceable law is ultimately futile.

I, Leo Costello, tried abiding by the pedestrian laws. It hurts.

On one occasion, a driver waved for me to cross, but instead I pressed the button, waited forever for the walk sign to go on, then crossed the street as the driver beeped at me. They had to wait another minute or so to move forward.

I spent half an hour at both the High Avenue and Algoma Boulevard crosswalks during the afternoon to tally how many people crossed the street legally or illegally as well as how many times the crosswalk button was pushed.

At Algoma Boulevard, roughly 267 people crossed legally, 539 crossed illegally and 11 pressed the button. At High Avenue, roughly 39 people crossed legally, 152 crossed illegally and 15 pressed the button.

This means that with a total of about 1,000 people, only 26 pressed the button. Only 31% of pedestrians crossed the street legally.

If every student who crossed illegally were fined for a first-time offense, that would be a total of \$103,719.10 in just one hour. The university could build a couple bridges with that money.

But here’s the thing — I never once saw a single situation that even came close to an accident. In



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fact, Martin said he couldn’t recall the last time there was an accident at these crosswalks.

I did, however, see some interesting common occurrences at the crosswalks:

- Drivers often wait for students to cross when the “Don’t Walk” sign is on and visibly get irritated when they wait for the crossing light to come on.
- Pedestrians often press the button and immediately cross the street illegally without waiting for the crossing sign to come on. This leaves drivers stranded with no pedestrians in sight.
- The time it takes for the crossing light to turn on varies drastically. Sometimes it’s immediate, other times it takes about 30 seconds or maybe even longer.
- The crossing sign sometimes goes on for no apparent reason. These crosswalks do not have motion sensors.
- Many of the pedestrians who cross legally probably do so by accident. They’re not the ones pressing the button.
- Most of the button pressers seem like they’re not in a hurry.

As it stands right now, the status quo of pedestrians and drivers at these crosswalks seems to be established. Pedestrians often let drivers go by and drivers often stop unprompted for students to pass. There’s a bit of a beautiful hive mind thing going on that seems to be working even though most pedestrians are technically crossing

illegally.

Martin seems to be aware there is a problem with the current setup at these crosswalks.

“We notice that a lot of times people don’t want to push the button because they don’t want to affect traffic and get traffic to stop for them, but that’s really what’s expected and required in order for them to cross,” he said.

Let’s suppose everyone abode by the pedestrian laws on campus. If every single student crossing Algoma Boulevard or High Avenue at the crosswalks pressed the button and waited until the crossing signal, the sidewalks and roads would get really blocked up.

Large groups of students would have to wait patiently until they could cross, then once the “Don’t Walk” sign came on, another large group of students would have to wait for who knows how long to cross. Many students would end up tardy to their classes, especially since a lot of those students have to cross both streets.

From the driver’s perspective, abiding by the laws all of the time would also cause problems. Drivers would, on average, have to wait more. In the case of a single or a few pedestrians (something that happens a lot throughout the day), drivers would have to wait for them to press the button, wait for the crossing signal to turn on, wait for them to cross and then wait for the green light. What a waste of time.

Pedestrians don’t abide by the crosswalk laws at Algoma Boulevard and High Avenue because

the system is broken for these areas. Why would you press the button if there aren’t any cars? Why wouldn’t you cross if the vehicles are clearly giving you the right of way? How can you resist going with the crowd when they all cross at once?

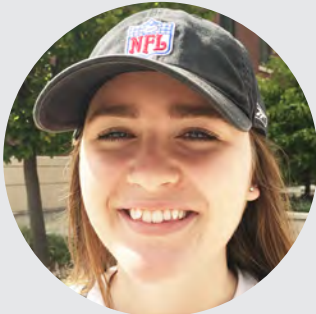
“When a pedestrian is crossing outside of these crosswalk zones or is crossing when they’re not supposed to, it creates confusion for the drivers and then that safety concern is what we don’t want,” Martin said.

So what should happen to fix this problem? Clearly crossing lights are not working. Perhaps the lights should be removed. Perhaps speed bumps should be installed. Perhaps we should have crossing guards at these crosswalks. Why does something as simple as crossing the street have to be so complicated?

Based on what I’ve seen, I think the most effective solution would be to replace the crossing lights on Algoma Boulevard and High Avenue with the same kind of crosswalk in front of Reeve Memorial Union with the flashing yellow lights. Pressing the button at that crosswalk immediately makes the warning lights flash, giving pedestrians the right of way, but vehicles can still drive through if there are no students present.

Having this consistency with crosswalks on campus would not only organize the chaos between pedestrians and drivers, but it would reduce confusion and waiting time, as well as help ensure the safety of everyone on the road.

“Whatcha Think?”  
about UW Oshkosh police  
ticketing for jaywalking?



**Madalyn Holtz, student**  
“I get it. We have to press the buttons. But if pedestrians are waiting to cross the crosswalk, we do have the right of way, technically.”



**Carly Foxgrover-Foley, junior**  
“I feel like there’s a lot better things [police] can do with their time.”



**Alyssa Legois, sophomore**  
“I think the whole pressing the button thing is a little much, but I mean it’s kind of habit for me to push the button, so it doesn’t really cross my mind.”

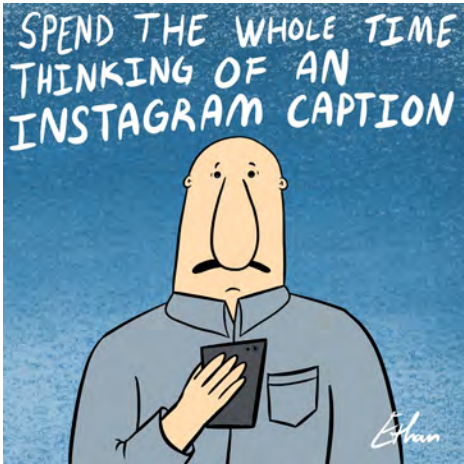
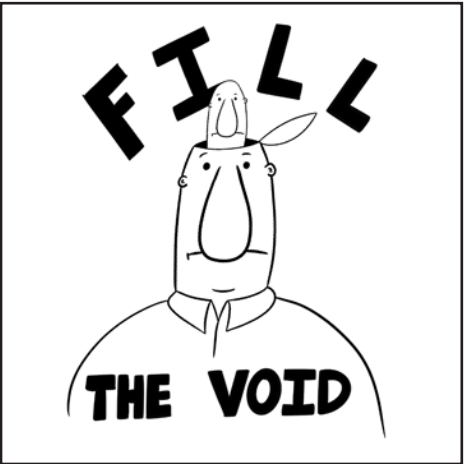


**Brady Kollmann, senior**  
“I think [\$150.10] is pretty expensive for just jaywalking. Makes me really not really want to do it then even though it’s the quickest way to cross the street, especially when there’s no cars coming.”



**Chase Lowen, junior**  
“Honestly, I don’t think it’s effective at all.”

Ethan’s Art Corner





## Tinder bios translated, for your convenience

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**What it says:**  
I'm over 6 feet if that matters.

**What it means:**  
Please, please, *please* validate me.

**What it says:**  
“You miss 100% of the shots your don't take.”

-Wayne Gretzky  
-Michael Scott

**What it means:**  
Like this quote, I'm dreadfully un-imaginative.

**What it says:**  
Swipe the direction of your political views.

**What it means:**  
Hi. Racist guy here. Date me?

**What it says:**  
Here for a good time, not a long time.

**What it means:**  
Read my lips: our relationship will be short-lived and lousy.

**What it says:**  
Future DILF.

**What it means:**  
You'll have to sit in the backseat because my ego rides shotgun.

**What it says:**  
If you're not a dog person, it's not going to work out.

**What it means:**  
Hey baby, do you like arbitrary stipulations in your voluntary commitments?

**What it says:**  
Let's go on an adventure!

**What it means:**  
This is what I'll say when my '96 Grand Am breaks down in the middle of nowhere.

**What it says:**  
Guac is extra but so am I.

**What it means:**  
I have two volume levels: loud and screaming.

**What it says:**  
I can probably outdrink you.

**What it means:**  
For my next trick, I will pass off alcoholism as a cute quirk.

**What it says:**  
I love to travel.

**What it means:**  
Look! Look! I'm so cultured, I've been to the Bahamas!

**What it says:**  
I know “The Office” by heart.

**What it means:**  
I'm completely devoid of any semblance of a personality.

**What it says:**  
Sarcasm is my first language.

**What it means:**  
My second language is idiocy.

**What is says:**  
If you're under 5'11”, swipe left.

**What it means:**  
I want to look up to you like I never could with my father.

**What it says:**  
Country boys will always have my heart.

**What it means:**  
Let's do brother-sister roleplay.

# College: A whole new world for a freshman

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Wow, college is definitely a complete transformation from high school to say the least. However, I definitely don't see that as a bad thing in the slightest. My first impression of UW Oshkosh and what it holds can be boiled down to these three terms: independence, reassurance and opportunity.



Sparks

**Independence:** Although I anticipated that a new lifestyle that involves being on campus 24 hours a day would entail that I'd need to make more executive decisions on how my day could go, it didn't really hit me that I was

entirely on my own until I was dropped off here by my parents. I now had the freedom to use the gym when I wanted, go to the library to study if I needed the peace and much more. Every day I need to find time to complete my work, begin to get involved with clubs and make appointments. On top of all of this, I still have to find free time to relax my brain. This crowded schedule is definitely new, but it's not negative in the slightest because it keeps me occupied and gives me validation that I'm being productive. **Reassurance:** Boy, is there a ton of it. The teachers, faculty and e-board students for all of the student organizations here were beyond welcoming to say the very least.

From Taste of UW Oshkosh to stepping into my first college classroom, the support of the staff here at UWO has been remarkable. Being two hours away

from my hometown of Kenosha didn't feel quite as bad once I realized there are thousands of people here assisting me in the

working for Major League Baseball affiliates due to the tools that they received here, my decision was immediately made.

“From Taste of Oshkosh to stepping into my first college classroom, the support of the staff here at UWO has been remarkable.”

- Cory Sparks, freshman

process of making the campus my new home. **Opportunity:** Ultimately, this word justifies my decision to become a student here at Oshkosh this fall. Last year when I toured the campus and heard about all of the chances to advance as a leader, student and ultimately as a person in a preferred job field, that absolutely blew me away. My dream career is to be a sports commentator/news broadcaster, and when I found out that the radio/TV/film major encased alumni students who are now

Now after being here for a couple of weeks, my love for this campus and happiness with my decision to go here for school has only grown exponentially. From the free-flowing vibe of independence to the endless resources in clubs, intramurals and majors that lead to successful routes in the future, I'm confident that I, along with many other freshmen, have made an exemplary decision in choosing Oshkosh as their college of choice.

## UWO alumni-made ‘Gags the Clown’ struggles to terrify

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While Pennywise is currently out terrifying audiences in the second-largest opening horror movie ever, an independent group of UW Oshkosh alumni screened their own scary clown movie at Reeve Memorial Union last Thursday.



Peterson

You might recall the short lived but bizarre craze that was the “clown sightings” in the summer of 2016, but what you may not know is that the sightings in Green Bay inspired a short film about an evil clown titled “Gags.” Three years later, the killer clown made his return to the screen in “Gags the Clown,” a passion project of Adam Krause (director/co-writer), along with John Pata (co-writer) and D.J. Kast (cinematographer). All three of these horror junkies went through UWO's radio/TV/film program.

In the film, Krause attempts to capture the frenzy that ensued following the aforementioned “clown sightings” with a blend of comedy and horror, but this ambitious hybrid never quite pulls off what it sets to achieve due to its tonal inconsistency and lackluster cast of characters.

Taking place over the course of a single night in Green Bay, the film follows four unique groups of people, a pair of police officers, a news crew, an off-kilter podcast host and a bunch of teenage kids, and how they are all affected by the presence of a terrifying clown named Gags in their town.

As the night gets more and more deadly, the characters' paths begin to intertwine as the mysteries surrounding Gags start to unfold.

Krause claimed this is the first feature film filmed entirely in Green Bay, which helps the authenticity of the movie taking place one night in the city. The

film was also supposed to utilize real news footage from the viral marketing campaign, which would have added a blend of fiction and nonfiction to the story, but it couldn't be used due to licensing issues. The movie was shot in the style of found footage, a subgenre closely associated with horror films that has garnered a bad rap over the last decade for featuring distracting cinematography, limited storytelling capabilities and resorting to jump-scares, but “Gags the Clown” manages to transcend these genre tropes through its ambitious plot and scope.

Though it's not realistic that the cell phones, dash cams and news cameras all have the same video quality, the cinematography sacrifices practicality in favor of being visually compelling and avoid reverting to the “shaky-cam” trope that usually hinders a film like this.

The film also avoids being visually uninteresting through the wide range of characters, as the switching between perspectives means that the audience is never trapped with the same character or location for longer than desired.

“Gags the Clown” offers a unique take on typical found-footage horror, as it gets most of its scares from building an eerie atmosphere rather than just using jump scares to warrant a reaction. Not once in the film does any clown suddenly appear out of nowhere, accompanied by a loud obnoxious sound effect.

The type of horror found in “Gags the Clown” is best exemplified by scenes such as one shot within Oshkosh's own Time Community Theater. In the scene, a police officer responds to a break-in and investigates the pitch black theater with only her flashlight, when suddenly the projector turns on and starts playing a video of a clown, followed by the titular villain appearing in the dimly lit background staring at the officer.

Unfortunately, the repercussions of having so many different threads is that the film has trouble maintaining an engaging story and leaves many of its characters

paper thin and underdeveloped. The entire first hour of the film is dedicated to jumping between the many perspectives and establishing the setting, which is not inherently a bad thing, as world-building and atmospheric development are vital in the horror genre. But when a film dedicates nearly three quarters of its runtime to merely establishment, it is very easy to bore the audience.



This is especially frustrating when so little is done with the characters over that extended period of time. For most of the characters in this film, once they are introduced, they go through little change over the course of the film, which makes it really hard to establish any connection or even care about what happens to them.

Even worse, the majority of the performances, with the exception of Lauren Ashley Carter and Aaron Christensen, are mediocre and even irritating at certain points, making it harder to connect with them.

All of this, combined with the fact that the plot is relatively stagnant until the 60-minute mark, means that the film often begins to feel like it is dragging and even gets repetitive at times.

The perspective of the group of teenagers is especially guilty of this as every time the film went to their viewpoint, it was pretty much the same gag over and over again that added nothing of consequence to the piece as a whole. By far the film's biggest and

most frustrating issue is just how inconsistent the tone can feel at times. Throughout the film, there are moments of decent horror and just as many (if not more) moments of genuinely great comedy, which doesn't appear to be an issue upon first glance, but these tones just don't mix. Instead of having moments of comedic relief in a generally scary film or having scary moments within an otherwise comedic film, “Gags the Clown” has a jarring effect whenever it switches between the two, leaving the viewer confused about how they are supposed to feel. Every scene that builds up any sense of horror is swiftly undermined by a subsequent scene of that is played out for pure comedic value. The film could have been vastly improved if it fully committed to either horror or comedy instead of clumsily trying to juggle both to no avail. “Gags the Clown” unfortunately suffers from a crippling identity crisis that prevents it from having a sense of coherence that would allow it (especially the first hour) to be a lot more enjoyable. While Krause and the other UWO alumni showed so much potential to present an inventive take on the found-footage horror genre, “Gags the Clown” gets lost in its own ambitious premise but falls just short of being a memorable experience.

Rating: 2 Stars ★★★★★

## Correction

An article in the Sept. 12, 2019 Advance-Titan incorrectly stated that online access to the Oxford English Dictionary was being cut this year. While that was true when the story was written last spring, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs John Koker was able to find some one-time funds to pay for the online dictionary in May after the last issue of the Advance-Titan was published for the semester. The Advance-Titan apologizes for not verifying that the information was still accurate at time of publication.



Sports

Football drops first-ever game in Maryland

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The UW Oshkosh football team traveled to Maryland over the weekend where they dropped a nonconference game against Salisbury University, 24-19.

Head coach Patrick Cerroni knows that these nonconference games are used to work out any kinks on the offense and defensive end.

He expressed that its a period of figuring themselves out, finding out what their strengths are and working to immediately address their weaknesses.

After two blocked field goal attempts resulting in touchdowns for the opposing team in the team’s first regular season game, Cerroni made personnel changes.

“We made a ton of mistakes that we are trying to correct, but who cares it’s a new week; it’s an option team, and there is a lot of discipline involved and a constant effort to improve,” Cerroni said.

Although last week Cerroni praised his defense for their play against Carthage College, he knew it would be no easy task against Salisbury this week.

The defense held up for the most part, only allowing 265 yards of offense. What killed the Titans was Salsbury’s ground attack, as they rushed for 214 yards.

The Sea Gull’s also won the



Courtesy of UWO Flickr

Junior Anthony D’Orazio gets the Titans riled up before their home opener last week against Carthage College. This week the Titans traveled to Maryland and fell to Salsbury University 24-19.

time of possession battle. Salsbury possessed the ball for 34.45 minutes, whereas the Titans only held the ball for 25:15 minutes.

While the scoreboard may not reflect it, the Titans racked up more yardage than Salsbury with 421 yards of total offense.

Freshman quarterback Kobe Berghammer had more offensive opportunities in a 24-19 loss against Salisbury this Saturday than he did in week one.

Berghammer completed 45% of his passes, going 15 for 33,

throwing for 290 yards and two touchdowns in the game against Salisbury, distributing the ball to eight different Titan receivers.

Cerroni said he doesn’t care about stats as long as they are winning games.

“When the ball is distributed around, that is when we are going to win games,” Cerroni said. “I don’t care if 10 guys carry the ball and 10 guys catch the ball. As long as we got guys who are working hard every week.”

That is just what the Titans did

as they won in total yards with 421 versus Salisbury’s 265. The Titans were dismantled on the rushing end as 214 of Salisbury’s yards came from the run game.

Cerroni said he was aware of Salisbury’s talent before the game on Saturday.

“They are a really good football team, Cerroni said. “They have pretty good receivers for being an option team.”

Although the Titans lost, they scored all 19 points came in the fourth quarter to tighten the gap.

The scoring was highlighted by a 66-yard run by senior Riley Kallas, a 49-yard touchdown pass by Berghammer to junior Justin Kasuboski and a 36-yard

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— Pat Cerroni, Head coach

receiving touchdown by junior Ryan Hayes.

Junior Mitchell Gerend ended the game with six receptions for 129 yards, leading the Titans offensive effort.

Berghammer said the team’s focus is simple: they have to win games.

“I just want to win games,” Berghammer said. “This is a great team, and we all want to focus on improving and getting wins from week to week.”

The UW Oshkosh Titans fell to 1-1, but there is one more nonconference game against Huntingdon College, which will give the Titans one more week to work on what needs to get done before conference play starts.

Herd hosts tryouts, preps for bounceback season

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Former UW Oshkosh student and basketball standout Brett Wittchow tried out for the Wisconsin Herd last weekend at the Herd’s annual tryouts.

The tryout was located at the YMCA in Oshkosh and contained 70 athletes looking to make their NBA dreams come true.

Four athletes made it onto the second round of tryouts in Milwaukee. Wittchow made it past the first round of cuts during the preliminary tryout but was not one of the four players selected for the following tryout in Milwaukee.

Wittchow finished his college career as a part of last year’s NCAA Division III National Championship team. Wittchow averaged 14 points per game his senior season on 41.3% from the 3-point line.

He finished 17th in UWO histo-

ry in points and is 10th all-time in three-pointers made.

In the team’s Final Four match-up against Wheaton College, Wittchow provided an offensive spark as he tallied 21 points on 4-5 shooting from beyond-the-arc.

With new head coach Chase Buford leading the Herd this season, the team is looking to find local talent to help boost their roster for the upcoming season.

The coaching change comes after the Herd fired coach Jordan Brady and the rest of his staff after two seasons with Wisconsin.

Buford is in his first head coaching stint with the Bucks organization and is currently one of the youngest coaches in the league at 30 years old.

Buford previously coached as an assistant with the Delaware Blue Coats. He also played in college at Kansas University under Bill Self.

Buford’s father R.C. Buford

works as the CEO of sports and entertainment for the San Antonio Spurs.

The rookie head coach will look to improve the Herd’s 3-point shooting as Wisconsin was 25th in the league in 3-point percentage with 25.1%. The team was also last in the G-League in defensive rating.

The Herd finished last season with the worst record in the G-League, the NBA’s minor league.

The G-League affiliate will look to supply the Milwaukee Bucks with roster depth as they chase an NBA title.

Last season, Bonzie Colson, a two-way player for the Herd and Bucks played some important minutes throughout the year. He averaged 4.9 points in the eight contests he played in.

Wisconsin begins their season on Nov. 8 against the Windy City Bulls at Menominee Nation Arena in Oshkosh.



Hannah Preissner/Advance-Titan

Former UWO athlete Brett Wittchow looks to pass downcourt.

Upcoming Events	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday
	<b>Volleyball</b> @ UW-Stevens Point vs. St. Thomas University 3 p.m. vs. Milwaukee School of Engineering 5 p.m.	<b>Women’s Golf</b> at St. Kate’s Fall Invitational 11 a.m.	<b>Volleyball</b> @ Edgewood College vs. Wheaton College (Ill.) 3 p.m. vs. Edgewood College 5 p.m.	<b>Women’s Golf</b> at St. Kate’s Fall Invitational 9:30 a.m.
	<b>Men’s and Women’s Cross Country</b> Titan Fall Classic 5:45 p.m.	<b>Football</b> vs. Huntingdon College (Ala.) Noon	<b>Women’s Soccer</b> vs. Carthage College 5 p.m.	<b>Women’s Soccer</b> vs. Illinois Wesleyan University 5 p.m.









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UW Oshkosh sophomore Becky Brezen (21) passes a ball against Oswego State while senior Sam Jaeke (11) and freshman Kate Nottoli (18) set up to receive the pass. The Titans won the match 3-0.

# Volleyball goes 1-1, sits at 6-3 heading into conference play

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The UW Oshkosh volleyball team carries a 6-3 record heading into the team’s conference opener against La Crosse on Wednesday. The Titans took down Lawrence University last Wednesday three sets to none before dropping three out of four sets to St. Norbert College. UWO was led against Lawrence by freshman Rachel Aasby and senior Samantha Jaeke who had seven kills apiece. Emma Kiekhofer paced Oshkosh with 12 assists. Jaeke and freshman Carissa Sundholm led the team with 11 and eight respective kills against St. Norbert. Kiekhofer tallied 20 assists and Rebecca Doughty added 16 assists. Doughty said the team has the talent and mindset to go far this season. “As a team we’ve set our expectations high for ourselves, and I think having a common goal has really helped us to achieve so much more this year,” Doughty said. “We also had a lot of talent come back for this season as well as a great freshman class.” The team opened its conference schedule with a game against UW-La Crosse on Wednesday. Last season, UWO was shut out three

sets to none in their regular season matchup against the Eagles. The two teams’ conference tournament matchup was a different story however as the Titans battled La Crosse to a 3-1 victory. Junior Shelby Coron said the team learned a lot from facing UW-La Crosse last year. “I think our team learned a lot from both games,” Coron said. “Losing preconference gave us a little fire to work even harder when we saw them next, and has us excited to play them again.” “Losing preconference gave us a little fire to work even harder when we saw them next, and has us excited to play them again.” — Shelby Coron, Junior After facing La Crosse, the Titans will enjoy a busy Friday and Saturday in Stevens Point and Madison facing off against four non conference opponents. Doughty said the team embraces the challenge of playing four games in two days. “It’s never easy to play four games in one weekend, but having all of these games so close togeth-

er really gives us a great opportunity to showcase how much we have improved since last year,” Doughty said. “We’ve got a pretty solid block and some really dynamic hitters as well as some great back row defenders, so this weekend is going to be all about doing the things we do well and playing consistent volleyball.” Head coach Jon Ellmann said the team has worked on some skills in practice and can use the weekend to work on those skills. “We’ve spent a good amount of time on our first ball and transition offense,” Ellmann said. “We’ve also introduced a new defense and tweaked our blocking package. We will have a lot of opportunity to improve in those areas against some talented and well coached squads.” The team will first be heading to Stevens Point on Saturday to take on the University of St. Thomas (Minn.) and the Milwaukee School of Engineering. They will then spend Sunday at Edgewood College facing off against the Eagles and Wheaton College (Ill.). Due to publication deadline, we were not able to cover the result of the UW Oshkosh vs. UW-La Crosse game. You can find coverage of that game and more on [advancetitan.com](#).

# UWO athletes show off brains and braun

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UW Oshkosh had 305 athletes awarded to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Scholastic Honor Roll for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher during the 2018-19 academic year, according to UWO Sports Information Director Kennan Timm. The WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll featured 154 Titans from 11 women’s teams and 151 from eight men’s teams. Twenty-seven of the selections came from women’s soccer, 59 from football, 32 from women’s track and field 28 from men’s track and field, as well as 20 from both baseball and men’s cross country. 16 athletes earned a 4.0 GPA last year:

- Megan Berg (women’s cross-country/indoor track and field/outdoor track and-field)
- Kameron Dransfeldt (baseball)
- Daniel Hanauer (football)
- Katie Hodges (women’s volleyball)
- Abby Kaiser (women’s basketball)
- Emma Kiekhofer (women’s volleyball)
- Brian McKnight (men’s cross country)
- Abby Menting (softball)
- Cody Moon (football)
- Alyssa Nore (women’s gymnastics)
- Max Nowinsky (football)
- Nathan Nozzi (men’s cross-country)
- Erika Priebe (women’s golf)
- Kayla Priebe (women’s golf)
- Jason Wright (football)
- Cole Yoder (football)

The university also had an additional 21 athletes maintain or exceed a 3.9 GPA. The football team had a cumulative GPA of 2.982, women’s gymnastics had a cumulative GPA of 3.369, softball had a cumulative GPA of 3.375 and wom-

en’s volleyball had a cumulative GPA of 3.375. According to Timm, men’s swimming and diving had its second-best GPA ever with a 2.986 cumulative. Timm added women’s basketball maintained a cumulative 3.3 GPA or better for the 9th consecutive year, women’s golf kept a 3.0 GPA or better for the 10th straight year and women’s tennis maintained a 3.0 GPA for the 12th consecutive year. UWO also received the All-Academic Award from the WIAC because student-athletes combined for a better GPA than the overall student population. According to Timm, UWO athletes had a 3.071 GPA, while the overall population had a 3.037 GPA. Athletes awarded to the scholastic honor roll receive a certificate, while schools given the All-Academic Award are provided a plaque. UWO student athletes are required to maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA to remain eligible for practice and competition, according to UWO athletics website. According to the Registrar’s Office website, students are no longer in good academic standing if their cumulative GPA drops below a 2.0 for one term. UWO Assistant Chancellor & Director of Athletics Darryl Sims said he’s proud of the 305 UWO student-athletes for their commitment to academics. “Academic success is one of the cornerstones of our athletics department, and I’m extremely proud to salute the 305 UW Oshkosh student-athletes who were named to the 2018-19 WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll,” Sims said. “Each student-athlete demonstrated great commitment to the classroom and their recognition was well deserved.” Individuals named to the Scholastic Honor Roll receive a certificate, while institutions claiming the All-Academic Award are provided a plaque.

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# Intramurals by the numbers

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UW Oshkosh has seen a 41.5% decline in intramural participation from the 2012-13 season to the 2018-19 season, which Rec Plex Coordinator Patrick Marcoe attributes to more options on campus for students to stay active.

During the 2012-13 season 5,300 people participate in intramural sports, whereas only 3,098 participated last school year.

“People recreate a little bit differently nowadays; there’s some work that has to be done in terms of creating a team,” Marcoe said. “Sometimes it’s just easier to maybe go to a group exercise class or just have an open play type thing for basketball.”

He added there’s multiple variables each year that affect participation, making it hard to pinpoint exactly what’s been causing the decline.

One variable Marcoe mentioned was enrollment numbers. He said sports are cyclical and that in 2012 there was a bigger senior and freshman class.

“They kind of stayed on for a number of years after that,” Marcoe said. “Then they graduated and then we’re starting fresh.”

UWO senior Austin Delaney started working for intramurals three years ago, and has seen the decline in participation first-hand.

“It just seems like participation has gone down and then the people who normally would be in a competitive league are trying to like go down to like intermediate or rec [leagues],” Delaney said.

Intramural participation did increase by 8.5% last year, going from 2,833 participants during the 2017-18 season to 3,098 participants during the 2018-19 season.

Marcoe hesitated to be optimistic that last year’s participation gain would become a trend.

“We’ll kind of see how it goes [this year],” he said.

Marcoe added that intramural staff and officiating crews have had an increased tabling effort this year, setting up shop in the residence halls.

“We’re really trying to meet students where they’re at to get them the information that we have,” Marcoe said. “Word of mouth is the way most people find out about it.”

Delaney has been tabling and said students don’t seem interested in intramurals anymore.

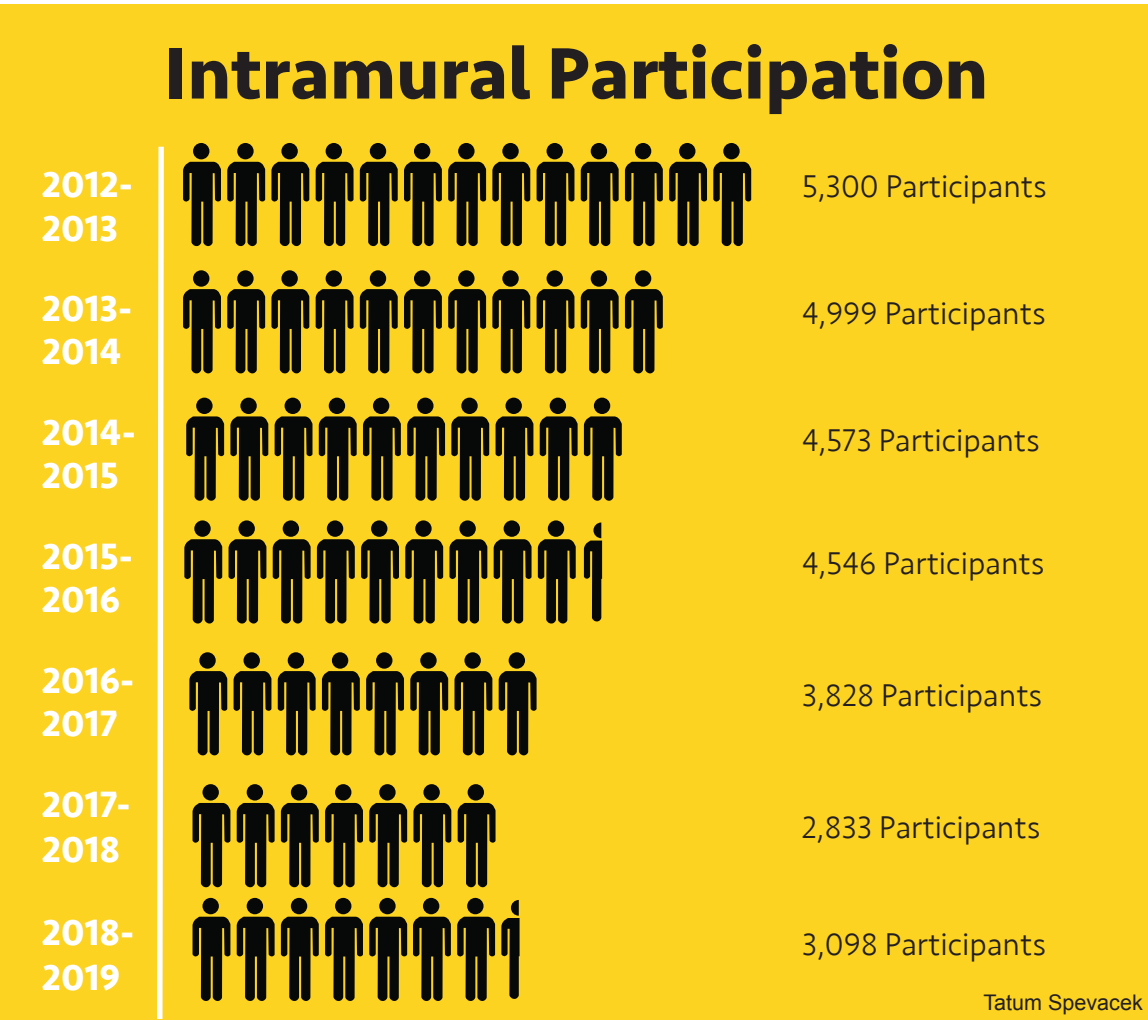
“People going by are like, ‘Nah, I’m not really interested, I don’t play sports,’” Delaney said. “People just kind of either brush you off, or most of them walk by with headphones on.”

Marcoe said more students should participate in intramurals because it gives them a chance to meet new people.

“It’s all about socializing, getting together with your friends, playing other people and just having fun,” Marcoe said. “It’s really a great way to meet people.”

When Marcoe was enrolled at UW-La Crosse, he started an intramural soccer team shortly after transferring.

“I took it upon myself just to get some people together that were also looking, [and] admittedly we



were terrible but it was still fun,” Marcoe said. “It was just fun to play even though we were not the greatest team in the world.”

Delaney participated in intramurals when he went to UW-Whitewater, as both a player and referee.

“I was only there for two semesters, but I had fun doing it,” Delaney said.

After transferring to UWO, he started working as a referee for UWO intramurals.

“I think it’s the best on-campus job,” Delaney said. “The staff is awesome, [and] the people are super friendly.”

Despite the dip in intramural participation compared to the 2012-13 season, Delaney said he still has a lot of fun working for intramurals.

“It’s a lot more laid back than competitive sports; even in the competitive leagues, it’s a little more laid back,” Delaney said.

He added that when fewer people participate, fewer games are scheduled and fewer referees are needed to officiate, which can increase the financial burden on intramural referees.

“We lose hours because of it ... No matter where you live, when you’re in college it’s always hard to pay rent,” he said.

Students interested in participating in intramurals can sign up at [imleagues.com/uwo](http://imleagues.com/uwo).

# UWO-FDL hosts golf outing as sports fundraiser

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A UW Oshkosh—Fond du Lac campus tradition swung into its third year, raising an estimated \$4,000 to \$5,000 towards UWO-FDL athletics on Friday, Sept. 6, according to UWO-FDL Athletic Director Jeremiah Hoffmann.

The Falcon Classic Golf Outing also inducted two ex-Falcon athletes, Bernie Jones and Scott Wittchow, into the UWO-FDL Athletic Hall of Fame.

The event was co-sponsored by the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation and the Fond du Lac Campus athletics program.

Hoffmann said proceeds from the event went to an athletics “wish list,” which includes outdoor soccer nets, removable barrier mats, an updated sound system in the gym, trophy cases/wall of fame, golf team bags, indoor soccer goals and player uniforms.

“Some of the proceeds will go to these wish list items while some will also help us run our athletic department,” Hoffmann said. “With shrinking budgets on our campuses, fundraising has become very important.”

The outing started at noon. Golf cart, driving-range and hall of fame banquet were all included in the player and team fees.

Hoffmann was pleased with



UW Oshkosh Chancellor Andrew Leavitt gazes out at the course at the UW Oshkosh Fon Du Lac golf outing on Friday, Sept. 6. The event raised an estimated \$4,000 to \$5,000 for UWO-FDL athletics.

attendance at the outing as 44 golfers came out to support UWO-FDL athletics, including Chancellor Andrew Leavitt.

“It was great to see the support,” he said. “Last year we only had 28 golfers, so having 44 this year was fantastic. We also greatly appreciated the chancellor coming to town and spending the

day with some of our alumni and supporters.”

Hoffmann estimates that about 60 supporters attended the hall of fame induction dinner at South Hills Golf and Country Club in Fond du Lac to recognize Jones and Wittchow.

Jones moved to Fond du Lac from Springfield, Illinois in 1973

and enrolled at UWO-FDL in 1984 as a non-traditional student.

At UWO-FDL Jones played both basketball and golf, competing with athletes that were 20 years younger than him.

Jones continued his studies and golf carrier at UWO, where he graduated with a business degree.

He later returned to UWO-FDL

as a business manager and golf coach, before passing in 1990.

Wittchow attended UWO-FDL from 1969 through 1971 where he played basketball for coach Dick Knar.

During his two-year basketball career at UWO-FDL, Wittchow averaged 12.5 points and 12.8 rebounds.

In his sophomore year, Wittchow averaged nearly 17 points and 13 rebounds per game and lead UWO-FDL basketball to a North Division Championship.

Hoffmann said the UWO-FDL Athletic Hall of Fame was started in 2010, with one induction: Knar.

“There have been no inductions since then,” he said. “This was the first time we had the HOF with the golf outing.”

Overall, Hoffmann believes it was a successful event, describing it as an “overall fantastic day.”

“We saw growth from 2018 and we are very excited to have added the hall of fame component to the event,” he said.

