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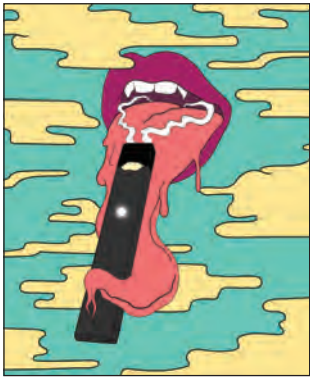
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ABOVE: UWO staff member Kennan Timm's car was totaled from the crash. BELOW: A firefighter looks over the mass amounts of vehicles piled-up.



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Largest pile-up in WI history

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One person died and 71 people were injured in a 131-car pileup on Highway 41 in Neenah on Sunday, according to a release from the Menasha Police Department.

Andrew Schefelker, an Iola-Scandinavia School District science teacher, was the only fatality of the pileup.

Schefelker was a research assistant at UW Oshkosh before earning his teaching certificate in 2018. Schefelker also substitute taught at Lourdes Acad-

emy before working for the Iola-Scandinavia School District.

Lourdes Principal David Mikesell sent an email to parents and students explaining that counseling services are available and asked parents to talk to their children about the loss.

The Menasha Police Department's release featured a map with pins representing the damage done from the pileup ranging from totaled vehicles to a loss of life.

"The difference being the degree of change, grief and tragedy involved," the release said. "Not one of the people behind those pins thought their lives would

be impacted when they started their day. Now they cope, manage or pick up the pieces of their lives."

UWO Sports Information Director Kennan Timm said he was in the pileup. He was driving from his home in De Pere. He was between Breezewood Lane and Highway G when the blowing snow made it impossible to see.

"Once you hit that whiteout area there's just cars," Timm said. "There was a car in front of me, and you couldn't do anything. You just had to hit it, which I did. So, then I got pinned up in the median, in the

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Remembering Owen Eliassen

Owen was a junior at UWO who passed away on Feb. 8

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Owen Eliassen was adventurous. He loved sailing and skiing, and he shared his passion for the outdoors with elementary school students that he taught to sail and ski.

The UW Oshkosh junior, just one month shy of his 21st birthday, died on Feb. 8 at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa due to a rare strain of coxsackievirus, commonly known as hand foot and mouth disease that attacked his heart.

Owen's mother, Sara, who works in UWO Admissions, said the virus is especially common in toddlers and college-age men.

"If Owen had not been home, he would have called, and I would have said 'get some Nyquil,'" Sara said. "It's one of those things where I feel like people should be a little more aware."

Owen's father, Steven, said Owen was misdiagnosed four times by doctors in Oshkosh, three times in urgent care and once in the emergency room.



"[There are] 200,000 cases a year nationwide," Steven said. "Half of the cases the subjects will exhibit no symptoms. There's a very small sliver that's fatal, and that happened to be what Owen had. Adding that I want to be careful here, there were four chances to diagnose in Oshkosh, by four visits to the doctors, and they missed it each time."

Steven said Owen was something of a Renaissance man in the sense that he was interested in a lot of different things, including film, music, sailing, traveling, Scandinavian culture and world cuisine.

"He loved Door County and the Great Lakes, really any beautiful spot on the Great Lakes," Steven said. "He just loved places, loved experiencing and traveling and always with no fuss or no commotion. We'd travel sort of on the cheap, or by car, or camped, or slept in the car sometimes. It was all good; he just loved any adventure and travel, and yet that doesn't

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68 of 278 incidents prompted the UPD to be called to dorms last fall

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Holding a door open for someone behind you. Leaving a dorm room unlocked...

"You could get into Scott Hall pretty easily if you wanted to with Scotty's being open until midnight," UW Oshkosh sophomore Josh Brost said. "And they keep the door from Scotty's open even when security check-ins are here."

Brost works at the front desk of Scott Hall, where his job is to ensure students' safety by checking that packages are going to residents, ensuring everyone entering the building is a resident or visitor of the residence hall and being on alert for suspicious people.

Although Brost and other front desk workers try to ensure students' safety, they know that they aren't always successful. Statistics bear that out.

According to University Police Dispatch Supervisor Nikki Schettler, during the Fall 2018 semester at UWO, 68, or 24.4 percent of the 278 incidents that prompted hall supervisors to call University Police to residence halls, impeded the safety of students. These incidents are categorized as alarm activations, suspicious incidents, theft, disturbances, elevator rescues and gas leaks.

According to UP Captain Chris Tarmann, one of the biggest threats to security in the residence halls is tailgating: holding the door open for the person behind you when entering your residence

hall. Signs are put on the front door of all halls educating students on this issue.

Tarmann said an initiative was implemented in the spring 2018 semester to reduce burglaries.

"We started a Busted Initiative where we identified a problem, we had some burglaries because somebody would go to the bathroom and leave their door unlocked," Tarmann said. "An officer is doing a building check and sees a residence hall room open. They put a 'Busted' card in the room and say 'Hey, we could've stole your stuff, we could have been a criminal,' and then it shares some information about locking your doors."

South Scott resident Casey Press said she feels secure knowing that strangers can't come into her dorm at night.

"I don't really like that I can't get into other dorms with my ID, but I agree that it is a safety precaution," Press said.

Tarmann said the UWO Mobile app allows students to chat with dispatch in real time to report an incident and see what's happening on campus in regards to safety.

According to Tarmann, about 5,500 people have downloaded the app and about 3,000 students live on campus.

All of UWO's residence halls are locked from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on weekdays and from 9:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. on weekends.

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Power of ID aims to increase diversity in PR

Social justice panel takes a look at racial prejudices

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The social justice panel, Navigating the Inequalities: Racism and Social Justice in the 21st Century, opened up a discussion with current UW Oshkosh African-American students to discuss the question, ‘Are racial prejudices still affecting lives?’

The event took place on Feb. 21 in Sage Hall and was just one of the many events put on by the Black Student Union in celebration of Black History Month.

Director of Student Achievement Services and co-adviser of the Black Student Union Byron Adams said this event honors the history and ongoing experience of African-Americans.

“This is a way to commemorate Black History Month and reflect on the past as well as delve into current issues,” Adams said. “It allows for us to celebrate all that is our diversity.”

Adams said it is valuable for people to have an understanding of cultures different from their own.

“As we look back at diversity and inclusive excellence, these events allow us to appreciate various topics and populations,” Adams said. “By communicating with people of different backgrounds and being exposed to their cultures, [it] makes for a better student

and person in general.”

Adams said there is still a lot of work to be done to end racism, but becoming accustomed to other cultures is beneficial.

“The first step to overcoming racism is understanding the history,” Adams said. “If everyone made an effort to understand and expose themselves to different cultures, it would be a step in the right direction.”

Adams said the conversation drew attention to the current reality of African-American students and people of color.

“The discussion surrounding the African-American student experience on campus, equity and diversity was very insightful and sparked a great deal of in-depth discussion and brought to light how students of color, particularly African-Americans, are feeling on campus, in the community and in general,” Adams said.

The discussion facilitator and UWO history professor Jeffrey Pickron said the event was significant because everyone got a chance to share their perspective.

“It gave students the chance to express their viewpoints regarding racism in a setting that includes students, faculty, staff and administrators,” Pickron said.

Pickron said this event was a sort of follow-up to last semester’s celebration of Black Thursday’s 50th anniversary,

one of the most important events in UWO history.

“At a time [1968] when African-Americans were beginning to have a presence on campus, they articulated a number of concerns about the way African-Americans were treated unequally on campus and in the community,” Pickron said. “I wanted to come back to some of those original areas of concern to see what today’s students had to say, to see if we’ve made progress or if we still have work to do.”

Pickron said as the majority on campus, white students need to make a particular effort to understand the experience of students of color and be actively engaged in understanding and working against racism.

“This event demonstrated some of the complexity and subtlety of contemporary racism,” Pickron said. “I hope the value of it was to expose some of the ‘microaggressions’ that occur every day, to show how they impact students of color and how we can all be more mindful of one another.”

Pickron said it should be a primary goal to work toward true equality.

“Racism is still America’s original sin and a problem that we must continue to fight,” Pickron said. “It might have become more subtle and complex in some ways, but it is still present and pernicious.”



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Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler stood up in the audience to talk at the social justice panel.

UWO to switch to Canvas

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Starting in the fall 2019 semester, UW Oshkosh students can expect D2L to be fully switched over to Canvas, with a handful of courses already using the website.

UWO Chief Information Officer Laura Knaapen said the information technology department ran a small number of classes in the fall 2018 semester as a test, running about five times as many classes for the spring 2019 semester.

“The full switch from D2L to Canvas for the Oshkosh campus is the start of the summer session 2019, so June 17, 2019 for students,” Knaapen said. “Instructors will, of course, have to do the switching of their summer courses before that time.”

UWO interactive web management major Kaitlyn Alexander said she started using Canvas at the start of the spring 2019 semester for her technology innovation class.

“My first impression of Canvas was good; I really liked the design of the website,” Alexander said. “I am majoring in interactive web management, so I see the effective design techniques used. I think Canvas is very easy to use and its layout is simple to understand.”

UWO interim chief information officer Mark Clements said the D2L contracts are expiring in 2020 and both D2L and Canvas are administered by UWO System, with all UW campuses transitioning to the Canvas platform.

“An analysis of multiple academic technologies and a request for proposal was initiated to determine the future of the shared digital learning environment,” Clements said. “Canvas was the winner of the RFP and selected as the replacement of D2L.”

Knaapen said Canvas has a different user interface from D2L but it has similar features presented in different ways.

“Discussions are an item that may take some getting used to,” Knaapen said. “We do have a student training course to provide students with an idea of how things work in Canvas.”

Clements said he doesn’t expect students will have any issues learning how to use the new platform.

“This is our first year with the new tool, so expect some early ‘growing pains’ as we migrate courses and become familiar with the capabilities,” Clements said. “But the Canvas system is a modern [digital learning environment] that will offer an improved user interface and mobile applications for easy access.”

Alexander said she likes that there is a functional app for Canvas.

“There was no app for D2L that worked well, and so I think this feature is very convenient for students to get course announcements, assignment reminders and grade posting notifications all sent to their devices,” Alexander said.

Knaapen said she thinks Canvas will be better for students because of the built-in calendar, which makes it easier to see when assignments are due or when a test is coming up.

“It lets you view that calendar with all your courses visible in different colors too,” Knaapen said.

Clements said he has not had an opportunity to use the D2L system but has created course content in Canvas.

“I found it very easy to use and appreciated the clean, modern interface,” Clements said. “I rely heavily on my mobile devices, and Canvas worked flawlessly for me. I hope that students and instructors will like it as well.”

Alexander said, for the most part, Canvas is easier to navigate than D2L.

“There are some areas, specifically the course content section, that are easier in D2L,” Alexander said. “It will take some getting used to because the layout is very different than D2L, but I don’t think navigating around Canvas is more difficult.”

Knaapen said both tools are essential in the value of teaching.

“Whether we use D2L or Canvas, the real value is in the instruction, the teacher and how well they make use of the tools,” Knaapen said. “It is also in how well the students make use of the available tools, too.”

HERstory Month lifts up women throughout campus with narratives

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UW Oshkosh is celebrating HERstory Month throughout March and the end of February to honor and increase the visibility of female-identifying individuals on campus.

In honor of Women’s HERstory Month, there will be multiple events throughout the month of March, including the Titan LeadHERship Conference, the webinar “Women Who Lead: Supporting Our Female Students Now and in the Future” and a speech presented by Patsy Mink, titled “Ahead of the Majority.”

According to the Director of the Women’s Center Alicia Johnson, the purpose of HERstory Month is to lift up and support women on campus by sharing their stories.

“Women’s HERstory Month is an opportunity to really center and amplify women’s voices,” Johnson said. “We need to think about the historical neglect of women in history.”

Women’s HERstory Month at UWO is co-sponsored by 21 organizations and programs including Women’s Advocacy Council (WAC), Women’s Center, Diversity and Inclusion Programs, Black Student Union, Social Justice Club and National Society of Leadership and Success.

Civil Rights activist Dr.

Angela Yvonne Davis will be speaking in Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom today at 5 p.m. to kick off UW Oshkosh’s celebration of HERstory month.

With the chosen theme of Women’s HERstory Month being No Shades, No Bounds: Justice for Women of Color, Davis will be speaking on the lack thereof.

Sisterhood President Brianna Langs said they really wanted to have a speaker that proved their points.

“No matter your color, no matter your sexual orientation, really what intersectionality you may have, there should not be any boundaries in place for you,” Langs said.

According to the Oxford African American Studies Center (OAASC), Davis is internationally recognized as a leader in movements for peace, social justice, national liberation and women’s equality.

With over 600 people planning to attend the event, Reeve will be utilizing multiple rooms to stream Davis’ speech.

Johnson said intersectionality was a large point of discussion, being that it is present on our campus.

“It is important that we are making sure that we are recognizing diversity of women’s voices and that we are being inclusive and intersectional,”

Johnson said.

Langs said at the end of the day, people need to realize others are dealing with a lot of issues, and they may not notice the boundaries that are in place for their peers.

“Really sitting down and looking at some of the issues that women face, and then some of the issues that women of color face, and then look further into other intersectionality groups,” Langs said. “Start joining events for your own education.”

Langs also mentioned that creating a unique space for those who have been through similar situations, attending events and educating oneself is important for creating change in a community such as the Oshkosh campus.

“We need to open the conversation so that you can be an advocate,” Langs said. “So you can really not create boundaries for your peers as well.”

Sisterhood is also hosting another event for Women’s HERstory Month: a multicultural women’s panel: No Shades, No Bounds. The event will be taking place March 12 at 5 p.m. in Reeve Union Theatre room 307.

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do him justice.”

Sara said Owen was a Level 3 U.S. sailing instructor and that he was competent and confident in anything he tried.

“He was well loved, very patient, kind and had a very steadfast gentle way about him,” Sara said. “I think for the kids that really wanted to learn to sail fast, he was a bit of a father figure.”

Steven said Owen was always willing to try new things and would never back down from a challenge.

“This summer, for example, he was asked by a friend of ours to take 12 sailing families out on Lake Michigan on a 34-foot diesel motor yacht,” Steven said. “He, at age 20, is piloting this boat, responsible for 14 lives out on Lake Mich-

igan. He was competent and skilled enough at his young age to do that.”

Owen’s sister Isabella, also a UWO student, remembered one time when the two of them and a friend went to Door County with the plan to sail from Peninsula State Park to Sister Bay and back.

“We made it out of the bay and onto the lake and then the wind died,” Isabella said. “So, we decided, ‘OK, we can either try to paddle to Sister Bay or we can turn back right now.’ The three of us decided ‘we can’t just turn back; we need to keep going’ even though there was no wind. We had plans to do other things that day and that took up the entire day.”

Sara said Owen enjoyed the challenge of getting into a prestigious university, which is part of the reason he went to St. Olaf College in Minnesota for two years before transferring

back to UWO to be closer to friends and family.

“We were proud of him in deciding to return,” Sara said. “He had almost a full scholarship to St. Olaf. To walk away from that and to be a little more grounded in life, that was his goal. Not all studying and grades and professional accomplishment and prestige, but to have a balance.”

Steven said Owen always brought out the best in people.

“I would find myself thinking ‘I would do well to follow that model if I could never be judgmental and be agreeable, and always take on risks and challenges and quietly go about doing my best,’” Steven said. “It was an inspiring life. We were lucky to have him and he set quite a mark for a lot of people.”

Owen is survived by his parents, Steven and Sara, and sisters Grace and Isabella.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARA ELLASEN

Pictured is Owen [second from left] enjoying his time skiing with family.

Lack of representation a cause for concern

With just under 10% minority faculty members, UWO must advocate for diverse representation and inclusion

by The Advance-Titan Staff
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Black History Month ends today, signifying the end of a celebration devoted to honoring the accomplishments of African-Americans as well as remembering the adversity they’ve faced in their lives and history.

The Advance-Titan has received several letters to the editor from minority students at UWO who say they feel outnumbered, alone and silenced on campus.

According to Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Support of Inclusive Excellence Dr. Sylvia Carey-Butler, there are just four African-American professors at UWO. An additional African-American professor was just hired and will be starting in the upcoming fall semester.

“In our current demographics for 2018, we have 93 percent white and seven percent minority faculty and staff,” Carey-Butler said. “In five years, we hope to be at 12 percent minority and 88 percent white.”

Carey-Butler said that student diversity has also increased on campus.

“Ten years ago we were at seven percent minority students, and in 2018 we were at 15.7 percent. That is a 10-year enrollment trend,” she said. “We have made a significant gain in students of color.”

Campus administrators say that they are aware of the diversity gap and have created an Inclusive Excellence Plan Working Group comprised of one minority student, two minority faculty members and seven white faculty members to take steps to address the lack of diversity on campus. The panel has created an Inclusive Excellence Plan to be implemented on campus.

“Instead of asking me a question like I’m a subject under a microscope, remember that I am still a person. These are just different features that I have that you aren’t aware of.”

— Garahbrie Wesley
UWO senior

Carey-Butler said the panel had 14 listening sessions across campus to address student concerns. She said the Inclusive Excellence Plan includes six different strategies to increase diversity.

“We want to foster dialogue and awareness and dedication to inclusive excellence. We want to build a strong supportive campus environment and provide learning experiences for students and professional development opportunities for faculty and staff that increase cultural awareness,” Carey-Butler said. “We want to examine pertinent and disaggregated data between programs. We want to set measurable goals to achieving inclusion.”

Carey-Butler said that the I.E.P. Working Group will help the University keep track of its goals and measure its successes.

However, does a nearly all-white panel truly represent diversity on campus, and will this panel have minority students’ best interests in mind?

Journalism major Garahbrie Wesley said she has experienced the diversity gap on campus firsthand.

“It’s a lot of microaggressions,” she said. “What I have noticed, as a black student, is that a lot of people just really don’t know what we go through.”

Interactive Web Management major Mimi Tang knows that feeling.

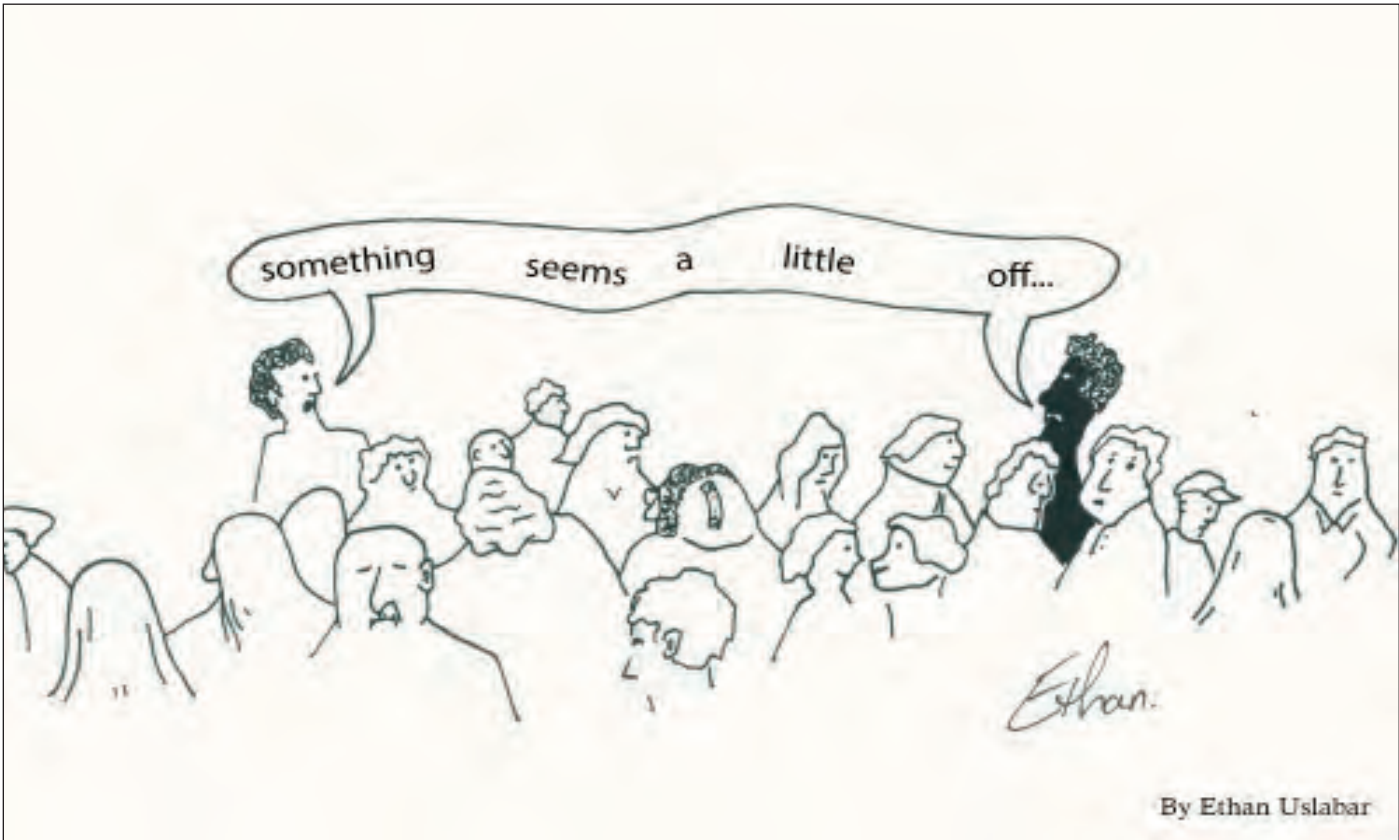
“Sometimes I would be the only minority in the class,” she said. “That’s already intimidating.”

Communications major Eskedar Robinson said that being a minority student at UWO makes it difficult to speak up in classes.

“I can’t speak my mind because I’m afraid that people will judge me or will not know what I’m talking about or will not understand where I’m coming from,” she said.

Wesley said that students often ask her questions about her appearance, which isn’t something she dealt with growing up in a predominately black community.

“It’s really hard,” she said. “You grow up a certain way, in a community of people who are the same color as you, people who do the same things as you and have the same principles as you. You don’t have to tell people,



ple, ‘No, you can’t touch my hair’ and, ‘Yes, my hair is real.’ You don’t go through things like that.”

Wesley said non-minority students and minority students are no different from each other.

“Instead of asking me a question like I’m a subject under a microscope, remember that I am still a person. These are just different features that I have that you aren’t aware of.”

Wesley said minority students are the same as everyone else on campus.

“If you take color out of it and you ask what they do on a daily basis, they are going to be doing what everyone else does,” Wesley said. “I go to class, I go to Blackhawk and eat and I go back to my dorm and I’m in my dorm for the rest of the night. That’s the majority of everyone’s life here. But everyone wants to throw color into everything.”

Wesley said following the 2016 presidential election, an incident near campus caused her to take a break from UWO.

She was on Algoma Boulevard when she saw a man yelling and driving a pickup truck with a Confederate flag hanging off the back.

“And that’s what made me leave,” Wesley said. “I just didn’t feel safe anymore. That’s before I understood that people are ignorant and there are racist people, but not every white person is racist.”

Robinson said she has also experienced racism on campus.

“I was walking with my white friends past Blackhawk and there was a sorority table out,” Robinson said. “They asked all of my white friends to join the sorority, but they didn’t ask me. They didn’t even acknowledge me.”

Wesley said African-American students on campus often feel like they have to be more aware than other students.

“A lot of students of color have this prenotion that we always have to protect ourselves or we always have to be looking over our shoulders or we always have to pay attention a little deeper than the next person because we’re black,” Wesley said.

Carey-Butler said the University is taking steps to increase diversity on campus.

“We want to foster dialogue and awareness and dedication to inclusive excellence,” she said. “We want to build a strong supportive campus environment.”

When majority students approach minority students to ask them questions, Wesley said she can teach and educate students, which in turn raises awareness for the struggles that minority students face.

“You approach it from a learning standpoint instead of

‘what’s wrong with her,’” she said. “It’s about your approach. It’s about how you ask the question. It’s the energy you give off.”

Wesley said that as a black person, it’s important to educate others, but as a white person, you must also be receptive to that message.

Both Carey-Butler and Wesley said attending cultural awareness events on campus as well as attending meetings for clubs such as the Black Student Union, regardless of race, can go a long way to creating a more inclusive campus.

“Participate in the offerings that are there,” Carey-Butler said. “When you see opportunities to develop cultural competencies, participate in them. We are constantly offering programs and initiatives to address some of the challenges given the diversity that exists.”

To help address the issues of diversity and inclusion, administrators need to proactively recruit diversity on the UWO campus. Minority students deserve to have faculty members of their own race, which also exposes non-minority students to different cultures and viewpoints.

Administrators must explore the possibility of a task force comprised of diverse minority students. After all, don’t minorities know first-hand the challenges that must be over-

come to be a successful student at UWO?

Faculty and staff also need to take steps to foster inclusion on campus. We must be aware of the challenges minority students face and be sensitive and mindful of the way we ask questions to our fellow classmates. We also need to practice acceptance, not only in regards to race but also in regards to gender, class and ethnicity.

Minority students don’t want to be treated differently because other than skin color, they aren’t different. If non-minority students understood the struggles minority students face on a daily basis, they would be better able to support their classmates who may feel misunderstood or silenced.

In today’s changing world, UWO needs to portray ideologies that support diversity and inclusion. Campus events honoring Black History Month have been a great way to exchange dialogue about diversity, but it isn’t enough.

Carey-Butler said that students need to embrace diversity on campus.

“Take advantage of the diversity that exists,” she said. “Because one day you will work and live in a society that will be even more diverse than what you’re used to now, and you want to know that you have your culture and that you’re culturally competent.”

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Titans sweep WIAC tournament

The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team advances to the NCAA Division III Championship tournament after a convincing victory over UW-Whitewater



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UWO senior Isabella Samuels cuts her piece of the net after recording 10 points in the WIAC Championship.

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The UW Oshkosh women’s basketball team swept the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament to secure an automatic berth into the 64-team NCAA Division III Championship.

UWO entered the tournament on a first-round bye only to defeat UW-Stout 61-58 on Friday in the semifinal round and secure a spot against UW-Whitewater in

the WIAC postseason tournament debuted in 1999.

With the win, UWO snapped a six-game losing streak to the Warhawks and held UWW to its lowest scoring output since a 61-34 loss to UW-Eau Claire on Feb. 26, 2009.

The Titans opened Sunday’s matchup in fair contest with UWW, ending the first half with a mere five-point advantage, 29-24, over the Warhawks.

The Titans went on to outscore the Warhawks 20-5 in the third quarter and put together a 16-point, seven-minute run in the fourth to ensure yet another Titan victory.

UWO’s sophomore guard Leah Porath led all scorers with 16 points in 16 minutes off the bench. She shot seven-for-nine from the field and rallied four rebounds in her fourth double-digit scoring performance of the season.

The Titans recorded three other double-digit scoring efforts in sophomore guard Nikki Arneson with 14 points, senior center Isabella Samuels with 13 and senior forward Melanie Schneider with 12. Arneson also had a game-high five steals paired with clutch back-to-back three-point baskets early in the fourth to spark the Titans’ 16-point run.

UWO senior center Erin Vande Zande captained the Titan bench, which accounted for 26 points and 13 rebounds, with five rebounds and five points.

Vande Zande said the Titans’ relentless game plan of strong defense awarded their program yet another spot in the trophy case.

“Defense,” said the Oconomowoc native. “Defense is something we have prided ourselves on all season. We stuck to our game

plan and executed it!”

Friday’s victory over the Blue Devils came as a result of a late Titan fourth-quarter rally.

The Titans entered the fourth up 47-42 but allowed the Blue Devils to gain a seven-point lead after a 16-4 run in the opening five minutes of the quarter.

UWO answered by holding UWS to 58 points the remainder of the game while tacking on 10 points of their own.

A Titan steal with eight seconds left to play forced the Blue Devils to send Arneson to the charity stripe where she went one-of-two to give UWO its final point of the night.

UWS gained the last possession of the game, but a missed three-point basket by Blue Devils’ senior center Amber Fabeck yielded the Titans the go-ahead to the championship final versus the Warhawks.

Schneider led eight Titan scorers with 13 points en route to her 19th career double-digit scoring effort in Friday’s contest. Samuels added on 10 points and four rebounds while junior guard Olivia Campbell recorded eight points and had a team-leading five rebounds, four assists and two steals for the Titans.

In her fourth and final year with the program, Schneider said this season’s success is a result of solid, all-round team chemistry.

“Teamwork,” Schneider said. “Everyone comes to practice every day and works hard to not only get better but to get each other better. We know our roles, and we all do our part to make our team as successful as it is.”

Head coach Brad Fischer, who has secured his fifth trip to the NCAA Championship in his seventh season with the program, backed Schneider and said that this year’s roster has excelled in maintaining their focus.

“We just stayed consistent,” Fischer said. “I don’t think we focused too much

on winning a championship or doing too much with what we had. We just came every day and concentrated on getting better the next day. The girls did a great job of just taking it one day at a time, which isn’t always the easiest thing to do when you are the best team in the conference.”


UWO, which is ranked 14th in the nation by d3hoops.com, will face off against Pomona-Pitzer Colleges (Calif.) in the first round of NCAA D-III Championship on Friday at Kolf Sports Center.

Fischer said that despite the Titans’ dominance in the regular and postseason, UWO will need to rally together for one last go in the NCAA D-III tournament.

“At some point, [the season] will come to an end,” Fischer said. “Whether it comes to an end by cutting down a net or running into a better team, our goal is to play at our best. If someone can beat us playing our best, well, then they obviously have to be a really good team to do that.”


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Falcons undefeated in conference play as head coach receives coach of the year

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The UW-Fond du Lac women’s basketball team was undefeated in conference play during the regular season, leading to first-year head coach Jenna Johnson being named Wisconsin Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year.

Sophomore Cassidy Williams and freshman Hailey Rusch earned first team all-conference honors while sophomore Hannah Preissner earned second team all-conference honors.

The Falcons fell to UW-Marathon County in the championship game after being regular season conference champions.

Johnson said the bond between her players is what made this team special.

“From the beginning we had a group chat going with each other,” Johnson said. “They have a Snapchat going. It’s just constant communication. When we get up in the morning, it would be like all of them greeting each other.”

Johnson said she was humbled when she won the WCC Coach of the Year award and is glad to be recognized for her hard work.

“I think it was moreso an award for the girls and my assistant as well,” Johnson said. “My assistant is an absolute blessing to me.”

UWFDL athletic director Jeremiah Hoffmann said he’s

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Falcons No. 10 Camryn Garriety and No. 21 Cassidy Williams defend offensive possession.

known coach Johnson since she was an assistant coach at Fond du Lac high school.

“She’s very knowledgeable and knows what she’s talking about with basketball,” Hoffman said. “She relates very well with the players, and she gets them to play hard for her.”

Hoffman said seeing the day-to-day interaction between the players and the enthusiasm from the coaches has been the most memorable part of the season.

“It’s just an overall feeling that we’re headed in the right direction with our program,” Hoffman said.

UWFDL point guard Kelsey Margelofsky said this season taught her that hard work pays off.

“You can do so much with a smaller team as long as everyone believes in themselves and each other,” Margelofsky said.

UWFDL guard Gretchen Puls said the passion the team had for the game and the camaraderie between the players is what sets this team apart from teams in the past.

“We always supported each other and kept each other going no matter how difficult it got,” Puls said.

Williams said the basketball knowledge the team had made their game more advanced.

“The versatility of all our players was huge, and the connection we had allowed us to communicate well on the court,” Williams said.

Williams said winning the

conference meant the world to not only her, but the whole team.

“[All of] that sacrificed time and effort over the years of playing the sport and this season,” Williams said. “It was a great accomplishment.”

Puls said the playoffs were her favorite part of the season, and even though they didn’t win, it all it was an experience she will never forget.

“I think we could all agree, winning state would’ve been a better ending to the season,” Puls said. “But I can’t imagine having a better group of girls to spend my last season with. I am also lucky to have such an amazing coach. Jenna is by far the best coach I’ve ever had the privilege of having.”

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Herd fall to 9-30

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The Milwaukee Bucks’ G-League affiliate the Wisconsin Herd went 0-3 last week to remain the 14th seed in the Eastern Conference.

at OKC Blue

The Herd own an overall record of 9-30 after being defeated by the Oklahoma City Thunder’s G-League affiliate the Oklahoma City Blue 109-111 on Wednesday at the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Without Wisconsin’s star center Christian Wood, the Herd managed four double-digit performances against the third-seeded Blue in the Western Conference.

Herd guard Xavier Munford posted a game-high 28 points off the bench on 12-of-18 from the field in Wednesday’s contest.

Center Shevon Thompson stepped up in Wood’s position to record a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds while guard Nick Johnson had 18 points, five rebounds and four steals for the Herd.

Seven of nine Swarm players found themselves in double-digits as Oklahoma City snapped their six-game losing streak and extended their record to 26-15 overall.

vs. Greensboro Swarm

Wisconsin’s late fourth-quarter rally was not enough as the Herd fell to the Charlotte Hornets’ G-League affiliate the Greensboro Swarm 105-107 on Sunday at home.

The Herd entered the final quarter within five points, 80-85, but brought the game within a possession, 94-96, after a series of three-pointers from Wisconsin’s backcourt.

Greensboro went on to match each Wisconsin bucket and preserve their two-point lead in the final 3:37 of play, granting them their closest-fought win over the Herd this season.

Wisconsin’s shooting guard Trevon Duval had a team-leading 21 points while the G-League’s second-leading scorer Wood posted yet another double-double with 19 points and a game-leading 20 rebounds.

Wood said the Herd’s slow start was the result of their third loss to the Swarm this season.

“The first half was definitely stagnant,” Wood said. “We picked up the intensity the second half and got the ball moving. We performed well, but we just couldn’t pull it together towards the end.”

For Greensboro, small forward Dwayne Bacon led all scorers with 29 points on 11-of-24 from the field.

Head coach Jordan Brady said a big part of the Herd’s loss came from lack of discipline.

“Being a disciplined basketball team is a big part of being a winning basketball team, especially in close games,” Brady said. “There were a few plays down the stretch we made that just weren’t disciplined. To win close games you have to be disciplined



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Christian Wood opts for a floater over a Greensboro Swarm player in the Herd’s 105-107 loss at Menomonee Nation Arena. Wood finished with 19 points.

towards the end of the game.”

vs. Agua Caliente Clippers

The Herd lost to the LA Clippers’ G-League affiliate the Agua Caliente Clippers 121-93 on Friday at home.

In their first matchup of the season, the Clippers, who stand at eighth place in the Western Conference and 14th overall, outscored the Herd in every quarter but the fourth.

In Wood’s 26 minutes of action for the Herd, he recorded a game-high 25 points on 11-of-14 from the field while gathering 11 rebounds.

All five of Agua Caliente’s starters posted

double-digits, including center Angel Delgado, who had a game-high 16 rebounds and a team-leading 21 points.

Kanellos Garbis, of Greece, recorded his first G-league bucket in Friday’s matchup for the Herd.

“It’s a really tough league,” Kanellos said. “It was amazing that I got to get out there on the floor. For a professional athlete you have to stay positive every day especially when we don’t [get a lot of] minutes. When I have the opportunity [to play with the Bucks], I will be ready.”

The Herd are off until battling the Fort Wayne Mad Ants in their third meeting this season on Friday at home.

Powers, Wrench lead UWO at conference



COURTESY OF JUSTIN KINSETH

Seniors Ryan Powers and Lauren Wrench pose after taking the crown in both 400-meter races at Whitewater.

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The UW Oshkosh men and women track and field teams competed at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last Friday and Saturday. The men’s team placed second out of eight teams, and the women took fourth..

The Titan men scored 104, points falling only behind UW-La Crosse who compiled 189.5 points. UW-Platteville took bronze with a final score of 90.

UWO men were lead by Ryan Powers and Jonathan Wilburn, who were the lone winners over the weekend. Powers won the 200-meter dash and 400-meter run. In the 200, Powers posted a time of 21.88 and set a WAIC and school record running a

48.20 in the 400.

Wilburn continued his reign in the triple-jump, taking home first place with a lead of 49-3 1/2. Wilburn’s mark put him as the top triple-jump athlete in the nation.

Notables from the men’s team include Joe Vils who took second in the pole vault with a height of 15-9 3/4. UWO had four third-place finishers from last weekend; Denzel Thomas ran a 6.94 in the 60-meter dash, Steven Potter grinded a 1:54.49 in the 800-meter run and Justin Rivers cleared a height of 6-7 1/2 in the high jump.

Additionally, the distance medley relay team of Potter, Nick Freitag, Andrew George and Amitai Wheat finished third with a time of 10:23.01.

On the women’s side, Lauren Wrench shined again over the weekend winning the long jump and the 400-meter run. Nationally ranked No. 1 Wrench took home first with a measurement of 19-2 1/2 to take home gold, outjumping second-place finisher Adrienne Lewis of UW-Stevens Point by 10 inches. Fellow Titan jumper Sadie Huth finished fourth with a leap of 17-11 1/2.

Head coach Justin Kineth said Wrench’s improvement has been nothing short of incredible.

“When we went to the Midwest Elite at Whitewater a few weeks ago and four of the top five girls in the long jump in the country were at that meet,” Kineth said, “I think she jumped maybe three times and won it. She’s in a whole ‘nother realm right now for jumping.”

Huth said her progress since last season has surprised herself.

“Coming home this weekend with a fourth-place finish in the long jump was far from expectation,” Huth said. “This year it was decided that I would participate in long jump, and since then I’ve fallen in love with it. From last year to this year, I never thought I would have made the podium in long jump at conference. This year I have worked hard to get stronger, and that strength has helped me progress in the long jump.”

Wrench posted a time of 56.91 seconds in the 400, over a second-faster than her season-best 58.04. Wrench came into the conference championships as the second seed and outran second-place finisher UW-La Crosse’s Mara Schroeder by over a second (58.02).

Wrench concluded her weekend by taking third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.53 and running to a fourth-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay with teammates Lindsay

Denu, Alexandra Demco and Taylor Pralle with a time of 4:00.95.

While dominating on the track, Wrench has been equally as impressive as a senior leader of the team, Huth said.

“Lauren Wrench has been the best captain and teammate anyone can ask for,” Huth said. “She is one of the most inspirational athletes on the team because of how her hard work has paid off. She has also been the one who gets more excited about my jumps than I do, and that really helps me keep a positive attitude knowing that Lauren is proud of my accomplishments, so I should be too.”

UWO distance runner Cheyenne Moore was able to capture a first place finish in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:59.21. UWO’s Amanda Van Den Plas finished eighth with a time of 10:21.58.

Van Den Plas and Moore also took home second and third in the mile run with times of 5:05.04 and 5:06.36.

Van Den Plas said she acquired trust in her abilities after her performance in the mile at the WIAC Championship.

“Competing well at conference enables me to gain confidence in where I am at right now in the season,” Van Den Plas said. “I’m getting stronger, and I can feel it now when I race. This past weekend is giving me a greater outlook on what the last chance meets will look like and what my likelihood of moving on the national meet is as well.”

The women’s team finished with 77 points, 12 points fewer than last year when the team placed third.

UWO will compete in last chance national qualifiers at Carthage College on March 1 and UW-Stevens Point on March 2 before the NCAA Division III Indoor Championship on March 8-9 in Boston.

Softball wins three of four games to open season in Minnesota

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The UW Oshkosh women’s softball team opened their season last weekend in Rochester, Minnesota at the Rochester Community Technical College Dome. The Titans played four games prevailing victorious in three of them.

Game one

The UWO women’s team began the weekend dominating Buena Vista University (IA), 8-0. UWO used a four-run fourth inning to one up a 6-0 lead.

The Titans finished their season opener with 11 hits and only one error. Senior pitcher Bailey Smaney threw a complete game, giving up zero runs and only five hits allowed.

Game two

Hours later, the Titans turned to face St. Thomas University (MN). UWO struggled offensively as they were only able to score one run, leading to a 9-1 loss.

Oshkosh gave up five runs on five hits in the first two innings creating a deficit that the Titans could not overcome. Shortstop Natalie Dudek was the only UWO player to reach home base versus St. Thomas.

On Sunday, The Titans played two more games.

Game three

In the first game, UWO defeated Gustavus Adolphus College (MN) 11-0 in five innings. Smaney pitched another complete game, this time allowing only one hit while striking out two.

Offensively, Dudek lead the charge with three hits, batted in two runs and scored once. UWO recorded 11 runs on 13 hits to put away Gustavus Adolphus College.

Game four

In the final game of the weekend, UWO was victorious over Wesleyan Universi-

ty (NE) 8-2. A five-run first inning was enough to put the game out of reach.

Dudek, first baseman Kaitlyn Krol and right fielder Natalie Dillon each tallied two hits a piece as they accounted for half of the Titans’ runs.

Titan pitcher Claire Petrus had a bounce-back outing versus Wesleyan, throwing a complete game and allowing only two earned runs and striking out as many batters.

Smaney said the key to success over the weekend was getting ahead early.

“As a team we attacked early and scored first in almost every game,” Smaney said. “Our hitters put pressure on the other teams right away and made them make mistakes. No matter if it was the top or bottom of the line-up, everyone was hitting the ball hard.”

Smaney performed extremely well over the weekend, pitching 11 scoreless innings, allowing only six hits and striking out as many batters. Smaney said her aggressiveness on the mound put the team and herself in a good spot to play well.

“I trusted my defense and attacked batters right away,” Smaney said. “I tried to get ahead early and keep a good mix of pitches.”

Head coach Scott Beyer said the team is happy and used the early season as an opportunity to better themselves as they prepare for conference play.

“Playing this early is a great way to keep the team motivated in practice and gives us things to work on,” Beyer said. “We played the No. 7 ranked team in the country and a few other quality teams last weekend. We learned who we are now and what we might be capable of moving forward. Getting tested early is important because the WIAC is going to be the best conference in the country this year, and we will need to be battle tested before we get to those games.”

The UW Oshkosh softball team won’t play again until a double header March 23 at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

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UWO junior forward Adam Fravert passes the ball against a UW-Stevens Point player last Thursday. Fravert scored eight points to go along with five rebounds and two assists. The Titans shot 13 percent from the three-point line in the loss.

UWO falls to UWSP, will play Lake Forest

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The UW Oshkosh men's basketball team dropped its opening-round matchup of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament last Thursday to UW-Stevens Point, 76-56.

UWSP never trailed in the game as they started out on a 14-2 run and never looked back. UWO struggled shooting the ball as they shot 11.5 percent from the 3-point line and 35.7 percent from the field.

Senior guard Ben Boots led the Titans with 19 points making all three of the team's 3-point shots as everyone else on the team combined to go 0-16 from beyond-the-arc.

The loss comes after the Pointers bounced the Titans in last year's WIAC tournament.

The only other Titan with a double-digit scoring night was sophomore forward Connor Duax with 13 points.

Senior forward Canon O'Heron led UWSP with 20

points on 8-14 shooting.

Oshkosh headed to half-time down by six and were unable to close the gap in the second half.

UWSP went on to play in the WIAC championship game where they lost to UW-Platteville, 70-57.

The Titans will be traveling to Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota on Friday to take on Lake Forest College (Ill.) in the opening round of the Division III NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Head coach Matt Lewis said Lake Forest's offense will be tough to stop, but they have to limit the Foresters to taking contested shots.

"They can really score the basketball," Lewis said. "We gotta get back and be really solid defensively. They shoot the basketball at a high rate; they're 43 percent from three, so we've gotta take away rhythm shots."

Senior guard Brett Wittchow said UWO will have to crash the boards to ensure that Lake Forest isn't getting multiple possessions on the

offensive end.

"They're a fast-paced team," Wittchow said. "They can shoot the ball. They can run in transition. We've gotta be at our best, but if we utilize our size and rebounding, we should come out ahead."

The selection is the Titans' fourth-straight trip to the tournament, and Boots said it's special for the seniors and the program as a whole.

"It's a really cool accomplishment for all of us, our senior class and our program as a whole," Boots said. "It's important to not get used to thinking that this is a casual thing."

Boots said making it to the tournament was an expectation when the year started, but it's not something they take for granted.

"It's an expectation that we're going to be here every year, but it's still something that you have to cherish and embrace each day in practice and really treat it like an honor," Boots said.

Senior guard Brett Wittchow said the team expected to make it to the tournament

but making it four years in a row is pretty special.

"For me, I came into this year with the expectation of being there," Wittchow said. "So it's not quite as thrilling as the first couple of years where we were just sneaking in, but it still is a huge honor and not something we take for granted."

This Friday's winner will play the winner of the game featuring Saint John's University and the University of Northwestern-St. Paul.

Lewis said his team knows the importance of the games from now until the end of its run but that won't change the team's identity.

"We gotta be good on Friday night or our season is over," Lewis said. "That brings a heightened awareness to your practices and preparation. We don't change who we are. We continue to prepare the same way we have. We know, come Friday, it's going to be a big game."

Titans take home WIAC Player, Coach of the Year awards

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Six members of the UW Oshkosh men's basketball team garnered All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors for their performance on and off the court this season.

First-year interim head coach Matt Lewis received Coach of the Year in the WIAC after leading the Titans to a 23-2 record during the regular season.

Lewis took over this season for former head coach Pat Juckem who went to Washington University of St. Louis after a six-year stint with UWO.

Lewis said the slew of all-conference awards are a testament to the strong foundation UWO basketball has.

"It just shows who we are as a program," Lewis said. "We've got incredibly great teammates. Those four guys — I'm excited for each one of them. They sacrifice a lot, not only those four but every guy on our roster. They just keep giving [their best] to the team, and I'm glad they got rewarded for it."

Under Lewis, the Titans held the WIAC's best scoring offense and third-best scoring defense.

Senior guard Ben Boots was chosen as the Conference Player of the Year, averaging 15.7 points, four assists and 3.9 rebounds per game. Boots was second in the conference in assists per game, assist to turnover ratio, 3-pointers made and free-throw percentage while coming in fourth in points per game.

Boots said the award was given to him, but he knows the people around him have a lot to do with his success.

"[It's] a really cool honor," Boots said. "It's an individual award, but it goes without saying that it is a team award. That award goes to a player on the team that wins conference very often. There's no question that I need my teammates, my coaching staff and everyone to get that award. I'm very thankful for it, and I'm very thankful for everyone who helped me achieve that."

Juniors Adam Fravert and Jack Flynn and senior Brett Wittchow joined Boots as first-team All-WIAC selections for their performances this season.

Fravert led the WIAC in blocks with 1.88 rejections per game while Flynn came in second with 1.19.

Wittchow is sixth in the WIAC in 3-point percentage, while Boots is eighth at shooting from deep.

This is the first time in school history that four Titans have earned first-team All-WIAC honors in the same season.

Wittchow said four guys making the first-team All-WIAC list is a product of being respected for the season they had.

"It's definitely an honor," Wittchow said. "I don't think four guys from the same team have made first team in a long time. It just shows you the respect that we got this year."

Junior Brian Wilman earned a selection to the All-WIAC sportsmanship team.



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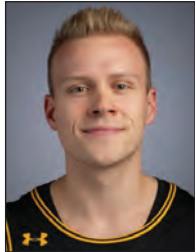
Senior Ben Boots drives to his right as he looks for a way to break down the UW-Stevens Point defense. Boots earned the WIAC Player of the Year award this season, becoming only the fifth UWO men's basketball player to do so.

All-WIAC Selections



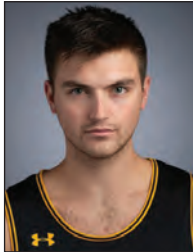
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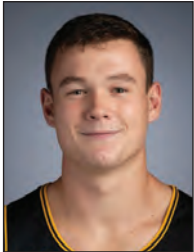
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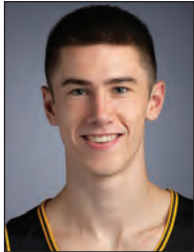
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Sportsmanship Award

Gymnasts defeat Warhawks

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The UW Oshkosh gymnastics team came out on top against the defending national champion Warhawks last Sunday in Whitewater.

UWO recorded their highest score of the season with a 189.485-189.150 victory.

Eight Titans scored in the top six performances and also owned the winner in three individual categories — balance beam, vault and all-around competition.

Freshman Kaira Hammond took first place on the balance beam with a score of 9.725.

Junior Baylee Tkaczuk finished second with a score of 9.70, and freshman Olivia Keller finished fourth with a score of 9.65.

Three Titan gymnasts owned their season best on the vault. Freshman Emily Gilot tied for first place with a score of 9.675. Freshman Rahdea Jarvis placed fourth,

scoring 9.50, and sophomore Amira Ali placed sixth at 9.45.

Junior Jessica Bernardo said encouragement from teammates created a winning atmosphere.

"We created our own energy at the meet," Bernardo said. "I think it really showed on floor because our entire team was pumped up and that helped the competitors."

UWO possessed four top-six performers in the floor exercise, including Gilot and senior Bailey Finin who tied for second place with their season-best scores of 9.65. Ali finished fourth in the event with a season-high score of 9.575 and Jarvis sixth at 9.55.


Bernardo placed first in the all-around competition with a score of 37.25, and Gilot placed second, scoring 37.15. Bernardo said each and every meet allows the team grow and obtain more experience.

"After our competition


in Seattle we were able to gain some confidence and momentum for our season," Bernardo said. "At the meet there was a lot of energy, and I think our team really thrived with that environment."


To keep the momentum moving, Ali said the team will continue to make practice positive and fun while working hard on the little things that need to be improved before they travel back to UW-Whitewater this weekend on March 2 to conclude the regular season.


"I'm happy we know the equipment already and as a team what we need to do to get an even higher team score than we did this past meet," Ali said. "I'm feeling pretty good going into the next meet and am looking forward to competing with this team because all of the hard work we've been doing in the gym is finally starting to show."


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Juuling epidemic is lit on campus

FDA looks extensively at Juul Labs after report of young people smoking indicates a 78% rise

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Juuling is the latest smoking trend to harm a generation, and it’s just an extension of the electronic cigarette takeover that the Food and Drug Administration has called an epidemic. Students can be seen juuling on campus on their way to class, in their dorm rooms or eating at the café. A Juul can be spotted by its four inch by half inch by quarter inch frame and relatively small plumes of smoke produced.

The number of young people smoking electronic cigarettes rose 78 percent in the past year, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Youth Tobacco survey.

Even more, research from the same data survey showed smoking electronic cigarettes among middle school students was up 48 percent.

UW Oshkosh senior Sam Schwenn described the Juul buzz as a rush of dopamine that makes him feel happy.

UWO senior Kevin Borisy called the Juul weird and said he doesn’t understand why so many people are doing it.

“It’s something that, when I have nothing better to do I’ll catch a buzz.”

— Sam Schwenn

UWO freshman Mason Kobilic said he doesn't Juul because he knows about the negative side effects of juuling and said he doesn't want to become a product of the addiction.

The rise in youth smoking was the primary reason for FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb to announce in a Sept. 12, 2018, press release the largest single enforcement action in agency history.

Gottlieb said the enforcement action focused on the sale of nicotine products to underage people and said he recognized the paradox between helping smokers quit and enabling teens. Civil and criminal resources were cited in the press release as possible remedies.

Juul Labs, the company Gottlieb said the FDA was focused on, was founded by two people who wanted to quit their own combustible smoking habits and help other adults who were not satisfied with their current alternative smoking options.

When Juul Labs came to the market with nicotine cartridges called pods, which contained either five percent nicotine strength or three percent nicotine strength, they were the strongest nicotine by volume product offered on the electronic cigarette market.

The pod strength is reportedly the reason why so many combustible smokers were switching to electronic smoking cigarettes, but that’s also why so many young people were getting hooked.

Juul manufacturers said their pods contain the same amount of nicotine one package of cigarettes does. If a person were to buy a pack of pods, their only choice would be to buy a pack of four.

Schwenn said smoking the Juul helps him relax and relieves his stress.

“It’s like a rush of dopamine to your head and you feel good, relaxed, happy,” Schwenn said. “It’s something that, when I have nothing better to do, I’ll smoke the Juul.”

Schwenn said he likes to smoke when he studies and when he’s out on the weekend.

“I’m not addicted to it, it’s more that, I have the freedom to do it and I want to do it; not that I’m addicted to it and need to do it, but I want to do it to feel good,” Schwenn said.

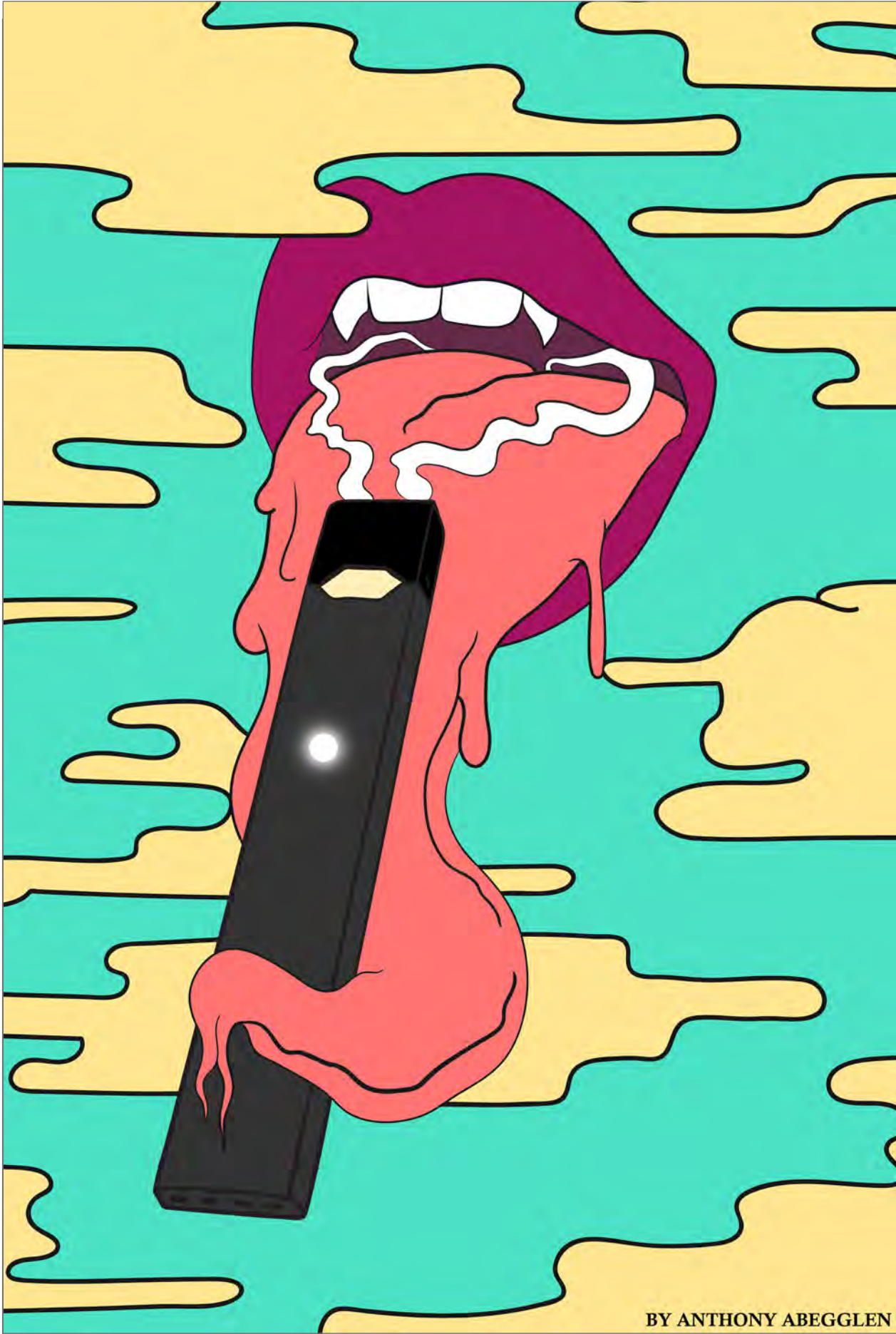
Borisy said he doesn’t smoke but his friends do. He said his friends smoke the Juul constantly, and when he is in a conversation with them, they will often pull out their Juul and start smoking as they are in the middle of their conversation.

Borisy said the smoking picks up when he and his friends go to Main Street on the weekend.

“If we go to a bar on Main Street, it’s like every 30 minutes they pull it out and hit it; it’s weird,” Borisy said.

Borisy said if there were a classroom of 20 people at UWO, he would guess at least seven of them would have a Juul on them.

“Vaping, to me, just seems pricey, and I never caught on with the



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trend,” Borisy said. “I’m not the guy that spends 10 dollars on a pack of cigarettes either, so if you want to spend your money on that, that’s fine, but I won’t.”

UWO student and tobacco-free campus advocate Aaron Wojciechowski said the Juul should be included in the tobacco-free campus policy. Wojciechowski said the Juul, like a cigarette, is a problem for other people.

“Whether you’re smoking or va-

ping, nicotine and other toxins in the products are harmful not only to yourself, but to those around you,”

“It should be included in the tobacco free campus policy, like cigarettes.”

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Wojciechowski said. Wojciechowski said it is important for students to be mindful of others on campus if they decide to smoke, whether it be cigarettes or electronic cigarettes.

“Be courteous of those around you when smoking or vaping; it may seem harmless, but we should be respectful of others,” Wojciechowski said.



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center median in the concrete. Then another car hit me from behind and pushed me up at an angle. Then another car hit me from the side, and I got hit about three to four more times.”

Timm said he tried to climb out of his car when he was pinned between cars and the median because he had a full

tank of gas, and he feared the car would explode.

“So, I get out of the car, I have no idea how I got over the five-foot barrier in the middle of the road,” Timm said. “Then a gentleman threw me a shirt to cover up the blood and we walked to the ambulance. Later on, I was taken to St. Elizabeth hospital.”

Timm said there were others in his ambulance hurt worse than him.

“In my ambulance there was a broken arm, a broken leg, a sore

shoulder, a gentleman was complaining about heart problems and then two ladies had facial cuts really bad,” Timm said.

Timm said he sustained no broken bones, but his left leg and right hip area are sore. He has minor cuts on his hands and he had a laceration on his head that required eight staples.

“The first responders, everyone there, was very impressive,” Timm said. “I don’t know how many ambulances they had, but they had their plan. Winnebago

County should be commended, and Outagamie County, and all of the hospital staff. They had their plan figured out, about how to deal with this natural disaster, and they did a great job.”

In a Facebook post on Monday, the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office said they are still investigating and assessing damages from the crash.

“Based on the magnitude of this incident, it is taking a significant amount of time to determine the sequence of events

and put together the pieces of [the] puzzle,” the post said. “As we are able verify details from each vehicle and involved individuals, we will begin releasing vehicles to their owners. The vast majority of the vehicles are a total loss and not drivable.”

The Sheriff’s Office also tweeted dash camera and body camera footage from the accident. The body camera footage showed a first responder climbing over cars to rescue someone trapped in an SUV.

The body camera footage was accompanied by a quote from Fred Rogers [PBS’s Mister Rogers] that said, “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

The Sheriff’s Office said anyone with information regarding the crash should contact their Detective Division by calling (920)-236-7657.