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About 10,734 students are enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for the fall 2019 semester.

Welcome back students

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Welcome to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, new and returning students. Welcome also to the students at the access campuses at UWO Fond du Lac and UWO Fox Cities.

UW System policy tells UWO to better accommodate students for their academic and personal success as a marketplace of ideas through its embrace of the “widest dialogue” in diversity, expression, religion, color, culture, differing opinions and related principles of academic freedom under the First Amendment.

It is a campus with four colleges: Business, Education and Human

Services, Letters and Science and Nursing. The campus has nationally ranked programs in nursing and business. It has counseling services with extended programs each day, a student recreation center with courts for each sport, a staff of professional educators, more than 180 student organizations and career opportunities for those who want it.

If you are new to campus, there is a lot to learn and catch up on. Reading the Advance-Titan’s weekly news is how students, faculty and staff stay up-to-date on campus news.

Following the Advance-Titan, Reeve Union Board and UWO Today on social media keeps students informed. Checking your online

mailbox daily for Titan Alerts and Student Announcements makes you aware of security updates and upcoming events.

Asking professors is an easy way to get an answer if you’re struggling in any of your classes, but it shouldn’t be your first step. Asking peers, dorm room neighbors or classmates develops social skills that help cultivate a pleasing personality.

Attending free campus events is another way to make new friends and develop new interests.

Getting a job at UWO is another way to make friends, and as an equal opportunity employer, everyone is entitled to an application and chance as well as appropriate workplace conditions.

The Advance-Titan welcomes all student opinions and thoughts and reads letters sent to the editor. Write atitan@uwosh.edu for stories published by an independent student newspaper.

No matter how you adjust to campus, knowing what is available and staying informed will help.

UWO welcomed two campuses, UWO Fox Cities and Fond du Lac, in hopes of offering more opportunity to people looking for betterment through higher education.

UWO-FDL and UWO-FC are UWO students who represent the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said it is a great opportunity for all of us to lift northeastern Wisconsin.

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Former student gets \$325,000 settlement

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A former University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student will receive a \$325,000 settlement from the UW System following a sexual harassment claim that the University left unpunished for two years. UWO will pay \$125,000 with “indirect” federal funds.

The sexual harassment claim was against former UWO art professor Michael Beitz who had a relationship with an undergraduate art student, identified in court records as A.R., starting in 2012 and ending three years later.

The student said the University violated her Title IX rights by acting “with deliberate indifference” to the sexual harassment she faced from Beitz.

A.R. began classes at UWO in 2011, the same year Beitz began at UWO, but she removed herself from the University in 2014 because of depression stemming from her “coerced and emotionally abusive sexual relationship” with Beitz.

A.R. said in her lawsuit that Beitz vandalized one of her art pieces by drilling holes into the ears and mouth of a plastered sculpture, performing sexual acts with it, ejaculating into it and sending her photos of it, which A.R. said contributed to Beitz’s “intimidating and degrading” behavior toward her.

Beitz resigned from his position at UWO in June 2015.

Complaints made in 2012-13 by two people associated with the University, a student and a mother, notified the art department chair Gail Panske, who is still at UWO, of Beitz’s behavior, but she did not

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Beware the Red Zone: When campus sexual assaults are highest

By Joseph Schulz
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While many students use the first weeks of school to settle in, UW Oshkosh officials warn those weeks are also some of the most dangerous for students new to campus.

The first six weeks of the school year are known as the “Red Zone,” because there are more sexual assaults on college campuses over that period than any other time during the year.

The Department of Justice identified the time between students’ arrival on campus and Thanksgiving



break as the period when a student is the most likely to be assaulted, according to the UW Oshkosh’s Title IX webpage.

Over 50% of college sexual assaults happen in August, September, October and November, according to University Police.

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New students are most vulnerable during that time because many are still trying to learn the area, UP Capt. Chris Tarmann noted.

To minimize the risk of the Red Zone, UP will have an increased presence in known areas of vulnerability on and near campus.

Tarmann said police use data compiled over the last few years to pinpoint areas where students have a greater likelihood of being assaulted.

“We want [campus police] to spend specific amounts of time in

vulnerable areas,” Tarmann said. “The goal is really to get them in a space so that people who are trying to target our vulnerable population at that time see us.”

Campus police will also be more strictly enforcing alcohol violations during the Red Zone.

“Strict enforcement doesn’t mean no tolerance, it just means we have removed a lot of the gray area for officers,” Tarmann said.

Officers are encouraged to schedule a next day follow-up for any student who received an underage drinking citation. Police are also required to schedule next day follow ups with students who

became incapacitated from alcohol consumption.

The follow ups are designed to give students a better understanding of what they did wrong and what could have been done differently, Tarmann noted.

The police department acknowledges that underage drinking happens on college campuses, but it’s looking to minimize the risks of alcohol consumption.

“If it’s still going to happen, then let’s figure out a way that we can be in there and keep people safe as that stuff is happening,” Tarmann said.

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Gun violence examined

What happens if an active shooter incident happens here?

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The United States accounts for 80% of all gun deaths in the world, making up more than 30,000 people killed with guns each year, according to Amnesty International, a nongovernmental organization focused on human rights.

University Police defines an active shooter as a person who is using a firearm or other weapon with the intent to injure or kill others.

“The United States is the only country that experiences mass shootings at this level,” State Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz said in a press release. “It’s not even close.”

Hintz said the public expects the government to make an effort to minimize gun violence.

“People should feel safe in their communities, and yet the vast majority of Wisconsinites are currently represented by politicians who won’t even discuss the most basic steps that can be taken to protect the public and prevent these terrifying acts of violence,” Hintz said.

Due to recent instances of gun violence, UWO Associate Profes-

sor of Criminal Justice Michael Lenza said there isn’t any valid reason for civilians to have access to the military-grade weapons that are often involved in shootings.

“You’re not going to go shoot a deer with something like that,” Lenza said. “It’s not a hunting

“There is no reason I should have something so dangerous just so I can feel safe.”

—UWO student Jessica Bock

attempt to overpower them with force or an improvised weapon.

Despite procedures in place, UWO student Jessica Bock said the school is not doing enough to prepare students for the possibility of an active shooter.

“I know in high schools they have practice drills and things like that, but in the four years that I’ve been here, there’s never been a practice drill, there’s never been

pus until they figured out what was going on.”

Bock said she feels the only way to protect herself is to own a gun of her own, though she’s never been comfortable around them and understands the risks that comes with it.

“There’s no reason I should have something so dangerous just so I can feel safe,” Bock said.

Bock said it’s important for people to address these issues and thinks UWO could be doing more to make students feel prepared if a situation should arise.

“We need to have the administration know that it was a really big issue that happened last year and even though nothing really came from it, they need to realize that none of the teachers are talking about it, nobody knows the policies and nobody really knows what to do if something were to happen,” Bock said. “That’s a really dangerous situation to put us in.”

Lenza said the best way to prevent gun violence is to vote for someone who will make a change.

“Be aware and think critically about who the candidate is and what their policies are,” Lenza said. “Holding our politicians and government accountable is the best defense you have in a democracy.”

UWO renames Welcome Center

Culver family donates \$2 mil

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Signage made it official just before the start of the semester: the Alumni Welcome Center is now known as the Culver Family Welcome Center.

The name change, announced in May, brings the University one step closer to the end of the legal dispute between its fundraising arm, the UW Oshkosh Foundation, UWO and the UW System.

George and Ruth Culver along with Craig and Lea Culver started the Culver’s restaurant chain, which has since grown to 707 locations. Craig Culver, a 1973 graduate of UW Oshkosh, promised to donate \$2 million to the University in exchange for the naming rights of the building.

The Center was built under the direction of former Chancellor Richard Wells, who, along with former Vice Chancellor Thomas Sonleitner, are now facing civil and criminal charges for using the Foundation’s funds on University building projects, including the Culver Center.

Last year, Wells and Sonleitner were accused of knowingly signing “comfort letters” to banks promising UWO would cover the private foundation’s payments if they defaulted on their loans.



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The Culver Family Welcome Center was renamed in honor of alumnus Craig Culver and his family.

Both Wells and Sonleitner argued the letters are not legally binding and the civil complaint, which the UW System filed a year prior, alleges the two transferred \$11 million to the Foundation to support the five building projects the “comfort letters” were for. The two will be back in court in January for a hearing on a motion to dismiss the case.

UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said the renaming was to honor Culver, who is a big bene-

factor of the University.

“He’s been very generous to this institution,” Leavitt said. “He donated a very sizable gift to the institution, and we felt it was the right thing to honor him by changing the name of the facility.”

Culver has been a big supporter of the University, serving on the Foundation’s Board of Directors, contributing to Sage Hall construction and sponsoring the Culver’s Business Model Com-

petition, which has student entrepreneurs presenting their business models for \$50,000 in cash and prizes.

Leavitt said the signage was the only change the Center would receive.

“We are always innovating in terms of how we use the facility,” Leavitt said. “That’s already occurred since the facility has opened in terms of the broad spectrum of uses of the facility. I would expect that to continue.”

Amtrak links Milwaukee to Oshkosh to Green Bay

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When Greyhound shut down its last remaining bus route between Milwaukee and Green Bay in Oct. 2018, commuters using public transit were left with only one option: a single daily round trip operated by Lamers Bus Lines.

In July, Amtrak began a new Thruway Bus Service, offering two daily round trips between Green Bay and Milwaukee with stops in Appleton, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac.

The service is provided by Amtrak, in coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Buses are operated by Wisconsin Coach Lines/Coach USA Milwaukee.

Last Friday WisDOT Secretary-Designee Craig Thompson and Amtrak Senior Manager of Government Affairs Derrick James joined community representatives from Fond du Lac, Oshkosh and Appleton to roll out Amtrak’s newly outfitted buses at press conferences in all three cities.

The new buses feature free Wi-Fi, tables, cup holders, ample legroom and at-seat plug-ins. Travelers can also store bicycles or luggage in a compartment underneath the bus. All buses are ADA accessible.

“This is about more than shiny new buses,” Thompson said. “For these communities, this means more options to get to Milwaukee, connect to flights at Milwaukee Airport to get to Chicago via quick and easy connections to Amtrak Hiawatha trains.”

The service is designed to

maximize Wisconsin’s investment in I-41, Thompson noted.

“We can’t rely solely on private vehicle transportation to attract economic growth and business. Enhanced linkages to the economic engines of Milwaukee and Chicago will help the business community in The New North continue to thrive,” he said.

The New North is a regional economic development organization representing 18 counties in northeastern Wisconsin, according to its website.

The I-41 Thruway bus has two stops in Oshkosh, one at Wittman Airport and one outside the Gruenhagen Conference Center on the UW Oshkosh Campus, which is where the newly outfitted bus was unveiled in Oshkosh.

The morning southbound bus departs Green Bay at approximately 4:40 a.m. each morning and makes one stop in Oshkosh at Wittman Airport at about 6:06 a.m. before arriving in Milwaukee around 8 a.m.

The bus then leaves the Milwaukee Airport around 9:35 a.m. and will stop at the Wittman Airport around 11:44 a.m. and the Gruenhagen Conference Center around 11:55 a.m. before departing for Green Bay.

The afternoon southbound bus leaves Green Bay at approximately 1:55 p.m., stopping at the Conference Center around 3:23 p.m. and the airport around 3:35 p.m. The bus will arrive in Milwaukee around 5:28 p.m.

It departs from Milwaukee at 6:30 p.m., making stops at the airport around 8:35 p.m. and at the Conference Center around 8:50 p.m.



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A new Amtrak bus route includes a stop at Gruenhagen Conference Center.

The service eliminates transportation barriers for students coming to any of the three UWO campuses, UWO Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Cheryl Green noted.

“I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the WisDOT and to the Amtrak officials for having the vision and the drive to expand transportation services to the Fox Valley region,” Green said.

Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation CEO Jason White noted the buses will help companies recruit and retain talent as well as help individuals secure and keep

employment.

About 46,000 people commute to Winnebago County for work and nearly 36,000 live in the county and commute to another county for employment, he added.

“Companies cannot grow without human capital support,” White said.

James noted Amtrak views the Thruway Service as an extension of its rail system.

While Amtrak is providing a bus route between Green Bay and Milwaukee, there is no rail option for commuters traveling between the two cities.

If enough people use the bus route, it could potentially

reopen the possibility of a train system being implemented, Thompson noted.

“I think it puts a lot of those things back on the table,” Thompson said.

Adult fares from Green Bay to Milwaukee are \$28 each way. Continuing aboard the Amtrak Hiawatha train to Chicago is an additional \$11 for a total of \$39. Children, veterans, seniors and students are eligible for a discounted rate.

Tickets are available at Amtrak.com, the Amtrak mobile apps, QuikTrakSM kiosks at the stations or by calling 800-USA-RAIL.

UWO staff, students urged to check immunization records

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With more than 10,000 students starting classes this fall at the UW Oshkosh campuses, health officials are encouraging students, staff and faculty to check their immunization records as the United States faces the worst measles outbreak in 27 years.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory infection that causes flu-like symptoms and a skin rash covering large portions of the body. Complications from measles can cause brain swelling, hospitalization and even death.

The development of the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine, or MMR, combined with widespread immunization policies, had virtually eliminated measles from the United States by 2000.

However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of Aug. 29, 2019, there have been 1,234 measles cases reported nationwide. Associate Professor of Biology and Immunologist Courtney Kurtz said the increase in measles cases can be tied to vaccine hesitancy.

A 1998 study, which has since been proven false, suggested the

MMR vaccine, or infection with the measles virus, could cause autism.

“People really got scared by that and didn’t want to vaccinate their kids with the MMR vaccine,” Kurtz said. “Then there is another issue with what

“The University does not have a vaccination mandate, which would include measles.”

—Campus Emergency Manager Lt. Trent Martin

we call the vaccine paradox.”

Kurtz said the vaccine paradox is the issue of individuals choosing not to get vaccinations because they have never seen the illnesses that the vaccines protect against.

“It’s called the vaccine paradox because the success of vaccines has actually made people not fear those diseases anymore, and so people don’t think they need to vaccinate against them,” Kurtz said.

Although there have been no confirmed cases of measles in Wisconsin, Kurtz said measles is a very virulent disease requiring a vaccination rate above 90% to be effective. In Wisconsin, she said studies show a vaccination rate of about 80% in

most counties.

“The fact that you need a really high vaccination rate and we’re not getting it, it means that measles is spreading really quickly,” she said.

According to the CDC, the majority of people who contract

measles are unvaccinated and measles can be brought into the U.S. via travelers who then spread the illness through communities where there are groups of unvaccinated individuals.

UWO Campus Emergency Manager Lt. Trent Martin said the University encourages vaccinations, but does not have any vaccination policies.

“The University does not have a vaccination mandate, which would include measles, so students or staff are not required to have measles vaccinations in order to be on campus,” he said. “We highly encourage everyone to get vaccinated for measles as that is the only way to prevent from obtaining measles.”

Students going into the Col-

lege of Nursing, however, are required to receive vaccinations including MMR, chicken pox, Tdap, influenza and a TB test.

A University press release reported a number of factors that make the UWO campus vulnerable to a measles outbreak including “a high number of visitors to campus for events, anyone traveling internationally or to other areas of the country and then returning to campus and students living and eating in close contact on campus.”

Kurtz said the U.S. is getting to the point where young adults of college age are less likely to have been vaccinated than previous generations.

“You’re congregated in a place where there’s a lot of contact between people, large classrooms and dorms, which makes it more likely that it’s going to spread,” she said.

Kurtz said there are also individuals who cannot be vaccinated such as infants, the elderly and those who are immunocompromised, so getting vaccinated helps provide a “herd immunity” to those individuals.

“You’re not just protecting yourself or your kids or your family,” she said. “You’re also protecting these other people who are most at risk and can’t

be vaccinated themselves.”

Kurtz said it’s better to be protected before being exposed.

“Once you’re sick, the vaccine’s not going to help you,” she said. “You should always go to a trusted source, your pediatrician or your doctor, and talk to them about the vaccinations because there is a lot of false information out there.”

Students who wish to check their vaccination status can do so by contacting their primary care provider or by checking the Wisconsin Immunization Registry at dhfswir.org.

Students who wish to receive vaccinations can contact their doctor or the UWO Student Health Center which offers immunizations including hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, chicken pox and typhoid. An appointment is required.

Kurtz said vaccinations are one of the biggest medical success stories of our time.

“We’ve cured a lot of diseases and really brought down the number of a lot of diseases using vaccines,” she said. “They’re safe and they’re good to have.”

UW-System tuition freeze continues

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The seventh year of tuition freeze continues across the UW System into 2019-20 under Gov. Tony Evers’ executive budget, but officials say the budget is not enough to fix an inflation deficit. The tuition freeze was introduced by Republican legislators after learning the UW System had a reserve of \$648 million in 2013. \$414 million is said to have come from tuition. The tuition freeze has allowed prices at UW campuses to remain financially competitive among universities in surrounding states. In 2018, tuition went up 8.3%

in Minnesota, 18.3% in Michigan, 22.2% in Illinois and 16.4% in Iowa, UW System Vice President for Finance Sean Nelson said. Caucus member Sen. Howard Marklein said the freeze allowed students at UW-Platteville and other comprehensive campuses to save \$7,388 last year and said UW Madison students saved nearly \$10,000. The tuition freeze has had negative effects on the UW Oshkosh campus, however. At UWO, inflation debt has resulted in department cuts, which have led to staff cuts, professors teaching more courses and class sizes increasing. Republicans in the Joint Com-

mittee on Finance gave the UW System \$57.7 million in taxpayer money for the next two academic years — half of what Evers wanted. A quarter of that money is reserved for the system’s standard budget adjustments or debt services. Republican legislator said the UW System did not need the amount of money System officials were asking for and rewrote their own plan. The plan was approved and disapproved 12-4 across party lines. Evers used some of his “Frankenstein veto” powers to adjust the budget, but signed it saying he’ll take what he can get. UW System President Ray

Cross said he felt like he was “kicked in the shins” after hearing about the budget amount and said “the legislatures missed an opportunity to meet future needs of this state.” Needs such as filling professional positions in teaching, engineering, agriculture, information technology and nursing. Evers wanted to provide the UW System with \$50.4 million in financial support to make up for revenue lost from the tuition freeze. Evers also wanted to spend \$45 million of taxpayer money to finance an initiative that would help students attain their degrees in a shorter amount of time, saying this initiative could

keep more Wisconsin students. The \$45 million had other plans as well. A remaining \$45 million of the Republican approved budgets is being held by legislatures. If a UW campus or access college wanted a portion of the money for any reason, they would have to make their case to the budget committee who would decide if their plans were adequate. Republican Sen. of Saukville Ducey Stroebel said he thinks legislators are doing their jobs as gatekeepers of that money. “We’ve struck a good balance here,” Stroebel said, about the agreement Democrats and Republicans came to.

Welcome back: Keeping up with campus news is important

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UWO-FC has a historic planetarium that is open to all UWO students. The Barlow Planetarium is the second-largest and second-most attended planetarium in Wisconsin with 95 available seats and regularly scheduled tours and events. UWO-FDL has 42 acres of prairie to explore with an annual celebration of nature called Prairie Fest. The Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum was created to regrow native plants in northeastern Wisconsin that once covered

the state. UWO received money from the state to improve campus buildings, and Leavitt said the money will be spent on a phase two development in Clow modernizing the College of Education. “We saw the impact the renovations did for the nursing program and now we are applying it to the College of Education,” Leavitt said. The College of Education graduates nearly 25% of UWO students with COE alumni contributing in classrooms as well as social works, data.us showed.

“Wisconsin needs teachers and they need high school teachers,” Leavitt said. “Teaching is truly a calling, and we are doing our best to make sure students know about their opportunities here in education.” University Police said they will be focusing on crosswalk rules and regulations in the early weeks of the semester, which means they will be instructing students to follow the rules of crosswalk signs. Police officers will be at crosswalks ticketing and warning people who do not follow the rules.

Doing community police work means being friendly with the community, UP Chief Kurt Leibold said. “We encourage students to get to know us.” Leibold said there are people who are driving on Pearl and High Avenue who need to get places, and students crossing the street recklessly disobeys community rules. “We are trying to get the message out early so students can be informed and everyone can know the rules,” he said. Wisconsin is hosting the Democratic National Convention for

the 2020 primary race, and politicians will be visiting UW System campuses. State lawmakers are hoping to pass the new Campus Free Speech Bill that will issue strikes to students who demonstrate against speakers. Under the bill’s rules, students get three strikes before a university would ask the student to leave. Making loud noises or otherwise disrupting a speaker’s presentation for a prolonged period would result in a strike.

Scenes from Campfire on the Fox



Hannah Preissner / Advance-Titan

YouTube sensation Haley Klinkhammer performs at Campfire on the Fox hosted by Reeve Union Board. Klinkhammer filmed her first YouTube video when she was 14 years old and has since made more than 250 videos with 270,000 subscribers.



Settlement: University violates student’s Title IX rights

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investigate the complaints or refer them for investigation.

It was in 2014 that A.R. issued a complaint herself that sparked Panske to action by forwarding an email to the Dean of Students and assistant Vice Chancellor. Beitz admitted his relationship with A.R. at that time, but denied the allegations. A University investigation concluded that Beitz felt no remorse for his actions.

After admitting the relationship, Panske did not administer disciplinary action against Beitz for not informing his superior of an intimate relationship with his student, violating the University’s policies on consensual relationships and sexual harassment.

Beitz was hired two months after he resigned from UWO, without punishment from the University or board of regents,

by a committee to a tenure-track assistant professorship, like his role at UWO, at the University of Colorado - Boulder.

UCB officials said they did not know about Beitz’s allegations at UWO when he was hired.

Beitz resigned from UCB in May 2019.

A.R. and Beitz’s consensual relationship began in 2012 and after a year, A.R. tried to distance herself from him because of a new romantic relationship.

A.R. said Beitz then tried to kiss her without consent in a University building and in her apartment. Beitz said A.R.’s statements were invalid because of her drug use.

Beitz is also reported to have followed a perfumed smell around a University building after A.R. removed herself from the University because he thought he would find her. Beitz told her this

and told her that he would stalk her, depending on how his relationship with his wife unfolded, A.R. said.

Reports from a 2015 University investigation included:

- Pressuring A.R. to have sex with him after a 2013 showing at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art.
- Asking A.R. to take a morning-after pill.
- Continuing to talk to A.R. in the fall of 2014 after A.R. and University officials told him not to.
- Storing nude photos of A.R. to coerce sexual conversations.
- Asking A.R. to retract her complaint and “clear his name.”

Beitz was 13 years older than A.R. when the relationship began.

Beitz’s lawyer said the costs of litigation is what led Beitz to settle in court. “Mr. Beitz did not

make an admission of liability as part of the settlement agreement,” lawyer Jason D. Luczak said. “Mr. Beitz is no longer teaching.”

The payout from the UW System is one of the largest in recent years. UW System spokesman Mark Pitsch said \$200,000 will come from the Department of Administration’s risk management fund and \$125,000 will come from UWO’s “indirect” federal money.

A spokeswoman for the UW System told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel the settlement was “in the best interests of taxpayers and the University.”

The newspaper was the first to break this story, among other sexual harassment claims that went unpunished throughout the UW System where professors left the University where allegations came from and picked up a job at a different university in the same

or similar role.

UWO was found to have had three University employees who received sexual harassment claims, including one volleyball coach, Brian Schaefer, who had relations with his players.

UW System rewrote its hiring policy and now requires campuses to ask about sexual misconduct before hiring any finalists. The policy also mandates exchanging personnel files among all UW campuses and state agencies during the hiring process.

A.R.’s compensation for emotional and physical damage done identified under her Title IX rights marks the largest settlement issued in recent history.

Students can report sexual harassment allegations to the University Police, local police, Title IX coordinator or the Counseling Center.

Assaults: First six weeks a hot zone for sexual assaults

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While the police have a plan in place to reduce the risk of the Red Zone, Tarmann noted students have a role to play. He believes students should be active bystanders.

UWO is holding Bystander Intervention Workshops each week throughout the Red Zone. The trainings are designed to give students the tools they need to intervene before a situation turns

dangerous.

Counseling Center Associate Director Veronica Warren said students witnessing something dangerous or illegal have two choices: they can either be a passive bystander or an active bystander.

“Passive in the sense that they’re not doing anything; they don’t know what to do, and then an active bystander is someone who does take the initiative to do something,” Warren said at a re-

cent training.

She added being an active bystander can be as simple as helping someone who slipped on ice.

The workshop breaks bystander intervention into five phases, which are noticing something’s a problem, recognizing the problem, taking responsibility and knowing how to help and acting.

Warren believes that in order to be an active bystander, “you have to be able to put the phone away and pay attention to what’s

going on around you.”

Warren said being an active bystander isn’t the solution to changing rape culture, but it’s a step in the right direction.

For those who have experienced sexual assault, UWO has multiple resources on campus to help victims navigate their lives after the incident.

Campus Victim Advocate Ciara Hill provides university, medical and legal advocacy for sexual assault victims, allowing them to better understand their options after a sexual assault.

“I use personal advocacy using a trauma informed care model to help them navigate through the different systems that can be affected with sexual violence,” Hill said.

Hill is a confidential source and won’t disclose information to anyone without prior consent.

Another option is Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator Gabrielle Schwartz who is a confidential resource, meaning she does not have to share reports of sexual misconduct to the University Title IX Office.

“As an advocate, I work directly with students who have experienced incidences of sexual violence, interpersonal violence, harassment, and stalking,” Schwartz said. “I help students process their options and connect them with campus and community resources after a traumatic experience.”

Schwartz said sexual violence is a community issue that impacts each and every one of us.

“Whether we know it or not, we all know a survivor,” she said.



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What’s with the hole?

A water main broke on the path between Taylor Hall and UWO Police Department on Algoma Boulevard and Pearl Avenue this spring. The city of Oshkosh is working on the sewer and water utilities where the hole is, Facilities Director Chuck Hermes said. The repair will be finished this fall.

New fraternity looking for founding fathers

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A new Greek leadership program at UW Oshkosh has started and is looking for founding fathers in the fall 2019 semester.

Phi Gamma Delta is on more than 160 campuses in the U.S. and Canada and has a 171-year history as an organization. They are looking for “courageous” leaders who want to leave their mark on the UWO campus.

“We create a home away from home for students where they can cultivate their résumé with leadership opportunities, develop friendships to last a lifetime, support one another academically and give back to the community,” member Eli Ussery said.

Fiji will have an informational table in Reeve Memorial Union every day for students who have questions or who are looking to sign up. Students may also sign up at tinyurl.com/y6kpkp6j.

They will host recruiting events and be participating in service projects around Oshkosh “to stress how we plan to aid in the ongoing mission of UWO,” Ussery said.

The fraternity’s constitution was adopted May 1, 1848. They consider their letters sacred and limit their print to seven places. Other Greek organizations sometimes print their letters on clothing, but Fiji’s bylaws prohibit that.

Fiji also considers their membership to be more than a college organization, which is why one of their mottos is “Not for college days alone.”

A group of people known as the “Immortal Six” founded the organization at Jefferson College in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania in a dormitory room known as “Fort Armstrong” to establish a secret society. Brothers include Calvin Coolidge and Jack Nicholson.

UWO access campus merger has drama

Former faculty upset with name change, money spent on new logo

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The restructure of the access campuses has sparked debate among alumni, faculty and concerned associated community members.

These concerns include the unpredictable outcomes for students, the name change, use of budget money and the sense of a lost community. The merger was done to benefit students academically and allow multiple budgets to be pulled into one campus.

However, it is not clear how it will benefit students who do not plan to obtain a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree at UW Oshkosh or how it will make up for the close-knit communities created before the merge. UW Fox Cities Campus Executive Officer, Dean Emeritus James W. Perry said the merger was done with more care and consideration than others within the UW System.

“Chancellor Leavitt has been quite deliberative in the process and has made an admirable effort to be inclusive,” Perry said. However, Perry believes there are flaws to the reconstruction.

“The UW System had long had in place TIS, the Transfer Information System and Guaranteed Transfer Programs,” Perry said.

He noted those programs are designed to make it easy for students to transfer within the UW System.

Perry fears students on access campuses who are taking credits with UWO course numbers may not be able to transfer as easily.

“From what I have heard, some students believe there is no option to go to a campus other than UWO,” he said. Another concern is that the name change is costing too much money that could be put to use in the classrooms.

“I and others thought if the word ‘Colleges’ was replaced by ‘Oshkosh’ it would have made sense, if for no other reason than



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UWO- Fox Cities’ new logo is seen near the Barlow Planetarium as nearby students relax during the second week of the fall 2019 semester.

from a financial standpoint,” Perry said. “Look around and consider the amount of signage that needs to be changed with the completely new name.”

Perry said the sense of com-

munity “that was so prevalent at Fox has been lost.” However, he hopes a new sense of community can be created with the merge. He believes that by working together all campuses can accept each

other and create a sense of mutual respect.

“Morale among faculty and staff has an impact on how teaching and service to the students takes place,” Perry said.

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New campus lettermark approved by Regents

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On July 12, UW System Board of Regents approved a new naming structure that would carry UW Oshkosh forward as a regional institution, representing the three campuses that have come together.

UWO Chancellor Andrew Leavitt said he’s pleased the Board of Regents approved the plan.

“We are stronger together, and we can serve the needs of more students,” Leavitt said. “Whether that is through access to education at Fond du Lac and Fox Cities or through the four-year Oshkosh campus, our University offers a wealth of opportunities.”

The naming structure came from a research study that invited students, parents and representatives of local communities to address what’s important to them regarding their campuses.

Leavitt said identity and branding for any university is important in terms of ability to attract students, bringing in graphic artist Darren Brzozowski to design the new lettermark, which uses the UWO acronym in a more prominent way.

“We underwent some marketing research to get a sense of what our brand is and what people think of us,” Leavitt said. “We needed to do something different with our visual identity simply because we were going to be adding campuses and communities that aren’t necessarily Oshkosh.”

The new look returns the Uni-

versity to its roots, creating a streamlined lettermark that represents the way many students, parents, alumni and communities already refer to the institution.

Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships Alex Hummel said the city and the communities’ names are prominent in the UWO branding, now that Fond du Lac and Fox Cities are part of the University.

“UWO is obviously strong, but these places are important to represent,” Hummel said.

Leavitt said it took a year for the change to happen, having conversations with the communities and awaiting approval from the Board of Regents.

“We were the last of all the joining institutions in the state to officially designate our access campuses with a new name,” Leavitt said. “We felt we should take our time and have a lot of folks in the communities involved with it and that’s what we did through our studies.”

Leavitt said over time there will be more changes to the campuses moving forward.

“The great promise of the joining is our ability to roll back the degree programs onto the Fox Cities and Fond du Lac campuses,” Leavitt said. “The cost of doing that instead of starting a new program, but rolling programs on, is much much lower. We’ll be able to create additional pathways for students to not only get an associate’s degree but a baccalaureate degree as well.”

UWO staff recognized for restructuring work

Two UWO staff members were recognized on Aug. 21, 2019, for their role in the UW Colleges and UW-Extension restructuring project.

According to UW Oshkosh Today:

- Access Campus Director of Communications Laurie Krasin received the Outstanding Contributor Access Award for understanding the sensitive issue of naming the newly restructured Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Fox Cities campuses.
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for Access Campuses Bill Bultman received the Outstanding Contributor Opportunity Award.
- Bill Bultman was credited with unifying technologies from all three campuses.

Since June 29, 2018, UW Oshkosh includes UW Fond du Lac and UW Fox Cities. The goal of the project is to expand access to higher education by offering more general education and upper-level courses, according to the UW Oshkosh Restructuring website. Restructuring aims to reduce barriers of transferring credits within the UW System.

Source: Sarah Fleming, UW Oshkosh

Climate change protesters ‘misguided’

University officials told climate change protesters Sept. 6 their nooses worn to emulate protesters before them were “misguided, hurtful.”

UW Madison said two people taking part in the protest at the corner of Park and University

streets wore nooses as symbolic prop in their protest.

“Nooses are a hateful symbol, with deep impacts to our students, faculty, staff and community,” University officials wrote. “Their use to amplify any issue is misguided, hurtful and contrary to UW Madison’s values of civility, respect and inclusion.”

The protesters left the scene and removed the nooses after bystander and staff intervention.

“We are really passionate about confronting global climate change and our protest was intended to make everyone aware of the harm it is causing,” the protesters told the Wisconsin State Journal. “We should have considered that nooses have a very different history and meaning in the United States.”

Source: ABC News

Freshman inflates ‘free speech ball’

A UW-River Falls freshman student inflated a six-foot “free speech ball” on campus with intentions of it being a platform for students to write whatever they wanted and starting a Turning Point USA chapter at the campus.

A University official told the student after 30 minutes of the inflation that she was violating University policy. The student asked what policy she was violating. Conference and contract services manager Kristin Barstad said, “I’m not going to know off the top of my head.” Neither person replied for further comments.

Source: Campus Reform

Electric scooter use banned at UWM

Electric scooters were banned on the UW-Milwaukee campus.

A fine for people who ride scooters on campus grounds will be charged to students and non-students.

The University banned the scooters Aug. 9 after a safety report of the device was issued. Marquette said the policy is in line with a municipal ordinance that bans the use of bikes and e-scooters on public sidewalks, on pedestrian paths in parks, on public school grounds and on public playgrounds.

The UWM student government vice president said students will understand the intentions of the University’s decision.

Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Student reports being groped on campus

A student at UW-La Crosse said she filed an incident report her freshman year about a professor who took her into a paper room, locked the door, asked her to remove clothing and began groping her after she asked for help. She said she filed the incident report in 2018 and the University’s Human Resource Department told her they would investigate the report and let her know about its progress.

She said the university never updated her on the report she filed. UWL said they could have been more prompt in their investigation. University and city of La Crosse police said a misconduct report was never filed through either department. The student said on Facebook: “I’m sharing this because I am extremely disappointed with UWL’s process. This professor took a slap on the wrist and gets to walk around like he is untouchable.”

Source: The Racquet Press

UW System campus briefs

Advertisements awash with deception

What to know and how to consume media as the football season approaches

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The term greenwashing was coined in the late '80s as numerous companies were found to be overplaying the significance of their endeavors ostensibly to save the environment.

Sometimes, companies will advertise their initiatives, be it social, environmental or what have you because it's important to them and aligns with their values and objectives. Other times, a company has certain revenue goals or is trying to find a connection to a certain audience.

"Sometimes it's done in a way that creates the perception that the actions they're taking are fully supportive of whatever initiative it happens to be, when in fact if you dig more deeply into their company history, the evidence may not reveal a solid form of support," Melissa Bublitz, associate professor of marketing at the UW Oshkosh, said. "The hard part is that it's not an either-or. It's often a scale."

Some companies that embark on these initiatives will do so because sustainability efforts can be accompanied by cost savings, good press and can attract talent to their company. There may be people in the company who are passionate about it, but there may also be others who couldn't be bothered either way.

Greenwashing might occur when a brand spends more on marketing their so-called eco-friendly brand than on changing to more sustainable practices or donating to environmental organizations. Huge companies, notably Chevron and DuPont, would masquerade as eco-friendly brands, all the while doing little more than the federally mandated minimum and maintaining their status as huge polluters.

Companies have also been known to brand the minimum requirement as something laudable for quite some time. Chlorofluo-

rocarbons, or CFCs, a chemical once found in common household aerosols, were banned in 1996 as they deplete the ozone layer. Long after they were banned, however, companies that produced aerosols free of CFCs labeled their products as though they were independently making the decision to rid their products of the chemical.

Corporate America's focus on allegedly sustainable products and eco-friendliness isn't without good

"Companies need to think carefully about these kinds of decisions. If they step out and say 'we're in support of this issue,' then other actions they take are going to be analyzed."

-Melissa Bublitz,
associate marketing prof

reason. According to a 2019 report by Edelman, 71% of respondents said they consider a brand's environmental impact when purchasing a product. Many companies know this, and while some are happy to change their practices to please their buyers, others see a purchasing motivator they can easily exploit.

Take, for example, our dearly beloved coffee industry. No-straw lids, metal, paper or hard, reusable straws, reusable cups and the like are all great, but they obscure the greater environmental detriment the coffee industry is.

Millions of acres of deforestation, chemical and fertilizer runoff polluting waterways, and the carbon irrevocably pumped into the atmosphere in the transportation process are just a few of the aspects

of environmental impact the coffee trade has. These are vastly more complex than the issue of plastic packaging. But behold the straw-free lid, and suddenly the company is lauded for their environmentally conscious position.

The grift has evolved

The grift that greenwashing was built upon has evolved and branched out to encompass more than just environmental issues. Now, by latching onto social movements, some brands have found a loophole for creating a long-term marketing strategy in the age of Twitter, Instagram, 24/7 news updates and everything ephemeral.

This new wave of branding that revolves around social good may be called "woke-washing," being born out of the term greenwashing.

Woke-washing has had similar successes and failures. Companies practicing woke-washing often co-opt social movements in order to appeal to younger demographics who are concerned with those issues. While it's often an effective technique for a brand to communicate their beliefs, it can backfire just as easily which is just what happened when a Pepsi ad from 2017 featured the laughable imagery of Kendall Jenner bringing America into a post-race society simply by handing a police officer a can of the soda.

Corporate behemoths promoting these social movements rights comes off as objectively good, at least initially. But what isn't automatically clear to consumers is whether a corporations actions and values align with their ads on rainbow or pink backing; it's not immediately clear to consumers whether a brand is promoting a movement, or simply leeching off of it.

"It can be hard when you get excited about a good product," Alicia Johnson, director of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Women's

Center, said. "I have a young niece, and when I buy clothes for her it's nice to not only have the options of only pink and only princesses, but to have things that affirm her intellect and the power that she has."

What can consumers do?

The popularity of marketing to groups that were once peripheral is evidence of a greater shift in the culture of buyers and sellers, so is there reason to be critical? And how can a consumer be critical of the message a brand is selling?

"One way I try to remain critical is by looking at the companies putting out those products and seeing what their policies are," Johnson said. "Do they have nondiscrimination policies that are inclusive of gender identity and gender expression? Do they have sexual harassment issues? How do they address claims of sexual harassment? How do they work to prevent discrimination in their company culture?"

Bublitz noted the difference between companies that are really dedicated to a cause, and companies that aren't as dedicated.

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"You should be able to go to that company's website, and they should have information about

whatever they're making a claim about," Bublitz said. "If you only see it in an ad, or on a package, and you go to their website and it doesn't appear to be a part of their company's core values, I think that's a good place to start questioning their real motives."

Woke-washing may be losing steam, at least in the eyes of consumers. According to the Edelman report, 56% of respondents think that brands are using social issues to brand, market and sell more of their products. All talk and no action from brands on these issues can have harmful side effects for every party involved with the interaction. In the age of cancel culture, Twitter and everything online, brands are beginning to realize the risk they take when making such claims.

"Companies need to think carefully about these kinds of decisions," Bublitz said. "If they step out and say, 'We're in support of this issue,' then other actions they take are going to be analyzed."

While advertisements that are awash with false claims can be detrimental to the buyer, the groups or causes they claim to support and the company's own reputation, honest advertisements can lead to benefits for everyone involved.

"I think it's good that consumers are getting more critical of and evaluating these messages," Bublitz said. "If I'm interested in a product, and it's better for the environment, and the company makes a little more money because they saved on packaging or something, well, that's good. Because we all win. The company wins because they're making more money, the environment wins because it's being taken into consideration, and I win because I get to spend money on the product I want to buy and feel good about it."



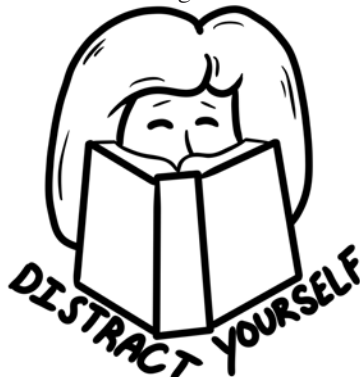
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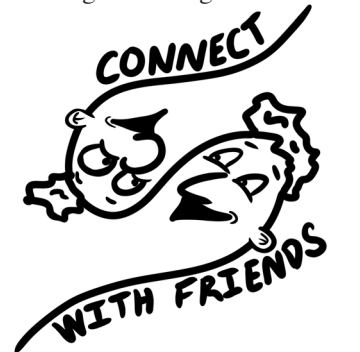
Whether it’s working out at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, playing in an intramural league with friends, walking the trails along the Fox River or exploring the Oshkosh area, physical activity works miracles to reduce anxiety. Your body naturally produces endorphins during physical activity, which leads to the ‘runner’s high’ many athletes speak of. For an easy and fun stress reliever, get moving.



Connecting with nature can be grounding, centering and healing. Head over to Menominee Park on Lake Winnebago, stroll through the gardens at the Paine Art Center or enjoy the views our campus has to offer. Regardless of the weather, the outdoors can have a calming effect like nothing else.



Be mindful of your thought patterns and recognize when you’re overwhelmed with anxious or negative thoughts. During those times, it can be helpful to distract yourself. Picking up a good book, listening to your favorite band, cleaning or watching TV are effective ways to distance your mindspace from negative thoughts.



Chatting with friends or family, sharing a meal with someone or studying with classmates can help reduce feelings of anxiety and depression. Having a group to talk with can be incredibly cathartic and fun. If you’re struggling to connect, join one of UWO’s many student organizations or attend one of these great events

‘Merriam-Webster is free for a reason’ Oxford English Dictionary online access to be cut

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Online access to the Oxford English Dictionary is one of the latest academic resources slated to be dropped in the face of massive budget cuts.

Polk Library has stopped paying for the service following a \$130,000 budget shortfall. According to Sarah Neises, library director at Polk, the service, which costs the University \$3,500 per year, was cut in response to the frequency that the Oxford English Dictionary was used.

“We looked at use data for all of our databases and journals and target things that are used the least, or are the highest cost-per-use,” Neises said.

The cost saved, according to members of the English department, pales in comparison to the significance that the resource provides for students doing research.

“This matters in English for the same reason it matters for the greater University,” Pascale Manning of the English department said. “The OED is a repository of how language has evolved over history. In the present moment, we need to be reminded more, not less, of the history of expression, history of thought, history of understanding and the history of knowledge.”

The OED is preferred by many English professors because it is generally viewed as better researched than its competitors, such as Merriam-Webster. One factor that sets the OED apart from its competitors is the emphasis that it places on a word’s history, or etymology. By studying a word’s etymology, researchers and students can glean information such as the ways a word has changed throughout history and how a word can go from having one esoteric meaning to a much broader, colloquial use.

“It’s not just ‘here’s the word, here’s the definition,’ it shows how a word was originally used, changes in the word over time,” Margaret Hostetler, chair of the English department, said. “It’s a scholarly document, not just a dictionary. People think, ‘It’s a dictionary. Look up the words and get the meanings,’ but that’s not what a lot of scholars are using it for. They’re actually using it to build their arguments.”

For students and faculty

researchers who are dealing with literature, poetry and medieval scripts, the OED can be an indispensable tool, providing their work with much academic clout.

“Every word can make a huge difference in the meaning of a text,” Hostetler said. “Especially for me, as a medievalist, I’m often looking for whether it was a Middle English usage, whether it was borrowed from French, right? I’m looking for all that information to build arguments and to better understand the text.”

Not only did students and professors alike use the OED as a tool for research, but faculty have also used it to teach with. English professor Stewart Cole has been known to use pages from the OED to teach his students the historical context of poems and by highlighting the ways the words were used in the period the poem was written. By understanding the way the words interact, Cole was able to help his students gain greater insight into the meaning of the work.

In an age in which influencers and politicians flock to catchy buzzwords as vultures do to a carcass, the argument for having a sturdy understanding of our language, the OED can serve as a faithful, solid foundation.

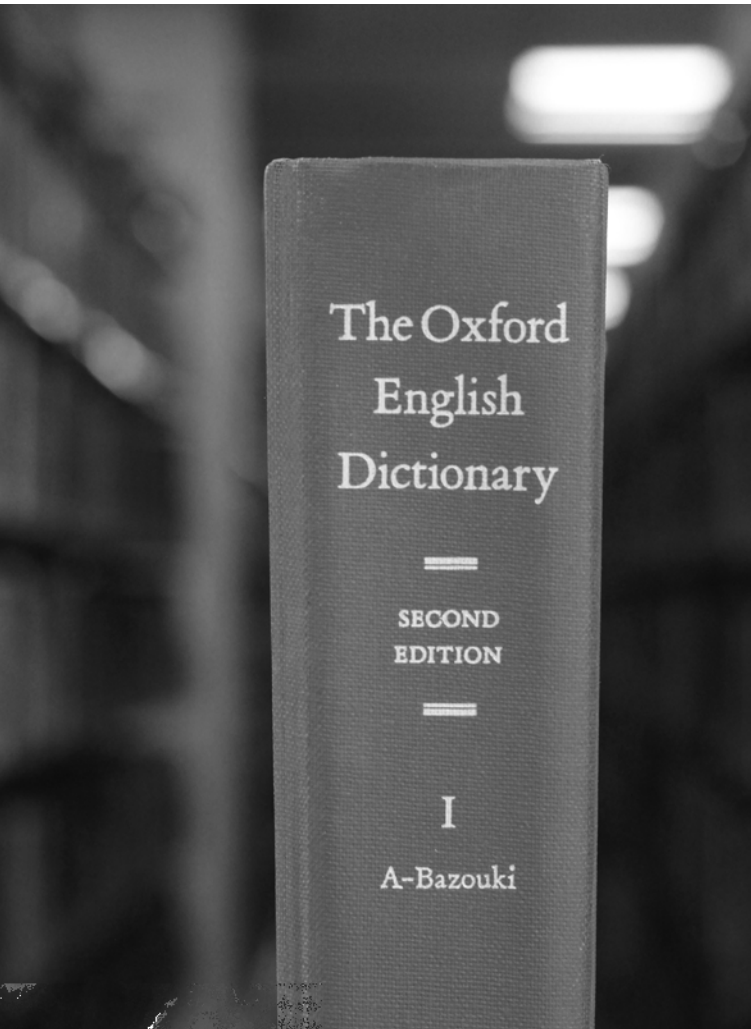
“If we just think as if words just mean one thing, then we’re fundamentally misunderstanding what words are, and what makes them dangerous, because they can mean multiple things at the same time,” Manning said.

The OED is constantly being updated, researched and revised, but print versions pale in comparison to the vast swaths of information available on the OED’s website. It would be comparable to the choice between a collection of encyclopedias or Wikipedia, minus the questions of reliability.

“This is a university,” Manning said. “We need the dictionary. Badly. We’re talking about our ethos as an institution. The OED perpetually reminds us that we operate within a living language.”

That is, words’ meanings can change and be changed easily. Forty-year-old mothers misusing their teenagers’ colloquialisms and the existence of Urban Dictionary are all the evidence needed to verify this fact.

Neo-Nazi groups rebranding themselves as “fringe” or “alt-right,” corporations advertis-



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The Oxford English Dictionary will available at Polk in print only.

ing federally mandated regulations they’re required to comply with by law as their own “green initiatives” and the Bush Administration’s nonchalant term “enhanced interrogation techniques” to explain something typically identified by the word “torture” are poignant reminders that words can easily be harnessed for social change as well, whether it be positive or negative.

The void created in the University’s intellectual capacity by the lack of the OED might go unnoticed by most, but that may just be a testament to why it’s needed. Terms that slowly creep into the zeitgeist, carrying with them exclusionary connotations, can degenerate our academic system.

“As an etymological dictionary, the OED is constantly situating us in the history of connotation, in the history of meaning, so that you encounter chronologically down the list, contemporary meaning next to obscure meaning right next to obsolete meaning, so that you have all of those meanings contextualized to their specific

usage,” Manning said. “In our current moment, what could be more important than to constantly situate ourselves in the context of the complex intersections between words and ideas?”

The OED has demonstrated itself in universities to be not only a monumental work, but a monumental work under constant revision. This should encourage the University to consider how it would like to operate and whether it considers teaching and learning as top priorities.

“If you’re going to teach students to do research, you’re going to have to teach them to do it right,” Hostetler said. “So cutting a lot of the library’s funding just doesn’t make a lot of sense. I wish they would reconsider funding things that are so directly linked to teaching and scholarship.”

“Do we as an institution want to side with this kind of knowledge production that is constantly growing and has the imperative to absorb into itself more and more ways of meaning, thinking and knowing, or do we want to get rid of that?”

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Sept. 12**
Local Live Music Night — Horizon Village Ampitheatre 7-9 p.m.
LGBTQ+ Resource Center kick-off social — LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Joe Page: Flow Chart artist reception — Allen Priebe Art Gallery 6-8 p.m.
UWO Blood Drive - 11-3 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 13**
Theresa Flores: Sex Trafficking Survivor — Reeve Union Theatre 307 5-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 14**
Barbells and Brunch — Student Recreation and Wellness Center 10-1 p.m.
UWO women’s soccer vs. Dominican University — J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium 3 p.m.

- Oshkosh Farmer’s Market — 400-500 Block of Main Street 8-12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 15**
Spikeball Tournament — Student Recreation and Wellness Center 3-5 p.m.
Meet the sororities cookout — Albee patio 4-6 p.m.
Cemetery Tales - Oshkosh Public Museum, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 16**
Bystander intervention training — Reeve N104
“The Bystander Moment” Diversity and Inclusion DocuSeries - Reeve Union Theatre 307
- Tuesday, Sept. 17**
Slow Roll Oshkosh — The Lanes at The Howard 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 21**
Oshkosh chili cook-off — Leach Amphitheater 11 a.m.

Opinion

A’viands becomes UWO’s new food supplier

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Veteran students at UW Oshkosh may have noticed a change of taste in the food on campus. Expert sniffers might have even noticed a slight change in the smell of the Reeve Marketplace. Your senses aren’t deceiving you. After years of Sodexo supplying all of the food on campus, their contract with UWO has lapsed this semester, and A’viands (“awe-vee-onds”) has taken

the reigns of filling student bellies. Along with A’viands came Dave Mogensen, the company’s general manager at UWO. Mogensen said that he didn’t want to change a lot of the broader aspects of food on campus. Each food venue generally still offers the same options, now with more of a focus on fresh and local ingredients. “We’re trying to get as much local stuff as we can,” Mogensen said.

Along with bringing fresher ingredients to campus, Mogensen said A’viands is focusing on healthier options for students and more options for those with dietary restrictions such as soy milk, gluten-free bread and vegan meals. Soy milk, for instance, is not easily accessible at Blackhawk Commons. Along with these changes came a slight change in branding at Reeve Union. The “B&G Grill” is now “Reeve Grill,” “Sub Connection” is now “Sub Stand,”

“MiTaza” is now “Reeve Coffee House,” and so on. Those who’ve been on campus for a long time may remember the food stand at Sage Hall being an Einstein Bagels. A’viands currently has it under construction to bring it back. Additionally, the convenience store in Halsey now offers made-to-order sandwiches for students on the go, Mogensen said. Mogensen said he has big plans to expand Reeve Grill to a farm-to-table eatery by next semester.

“You won’t see a lot of change this semester, but once we bring in the fresh farm-to-table burger, you’ll know exactly what farm your burger is from,” Mogensen said. Basil, lettuce and other veggies are still being grown fresh in the enclosed area next to Reeve Grill. Overall, Mogensen said his biggest priorities are to offer more varied and healthier high-quality options for students to expand the menu options as A’viands finds its footing on campus. “There are so many things to worry about when you’re in college when you’re on a college campus, and food hopefully is one that you’re not having to worry about,” Mogensen said. Thanks to the unionized food staff on campus, many of the friendly faces serving and making food have remained at A’viands. “There are some different standards and things that we’re trying to do to bring up the level of service that the University wanted, so there’s been some training and things along those lines with the staff,” Mogensen said.



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An A’viands employee makes a sub for a UW Oshkosh student at the newly named “Sub Stand” at Reeve Union.

So long D2L, hello Canvas

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Those of us returning to campus this semester have had to adapt to a change that left many irritated and worried: D2L was replaced by something called “Canvas” over the summer.



Costello

Since “Desire-2-Learn” was the primary way students could access course materials, submit assignments, check grades and communicate with classmates, it’s been a somewhat stressful transition to Canvas. Brian Ledwell, UW Oshkosh’s Canvas administrator, said the change was needed to stay up-to-date with modern technology. Additionally, all UW colleges now use Canvas, Ledwell said. “Now everyone is in one environment, so hopefully we have consistency,” Ledwell said. Because UW Oshkosh now encompasses UWO-Fond du Lac and UWO-Fox Cities, having this consistency is paramount, Ledwell said. But how does Canvas actually compare to D2L? Ledwell thinks

Canvas is much more robust and user-friendly. He said the students he’s talked to agree. “I think students see it as something that is easier to use,” Ledwell said. “They certainly have more options as far as things like mobile devices.” Yes, indeed. The Canvas mobile app is pretty terrific. Not only is it user-friendly, but you can easily change your notification settings. Whenever there’s new course material, assignments or grades, my phone will

around with it though, it makes sense. I appreciate how you can customize the dashboard to view all of your classes in whichever way you please. Two big cons have caught my attention so far: First, it’s difficult to keep track of what you’ve seen, read or clicked on. In D2L, I believe documents went from bold to normal when you clicked on them. It made it easier to keep track of where I was in the class. Second, no dropbox. In D2L,

ing of how the Canvas transition is turning out for professors, geography lecturer Laura Carnahan shared her thoughts. Carnahan had to learn Canvas quickly so she could use it for her online class over the summer. “So far things are going fairly smoothly,” Carnahan said. “It’s just a matter of finding the features that you need. But for the most part, there’s a lot of similarities between Canvas and D2L.” Carnahan said that she really enjoys Canvas’s user-friendly interface, but from a professor’s perspective, the detail in student analytics is lacking compared to D2L. She also said emailing students through Canvas isn’t as customizable. Fortunately, Carnahan said that since Canvas is new to many UW college professors, the designers of the program are open to feedback and suggestions. “They have this request process where you can put in a request for stuff you want, and if enough people request it, then Canvas works on developing something for that,” Carnahan said. If you’re still struggling with the transition to Canvas, you can view the online orientation at kb.uwosh.edu/85292 or you can click the “Help” icon on Canvas.

“So far things are going fairly smoothly. It’s just a matter of finding the features that you need. But for the most part, there’s a lot of similarities between Canvas and D2L.” - Laura Carnahan, geography lecturer there was a convenient dropbox tab where you could see all of the assignments in a course, as well as which ones you’ve submitted. In Canvas, you have to go to each individual assignment to submit your assignment. Despite these issues, I still agree with Ledwell that Canvas overall is much more user-friendly. Over time, using Canvas will feel natural. It appears that instructors are able to modify which tabs show up for each class and how to use them. To get a better understand-

Student Food Critiques

Blackhawk Commons



Reagan Walsh, sophomore
Pros: better salad options, vegetarian options, more fish
Cons: soy milk not working, not everything’s in stock

Reeve Grill



Abel Christiansen, sophomore
Pros: higher quality, great taste
Cons: none

Sub Stand (Reeve)



Kayla Dionne, senior
Pros: fresher veggies, sprouts
Cons: awful bread options, cheaper taste, bad chicken

Chilaca (Reeve)



Kathleen Dichoso, senior
Pros: healthier options, fresher ingredients
Cons: no steak

Salad Bar (Reeve)



Karly Monaco, sophomore
Pros: fresher taste, open more often
Cons: not as many options, no bread, smaller portions, not pre-tossed

Sports

Volleyball cruises through Pizza Hut Classic

By Neal Hogden
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The UW Oshkosh women’s volleyball team never lost a set in the Pizza Hut Classic at Kolf Sports Center last weekend, pushing its record to 5-2 for the season.

The Titans had their talents on display against three non conference opponents: Oswego State (N.Y.), Wisconsin Lutheran College and Martin Luther College (Minn.).

Senior hitter Samantha Jaeke led UWO on offense tallying 21 kills on 43 attempts. She also paced the squad with two solo blocks and nine block assists on the defensive end.

Sophomore Emma Kiekhofer and junior Rebecca Doughty led the Titans with 15 assists apiece.

Senior defensive specialist Rachel Gardner had 31 digs on the weekend.

Jaeke said the team had an all-around great performance at the classic.

“We were very consistent this whole weekend,” Jaeke said. “There were times we struggled with our serve-receive, but our setters were able to better the ball for our attackers who were able to score. We worked very well as a



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh University Marketing & Communications
UW Oshkosh hosted the Pizza Hut Classic at Kolf Sports Center Sept. 7-8. Seven teams came from New York, Illinois and Wisconsin to Oshkosh to participate. Pictured is an Oswego University hitter driving a ball past a pair of Carroll University defenders on Saturday.

team, and our sideline was very engaged and cheered us on. We were able to overcome our struggles and perform well as a team.”

Also having solid showings were

freshman Carissa Sundholm with 16 kills, sophomore Taylor Allen with 13 kills and junior Shelby Coron with 12 kills.

Jaeke said the underclassmen

have played a vital role in getting the season off to a good start.

“Our underclassmen have been great supporters and competitors in and out of the practice gym,” Jaeke

said. “They praise others successes as if it was their own and push us to be better in our practice gym.”

Head coach Jon Ellmann said instilling a culture that nurtures improvement is important for this team.

“‘Be even better’ is something that we talk about in our gym on an almost daily basis,” Ellmann said. “We are relentless in our pursuit of improvement. There isn’t one area that we don’t want to make positive strides in.”

Ellmann said the team has transitioned to working on a different phase of its game as they head deeper into the season.

“We have spent the last week being heavily invested in the reading and planning phases,” Ellmann said. “In other words, seeing what our opponents are doing and working on systems and tactics that help us defend. This week we are focused on the execution phase. We will focus heavily on things we can control on our side of the net.”

The Titans took on two non conference opponents in Stevens Point on Wednesday and have a week off before starting conference play on Sept. 18 at home against UW-La Crosse.

Soccer drops two close matches in Iowa to fall to 1-3

By Neal Hogden
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The UW Oshkosh women’s soccer team lost a pair of matches to Loras College (Iowa) and Dubuque University (Iowa) over the weekend to dropping to 1-3 early in the season.

The team’s offense could not get it rolling as it was shut out in both matches.

Against the 19th-ranked Loras College Duhawks, UWO attempted six shots with one being on goal. Juniors Mallory Knight, Addie Schmitz and Tory Schumann recorded two shots apiece.

Officials issued Knight a yellow card in the 84th minute of the match while Loras’ Jenny Wick was yellow-carded in the 68th minute. Wick scored the Duhawks’ only goal in the beginning of the second half.

Senior Madelyn Runyan was busy in goal for the Titans as she blocked six out of Loras’ seven shots on the day.

Runyan said the team can only get better from their performances against Loras and Dubuque.

“With a young team, you will always have learning moments,” Runyan said. “The games that we have already played in, we have found things that we need to work on to become the best team that we can be. You can expect us to constantly battle and put in 100% as well as a positive mindset.”

Against the University of Dubuque, the team suffered another narrow loss, dropping 1-0 to the Spartans.

Runyan saved three out of four of Dubuque’s shots while Spartan

goalkeeper Victoria Roethler saved all five of UWO’s shots on goal.

Knight, sophomore Maddie Hill, junior Emily Burg, junior Delaney Karl and sophomore Mackenzie Bennett all had shots on goal for the Titans.

The team’s next challenge will be against Dominican University (Ill.) on Saturday at 3 p.m. at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

Senior defender Maddie Morris said the team played some challenging teams in Iowa but can use the games to do better next match.

“We are very ready,” Morris said. “We played some really tough opponents in

Iowa and even though we lost, we learned. For Dominican we need to focus on possession and strong attacking runs.”

Runyan said the challenge of taking on Dominican University is something the team embraces.

“This weekend’s game is our first home game, and we are excited to finally play on our own turf,” Runyan said. “We have played some very tough teams already, which will help us with Dominican. They are a good team, but so are we. We have shown that we can hold our own against nationally ranked teams, so we are ready to take on Dominican.”

Priebe named to All-America Academic team

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Six individuals were chosen from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for the 2019 Woman of the Year Award, including UWO alumna Kayla Priebe.

To be selected, a nominee must have finished and earned a varsity letter in an NCAA-sponsored sport, completed eligibility in her primary sport, and earned an undergraduate degree by summer 2019.

There were 585 nominees, including 192 from NCAA Division III.

Priebe competed on the golf team and majored in accounting, while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

She was named to the 2019 Google Cloud NCAA D-III Academic All-America Women’s At-Large First Team. She was the first women’s golfer in league history to earn a spot on the academic squad.

Priebe also earned a spot on the Google Cloud Academic All-District Six Women’s At-Large Team in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

She was chosen the recipient of the 2018 WIAC Judy Kruckman Women’s Golf Scholar-Athlete Award and received all-conference first team recognition in 2015, 2016 and 2018 and second team accolades in 2017.

She was named the 2016 WIAC Player of the Year and added All-Central Region approval in 2017 and 2019.

“Receiving the UWO Woman of the Year nomination was a huge honor,” Priebe said. “Being selected as the person to represent the graduating class of female athletes means a lot to me, especially because I know there were so many qualified candidates.

“I am a huge advocate for Division III athletics because it supports awards like this that honor not only athletics, but also work in the classroom and volunteerism.

“Playing golf at UWO allowed me to pursue competitive golf for four more years after high school, which is something that I really enjoyed doing. I love having the support and friendship of a great team and coaches, and I had a lot of fun playing golf competitively.

“Going to UWO also gave me opportunities to volunteer through athletics as well as on my own at church. One of the biggest things I love about D-III is the concept of student-athletes.

“At Oshkosh, I really felt like the student came first and the athlete came second.

“Both academics and athletics were very important to me during my time as a student-athlete, and I am blessed to have had the opportunity and encouragement to succeed in both.”

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UWO Women’s golf has strong leadership in four returning seniors, who are looking to lead the team to a conference title.

Priebe sets school records

By Neal Hogden
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The UW Oshkosh women’s golf team placed eighth out of 17 teams at the Wartburg Fall Invite last weekend while breaking a couple of school records. Sophomore Erika Priebe led the Titans with a fourth-place finish at 1-over par. Her score of 145 over the two days of the Invitational were the best in school history. After recording a 74 on the first day, Priebe followed it up with a school-record 71 on the second day of the Invite to set records for the lowest 18- and 36-hole rounds in school history. Priebe said she was happy with the result, but she was all business as she pointed her attention to the team’s next event in Minnesota. “We are always looking to lower our score each week,” Priebe said. “Different players struggled with different things this weekend, whether it was driving or putting or something else. This next week, we will continue to work on these things

so that we can improve on them in Minnesota.” Priebe earned the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Kwik Trip Women’s Golf Athlete of the Week for her efforts at the Wartburg Fall Invite. Senior Hannah Braun and sophomore Margherite Pettenuzzo tied for 26th place with a score of 155 on the weekend. Pettenuzzo said starting the season off on the right foot is important for the team. “It is extremely important to start our season out well,” Pettenuzzo said. “Starting the season with two good tournaments back to back will give us the confidence we need toward the end of the season. Golf is a sport with many ups and downs that are hard to control, but starting out well lets us know what we are capable [of] as a team in the future.” The eighth-place finish comes fresh off the heels of the team’s victory in their opening meet, the Titan Fall Classic. At the Titan Fall Classic, the team defended its team championship, shooting a combined 655

during the two-day tournament. Priebe took the individual title for her first career victory, shooting a 77 and 79 on Saturday and Sunday. The second-place finisher, Maija Tranberg of UW-La Crosse, led Priebe by a stroke heading into the final round of the tournament. Tranberg shot an 84, which opened the door for Priebe. Other Titans in the top 10 included Braun in fourth, Pettenuzzo in sixth, Anna Scheibe in eighth and Lauryn Davis in ninth. Head coach Liza Ruetten said the familiarity of home soil allowed the team to perform very well in the meet. “It is an advantage to play at home for many reasons,” Ruetten said. “Oshkosh Country Club

“Our ‘senior squad’ has a great plan in place to lead this team to the end of our season.”
—Liza Ruetten, Head coach

is a tough course and having inside knowledge of its greens and course layout definitely assisted in our performance there.” Next, the Titans head to Hastings, Minn., to compete in the Division III Classic Sept. 14-15 at the Emerald Greens Golf Course. Ruetten said her senior class will be crucial to the team’s success this season. “Our ‘senior squad’ has a great plan in place to lead this team to the end of our season,” Ruetten said. “In practice and competition, I continue to witness displays of leadership within all four players: Hannah Braun, Sophia Mazurek, Hanna Rebholz and Anna Scheibe.” Ruetten said the squad has a duty to make sure the underclassmen feel comfortable on the course and on campus. “All four play a role in ensuring that our 11-member roster feels included and involved in every aspect of our team dynamic, on and off campus,” Ruetten said. “This dynamic is also key when traveling over our long weekends of competition.”

Chadwick wins Vic Godfrey Open

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Both the men’s and women’s cross-country teams placed third in the UW-Parkside Vic Godfrey Open over the weekend while junior Cody Chadwick took the individual crown in the men’s race. The Titan men took third with 73 points, trailing the University of Chicago who tallied 25 points and UW-Parkside who had 68 points. Chadwick’s time of 25:47.8 was four seconds faster than the second-place finisher, Brock Eves of UW-Parkside. Other placers for the men

were: junior Andrew Rathkamp in 18th place, sophomore Andrew Muskevitsch in 22nd, junior Noah O’Neill in 29th and freshman Joe Kehoe in 30th place. Junior Spencer Muffler said the team is looking forward to their home event, which will take place Sept. 20 at The Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne. “The Titan Fall Classic is a meet that will help the team gain more experience and see where we’re at so we can keep our season goals open to achieve,” Muffler said. “The team will be consistent with training and focusing on staying healthy for the

Titan Fall Classic.” The women’s team battled Division I Butler University (Ind.), the University of Chicago and nine other teams to a third-place finish with 104 points. UWO senior Ashton Keene ran to a 15th-place finish with a time of 19:06 while junior Hannah Lohrenz placed 22nd with a time of 19:28. UWO runners acquiring team points were sophomore Elizabeth Reddeman in 25th place, senior Amanda Van Den Plas in 28th and freshman Alexandria Demco in 31st. Other UWO runners were Mariah Linse in 33rd with a time of 19:57, Tayah Cunningham in

58th with a time of 20:50, Breanna Van Den Plas in 60th with a time of 20:54, Melissa Srnka in 64th with a time of 21:00, Libby Geisness in 66th with a time of 21:03, Tricia Cich in 70th with a time of 21:16 and Lauren Urban in 74th with a time of 21:24. Butler took the top four spots in the race and had a runner finish ninth to combine for 19 points on the afternoon. The Bulldogs took fourth in the Big East Conference last year. Both teams will be preparing for the Titan Fall Classic, which will be held on Sept. 20 at the Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne.

Tennis holds serve

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The UW Oshkosh Tennis began the season in Whitewater on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30 and 31. The Titans fell to the Warhawks on the 30th 9-0 and placed seventh of eight teams in the UW-Whitewater Warhawk Invite on the 31st. With a current record of 2-2, head coach Robert Henshaw commented on what the team is doing right, and what he believes needs to happen for the Titans to reach their full potential. “I love our singles lineup when we are full-strength,” Henshaw said. Henshaw is confident with his players as he looks ahead to the rest of the season. “We have strong competitors, and I think we have the strongest team we’ve had since I’ve arrived,” Henshaw said. Henshaw said right now he’s experimenting with different combinations until he finds the right doubles team. “We have players with a lot of experience in doubles, but I need to find teams that complement each other’s playing style,” Henshaw said. “Once we get a handle on that, we will be very tough.” The Titans kicked off September with back-to-back wins against Lawrence University (6-3) on Sept. 3 and Ripon College (9-0) on Sept. 5. Two days later, the Titans fell to Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival UW-La Crosse in a 9-0 sweep, giving Oshkosh the 2-2 record they hold today. In doubles against La Crosse, junior Lesley Kutnink and sophomore Taylor Johnson fought hard but fell 8-7. Kutnink talked about how, win or lose, she and Johnson work together very well. “Playing with Taylor at number three doubles has been great so far,” Kutnink said. “We really have on- and off-court chemistry with each other. If Taylor isn’t playing her best, I seem to lift her up and vice versa.” Kutnink also talked about what she is looking forward to as the season progresses. “I’m very excited for home conference matches,” Kutnink said. “I think our team has great depth in the line-up, and we have very strong singles players.” Looking forward, the Titans will travel to Holland, Michigan for the Hope College Invitational. The Titans will then close out the month with matchups at home against Marian University Sept. 19 and UW-Stevens Point Sept. 26, and away against St. Norbert College Sept. 28 and UW-River Falls Sept. 29. Senior Alyssa Leffler elaborated on the excitement she and her teammates feel for the months to come. “[We are] very excited to see what the future has to hold,” Leffler said. “We are all super positive and determined to achieve our goals. We all complement each other very well.”

Upcoming Events

Friday

Women’s Tennis
at Hope College Invitational
8:00 a.m.

Saturday

Women’s Tennis
at Hope College Invitational
8 a.m.

Saturday

Football
at Salisbury University (Md.)
11 a.m.

Women’s Golf
at Division III Classic
1:30 p.m.

Women’s Soccer
vs Dominican University
3 p.m.

Sunday

Women’s Golf
at Division III Classic
8 a.m.

Young Titan core shows upside for 2019 season

By Darren Keiffer
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The UW Oshkosh football team narrowly defeated Carthage College on Saturday, going home with a 20-19 victory to kick off the 2019 season.

Two out of Carthage’s three touchdowns came from blocked kick returns, and UW Oshkosh ended up turning the ball over twice on punt returns as well.

Once Carthage returned their last blocked kick into a touchdown score, they decided to go for the win in attempting a two-point conversion but failed. These mistakes could easily turn into a loss, but the Titans’ defensive play helped anchor the team to a win.

Head coach Pat Cerroni said his team struggled with certain aspects of the game, but that’s to be expected in the team’s first game of the season.

“You say thank God we won and move on,” Cerroni said. “It’s our first game; we made mistakes and now we will correct them... Give Carthage credit, they did a good job exposing us.”

Last year, the Titans finished with an overall record of 6-4, their worst season in the last half-decade.

Although many players had graduated, Cerroni expressed ex-

citement in this season’s young core.

“We had graduated a ton of exceptional talent, and right now, we are just trying to piece it all back together,” Cerroni said. “We have a good nucleus of guys this coming year, which makes us really excited to see what’s going to happen.”

Cerroni decided to mix in a two-quarterback rotation as freshman Kobe Berghammer led the Titan offense in both passing and rushing yards.

Berghammer finished the game passing eight for 18 with 138 yards and two touchdowns. He also kept the Red Men defense guessing by running for 67 yards on seven attempts including a 27-yard run where he broke two tackles.

Cerroni provided little insight about which of his quarterbacks would start next week.

“Every week you evaluate and see where you are at. [Berghammer] did a great job and there is nothing you can say about it; he did awesome.”

Not only was the offensive potential on display, but the defense recorded seven sacks, making sure Carthage quarterback Colton Klein was uncomfortable the entire game.

Cerroni said football is a simple game and there are three aspects



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh University Marketing & Communications

Titan sophomore linebacker Kip Castellano angles toward a Carthage runner. Castellano finished the game with one tackle. The team will be heading to Maryland to face Salisbury University on Sept. 14.

For every home football game, the UW Oshkosh athletic department will provide a free shuttle bus to J.J. Keller Field from campus and Molly McGuire’s starting three hours before the game. The bus returns at the end of the third quarter and after the game is finished. You can check out the UW Oshkosh athletics webpage for more details.



Courtesy of UW Oshkosh University Marketing & Communications

UW Oshkosh junior tight end Justin Kasuboski breaks away from a pair of Carthage defenders in the Titans’ 20-19 victory on Saturday. Kasuboski caught two passes for 31 yards in the season opener.

UWO steps up security for game day

By Neal Hogden
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University Police has for the second straight year implemented extra security measures for game days.

The bag check process which debuted last season will continue this year. In past seasons, fans have been allowed to walk through the gate without a bag-check as officers supervise the gates.

UP Lt. Trent Martin said safety is the main concern and the department is not trying to lessen the experience of fans.

“We want to make sure fans are safe and comfortable at our football games. That is our No. 1 priority,” Martin said in a statement to UW Oshkosh athletics. “We are pleased to work with the Athletics Department on this admission procedure, which is designed to give fans a great experience and a high

level of confidence in knowing that our facility is safe and secure.”

UW Oshkosh Athletic Director Darryl Sims said fan safety is very important and these new measures will assure that spectators are as safe as possible.

“Our guests are our most prized partners, and ensuring their safety is a top priority,” Sims said. “We believe that this bag check procedure is an important step towards enhancing public safety at our stadium. We have had a great collaboration with the University Police over the years and this safety program is just another example of our outstanding relationship.”

To avoid a long inspection, fans are asked to keep bags loosely packed and in clear containers if possible. If a fan brings a bag that is not permitted, there will be no check-in area for those bags.

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